

# Nicole Zirpolo Padden

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**Education:** Ithaca College, Ithaca NY                      Major Instrument: Voice  
Bachelor of Music, May '07                      Outside Concentration: Drama  
Cumulative GPA: 3.5 /4.00

**Honors:** Graduated Cum laude, May '07  
Dean's Scholarship, Fall '03-present  
Humanities & Sciences Honors Program

## **Related Experience:**

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

- 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 left without lesson plans.
- Enforced positive discipline tactics (incentives for good behavior).
- Collaborated with teachers and administrators regarding lesson plans and student behavior

**Acting Teacher**, March 2008-present

- Teach private acting students, ages 10 & Up
- Conceptualizing, organizing, and teaching an acting class for ages 15 & up, Summer 2008

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

- Portrayed patients with various conditions and backgrounds in a simulated medical student training program
- Maintained character portrayal throughout an entire practice examination and questioning

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

- Portrayed "Cordelia Mayhem," as part of Bayville Scream Park's attraction "Bloodworth Manor."
- Served as the gatekeeper to the mansion attraction, entertaining groups of riders while they waited on line. Managed and kept line moving or slowing down in times of high occupancy.
- Improvised in the theme park, interacting with and entertaining patrons and passersby
- Entertained children's birthday parties
- Occasionally portrayed other creepy characters in the haunted house attraction, scaring patrons as they entered.

**Producer and Performer**, Senior Recital, Ithaca College, Spring '07

- Performed a non-mandatory senior recital.
- Listened to, selected, photocopied, and learned an hour long recital program to fit my voice, accompanist's abilities, and teacher's preferences.
- Wrote program with notes on composers' lives, translations of texts, and interpretation for 14 selections.

- Designed, printed, and hung advertisements.
- Coordinated rehearsal schedule of accompanist, teacher, guest artist and myself.
- Booked the performance space, facilitated chair set up/ take down with other student organizations.
- Coordinated performance attire and food for reception.

**Performer and Rolltaker**, Ithaca College Women's Chorale, Ithaca College Chorus, Fall '04-Spring '07

- Was selected for advanced Women's Chorale
- Attended rehearsal daily, learned part in advance to be prepared for rehearsal.
- Recorded and reported attendance of alto section,
- Maintained communication between alto section and conductor
- Performed in music school concerts, Friends of Ithaca College dinner, NYSSMA All-State festival.

**Organist and Cantor**, St. Kilian's Church, Farmingdale and St. Martin's Church, Amityville, NY, '00-present

- Played the organ or piano and sang for religious services.
- Led congregation in singing.
- Selected appropriate music and coordinated other performers for special holiday services.
- Worked with religious leaders and music directors to ensure services ran smoothly.

**Other Experience:**

**Facility Monitor**, Ithaca College Fitness Center, Spring '03-Spring '07

- Gave tours and information to prospective students and parents
- Provided customer service to parents
- Performed receptionist and clerical duties: answered phone, data entry, record keeping
- Ensured safety in exercise area, assisted in medical emergencies, spotted weightlifters
- Maintained cleanliness and function of facility equipment.

**Lifeguard**, PLUS Group Homes, Wantagh, NY, Summer '06, '07

- Ensured pool safety,
- Facilitated water activities and games,
- Verbally and physically encouraged reluctant patrons to swim at two different group homes for adults with developmental disabilities.

**Office Manager**, The Closet Works, Farmingdale, NY April '03-September '04

- Gave tours of custom home closet display showroom.
- Coordinated schedules of designers, installers, customers, and warehouse for consultations, installations, and repairs.
- Prepared and completed customer contracts.
- Answered phone, resolved customer questions.
- Represented company at the Long Island Home Expo.
- Reported sales, maintained communication with flagship office.
- Gathered, sorted, and distributed mail.
- Stocked office supplies, managed receipts and petty cash.
- Made deposits of customer checks every evening.
- Opened and closed the showroom each morning and evening.
- Assisted with closet installation on large jobs