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**EDUCATION**

University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

Master of Arts, Theater Performance, June 2023

Rabindra Bharati University Kolkata, India

Master of Fine Arts, Drama, August 2017

University of Information Technology & Sciences, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science & Engineering, May 2015

**THEATRE/ACTING EXPERIENCE**

**Arts for Learning WNY, Buffalo, New York**

**Teaching Artist, Theatre Performance,** *July 2023 – Present*

* Teach theatre games to middle and high school students
* Utilize improvisation techniques in the classroom setting
* Direct classroom performances

**Shea’s Performing Art Center, Buffalo, NY**

**Usher Volunteer**, August 2023 – Present

* Greet audience members in the building
* Settle seating disputes
* Guide audience members to entrances and exits

**Theatre Department, University at Buffalo**

**TH 540 – Graduate Studio Student,** *September 2022 – December 2022*

* Taught improvisation to students
* Different acting methods based on ancient Indian acting techniques, and Western acting methods
* Differentiated between contemporary and established acting methods

**Center For the Arts, University at Buffalo**

**Student Assistant,** January 2023 - May 2023

* Setup theater seating and staging for various performances
* Supervised ushers and other front-of-the-house staff to ensure a smooth flow of audience, provided assistance to patrons, managed crowd control, and handled any emergencies or disruptions during the performance
* Managed ticket sales, coordinated with the box office staff, and resolved any ticketing issues

**USA, Bangladesh, and India,** *2012-2021*

* Worked with Young Actors and Theater Tech Workers to facilitate performances
* Coached and taught techniques and tools associated with putting on performances
* Developed programs relating to theater performance and production.
* Brought in speakers and other performers to speak on craft
* Scheduled several events for my program in India.
* Worked in an office setting to facilitate communication between programmers
* Managed audience presence and engagement with productions.

**ACTING CREDITS**

* Student movies (15 Productions) at The State University of New York at Buffalo and in

Los Angeles, California.

* Two short movies with Pan American Films, Buffalo, NY.
* Several Street Plays on Social Issues.
* Performances based on Augusto Boal’s Technique
* Shadow Theatre Performance
* Mime Performances
* Sanskrit Play “*Abhigyan Shakuntalam*” by Ancient Indian Poet Kalidas’
* Waiting For Godot by Samuel Beckett
* Television Serial “*Poush Faguner* Pala”- (Story of The Spring and Winter), Written by

Gajendra Kumar Mitra

* Television Drama “*Chorer Bou*”- (The Thief’s Wife), Written and Directed by Shahnewaz

Kakoli

* The Snake Woman- based on Real Life Character, Observation of Snake Catchers in

Bangladesh

* Rhinoceros by Eugene Ionesco
* Old- World by Alexei Arbuzov
* *Sarisrip*- (Reptile), Bengali Play written by Bidhayak Vatyacharja
* Indigenous Theatre – *Leto* form, Play “*Shoti*”- by Kazi Nazrul Islam
* A Doll’s House by Henrik Ibsen
* *Satyasandha* - (Search for The Truth) by Buddhadeb Bosu
* *RAKTAKARABI*- (Red Oleanders) by First Bengali Noble Laurette Rabindranath Tagore

**SKILLS**

Language Proficiency: English, French, Hindi, Bengali

Technical Skills:Microsoft Word, Office, Excel, Outlook

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**Health Promotion, University at Buffalo**

**Student Assistant,** *September 2022 – March 2023*

* Organized food distribution to students in Student Union
* Interacted with students who require assistance with nutrition
* Provided information about how to access local organic foods and how to ensure food

safety and nutritional health through educational outreach

**Athletic Department, University at Buffalo**

**Student Assistant,** *September 2022 – May 2023*

* Greeted students into recreational facilities
* Helped to direct students to appropriate workout tools they require
* Organized records relating to facilities visits
* Performed office and administrative duties to assist with supervision

**Turnover Assistant, Campus Living,** December 2023 -January 2023

* Obtained keys from the community building to open apartment and bedrooms
* Remained at the station while cleaners maintain the building’s appearance
* Monitored cleaners to ensure that operations were performed properly