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PRODUCTIONS

John Proctor is the Villain
The Harvest
Cabaret
Maybe Tomorrow, Maybe Next Year
Vanya and Sonia and Mascha and Spike
The Same Day
Lafayette
From Pilgrim Landing
Body of Words
The Drunken City
Oedipus
Hare and Tortoise
Scenes from the Middle Voice
The Memory Tax
Lyle the Crocodile
The Romeo and Juliet Project
Favorites
The Glass Menagerie
The Normal Heart
Jump Into The Abscess
Back to Society
Cuddle Wars
1000 Words

Kimberly Belflower
Samuel D. Hunter
Kander and Ebb
Ensemble Generated
Christopher Durang
Stefan Ivanov
Ian Curteis
Ed Wasserman
Vincent Sessa
Adam Bock
Sophocles (Trans. Sean Graney)
Brendan Murray
Alec Silberblatt & Steve Diubaldo
Chad Eschman
Kevin Kling/Rich Gray
Ensemble Generated
Charlotte Miller
Tennessee Williams
Larry Kramer
Eric Scholl
MCC Theater Youth Co
Pedro Guerrero
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Skidmore College/JKB Theater
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Yale University (visiting artist)
LaGuardia PAC/Thtr. Sfumato, Bulgaria
Francis Gould Hall
Columbia Stages
Theater for the New City
Steppenwolf Theater Garage
Hangar Theatre
Hangar Theatre
Rising Phoenix Rep
Araca Project
Northwestern University
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Where Eagles Dare Theater
Abrons Arts Center
PillowTalk at 51 Walker
Rebel Verses

WORKSHOPS, READINGS, CONCERTS

Antigone
Basically Children
This Exquisite Corpse
Catch as Catch Can
Jeanine's World (w/ Camryn Manheim)
Orville and Wilbur Did It (w/ Matt Doyle)
*Costs of Living**
*Start Down***
This Exquisite Corpse
Nostalgia
Mined/Matter
Humiliation Play
Antigone
The Udmurts
Agent Showcase
Houston
Adam Then
You Kill Me
The Farmer and the Indian
Winter Wind Sings
Disney Rides
Ordinary Days
For Unto Us
Price of Freedom
ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA THE END
Long Island Arpeggio
The Insurgents
Romeo (Reduced)
Radiance
Underneath the Water Tower

Sophocles
Charlie O'Leary
Mia Chung
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Frankie Krainz
David Zellnik
Timothy Huang
Eleanor Burgess
Mia Chung
Shpend Xani
Jeff Smith
Charlie O'Leary
Sophocles (Trans. Sean Graney)
David Zellnik
Harvard/ART Actor Training
Sandy Rustin Fleischer & Eli Bolin
Terry Milner
Janine DeMaria
Christian DeMarais & Tim Nicolai
Rich Silverstein
Thomas Daniél Valls
Adam Gwon
Stephen Kaplan
Glenn Gordon
Jihae Park
Mia Chung
Lucy Thurber
William Shakespeare
Howard Meyer
Steve Diubaldo

JKB Theatre/Skidmore College
The Tank/PrideFest 2022
JKB Theatre/Skidmore College
New Dramatists
Atlantic Theater
York Theatre Company
B-Sides Productions
Luna Stage
Skidmore JKB Theater
Society Theater Company
Dramatists' Guild
Artists' Co-op
Drama League
Ensemble Studio Theater
ART Theater/Boston
B-Sides Productions
NYU/Tisch MFA
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Stratford New Works Lab
54 Below
Drama League
Laurie Beechman Theatre
Luna Stage
Public Theater/NYSF
Public Theater/NYSF
Labyrinth Theater Company
New Dramatists
Hangar Theatre
Axial Theater
Middle Voice Theater Company

La Casa De Schwarz
A Real Boy
Yellowface
Big Questions
A Crack in the Canvas
Watching the Thunder
Taking Leave

Stephen Kaplan
Stephen Kaplan
David Henry Hwang
Lily Mooney
David Zhen
Adam Gonzalez
Cullen Golden

Judson Church
Dramatists Guild
Northwestern University
Master Clash
MCC Theater FreshPlay 2012
MCC Theater FreshPlay 2010
MCC Theater FreshPlay 2009

*2016 Richard Rogers Award Winner

**2015 Keneda Award

ASSISTANT DIRECTING

Ode to Joy (dir. Craig Lucas)
Little Fish (dir. Jen Waldman)
Skylight (dir. Bill Brown)
The Verona Project (dir. Amanda Dehnert)
Judgment Day (dir. Caitriona McLaughlin)
Killers and Other Family (dir. Caitriona McLaughlin)

Craig Lucas
Michael John LaChiusa
David Hare
Amanda Dehnert
Odon Von Horvath
Lucy Thurber

Rattlestick /Cherry Lane Theater
B-Side Productions
Court Theater
American Music Theater Project
Summerscape, Bard College
Rattlestick Theater

DRAMATURGY

Astronomy 101
For Tonight
The Wild Duck (dir. Caitriona McLaughlin)
Fur
In The Moment (dir. Kristina Valada-Viars)
Taking Leave

Bella Poynton
Spencer Williams/Whitney Rhodes
Henrik Ibsen
Charlotte Miller
Nelson Patino, Jar
Cullen Golden

ATHE New Play Development '22
Michigan State Theatre
Summerscape, Bard College
Access Theater
MCC Theater Youth Company
MCC Theater FreshPlay

PRODUCING

This Property is Condemned

Tennessee Williams

Hangar Theatre

Resident Producer of MCC Theater Youth Company, 2007-2010

On The Fly (2007: Provincetown Playhouse, 2008: Westside Theater, 2009: Vineyard Theater)

UnCensored (2008: Zipper Theater, 2009: Cherry Lane Theater, 2010: Julia Miles Theater)

The Freshplay Festival (2007: Theater Row, 2008: Playwrights Horizons, 2009: The New School)

HONORS, AFFILIATIONS, and INVITATIONS¹

- Assistant Professor, Skidmore College (2017-Present)
- Member: Association for Theater in Higher Ed. (ATHE), Mid America Theater Conference (MATC), Literary and Dramaturgs of the Americans (LMDA), Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC)
- Improbable Theater Company Global Improvisation Symposium: Invited Speaker (2019)
- Actor's Studio Playwright/Directors Unit (2014-2019)
- B-Sides Productions New American Musical Award Selection Committee (2015, 2016)
- Selection Committee, Drama League Directing Fellowship, (2015, 2016)
- Drama League Directing Fellow (2014)
- Resident Guest Artist: NYU MFA Collaboration Reloaded Master Class w/ Oskar Eustis and Susan Lori Parks (2014)
- Young Playwrights NYC Competition Selection Committee (2014)
- Young Playwrights Script Reader (2013-2015)
- SDC Observership (2013-2015)
- Reader, Young Playwrights (2013-2015)
- Co-Artistic Coordinator, Middle Voice Theater Company at Rattlestick Playwrights Theater (2013)
- Prague Quadrennial, Northwestern Fellow w/ Mary Zimmerman (2010)
- Face-to-Face Arts Education Conference, Participant (2005-2010)
- Summer Arts Seminar, Long Island University, Presenter (2007, 2008)
- Retreat Leader, New York State Council on the Arts (2009)

TRAINING

Northwestern University, MFA in Theater Directing, 2013

Columbia University, BA in English, 2004

¹ List of publications available upon request.