

# Jessica Rhodes

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## Professional Summary

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Jessica Rhodes is a theatre educator and director dedicated to helping students find their voice through the performing arts. Originally from Tampa, Jessica is a former New York City performer and graduate of Marymount Manhattan College (BFA Acting). She currently serves as a full-time theatre faculty member at the Patel Conservatory at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts. Jessica teaches Acting, Voice and Speech, and Musical Theatre to students ages four through adult, and directs productions that foster creativity, confidence, and collaboration.

She believes theatre education empowers students to become expressive, empathetic, and confident individuals both onstage and off.

Willing to relocate: Anywhere

## Work Experience

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### Performing Arts

Tampa, FL

### Theatre Faculty

**Patel Conservatory** | Tampa, FL

November 2022 to Present

- Develop and write curriculum for theatre students ages 5 through adult
- Teach Musical Theatre Levels 1-3, advanced scene study, and adult acting workshops
- Direct multiple musicals and plays annually for youth and teen performers
- Lead the Broadway Intensive Showstoppers program
- Mentor students through the college audition and application process
- Create educational workshops focused on performance, storytelling, and ensemble building
- Foster a collaborative and inclusive rehearsal environment that encourages artistic growth and confidence

## **Directing Experience**

**Patel Conservatory** | Tampa, FL

November 2022 to Present

Direct multiple productions annually within a pre-professional training conservatory, working with performers ages 5-adult. Lead rehearsal processes that prioritize ensemble building, character development, and storytelling clarity.

Selected Directing Credits:

- High School Musical (2026)
- Matilda (2025)
- Little Women (2025)
- The Aristocats (2024)
- It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play (2023)
- Miss Nelson Is Missing (2023)
- Pippin (2023)
- Cabaret / Devised Work: • Broadway Backwards (2023)
- The Power of Love (2022)

## **Artistic Director**

**Entertainment Revue, Tampa FI** | Tampa, FL

August 2019 to November 2022

The Entertainment Revue Foundation is a professional children's song and dance ensemble based in Tampa, Florida, which performs over forty shows each year. The group has three separate performing casts; one professional cast and two apprentice casts. Founded in 1989, the Entertainment Revue has performed over 1,000 shows at community events, political events, professional sporting events, and in theaters across the state of Florida and the United States.

The group has performed for three Presidents, appeared on "CBS This Morning" and "The Today show," and has performed at over many conventions including an appearance at the National Business Hall of Fame honoring Steve Jobs. We have recently been asked to sing the National Anthem for our winning Champs the Bucs on October 10th

As the Creative Director of Entertainment Revue I oversee not only the creative side of producing a show, I also manage the day to day responsibilities of running a non profit organization. Some of my daily duties include but are not limited to the following.

- Produce an excellent professional quality show with children
- Nurture talent and creativity in her students
- Mentor girl's aged 5-18
- Help with College Audition Process
- Coordinate with sound technicians as well as any visual needs
- Perpetually recruit talent
- Be a liaison with booking agents and venues
- Secure representation for the group (aka agents)
- Promote and market the group
- Find and book shows
- Stage Manager
- Music Director
- Music Arranger
- Costume Design
- Secure Theatre rentals for public shows
- Day to day management of the kids and their parents and coordinating schedules
- Plan parties and events throughout the year
- Plan and execute camp which takes months of planning
- Maintains the studio
- Maintains a performing arts group during a pandemic

To learn more about our organization you can check us out on our website

<https://www.entertainmentrevue.com/about-us/>

## **Girls With Confidence Mentor**

**Girls With Confidence** | Tampa, FL

September 2021 to January 2022

- Taught fun creative workshops to girls ages K-12th grade with a focus on the development of strong self esteem and confidence.
- Helped kids in Tampa Bay develop a love for themselves that is focused on inner beauty, self confidence and strong character.
- Helped girls manage through the challenging and sometimes awkward adolescent and teen years by giving them a safe and supportive environment where they can talk about whats on their minds

## **Improv Comedy and Yoga Teacher**

**NIA Brooklyn** | Brooklyn, NY

February 2017 to November 2018

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- Taught Theatre Games and Improv Comedy to Inner City Students
- Taught Improv Comedy
- Taught scene study work to middle school students
- Yoga instructor for children grades K-7th
- Designs specific lesson plans for each grade level with target learning goals and "I Can" statements.
- Maintains the ability to be fun and engaging with the children while introducing them to the foundation of a strong Yoga practice.

## **Agent Associate**

**Andreadis Talent Agency** | New York, NY

January 2015 to March 2018

Assistant to Barbara Andreadis. Owner of exclusive talent agency in NYC

- Acted as liaison between actors and casting directors
- Organized busy schedule of actors and audition appointments
- Executed Negotiations of contracts and billing
- Scouted talent
- Answered phones in a very busy office
- Maintained office space by keeping it very organized
- Managed office employees

## **Musical Theatre Coach**

**Ballet Academy East** | New York, NY

June 2014 to August 2017

Jessica directed a Musical Theatre Class at a well known dance studio on the Upper East Side of Manhattan

- Curated a stimulating musical theater repertoire for the student to learn and rehearse throughout the year to perform at a recital.

## **Casting Assistant**

**Tucker Myerson** | New York, NY

May 2013 to September 2014

Jessica was the assistant to one of the lead casting agents at the well known casting office of Tucker Myerson.

- Scheduled auditions
- Taped auditions
- Wrote and Posted Character Breakdowns
- Served as a liaison between casting and agents

## **Education**

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### **Acting and Directing (Studio Member)**

The Shakespeare Globe Theatre in London | London, Greater London

### **Acting**

Barrow Street | New York, NY

## **Improv (Comedy School)**

Upright Citizens Brigade | New York, NY

## **Acting/Concentration in Shakespeare (Bachelor of Fine Arts)**

Marymount Manhattan College | New York, NY

## **BFA Musical Theater (College)**

Boston Conservatory | Boston, MA

## **Skills**

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**Interviewing** **Leadership** **Possess an excellent command of language when guiding students through a flow sequence.** **Event Planning** **Mentoring** **Communication skills** **Program Design** **Writing Skills** **Group Fitness** **Tutoring** **Teaching** **Communication skills, Production, Design, Direction, Artistic Vision, Works with Children** **Always continuing to learn and grow as a teacher with dedication to my practice and continuing education in the field.** **Yoga** **Dancing** **Talent Management** **Social Media Management** **Editing** **MINDBODY** **Personal Training**

## **Certifications and Licenses**

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**Food Handler Certification**

**BLS Instructor Certification**

**AED Certification**

**First Aid Certification**

**CPR Certification**

**Certified Fitness Instructor**

## **Additional Information**

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Authorized to work in the US for any employer