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TEACHER/COACH

Pace University (current) Lecturer / BFA Program

Speech for the Stage

Skinner Technique, IPA, Fundamentals of Voice for the Stage, Dialects: Basic breath, resonance, and vocal production and application to text.

American Academy of Dramatic Art (current)

Two year conservatory program

Voice and speech: Skinner Technique, IPA, text work, Shakespeare, Dialects

New York Film Academy (current)

Two year professional training program

Speech: Skinner Technique, IPA; Voice and Movement; Dialects; Shakespeare

Dialects

Breakthrough Studios Conservatory

Voice and Speech, Head

IPA, Fundamentals of Voice for the Stage: Basic breath, resonance, and vocal production and application to text.

Marymount Manhattan College, Adjunct Professor (2010-2011)

Voice and Speech

IPA, Fundamentals of Voice for the Stage: Basic breath, resonance, and vocal production and application to text.

New Actors Workshop (1998-2010):

Two year conservatory program

Skinner Technique, IPA; Shakespeare, verse and elevated text; Dialects

Advisor to Masters Candidates

TADA! Ensemble

After school pre-professional training program - students ages 10-17

Voice and Diction; poetry and Shakespeare; acting through text

ADDITIONAL TEACHING CREDITS

Presenter: IPA Hand Jive Vocal Arts Foundation Symposium 2019

Presenter: An Interview with David Thorpe

Director of the documentary *Do I Sound Gay?* VASTA Conference 2015

Presenter: Giving Voice To International Students VASTA Conference 2013

Guest Lecturer Bennington College

Shylock in Yiddish and English

Voice and Movement Master 3 Seasons Alabama Shakespeare Festival

KeyIn To Speech Workshop The Creative Seed Network / Excellent Service Series

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Shakespeare Workshop Annual summer intensive on "letting the text act

through the actor."

Visiting Professor Theatre Conservatory of Webster U., St Louis, MO

Shakespeare Master Class

Acting Styles

Guest Teacher

Directing Shakespeare Florida Community College, Jacksonville

Keynote Speaker National Teacher Training Institute, Jacksonville, FL

Directing as a Model for the classroom WNET sponsor

The Theatrical Choice ADAPT, NYC -

A participatory workshop on what makes something "theatrical" and the nature of "theatricality".

The Dybbuk Society for the Advancement of Judaism, NYC

A three week class on the play, its role in Jewish Theatre, and the religious, mythic and elements of superstition in the text

Two Faces of Shylock West End Synagogue, NYC

A lecture on Shakespeare's villain and Wesker's hero of *The Merchant*.

DIALECT COACH/TEACHER

The American Guest (HBO)

Machinal (Pace)

Sunday in the Park With George (Pace U)

The Blacklist (NBC TV)

Secret Garden (Lincoln Center)

Billy Elliot (Ogunquit Playhouse)

Loss of Roses (Peccadillo Theatre)

Lie of the Mind (Pace U)

Mary & Max (Pace U)

Queens Blvd (Pace U)

Bent (Pace U)

Importance of Being Earnest (Pace U)

A View From The Bridge (Pace U)

Floyd Collins (Pace U)

Notebook of Trigorin (Pace U)

A Christmas Carol (Pace U.)

Importance of Being Earnest (Sink or Swim Repertory Theatre, NYC)

Venus Observed (Boomerang Theatre Company, NYC)

Another Part of the Forest (Peccadillo Theatre, NYC)

Knickerbocker Holiday (York Theatre)

Giant (Signature Theatre, VA)

Escape From Happiness (T.Schreiber Studio)

Orpheus Descending (T. Schreiber Studio)

New Music (Mint Theatre Co., NYC)

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Merchant of Venice (w/M. Carnovsky) - Halle Theatre, Cleveland, OH

Classes at T. Schreiber Studio, NYC Private - client list available on request

DIRECTING CREDITS

Awake and Sing

Head First D. Bush Fresh Fruit Festival, NYC The Crucible A. Miller AADA

Macheth W. Shakespeare AADA Romeo and Juliet W. Shakespeare AADA Distracted Loomer AADA

The Winter's Tale Schimmel Center (NYC) Shakespeare

As You Like It Shakespeare AADA

Garbage J.M. Wagner Strawberry Festival (NYC)

