

Zoe A. Tyler

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EDUCATION

Arizona State University

MFA: Theatre for Youth & Community

University of Missouri

BA: Theatre Performance (Multicultural Certificate)

BS: Education (Honors Program)

EMPLOYMENT

Education Specialist II

Kohl Children's Museum

Glenview, IL

March 2025-Present Day

- Managed arts programs and STEAM activities design for ages birth - 10 years at the Museum.
- Facilitated field trips at the Museum and off-site, at schools and child centered-organizations.
- Designed professional development resources, curriculum, and new field trip opportunities.
- Planned community events and professional development opportunities for early educators.

Teaching Artist

The Stage School

Park Ridge, IL

August 2024-Present Day

- Directed children 3 - 6 years old acting, vocals, and choreography for mini musical products.

Teaching Artist & Sub

The Brainchild Collective

Chicago, IL

August 2024-Present Day

- Taught theatre and dance in Chicago Public Schools, grades preschool - high school.

Teaching Artist

Chicago Opera Theatre

Chicago, IL

August 2024-Present Day

- Co-created and produced 10 original operas with composer and children ages 7 - 15 years old.
- Collaborated and taught music classes effectively with CPS partners, teachers, and admin.

Coordinator of Internships,

Childsplay Theatre

Tempe, AZ

Teaching Artist

August 2021-July 2024

- Managed teams of 20-30 volunteer interns for a cumulative 2,000 volunteer hours.
- Developed and facilitated 10 professional development trainings for volunteer interns.
- Led and taught classes for ages 1-18 years that led to public sharings and showcases.
- Facilitated theatre field trip workshops and arts integration residencies.

Teaching Artist

Tempe City Arts

Tempe, AZ

August 2021-July 2024

- Taught and developed curriculum for a caregiver-and-me class for ages 1-5 years.
- Created drama, music, and visual arts that was process-based but still resulted in a product.
- Facilitated arts activities for Toddler Takeover and Free Art Friday community events.

Coordinator of Community

Arizona State University

Tempe, AZ

Engagement

August 2021-May 2024

- Increased field trip attendance of shows by over 300% students from local AZ schools.
- Engaged 560 local students ages birth-18 years with free shows and workshops.
- Researched and updated school contact list with 80 new arts teachers post-pandemic.

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Resident Artist

Design & Arts Corps

Tempe, AZ

November 2021-March 2024

- Directed musical theatre shows with autistic and disabled residents of the nonprofit, First Place.
- Fundraised \$15,000 in grants and managed 20 volunteers across grant-funded projects.

Curriculum Developer & Teaching Artist

Mesa Arts Center

Mesa, AZ

June 2021 – August 2022

- Developed a theatre storybook curriculum that met Arizona state standards for early education.
- Devised and collaborated with elementary schoolers to create 4 original plays.

Lead Preschool Teacher

Teacher Tiger Tots Child Development Center

Columbia, MO

August 2020 – July 2021

- Developed and executed curriculum and art projects for children ages 11 months-2 years.
- Advised co-teachers on special education and classroom management for ages birth-6 years.

Mentor

Rainbow House Emergency Children's Shelter

Columbia, MO

January 2019 – March 2020

- Modeled positive behaviors for up to 12 children birth-18 years experiencing homelessness, sexual/severe physical abuse, and other adverse life experiences.

Summer Assistant Site Leader

Adventure Club

Columbia, MO

August 2018 – 2019

- Led arts activities for ages 4–12 years for summer programs across 4 elementary schools.
- Supported students with IEPs and ELL students with schoolwork in a variety of subjects.

AVID Program Tutor

Columbia Public School District

Columbia, MO

August 2018 – May 2019

- Prepared students underrepresented in college across 2 high schools and 4 middle schools.
- Taught students and their adults how to fill out college, financial aid, and FAFSA forms.

Summer Camp Counselor

KECamps

Columbia, MO

Summer 2018

- Led arts and crafts, sports, and educational STEAM activities for children ages 5-12 years.
- Met the individualized needs of kids with disabilities and adapted activities while facilitating.

ORGANIZATIONS

Theatre for Young Audiences USA (TYA/USA)

Member, Aug 2025 - Present

- Leading national organization for the professional field of theatre for children and families, representing member theatres, organizations, and individual artists across 45 states.

Association of Children's Museums (ACM)

Member, Mar 2025 - Present

- World's foremost professional society supporting and advocating on behalf of children's museums, and those who work at and otherwise sustain them.