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Objective

To obtain a teaching position in a musical or theater- related field.

Summary of qualifications

- Have spent the last seven years building a full-scale drama and musical theater program at St. Joseph's of Yorkville. Since 2007, enrollment has grown more than 400%, with one quarter of the school's student population enrolled.
- Adept in leadership skills and have organized several special projects for Disney Theatrical Group.
- Music director of several productions in a professional actors' training program, Rutgers University, at both a graduate and undergraduate level.
- Experience working in a day care setting with young children.
- Currently run a very successful, private coaching business in acting, music, and vocal techniques.
- Have experience directing and arranging music for elementary, high school, college, graduate, and religious choir groups.
- Adept at musical arrangement and transposition, and have a wide selection of materials for coaching/ teaching purposes.
- More than 15 years of teaching experience.

Work experience

1994 - 1998 Parish of the Guardian Angel Allendale, NJ
2005 - 2012 Parish of the Guardian Angel Allendale, NJ

Choir Director/ Cantor/ Accompanist

Responsible for the selection, arrangement, and full presentation of music for liturgical services in the parish. Duties also included notation of harmonies and weekly rehearsal with the choir on said arrangements.

2000- 2012 Parish of the Guardian Angel Allendale, NJ
2003- 2006 Our Lady Mother of the Church Woodcliff Lk., NJ

Children's Choir Director/ Accompanist

Responsibilities included the organization and training of the musical portion of the children's summer program.

2000- 2006 Rutgers, the State University New Brunswick, NJ
2002 St. Margaret's Parochial School, Pearl River, NY
2004 - 2009 St. Paul's Interparochial School Ramsey, NJ
2007 - present St. Joseph's of Yorkville New York, NY
2009 Immaculate Heart Academy Washington Twp, NJ
2009 - present The Walt Disney Company New York, NY

Music Direction/ Arrangement

Responsible for the musical and theatrical stylings of several productions, including three years of a master class (concluding in a full production) and several world premieres.

2001 Mahwah Day Care Center Mahwah, NJ
2003- 2004 AmTree Nursery School Montvale, NJ

Head Teacher, Toddler Program/ Music Program

Duties included the opening and closing of the facility, and the maintenance of a safe, happy, and clean environment for children ages

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1 ½ to 3 ½.

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2004	Rutgers, the State University	New Brunswick, NJ
2004- 2009	St. Paul's Interparochial School	Ramsey, NJ
2005	A. of the Most Blessed Sacrament	Franklin Lks, NJ
2005	PlayGroup Children's Theater	White Plains, NY
2006 - 2007	Our Lady Mother of the Church	Woodclif Lk., NJ
2006	B&G Club of Morris County,	Pequannock, NJ
2007	Our Lady of Sorrows	South Orange, NJ
2007	Arts Horizons	Englewood, NJ
2007- 2010	TADA! Youth Theater	New York, NY
2009	Arts Connection	New York, NY
2009	Immaculate Heart Academy	Washington Twp., NJ
2009 - 2010	Rodeph Shalom School	New York, NY

Music Director

Going over and above my own responsibilities of accompanying the children's numbers, I worked before school, during lunch breaks, and after the program to choreograph, coach, and arrange numbers for the final presentation.

Education

1999 - 2003	Rutgers, the State University	New Brunswick, NJ
BFA, Acting – high academic honors		
2002	Shakespeare's Globe Theatre	London, England
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The extensive study of classical text, motion, and sound, concluding with a production on the Globe stage.	
1994- 1998	Immaculate Heart Academy	Washington Twp, NJ

References

References available upon request.