

Sara Giacomini

Teaching Artist/Actress/Freelance Artist

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Summary

Teaching Artist and Actress currently working in the NY/NJ area. Passionate about performing and strives to move others through art and understanding. Strongly invested in Arts Education; believing that the younger generation is the future of art and we must help them grow; in doing so we will grow as well. Strives to give 110% in everything she does. Team player who believes that the ensemble working together is the only way things will get done. Passionate about volunteering and her experiences have exposed her to people from all different backgrounds. Very organized person who loves when everything is neat, clean, and in order.

Employment History

Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts Teaching Artist | Berkeley Heights, NJ

- Lead teacher for Musical Theatre Summer Camp and Dance, Sing, Act Fall Classes, found source material, taught warm-ups and theatre skills, taught music and songs, guided students in writing original scenes, directed/blocked, included teaching in virtual format
- Shakespeare Teaching Artist – taught and directed an adapted Midsummer Night's Dream, including focus on operative words, language-based exercises, & background of Shakespeare

George Street Playhouse Teaching Artist | New Brunswick, NJ

- Co-taught with second Teaching Artist at Summer Theatre Academy, found source material, guided students in writing original material, ran games, directed/blocked final performance, helped with creative process and growth of students
- In-school residencies, found source material, guided students in writing original material based on school subjects, brought human points of view to classroom material
 - NJ Standards & Core Curriculum work with classroom teacher

Black Box Performing Arts Center | Englewood, NJ

- Education and Administrative Director, Teaching Artist, Resident Actress
- Ran professional development for Teaching Artists and guided them in choosing material/running classes, communication with parents of students, scheduling needs
- Scheduled and planned company meetings, responsible for taking minutes at meetings, planned next steps for company, answered emails, worked box office, ran Instagram

Thinkertales Teaching Artist

- Virtual Teacher for ages 2-6, sang songs, read and entertained with age-appropriate books and stories, instructed children through different activities (lead and follow, searching and counting, stretching), helped develop gross and fine motor skills, lead them through a craft or project, kept them entertained and engaged as well as learning and having fun

Freelance Actress

- EMC actress with experience working in the NY/NJ area, with reputable companies such as Centenary Stage Company, The Growing Stage, The Secret Theatre, Etc.

Trolls the Experience, FELD Entertainment | New York, NY

- Character Performer - Performed as lead costumed character, Queen Poppy
- Ambassador - Guided children and guardians through live, interactive experience, led activities, performed via script, high energy interaction

Standardized Patient, Seton Hall University | Nutley, NJ

- Actress working as patient to assist medical students in their bedside and patient skills, memorized cases, presented an illness, rubric scoring students and verbal feedback, included virtual SP simulations through Microsoft Teams

George Street Playhouse Box Office | New Brunswick, NJ

- Front desk work, answered phone calls, assisted patrons in ticket sales and updating personal information, sold and printed tickets, used Theatre Manager ticketing system

Skills

Proficient in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, Social Media, Google Drive

Proficient in working and interacting with children and animals, experience working with special needs adults and children

Education: Bachelor of Arts – Musical Theatre

Aug 2012-May 2016
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.
Madison, New Jersey

GPA: 3.817

Aug 2014-Dec 2014
Wroxton College
Oxfordshire, UK

GPA: 3.687

Sept. 2008- May 2012
Immaculata High School
Somerville, New Jersey

GPA: 3.8408

Community Service

Appalachia Mission Trips 2011-Present | 17 trips overall

- Weeklong summer service mission trip to Wayne County, West Virginia, to fix & build houses
- Weekend Winter Mission- threw a Christmas party for children in need & their families

Camp Snowball Warwick, NY

- Worked 1-on-1 with special needs adults on games, assisted them with eating & daily activities

JusticeworX

- Weeklong summer service program, volunteered at Enable center for special needs adults & youth

HAPHA

- Overnight Service Trip with special needs adults to PA for a coal mine tour

Habitat for Humanity

- Helped build house for a family in need

Matheny School & Recreation Center

- Worked with special needs children on games & crafts

Multiple Campus Ministry Trips with Immaculata High School

- Soup Kitchen, Moving Furniture, Bring a Pet Day, etc.

Reformed Church of Bound Brook NJ Soup Kitchen & Food Bank

- Served Food & helped sort the donations

Antioch Retreat Leader 2012

- Led a retreat for Juniors & Seniors with personal talks & activities

References Available Upon Request