Translations B.Friel Pace University

Livets Lenker L. Shane Ars Nova (Oslo, Norway) (Mary) Todd D Bush Fresh Fruit Festival (NYC) Workshop Theatre Company (NYC) An Interesting Story E. Antar Degas, C'est Moi C Durang Players Club (NYFA Ensemble) 45th St Theatre (Ensemble 8), NYC Dis/Connections D. Bush

Asylum D. Bush Wonderland Festival, NYC

American Academy of Dramatic Arts Brighton Beach Memoirs N. Simon

New Actors Workshop Scenes From American Life P. Gurney Bright Room Called Day T. Kushner Cleveland Public Theatre Mister Lincoln H. Mitgang The Acting Company

Macbeth W. Shakespeare Shakespeare in San Marco, Jacksonville, FL Twelfth Night W. Shakespeare Shakespeare in San Marco, Jacksonville, FL

Hedwig and the Angry Inch Mitchell/Trask Cleveland Public Theatre

Hamlet W. Shakespeare Shakespeare at the Met, Jacksonville, FL

> C. Odets Halle Theatre, Cleveland, OH

Shakespeare at the Met, Jacksonville, FL The Tempest W. Shakespeare

Last Chance for Happiness (Premiere) J. Greenhouse T. Schreiber Studio, NYC Sweet Phoebe Cleveland Public Theatre M. Gow

Blithe Spirit N. Coward Findlay SummerStock, Findlay, Ohio

J. Orton T. Schreiber Studio, NYC Loot

Shatter The Vessel (Premiere) L. McDermott Charlottesville, VA New Play Festival W. Inge Findlay SummerStock, Findlay, Ohio The White Whore and the Bit Player T. Eyen Core Group; Theatre Row Theatre, NYC

Pearl J. Poglinco Pulse Ensemble Theatre, NYC

R. Pape Renegade Theatre Co., John Houseman Theatre, NYC Soap Opera

> B. Beatty 42nd St. Collective

Artifice (Premiere) 42nd St. Collective Summerfest Real Live Dancing Boy (Premiere) K. Grubb

Science Gets Serious (Premiere) F. Green Cleveland Public Theatre Titus Andronicus W. Shakespeare The Basic Theatre, 46 Walker St. Theatre, NYC

The Basic Theatre, Samuel Beckett Theatre, NYC Santa Monica Threeway (NY Premiere) T. Jacobson The Basic Theatre, Samuel Beckett Theatre, NYC Bertolt Brecht: In Dark Times (NY Premiere) D. Langworthy The Basic Theatre, Samuel Beckett Theatre, NYC Shaviana (Premiere) M. Martin

Gift of the Magi (Musical/Tour) Cosentino/Mondzak Interborough Repertory Theater

The Haircut P Gulino The Basic Theatre, 46 Walker St. Theatre, NYC Sure Thing D. Ives The Basic Theatre, 46 Walker St. Theatre, NYC

Snake Eyes (Premiere) A. Masters Stagewrights, NYC Gutterballs (Premiere) U. Taubert Stagewrights, NYC Free Pass to Soria Moria (U.S. Premiere) B Vik City University of NY

Standing On My Knees J. Olive American Academy of Dramatic Arts, NYC Brighton Beach Memoirs American Academy of Dramatic Arts, NYC N. Simon

In Memory (Premiere) J. Dirigl Westside Rep, NYC Lester Thomas Shane Page - 4

Felicia L. Levant Silver Lining Cabaret, NYC A Season in Rep (Premiere) West Coast Ensemble, LA L. Shane A Place To Come Home To J. Dirigl Westside Rep, NYC Grit in a Sensitive Instrument (NY Premiere) P. Singleton Vineyard Theatre, NYC Pretty Witty Nell (NY Premiere) C. Malugen Vineyard Theatre, NYC *Nathaniel* (Premiere) M. Sawyer Theatre 11, NYC

Hedda Gabler H. Ibsen Stage 73, Manhattan Theatre Club Summer and Smoke T. Williams Stage 73, Manhattan Theatre Club Winters/Watkins/Shane Brothers & Sisters Cabaret, NYC As You Like It (A New Musical) Readings and Workshops:

The Basic Theatre, Stagewrights,

42nd St. Collective Cleveland Public Theatre, NYU, ADAPT, The New Group, IRT, New Yiddish Theatre

Industrials Hoffman-Hedges Prod.

