

IYANNA HUFFINGTON

MUSICAL THEATRE & ACTING EDUCATOR



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EXPERIENCE

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Virginia Children's Theatre, Roanoke, VA

Non-profit theatre company with an educational focus for youth and adults.

Interim Director of Education

OCT 2022 - AUG 2023

- Implemented apprenticeship program and updated the recurring Summer College Internship program.
- Managed marketing for Academy educational programming to maintain the increase of registrant retention.
- Implemented outreach to current and potential students registering for in-house academy classes.
- Hired teaching artists, education staff and stage production contracted professionals.
- Act as supervisor for Teaching Artists and Education Associate
- Created and manages the company's social media platforms, including but not limited to TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook.
- Maintained responsibilities of Assistant Director of Education and Education Associate roles.

Assistant Director of Education

SEPT 2022 - OCT 2022

- Trained Director of Education while acclimating to the promoted role.
- Developed an apprenticeship program and updated the recurring Summer College Internship program.
- Developed marketing for Academy educational programming to maintain the increase of registrant retention.
- Cultivated a visible increase in outreach students registering for in-house academy classes.
- Hired teaching artists and stage production contracted professionals.
- Created and managed the company's social media platforms, including but not limited to TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook.
- Project Manager for annual KidsOnStage production.
- Maintained responsibilities of previous Education Associate role.

Education Associate

SEPT 2021 - SEPT 2022

- Developed content for all in-house academy classes and camps such as scripts, lesson plans, and activities year-round.
- Maintained academy registrations and forms.

EDUCATION

Yale University, Continuing 2026

NEW HAVEN, CT

MFA/Theatre Management

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2020

GREENSBORO, NC

BA/Theatre & History

Minor: American Sign Language

TRAINING

The Third Bohemia, **Todd London**, 2019

A gathering of independent multidisciplinary artists to share, teach and develop work utilizing new tools of artistic study.

TECHNICAL PORTFOLIOS

DIRECTING (Selected)

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DISNEY'S FINDING NEMO JR.

Adapted by Lindsay Anderson
Virginia Children's Theatre, 2023

ROALD DAHL'S WILLY WONKA JR.

By Leslie Bricusse & Timothy Allen McDonald
Virginia Children's Theatre, 2023

BRAND NEW DAY SUMMER CONCERT

Virginia Children's Theatre, 2022
Mainstage production highlighting the LGBTQ+ and BIPOC community.

DISNEY'S MOANA JR.

Adapted by Susan Soon He Stanton
Virginia Children's Theatre, 2022

- Lead teaching artist for in-house academy and outreach programming.
- Lead varying MainStage production needs including but not limited to wardrobe crew, child-wrangler, stage-hand, front of house.

INTERNSHIP

Arts Administration & Theatrical Education

Springville Center for the Arts, Summer 2020

- Managed the theater space and engaged in various multi-arts center activities such as co-stage directing the summer stock play.
- Taught and directed a variety of workshops for grades K-12 in basic acting skills, improv, and artistic expression through craft.
- Performed, directed, lit, and built/painted sets for the summer stock performance and summer classes.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING

Guest Presenter: Drama 111, Guilford Technical Community College, 2019 - 2020

- Created a lesson plan of introductory level study of dramaturgy.
- Demonstrated introductory level processes of creating a dramaturgical website.
- Facilitated educational conversation of topic.

DIRECTING

Continued

THE JULIES: A KINDA SORTA ADAPTATION OF STRINDBERG MISS JULIE

By Calley N. Anderson
UNC Greensboro School of Theatre, 2021
World Premiere

AFTERMATH

By Mary P. Burrill
Triad Stage - Regional [virtual reading], 2020

DUTCHMAN

By Amiri Baraka
The Salted Light Theatre Company, 2020

DRAMATURGY (Selected)

LIFT EVERY VOICE

By G. Riley Mills & Prince Roc
Dir. Iyanna Huffington
Virginia Children's Theatre, 2023
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TWO TRAINS RUNNING

By August Wilson
Dir. Keith Bolton
Triad Stage -Regional [Co-dramaturgy], 2019
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WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT...

By Jackie Sibblies Drury
Dir. Calandra Hackney
UNC Greensboro, 2018
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CLYBOURNE PARK

By Bruce Norris
Dir. Jennifer Jellicorse
UNC Greensboro Theatre, 2017
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COSTUMING

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THE WIZARD OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum
Dir. Thomas Costello
North Cross School, 2022

PETER PAN JR.

Adapted lyrics by Carolyn Leigh
Dir. Brynn Scozzari
Virginia Children's Theatre, 2022