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EDUCATION

Caldwell University, NJ • Principal Certification Program 2017

Rutgers University, NJ • Supervisor Endorsement Program 2013

New York University, NY • M.A. Educational Theatre 2009

Adelphi University, NY • B.F.A. Theatre 2003

New Jersey Supervisor Certification

New Jersey and New York State Certification in Theatre, grades K-12

TEACHING

Propbox Players, Owner/Artistic Director, Ewing, NJ July 13'-Present

- Developed and facilitated after school theatre enrichment program for Nutley School District.
- Teach drama, movement, and storytelling classes to ages 0-7, including classes developed for children with special needs.

North Jersey Health & Wellness, Owner/Artistic Director, Ewing, NJ July 13'-Present

- Humor coach, facilitating an alternative therapy using laughter as a strategy to reduce anxiety and stress.
- Devised a curriculum for patients to focus on creating strategies to feel motivated and balanced using comedy, role-play, and improvisation as a daily practice.

Hoboken Board of Education, Theatre Teacher Hoboken, NJ Sept. 14'-Feb 20'

- Teach Theatre to grades Pre K-8th grade.
- Coordinate and implement musicals in each elementary school correlated with thematic units, cultural events, and in partnership with outside organizations such as Broadway Licensing.

Passaic County Community College, Adjunct Faculty, Paterson, NJ Sept. 14'-Present

- Teach Developmental English and English Composition courses to undergraduate students.

Mercer County Community College, Adjunct Faculty, West Windsor, NJ Sept. 13'-March 14'

- Teach Foundations Reading course that focuses on identifying, understanding, and describing main ideas when reading college level text material.
- Teach Foundations Writing course that focuses on building effective writing skills for all academic areas.

Adelphi University, Adjunct Faculty, Garden City, NY Jan 10'-Present

- Co-founded the Master's Program in Educational Theatre. Devised and implemented course proposals, fieldwork requirements, and assessment to meet University and New York State requirements.

- Teach Theatrical Outreach to Theatre majors, exploring essential tools in being a teaching artist.
- Teach the Art of Teaching Shakespeare and Creative Dramatics in the School of Education.
- Supervise graduate and undergraduate students in English and Theatre workshops with elementary and high school students.

Sharron Miller's Academy of Performing Arts: Faculty, Montclair, NJ 2007- Present

- Facilitate creative movement, jazz, tap, musical theatre and hip hop classes for ages 3-adult, including after school arts residencies

Two River Theatre, Curriculum Consultant, Red Bank, NJ March-April 13'

- Developed and designed curriculum guide for *The Electric Baby*, that addressed cross curricula activities and learning objectives.

McCarter Theatre, Teaching Artist, Princeton, NJ July-August 12'

- Directed Cinderella and taught a musical theatre class to grades 4-5.

The College of New Jersey, Substitute Adjunct Faculty, Ewing, NJ Fall Semester 10'

- Taught Acting For Stage and Screen to Communication majors and Theatre minors.

Emily Fisher Charter School: Chair of Arts, Trenton, NJ Sept 09'-June 2012

- Coordinated school performances, residencies, and community outreach programs under the visual and performing arts department.
- Responded to inquiries of students, parents, other school personnel, community representatives, etc. for the purpose of providing information, assistance and/or direction regarding the program and student activities.
- Taught acting and dance to grades 5-12.

Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey: Teaching Artist, Madison, NJ Aug 09'-2011

- Teaching Artist for summer camp; grades K-5.

Sharon's Studio of Dance: Faculty, Whippany, NJ 2007-2009

- Courses: Tap, Jazz, Ballet for ages 3-10

PS 3: Student Teacher, Teaching Artist New York, NY Jan-June 2009

- Implemented drama in a fifth grade Social Studies curriculum.
- Directed and choreographed fifth grade students in *Going West* and *The Old Tree*.

LREI: Student Teacher, Co-director, Choreographer, New York, NY Sept-Dec 2008

- Taught drama to grades 6-8.
- Co-directed high school students in *City of Angels*
- Co-directed and choreographed middle school students in production of *The Snow Queen*.

