

CRISTINA FERRIGNO

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Summary

Professional artist, educator, and organizer with 10 years of experience designing and leading programs for children, teens, and adults. Excels at tailoring process-based curriculum to various learning styles, ages, and English language learners. Committed to building experimental and collaborative learning environments that integrate individual participants interests, connections, and overall group themes. Experienced at devising project-based intergenerational experiences, enhancing creativity and self-expression for all involved.

Specializations in photography, book arts, printmaking, combined media, and social practice. Values critical thinking, clear communication, and being a pro-active member of a team.

Experience

The Queens Public Library

Teaching Artist / April 2022 – July 2024

- Co-designed and taught socially engaged arts programming for children and teenagers
- Coordinated with library staff about supplies, dates, and workshop content
- Produced programs for community days, afterschool clubs, summer events, and workshops

The 14th Street Y

Afterschool Teaching Artist / 2023 – June 2024

- Spearheaded K-5 Afterschool programs in Arts, STEAM, and Gameplay, overseeing design and execution, including logistics and coordination for field trips
- Developed comprehensive curricula, including weekly lesson plans and class materials, to enhance learning outcomes
- Efficiently managed procurement of supplies within quarterly budgets, optimizing financial resources

The Queens Museum

Museum Educator / Public & Family Programs / 2020 - 2023

- Designed socially engaged arts programming for children, teens, and adults through *Escuelita en Casa*, *Queens Teens Institute for Art & Social Justice*, and the *New New Yorkers* programs
- Coordinated with museum staff across departments
- Integrated the Queens's Museum's ethos and site-specific history into public programming
- Curriculum development including weekly blog posts, class descriptions, materials lists
- Material list coordination including budgeting, and shipping logistics
- Tours and school workshops for grades 3-5

Girl Scouts of Greater New York

STEM Assistant Coordinator / STEM Educator / 2017 - 2020

- Co-taught afterschool and break camps in STEM, advocacy and arts programs for K-12 girls
- Outreach to sites, schools, community groups and other outside organizations
- Ordering, supplies, curriculum editing, event listing, promotion, and registration
- Coordinating with parents and troop leaders
- Executed data entry tasks while spearheading office and supply closet organization
- Oversaw the coordination of material lists, including budgeting and shipping logistics

Artist & Craftsman Supply

Outreach Coordinator / 2016 - 2018

- Partnered with organizations such as the Noguchi Museum, Queens Botanical Garden, and LIC Partnership for off-site events
- Designed and implemented in-store programming, including special events, art receptions, artist lectures, educational seminars, classes, workshops, and product demonstrations, in coordination with teaching artists, brand representatives, and other partners
- Created and promoted events across multiple social media platforms
- Conducted outreach to schools, local businesses, event partners, artists, and arts organizations

Adorama

Arts Outreach Coordinator / Gallery Manager / 2015

- Connected with local artists and organizations for store gallery and event space
- Created and implemented programming in both spaces for a customer audience
- Conceptualized gallery shows, coordinated with artists, and sponsors
- Ran store events, gallery receptions, artist lectures and educational seminars
- wrote gallery press releases and event descriptions with accessible language
- Drafted and disseminated newsletters, listing, and promoted events on both the blog and events page

Education

MFA Studio Art SPCUNY / Queens College

BFA General Fine Arts with Minor in Photography / The Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA)

Skills

- Graphic design, layout work, photography, photo editing, curation, and installation
- Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite, Google Suite, Wix, Squarespace, and various social media platforms
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, with expertise in teaching, public speaking, research, and project management
- Intermediate proficiency in Spanish
- Experienced in database and digital file management