# **RICKY RAMÓN**

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#### **PROFILE**

- Earned three advanced degrees related to education, theater arts and performance theory
- o Twenty years professional experience educating college, high school and middle school students
- Directed more than thirty theater productions; Award winning theatre director
- Supervised all administrative functions of academic departments at three institutions
- Recognized for excellence in teaching and integrating art and diversity in the classroom
- Texas UIL One-Act Play Certified Critic Judge (TTAO Area, Region & State Recommended Judge)

#### **EDUCATION**

## Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Master of Education** in Arts in Education (GPA: 3.5)

Thesis: Drama & Controversy: A High School Curriculum on Controversial Dramatic Literature

Relevant Coursework:

Arts in Education (Year-Long Course)

Children's Literature

Creating Community in the Classroom

Adolescent Development

Teachers, Leadership, & Power

Principles & Policy Issues of College Admissions

Object-Based Learning & Teaching

Gender & Education

Role-Play as a Teaching Tool

## **New York University**, New York City, New York

Master of Arts in Performance Studies (GPA: 3.86)

Thesis: Transporting Pedagogy: Bringing Theatre to the Classroom and the Classroom to the Theatre Using Guillermo Reyes' <u>Deporting the Divas</u>

**Relevant Coursework:** 

**Introduction to Performance Studies** 

Body Politics: Foreign Bodies Projects in Performance Studies Rasaboxes Training - East Coast Artists

Abjection

Pedagogy, Politics, & Performance

Feminist Ethnography Theories of Directing Verbal Art as Performance

## Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

May 2003

June 2007

May 2006

Master of Fine Arts in Acting/Directing (GPA: 4.0 - Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society)

Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honor Society

Thesis: "You Have to Do Your Best to Say It Correct:" Directing <u>The Laramie Project</u> - Using Anne Bogart's *Viewpoints* 

**Relevant Coursework:** 

Seminar in Research Methods Advanced Summer Rep II

Advanced Scene Study Topics in Acting

Seminar in Voice and Movement Seminar in Dramatic Theory

Periods Styles of Acting (ISMs) Chicana/o Drama

Feminisms and Theatre Advanced Summer Rep I
Advanced Directing Special Problems in Directing

Sul Ross State University/Rio Grande Community College, Uvalde, Texas

May 2003

## **EDUCATION (continued)**

## University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and English (Major GPA: 3.5)

May 1999

**Relevant Coursework:** 

Introduction to Theatre Advanced Directing for the Stage

Drama and Directors Poetry and Performance
Theatre History Before 1700 Stage Management

Lighting Design and Methodology Shakespeare in Performance

Directing: Process

Theatre History After 1700

Costume Design and Methodology

Medieval Drama
Beginning Voice
Acting: Process

U/RTA Preparation

#### PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### The Howard University, Washington, D.C.

August 2017 – Present

Lecturer of Theatre

- Teach 4 courses per semester: Introduction to Theatre, Introduction to Acting, Acting II for Musical Theatre Majors, Kinesthetic Character Development and Storytelling, Theatre History I, and Theatre History II, Play Analysis, Production Practicum, and Stage Management.
- Supervised the Stage Management program for the production season,
- · Attended rehearsals and provided students with constructive feedback,
- Advised Theatre Major and Minor students,
- Recruited high school students for the Theatre major and minor program,
- Directed the spring musical, Urinetown the Musical, March 2019, and
- Directed the spring musical, *Pippin*, March 2020.

#### Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Washington D.C.

August 2017 - Present

Guest Teacher/Acting Coach

- Taught Acting classes at every level: freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors,
- Assisted directors in rehearsal for three productions, and
- Advised students on college auditions and the college application process.

## **Ramon Educational Consulting,** Austin, Texas

January 2009 - Present

**Educational Consultant** 

• Traveled throughout the State of Texas teaching administrators, teachers and students in acting, directing and arts integration.

