



# RENITA JAMES

TEACHING ARTIST. DIRECTOR. DEVISER.

I am currently a 3rd year MFA candidate at the University of Texas at Austin. I have directed: *Cake and Broccoli*, *Fishing for Stars* (a new theatre for the very young piece), and *Remember* (a theatre for the very young piece that I co-devised with teenagers). My research interests include play creation with and for youth and Black Queer Feminist Facilitation practices. I am interested in creating spaces and practices that invite authenticity and play into the process. Below you will find a sample of some of my work.

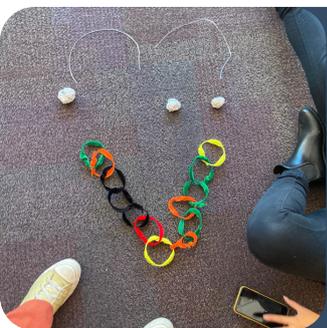


## *Remember: An interactive Play for the Very Young*

Devising and directing a theatre production for 0-5 year olds and their family. This piece explores friendship, memory, and learning to compromise. Currently in development.

## *Fishing For Stars /Sea of Stars*

Directed and coached devisers as they created two brand new interactive theatre pieces for 0-5 year olds. These pieces were presented at the end of spring semester 2022.



## *The Materials That Make Us*

Co-developed and directed a museum theatre production inspired by the works and life of visual artist Melvin Edwards. This play was created for kindergartners and staged at both UT and the Pittsburgh Children's Museum.