

TACT Youth Academy Spring 2020 Instructors



Denise S Bass has several television credits to her name including Matlock, One Tree Hill, HBO's East Bound and Down with Danny McBride and Katy Mixon, and TNT's production of T-Bone and Weasel starring Gregory Hines, Christopher Lloyd, and Wayne Knight. Also to her credit are several film productions including The Road to Wellville with Anthony Hopkins and Matthew Broderick, Black Knight with Martin Laurence, and The 27 Club with Joe Anderson. She has been performing theatrically since 1981 working from NC to Florida and touring the Southeast with the American Family Theatre out of Philadelphia.

She is a producer and featured performer with Ensemble Audio Studios and was part of the cast for the audio production of "The King's Child", which was selected in 2017 at the Hear Now Audio Festival for the Gold Circle Page. She also voiced several characters for the very popular audio book "Percy the Cat and the Big White House". She is currently writing a collection of short stories and looks forward to teaching Fundamentals of Acting for TACT.

Kathy Enlow is thrilled to be working with TACT Academy. She earned a B.S. in Elementary Education from Baldwin Wallace College and is a Certified Governess, having received training at the English Nanny and Governess School. She has been performing for over 30 years, 11 of those, as the Lead Vocalist for the Harry Hershey Big Band Orchestra. Since moving to Wilmington with her husband, Kathy has performed in many theatrical productions and concerts. She is thrilled to share her passion for performance by teaching for TACT Academy this year.

Courtney Harding grew up participating in Thalian Children's theatre. She graduated with honors from UNC Charlotte in Theatre Education and a minor in dance. She now teaches theatre at New Hanover High School by day and performs in local theatre by night!

Kayla Hager was born and raised in West Virginia and has recently made Wilmington her home. She loves the beach, and has a strong passion for teaching the performing arts! She began learning music and performing when she was 11 years old and eventually fell in love with teaching music and the arts to others. After obtaining her Bachelor of Arts in English from Marshall University, Kayla decided to branch out and bring her talents to Wilmington. She specializes in teaching acting, dance, music, and voice.

Ella Reischer graduated from the "FAME" School in New York City and has a BS in psychology/ sociology with minors in Theatre and Elementary Education and received her professional training with the Charles and Lowe Studios in New York City. Ella has more than 30 years of experience in all aspects of theater from acting to directing to producing. She has performed as an actor in more than sixty plays and has directed in more than forty productions, overseas as well as in the United States. Ella has appeared on television in both sitcom and commercials and has acted in industrial films. Some of her favorite roles include Angel in "Celebration", Elvira in "Blithe Spirit" and Nancy in "Oliver".

Ella has an extensive theatre teaching background, specializing in teaching both children and adults. She was an instructor with Fairfax County's (Virginia) Educational Theatre Programs for more than 10 years. She also has taught theatre for many years in private schools including the Langley School in Northern Virginia. Since moving to NC last year, Ella has taught acting for Lincoln Elementary School, Thalian's children's programs and the Leland Cultural Center.

Marilyn Scott is thrilled to be working with TACT Academy! After recently moving from the Northern Virginia area, she looks forward to getting back to what she LOVES, helping young artists develop their talent in a fun and encouraging environment.

Marilyn has her undergraduate degree in Theatre Arts from Virginia Tech and received a Masters Degree in Educational Theatre from New York University and Bretton Hall College in England. She worked for the Green Mt. Guild Theatre for Children in Vermont, Actors Theatre of Louisville, KY, taught high school Drama and has managed and directed several youth theatre companies, including CYT Fredericksburg, where she taught, directed and served as Artistic Director.

Her most recent directing credits include: Alice in Wonderland, Les Mis, The Music Man, Guys and Dolls, The Sound of Music, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella, Tom Sawyer, Wizard of Oz, Seussical, Willy Wonka, Peter Pan, and Really Rosie.