

Chelsea Hanawalt (*She/Her*)

Applied Theatre Practitioner, Drama Therapy Coach, Educator & Facilitator

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Personal Summary

Chelsea is an enthusiastic educator, applied theatre practitioner, facilitator, and future drama therapist with over 12 years of teaching experience and two decades in the creative and performing arts. She integrates movement, storytelling, and role-playing into her work, fostering dynamic and immersive experiences. Chelsea is currently pursuing certification as a Registered Drama Therapist. Chelsea is passionate about social justice, disability justice, environmentalism, and experiential learning. She holds a Master's in Applied Theatre from CUNY's School of Professional Studies, where her thesis explored deepening community through playbuilding and group theatre activities with men and women living in a housing program. Chelsea co-founded *boom! Theatre*, an original works theatre company that operated in Seattle, WA, and New York City from 2010 to 2017. In 2019, she apprenticed with the award winning Creative Arts Team Youth Theatre. She is a co-founder of *The Journey Theatre Project*, a women-led company facilitating artistic programs and anti-racist, anti-bias trainings. She is also a member of *Sun Moon Stars*, a collective that produces creative nature retreats. Additionally, she founded *allow the sun* and *allow imagination*, where she facilitates creative drama therapy coaching and creative arts programming.

Education

Present	The Drama Therapy Institute of Los Angeles, Drama Therapy Credential, LA
June 2019	CUNY, School of Professional Studies, Masters of Arts in Applied Theatre , NY
May 2010	Summa Cum Laude graduate, Cornish College of the Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts , Seattle, WA
June 2006	Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts (PCPA), Associates Degree , Santa Maria, CA

Work Experience

1/19-present • **Co-founder**, Journey Theatre Project, Brooklyn, NY
9/24-present • **Drama Teacher**, Bellevue Childrens Academy, Bellevue, WA
11/23-8/24 • **Teacher, Drama Therapy** Buckle My Shoe, New York, NY
8/23-11/23 • **Theatre Teacher**, Growing up Green Charter School, Queens, NY
12/21-7/23 • **Teaching Artist/Workshop Facilitator**, Yo Re Mi, Brooklyn NY
5/23-6/23 • **Drama Therapy Facilitator**, Limitless Health Institute, New York, NY
1/22-6/23 • **Music Theatre Teacher**, Greenwich Music School, New York, NY
8/19-1/21 • **Applied Theatre Teacher** The Co-op School, Brooklyn, NY

Facilitator

2024 **North American Drama Therapy Association**, Eastern Region Symposium
2023 **Sun Moon Stars**, Nature Retreat
2022 **Sun Moon Stars**, Nature Retreat
2021 **The Journey Theatre Project**, CUNY (City University of New York)
2021 **The Journey Theatre Project**, Idaho State University
2021 **The Journey Theatre Project**, PCPA Pacific Conservatory Theatre
2021 **The Journey Theatre Project**, Jenison International Conservatory
2019 **Creative Arts Team**, Youth Theatre Apprentice
2019 **The Journey Theatre Project**, Bowery Mission
2018 **Autumnal Mystical Workshop**, CUNY (City University of New York)
2018 **Brooklyn Latin High School/Lyons Community School** Process Drama
2017 **SAGE LGBTQ Senior Center**, CUNY (City University of New York)

Publication

2019 "Lessons in Homemaking: Devising Theatre with Men and Women in Transitional Housing."

www.etudesonline.com/dec2019hanawalt.html

Other Experience/Certificates/Awards

2021 **Yo Re Mi**, NY - 30-hour Children's Yoga Teacher Training certificate.

2019 **Glowing Heart Reiki School**, NY - Reiki practitioner training

2016 **Marquis Studios**, NY - TATI Participant, arts education training for individuals interested in working with students on the autism spectrum

2016 **Fresh Ground Pepper**, NY - BRB Retreat Participant

2015 **Hosh Yoga**, NY - 25-HR Kids Yoga Teacher Training

2012 **New York Fringe Festival Overall Excellence Award** - Box Play by boom! Theatre

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