

Christie Coran

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I am a teaching artist based in Chicago, experienced in working with youth ages 5 to 19, specializing in theatre and dance/movement. I am passionate about promoting children's literacy and love of reading, interest in history, exposure to heightened language, expressivity through movement and voice, and overall empowerment through drama.

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Artist, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre; Milwaukee, WI

September 2016-May 2017

Taught reading residencies and pre/post show workshops at various Milwaukee public and charter schools.

Teaching Artist, Daystar School; Chicago, IL

October-November 2015

Taught daily musical theatre and theatre classes to students grades K-8th.

Teaching Artist, The Garden Summer School, Lawndale Community Church; Chicago, IL

Summer 2015

Taught weekly musical theatre and theatre workshops to students grades 3-6.

Teaching Artist/Education Intern, Northlight Theatre; Skokie, IL

January-June 2015

Duties included assistant teaching on a daily basis in various Chicago Public Schools (grades 2 through 12) with the Speak Up! and Northlight on Campus programs; communicating with CPS to coordinate in-school residencies; curriculum development.

Education Intern, Writers Theatre; Glencoe, IL

August-December 2014

Duties included assistant teaching on a daily basis in various Chicago Public Schools (grades 5 through 8) with the Novel Series program; communicating with CPS to coordinate Novel Series residencies; designing/creating templates and other materials for the residencies.

Intern, Far Corners Music Theatre; Monteverde, Costa Rica

Summer 2013

Non-profit organization dedicated to providing arts opportunities for children in remote areas around the world. Duties included choreographing and teaching dances for their production of "In The Heights" to children ages 9 to 19; designing and creating costumes for the show; leading rehearsals; providing acting and movement coaching; teaching ESL/Bilingual/Spanish-only students on a daily basis with the assistance of a translator; communicating and fundraising with local business in Monteverde.

Teacher, NIU Community School of Dance; DeKalb, IL

2010-2012

Duties included teaching Tap I to students ages 5 to 7; teaching Tap II to students ages 7 to 10; teaching Beginning Adult Tap; choreographing/teaching dances for the annual recital; teaching several children with developmental delays and behavior issues.

EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

Teacher & Director, Annex Theatre Company; DeKalb, IL

2008-Present

Founding member of Annex Theatre, a non-profit organization providing theatre opportunities to middle and high school aged youth. Seven years' experience directing/assistant directing (see below), creating and teaching choreography to children with wide ranging skill levels; acting as movement coach, period styles coach, and text coach for multiple plays.

Direction: *Pride and Prejudice*, 2015; *Godspell*, 2015; *Sherlock Holmes*, 2013; *Midsummer Night's Dream*, 2013; *Hard Times*, 2011; *Alice in Wonderland*, 2010.

Assistant Direction: *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*, 2012 *Fiddler on the Roof*, 2010

Teacher, Children's Community Theatre Summer Camp; DeKalb, IL

Summers 2010, 2011, and 2012

Two-week theatre day camp for elementary-school aged children. Duties included writing and directing a 15-minute play for students to perform for the final presentation; creating and implementing a daily lesson plan; leading theatre games and activities; supervising children in between periods.

EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, B.F.A. in Acting

Summa Cum Laude; University Honors Program; Phi Kappa Phi; Class of 2014

SKILLS

Basic Spanish, Microsoft Excel/Word Proficient, IPA Proficient, CPR Certified

Valid Drivers License and Passport, Experience Working with Autistic/Special Needs Youth

Period Styles Coaching, Movement (Williamson, Chekhov, and Fitzmaurice Techniques)

Extensive Dance and Voice Training, Basic Guitar and Piano, Storytelling