

KHALESHIA THORPE-PRICE

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Arts Outreach and Administration

Dramatic Play LLC

1/20/19-Present Owner and Lead Teaching Artist

- Managing overall operations of the business.
 - Acquiring partnerships and contracts.
 - Marketing and publicity for classes and events.
 - Invoicing and bookkeeping.
- Lesson planning and curriculum design.
 - Creating and aligning lesson plans with common core curriculum and state arts standards.
 - Aligning lessons and performances to individual classroom goals.
- Teaching infants, children, and adults.
 - Teaching arts-integrated workshops and residencies to school-aged children in grades K-12.
 - Facilitating creative community playgroups with infants/toddlers and their caregivers.
 - Facilitating arts workshops for adults.
- Professional development creation and facilitation for K-12 educators.
 - Creating engaging and appropriate professional development workshops for teachers that give them the tools for engaging in differentiated instruction.
 - Facilitating educator professional development workshops for teachers, librarians, and artists.
- Performing/Directing.
 - Performing and presenting school-based and community performances.
 - Performing interactive storytelling.
 - Directing and creating devised theater.

Dramatic Play's recent contracts

- Dru Judy Center, Baltimore City
- Whetsonte Elementary School, Gaithersburg, MD
- Abbottston Judy Center, Baltimore City
- Empowerment Academy, Baltimore City
- Olney Library, Olney, MD
- Connie Morella Library, Bethesda, MD
- St. Mary's County Public Library
- Prince George's County Public Library
- Arts Every Day, Baltimore, MD

- Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy, Baltimore, MD
- Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC
- Severna Park Elementary School, Severna Park, MD
- Pimlico Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore, MD
- Bishop McNamara Highschool, Forestville, MD
- Ford's Theatre, Washington, DC
- Hurley and Associates, Oxon Hill, MD
- Curtis Bay Elementary School, Baltimore, MD

DC Public Schools

8/2010-8/2012 *Auxiliary Program Manager*

- Managed enrichment, wellness, and academic programs for PK-5th grade students.
- Hired and managed 20 staff and additional volunteers.
- Managed program and payroll budget.
- Aligned school-day academics with the afterschool curriculum.
- Evaluated student test scores and academic data for improvement.
- Built and maintained relationships with academic and enrichment partners.
- Oversaw after-school supper program.
- Managed program data evaluation.
- Managed Enrollment and recruitment.
- Facilitated effective communication lines between the school and the parents.

Arena Stage, Washington, DC

12/2008-8/2010 *Partnership Coordinator and Teaching Artist*

- Managed and increased the earned income budget by over \$50,000 with partnerships with Fairfax County Public Schools and Health Services for Children.
- Fostered and nurtured partnerships to encourage unique programming and programming reach with partners such as the US Department of State, National Portrait Gallery, Capital Hospice, DC Public Schools, and Wendt Center for Healing and Loss.
- Managed contracts, registration applications, and invoices.
- Petty cash custodian.
- Managed event catering and catering budget for receptions and professional development workshops.
- Managed teaching artists for Pre-K-12 programs.

Wolftrap Foundation

5/2007-12/1/2008 *Education Assistant, Institute for Early Learning through the Arts*

- Exceeded projected revenues for the Virginia Program in fees and commissions by over \$20,000.
- Exceeded projected service numbers in the Virginia Program. Coordinated 150 classroom residencies, 54 professional development workshops, and 32 family workshops in downstate Virginia.
- Coordinated, developed, and facilitated the Little Voices for Healthy Choices Project and National Conference for 24 Head Start Regions.
- Contracted artists and partners for programming.
- Conducted program orientation for new partners.
- Implemented and maintained database and program information.

Arena Stage, Washington, DC

8/2006-5/2007 *Allen Lee Hughes Education Fellow*

- Managed Student Playwrights Project. 594 student plays received.
- Managed the year-long residency program.
- Coordinated SPP Road Show Tour.
- Organized the student playwrights performance. Hired actors. Managed rehearsals.
- Organized honorable mention performance. Hired actors. Managed rehearsals.
- Recruited public schools for the residency program. Recruited teachers and teaching artists.
- Managed communications between public schools and teaching artists.
- Teaching creative drama and playwriting and Voices of Now after-school drama workshops.

Asolo Theatre, Sarasota, Florida

6/2004-8/2004 *Development/Marketing Intern*

- Wrote a \$20,000 Publix Super Market Charities Foundation Grant for Access to the Arts, a Funded Program offering Underserved Students Arts Experiences.
- Wrote the final reports for the Charles H. Leach II Foundation Grant for outreach programming.
- Coordinated communications with university and civic groups for group sales promotions.

Teaching

Experience

**University of Maryland College of Education, Teaching and Learning Policy and Leadership
January 2023-May 2024 Lecturer, Arts Integration in the Elementary Classroom**

- Exploring arts integration strategies with juniors in the Elementary Education Professional Program.
- Exploring the theories and core practices associated with integrating the arts in ways that promote student learning in the core subjects.
- Teaching arts integration curriculum development.

M-NCPPC

June 2014-July 2014 Shakespeare Creative Camp Director

- Coordinated the creative planning for lessons.
- Oversaw staff and staff planning.
- Coordinated staff scheduling.
- Organized production budget needs.
- Directed Midsummer Night's Dream.