Shakespeare Theatre of NJ, Movement Facilitator, Madison, NJ Summer 2008

- Facilitated the Senior and Junior Corps Movement Workshop for Youth Summer Program.

PERFORMING

<i>Divorce Diaries</i> , Broadway Comedy Club, NYC Creator/Comic	2018-PRESENT
<i>Theatre for Inclusion Young Audiences</i> , Broadway Comedy Club, NYC Owner/Performer	2013-PRESENT
<i>Chippendales</i> , RIO GRANDE, Las Vegas, NV <i>NATIONAL DIVORCE DAY</i> Guest Appearance	2020
<i>Divorce Diaries</i> , The Space, Las Vegas, NV Creator/Comic	2019
<i>Divorce Diaries</i> , Funny Bone Comedy Club, Albany, NY Creator/Comic	2019
<i>Divorce Diaries</i> , Off The Hook Comedy Club, Naples, FL Creator/Comic	2019
<i>Divorce Diaries</i> , Zanies Chicago, Chicago, IL Creator/Comic	2019
<i>Divorce Diaries</i> , Funny Bone Comedy Club, Albany, NY Creator/Comic	2018
<i>Divorce Diaries</i> , Caroline's on Broadway, NYC Creator/Comic	2018
<i>Divorce Diaries, Alchemical Theater Labatory</i> , NYC Solo Performer	2016
<i>Divorce Diaries, Emerging Artists Theatre Company New Work Series</i> , NYC Solo Performer	2015
<i>Chasing Hope, Emerging Artists Theatre Company New Work Series</i> , NYC Lead Dancer	2014
<i>How To Be A Successful Teacher, United Solo Festival</i> , NYC Solo Performer	2013
<i>How To Be A Successful Teacher, Emerging Artists One Woman Standing</i> , NYC Solo Performer	2013

<i>Hot Chocolates</i>, Café Theatre Company, Montclair, NJ	2010
Ensemble: Director: Dave Hoffman, Rob Bradshaw	
<i>Sticks and Stones</i>, Café Theatre Company, Montclair, NJ	2009
Zoe and Mitsy in <i>Zoe and Monica Go Out, You're a Good Dog</i>	
<i>Twelfth Night</i>, Wild Bard Productions (Associated with NESF), New York, NY	2007
Ensemble	
George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick, NJ	2006-2007
Actor in Educational Touring Company, Understudy for Mainstage Productions	
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>, New England Shakespeare Festival	2006
Helena	
<i>Joseph. . .</i>, Millbrook Playhouse, Lock Haven, PA	2006
Mrs. Potiphar, Lead Dancer	
<i>Puss N' Boots</i>, Pax Amicus Castle Theatre, Budd Lake, NJ	2006
Ensemble	
<i>Berenstain Bears Save Christmas</i>, Omaha Theatre Company, Omaha, NE	2005
Ensemble	
<i>Beauty and The Beast</i>, Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, PA	2005
Ensemble, Mrs. Potts Understudy	
<i>Best Lil Whorehouse in Texas</i>, Millbrook Playhouse, Lock Haven, PA	2005
Angel, Dance Captain	
"Easter Show", Pax Amicus Castle Theatre	2005
Ensemble	
"Encore", Chamber Theatre Productions-National Tour, Boston, MA	2004
Ensemble, Understudy for "Tour De Force"	
"Sketch Show", Upright Citizens Brigade	2004
Ensemble	
<i>Peter Rabbit</i>, Pax Amicus Castle Theatre	2004
Ensemble	
<i>Winnie the Pooh</i> Pax Amicus Castle Theatre, Budd Lake, NJ	2004
Piglet	

<i>Nicholas Nickelby</i>, Hampstead Stage Company-National Tour, Barnstead, NH	2003
Nicholas	
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>, Hampstead Stage Company-National Tour, Barnstead, NH	2003
Bob Crachit, Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future	
<i>Funny...Forum</i>, Evergreen Dinner Theatre, Denville, NJ	2002
Gemini	

