

I am a teaching artist that loves to ignite playful possibilities in others so that they contribute their individual talents towards building a happier, more unified. community.

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EXPERIENCE

Lisa Spring Studio, Chicago, IL— Aerial Sling Instructor

I teach beginner aerial sling to adults through a combination of aerial fitness conditioning, mobility exercises and creative exploration.

Circesteem, Chicago, IL— Circus Instructor

I teach circus to children ages 5–17 during after school activities, birthday parties & community events. CircEsteem uses social and emotional learning techniques to provide a supportive & inclusive environment for the chicago circus community.

The Music Playhouse of Chicago, Chicago, IL— Music Teacher

I teach music to ages 0-6 to foster independent music accuracy. I use props, instruments and movement to show parents how to model music behaviors for their child and create meaningful memories with music.

Wilmette Parks and Rec, Wilmette, IL— Circus Program Director

I collaborated with the Parks and rec district to develop a youth circus program. In the spring we released a few workshops and I created and taught a summer camp curriculum for ages 7–14.

The Stage School, Park Ridge, IL—Drama Instructor

I taught drama basics to ages 6-14 through games, script readings and scene creation. I also directed them in a small revue style production.

Fit City Kids, Chicago, IL— Young Childhood Movement Instructor

I worked with ages 2-4 to assist in the exploration of colors, motor skills, animals and letters through multi-sensory movement games and exercises. I also taught fitness fundamentals to ages 7-10 with an emphasis on team-building exercises & circuits with coordination and proper form.

Kids Heart Yoga, Chicago, IL — *Yoga Instructor*

I taught virtual and outdoor yoga classes for ages 4–5. Each week included themed mindfulness activities, sing-alongs, mini yoga flows, interactive games and dancing! I utilize the other art forms to help kids discover positivity, empathy and stability in the practice.

EDUCATION

The University of the Arts, Philadelphia *BFA Music Theatre*, 2017

The Actors Gymnasium, Chicago

Certificate in Circus Arts; Major in Duo Trapeze/Minor in Juggling 2019-2021

SKILLS

Time management

Critical thinking

Ensemble building

Organization

STRENGTHS

Clear Direction

Playful

Curious

Enthusiastic

INTERESTS

Social Circus

Social Emotional Learning

Community Arts

Devised Creation

REFERENCES

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