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Education and Certification

Chicago Board of Education Arts Vendor, Green Scene Arts Residency, 2016

Chicago Botanic Gardens: Botany, Soils, Next Generation Science Standards, 2015

Teaching Artist Development Studio Fellow, Columbia College, 2012

University of Illinois Extensions, Master Gardener, 2003.

Michigan State University, Bachelor of Arts in English and Theatre, 1986.

Gardening and Arts - Teaching and Creating Garden Theater *

Green Scene Chicago, Founder 2012 to present

Develop and teach curricula that takes inspiration from organic gardening practices and helps students unearth their artistic impulses in gardens using creative writing, storytelling, theater, music making, and dance.

Winthrop Harmony Arts Garden, Founder 2013 to present

Created Winthrop Harmony Arts Garden to be an urban community theater/garden in Uptown and the artistic home of Green Scene Chicago. Envisioned and pitched the project idea to 48th Ward Alderman Osterman. Spearheaded the transformation of an abandoned lot into a space where seven families and four social service agencies grow food collectively and where Green Scene Chicago has presented eleven free performing arts events. Served as the foreperson for all aspects of the gardens development: artistic conception, grant writing, garden design and budget, soil testing, recruiting community partners and neighborhood gardeners, community assets mapping, collaboration with streets and sanitation, acquiring land protection and fiscal sponsorship from NeighborSpace, social media outreach, website advertising, press releases, recruiting and employing teenagers to garden and create theater with Green Scene Chicago, sourcing funding to pay teens, creating garden themed plays with teens and presenting them to public.

Green Scene Teen Summer Stock, Theater Director/Deviser, 2013 to present

Teach urban garden skills and theatrical devising to teenagers at Winthrop Harmony Arts Garden. Guide teen ensemble on how to grow plants and adapt garden-themed tales by using theatrical improvisation, movement and creative writing. Teens present the plays outdoors at Winthrop Harmony Arts Garden for local children grades K-8. Served over 800 audience members to date. Locate funding and grants that enable me to pay the teens a minimum wage. Grants identified in Grants/ Funding/Fellowships, page 3.

Green Scene Teen Summer Stock productions

A Tale of Three Sisters (currently being created), 2017

Adapting Iroquois legend that imparts the wisdom of the planting of corn, beans, and squash together. Growing the stage set with this planting. Show will play August 10 and 11, 2017.

Jacklyn and the Bean Stalk, 2016

Adapted traditional tale into educational play about bean protein. Grew stage set grown from pole beans.

Much Ado About Dirt, 2015

Adapted *Spoon River Anthology* into a play that opened with original teen anthem about dirt.

Project Tap Root, 2014

Recruited nine youth-centered performing arts companies to perform in Project Tap Root, a free weekly entertainment series presented at Winthrop Harmony Arts Garden.

Green Scene Teen Summer Stock productions -continued

Seedfolks, 2014

Adapted and presented *Seedfolks* as a play.

Tonight We Are Young, 2013

Guided teen ensemble in recruiting six community-based organizations to garden with us at Winthrop Harmony Arts Garden. Directed teens in a dedication ceremony that welcomed in partners: Uptown Ministries Junto Program, Chinese Mutual Aid Association, Vietnamese Association, Saint Thomas of Canterbury Soup Kitchen, McCutcheon Elementary and Uplift High School.

Other curricula developed taking inspiration from natural world *

Green Scene Seed to Fruit Arts Residency, 2016

Created and taught 12-week arts residency to students at Greene Elementary. Students used theater explorations to address the 4th grade botanical science goals. Met Next Generation Science Standards and guided students in creating a showcase event and presenting it in their school garden.

Green Scene Garden Groove Summer Camp, 2013, organic gardening merged with African Dance

Green Scene Summer Camp, 2012, organic gardening and performance of a folk tale

Gallery 37, Art in the Garden, 2004, organic gardening and investigation of visionary artists

Common Threads, 2007, organic gardening, cooking and nutrition

Mayor Daley's KidStart Youth Net, 2003-2004, introducing high school students to gardening and poetry

Free Street Theatre, 2004, creative writing and theater games to promote arts literacy

Chicago Park District, 2003, Summer Harvest Garden camps on seven park district sites

The Greens, 2003, presenting original interactive play at Garfield Park Conservatory with the Chicago Park District's Harvest Festival.

Solo Performer and Actress Experience *

Sweat Girls, 1993 to present

Co-founded seven women team of autobiographical writer/storytellers. Perform and serve as marketing manager, webmaster, photo designer and press contact. www.sweatgirls.org

Solo Performer, 2001 to present

Write and perform one-women, long-form pieces:

Man Up, Fillet of Solo Festival

The Me, Mom and Dad Show! Goodman Theater's Women Taking the Stage Festival

The Big Adventures of Little Women, Fillet of Solo Festival

Who Do the Voodoo, Estrogen Fest

Wild Life, Fillet of Solo Festival

Regional Actress, Film, radio, television, 1986 to present

Highlights listed here. Complete resume of performing arts career is at www.greenscenechicago.org

Shakespeare in Love, Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Still Alice, Lookingglass Theater

Criminal Hearts, Apple Tree Theatre

Bad Dates, Madison Repertory

Dirty Blonde, Madison Repertory

Singin' in the Rain, Theatre at the Center

Love Janis, Royal George

The Threepenny Opera, American Theatre Company

Twelfth Night, Idaho Shakespeare

Much Ado About Nothing, Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Grants / Funding / Fellowships and Awards that serve Green Scene Chicago *

OpenLands Mini Grant, 2017
Whole Kids Foundation, Education Garden Grant, 2016
Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events
 Individual Artists Project Grant, 2017
 Individual Artist Project Grant, 2016
 Professional Development Grant, 2015
 Individual Artists Project Grant, 2013
 Neighborhood Arts Project Grant, 2012
After School Matters Contract and Teen Apprentice Stipend
 Three times funded for Green Scene Summer Stock, 2015, 2014, 2013
Puffin Foundation
 Two times funded an Individual Artists Grant, 2016, 2014
Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden Grant Winner, 2014
Columbia College, Teaching Artist Development Studio Fellow, 2012
Illinois Arts Council, Professional Development Grant, 2012
Green Net Mini Grants, 2004
Devon Bank, Sponsorship, 2004
University of Illinois Extensions, Master Gardener Education Fellow, 2003

References Available Upon Request *