

Lemar O. Archer

Versatile Theatre & Drama Educator

Directing & Producing | Classroom Management & Instruction | Team and People Leadership
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EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Education 2023

Emerson College
120 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Master of Arts in Theatre Education - Theatre Education 12-K 2022

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Bachelor of Arts in Drama in Education 2016

Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts
1 Arthur Wint Drive, Kingston 5, Jamaica

SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATION

Theatre Education, All Levels (K-12) (Massachusetts) 2025

MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Principles & Practices of Project Management 2019

Mona School of Business and Management, University of The West Indies
Mona, Kingston

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teacher of Drama

Lynn Public School - Thurgood Marshall Middle School | Lynn, Massachusetts

September 2022 –
Present

- Develop drama curriculum for grade 6, 7 and 8
- Design and deliver engaging and adaptive drama lessons for students ages 11-14 including ELs and students with IEP
- Assigning written work and creative assignments and grading assignments based on the curricula
- Develop skills like as enunciation, diction using speech drills, improvisation and other voice activities
- Develop body language and expression through engaging students in character development and personality projection

- Select, edit, cast and direct appropriate play and musical each semester for student body and community.
- Work with non-performing students on other backstage elements of production, including lighting, sound, costumes, props, set design and stage management

THEATRE ARTS & DRAMA Educator – *tenured*

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR THE VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Edith Dalton James High School | Kingston 20, Jamaica

September 2016 –
December 2021

- Supervised a team of six 6 teachers and monitored adherence to school standards
- Created engaging unit plans, lesson plans, fostered culture of discovery and provided well-organized classroom structure for students ages 11 to 18
- Implemented effective classroom management techniques to provide safe, calm learning environment
- Managed Thespian society operations with elected students to promote individual thought and creativity
- Produced and directed public and school theatrical performances.
- Organized several fundraising events through the performing arts to support school activities

Teaching Artistry

SAY Somerville Arts For Youth, Summer Theatre Institute | Somerville, MA

July 7 – August 12,
2023

- Plan and execute training program
- Facilitate workshops in acting and directing through games, activities, and lessons
- Guide and facilitate a final project showcase developed and performed by students, which included ages 11 to 18
- Supervised a team of four 4 teaching artists and monitored adherence to institute standards
- Develop engaging warmup and community building warmups and fostered culture of discovery for students

Student Teaching – Drama Teacher

Emerson College

- Somerville High School, Somerville, MA, Grades 9 to 12

2021

Teaching Artistry

Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts

PRODUCTION DIRECTOR & TEACHER OF DRAMA, Summer School Programme

July 2014 – 2019

- Creating effective and engaging lesson plans for students ages 3 to 10
- Direct productions, including, sets, props and costume.
- Managing productions, including tech, lighting, sound, and backstage management
- Assist students in self-expression through artistic methods such as dance, song and role-play

Student Teaching – Drama Teacher

Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts

- Ardenne High School, 10 Ardenne Road, Kingston Jamaica, Grades 7-9
- Denham Town Primary School, Kingston Jamaica, Grades 4 and 6

2016
2014

GUEST LECTURER/PRESENTER/WORKSHOPS

Guest Lecturer. *Thesis I.* Emerson College, Boston MA. November 2, 2023

Archer, Lemar. “Beats and Scoring: The three A’s For Actor/Directors” QUILT Performing Arts Company Master Class Series. Kingston Jamaica. 2021

Archer, Lemar. “Talent Without Discipline is Nothing” Charlemont High School “Drammy’s”. St Catherine, Jamaica. 2018 – Guest Speaker

Guest Lecturer. Teaching Practice (Practicum). Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Art, Kingston Jamaica. 2017

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PUBLICATIONS

Archer, Lemar. “*An exploration into how dance movements from Kumina develop student’s physical expression and confidence, to assist in the process of physical characterization*”

Action Research, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, 2016. Print.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Archer, Lemar. “*Freeing the body: Kumina – A gateway to physical characterization and performance.*” Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, Service Learning Project: Ardenne High School, Kingston, Jamaica, 2016

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Archer. Lemar, moderator. Mr. Joy Conversation – Emerson College Orientation 2022: Boston, MA. 2022.

