

Statement of Belief and Teaching Philosophy

- I believe in laughing.

- I believe in imagination.

- I believe that a little color makes everything better.

- I believe in the power of theatre, and that all children should be able to participate.

- I believe that one really great teacher can change a child's life.

My teaching philosophy is that a classroom should be a safe and caring place for students to learn and blossom, and expand themselves as theatre artists. I value a sense of community in my classes. My goal is to create spaces where my students feel comfortable learning through play, and establish these spaces via the use of community agreements. I believe that learning, regardless of environment, should be full of opportunities for students to lead and to participate. I believe that theatre is a unique and powerful tool to engage youth with the world around them. More than anything, I work hard to create learning environments in which my students feel emotionally protected and safe enough to explore and express emotions.