Caroline Calkins Actor, Educator and Coordinator

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Professional Experience

Teaching Artist

Shakespeare & Company, Lenox, MA

I have taught students of all ages in a wide variety of educational programs, including: the

2011-2024

- Fall Festival of Shakespeare, Shakespeare & Company's program for high-school students (10 years); Riotous Youth, a summer program for young actors (9 years), and educational residencies in elementary and middle schools across Berkshire County.
- I have served in leadership or supervisor roles, including as Director of Riotous Youth for three years, leading a team of teaching artists and apprentices, and as the Co-Director of the Summer Conservatory, an acting training program for actors aged 18-22.
- I have worked in an administrative capacity for the Education Department at Shakespeare & Company, including: as the Tour Manager, booking a months-long educational tour that travels across the Northeast and as a Coordinator for the Fall Festival of Shakespeare.
- I am passionate about creating spaces where students are seen and celebrated for their individual creativity and where they can practice working together.

Actor, Freelance

2011-Present

- I have performed for ten seasons at Shakespeare & Company as well as in other theaters and performing arts venues in Berkshire County and beyond.
- I am a company member of the rig, a grassroots community organization (currently on hiatus) and helped coordinate the rig's community arts project "Our Stories, Our Songs" in 2021.
- My intention is to be a responsible participant in a community that is welcoming, safe and creatively fulfilling, by upholding an anti-racist practice and culturally humble awareness.
- As an artist, I am fascinated by embodied physicality, big storytelling and rich language.

Coordinator

Bella Flora, Pittsfield, MA

2015-Present

Help facilitate the busy holiday seasons at a thriving local florist. Handle all incoming orders, speak with customers, and organize delivery routes. Promote internal communication amongst staff, designers and the delivery team.

Store Deposit Clerk

2022-Present

Guido's Fresh Marketplace, Pittsfield, MA

Perform the store deposit, including setting up cash register drawers, counting and reconciling store deposit, and maintaining proper change amount and safe totals.

Substitute Teacher

2023-Present

Morris Elementary School, Lenox, MA

Part-time substitute teacher for elementary school. Step into many roles within the school community, including classroom teacher, paraprofessional, specialist, and administration.

Education and Training

B.A. in Theatre Arts, Brown University, 2009

National Theatre Institute, Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, 2007

Shakespeare & Company: Teacher Trainee in Movement (2019, 2017), Month-Long Intensive (2016), Summer Training Institute (2010), Summer Young Company (2006)

M.A. in Theatre Education and Applied Theatre, Emerson College, 2021

Massachusetts Licensure in Theatre Education