

# TAYLOR FONO

## EDUCATION

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**University of Oklahoma** August 2014-May 2018  
BFA in Drama with Concentration in Acting and Directing  
Helene C. Lottinville Prize First Place Recipient from the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts

**Teaching Certification** May 2019  
Texas Teachers of Tomorrow

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Tays Jr. High School** Katy, Texas August 2018 – Present  
Katy Independent School District  
*Theatre Arts Teacher/Program Director*  
Teacher for Theatre Arts Program for grades 6-8. Director and producer for school plays, musicals, competitions, and variety shows. In charge of technical execution and ensuring student safety. Responsible for students being engaged in all aspects of the theatre. Oversees audition process and casting process.  
*Sections Taught:* Intro to Acting, Play/character analysis, Improvisation, Playwriting, Set Design, Props Design, Costume Design, Directing, Puppetry, Auditioning, Monologue, Scene Study, Makeup Design.

**Spotlight Acting Academy** Katy, Texas August 2019-December 2019  
*On Camera Technique Instructor*  
*Sections Taught:* Two On Camera Acting Technique classes for students aged 7-11 and 12-18. Students learn basics of on-camera technique, auditioning, improv, and character development. Students learn about marketing materials, headshots and resumes, demos, self tapes, and industry resources like Casting Networks and Actors Access.

**Republic Gymnastics and Dance** Katy, Texas October 2019-Present  
*Resident Acting Technique Teacher*  
*Sections Taught:* Resident acting technique teacher to advanced dance company, teaching the areas of auditioning, monologue technique, cold reading, character development, and scene work.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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**Williamstown Theatre Festival** Williamstown, MA June 2018 – August 2018  
Professional Training Program  
*PTP Workshop Intern*  
Administrative leader to Professional Training Program Apprentice Company of 70 actors. Cultivated daily schedules and rehearsal schedules. Served as producer for independent projects and annual "Apprentice Night". Responsible for running Apprentice auditions, establishing relationships with guest artists, facilitating workshops and discussion panels, and cultivating core classes within the program. Extensive use of Google and Excel programs.

**Freihofer Casting** Norman, OK August 2017 – December 2017  
CSA Casting Director Chris Freihofer  
*Casting Intern*  
Helped with casting on major SAG feature films, television shows, commercials, and various other projects under CSA casting director Chris Freihofer. Aided in video and lighting production with on-camera auditions, as well as running Fast Capture software.

