Ion-Cosmin Chivu

Sands College of Performing Arts

Pace University

Education

- 2025, Dec. Expected: Ph.D. in Theatre (All But Dissertation), Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, Romania. Dissertation title: *Know Thyself: The Strasberg Method at The Actors Studio-Bridging Greek Philosophy and Stanislavski's System in Global Actor Training*.
- 2003: MFA in Dramatic Arts/Directing, The Actors Studio Drama School at The New School University, NYC, United States.
- 1996: BFA in Theatre Arts, George Enescu National University of Arts, Iasi, Romania.

Academic Appointments

- 2018–present: Associate Professor (Tenured), Pace University.
- 2011–2018: Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Pace University.

Leadership Positions

- 2020-present: Chair, The Actors Studio Drama School MFA Program, Pace University.
- 2011–2020: Program Director, BA in Acting & BA in Directing, International Performance Ensemble (IPE), Pace University.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarly and Creative Interests

- Theatre directing and interdisciplinary performance practice.
- Development and dramaturgy of new plays.
- Translation and adaptation of Eastern European theatrical works.
- Cross-cultural exchange between Eastern European & American performance traditions; International collaboration and market development in the performing arts.
- Research in performance theory, applied methodologies, and innovative approaches to cultural identity and politics.

Scholarly Contributions & Creative Productions

Peer-Reviewed Creative Works

a) In Books and Academic Journals

- Miruna Ciocoi Pop, Ph.D.; <u>Camino Real</u>, <u>Between Expressionism and Magic Realism</u>; Journal of Romanian Literary Studies, 2023, Vol. 34, 448–454. Analysis of my 2020 production of <u>Camino Real</u> at the National Theatre of Sibiu.
- Luis Marcio Arnaut, *Nem loucas, nem reprimidas: o confronto contractual da mulher com* mainstream *nas* late plays *de Tennessee Williams*, Alameda Editorial, 2022. The 439-page anthology includes extensive citations and analyses of four of my productions. The cover features a photo of my 2013 production of *The Mutilated*.

- Loreta Popa, Human States: A Dramatic Field, Intensely Colored by the Red of Love's Poppies; Aplauze Academic Journal of the Sibiu Lucian Blaga University, 2018, Vol. 6, 10-11. Review of *Human Condition*.
- Anastasia Gavrilovici, About the Human Condition, One More Time With Feeling, Aplauze Academic Journal of the Sibiu Lucian Blaga University, 2018, Vol. 6, 12–13. Review of Human Condition.
- Tennessee Williams, Now the Cats With Jeweled Claws & Other One-Act Plays, New Directions, 2016. Includes A Recluse and His Guest, an unfinished play that I developed and directed for its world première in 2015.
- Annette J. Saddik, Ph.D.; Tennessee Williams and the Theater of Excess, Cambridge University Press, 2015, 86–116. Includes an in-depth discussion of my directorial approach to The Mutilated and Something Cloudy, Something Clear, as well as my contribution to the interpretation of Williams' late plays.
- Clarence Coo, <u>Beautiful Province</u>, Yale University Press, 2013. The introduction by John Guare references my directorial work and the success of the first staged reading at the Lincoln Center.
- David Kaplan, *Tenn Years: Tennessee Williams on Stage*, Hansen Publishing, 2015, 52-62. The cover features a photo from my 2011 production of Something Cloudy, Something Clear. The author recognizes my expertise in Williams' late work.

