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Teaching Experience

Docent

January 2012 - Present

LA Philharmonic, Los Angeles, CA

- Teach 6 different styles of Latin Music to children, teens and adults at the Hollywood Bowl Museum
- Teach the Meringue to children, teens and adults at the Hollywood Bowl Museum
- Interface with Museum Director, Assistant, Staff and Teachers at the museum
- Lead booked groups on a walking tour of the Hollywood Bowl

Musical Theatre, Acting and Dance Teacher

City Hearts: Kids Say Yes to the Arts, Topanga, CA

January 2010 - Present

- Create and implement curriculum and programs for musical theatre, dance and Shakespeare for underprivileged children
- Taught acting, singing and dancing to elementary school students to prepare them for performance
- Directed and choreographed productions to be presented for parents, students and faculty at the end of the school year
- Interface with Parents, Site Coordinator, and Staff at schools and shelter
- Attended 25th Anniversary and Shakespeare Challenge event with special performances by our students
- Attended monthly meetings with City Hearts staff and teachers

Acting Teacher (Regular Substitute)

Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center, Santa Clarita, CA

March 2010 - Present

- Teach on camera commercial classes to elementary school age children
- Teach on camera scene study and commercial classes to teenagers and adults
- Prepare commercial copy and scenes for students in class
- Carry out established teacher's plan for classes

Theatre Teacher

STAR Education, Culver City, CA

September 2010 - June 2012

- Create and implement curriculum for teaching theatre to elementary school students
- Taught acting, singing and dancing to elementary school students to prepare them for performance
- Directed and choreographed main stage productions for presentation to Parents and Guests
- Interface with Parents, Site Coordinator, Supervisors and Staff at schools and office
- Attended staff meetings with STAR Supervisors and Theatre Staff and all required STAR training classes

Performing, Private Acting Coaching, Care giving, Pet Sitting/House Sitting

2009

Social Skills Group Coordinator

Hand in Hand Family & Child Development Center, Encino, CA

September 2007-December 2008

- Manage, coordinate and facilitate curriculum & multi social skills group program in a center for children with special needs.
- Design and implement -sensory lesson plans for social skills group program.
- Reorganized gym program to better facilitate gross motor skills, balance and coordination.
- Create and direct performance opportunities for autistic children in program.
- Evaluate student's progress through on-going observation and assessment of cognitive, social and motor development; report each child's progress through quarterly reviews sent to the Regional Center.

Skills & Interests

Theater director, vocalist, dancer, choreographer, teacher, and coordinator

Computer: PC/Mac proficient; MS Office; email; Internet

Other: Certified in CPR & First Aid. Member of SAG/AFTRA and Actor's Equity Association.

Served in church as Elder, Choir Member, and Sunday School Teacher.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Theatre Arts; Minor in Speech Therapy

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC; University of Texas, Arlington, TX