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Experience

Dialects Teacher- 3rd Year- Los Angeles County High School for the Arts

Aug. 2014-present

Teach 8-10 dialects to high school juniors using IPA, lexical and phonetic symbols. Group and individual coaching, dialect improv games, scene work, movement instruction. Heavy emphasis on breathing and vocal techniques.

Volunteer Dialects Instructor- Coach Art

Jan.- April 2008

Taught a variety of dialects to teens (ages 10-15) that are facing life threatening illnesses and their siblings. Group and individual voice/dialect coaching incorporating song, movement and games to enhance and focus natural speaking voice while learning fun, new dialects.

Loyola University Chicago- Dialects Instructor

Jan. – May 2001

Taught non-theatre majors in a public speaking course correct vocal production, breathing and projection.

Private Coaching

May 2001- present

Standard American, Foreign Dialects & Vocal Strengthening

Private clients include: Rob Nagle, Jeff Wiesen, Eugena Kuzmina, John Combs, Nancy Berggren, Rudolf Martin, Melissa Sullivan, McKenzie Moser, Fawnda McMahan, Amber Hodgkiss, Chloe Farnworth, Jessica Sebih, Jane Kim, Monica Ruiz, Preston Vanderslice, Zachary Garred, Evette Washington, Shon Fuller

Education

Loyola University Chicago

Aug. 1997- May 2001

Bachelor of the Arts- Theatre Major, Political Science minor

Skills

Teaching Techniques

Fluent in IPA and Lexical set techniques

Specifically craft each dialect session to best suit the needs of the individual and/or cast including practice exercises, recordings, physical improvisation and history of dialect/region

Dialects

British: Received Pronunciation (RP), Cockney, Manchester, Modern London, Liverpool, Essex, North Country, Yorkshire, Coastal Southern, Irish: Cork, Dublin, Belfast, Shannon, Galway, County Mayo/Islander, Scottish: Highland and Lowland, German, Austrian, Swedish, French, Prussian, Russian, Ukraine, Czech, Australian, Aboriginal, New Zealand, Italian, Ethiopian West African, Mexican

Standard American, New York, New Jersey, Maine, Boston, New England (Kennedy), Minnesota, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia- Antebellum Southern, New Orleans, Cajun, Texas, Arkansas, Appalachian, Chicago, Ohio, Valley, California Surfer, Canada