b) In Newspapers and Other Media

- Laura Collins-Hughes, Tennessee Williams's Late-Career Curiosities, The New York Times, March 2016. Review of A Recluse and His Guest and The Remarkable Rooming-House of Mme. Le Monde.
- David Clark, Tennessee Williams Like You've Never Seen Him Before, Out Magazine, Feb. 2016. Review of A Recluse and His Guest and The Remarkable Rooming-House of Mme. Le Monde.
- Simon Saltzman, *Tennessee Williams* 1982, *Curtain Up*, Feb. 2016. Review of A Recluse and His Guest and The Remarkable Rooming-House of Mme. Le Monde.
- Dom Danza, <u>Tennessee Williams 1982</u>, morethantheplay, Feb. 2016, Review of A Recluse and His Guest and The Remarkable Rooming-House of Mme. Le Monde.
- David Barbour, Theatre in Review: Tennessee Williams 1982, Lighting and Sound America, Feb. 2016. Review of A Recluse and His Guest and The Remarkable Rooming-House of Mme. Le Monde.
- Laura Vogels, *Plays to See Blog*, Feb. 2016. Review of A Recluse and His Guest and The Remarkable Rooming-House of Mme. Le Monde.
- Marilyn Lester, Theater in the Raw, Theater Pizzazz, Feb. 2016. Review of A Recluse and His Guest and The Remarkable Rooming-House of Mme. Le Monde.
- Laurence Ross, A Partial Guide to Camp: Tennessee Williams' The Mutilated, Pelican Bomb, Dec. 2015. Review of The Mutilated.
- Will Coviello, *The Mutilated*, *Gambit*, Dec. 2015. Review of *The Mutilated*.
- Blair Schulman, A Tennessee Williams Christmas, Fear and Self-Loathing; Art Tattler

International, Nov. 2015. Review of The Mutilated.

- Dmitry Zvonkov, First Class, Stage and Cinema, April 2015. Review of Our Class.
- Culture.pl, Our Class in New York, Culture.pl, April 2015. Review of Our Class.
- Dan Callahan, Henry Stewart, and Ryan Vlastelica; The 25 Best Stage Shows of 2013, The L Magazine, Dec.2013. Review of The Mutilated.
- Charles Isherwood, Not Quite Laverne and Shirley, The New York Times, Nov. 2013. Review of *The Mutilated* (*The New York Times* Critic's Pick).
- Regina Weinreich, Mink Stole and Penny Arcade in The Mutilated, The Huffington Post, Nov. 2013. Review of The Mutilated.
- Raven Snook, *The Mutilated*, *Time Out*, Nov. 2013. Review of *The Mutilated*.
- Beatrice Williams-Rude, Miracles and The Mutilated, NYC Stage Review, Nov. 2013. Review of *The Mutilated*.
- James Hannaham, *The Mutilated*, *The Village Voice*, Nov. 2013. Review of *The* Mutilated
- Perez Hilton, Perez Reviews: The Mutilated, Perez Hilton, Nov. 2013. Review of The Mutilated.
- Simon Saltzman, *The Mutilated*, *Curtain Up*, Nov. 2013, Review of *The Mutilated*.
- Zachary Stewart, *The Mutilated*, *Theater Mania*, Nov. 2013, Review of *The Mutilated*.

Commissioned Work

a) Theatre Directing

- A House Not Meant to Stand by Tennessee Williams. Project under development, opening expected in May 2026 in New York City, NY, and Provincetown, MA.
- *Untold Stories* by The Collective at MultipleXity Arts European Capital of Culture, Timișoara, 2025.
- How to Explain the History of Communism to Mental Patients by Matei Visniec at the Institute of Arts Barcelona and the Sibiu International Theatre Festival, 2024.
- Camino Real by Tennessee Williams at the Sibiu National Theatre, 2020 & 22.
- Candid by Valérie Villemin at the Sibiu International Theatre Festival, 2022.
- The Rocky Horror Show by Richard O'Brien at the Sibiu National Theatre, 2017 & 19.
- Human Condition by Valérie Villemin at the Sibiu International Theatre Festival, 2018.
- Lysistrata by Aristophanes at the Pace University 80G Theatre, 2017.
- Tennessee Williams 1982: A Recluse and His Guest and The Remarkable Rooming-House of Mme. Le Monde by Tennessee Williams at the Walker Space, NYC, 2016.
- The Mutilated by Tennessee Williams at the CAC, New Orleans, 2015.
- More Stars Than There Are in Heaven by John Guare at the PT TW Festival, 2015.
- Our Class by Tadeusz Słobodzianek at the Skirball Center, NYC, 2015.