ARTS ADMINISTRATION & SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Associate Program Director

SAY Somerville Arts For Youth, Summer Theatre Institute | Somerville, MA

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Board Member

Theatre Education Graduate Association (TEGA) – Emerson College, Boston, MA

February 2022 – May 2022

- Coordinate social and artistic events
- Provide resources for Students

Faculty Assistant

Emerson College, Performing Arts, Boston, MA

September 2021 – May 2022

- Assist Faculty with class prep, research and special projects.
- Liaison for faculty with other departments across campus as well as external contacts. Campus errands, such as transporting cartons of copy paper to various PA locations, placing/retrieving copy jobs from Copy Center; access/returning library books, delivering paperwork to various departments around campus for faculty and department. 10 hours per week.

Graduate Student Ambassador

Office of International Student Affairs, Emerson College, Boston, MA

January 2022 – 2023

- Engage with international students and build community through direct communication, activities, and events
- Direct outreach to international students on-campus, online, and at global partners through email and social media
- Event coordination, marketing, and logistics, including weekly OISA events as well as participation in International Education Week in November

Associate Program Director and Fellow

Somerville Arts For Youth (SAY), Summer Theatre Institute | Somerville, MA

August 2021

- Plan execute training program
- Develop and lead workshops in Acting, Directing, Playwriting and Design
- Supervised a team of four 4 teaching artists and monitored adherence to institute standards
- Develop engaging warmup and community building warmups and fostered culture of discovery for students ages 11 to 18

ARTISTIC POSITIONS

Principal Member

QUILT Performing Arts Company
Kingston, Jamaica

January 2013 – Present

CREATIVE ACTIVITY – YOUTH THEATRE

Founder and Artistic Director
Edith Dalton James High School Community Ensemble
Kingston, Jamaica

2016 – 2021

CREATIVE ACTIVITY – WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH

QUILT Performing Art Company

Arts Intervention in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 2015

Quilt partnered with government of SVG to combat the rise in HIV cases among young people

QUILT Performing Arts Company

Art and Language Camp, 2018

Applied Arts examining and developing community Clarendon Jamaica

QUILT performing Arts Company

Movement for Actors: The Caribbean Body in Transportation

Theatre Practitioners

CREATIVE ACTIVITY – THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES, MUSICAL THEATRE, PRODUCTIONS

Director and Choreographer	Thurgood Marshall Middle School <i>10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse</i> Thurgood Marshall Middle School Cafetorium, Lynn MA	2025
Choreography	ONSTAGE – Salem High School <i>CHICAGO – Youth Edition</i> Salem High School Auditorium, Salem, MA	2025
Director and Choreographer	Thurgood Marshall Middle School <i>CHAIRS</i> Thurgood Marshall Middle School Cafetorium, Lynn MA	2024
Director and Costume Designer	Thurgood Marshall Middle School <i>Game of Tiaras</i> Thurgood Marshall Middle School Cafetorium, Lynn MA	2024
Choreography	ONSTAGE – Salem High School <i>The Addams Family – A New Musical Comedy</i> Salem High School Auditorium, Salem, MA	2024
Director	Thurgood Marshall Middle School <i>No More Fighting- A devised Theatre Piece</i> Thurgood Marshall Middle School Cafetorium, Lynn MA	2023
Director, Writer and Choreographer	Emerson College <i>ACCULTURATION American Dream; International Students' Nightmare</i> The Semel Theatre, Emerson College, Boston MA	2023

Director and Choreographer	Thurgood Marshall Middle School <i>The Cinderella Chronicles</i> Thurgood Marshall Middle School Cafetorium, Lynn MA	2023
Choreography	ONSTAGE – Salem High School <i>Twelfth Night – A Musical adaptation of Williams Shakespeare's Twelfth Night</i> Salem High School Auditorium, Salem, MA	2023
Choreographer	Highlander Theatre Company – Somerville High School <i>Amelie</i> Somerville High School Centennial Auditorium, Somerville, MA.	2022
Writer, Director and Choreographer	Edith Dalton James High School Performing Arts Department <i>A Child's Cry (Call to Rescue our Youths)</i> Edith Dalton James High School's Studio Theatre, Kingston Jamaica	2019
Director	School of Drama <i>Malcaochon</i> Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, Kingston Jamaica	2015

