

## JACQUELINE COLEMAN NAMED STATE ARTS EDUCATION CONSULTANT

**Jackie Coleman** learned early on that the arts were a part of her DNA. Dancing in the Nutcracker with the Youngstown Ballet during second grade, singing with the Vocal Ensemble in a high school music class and rallying friends to rehearse an original play after school all prepared her to be the professional she is today.



Currently, Jackie serves as the Education Consultant for the Arts with the Connecticut State Department of Education. To help Jackie in making Connecticut the best place in the country for arts learning - find her on LinkedIn!

In her last position as Senior Executive Advisor for the Arts with Hartford Public Schools, Jackie galvanized Hartford's arts and business community along with the school district's staff to form a public/private partnership intended to inspire student success through the arts. (This partnership is now formally a non-profit organization called Hartford Performs). While in Hartford she also designed an 18-month plan to problem solve curriculum challenges in an urban portfolio school district. Her strategy to fortify the position of the arts in the district through increased public student performances, national conference presentations and ongoing advocacy has engaged not only the students of Hartford but the district staff and parents as well.

Prior to Hartford Schools, Jackie worked as the Director of Education at Hartford Stage. Her most exciting accomplishment during her time there was expanding the reach of *Connections* – a theatre literacy program – across the state. Additionally, she created *Innovations* – a science/theatre residency, formed the Hartford Stage Young Company, designed a multitude of interdistrict and after school programs, increased professional development opportunities and initiated their adult acting series.

Jackie is a Master Teaching Artist on the roster for the Connecticut Office of the Arts visiting classrooms with arts integrated lessons aligned to curriculum. She has 15 years of acting credits in and around New York City and Connecticut. She holds an MFA from the University of South Carolina and a BFA from the University of Connecticut.