- Bury the Dead by Irwin Shaw at the HERE Arts Center, NYC, 2014.
- The Mutilated by Tennessee Williams at the New Ohio Theatre, NYC, 2013.
- The Free Women of Lanka by Bua Parida at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 2013.
- The Altruists by Nicky Silver at the Pace University Schaeberle Studio, 2013.
- Beautiful Province by Clarence Coo at the Lincoln Center 3, NYC, 2012.
- *The Family Continues* by Lanford Wilson at La MaMa, NYC, 2012.
- Something Cloudy, Something Clear by Tennessee Williams at the PT TW Festival, 2011.
- *The Remarkable Rooming-House of Mme. Le Monde* by Tennessee Williams at La MaMa, NYC, 2011.
- Serenade by Sławomir Mrożek at La MaMa, NYC, 2010.
- A Night in the Kremlin by Bernard Besserglick at the Abingdon Theatre, NYC, 2009.
- The Skin of Our Teeth by Thornton Wilder at the Pace U Schaeberle Studio, 2009.
- *The Cherry Smoke* by Kateřina Rudčenková at the The Czech Cultural Center, NYC, 2008.
- Brooklyn Doesn't Want You by Warren Schultz at the Players Theatre, NYC, 2008.
- The Romanians by Lars Norén at the CUNY Graduate Center, NYC, 2008.
- *He's Having a Baby* by Andrew Kaplan at the 29th Street Rep., NYC, 2008.
- Under the Cross by I.D. Berkowitz at the CUNY Graduate Center, NYC, 2007.
- *Girl Hates Cabs* by Warren Schultz at the Players Theatre, NYC, 2007.
- A Russian Journey by Anton Chekhov at Urban Stages, NYC, 2007.
- Indian Blood by AR Gurney at Primary Stages, NYC, 2007. Assist. Dir. to Mark Lamos.
- The Dada Show at Cabaret Voltaire by Tristan Tzara, MoMA, NYC, 2006.
- Waxing West by Saviana Stănescu at the B&A Studios, Los Angeles, 2006.
- *Hound* by John Patrick Bray at the Bank Street Theater, NYC, 2005.
- The Mistresses by Michael Weller at the Cherry Lane Theatre, NYC, 2005.
- White Embers by Saviana Stănesc at The Actors Studio New Play Festival, NYC, 2004.
- Paparazzi by Matei Vișniec at the InterArt Theatre, NYC, 2004.
- The Watch Trick by Jennifer Egan at the Lincoln Center Director's Lab, NYC, 2004.
- Hunting Cockroaches by Janusz Głowacki at The Actors Studio, NYC, 2004.
- The Master of the Panpipe by Gheorghe Zamfir, Carnegie Hall, NYC, 2003.
- Final Countdown by Saviana Stănescu at the Westbeth Theatre, NYC, 2003.
- Spike Heels by Theresa Rebeck at the Bleecker Street Theatre, NYC, 2003.
- Stage Directions by Israel Horovitz at the Delancey Theatre, NYC, 2003.
- The Balcony by Jean Genet at the Bleecker Street Theatre, NYC, 2003.

- *Intercambio* by Thomas Cork at the Bleecker Street Theatre, NYC, 2003.
- Sweet Eros by Terrence McNally at the Bleecker Street Theatre, NYC, 2003.
- Snowangel by Lewis John Carlino at the Bleecker Street Theatre, NYC, 2003.
- Rhinoceros by Eugène Ionesco at the New 42nd Street Theatre, NYC, 2001.
- Love & Muriel's Birthday by John James at the Manhattan Theatre Source, NYC, 2001.
- A Month in the Country by Ivan Turgenev at NYU Tisch, NYC, 2000. Assist. Dir. to Liviu Ciulei.
- Comedy of Human Failure by Franz Kafka at the Ubu Repertory Theater, NYC, 1998.
- Mad Forest by Caryl Churchill at Ramapo College, NJ, 1998.
- Horses at the Window by Matei Vişniec at the Ko Festival of Performance, MA, 1997.
- Short Stories About Bad Theatre by Franz Kafka at the InterArt Theatre, NYC, 1997.
- Well, Mom... by Matei Vișniec at the French Cultural Institute, Bucharest, 1996.
- *The Spectator Sentenced to Death* by Matei Vişniec at the Brouhaha International Street Festival, Liverpool, 1995.

