



Megan Elizabeth Gray

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Personal Contact Information Available Upon Request

Education & Certifications

- B.A. in Theatre & Drama from Indiana University Bloomington with concentrations in Directing, Stage Management, & Secondary Theatre Education
- Artistic Direction Apprentice at Magic Theatre in San Francisco, California for the 2016-2017 season under the mentorship of Loretta Greco, former Artistic Director
- Professional Education License to teach Theatre & Drama for Pre-K through 12th-grade students in the state of Illinois
- CPR, First Aid, AED, & Suicide Prevention Certified

Work Experience

Theatre Teacher/Director & Fine Arts Department Chair

Saint Viator High School

Arlington Heights, IL

August 2020-Present

- Since the pandemic, I returned to my love of education when most theatres were shut down, serving as the Theatre Teacher & Director at Saint Viator High School
- I teach 3 different levels of theatre: Theatre I, Theatre II, and Theatre Outreach - a new class that I initiated during my first year of teaching where students produce and perform in a traveling children's musical that we tour around our community for free. I also teach a Film Analysis class.
- I work with school administration to develop an annual budget and am the sole hiring personnel for the theatre department

- In addition to my classes, I also direct and produce the school's annual plays and musical, guiding freshman through senior students through blocking, stage management, props design, sound design, costume design, marketing, and much more. In 5 years, I have produced & directed 20 productions for our Saint Viator students.
- In my first year, I also initiated a theatre summer camp for middle school students where we produce a fully staged musical in only 2 weeks.
- After working at Saint Viator for only two years, I was asked to step into the role of Department Chair where I lead monthly meetings with other members of our department and spearhead departmental events and communications, as well as collaborate with other department chairs on school-wide concerns

Director

UPS for DownS Theatre Company

Schaumburg, IL

August 2023-Present

- UPS for DownS (UFD) is a parent directed, non-profit organization offering support, education, and encouragement for parents, families and others who love and care about persons with Down syndrome. They inspire community acceptance by sharing with others the presence, potential and abilities of people with Down syndrome.

- One of the largest clubs at UFD is the theatre club. For the past two years I have had the privilege of directing these productions with casts of approximately 50 actors of varying neurodiversities.
- As the director, I hire all of the staff, manage the production budget, stage the show, manage (or personally create) all of the designs, collaborate with various UFD and rental venue staff, lead all rehearsals, and much more.

Headmaster & Teaching Artist

First Stage Theatre Academy

Milwaukee, WI

Summers 2013, 2016-2018

- After serving as a teaching artist for two summers, I was invited to serve as one of the principals ("Headmasters") at First Stage's Summer Theatre Academy, overseeing daily administrative functions in addition to various leadership responsibilities
- Provided one-on-one guidance, mentorship, & discipline to students of all ages

- Taught theatre arts to students ranging in age from preschool thru 12th grade and instructed a wide variety of courses, including movement, musical theatre, scene study, and character development
- Guided large classes of students through group warm-ups, announcements, daily scheduling, and final presentations
- Organized, planned, & facilitated a variety of student & staff events each summer

Special Skills

Applications: Canva, Microsoft Suite, Google Suite, iMovie, Hootsuite, Mailchimp, Wix, Basecamp, Dropbox, Slack, Blackbaud, QLab

Databases: Tessitura, Ticketmaster, Arctics, Salesforce

Social Media: Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, YouTube, LinkedIn

Other: ample directing and stage management experience; works extremely well with children; driver's license; experienced in props design, run crew, costume design & wardrobe crew, and sound & light board operating; able to read music; stellar whistler

Other Teaching Experience: ABLE Ensemble, Northlight Theatre, Bloomington Playwrights Project, Bloomington HS North (student teaching)

References

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Former Director of Student Activities
Saint Viator High School

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UPS for DownS Theatre Company

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Braden Cleary

Teaching Artist
ABLE Ensemble

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