

Julie Binus is a past student and longtime instructor of the ACT Drama camps. This will be Julie's 18th year teaching with ACT. Julie has a B.A. in Theater as well as a B.S. in Elementary Education. She has taught at other children's theater workshops in the past in Arizona and Pennsylvania.

Lucy May Craig works full-time as a special education teacher at Altoona Area Junior High School. She has always had a love of theatre, and is now involved both on and offstage with Altoona Community Theatre, Altoona Area High School, Cresson Lake Playhouse, and Things Unseen Theatre. She joined ACT last year and has been involved in nine different productions since November of 2021. Lucy has background in acting, stage managing, lighting, props, and in children's theatre with kids from ages 5-18.

Sherri Elle has performed and volunteered with ACT since 1992 (favorite role: Ursula in The Little Mermaid.) After participating in drama camps for many years, she taught her first in 2002. She has since directed kids as young as 5 and taught GED classes to students up to age 24. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Integrative Arts with a concentration in Arts Management (Penn State Altoona.) Sherri worked in nonprofit arts and educational institutions for 10+ years, including ACT.

Mara Guinard has been involved with Altoona community theatre since 2015. She has been involved in ACT drama camps for a few summers now. From Directing C to K camps she has worked with all ages. She is also the Director for Hollidaysburg Area Children's Theatre (HACT) and Stage Manager for the Bellwood- Antis High School musicals. She was last seen as Miss. Minnow, and The Octopus in ACT's family theatre production of The Rainbow Fish. And As Rapunzel in ACT's Into the Woods May 2024. When she is not on stage you can find her coaching rec competition cheerleading for Bellwood, singing in her church's choir, working as a teacher assistant at Headstart, or at her nephews many sporting events. Mara is super excited to be mentoring young theatre lovers this summer.

Jillian Pierannunzio is a new, enthusiastic drama camp instructor with a strong background in theatre from both high school and college experiences. She is a current student in Elementary Education at Point Park University. She served as the student director at McAuliffe Heights Elementary School for two years, helping guide young performers and in support of their productions. She was a long-time student and assistant with ACT's drama camps, gaining hands-on experience working with students in a creative environment. She is passionate about helping young actors build confidence and express themselves in a positive and inclusive space.

Kayla Rosas is so excited to be teaching drama camps at Altoona Community Theatre again this summer! Kayla is a Title I Aide at Juniata Gap Elementary by day and a theatre lover by night! As a former student in Missoula Children's Theatre and now an active participant in ACT's Mainstage shows, she has been involved in many productions throughout her time. She has played Miss Honey in ACT's "Matilda The Musical" and Hetty in P&J Productions' "Sleepy Hollow The Musical", and most directed the BCAF Family Theatre show "The Rainbow Fish Musical".

Gina Volpe has been a 3rd Grade teacher for 11 years and an active member of Altoona Community Theatre and other area theatres for 25 years! Most recently for ACT, she played Cynthia in A Dickens Christmas Carol (A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts), The Baker's Wife in Into the Woods, and directed Pinkalicious for BCAF's Family Theatre Series. She loves reading, playing her favorite role of "aunt Gigi" to Richie, Betty, Desi, Cam, and Ari, and sharing her love of theatre with others (especially kids!).

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