

PALOMA SIERRA

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Carnegie Mellon University

- MFA Dramatic Writing, 2021
- BHA Creative Writing & Drama, Hispanic Studies minor, 2019

New Musicals Inc.

- Bookwriting Course, 2020

STUDY ABROAD

- Carnegie Mellon Qatar, 2018
- Argentina and Uruguay, 2017
- Spain and Colombia, 2015
- UK, France, et. al, 2012

SKILLS

- Multidisciplinary Collaboration
- Screenwriting & Playwriting
- Libretto, Book and Lyrics
- Syllabus & Course Design
- Spanish Native Fluency
- Literary Translation

HONORS

- Emerging Poet Laureate of Allegheny County, 2020-21
- City Theatre National Short Play Award Finalist for "Cola'o", 2020
- CMU Dietrich College Senior Honors Fellowship, 2018-19
- Puffin Foundation Grant to produce a verse play with Nuyorican Poets Cafe, 2018
- CMU Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2016
- AXA Achievement Community Scholarship, 2015

AFFILIATIONS

- Dramatist Guild of America
- New Play Exchange

WORK EXPERIENCE

Emerging Poet Laureate of Allegheny County

City of Asylum, Pittsburgh, PA | 2020 - 2021

- Curate a workshop series that reimagines poetry through theater and film.
- Develop free, virtual programming in collaboration with project manager.
- Outreach to and collaborate with 7 poet-playwrights and visual artists.

Curator and Co-Producer

Project -LOGUE Independent Project, Pittsburgh, PA | 2017 - 2019

- Curate an exhibit and publication showcasing the city's linguistic diversity.
- Produce with Dietrich Honors Fellowship and Charles C. Dawe Memorial grants.
- Collaborate with over 19 Pittsburgh-based writers, translators and artists.

Script Supervisor and Production Assistant, "Acting for the Camera"

Carnegie Mellon University School of Drama, Pittsburgh, PA | 2017 - 2019

- Log movements and camera settings to maintain continuity between shots.
- Manage props, video, media, sound and light equipment, as needed.

Program Assistant

Bolshoi Ballet Academy Summer Intensive, New York, NY | 2019

- Escort and supervise 50+ teen-aged dancers throughout the program.
- Deliver and transport materials, documents, or meals across the city.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, "Introduction to Playwriting" and "Playwriting: Choreopoems"

Carnegie Mellon University School of Drama, Pittsburgh, PA | 2020 - 2021

- Design and develop introductory and focused courses for 5-10 students.
- Teach traditional Playwriting and Choreopoems to undergraduates.

Poetry Writing Mentor

Carnegie Mellon University & Pittsburgh CAPA, Pittsburgh, PA | 2018

- Design and develop poetry writing exercises for 2 high school students.
- Mentor students through the creative writing and recitation processes.

Writing Workshop Instructor

Luis Muñoz Rivera Elementary School, San Juan, PR | 2013 - 2014

- Conduct essay and poetry writing workshops for over 20 students.
- Plan and develop a reading and workshop with an invited guest author.

PLAYWRITING EXPERIENCE

Cola'o: A Bilingual Trova	Theatre Now New York's Sound Bites 7.0	2021
	City Theatre National Short Play Award Finalist	2020
	Bridge: The Bluffton University Literary Journal	2019
Close But Not too Close!	Project Y's Women in Theatre Online Festival	2021
	New Musicals Inc. 15-Minute Musicals Festival	2020
YoUr ENgLIsh IS sO GoOd!	CMU Martin Luther King Jr. Special Playwriting Award	2020
	Poetic Theater Productions' November Open Session	2019
Rosa	White Snake Projects' Short Opera Commission	2020