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Our workshops help with self confidence, speech, eye contact, diction, public speaking, reading, presentation, memory, and so much more in a fun and interactive way!

These skills are essential for adults with developmental disabilities. Students learn important life skills that will help them in any avenue of life, especially when advocating for themselves.

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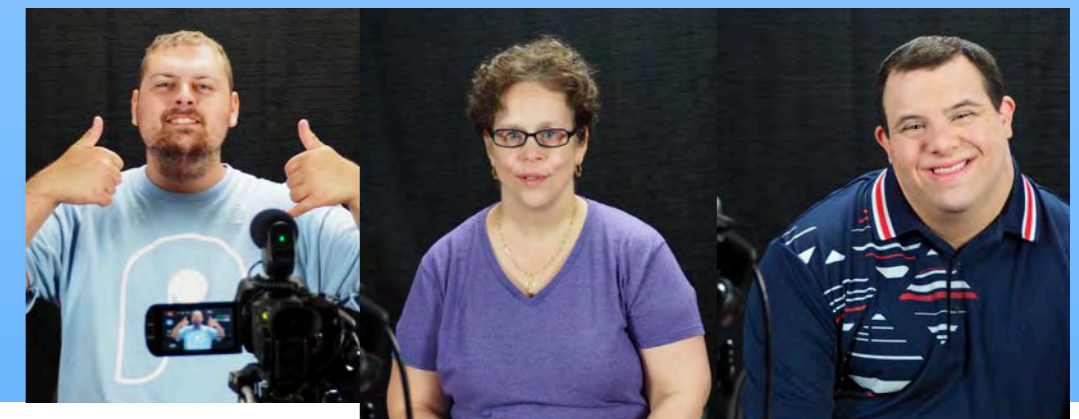
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IT'S A FAMILY

Weist-Barron-Ryan is a family owned acting studio and casting agency that has been based out of Southern NJ since 1980.

Since 2013, we have opened our doors to a group that is near and dear to our hearts. Individuals with Developmental Disabilities have become a huge part of our lives and one of our favorite parts of the company. We train students with autism, behavior disorders, brain injury, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, intellectual disabilities, and more. Our program offers a wide variety of opportunities that we are confident will meet the goals and needs of all of our students. Whether students participate for fun, want to work on self confidence, are serious about entering the industry, or all of the above, we are confident that the Weist-Barron-Ryan Rising Stars Acting Program will be what they are looking for.

Our students practice scene work, commercial reads, monologues, directing, operating a camera, audition techniques, and more. If that isn't fun enough in itself, students also participate in engaging exercises in the forms of various games!

OUR STAFF

Warm. Supportive. Caring.

STEFANIE RYAN-MANHIM - President/CEO



Stefanie Ryan-Manhim has been in numerous films, commercials, and TV shows since early childhood. Many of her students have gone on to do national commercials, major stage performances, major film rolls, television series, pageant titles, Emmy nominations, and more. She is also a severe brain trauma survivor that spent over a year in recovery to re-learn basic life skills in Betty Bacharach. She uses her background in the industry and her experience as a brain trauma survivor to help others overcome any obstacles that stand in their way.

QUINN SHOWELL - Vice President



Growing up at Weist-Barron-Ryan, Quinn has been surrounded by all aspects of show business. His own career began at age 5. His accomplishments include several local & national commercials, TV shows, and films. His appearances include The Philadelphia Phillies, The Scooter Store, One Stop Car Audio, Network TV show "Hack", National Geographic, and countless other radio, theater, and lead roles in various productions. He has studied the performing arts, as well as public speaking on both East & West coasts.

ROB REEDY - Branch Manager



From a young age, Rob has had a passion for Film and Television. In earlier years, he studied video production, script writing, as well as make-up and special effects. Later, Rob went on to train in acting, as it was already his true passion. Rob has been studying commercial, film, and method acting since he began. He has professionally worked on a variety of projects, including, but not limited to, feature films, television shows, television movies, and short films. Rob is the co-owner of Exit Zero Films LLC and is the writer and co-director for his film, *25 years*.

CECE SHOWELL - Office Administrator



Having also grown up around Weist-Barron-Ryan, CeCe has always had a love for performing on-screen and on-stage. She has studied musical theater, digital photography, and received professional vocal training, allowing her to win awards throughout NJ and perform several times on stage at Carnegie Hall in NYC. CeCe has also gone to school for education so that she can effectively mentor others in finding their passions and create a welcoming and encouraging environment for all.

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SHIRELY A.

Where do I begin with how wonderful acting workshops have been for my daughter, Lauren? She is more talkative, has more eye contact, is more open to talking to people outside of her family and in making small talk and she loves it! It has been the bright spot in an otherwise rough past few years. They continued to work with these young adults online and it helped them maintain their friendships as well as hone their craft and to have fun! We love all the wonderful people at WBR, they are just the BEST! Thank you!

KATHY B.

Wow, you really know how to make a mom feel good! It's uncommon to get positivity. What I can hear from the zoom workshops is their very calm, gentle and caring ways. I particularly feel they are a "master of redirection" which is difficult to do at times but they're amazing at it. Positivity creates a safe environment for disabled people who have "closed down" and are not taking learning risks. We are grateful to be a part of Weist-Barron-Ryan's Rising Stars Acting Program as their nurturing, caring, positive environment is almost impossible to find!

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