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#### **FULL-LENGTH PLAYS**

# THRIVE, OR WHAT YOU WILL [AN EPIC]

PREMIERE: American Shakespeare Center - dir. Larissa Lury (2022) ACADEMIC PRODUCTION: Binghamton University, dir. Lisa Rothe (2023)

WORKSHOPS: Wilma Theatre (2019), Page 73 (2018), InterAct Theatre (2018), New Georges (2017)

WINNER: Shakespeare's New Contemporaries
FINALIST: Lambda Literary Award for LGBTQ Drama

HONORABLE MENTION: The Kilroys List

### ANOTHER KIND OF SILENCE (bilingual play in English & American Sign Language)

READINGS: Colorado New Play Summit - dir. Bevin O'Gara (2020), Magic Theatre Play Festival - dir. Jessica Holt (2017)

WORKSHOPS: Sewanee Writers' Conference (2017), PlayPenn Conference (2016)

FELLOWSHIP: Playwrights Realm - dir. Will Davis (2015-2016)

Nomination: Venturous Award

HONORABLE MENTIONS: FEWW Prize, The Kilroys List

#### SCRIBE, OR THE SISTERS MILTON, OR ELEGY FOR THE UNWRITTEN

WORKSHOP: The Playwrights' Center, dir. Donya Washington (2022)

ACADEMIC PRODUCTIONS: Emerson Stage, dir. Annie Levy (2020), Georgetown University, dir. Maya Roth (2018)

COMMISSION & WORKSHOP PRODUCTION: Northwoods Ramah Theatre Company, dir. Annie Levy (2012)

### SPACE

WORKSHOPS: The Playwrights' Center (2022), Villanova University (2022)

RESIDENCIES: Drama League (2021), Tofte Lake Center (2021)

COMMISSION: EST/Sloan Foundation (2018) - dir. & co-creator Larissa Lury

WINNER: Sue Winge Award

### TROPICAL SECRETS, OR ALL THE FLUTES IN THE SEA (adapted from the book Tropical Secrets by Margarita Engle)

COMMISSION & PREMIERE: Children's Theatre of Charlotte - dir. David Winitsky (2021)

# GRACE. OR THE ART OF CLIMBING

PREMIERE: Denver Center Theatre Company - dir. Mike Donahue (2013)

PRODUCTIONS: Art House Productions - dir. Adin Walker (2018), Brown Paper Box Co. - dir. Erin Shea Brady (2019)

WORKSHOP PRODUCTION: Nice People Theatre Company - dir. Pirronne Yousefzadeh (2009)

NOMINATIONS: Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, ATCA/Steinberg New Play Award, Barrymore Award

HONORABLE MENTION: The Kilroys List

#### A PEOPLE [A MOSAIC PLAY]

COLLABORATIVE PRODUCTION: Orbiter 3 - dir. Rebecca Wright (2018) READINGS: YiddishFest NYC & GableStage - dir. Avi Hoffman (2019)

WORKSHOP: Jewish Plays Project - dir. David Winitsky (2013) RESIDENCIES: Tofte Lake Center, terraNOVA Collective

DIDENCIES. TORE LAKE CERTER, LETTANOVA CORE

FINALIST: Terrence McNally Award

HONORS: Alliance for Jewish Theatre Conference, Jewish Plays Project Top Plays

### THE EGG-LAYERS

ACADEMIC PRODUCTIONS: AADA - dir. Adam Fitzgerald (2018), Barnard College - dir. Alice Reagan (2012)

WORKSHOP PRODUCTION: Williamstown Theatre Festival - dir. Mike Donahue (2009)

DEVELOPMENTAL CO-COMMISSION: New Georges & Barnard College

FINALIST: O'Neill Playwrights Conference, Source Festival, RISK IS THIS

HONORABLE MENTION: Jane Chambers Award

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#### **FULL-LENGTH DEVISED THEATER**

#### WAR OF THE WORLDS: PHILADELPHIA

(a citywide, sociopolitical, audience-interactive adaptation of the classic)
WORKSHOP PRODUCTION: Drexel University & Swim Pony, dir. Adrienne Mackey, 2017

#### **GUMSHOE**

(a tri-organizational, community-based, audience-interactive event)

PREMIERE: Free Library of Philadelphia, Rosenbach Museum, & New Paradise Labs, dir. Whit McLaughlin, 2017

#### **TINDER & ASH**

(an ensemble-based exploration of grief using physical theater & contemporary circus)

PREMIERE: New England Center for Circus Arts, 2015

PRODUCTION: NYC SummerStage, 2015

DEVELOPMENT RESIDENCY: The Orchard Project, 2015

CREATION RESIDENCY: TOHU, Montreal, 2014

#### AND IF YOU LOSE YOUR WAY. OR A FOOD ODYSSEY

(an audience-interactive, eco-activism play that culminates in a community dinner)

