

Savina Barini Teaching Artist
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Customizes and adapts curriculum to suit student needs and experience. Extensive experience in choreographing and directing large groups across multiple age groups.

Experience

St. Andrew's Episcopal School Potomac, MD

Upper School Dance Instructor, September 2023-Present

- Instructing students 9-12 grade in ballet technique, jazz, contemporary, and hip hop dance.
- Coach for Upper School fall and spring dance teams.
- Assistant director and choreographer for the Upper School winter musical.

Camp Arena Stage, Washington, DC

Improv Instructor, July 2024

- Planning curriculum for and leading four 50 minute classes daily of 6-15 students ranging in ages from 8-15 years old
- Leading a one-time, 50-minute Choice activity daily
- Assisting with drop off/pickup and checking campers in and out
- Planning and emceeing one Noontime Show program

St. Thomas Playhouse Sun Valley, ID

Teaching Artist, June 2021-Present

- Instructing students K through 12th grade in dance, movement, voice, and ensemble building.
- Lead teacher for movement for actors and dance.
- Providing private lessons in jazz, lyrical, and contemporary dance.
- Director for Frozen Jr. and Madagascar Jr., choreographer for Dr. Doolittle Jr., Frozen Jr., James and the Giant Peach, Mulan Jr., and Newsies.

Counselor and Teaching Assistant, June 2018- July 2020

- Counselor in the high school non-binary cabin, developing and implementing policies for housing and advocating for trans students.
- Assistant to Kevin Wade teaching character building and devising new work based on the methods of Stanislavski and Chekhov.
- Assistant to Natalie Battistone teaching reading and performing Shakespeare.
- Promoted to Teaching Artist in 2021.

Production and Administrative Assistant, June-August 2018

- Lead production assistant performing administrative and creative tasks to conduct summer programming and prepare for Fall season.
- Organizing and cataloging props and costume storage and assisting in construction of new sets and props for upcoming shows.
- Processing student registrations for summer programs.

The Sage School Hailey, ID

iTri Mentor, April-May 2023

- Working one-on-one with a senior during their independent study trimester to write, develop, and film a staged reading of an original one act play.
- Providing insight for college applications and internship programs, professional development, and building a self-sustaining artistic practice.

Teaching Artist, February-May 2019

- Guided writing and editing of students' script

- Developed curriculum for understanding familial and US history through theatre for 6th- 7th grades.
- Directed students in a full production of their final script.

Wood River Community YMCA Hailey, ID

Youth Program Leader, November 2020-June 2021

- Providing quality youth development programming for children ranging in age 5 to 10 years old, including bilingual tutoring and online learning support for students in the Enrichment Camp
- Leading STEM and art activities, organizing outdoor activities and games, and supervising students in the after school program at Alturas Elementary School, a bilingual immersion magnet program.

Pippin Education Initiative Washington, DC

Teaching Artist, February 2020

- Teaching artists worked in pairs to teach a week-long course in theatre to students at Ballou High School, using the work of Stephen Schwartz and Bob Fosse and the book and lyrics of the musical *Pippin* as a framework.

Howard University Washington, DC

Teaching Aide, August-December 2019

- Assisted Professor Ricky Ramon in teaching Introduction to Acting for Non-Majors to a class of 29 students, covering Stanislavsky's Method, Anne Bogart's Viewpoints, and Linklater and Alexander vocal techniques.
- Stepped in to partner with students for scenes including material from *The Colored Museum*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, and assorted works by Neil Simon.

Sun Valley Museum of Art Hailey, Ketchum, and Bellevue, ID

Stages of Wonder Teaching Artist, February-April 2019

- Artist in residence at 6 local schools with Stages of Wonder curriculum, using exercises designed to teach teamwork, leadership, and creative problem solving through theatrical arts.

Education

Howard University/ Bachelor of Fine Arts

GRADUATED 2020, WASHINGTON, DC

Major in Musical Theatre, minor in Playwriting, Dean's List Fall 2015, '16, '17, '18, and Spring 2016, '17, '18 and '20, Howard University Capstone Scholar Fall 2015-Spring 2020

British American Dramatic Academy / London Theatre Program Certificate

FALL 2018, LONDON, UK

Concentrations in high comedy and Shakespeare, with classes in movement, voice, modern physical theatre, drama criticism, and stage combat

The Episcopal Diocese of Idaho / Child Abuse Prevention Training

JUNE 2021, SUN VALLEY, ID

In depth training to prevent, recognize, and respond to child physical and sexual abuse in educational, religious, and everyday settings; valid five years in the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho.

References

Raymond O. Caldwell/ Theater Alliance and Howard University

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