

JACOB WATSON | THEATRE ARTIST & EDUCATOR

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Albany Park Theatre Project**, *Teaching Artist*, Chicago, IL Sept. 2011 – present
- Co-teach weekly creative drama classes at Eugene Field Park.
- Urban Gateways Center for Arts Education**, *Teaching Artist*, Chicago, IL August 2011 – present
- Upcoming 5-week arts residency at a Chicago school.
- Redmoon Theater**, *Teaching Artist*, Chicago, IL April 2011 – present
- Created spectacle performance with diverse youth; teach weekly classes at Audubon Elementary through integration with social studies curriculum.
- Dream Big Performing Arts Workshop**, *Teaching Artist*, Chicago, IL January 2011 – present
- Teach K-5 improvisation and musical theatre classes at various schools.
- Goodman Theatre**, *Teaching Artist*, Chicago, IL November 2010
- Led pre-show theatre workshop for 40 students ages 13-15.
- Haven Middle School**, *Student Teacher*, Evanston, IL September – Nov. 2010
- Co-taught an 8th grade drama class twice a week, culminating in the creation of an original, site-specific devised performance piece.
- Underground Railway Theater**, *Education Intern*, Cambridge, MA Summer 2009
- Served as assistant teacher for Youth Underground program, which empowers teens to create a piece of socially-relevant theatre.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Creative Directions**, *Arts Education Consultant*, Evanston, IL October 2010 – present
- Facilitate arts integration projects & residencies; manage marketing.
- For Youth Inquiry: Performing Health Collective**, *Actor/facilitator*, Chicago, IL June 2011 - present
- Devise and perform participatory theatre and workshops in schools across Chicago to foster dialogue about teen sexual health.
- American Alliance for Theatre & Education (AATE)**, *Illinois State Representative* 2010 – present
- Serve on planning committee for IL Theatre in Our Schools conference.
- Purple Crayon Players**, Northwestern University April 2008 – April 2011
- Outstanding New Children's Theatre Company Award recipient (AATE)
 - *Artistic Director ('10-'11)* coordinate artistic & educational programming.
 - *Production Manager ('09-'10)* supervised all technical & logistical operations.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, School of Communication, Evanston, IL. Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, June 2011. Cumulative GPA: 3.9 / 4.0. Aurand Harris Award for Excellence in Children's Theatre.

Relevant Coursework: Adv. Creative Drama, Devising with Youth (Betsy Quinn), Acting (David Catlin), Theatre for Young Audiences (Rives Collins), Devising Site-Specific Work (Michael Rohd)

SKILLS

Computer: Adobe Creative Suite, HTML/CSS, Microsoft Office, Tessitura.

Other: Spanish, 10 years studying voice and piano, driver's license, sound & light boards, carpentry