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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HERO Theatre

Associate Producing Artistic Director

Los Angeles, CA

11/2023-Current

- Point-producer of four (4) world premieres: *The Secret of the Coral Reef* by Elisa Bocanegra, *The Young Dolphins: Chapter 1 & 2* by Elisa Bocanegra (2025), and *LUZMI* by Diana Burbano (2024).
 - *The Young Dolphins* is a TYA ecological play series presented to 6,000+ students in L.A. public schools. Doubled as the production manager on both chapters, creating all load-in & strike schedules, earning trust and collaboration with the general managers of the venue, and hiring outside crew to ensure a smooth process. *Chapter 1* was a success, leading to schools requesting for second and third chapters.
- Organize multiple in-person and virtual new play development workshops.
- Oversee the operations of the L.A. office, including tracking the company's expenses, income, & all artist payments per fiscal year.
- Create budgets for all theatrical productions and workshops.
- Write and complete federal, state and foundation grant applications and reports, including compiling work samples and creating budgets per application.
- Write and distribute artist contracts.
- Helped organize the company's community-based initiatives, such as scheduling private transportation for 300+ residents and staff of local women's shelters to attend our productions.
- Supervised interns from 2024-2026 in producing and marketing disciplines.
- Design the company's newsletters, which include ticket news, fundraising, & cast announcements, and social media posts.
- Maintain the calendar of local & international rehearsals, workshops, performances, research trips, & classes.

Space Gems Productions

Production Assistant/On-Set Personal Artist Assistant

Los Angeles, CA

06/2024

- Provided on-set support for the "CapitaliZoo" and "Honey Bee" music videos (2026) by Beren Saat (dir. Ecem Lawton), assisting with real-time needs to keep the shoot moving efficiently.
- Served as personal assistant to Saat, anticipating needs, maintaining a calm & professional on-set presence.

LEADERSHIP/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HERO Theatre

Teaching Artist

Los Angeles, CA

06/2025-07/2025

- Co-built a 4-week performance curriculum for children ages 5-11 at a local transitional housing shelter.
- Taught acting principles, monologue & scene studies, and theatre games to class participants.
- Directed youth participants in a variety show presented at the shelter.

EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, Minor in Communication Design.

Los Angeles, CA

Graduated 2023

- Graduated summa cum laude and in honors.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Skills: Google Drive, Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Word, Canva, iMovie (Expert); Advanced in acting & performance;

Languages: English (Native), Turkish (Proficient), Spanish (Conversational).

REFERENCES

Elisa Bocanegra – Founder/Producing Artistic Director, HERO Theatre: elisa@herotheatre.org