

Rachel D. Solomon

Teaching artist with a passion for exploring our humanity and connection to one another through theatre.

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EDUCATION

Emerson College, Boston, MA ***Master of Arts in Theatre Education***

AUGUST 2017 - MAY 2019

Cumulative GPA 4.0

Nazareth College, Rochester, NY ***Bachelor's Degree in Musical Theatre***

AUGUST 2005 - MAY 2009

Cumulative GPA 3.8

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

State University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY ***Adjunct Lecturer, Music Department***

AUGUST 2019 - DECEMBER 2019

AUGUST 2021 - MAY 2022

Teaching "Speech for Singers" and "Movement for Musical Theatre" (Fall '19 and '21) and "Comedy and Styles" (Spring '22) courses to juniors and seniors in the Musical Theatre program. I also assist the Music Theatre Performance I and Senior Seminar classes in coaching musical theatre songs.

Nazareth College of Rochester, Rochester, NY ***Adjunct Lecturer, Theatre and Dance Department***

AUGUST 2020 - DECEMBER 2020

Taught "Fundamentals of Acting" course, based on Stanislavski technique, to freshman students majoring in Musical Theatre, Technical Theatre, Acting, and BA Theatre.

Utilized Zoom to teach a hybrid model class; some days we met online, some days we met in person, adjusting as needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and guidelines set by Nazareth College.

Boston Public Schools, Boston Latin School, Boston MA ***Student Teacher***

JANUARY 2019 - MAY 2019

Taught theatre to eighth through twelfth grade students, as well as assisted in rehearsals for after school shows *Beowulf* and *Spamalot*. Co-supervised the student trip to Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild's High School Theatre Festival, where they performed *Beowulf*.

Actors' Shakespeare Project, Somerville, MA ***Education Department Intern***

SEPTEMBER 2018 - DECEMBER 2018

Created lesson plans and other teacher materials for ASP's student matinees of *Macbeth*, translated by Migdalia Cruz. Assisted in rehearsals for the youth production of *Macbeth*, and was a teaching artist for ASP's "SWAT" visits to high schools.

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

K-12 Theatre Teacher Certification in Massachusetts

Theatre of the Oppressed NYC - Level 2 Joker (Facilitator) Certification; "Newspaper Theatre" and "Rainbow of Desire/Cops in the Head" workshops

Theatrical Intimacy Education - "Best Practices" and "Consent in the Acting Classroom" workshops

SKILLS

Proficient in MS Excel

Basic Piano

AWARDS

Baranowski Award (2009) for "demonstrating leadership and overall excellence" while involved in the Nazareth College Theatre Department.

Meadville Community Theatre Youth Award (2004) for commitment and dedication to local community theatre.

YWCA Women of the Year Award (2004 - Student Category), Meadville PA

Meadville Community Theatre Pop Kear Award (2003) for Best All-Around Dedication during the production of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

The Academy Theatre, Meadville, PA

Summer Camp Co-Director

AUGUST 2018

Co-Directed a children's theatre camp for students in 1st through 6th grade. Taught students basic theatre vocabulary, games, and design elements, and choreographed two musical numbers for performance.

Nazareth College/BOCES, Rochester, NY

Dance Instructor/Choreographer

JULY 2009

Taught beginning Jazz Dance class to teenagers as a part of the BOCES Summer School of the Arts. Choreographed three musical numbers, as well as providing dance vocabulary, technique training, and basic musical theatre history.

Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera, CLO Academy, Pittsburgh, PA

Education and Outreach Intern

JUNE 2008 - AUGUST 2008

Intern for summer day camps at the CLO Academy, working with students from 1st through 9th grade on *Peter Pan*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Bye, Bye Birdie*. Tasks included but were not limited to stage management, design, building, teaching, and supervisory positions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Capezio/Ballet Makers, Inc., New York, NY

Operations and Buying Assistant, Retail Division

AUGUST 2017 - MARCH 2020, OCTOBER 2020 - PRESENT

Part-time position during graduate school and teaching, working remotely to assist the Operations and Buying departments of the Capezio Retail Division, mainly by creating weekly sales and promotion reports and replenishment orders of store stock.

Operations Specialist, Retail Division

FEBRUARY 2015 - AUGUST 2017

Tasks included weekly sales reporting, training new management members, traveling to stores to ensure accurate following of corporate policies and procedures, coordinating with vendors for operations needs including staff uniforms and appliance issues, updating Retail Division policies handbook, opening new stores, and coordinating new promotions with Marketing, E-Commerce, and Retail.

Shipping and Receiving Manager, Capezio Flagship

APRIL 2013 - FEBRUARY 2015

Full-time position at the Capezio Flagship location. Tasks included manual and electronic receiving through CAM Commerce's Retail STAR system, conducting semi-annual inventory counts, completing merchandise transfers between Capezio Retail stores, shipping supplies and customer orders, ordering store supplies, ensuring the shoe stockroom is organized, and assisting on the sales floor when necessary.

Temporary Assistant Manager, Capezio Flagship

FEBRUARY 2013 - APRIL 2013

Temporary Assistant Manager position while current A.M. was on maternity leave. Tasks included overseeing daily store operations, customer service and assistance, placing special orders, and delegating tasks to coworkers.

INTERESTS

Musical Theatre

Theatre of the Oppressed

Shakespeare

Cross Stitching

Baking

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Church Clarity - Data Entry Volunteer

Out of Pocket, Inc. (community theatre organization) - Secretary, Board of Directors

Sales Associate and Keyholder, Capezio Flagship

JUNE 2012 - FEBRUARY 2013

Retail job in a specialty dancewear store. Tasks included sales, taking customer orders, opening and closing registers daily, restocking sales floor, and fitting dance shoes on toddlers through adults.

The Law Offices of Gary I. Kahn, New York, NY

Office Assistant

MAY 2014 - FEBRUARY 2015

Part-time position providing administrative and executive support within a real estate law office. Tasks included creating first drafts of legal documents and letters as a starting point for supervisors, editing documents, answering phones, scheduling appointments, and filing and shipping various paperwork.

PROJECTS

Emerson Stage Season Announcement Event

Emerson Performing Arts Department

Classmates from “Community Engagement for the Stage” and I created the first season announcement event held for Emerson Stage. The end result included a Q&A session with members of the play selection committee, food and drink, basic marketing, and interactive engagement for students who wanted to learn more about the season.

Store Openings/Store Acquisitions

Capezio Retail Division

While I was the Operations Specialist at Capezio, we opened a brand new Capezio brick-and-mortar store in NJ, and acquired and successfully transitioned five independently owned dancewear stores in CA and New England, bringing them under the Capezio Retail umbrella. I was instrumental in successfully training new staff, contacting vendors and setting up accounts, and assisting in receiving and displaying new merchandise.