

Julia Sommer

Actor, Artist,
Educator.

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Skills

Reliability, adaptability, critical thinking, creativity, communication, organization, time-management, attention to detail, public speaking, research, presentation, leadership

Google Docs, Slides, and Sheets

Experience

Mary Baldwin University / Graduate Teaching Fellow

FALL 2024, STAUNTON VA

15-week course called Voice, Diction, and Oral Reading, taught to undergraduates. Class content included vocal structures, vocal health, oration skills, and confidence building.

Mary Baldwin University / Teaching Assistant, Directing Class

FALL 2023, STAUNTON VA

Co-teaching assistant for Dr. Matt Davies, course taught to MBU graduate students. Duties included arriving early to set up the space, timekeeping, communication with students, and stepping into activities/examples.

American Shakespeare Center / Tour Guide

AUGUST 2023 - PRESENT, STAUNTON VA

Conducting Blackfriars Playhouse tours at The American Shakespeare Center. Tours include historic information about the early modern period, playhouse history, knowledge of Shakespeare's plays, and company practices.

Seacoast Charter School / Guest Artist

SPRING 2022, DOVER NH

Co-coordinated an afterschool program at a local charter school. Over the course of multiple weeks, students devised and performed a play about their experiences during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Village Nest Cooperative / Guest Artist

FALL 2021, ELIOT ME

Co-taught weekly lessons at an outdoor Waldorf-style school to grades 1-3. Duties included creation of lesson plans, conducting lessons, transportation to the school, and facilitating conversation.

Advice to the Players / Shakespearience Camp Counselor

SUMMER 2021, SANDWICH NH

Ran the 13-16 year old section. Taught *All's Well That Ends Well* over the course of two weeks, creating a performance of the play performed on the last day. Duties included conducting camp sessions, creating the script, sourcing props and costumes, lesson planning, a daily warmup, and theatre games.

University of New Hampshire / Teaching Assistant, Acting 1 Class

FALL 2020, DURHAM NH

Assisted in conducting an acting class taught to undergraduate freshmen with a professor Zooming in. Duties included coaching monologues and scenes, facilitation of group and partner work, grading, tracking student progress, and running technology.

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SUMMER 2020, SANDWICH NH

Assistant teacher for the 10-13 year old section, conducted over Zoom. Taught *As You Like It*, and helped coach campers to a virtual performance at the end of the two weeks.

Dover High School / Student Teacher

SPRING 2020, DOVER NH

Sat in on weekly lessons of a high school English course, mixed grade levels. Mainly observation and discussion based. Intended teaching of a lesson disrupted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Education

Mary Baldwin University

MFA in Shakespeare & Performance

SPRING 2025, STAUNTON VA

Concentration: Directing

Co-winner of Graduate Teaching Fellow Award

Honorable mention for Andrew J. Gurr Outstanding Thesis Award

MLitt in Shakespeare & Performance

SPRING 2024, STAUNTON VA

Honorable mention for Andrew J. Gurr Outstanding Thesis Award

University of New Hampshire

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre: Theatre Education and Acting/Directing

SPRING 2022, DURHAM NH

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Acting and Directing resumes available upon request