PREMIERE: The Invisible Dog, dir. Pirronne Yousefzadeh, NYC, 2014

NOMINATION: New York Innovative Theatre Award, 2015

#### LADY M

(an experimental, choral, feminist adaptation of Macbeth)

PREMIERE: Philadelphia Live Arts Festival & Swim Pony, dir. Adrienne Mackey, 2011

### THE APOCRYPHAL PROJECT

(a sociopolitical, historiographic critique of the curating of truth)

PREMIERE: Yale Cabaret, dir. Michael Walkup, 2007

#### **NOW/NOT NOW**

(a physical-theater one-woman show with trapeze)

PREMIERE: Dixon Place, co-created with Diana Y Greiner, 2011

**SHORT PLAYS & ONE-ACTS** 

(List available upon request.)

**PUBLICATIONS** 

- Global Jewish Voices Anthology, Methuen Drama, upcoming 2023
- Theater (issue 51.3), Yale School of Drama and Duke University Press, 2021
- One Minute Plays: A Practical Guide to Tiny Theatre, Routledge, 2017
- LITERATURE: Reading, Reacting, Writing, Cengage Learning, 2012
- The Book of Estrogenius, 2010
- The Best American Short Plays 2006-2007, Applause Books, 2010
- In Times of Disaster, Broadway Play Publishing, 2006

**AFFILIATIONS** 

New Georges, Playwrights Realm, & Playwrights' Center alumni communities Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas National New Play Network / New Play Exchange Dramatists Guild

#### **AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS**

Venturous Playwright Fellowship Nomination, 2023

Herb Alpert Award Nomination, 2023

Princeton Arts Fellowship Finalist, 2023

Hedgebrook Finalist, 2023

Sue Winge Award Winner, 2022

Lambda Literary Award for LGBTQ Drama Finalist, 2022

Playwrights' Center Core Writer, 2021-2024

Terrence McNally Award Finalist, 2021

Shakespeare's New Contemporaries Winner / American Shakespeare Center, 2020

InterAct Theater Core Playwright, 2018-2020

Orbiter 3 (producing-playwrights collective) - 2015-2018

Susan Smith Blackburn Award Nomination, 2013, 2019

The Kilroys List Honorable Mention: 2014, 2016, 2019

Leah Ryan FEWW Prize Honorable Mention, 2018

New Georges Audrey Residency, 2016-2017

Playwrights Realm Fellowship, 2015-2016

New York Innovative Theatre Award Nomination, 2015

Jane Chambers Award Honorable Mention, 2015

Creation Grant, Vermont Arts Council, 2015

Artist Grant, Boomerang Fund, 2015

City Theatre National Award for Short Playwriting Finalist, 2015

Barrie and Bernice Stavis Playwright Award Nomination, 2013

ATCA/Steinberg New Play Award Nomination, 2013

Doric Wilson Independent Playwright Award Nomination, 2012

Dramatists Guild Fellow, 2011-2012

Heideman Award Finalist: 2003, 2009, 2011

terraNOVA Collective / Groundbreakers Playwrights Group, 2010

Barrymore Nomination Best New Play, 2010

Carbonell Nomination Best New Play, 2009

Wendy Wasserstein Prize Nomination, 2009

Agnes Ranjo Capps Award for an Emerging Female Playwright, 2009

Artist Enhancement Grant, Division of Cultural Affairs / Florida Department of State, 2006

Downstage Miami Playwriting Fellowship, 2004 & 2005

# **RESIDENCIES & FESTIVALS**

Bethany Arts Community, 2022

Tofte Lake Center, 2010 & 2021

MacDowell, 2019

Fresh Ground Pepper, 2019

Page 73, 2018

Sewanee Writers' Conference, 2017

PlayPenn Conference, 2016

The Orchard Project, 2015

TOHU (Montreal), 2014

New Georges & Barnard College, 2011-2012

Terra Firma, 2012

SPACE on Ryder Farm, 2011

School for Making Thinking, 2011

Montana Artists Refuge, 2010

The Missoula Colony / Montana Repertory Theatre, 2009

Brave New Works Festival at Theater Emory, 2009

Sewanee University of the South, 2009

World Interplay (Australia), 2005

EXPOSURE 2000: Crossing the Borders (Royal Court Theatre / London), 2000

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### **TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### Adjunct Professor: Playwriting I and II / Dramatic Structure / Writing for Performance

Bryn Mawr College, 2013-2022 University of the Arts, 2016 Farleigh Dickinson University, 2012 Bard High School Early College/Queens, 2010-2012