ACTING CREDITS

(selected, full list available including film, television and radio)

New Bla Bla York (Fortune Teller, Featured role) Vera Maria Bruekner, Dir. Frankly Films, Munich

Konstantine Productions, Official Selection Green Shoes (Dad, Lead)

Brightside Tavern Film Festival

Mortal Coil (all roles) NY Int'l Fringe Festival/Cleveland Public

> Theatre/Stella Adler Theatre, LA/Video Winner: Cleveland Drama Critics Award

Definitely Moments in Sports History (Darnice Pinkerton) BudTV

Polymorphous Perverse (George) 42nd St. Collective Summerfest

People's Light & Theatre, Malvern, PA The Tempest (Ariel)

All Compact (He) TYA Tour

PAI Rep Counting the Ways (He)

A Midsummer Night's Dream (Puck)

Romeo and Juliet (Mercutio) *Taming of the Shrew* (Tranio)

School for Wives (Alain) Alabama Shakespeare Festival *Tartuffe* (Tartuffe) Three Seasons in Repertory As You Like It (Jacques)

Much Ado About Nothing (Dogberry) Also served as company Voice and Movement Master

Macbeth (Angus) Two Gentlemen of Verona (Speed) Hamlet (Guildenstern; Osric)

The Comedy of Errors (Dromio)

WRITING CREDITS/Publications

We've only just begun: reflections and insights "Giving Voice to International Students"

roundtable from the 2013 VASTA Conference in Minneapolis

Sue Klemp, Amy Mihyang Ginther, Joanna Battles, Lester Thomas Shane

Voice and Speech Review

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Interview with David Thorpe, Director of "Do I Sound Gay"

Voice and Speech Review

Mortal Coil (play)

Produced as Livets Lenker by Ars Nova, Norway

Reading, Basic Theatre Marathon, NYC Produced: NY Int'l Fringe Festival Produced: Cleveland Public Theatre

Winner of Cleveland Drama Critics Award

Stella Adler Theatre, Los Angeles Produced: Video - Pan:Image, Inc. Selected Institutional Venues

Book - Published by The Creative Seed

Seven Keys to Success Without Struggle (w/P. Brackett)

Rupert: Just Being Me (w/Rupert Boneham)

Book - published by LifePress

Nazis & The Occult: Myths, Mystics and Madmen Cinnabar Pictures/Discovery Channel

20th Century Fox: The First Fifty Years

Van Ness Films / AMC TV

Carmen Miranda: The South American Way

Van Ness Films / A&E TV

Tyrone Power: The Last Idol Biography Series

James Brown: GoodMarc Productions/ A&E TV Biography Series

Contributing Writer
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The Mystery Page

A monthly column in A&E Monthly Magazine

To Be Quentin Miracles: A Fable The New Baby

Victory At Calvin Coolidge Life In The Laugh Track

The Bride's Guide (60' Instructional Video)

POV: Max (A Sitcom Treatment; w/ Merrick Bursuk)

A Season in Rep (Play)

Pajama Party Horror (Screenplay; w/ Lynn Lowry)

Children's' Plays Published by Sundance

Publishing

E.N.D. Productions

Children's Television Workshop

Workshop Production West Coast Ensemble, LA

ADDITIONAL CREDITS

Director in Residence Executive Director Director of Stage Combat

Reader

Freelance Copy and Technical Writing Private Coaching--Acting & Dialects

Field Coordinator Volunteer The Basic Theatre, NYC The Conspiracy Theatre, NYC NY Grand Opera at BAM

The Hartford Stage, Manhattan Theatre Club, Westbeth

Client list by request NBC News Elections Jacob Perlow Hospice

MEMBERSHIPS

UNIONS: AEA; SAG-AFTRA, SDC

VASTA

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TRAINING

BFA Program; Carnegie-Mellon University

Speech & Dialects: Edith Skinner; Directing: Lawrence Carra;

Columbia University: Director's Forum with Jerry Zaks, Judith Malina, Andrei Serban, Simonne Benmussa

Shakespeare: John Barton, Patsy Rodenburg

Elevated Text Workshop: Louis Sheeder, Shane Ann Younts, Robert Neff Williams

Voice Methods Workshop (Fitzmaurice/Linklater/ Lessac): Phil Thompson, Jeff Morrison, Louis Colaianni, Nancy Krebs

Roy Hart Workshop: Mayra Lowry

Middendorf Breath Workshop: Juerg Roffler Alba Method for Emotions: Rocco DalVera

The Art and Science of Breathing Symposium: Leslie Kaminoff et al

BA Empire State College (SUNY) 2013