

Samantha Pears



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Bigfoot Arts Education guarantees that all appropriate checks in respect of safeguarding children have been carried out.



About me

I am an experienced Facilitator, Actor, Singer and Theatre Director with a strong background working with children in a wide variety of capacities within the arts. I have skills in drama and improvisation, as well as singing and music. I have real passion for the importance of using play as a learning technique, and believe that bringing creativity into everything you can is extremely important for development, which is what I always strive to do.

Professional experience

- Directed off-West End Production 'For You I'd Wait' at the Turbine and Union Theatres
- Award-winning Theatre Director - Best Production at the London Pub Theatre Awards with play 'London Zoo'
- Director of a devised show as part of FUSE International Festival in Kingston
- Devised and developed own show as part of Clapham Fringe and FUSE International Festival

Educator experience

- Twickenham Youth Theatre - Working with 10-15 year-olds, co-directing devised pieces that enter festivals, working on improvisation skills and techniques as well as script-writing

- Polka Theatre, Wimbledon - Working as a Freelance Facilitator with Youth Theatre Summer Schools, Drama Workshops and Children's parties
- White Rabbit Drama Club - planning and teaching holistic drama classes from 5-11 years, including devising shows for a end of year showcase
- Jigsaw Theatre Arts - Teaching singing, dancing and acting for 3-16 year olds
- The ATE Trust - working for the charity for nearly 10 years, now as part of the Directing Team on residential for 8-16 year olds
- Fourth Monkey Drama School - Teaching Acting and Shakespeare for the Foundation and 1st Year BA Students

Skills

- Stage combat
- Clowning
- Theatre directing and devising
- Shakespeare
- Storytelling
- New writing
- Singing

Education & Training

<p>CPD Certification: 'Anti-bullying Module'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course 1 - What is bullying? - Course 6 – Cyberbullying (Online bullying) <p>in association with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and National Children's Bureau</p>	October 2023
<p>Bigfoot Safeguarding Training Level 2</p> <p>Trained by Laura James; NSPCC Accredited Trainer</p>	August 2023
<p>The ATE Trust Monitor Training Course</p> <p>Professional Development Course</p>	2015
<p>The ATE Trust Assistant Director Training Course</p> <p>Professional Development Course</p>	2018
<p>London College of Music (University of West London)</p> <p>BA (Hons) Acting - Upper Second Class</p>	2019
<p>City of Liverpool College</p> <p>BTEC Extended Diploma in Acting</p>	2016
<p>Birkenhead Sixth Form College</p> <p>AS Levels in: Drama and Theatre Studies, Performing Arts, Media Studies and English Language</p>	2014
<p>Train Aid</p> <p>12 hour Paediatric First Aid</p>	2020

Ridgeway High School

2008-2014

GCSE's - English Language, English Literature, Maths,
Statistics, IT, Business, Spanish, Textiles, Performing Arts, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

London College of Music

2018

BASCC Rapier and Dagger Stage Combat (Distinction) Unarmed Combat (Pass)

