

# Rosanna Forrest

## Contact

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## Education

MFA, University of New  
Hampshire, Durham, NH

BA, University of Virginia,  
Charlottesville, VA

## Key Skills

Written and verbal  
communication  
Strategic planning  
Relationship cultivation  
Public speaking  
Team building  
Project management  
Critical thinking

## Affiliations & Publications

National Guild for  
Community Arts Education

MNPS STEAM Advisory  
Council

Nashville LGBT Chamber

The Porch Literary Center

Brave New Art Podcast

Publications can be found at  
rosieforrest.com

## Objective

Demonstrated leader in community engagement, education and the arts, seeking an integral role within an institution for higher education to enrich community relationships and collaborations by strengthening existing partnerships and forging new ones.

## Director of Community Engagement

OZ Arts, Nashville, TN

August 2018 – PRESENT

Conceive, develop, and implement meaningful community and education experiences designed for Nashville's emerging artists, youth, and historically underserved populations, always in open dialogue with communities served. Position OZ Arts as a hub for arts access, free public programs, and corporate and nonprofit partnerships to expand community reach.

## Assistant Director, Academic and Residential Programs

Vanderbilt Programs for Talented Youth, Nashville, TN

October, 2013 – June, 2018

Oversaw academic and residential programs for more than 600 gifted middle and high school students annually, including course selection, hiring process for more than 75 faculty and administrators, program leadership, student life experience, parent communication, community standards, EDI support and training, student supervision and overall well-being.

## Literary Manager & Dramaturg

Northlight Theater, Chicago, IL

February, 2003 – June, 2007

Cultivated and realized Northlight Theatre's commitment to the development of new work for the American theatre, collaborating with the artistic director in all season, strategic, and long-range planning. Launched new play development initiative, which continues to this day.

## Instructor of Writing and Theater Courses

Vanderbilt University, Northwestern University, UNH, DePaul, National High School Institute, Interlochen Arts Academy

Fall 2003 – 2018

Developed numerous courses, including first year persuasive/analytical writing courses, fiction and creative nonfiction, playwriting, and hybrid genres.