

# ORIANA LEE

Santa Fe, NM | [REDACTED]

## SUMMARY

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**I'm a whole systems thinker who understands the relationships between quality non-profit programming, arts, social justice, community participation, and input. Always in roles involving strategic planning and leadership, facilitation, teaching, curricula development, and outreach, I use my successes as fuel and evidence that growth and evolution through research, critical thinking, and collaboration create brave and conscious change agents and quality, culturally relevant programs and partnerships. Well-being, mindfulness, and mental health are core components considered in my programming and facilitation.**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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SEPTEMBER 2024 – NOW

**Teaching Artist (Contract)** Santa Fe Public Schools Visiting Artist; Santa Fe Opera (ALTO); Museum of Modern Native Arts, Artworks, Santa Fe, New Mexico

- Teach and manage/develop curriculum for schools and other government educational organizations, and Pueblos in the subject areas of art, poetry, and Hip-hop
- Conduct museum tours around centered exhibitions

MAY 2010 – NOW

**Well-being Coach & Educator**, ESHE Wellness & Art, LLC., Memphis, Tennessee; Santa Fe, New Mexico

- Assists individuals with achieving life goals by providing them with the proper tools for success
- Assists organizations with personal development skills that create unity within the organization while strengthening the organization's bottom line
- World-recognized human rights activist, speaker, and advocate
- Founded and implemented, and continue to facilitate life coaching components in Wise Fool programming and classes
- Critical-thinker and solution-focused problem-solver and leader
- Facilitates "restorative justice"/mediation style healing processes for government, non-profit organizations, and businesses, with both youth and adults
- Facilitates art workshops with businesses, non-profits, and companies across New Mexico
- Facilitates mindfulness workshops and classes with businesses, non-profits, and companies across New Mexico
- Manages and facilitates ESHE Women's Group and Parenting group
- Manages and facilitates Lit Sanctuary

MARCH 2016 – NOW

**Teaching Artist & Performer**, Wise Fool New Mexico, Santa Fe, New Mexico

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- Teach and manage/develop curriculum in several programs and dozens of classes across multiple circus disciplines, across a wide range of programming.
  - Directs several performance shows

MARCH 2016 – MAY 2022

**Co-Executive Director of Education, Outreach Director and Employee Relations, Teaching Artist & Performer, Wise Fool New Mexico, Santa Fe, New Mexico**

- Teach and manage/develop curriculum in several programs and dozens of classes across multiple circus disciplines, across a wide range of programming with youth and adults.
- Participates in and contributes to the design and development of curricula, strategic planning, evaluation, organizational leadership, and professional development.
- Identifies opportunities for need and collaboration within the organization and the community and creates pathways for partnership.
- Identifies opportunities for organizational growth, development, and evaluation; coaches and develops training for organizational teachers and leadership.
- Facilitates and participates in necessary professional development.
- Identifies curricula and teaching development opportunities by creating consistent, measurable outcomes and best practices.
- Program management: Elevate, CircAspire; BUST; youth and afterschool programs and camps
- Performs in Circus Luminous (2016-2018) professional show
- Directs several performance shows
- Participates in the development of program budgets
- Manages a staff of 20+ employees

JUNE 2000 – NOW

**Freelance Journalist/Writer, Nashville & Memphis, TN; Santa Fe, New Mexico**

- Have written primarily articles on entertainment, celebrity interviews, and socio-political subjects
- Some of the publications include: Santa Fe Reporter; USA Today; Tennessee Tribune, All the Rage; Big Wheel at the Cracker Factory
- Have written several theatrical scripts for performance

JANUARY 2000 – MAY 2024

**Head Master True Skool Academy, Nashville & Memphis, TN; Santa Fe, New Mexico**

- Two decades of ongoing curricula design, development, implementation, and evaluation for K-12, across all disciplines.
- Holds and is responsible for the implementation of the big-picture overview of all educational programs, including adhering to federal and state standards and expectations.
- Graduated our high school graduates, and one 8th-grade graduate
- Integrates self-empowerment into all educational programming
- Nationally recognized leading-edge educator in the homeschool movement
- Runs a technology-based, human rights-centered, entrepreneurial school

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**VOLUNTEER WORK**

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May 2010– NOW

**Performer**, Santa Fe Women's March

**Volunteer**, Wise Fool NM, Santa Fe, NM; Vital Spaces

**Board Member**, Y.U.W.S.C. Board Secretary, Plant-Based Food Festival, Memphis Homeschool Association

**Group Leader**, Ebony Homeschoolers

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## SKILLS

- Education and curriculum development
- Conflict resolution with youth and adults
- Strong oral and written communication skills, using Google Suite, Microsoft Office, and social Media
- Experience creating and managing budgets, using Excel and/or Quickbooks
- Strong leadership skills with the ability to organize multiple programs at a time and to plan ahead
- Leadership in social justice, anti-oppression, mindfulness, and self-empowerment activities with youth and adults
- Experience with website content management and registration software

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## EDUCATION

2014

Life Coaching Institute of Orange County, New York

Life Coaching Certification

2013

Harding Graduate School of Theology, Memphis, Tennessee

Masters in Counseling, Marriage & Family Therapy/ Pastoral Counseling

*Completed 65 hours toward M.A.*

2000

Tennessee State University, Tennessee

Bachelor of Arts, English & Professional Writing with Teacher's Certification, Cum Laude (3.4)

Phi Theta Kappa, Honor Society

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## CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

2023-2024

Leadership Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM

Participant

2022

Creative Startups, Santa Fe, NM

Participant

2022

American Circus Educators Conference (ACE), Austin, TX

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Facilitated Director's Talk and Queer Community Circle

2019

American Youth Circus Organization Festival (AYCO), San Diego, CA  
Taught Stiltwalking workshops

2018

American Circus Educators Conference (ACE), Atlanta, GA