

# HEAVEN LEI LUCAS

## BIOGRAPHY

Arts professional with many years of experience in acting, dancing, singing, and teaching.

## REFERENCES

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## EDUCATION

### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

BFA Acting | NYU: Tisch School of the Arts  
Minor in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Studies | NYU: College of Arts & Science

### TEACHING ARTIST TRAINING INSTITUTE, MARQUIS STUDIOS

- Learned how to develop curriculum that focuses on arts education for students who are neurodiverse and have physical disabilities
- Went on observational visits of master teachers in D75 classrooms and engaged in professional development seminars over six weeks

## EXPERIENCE

### DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER/PLAYWRIGHT, TADA! YOUTH THEATRE 2023-PRESENT

- Directed and choreographed Broadway style cabarets for 300+ students, ages 8-10, within an in-school residency
- Devised and wrote original musicals for 500+ children, centering on student voice and collaboration
- Built unique lesson plans for each class with a focus on student growth
- Helped to foster classes that value creativity, teamwork, and empathy

### DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER, DRAMA ZONE NYC 2022-PRESENT

- Directed and choreographed mini-musicals for students from 5-12 years old
- Led classes in hip-hop, Zumba, and yoga
- Built unique lesson plans for each class with a focus on student growth
- Helped to foster classes that value creativity, play, confidence building, teamwork, and empathy
- Exercised behavioral management strategies to ensure a safe environment

### YOUNG ACTOR'S PROGRAM TEACHING ARTIST, LEE STRASBERG THEATRE AND FILM INSTITUTE 2021-2023

- Responsible for 20 students from 7-10 years of age
- Focused student learning on building skills through the Lee Strasberg Acting Technique
- Evaluated and monitored student progress

### SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL/STUDENT LEARNING AIDE, NEW BERLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022

- Supported students in completing classwork and applying academic concepts
- Reinforced curriculum and skill building through activities with small groups of students or one-on-one to meet the individual needs of students
- Provided support with student behavior management

### RESIDENT ASSISTANT, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY 2021-2022

- Collaborated with colleagues to create, host and organize building programs that aim to meet values such as diversity, wellness, multiple perspectives, community, and life skills
- Navigated conflicts for up to 50 residents while maintaining community standards and a positive learning environment
- Managed administrative duties: Incident reports; budget requests; checking In/out residents; collecting and distributing packages for residents

## SKILLS

**LESSON PLANNING**

**CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT**

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

**COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**EVENT COORDINATION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES**