

KATE VARNER

THEATRE EDUCATOR

EDUCATION :

Samford University

BFA Theatre For Youth: Performance & Teaching Artistry

- *Training Includes: Acting, Voice, Dance, TY Curriculum, TY Directing, Creative Drama, TY History and Literature, Advanced Directing, Childhood Development, Stage Management, etc.*
- *TY Curriculum includes: Teaching experience in the form of Masterclasses for preschool age - high schoolers*

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REFERENCES:

Laura Byland
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Torin Lusorio
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Julianne Shea
- Apprentice Coordinator and Education Managing Director at Portland Stage
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WORK EXPERIENCE:

PORTLAND STAGE*

Education Apprentice: Fall 2026 - Spring 2027

- Worked full-time with the Education program in the classroom and behind the scenes.
- Co-lead classes & camps and created lesson plans.
- Helped with community engagement & student matinees.
- Created closed captions for MainStage productions.
- Directed & Performed in “Play Me A Story” programs.
- Performed in a touring production of “Romeo and Juliet”.
- Co-Directed the Shakespeare Teen Company.
- Worked crew positions for MainStage productions.

ALLIANCE THEATRE

Teaching Artist: Summer Camp & Childcare 2026

- Taught musical theatre, acting, improv, and dance camps for grades K-8.
- Worked with children ages 0-5 with the Alliance Childcare program

Teaching Artist: Summer & Winter Camps 2025

- Taught Improv, sketch comedy, and Musical Theatre camps for grades k-8.

Teaching Assistant: Summer & Winter Camps 2023

- Assisted camps for grades 5-12. Some camps include: Improv, Musical Theatre, TV & Film, Performing Arts

HOMEWOOD THEATRE

Teaching Artist: Spring 2024 - Summer 2025

- Teaching Assistant for Middle School Improv, Spring 2024
- Facilitator for The Little Mermaid Junior, Spring 2024
- Stage Manger for Crimes & Rhymes: an elementary school production, Fall 2024
- Teaching Artist for Middle School Improv Summer 2025

Red Mountain Theatre

Facilitator: Winter 2023 - Winter 2025

- Backstage Facilitator for Holiday Spectacular 2023
- Education Front Desk Host, Fall 2024 - Fall 2025