CREATIVE ACTIVITY – PERFORMANCE

Performer Olokun, Dancer, Chorus	QUILT Performing Arts Company <i>ReAshore'd</i> , Rayon Mclean, Director Phillip Sherlock Center for the Creative Arts, UWI	2019
Performer Cook	School of Drama <i>Mother Courage and Her Children</i> , Pierre Lemaire, Director Dennis Scott Studio Theatre, Edna Manley College	2019
Performer Second Messenger, Attendant on Teiresias, Chorus	School of Drama <i>Oedipus The King</i> , Robert “Bobby” Clark, Director Dennis Scott Studio Theatre, Edna Manley College	2015
Performer Reindeer (Rudolf)	School of Drama <i>Wild Alice</i> , Pierre Lemaire, Director Dennis Scott Studio Theatre, Edna Manley College	2015
Performer Man	School of Drama <i>Taste of the Arts- “Apology”</i> Pierre Lemaire, Director Vera Moody Concert Hall, Edna Manley College	2014

Performer Dancer	National Dance Theatre Company NDTC Trainee Showcase NDTC Studios	2014
Performer The Brother, Drums, The Father	School of Drama <i>Venus</i> , Dr. Alude Mahali, Director Dennis Scott Studio Theatre, Edna Manley College	2014
Performer Actor, Dancer	Quilt Performing Arts Company <i>Release</i> , Rayon Mclean, Director Phillip Sherlock Center for the Creative Arts, UWI	2014
Performer Actor, Dancer	Quilt Performing Arts Company <i>Colour Me</i> , Rayon Mclean, Director Phillip Sherlock Center for the Creative Arts, UWI	2014

CREATIVE ACTIVITY – INTERNATIONAL TOURS

Performer Olokun, Dancer, Chorus	Quilt Performing Arts Company <i>ReAshore'd</i> , Rayon Mclean, Director Naparima Bowl- Trinidad and Tobago (Carifesta)	2019
Performer Olokun, Dancer, Chorus	Quilt Performing Arts Company <i>ReAshore'd</i> , Rayon Mclean, Director Frank Collymore Hall- Barbados (Carifesta)	2017
Performer Dancer	Quilt Performing Arts Company <i>Move</i> , Rayon Mclean, Director Victoria Park, St Vincent and the Grenadines	2015

CREATIVE ACTIVITY – STAGE READING

Performer El Medico, The Barber, Muleteer, Jose	The Spanish-Jamaican Foundation And School of Drama <i>Cervantes in Prison (Don Quixote)</i> , Pierre Lemaire, Director Red Bones Café, Kingston Jamaica	2017
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AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLSHIPS

Cutler Fellowship for Creative Producing – Office of the Arts, ArtsEmerson - Emerson College	2021 – 2022
2021 SAY Summer Theatre Institute Fellowship – Somerville Arts for Youth (SAY) Institute	2021

Emerson College Community Scholarship – Emerson College	2020
Emerson College Fellowship Award – Emerson College	2020
1 st Runner Up of Mr. Jamaica Teacher’s Association 2020 – Jamaica Teacher’s Association	2020
Actor Boy Award for Best Children’s Theatre Production for 2019 “A Child’s Cry (Call to Rescue Our Youths)” – Edith Dalton James High School	2020
Winner of Mr. Jamaica Teacher’s Association, St. Andrew Pageant – Jamaica Teacher’s Association St. Andrew Parish	2020
Best Overall Speech Tutor 2018 and Best Class 5 Speech Tutor- Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC) Speech National Finals 2018	2018
Award of Recognition for conceiving and executing the Mr and Miss Edith Dalton James High Competition 2017- Edith Dalton James High School	2017
Outstanding Teacher Award for the Performing Arts - Edith Dalton James High School	2016 – 2017
Dennis Scott Award for Most Outstanding Student in Drama in Education Award – Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts	2016
Honour Roll - Scholar Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement - Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts	2015 – 2016
Full Tuition Scholarship- Grace Kennedy Foundation Scholarship	2014 – 2016

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Dance National Dance Theatre Company National Dance Theatre Company (NDTC) Trainee Program	September 2014 – 2018
Drama/Play Therapy Payasos Sin Fronteras The Spanish-Jamaican Foundation Workshop, Kingston Certificate (CSEC)	2014
Devised Theatre, Movement for Actors and Dance QUILT Performing Arts Company	2013

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION/ORANIZATION

Jamaica Teacher Association (JTA)

Lynn Teachers Union

American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts

REFERENCES

Reference upon request.