

SAMMY RIVAS

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EDUCATION

New York University, Tisch School of the Arts, New York, NY May 2023
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Drama GPA: 3.7

New York University in Berlin, Berlin, Germany Jan - May 2022
Study Abroad, Coursework in Stanislavski, Brecht, & the Post-Dramatic

WORK EXPERIENCE

Production Intern, Teatro SEA, New York, NY Summer 2022

- Assist in tech, pre-production, & production for shows
- Research to establish partnerships with non-profit organizations

Retail Scooper, Van Leeuwen Ice Cream, New York, NY Summer 2021, 2022

Shift Lead, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Raleigh, NC Summer 2017, 2019, 2020

ORIGINAL WORKS

Writer/Composer/Producer/Puppetmaker, Gutter Soup, New York, NY, 2020-23

- Created and composed original satirical puppet musical feature film
- Recruited production team of over 40 artists consisting of puppeteers, film crew, and art and costume designers
- Led production team in shooting two proof of concept short films

Puppetmaker, Miss Sara's Music Room, Fine Young Man Productions, New York, NY, 2021-23

- Commissioned to design and build puppets for new children's TV series

Co-Founder, The Fool Volk, New York, NY, 2022-23

- Co-founder of community driven theater collective The Fool Volk
- Co-curator for Fool Volk art exhibition at La MaMa Galleria

Puppetmaker/Songwriter, Drive the Speed Limit, The Tank NYC, New York, NY, 2022

- Designed and built shadow puppets and original songs for new theatrical play

Composer, Decaer, NYU Tisch Mainstage Production, New York, NY, 2022

- Composed score for the selected original NYU StudentWorks play

Director/Writer/Composer, Cigarette of Love, New York, NY, 2021

- Director, writer, and lead actor in musical short film, with original score and music

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Showcase of Puppet & Film Work at La MaMa Galleria, Nomination Best Actor DPAC's Triangle Rising Stars (Jimmy Awards), NC Filmworks Short Film Selection, State Finalist NEA Music Theater Songwriting Challenge, NC Burning Coal Playwright Selection, '21-22 NYU Honor Roll & Dean's List

SKILLS

- Music Mixing & Mastering
 - Adobe Premiere & iMovie
 - Proficient in Microsoft & Google Suites
 - Music Composition, Theory, & Notation
 - Singing in Several Styles
 - Playwriting and Screenwriting
 - Full Band Orchestrating
 - Skilled in Piano, Guitar, & Bass
 - Logic, Garageband, & MuseScore
 - Intermediate Spanish
 - Beginner German
 - Contemporary, Hip Hop, & Tap Dance
 - Improvisation
 - Puppeteering and Puppet Making
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