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Work Experience

Teaching Artist - Disney Musicals in Schools

Seegerstrom Center for the Arts

Costa Mesa, California

August 2021 - Present

DMS is a 17-week professional residency bringing the world of stage to Title 1 schools. Teaching Artists take on tasks of directing, music directing, and choreographing Disney Musicals provided through Disney Theatrical Group.

Instructor

University of California, Irvine

Irvine, California

August 2019 - Present

At the University of California, Irvine instructors are tasked with coaching and training undergraduate students in UCI's drama department. Leading a classroom at the collegiate level requires patience, knowledge, research, and planning. Instructors teach the 30 series; the introduction to acting courses.

Courses taught: Intro to Acting, Intermediate Acting, Scenes, Monologue Workshop Course

Group Instructor

Galileo Learning

Irvine, California

June 2021 - Present

Galileo camps are educational innovator camps designed for youth with a passion for discovery. Camp instructors are seasoned educators with a love of leadership and encouraging growth in youth.

Lead Teaching Artist - Cleveland Act Now!

Cleveland Public Theatre

Cleveland, Ohio

June 2019 - 2021

CAN Academy is a free performing arts program at Cleveland Public Theatre for young teens and youth from Cleveland and surrounding neighborhoods. Young artists engage in rigorous (and fun!) theatre training, learning acting fundamentals, script analysis, storytelling techniques, and play creation. CAN multidisciplinary performing arts activities improve academic skills, instill empathy and responsibility, build character, and enhance creative thinking.

Lead Teaching Artist - Cleveland Brick City Theatre

Cleveland Public Theatre

Cleveland, Ohio

June 2019 - 2021

"Brick City Theatre engages youth ages 5-14 and family members who reside in public housing in a year-round afterschool and intensive summer arts program that improves academic skills, instills empathy and responsibility, builds character, and enhances creative thinking. Under the dedicated guidance of CPT Teaching Artists, children learn how to create and perform their own plays, choreography, poetry, music compositions, and visual art. These works are then crafted into original performances that are presented annually at CMHA community centers and arts festivals throughout Cleveland."

Virtual Assistant - Winn Publications LLC. (FALL)

Winn Publications LLC
Orange County, California
August - September 2021

Winn Publications is a book publication company located in Orange County, California. Serving national clientele. As the Assistant to W.P. duties included social media marketing, creation of promotional material, organizing paperwork and community outreach to local Authors for promotion.

Executive Assistant - Dance Arts Academy

Dance Arts Academy - Global Girl Inc.
Orange County, California
March - Current

An executive assistant helps the executive for whom they work with tasks such as scheduling; reviewing, prioritizing and responding to emails; answering and returning phone calls; organizing documents; maintaining records; taking notes at meetings and any other administrative tasks that help the executive perform their job

Education

Kent State University

May 11, 2019
Bachelor's of Fine Arts
Cumulative GPA: 3.464 Major GPA:3.569
Dean's List

Kent, Ohio

University of California - Irvine

Master's of Fine Arts in Acting
June 2022

Irvine, California

Volunteer Work

Altercare of Mayfield Village & Altercare of Mentor (Nursing & Rehabilitation Center)

- Provide entertainment to residents ; music and reading
- Organize resident game days and field trips to the zoo.

290 N Commons Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44143

DML/Euclid School of Music

- Provide Summer camp opportunities for low income students within Cuyahoga county
- Watch over camp goers; assist in daily activities
- Organize programs that will utilize drama , music and dance as community outreach

291 E 222nd St, Euclid, OH 44123

216-406-1699

Duration: 2 years

St. Augustine Church and Hunger Center

- Meal delivery to homes in Cleveland, Ohio during Christmas and Thanksgiving

1400 Howard Ave, Cleveland, OH 44113

Duration: 2 years

King Kennedy Community Center

- Provide opportunities for students to engage in self - expression , social change and self empowerment activities through theatre and dance. Students engage in programming which allows them to express themselves, attend local community and regional theatre performances.

6660 Garfield Rd, Ravenna, OH 44266

Phone: (330) 296-9957

Duration: 1 year

Youth Christian Outreach Program - 4 week program

- Volunteer based organization that provided outreach to women offering etiquette classes , acting classes and fashion; this program emphasizes women empowerment within the African American community .

National Honor Society Member

NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honor Society

Service based theatre fraternity inducting students demonstrating a high standard of accomplishment in theatre and participation in a variety of production tasks and extensive community service

2015-2018 Pan- African Theatre Ensemble Member

Pan-African Theatre Ensemble is a nonprofit, repertory theatre developed for ongoing research in Pan-African theatre and performance in the Department of Pan-African Studies at Kent State. The primary mission of the Pan-African Theatre Ensemble is to promote black theatre in the United States and around the world. Its goal is to produce engaging, inspiring, experimental and eclectic theatre and performance styles from the Pan-African world, including the continent of Africa, the United States, the Caribbean, Latin America and Europe.

2016-2019 Black Theatre Association President

The Black Theatre Association (BTA) serves academic scholars committed to advancing the black theatre aesthetic. Our unified interest in the critical study of Black theatre from a global perspective informs our collective desire to inform and promote the experiences of Black people as expressed in various forms of drama and performance.

Equity Membership Candidate - Actor's Equity Association

The U.S. labor union that represents more than 50,000 Actors and Stage Managers

2018- Golden Flash Award Recipient

*The Alumni Association's Alumni Awards are the university's most prestigious honors given to several alumni and **one student** each year. Alumni and one student will be honored for their exceptional contributions in their chosen field, in their communities and at Kent State University.*

2019 - BroadwayWorld Award Recipient -

Best Actress in a Comedy or Drama - *Esther in Intimate Apparel* by Lynn Nottage

"reminiscent of Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer in "The Help." Lewis truly gives a performance with incredible nuance that actually moved many audience members to laughter, anger and tears, myself included" Ashlynn , The Burr Magazine

Film and Documentary work -

"Lewis enjoys creating art and has begun creating mini-documentaries. Her first six minute documentary shows portions of three generations before her. Grandmothers, Daisy Lewis - Simmons, Mary Reese and her mother Sheri Coleman."

<https://youtu.be/UCVnqTEgYcI>

Published work:

- "Addressing Bisexuality, Gender Non-Conformity and Performativity through *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker (adapted for stage by Marsha Norman)" Excellence in the Performing Arts Research Journal . (Published 2019)

<https://oaks.kent.edu/epar/vol6/iss1/addressing-bisexuality-gender-non-conformance-and-performativity-through-color>

- "House of Sage and Sun: The Short Book of Short Poems"
By Chantrell M. Lewis

(Published 2020)

<https://www.amazon.com/House-Sage-Sun-Short-Poems/dp/B08BF2TZN8>

- “There Was a Movement Yesterday”
By Chantrell M. Lewis Illustrations by Tyron Hoisten

www.Chantrelllewis.com

- “Black Girl’s Guide to Ladyhood”
By Chantrell M. Lewis
(Published 2021)

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Chantrell Lewis is the founder of a California Non-Profit Corporation: *The Jar of Sunshine Inc.*

This corporation was created in an effort to bring awareness to issues directly affecting women and children of the African diaspora. In our corporation we work year round to raise money in order to offer donations of clothing, hygienic products, children’s books, literature, face coverings/masks and engage in enlightening panel discussions for women and youth in Northeast Ohio and areas of Southern California.

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