## **Pearsall Independent School District**, Pearsall, Texas

February 2015 – February 2016

District Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction District Coordinator of College and Career Readiness District Coordinator of Parent and Community Engagement

## Hispanic Scholarship Consortium, Austin, Texas

February 2012 – January 2015

*Director of Programs & Operations* 

- Advised 100 Latino students throughout four years of college;
- · Developed, led workshops and administered the HSC Scholars Program; and
- Recruited high school students for the scholarship program



#### PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

## University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

August 2010 – December 2011

Visiting Faculty, College of the First Year of Studies

Visiting Faculty, Film, Television & Theatre

Visiting Faculty, Education, Schooling, & Society

Co-Director, Balfour-Hesburgh Scholars Program

- Taught <u>Directing: Process</u> & <u>Acting: Process</u> courses for Theatre Department;
- Taught Creativity & Innovation in the 21st Century Classroom for the Education Department;
- Taught Practicum in Diversity Training for the Psychology Department;
- Advised 160 First Year students throughout first year of college;
- Developed, led workshops and administered the Balfour-Hesburgh Scholars Program; and
- Advised the Texas Club & MEChA, and the Royal Shakespeare Company

## Southwest High School, San Antonio, Texas

June 2010 – August 2010

Director, Theatre Arts

- Directed THE GREEN BIRD by Carlo Gozzi; and
- Taught *Anne Bogart's Viewpoints* during a 6-week theatre summer program

## Henry Ford Academy, San Antonio, Texas

August 2009 – June 2010

Director of Theatre and Teacher of English I

- Directed A CHRISTMAS CAROL by Charles Dickens
- Taught five sections of Arts & Design Integrated English I course

## St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas

January 2009 – June 2009

Adjunct Faculty of University Programs

• Teach two sections of the American Experience course

## Worcester Academy, Worcester, Massachusetts

June 2008 – January 2009

John Hope Fellow, Theatre Arts

- Awarded the 2nd Fellowship in the Arts at Worcester Academy for Teachers of Color
- Directed THE LOVE OF THE NIGHTINGALE by Timberlake Wertenbaker
- Taught Theatre Arts IV: Theatre of the Absurd to Avant-Garde and Theatre Arts I

#### McCallum Fine Arts Academy, Austin, Texas

August 2007 – June 2008

Director of Theatre

- Awarded the International Theatre Award for Outstanding Theatre Program
  - Edinburgh Fringe Festival Scotland Directed <u>RECKLESS</u> by Craig Lucas
- Supervised THE ONE-Act Play Student Festival May 2008
- Directed ONCE ON THIS ISLAND, OEDIPUS REX and Co-Directed METAMORPHOSES
- Taught Theatre Arts I-IV and Theatre Production I-IV

## The Coach Program, West Roxbury, Massachusetts

September 2006 – December 2006

Teri Foundation College Access Teacher

**Boston Arts Academy**, Boston, Massachusetts

September 2006 – December 2006

Volunteer Master Teacher

## PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

## The Writers' Express, Cambridge, Massachusetts

June 2006-September 2006

Senior Teacher

## Alvarado High School, Alvarado, Texas

October 2003 – June 2005

Director of Theatre

- Awarded the International Theatre Award for Outstanding Theatre Program Edinburgh Fringe Festival – Scotland
- Supervised the 1st and 2nd Annual Golden Arrow One-Act Play Student Festival May 2004/2005
- Directed and Co-Directed numerous UIL One-Act Plays and productions
- Coached the UIL Speech Prose Interpretation Regionals 2nd Place; State Finalist 5th Place
- Coached UIL Speech Team District Champions, Regional Qualifiers in Prose and Poetry Interpretation
- Taught Theatre Arts I-IV, Technical Theatre I-IV, Theatre Production I-IV, Speech Communication and two College Dual Credit Courses (Introduction to Acting I and Introduction to Film Studies)

#### Hill College, Hillsboro, Texas

August 2004 – June 2005

Instructor of Record

• Taught Introduction to Acting & Introduction to Film: The Development of the Motion Picture