### Director of Artistic Craft, Circus Dramaturgy, & Writing for Performance; Founding Faculty Member

Circadium School of Contemporary Circus, since 2018

### **Program Designer & Co-Lead Artist**

PlayPenn - The Foundry, since 2020

# **Playwriting Mentor**

PlayPenn - The Foundry, 2015-2017

### **Guest Lecturer: Contemporary Circus**

Stanford University, 2022

Guest Lecturer: Playwriting

School of the New York Times, 2022 West Chester University, 2016, 2021, 2022 Hunter College, 2010

# **Teaching Artist: Playing with Form and Alternative Structures**

The Playwrights' Center, 2022-2023

Dramatists Guild, 2022

Cornell University, 2009

### Teaching Artist: Playwriting for Seeding Empathy in Physicians

Jefferson Medical School with Lantern Theatre, 2016-2022

# Teaching Artist: Advanced Topics in Playwriting / Intro to Playwriting / Writing Lab & Workshop

PlayPenn - Educational Department, 2016-2021

# Teaching Artist: Voice, Body, Space - Playwriting Tools for Writers of All Genres

Murphy Writing of Stockton University, 2021

#### **Teaching Artist: Intro to Playwriting**

Blue Stoop, 2020

### Teaching Artist: Ensemble-Based Devising, Playwriting, and Adaptation

McCarter Theatre, 2012, 2015, 2016 Two River Theatre Company, 2010-2012

### **Community Educator & Playwriting Mentor**

Dwight/Edgewood Project (New Haven), 2008

# **Artist Residency Co-Leader**

Yale Provincetown Summer Program, 2007

# **Teaching Artist: Playwriting & PTSD**

V A Medical Center (New Haven), 2007

### **Presenter & Panelist**

FUSING CIRCUS AND TRADITIONAL THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE - LMDA Conference, 2022

DRAMATURGY ON THE FRINGES - LMDA Conference, 2017

PLAYWRITING & CONTEMPORARY CIRCUS – Montreal Working Group on Circus Research & Circus Dramaturgy, 2017 What Is A Jewish Writer in 2019? – Yiddishkayt Initiative, 2019

SQUARING THE CIRCLE: CIRCUS DRAMATURGY AND DIRECTION - Chicago Contemporary Circus Festival, 2014

ROUNDTABLE ON WRITING ONE-ACT COMIC PLAYS - Dramatists Guild Magazine, 2012

FROM PAGE TO STAGE - Barnard College, 2011

THE STATE OF PLAYWRIGHTS AND NEW PLAYS IN THE AMERICAN THEATER - Montana Rep. Theatre // Cornell Univ., 2009

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#### ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

ARTISTIC CAUCUS THINK TANK: Baltimore Center Stage, Woolly Mammoth, Long Wharf, St. Louis Rep., 2022-2023

LMDA: Anti-Oppression Task Force, 2023

**BUILDING ANTI-RACIST WHITE EDUCATORS (BARWE): 2020-2022** 

**MENTOR:** Yale Playwrights Festival, 2007-2008

FOUNDER & FACILITATOR: American Sign Language courses at Yale University, 2005-2008

INTERNSHIP: Deaf West Theatre, 2006

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Theatre League of South Florida, 2002-2005

PRODUCER & CO-FOUNDER: New Living Voices at Cornell University, 2000-2001

	EDUCATION
Yale University, School of Drama  M.F.A. in Playwriting  Mentorship: Richard Nelson	2005-2008
Postgraduate: Ken Prestininzi, Paula Vogel	2008-2009
Cornell University, Department of English  B.A. in English, with concentrations in Creative Writing and Theater	1997-2001
British-American Drama Academy & Royal Shakespeare Company / Skidmore College The Shakespeare Programme, Certificate in Theatre & Shakespeare	1999

#### **CONTEMPORARY CIRCUS**

CIRCUS-THEATER PERFORMANCE ARTIST: Nationally and internationally, 2012-2020 CIRCUS DRAMATURGY / ARTISTIC CONSULTANT: Nationally and internationally, since 2014

RESIDENCY: École Nationale de Cirque / TOHU (Montreal), 2014

Training: Graduate of New England Center for Circus Arts (duo trapeze major, handbalancing minor), 2012-2014;

LAVA Brooklyn (queer, feminist, partner acrobatics), 2009-2012

SKILLS: Doubles Trapeze, Static Trapeze, Handbalancing, Partner Acrobatics, Tumbling, Ensemble work

**MISCELLANY** 

LANGUAGES: Proficient in American Sign Language

FREELANCE: Dramaturgy, writing, editing, consulting, grant-writing

ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL TRAINING: Viewpoints, Alexander Technique, advanced rock-climbing

ACTOR: Professionally in Miami and the tri-county area, 2001-2005

# **REFERENCES**

Hayley Finn or Jeremy Cohen, Playwrights' Center -- hayleyf@pwcenter.org // jeremyc@pwcenter.org
Anne G. Morgan, Programs Director, National New Play Network – 603-568-2027 // anne.giles.morgan@gmail.com
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