

Sophia Psiakis

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EDUCATION

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Bachelor of Fine Arts, May 2023

Theatre Major / focus in Acting for Stage, Screen, and New Media / Musical Theatre Minor

Honors: Dean's List (all semesters), 4.0 GPA

EXPERIENCE

The Rev on Tour / Auburn, NY / September 2023 – Present

Teaching Artist and Actor

- Toured around the state of New York, bringing educational theatre to different communities.
- Led workshops regarding creative writing, storytelling, careers in the arts, and life skills.
- Engaged with faculty members and problem-solved the best way to work in various schools

Joann Fabrics / East Lansing, MI / September 2022 – May 2023

Team Member

- Handled money in a fast-paced environment, cashiering and engaging costumers in conversation. Helped their transaction and shopping experience move smoothly.
- Stocking various sized materials in a large store, keeping everything clean and organized.
- Used my knowledge to assist customers with all of their crafting needs.

Seattle Children's Theatre / Seattle, WA / June 2022 – September 2022

Teaching Artist Intern and Contracted Creator

- Worked with youth of all ages (3-17) and kept them engaged with material.
- Led and assisted in theatre classes that covered various topics, like musical theatre, sketch comedy, improvisation, and exploration-based learning.
- Formatted and created a template for a Social Story, a tool they can use for every single class to make it more accessible for neurodiverse students.

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp / Twin Lake, MI / June 2021 – August 2021

Cabin Counselor and Theatre Assistant

- Monitored and led middle and high schoolers throughout numerous 12-day sessions.
- Instructed students in different areas of theatre – including musical theatre, Shakespeare, and contemporary acting – culminating in a final performance at the end of each session.
- Developed relationships with campers while teaching both theatrical and social skills.

OpenSpot Theatre / East Lansing, MI / September 2019 – May 2023

Student Teacher

- Work with neurodiverse and physically disabled children to hone social and theatrical skills through participation in music, acting, and dancing.
- Mentor students in a one-on-one setting to develop a final performance product.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- Involved in eleven productions at MSU: *Freshman Showcase*, *Into the Woods*, *Listen. (&Vote)*, *Soda Pop Shop*, *Julius Caesar*, *Particle*, *True Love Waits*, *Head Over Heels* (lead), *For the Love of* (lead), *Charlotte's Web* (assistant director), *Solace* (director), *Strange Happenings* (lead)
- Recipient of the Michigan Thespian Scholarship Award, MSU Board of Trustees Scholarship Award, and the honor of giving the College of Arts and Letters Senior Class Address

SKILLS

Microsoft Excel/Office - Money handling/cashiering - MI drivers license
Food and drink prep - Management/Leadership - Curriculum planning