Young Audiences of Maryland

1/2013-8/2021 Master Teaching Artist

- Conducted creative and interactive arts residencies in early childhood classrooms.
- Created curriculum aligned to:
 - Early Literacy
 - STEM Arts Integration
- Provided intensive professional development coaching for early childhood teachers in preparing and practicing arts curriculum.

Wolftrap Institute for Early Learning through the Arts

1/2012-7/2023 Master Teaching Artist

- Conducted creative and interactive arts residencies in early childhood Classrooms.
- Created curriculum aligned to:
 - Early Literacy
 - STEM Arts Integration
- Provided intensive professional development coaching for early childhood teachers in preparing and practicing arts curriculum.
- Hosted and performed for onsite field trip performances.
- Commissioned writer for student performances.

Young Playwright Theater, Washington, DC

8/2012-6/2017 *Teaching Artist and Company Member*

- Facilitated playwriting residencies with elementary and middle school students and community groups, including detention centers.
- Served as the publishing assistant for the student play publication.
- Served as the dramaturge for the playwriting festival.

Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC

10/2012-6/2023 *Lead Teaching Artist*

- Facilitated residencies in the SSO program for elementary and middle school students.
- Taught students about Shakespeare, his works, and his time.
- Taught student performance techniques and directed student productions.

Orange County Public Schools, Orlando, Florida

8/2005-6/2006 *Middle School Dance/Literacy Instructor*

- Created original arts-integrated curriculum.
- Identified and improved reading weaknesses.
- Taught reading and writing strategies to Title I middle school students.
- Integrated creative movement with reading and writing curriculum.
- Integrated creative movement with social studies curriculum.
- Taught students to create unique movement pieces that reflected personal style and exposed students to diverse dance styles.

10/2004-5/2005 *Elementary School Drama Instructor*

- Taught drama in grades K-2.
- Created original creative drama curriculum.
- Integrated creative drama and math curriculum.
- Taught improvisation, ensemble, and self-expression skills.
- Taught basic movement and dance concepts and introduced multicultural music and dance.

12/2003-10/2004 *Exceptional Education Paraprofessional*

- Assisted in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade-specific learning disability/self-contained classrooms.
- Worked one-on-one with students to achieve goals on individual academic plans.
- Supported teachers with classroom duties, grades, and small group learning.

Staunton Montessori School, Staunton, VA

1/2002-5/2003 *Education Paraprofessional*

- Worked in a Montessori setting.
- Assisted in primary and elementary classes.
- Supported teachers with classroom duties.

Artistic

Theater

The Magic Tree	All	Virtual and Various
45 Seconds to Broadway	Bessie	Temple Beth Ami
Philosophus	Mademoiselle Deny	Best Medicine Rep.
School Daze	Doris	People's Theatre

Readings:

Falling Off the Edge	Carly	Best Medicine Rep.
New Plays New Voices	Various	Best Medicine Rep.

Film/On Camera:

Speak Life	Trayonna	Ddot Visualz
Fordham	Natalie	2U
Six 2 Six	Receptionist	Six 2 Six Films
Love Different	Bar/Attendee	Sunset Friday

Directing

A Midsummer Night's Dream	Bowie Center for Performing Arts
Romeo and Juliet	Folger Shakespeare Children's Festival
As You Like It	Folger Shakespeare Children's Festival
Love	DC Arts Center

Host/Performer

Music Box with BSO: Our Maryland	Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony
Music Box with BSO: Cars Trucks, Trains and Boats	Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall
Music Box with BSO: Snowflakes on Parade	Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall
Music Box with BSO: 123, Count with Me	Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall
Music Box with BSO: Great Big Animals	Silver Spring Civic Center
Music Box with BSO: Alphabet Soup	Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall
Music Box with BSO: Dinosaurs	Gordon Center for Performing Arts
A Journey with Jazz with Wolf Trap Jazz Trio	Wolf Trap Theater in the Woods
Improvisation with Wolf Trap Jazz Trio	Wolf Trap Center for Education

Dramaturgy

A New World	New Play Festival
A Nobody	New Play Festival
The Adventures of Emmy Bear Silverman	New Play Festival
Sweet Fights Catwoman	New Play Festival

Commissions/Writing

A Journey with Jazz	Content	Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning
Music Box Series	Content/Songs	Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
Publishing Assistant	Editing Plays	Young Playwrights' Theater

Affiliated Groups, Committees and Boards

- Teaching Artists of the Mid-Atlantic, Maryland Director
- Maryland State Arts Council Roster Artist
- Maryland State Department of Education Fine Arts Education Advisory Panel
- City of Gaithersburg Cultural Arts Advisory Committee
- City of Gaithersburg Theatre Arts Program Partnership Peer Review Panel
- Girl Scouts Troop Leader
- Virginia Commission of the Arts Roster Artist
- Lifetime Arts Roster Artist
- Wolf Trap Master Teaching Artist
- Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce Member
- NAEYC Member

Education

9/2003-12/2005 University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida.
M.A Liberal Studies/ Arts Management.

9/2002-5/2003 Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia.
18 Graduate Credits in Shakespeare & Renaissance Performance.

9/97-5/2001 Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.
B.A. Theatre Arts