b) International Workshops

- Arts Exchange Workshop, Sibiu Performing Arts Market, Romania, 2020–present.
- Know Thyself: The Strasberg Method at The Actors Studio-Bridging Greek Philosophy and Stanislavski's System in Actor Training, National Theatre of Iaşi, Romania, 2025.
- The Strasberg Method at The Actors Studio, The Freiburg Drama School, Germany, 2025.
- Untold: Real Stories of Today's Youth, Romania, 2024.
- Global Arts Entrepreneurship, University of Barcelona, Spain, 2024. Three-week workshop with artist participation from Belgium, Bulgaria, Colombia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Mauritius, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Georgia, Russia, Turkey, and the U.K.
- Acting and Directing: New Global Trends and Techniques in the Age of Digital Media, Lisbon Theatre and Film School, Portugal, 2023.
- Eleven Steps on Creating a Character Through Monologue, Portrayal, and Improvisation, Bale International Student Theater Festival, Croatia, 2019.
- Devising for the 21st Century: A Closer Look at *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, The State Puppet Theater of Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, 2018.
- Character Development Through Imagination, Institute of the Arts Barcelona, Spain, 2017.
- Emotion and Visual Memory, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, 2013 & 2016.
- The Outside-In Technique: Silent Performance and Mime. Sounds, Tones, and Rhythms; Sibiu Academy of Theatre, Romania, 2016.
- Objects and Storytelling, Prague Quadrennial of Performance, Design, and Space, Czech Republic, 2011 & 15.

- Narrative Storytelling Techniques, Eutheca: European Union Academy of Theatre and Cinema, Italy, 2015.
- Cultural Travel Experience: Roman Drama and *Commedia dell'arte* in Florence, Rome, and Venice; Pace University, 2015.
- Narrative Storytelling & Performance Techniques, Cluj Arts Academy, Romania, 2015.
- Cultural Travel Experience: Political Theatre East to West in Berlin, Prague, and Vienna; Pace University, 2014.
- Narrative Storytelling Techniques, Athens Theater of Changes Festival, Greece, 2014.
- Memory of Emotions, The London Royal Central School of Speech & Drama UK 2013.
- Creating Space for Transformation: A Fusion of Acting Techniques. Joint workshop with Acting students of the Warsaw Film Academy and Pace University, Poland, 2013.
- Cultural Travel Experience: Jewish Tradition in Eastern European Drama in Bucharest, Budapest, Cluj, Timişoara, Warsaw, and Wrocław; Pace University, 2013.
- The Psychological Gesture: Examining Areas in Which Traditional Training Intersects With Physical Training in Doing and Speaking, University of Barcelona, Spain 2012.
- Directing Styles, La MaMa Umbria International Symposium for Directors, Italy, 2012.
- Creating Space for Transformation, Athens Theater of Changes Festival, Greece, 2011.
- The Clowns: A Practical Study of the Theatrical Clown as a Vehicle of Developing a Greater Trust in an Actor's Creative Impulses, Theaterhaus Berlin, Germany, 2007 & Mistelbach Arts Center, Austria 09.

c) Curatorial Leadership: Academic & Public Discourse Forums

- Curator and Moderator, Sibiu International Performing Arts Market & Sibiu International Theatre Festival, Romania, 2016—present. Curated and moderated high-level panels, lectures, and public conversations with global leaders in the performing arts, cultural diplomacy, and creative industries. Select recent panels include:
 - Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM): Past and Future.
 - Cultural Strategies Lessons from Europe's Cultural Diplomacy Leaders.
 - European Festivals in Dialogue: Sibiu, Edinburgh, and Avignon.
 - The Future of Performing Arts in the Age of AI.
 - Building Strategic Alliances Within Local Markets and Global Networks.
 - Integrating Teaching and Academic Research in Performance Practice.
- Moderator, The Actors Studio Drama School Craft Seminar, NYC, 2021–2022.
 Moderated in-depth conversations with iconic actors and artists. Guests included:
 - Al Pacino, 22. Amanda Seyfried, 21. Ellen Burstyn, 21. Alec Baldwin, 21.
- Curator and Moderator, Masters Series at the Schimmel Center for the Arts at Pace University, NYC, 2012–2020. Curated a distinguished lecture and workshop series featuring leading figures in American theatre and film. Guests included:
 - Actors: Candice Bergen, Kathleen Turner, Lake Bell, Michael Cerveris, Olympia

