

RACHEL O'SHAUGHNESSY

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University (2019 - 2023)

- B.A. in Theatre, minor in Creative Writing, Playwriting and TYA Concentrations

British American Drama Academy (Fall 2021)

- London Theatre Program: Shakespeare, Voice, High Comedy, Movement, Stage Combat

EXPERIENCE

Substitute Drama Teacher (2023-2024)

- Long-term Maternity Leave Substitute 4th-8th grade drama teacher at Lake Forest Country Day School

Seesaw Theatre (2019 - 2023)

- A student theatre group that produces original, multi-sensory theatre for autistic and otherwise disabled young audiences in the Chicagoland area
- Position: Artistic Director (2022-23), Spring Show Director (2022), Winter Producer (2021), Workshop Teaching Artist, Music Composer (2019-23)

Ark Adventures (2022 - present)

- Sensory Theatre Shabbat services for 0-4 year olds at Beth Shalom in Northbrook, IL developed in collaboration with the K'Ilu Company
- Position: company member, adventure guide, devising team

Music Institute of Chicago (2022 - 2023)

- Broadway Beginners Teacher--create your own musical class for 5-8 year olds

Purple Crayon Players (2019 - 2023)

- A student theatre board that produces plays for young audiences, weekly library Storytime for 2-4 year olds, and workshops in classrooms around Chicago
- Position: Education Director (workshop writer and TA, Storytime leader)

NHSI Theatre Arts Faculty Associate (2022)

- Assistant teacher, masterclass teacher, and assistant director for the duration of the seven-week program for rising seniors in high school

Creative Drama Teacher (2021-2023)

- Saturday extended Process Drama sessions for 4th-6th graders from across the Evanston Public School district
- Monday after-school drama classes for 7th and 8th graders at Haven Middle School

Kent Denver Summer Theatre (2018 - 2021)

- Summer theatre camp with classes and programs for kids ranging from 3-4 year-old Art and Music camp to Mainstage High School productions
- Intern, Teaching Assistant, Assistant Director

Directing and Composing

- NHSI Theatre Arts (2022) assistant dir. : *Where Words Once Were* dir. Julianne Lang
- Seesaw Theatre MainStage (2022) dir. / composer: *Dino-mite Dig!*
- Wirtz Center MFA Collaboration (2022) assistant dir. : *peerless* dir. Ji Won Jeon
- British American Drama Academy (2021) composer: *Hippolytus* dir. Mojisola Elufowoju

OTHER SKILLS

playwriting, theatre for the very young, sight-reading, devising, piano (expert), harp (proficient), Photoshop, costume design, QLab, moonwalking, poetry, yoga