

Lynda DeFuria

Arts Educator

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Experience

Singer, Songwriter, Actress; July 2006-Present

A versatile vocalist, award-winning songwriter, and musical theatre actress. My work catalogue includes performing original pop/rock music with my band from my 2 self-produced releases (*Ticking Clocks* and *Alive EP*), performing theatre & new works Off-Broadway, regionally; wedding/corporate party band, cruise ships, Dickens' Christmas caroling quartets, and more.

*** See Full Performance Resume for detailed history**

Private Voice Teacher at Home Studio; New York, NY – September 2011-Present

Teaching students of varied experience, ages, and goals, I teach overall healthy vocal technique that will allow for longevity for artistic expression. Focus Points: Vocal exercises, versatile genre work (musical theatre, rock, pop, jazz, legit), and finding each students' true, unique voice through stylization.

Teaching Artist at Waterwell; New York, NY – November 2015-Present

I work as a songwriting/voice teacher and music director for Waterwell whom supplies TA's to Manhattan Youth programs around the city. Working mainly with 6th-8th graders, I have taught Songwriting at The Professional Performing Arts School (PPAS), Lower Manhattan Community School (LMC), and Choir at LAB Middle School. Additionally, I have written and music directed original musicals and cabarets at LMC, PPAS, and Waterwell & Manhattan Youth's Summer Theatre Lab.

Music Instructor at Rockin' Railroad, Kidville; New York, NY – November 2012-Present

I currently work as a co-teacher/lead singer/puppeteer for kids ages newborn to 6 years old. Over a 16 week semester, I collaborate with a live band to teach a new music genre each week via live music, instrument demonstration, rhythm, dancing, listening skills, and puppetry.

Private Voice/Piano and Little Wings at School of Rock; Brooklyn, NY – August 2015-March 2016

Teaching students of varied experience, ages, and goals on both voice and piano on their technique, style, and rehearsal practices. I also taught a weekly group beginners music program, *Little Wings*, for kids ages 2-5 that focused on sound recognition, instrument exploration, team building, and social interaction.

Music & Theatre Educator at PS-3; Greenwich Village, NY – February 2014-June 2016

I substituted then took on a permanent position as a music and music theatre teacher. With grades K-35 in the *PS3 'til 6* after-school program, I focused on music theory, improvisation, scene work, and creating own original musical.

Musical Theatre Educator at Act Out!; New York, NY - February 2015-July 2015

I taught and co-operated an after-school musical theatre program based in midtown Manhattan. The 16 week session focuses on theatre & audition etiquette, improvisation, acting, vocal technique, scene work, and choreography. The session ends with a cabaret showcasing the students (ages 5-12) performing solo and group Broadway style numbers. www.EverybodyActOut.com

Education

Berklee College of Music; Boston, MA , Class of 2011

Bachelor of Music in Professional Music with Emphasis in Vocal Performance and Songwriting

Dean's List, Magna Cum Laude, Student Ambassador, President of Musical Theatre Club ('10-'11), Vice-President of Musical Theatre Club ('09-'10)

Awards & Recognition

Las Vegas Academy of Performing Arts; Las Vegas, NV — Honors Diploma, 2008

1st Place - BMI's John Lennon Songwriting Scholarship (2011); Berklee College of Music's Songwriter Award (2011); Berklee College of Music's Vocal Department Award (2011); Fusion Magazine Songwriting Award - Best Song (2012)

Related Skills

Intermediate piano (10+ years experience), advanced sight reading, choral conducting, arranging, songwriting, healthy belting, riff technique, home recording studio, recording experience, great with kids, experienced nanny/babysitter, CPR certified, valid driver's license & passport; Microsoft and iWorks efficient, Garageband, Logic Pro, Finale proficient; 85-9 WPM

References

Kevin Ferrelli - kferrelli@manhattanyouth.org

Program Director for Manhattan Youth at Professional Performing Arts School (PPAS)

Billie Cole - billiecoledebiancmusic@yahoo.com

Singer/Songwriter/Producer

Educator and Founder of DeBlanc Music Studios in Las Vegas, NV

Corrine Byrne, D.M.A. - corrinecbyrne@gmail.com

Adjunct Professor of Voice at Wagner College, Soprano, Colleague

Ellen Park - ellen@mykidville.com

Owner and Educator, Kidville Midtown West

Heather Lanza - heather@Waterwell.org

Director of Education at Waterwell