- Dukakis, Sahr Ngaujah, Saycon Sengbloh, Zoe Caldwell.
- Directors: Anne Bogart, Emily Mann, Gregory Mosher, Julie Taymor, Rachel Chavkin, and Robert Benton.
- Playwrights: Neil LaBute and Nicky Silver.
- Composer/Musician: David Bryan.
- Producers: Alex Fraser, Amanda Feldman, Hawk Koch, Joe Melillo, Maria Goyanes.
- · Agents: David Cash and Judy Boals.
- Dramaturgs: Anne Cattaneo, and Morgan Jenness.
- Casting Directors: Alaine Alldaffer, Avy Kaufman, and Jack Bowdan.

Editorial Contributions in Academic Journals

- Cosmin Chivu, Red Scare, Black Lists: Elia Kazan, the HUAC, and Political Prosecution of American Artists; Journal for Performing Arts, 2025, Vol. 1, 13–31.
- <u>Methods: A Journal of Acting Pedagogy</u>, Pace University Press.
 - Cosmin Chivu in Conversation with Raelle Myrick-Hodges, 2021, Vol. 6, 85–110.
 - Interview with Rachel Chavkin and David Bryan, 2019, Vol. 5, 93–116.
 - Interview with Robert Benton, Hawk Koch, Avy Kaufman, and Lake Bell; 2018, Vol. 4, 71–110.
 - An Interview with Neil LaBute, 2017, Vol. 3, 54–88.
 - An Interview with Zoe Caldwell, 2016, Vol. 2, 63–84.
 - Anne Bogart Interviewed by Cosmin Chivu, 2015, Vol. 1, 31–56.

Grants

- ISPA Fellowship Program, International Society for the Performing Arts: Duration: 01/24 to 12/24. | Awarded: January 2024. | Total Funding: \$2,800.
- TCG National Conference Travel Grant, Theatre Communications Group:

 Duration: 06/14/22 to 06/18/22. | Awarded: June 2022. | Total Funding: \$1,200.
- Faculty Development Grant, William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust:
 Duration: 04/15 05/15. | Awarded: April 2015. | Total Funding: \$1,500.
- New Works Fellowship, The Drama League: Duration: 02/01/15 to 03/30/15. | Awarded: January 2015. | Total Funding: \$1,350.
- Arts Professional Enhancement Grant, The New School University:
 Duration: 05/01/01 to 08/30/01. | Awarded: May 2001. | Total Funding: \$2,500.

Conferences, Invited Talks and Presentations

• Platform for Doctoral Research in Performing Arts and Cultural Management of the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania, *Know Thyself: The Strasberg Method at*

- The Actors Studio Bridging Greek Philosophy and Stanislavski's System in Global Actor Training, June 2025.
- U.Talk Conference of the Sibiu International Theatre Festival, Romania, Reinventing Purpose in Today's World, June 2025.
- Association of Performing Arts Professionals, NYC, APAP NYC, Jan. 2025.
- International Society for the Performing Arts, NYC, ISPA NY, Jan. 2024 & 25.
- Commencement of the Institute of the Arts Barcelona, Spain, The Challenge of Your Generation: Creating a Community with Purpose, Nov. 2024.
- International Presenters Program, Toronto, Fall for Dance North, Oct. 2024.
- Platform for Doctoral Research in Performing Arts and Cultural Management of the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania, Visual Theatricality and Performative Visuality: Elective Affinities & Metaphors of an Imaginative Friendship — Theoretical Inquiry Into Visual Dramaturgy & Interdisciplinary Aesthetics, June 2024.
- European Association for the Study of Theatre and Performance, Barcelona, Ecosystems of Theatre and Performance, May 2024.
- Theatre Doctoral School of Iasi, Romania, Becoming a Catalyst for Change in the Performing Arts Industry: Ethical Perspectives in Research, Coordination, and Evaluation in the Doctoral Field, Oct. 2023.
- Platform for Doctoral Research in Performing Arts and Cultural Management of the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania, Theatre and the Archaeological Imagination, June 2023.
- Festival d'Avignon, France, Performance+Pedagogy: Global Theatre Now, July 2021.
- La MaMa, NYC, Theatre Without Borders, April 2010.