Playwrighting, Directing, & Choreography

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<i>Divorce Diaries</i> , Funny Bone Comedy Club, Albany, NY Creator/Comic	2019
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<i>Divorce Diaries</i> , Alchemical Theater Lab, NYC Creator/Comic	2016
<i>Divorce Diaries</i> , Emerging Artists New Works Series United Solo Festival, NYC Creator/Comic	2015
<i>How To Be A Successful Teacher</i> , United Solo Festival, NYC Playwright	2013
<i>How To Be A Successful Teacher</i> , Emerging Artists One Woman Standing Festival, NYC Playwright	2013
<i>The Old Tree, Going West</i> , PS 3, New York, NY Director/Choreographer	2009
<i>City of Angels, The Snow Queen</i> , LREI, New York, NY Co-director/Choreographer	2008

<i>Free To Be You and Me</i> , The Garage Theatre Company, Teaneck, NJ Choreographer	2007
<i>How To Eat Like A Child</i> , The Garage Theatre Company, Teaneck, NJ Choreographer	2007
<i>Out of Orbit</i> , The Vital Theatre Company, New York, NY	2006
<i>Confessions of A Wonderbabe</i> , American Theatre for Actors, New York, NY	2003

PRESS

For full articles and clips more press please go to: Micheletraina.com

Appearances: Fox 32 Chicago, Las Vegas Now, Talk of the Town Nashville, CBS 42 Birmingham, WTEN ABC Albany, KSNLV News 3 NBC, WNYT 13.

It's a Funny thing divorce... by Zach Freeman, Chicago Tribune

Comic turns Divorce woes into one-woman comedy show, by Michael Stahl
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

***Centennial Scholarship*, New York University, 2007-2009**

Kappa Delta Phi-International Education Honor Society, 2007-2009

***Talent Scholarship*, Adelphi University, 1999-2003**

***Alpha Psi Omega-National Theatre Honor Society*, 2003**

Equity Membership Candidate

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

2013

My Summer A'ha Moment, [The Write Teacher\(s\).com](http://www.thewriteteachers.com), August 2013 (Article Available at <http://www.thewriteteachers.com/?p=4019>)

Mrs. Mom: Do you change as a teacher when you become a mom? The Write Teacher(s).com.,
(Article Available at <http://www.thewriteteachers.com/?p=2560>)

2012

All Dressed Up with Nowhere to Perform, The Write Teacher(s).com, December 2012 (Article Available at <http://www.thewriteteachers.com/?p=2252>)

2011

Fight or Flight: The Anxiety of An Inner City Theatre Teacher, Incite Insight. April Issue 2011
(Essay Available Upon Request)

American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference 2011: *Lakeside Reflections*, July 27-31,
Engaging Urban Youth in Theatre, Chicago, IL.

2010

University of Texas at Austin, *Pedagogy and Theatre of The Oppressed*, June 3-6, *Engaging Urban Youth in Theatre*

TRAINING

Acting

Physical Theatre: Dr. Nancy Smithner	2009
Acting, character study: Joe Salvatore	2009
Acting, Shakespeare: Joe Salvatore	2007-2008
Acting, private coach: Cliff Goodwin	2004-Present
Upright Citizens Brigade: Jackie Clarke, Betsy Stover	2004
Acting, scene study: Maggie Lally	1999-2003
Acting, text analysis: Nicholas Petron	1999-2003
Acting, Classical Theatre: Dr. Brian Rose	2000-2003

Dance

Modern: Sharron Miller	2007-Present
Jazz/Musical Theatre: Broadway Dance Center-Richard Pierlon, Shelia Barker	2004-2007

Jazz/Hip Hop: Broadway Dance Center-Rhapsody	2003-2005
Modern: Regina Larkin	1999-2003
Ballet: Frank Augustyn	2001-2003
Ballet: Rebecca Wright	1999

Voice

Maryna Dornya-Private Instruction	2006
Voice Over: Dan Duckworth, AAA Voice casting	2004
Michael Hume-Adelphi University	1999-2003