#### **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, Texas

August 2001 – June 2003

*Instructor of Record* 

• Taught Introduction to Acting courses for non-major undergraduates

## **Angel Fire Mountain Theatre**, Angel Fire, New Mexico

Summer 2002

Actor/Light Board Operator/Lead Teacher

- Played the role of Judas in GODSPELL directed by Cleo House, Jr. and Doctor in BABY directed by Cathy Alleman
- Operated the lighting board for BUS STOP directed by Scott Crew
- Supervised all teachers for the Children's Theatre Program

## Pearsall High School, Pearsall, Texas

December 1999 – May 2001

Director of Theatre

- Directed UIL One-Act plays
- Taught American Literature, Theatre Arts I-IV, and Speech Communications
- Sponsored and coached Cheerleading

## **Pearsall Junior High School**, Pearsall, Texas

August 1999 – December 2000

Director of Theatre

- Directed and Co-directed UIL One-Act Plays
- Taught High School: 6th Grade Gifted and Talented Language Arts, 6th Grade Language Arts

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#### **DIRECTING EXPERIENCE**

Asst. Director There's Always the Hudson Woolly Mammoth Theatre
Director Pippin Howard University

Director Failure: A Love Story Imagination Stage
Director Urinetown the Musical Howard University
Director Retribution (staged reading) Howard University

Director Deporting the Divas (staged reading)
Director Dark of the Moon Theatre Alliance, Washington DC
Ft. Bend ISD Summer Camp

Director Nuestra Pastorela Teatro Vivo
Director Aye, No! Teatro Vivo
Director Luchadora! Teatro Vivo

Director The Love of the Nightingale San Antonio College Camp

Director El Jardin Viviente Teatro Vivo

Director The Green Bird Southwest High School
Director A Christmas Carol Henry Ford Academy
Director The Love of the Nightingale Worcester Academy

DirectorOnce On This IslandMcCallum Fine Arts AcademyDirectorOedipus RexMcCallum Fine Arts AcademyDirectorMetamorphosesMcCallum Fine Arts Academy

Scenes from Deporting the Divas Director New York University A Midsummer Night's Dream Alvarado High School Director Director Into the Woods Alvarado High School Alvarado High School Macbeth Director Director The Crucible Waxahachie High School Director Tartuffe Alvarado High School The Rimers of Eldritch Alvarado High School Director Alvarado High School Director 1984 Alvarado High School Director Godspell Director And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson Alvarado High School Director The Laramie Project **Texas Tech University** The Rimers of Eldritch **Texas Tech University** Director Pearsall High School Director Marisol Director Noises Off Pearsall Junior High The Marriage of Bette and Boo Director Pearsall High School Pearsall Junior High Director Revnard the Fox

Director Breakdown University of Notre Dame And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson University of Notre Dame Director University of Notre Dame Director Paper Toilet The Buffeting from Wakefield University of Notre Dame Director Director The Scourging from Wakefield University of Notre Dame Director Los Vendidos University of Notre Dame Director A Midsummer Night's Dream Pearsall High School Pearsall High School Director Dark of the Moon

#### PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

This Bitter Earth Theater Alliance Stage Manager Stage Manager Day of Absence Theater Alliance Stage Manager Klytmnestra: An Epic Slam Poem Theater Alliance Designer\* A Midsummer Night's Dream Alvarado High School Lighting/Sound Designer Into The Woods Alvarado High School Lighting/Sound Designer Macbeth Alvarado High School Lighting/Sound Designer Tartuffe Alvarado High School The Rimers of Eldritch Alvarado High School Designer\* Designer\* Godspell Alvarado High School Designer\* And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson Alvarado High School Costume Designer A Doll's House **Texas Tech University** Designer\* Marisol Pearsall High School Video Operator Le Griffon JumpStart Performing Co. Designer\* The Marriage of Bette and Boo Pearsall High School Designer\* Revnard the Fox Pearsall Junior High Co-Writer Breakdown University of Notre Dame Stage Manager The Colored Museum University of Notre Dame Stage Manager University of Notre Dame Bums 25 Psychics with Lauren Tom University of Notre Dame Stage Manager Stage Manager **Blak Images** University of Notre Dame Lighting Designer Helen University of Notre Dame Costume Crew As You Like It University of Notre Dame Costume Crew The Imaginary Invalid University of Notre Dame **Sound Operator** As You Like It University of Notre Dame Spot Light Operator Coaches University of Notre Dame **Student Coordinator Edward James Olmos Lecture** University of Notre Dame Student Coordinator University of Notre Dame Beniamin and Peter Bratt Lecture

#### PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Judas/John the Baptist Godspell Angel Fire Theatre Doctor Weiss/ Professor **Baby Angel Fire Theatre** Ariel **Texas Tech University** The Tempest Chorus 110 in the Shade **Texas Tech University** Breakdown University of Notre Dame Lenny University of Notre Dame Simon The Scourging from Wakefield Michael the Archangel Christ's Passion: Medieval Mystery University of Notre Dame The Grapes of Wrath University of Notre Dame Boy Johnny Pachuco Los Vendidos University of Notre Dame Senator Three Othello University of Notre Dame Scapino A Company of Wayward Saints Pearsall High School Puck A Midsummer Night's Dream Pearsall High School John Boy Dark of the Moon Pearsall High School Mr. Nickels Pearsall High School The Children's Story Pearsall High School Joey

<sup>\*</sup>Designed costumes, lights, sound, and set

The Barrie School with Imagination Stage November 2018 "Community Building Using Theatre" with Joanne Seelig **Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center – National Theatre Institute** October 2018

"Social Justice & Theatre Making" with Nicole Brewer

TETA SummerFest Conference, McMurry University, Abilene, Texas July 2014

"Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

"Richard Schechner's Rasaboxes" "David Ball's Backwards & Forwards"

**UIL Capital Conference,** Austin, Texas July 2014

"Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

Texas State University Theatre Educators Conference, San Marcos, Texas June 2014 "Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

Texas Thespian State Convention (15 workshops), Dallas, Texas November 2013

"Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

"Richard Schechner's Rasaboxes"

"David Ball's Backwards & Forwards"

Actor Training Intensive Workshop (3 days), Waxahachie High School November 2013

"Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

"Richard Schechner's Rasaboxes"

"David Ball's Backwards & Forwards"

Teacher Professional Development, Edinburg ISD August 2013

"Anne Bogart's Vocal Viewpoints"

Actor Training Intensive Workshop (5 days), Waxahachie & Ennis High Schools October 2012 "Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

Teacher Professional Development, Edinburg ISD August 2012

"Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

Actor Training Intensive Workshop (3 days), Lindale High School February 2012

"Richard Schechner's Raxaboxes"

Teacher Professional Development, Cedar Hill ISD February 2012

"Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

Texas Educational Theatre Association State Convention, Houston, Texas January 2011 "Color Blind Casting with Ezekiel Morgan"

San Antonio College Summer Camp, San Antonio, Texas July 2010

"Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

Texas Educational Theatre Association State Convention, Dallas, Texas January 2008

"Richard Schechner's Rasaboxes"

Texas International Thespian Festival, Ft. Worth, Texas November 2007

"Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

"Richard Schechner's Rasaboxes"

Texas Educational Theatre Association State Convention, Houston, Texas January 2007 "TETA/AO Critic Judges Panel Discussion on Color Blind Casting with Paula Rodriguez"

**Texas Educational Theatre Association State Convention, Austin, Texas** January 2006

"Anne Bogart's Viewpoints"

"Richard Schechner's Rasaboxes"

National Communication Association National Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana Jan. 2003

"Waking Up a Community: The Laramie Project in Small Town America"



#### **ORGANIZATIONS**

## Latinx Theatre Commons (LTC)

Hispanic Austin Leadership Alumni – Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society • Alpha Psi Omega • UIL TTAO Adjudicators
Texas Educational Theatre Association • SouthWest Theatre and Film Association

#### **AWARDS & HONORS**

John Hope Fellowship • Alvarado High School's 2005 Teacher of the Year •

National Chancellor's Fellowship

Outstanding Costume Design • Notre Dame - La Alianza's Sophomore of the Year and Senior of the Year

Notre Dame's Holy Cross Award • NAACP Image Award for Artisan of the Year in Performing Arts