Media Appearances

- The Stage (U.K.):
 - The Festival We Should Applaud for Its Commitment to Risk and Young Artists. Critic Richard Jordan highlights Cosmin Chivu's expert moderation at SIPAM during the Sibiu International Theatre Festival, July 2025.
 - Romania's Sibiu Festival Shows How Theatre Can Invest in the Next Generation. The article highlights Cosmin Chivu as a recognized theatre academic and skilled leader of the Sibiu International Performing Arts Market. July 2024.
- TVR (Romania):
 - Summer for You. News segment on creating safe artistic spaces for emotional expression and personal growth. August 2025.
 - *Untold Stories*. News segment on creating safe artistic spaces for emotional expression and personal growth. July 2025.
 - FITS Fever. Television appearance discussing the 2025 edition of the Sibiu International Theatre Festival. June 2025.
 - A Different Kind of Lesson. Feature on Cosmin Chivu's unique methodology emphasizing emotional authenticity in student training. Dec. 2024.

- *The World and Us.* 30-minute special on my mission at Pace University. Sept. 2012.
- Radio Romania. 12-minute interview on the global impact of the Sibiu Performing Arts Market and the transformative role of theatre in society. June 2025.
- *FITS Blog*, <u>Art Evokes Emotion</u>. Cosmin Chivu interviewed by Oana Vasiliu on the transformative relationship between art and audience. June 2025.
- The Huffington Post, Tennessee Williams 2016: An Interview with Cosmin Chivu About Tennessee Williams 1982. Cosmin Chivu interviewed by Bess Rowen. 2016.
- 89.9 WWNO New Orleans Public Radio, <u>Cosmin Chivu interviewed by Diane Mack on The Mutilated in New Orleans and its cultural context</u>. 2015.
- Stage Voices, Cosmin Chivu interviewed by Bob Shuman on directing Tennessee Williams' late works. 2016.
- American Theatre Magazine, You Are Not the Playwright I Was Expecting. Feature on Williams' late plays that references my productions of *The Remarkable Rooming-House of Mme. Le Monde* and *Something Cloudy, Something Clear.* 2016.
- Next Magazine, <u>Tennessee Williams Rarities Get Respect</u>. Cosmin Chivu interviewed by Brandon Voss on *Tennessee Williams 1982*. 2016.
- *Downtown Express*, <u>Discover a New State of Tennessee</u>. Cosmin Chivu interviewed by Trav S.D. on *Tennessee Williams* 1982. 2016.
- HowlRound, Tennessee Williams' *The Mutilated* Comes Home to New Orleans. Review by Brad Rhines. 2015.
- HowlRound, Ladies in the Band. Review by Bess Rowen. 2013.

SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Internal Service or Leadership

a) Community Engagement

- Oct. 2024–present: The New School, Alumni Mentor.
- May 2024–present: Rotary Club Opera, Volunteer Artist and Project Initiator.

b) Memberships

- Feb. 2024—present: European Association for the Study of Theatre and Performance, Board Member.
- June 2023–present: International Association of Theatre Leaders, Member.
- Sept. 2011–present: Network of Ensemble Theaters, Member.
- April 2010–present: The Drama League, Member.
- April 2005–present: Theatre Communications Group, Member.
- June 2004–present: Lincoln Center Directors Lab, Member.
- May 2004—present: InterArt Theatre Group, Co-founder.
- March 2004–present: The Actors Studio, Lifetime Member.

• Jan. 2004–present: Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation, Associate Mbr.

c) Awards and Nominations

- Nov. 2024: Institute of the Arts Barcelona, Honorary Fellow in Performing Arts.
- Oct. 2024: Rotary Club Opera Timișoara, Medal of Excellence Award.
- March 2016: Society of Fellows of Dyson College, Membership Honoree.
- April 2015: Pace International at Pace University: Outstanding Faculty Award.
- March 2014: The Drama League Awards, Nominee (Best Broadway Revival).
- April 2013: Pace University, Distinguished Service Team Award.
- May 2012: Division of Enrollment at Pace University, Special Recognition Award.
- Sept. 2000: UNITER Award for Emerging Artists.