

Nicole Zirpolo Padden, Actor/Singer/Educator

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<u>Education:</u>	Ithaca College, Ithaca NY Bachelor of Music, 5/07 Voice & Drama Cumulative GPA: 3.5 /4.00	<u>Honors:</u>	Graduated Cum laude, May '07 Dean's Scholarship Honors Program
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Related Experience:

Theatre Director/ Instructor, The Stage, Merrick, NY June '08-present

Spring '09:

- Directing and musical directing Young Performers' Theatre production of "Into the Woods, Jr."
- Teaching Theatre Arts class to 4-6th graders with instruction in singing, acting, improvisation, and playwriting.

Fall '08:

- Directed Young Performers' Theatre production of "Annie" December '08
- Wrote curriculum for and taught H.S. level improvisation class Fall '08

Summer '08:

- Wrote curriculum and taught playwriting class to foster student creativity. Created writing and improvisation exercises for elementary and middle school levels.
- Incorporated student writing exercises and ideas into two performable mini-plays that I directed, created costumes for, made props, assembled music cues and sound effects.
- Taught vocal technique and prepared performance selections with 5-14 year old singing students. Coordinated a recording session with an accompanist for student performance songs, edited and arranged music to fit kids' voices and skill levels.
- Musical Director for production of "Rock and Roll Cinderella." Taught all music to two separate casts of 25 students, Gathered, edited, and assembled a score from pop music literature, wrote harmonies for students to sing, transposed music on sight to fit kids' vocal ranges.
- Applied creative solutions to a variety of challenges, encouraged and nurtured students, inspired students to find their own voices as individual performing artists as well as turned a disorganized group of "divas" into a teamwork-oriented ensemble.
- Maintained positive communication with parents, coworkers, and administration. Helped to create an environment of mutual support.

Drama Teacher, DramaKids of South Nassau November 08-present

- Teach classes of 15-20 students of Lower and Upper Primary students, ages 5-11
- Provide drama instruction that encourages confidence, speech skills, acting ability, and teamwork.
- Lead exercises in projection, diction, improvisation, creative movement, and scenes.

Acting Teacher, Academy of Cinema and Television December 08-present

- Teach classes of 15-20 students in Commercial Technique and Monologue/Scene Study
- Prepare students for professional theatrical, film, and commercial auditions and work

Private Acting Coach, March 2008-present

- Teach private acting students, ages 10 & up on voice and speech, characterization, improvisation, and audition technique.
- Create/implement lesson plans and exercises to develop freedom of expression. Coach students on monologues and scenes.

Private Vocal Coach, September 2008-present

- Teach private singing students, ages 11 & up on vocal technique, breath support, diction, performance techniques.
- Coach for musical theatre, pop, and classical performances. Prepare NYSSMA solos.

Substitute Teacher, Farmingdale Public Schools, Farmingdale, NY September '07-present

- Provided classroom instruction for a variety of subject areas including conducting rehearsals in the performing arts
- Taught classes of all ability levels (Special Ed through Advanced Placement) at a variety of age levels (K-12).
- Communicated effectively with students about behavioral and academic expectations.
- Often improvised activities when not given lesson plans.
- Enforced positive and assertive discipline tactics (incentives for good behavior, follow-through with consequences).
- Collaborated with teachers and administrators regarding lesson plans and student behavior

Standardized Patient Actor, Stony Brook University Hospital, March 2007-present

- Portrayed patients with various conditions and backgrounds in a simulated medical student training program

Actor, Bayville Scream Park, Bayville, New York August '07-November '07

- Portrayed "Cordelia Mayhem," and improvised in the theme park, interacting with and entertaining patrons and passersby

- Entertained children's birthday parties

Professional Organizations:

New York State Theatre Education Association 2008-09