

Lizzy May

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EDUCATION

Masters of Arts in Teaching: Special Education, National Louis University, 2015
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Minor in Theater, Wheaton College, 2013
Acting Program Certificate, Gaiety School of Acting, 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Chicago Public Schools, Diverse Learning & Theatre Teacher Grades 4-8, 2013-2019

- Acting I
- Acting II
- Devising
- Theatre & SEL
- Theatre of the Oppressed
- Theatre for Younger Audiences
- Shakespeare

Backyard Chicago Ensemble, Lead Teaching Artist 2016-2019

- Trauma-Responsive Devising

Piccolo School of Excellence, Professional Development Facilitator, 2017-2019

- Anti-Racism for Educators

Ingenuity Arts Education Conference Instructor, 2019

- Devising Theatre Pedagogy for Arts Educators

Chicago Children's Theatre, Teaching Artist, 2019-Present

- Devising
- Film Noir
- Acting with Animals
- Zoom Camps: Devising
- Trauma-Responsive Theatre (Partnership with Lurie Children's Hospital)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Playwriting	Bryan Delaney, Harvard Extension School
Screenwriting	Wayne Wilson, Harvard Extension School
Theatre for Civic Practice	Michael Rohd, Center for Performance and Civic Practice
Theatre of the Oppressed	Willa Taylor, Goodman Theatre
Anti-Racist Youth Poetry	Nate Sherman, Young Chicago Authors
Developing Culturally Relevant Arts Programs	Amanda Dunne Acevedo, Ingenuity
Social Justice in the Elementary School Classroom	Chicago Teacher's Union Action Lab

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Chicago Children's Theatre
Backyard Chicago Ensemble
Chicago Public Schools

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Theatre Education

Teaching Artist & Curriculum Consultant- Chicago Children's Theatre, Present
Residency Coordinator & Director- Chicago Children's Theatre, 2019-2020
Founder & Executive Director- Backyard Chicago Ensemble, 2016-2019
Performing Arts Program Founder & Theater Teacher- Chicago Public Schools, 2013-2019

Directing & Playwriting

The Between	Director: Devised Work	Writing for Rights: Woolgatherers
Becky, No Rebecca	Director	Ghostlight Theatre Nightlight Festival
Next Stop	Writer & Director	Jump/Cut Dance Film Festival
La Cuenta de Puentes y Valles	Director: Devised Work	collaboration with Gabriel Sebastian Ponton
Honey Child	Playwright	Backyard Chicago Ensemble
The Angels Will Let You Fall	Director & Playwright	Backyard Chicago Ensemble
An Evening with Mary	Director: Devised Work	Midtown International Theatre Festival
Eurydice	Director	Agave Studios
Much Ado About Nothing	Assistant Director	Inglenook Theatre Project
The Weight	Director & Playwright	Dear Stone Theatre
		Gaiety School of Acting
		Agave Studios
		Arena Theater
		Inglenook Theatre Project
Fear Not	Director: Devised Work	
I'll Give You the Moon	Director & Playwright	

Educational Directing

Romeo & Juliet	Director: Devised Work	Piccolo School of Excellence
Midsummer Night's Dream	Director: Devised Work	Piccolo School of Excellence
The Krampus Twins	Director: Devised Work	Backyard Chicago Ensemble
In My School	Director: Devised Work	Piccolo School of Excellence
Walls	Director: Devised Work	Piccolo School of Excellence
Monsters	Director: Devised Work	Piccolo School of Excellence
Forum Theater	Director: Devised Work	Piccolo School of Excellence
Black Lives Matter	Director: Devised Work	Piccolo School of Excellence
A Fortnite Romance	Director: Devised Work	Piccolo School of Excellence
Who Dunit?	Director: Devised Work	Backyard Chicago Ensemble
Worlds Between Us: Alice in Wonderland	Director: Devised Work	Piccolo School of Excellence
Hip Hop High- An Original Musical	Director: Devised Work	LEARN 8
The Black Seeds: Poetry in Motion	Director: Devised Work	CICS Washington Park
Submerged: Cabin Fever Underwater	Director: Devised Work (Zoom)	Chicago Children's Theatre
The Dastardly Hack- A Film Noir	Director: Devised Work (Zoom)	Chicago Children's Theatre
Amalgamation: A Unicorn Play	Director: Devised Work (Zoom)	Chicago Children's Theatre

SERVICE

Instructional Coach, Sunshine Gospel Ministries, 2013-2015
Relational Trust Team, Piccolo School of Excellence, 2017-2019
Arts Consultant, Intrinsic School, Lighthouse Academy 2017-2018
Diverse Learning Team Co-Lead, Piccolo School of Excellence, 2018-2019

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Theatre for Young Audiences
Devising
Playwriting
Nonprofit Management: Community Engagement
Theatre Education: Design & Assessment
Trauma-Responsive Theatre for Young Audiences
Theatre Pedagogy