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THEATRE DIRECTING

OFF-OFF BROADWAY

WELCOME TO CLOWNTOWN

WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST*

GARDEN OF ALLA*

BACCHAE

OMINOUS MEN*

THE JIG IS UP*

OFF-BROADWAY

TEMPLE OF THE SOULS (musical drama) Taino/ Puerto Rican story

LET THE DEVIL TAKES THE HINDMOST*

COMIDA DE PUTA (F#&ing Lousy Food)*

SPRING FLUNG (w/ Tim Daly) - 24 Hr Play Fest

AND THEN I WENT INSIDE (Kathleen Chalfant)*

KNOWING BLISS (Emmy Winner Blanche Baker)*

MEMOIRS OF A MANIC DEPRESSIVE (solo)*

NOBODY TOLD ME THERE'D BE DAYS ... '

VARIATIONS ON CHRISTOPHER STREET

BLACK GIRL YOU'VE BEEN GENTRIFIED*

MORPHO GENESIS (w/ Kathryn Layng)*

ALCESTIS (Euripides Festival)

HONOR AND FIDELITY (solo)*

EXILE (Edward Albee Fellow) THE BALLAD OF EDDIE AND JO*

WHAT COMES NEXT*

DAY OF RECKONING *

MAIL (NYC premiere) SEXCAPADES*

TWO DOLLAR BILL*

NOVEL*

HELL AND HIGH WATER*

DON'T WALK IN THAT SHIT GIRL*

PLAYWRIGHT Romy Nordlinger Tanya Perez Euripides Desi Moreno-Penson Theresa Rebeck

Mava Contreras Mohammed Naseehu Ali Maya Macdonald Desi Moreno-Penson

Susie Felber

Nichole Thompson-Adams

Fengar Gael Euripides

Jamuna Yvette Sirker Anne Hamilton Tanya Perez Lindsev Ferrentino David Sard Pamela A. Popeson

Arden Kass Gary Mizel

C. Ingber F. Saviano Melody Cooper (Audelco)

Tina Weintraub Nick Bellitto Gloria Vando, poet Various Authors Stephen Bartell N.D. Bellitto Barbara Becker

Bellitto, Peress, Ruhlman

Multiple Composers

Paris/Fengar Gael

Melody Cooper

Earl Robinson

Reed-Paris/Fengar Gael

See Off Broadway credits above

THREE BY THREE* **MUSICAL THEATRE/ OPERA**

TWO MEN WALKING A BREAST*

MOVING TARGETS (dance/theatre)*

TEMPLE OF THE SOULS AIDS QUILT SONGBOOK THE ISLAND OF NO TOMORROWS* THE LONESOME TRAIN (Narrated by Ruby Dee, Sam Waterston as Abe Lincoln) THE JUDAS TREE*

VIRTUAL THEATRE (selected)

THE KEEPERS*

COMPOSERS/ BOOK

Book by Anita Velez-Mitchell, Lorca Peress. Anika Paris Music: Anika Paris. Dean Landon Lyrics: Velez-Mitchell, Paris, Landon NYMF 2017 Next Link Project, The Acorn at Theatre Row MultiStages

THEATRE/ PRODUCER

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On Tour (Theatre West, LA; Firehouse, VA; TheaterLab, NYC) The Tank

Euripides Summer Fest, American Thymele Theatre NYC Tour

Theater at the 14th St. Y, MultiStages June Havoc Theatre, Life Force Arts

2016 Fringe International Festival, Soho Playhouse Lucille Lortel / Bennington College Spencer Cox Fund Signature Theatre/Bennington College Spencer Cox Fund

West End Theatre, MultiStages

The Public Theatre/ Bennington College Nicolas Martin Fund

The Public Theatre, Joe's Pub,

New World Stages, LPTW New Play Festival Tour NYC Parks, American Thymele Theatre Hudson Guild, TNC LES Festival, MultiStages Cherry Lane, LPTW New Play Festival

Cherry Lane; Downtown Urban; La Tea One Fest, Drilling Co.

Manhattan Repertory Theatre

Hudson Guild Theatre, Strasberg One Act Winner

Access Theatre, Rebellion Dogs

Teatro La Tea; TNC LES Festival, MultiStages

Gene Frankel Theatre; Washington Square Inst. Mania Conf

Teatro La Tea, Standing Bear Producer The Kraine Theater, MultiStages Sanford Meisner Theatre HERE Arts Center, MultiStages

Primary Stages, Sackett Group Women's Work

The Lark Studio Theatre, MultiStages

Primary Stages, Sackett Group Women's Work

Producers Club Producers Club Musical Theatre Works

COMPOSER/ BOOK THEATRE/ PRODUCER

Theater for the New City; West End Theatre, MultiStages Cooper Union, Sing for Hope

Co-production Interart Development Series/MultiStages Riverside Church, Queens College Choir, QC Aaron Copland

Orchestra, NY Labor Chorus

Teatro La Tea; TNC LES Festival, MultiStages

MultiStages' SPEAKOUT PROTEST FESTIVAL

* world premieres

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UNIVERSITY THEATRE

An Enemy of the People

EVERYBODY MASS (theatre, opera, dance)

THE IMAGE MAKER (opera)*

MY KINSMAN, MAJOR MOLINEUX (opera) REDACTED "MINOR CHORD" (Devised)

RADIUM GIRLS WAR STORIES

THE CITY, TOWN & COUNTRY

SNAPSHOTS ALL IN THE TIMING TALKING WITH ...

SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY OUR TOWN (two productions) FEIFFER'S PEOPLE THREE PENNY OPERA

KISS ME KATE

Brad Birch NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio Brandon Jacobs Jenkins Colden Center, Queens College Leonard Bernstein/Steven Schwartz Kaufman Theatre, Queens College Bruce Saylor/James Merrill Bruce Saylor/Cary Plotkin Kaufman Theatre, Queens College Ibsen's An Enemy of the People NYU Tisch School of the Arts D.W. Gregory NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio Various Playwrights NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio Various Playwrights NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio Various Playwrights NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio David Ives NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio Jane Martin NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio **Edgar Lee Masters** Thornton Wilder NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio Jules Feiffer NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio Kurt Weill/Brecht NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio Porter/Spewack NYU Tisch Strasberg Studio

WORKSHOPS / STAGED READINGS

ABRAHAM'S DAUGHTERS

OMINOUS MEN ESAI'S TABLE JANUARY

APPETITE (w/Tovah Feldshuh, Lynn Cohen)

YBOR CITY (musical) **GREAT EASTERN**

RIDE

BALD LIES, WILD CRIES (w/ Angelica Page)

SHADOWS (w/ Kathryn Layng)

INSIDE OUTSIDE

THE ISLAND OF NO TOMORROWS THE LOST CITY OF ASHER

THE ABANDONED EL

SIN PARADISE

TWISTER WITH AN OCTOPUS

SUNSET ON THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

THE CHAT ROOM

LAMIA INK! ONE-PAGE PLAY FESTIVALS

TAP THIS FESTIVAL

THEATRE INTERNSHIPS

LAST MEETING OF THE ... MAGNOLIA MORNING STAR TOOTH OF CRIME THE CHERRY ORCHARD MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING THE HOT L BALTIMORE

FESTIVALS

SPEAKOUT: Protest Plays & More

A multidisciplinary online festival of commissioned new works in theatre, dance, poetry, music and multimedia

Emma Goldman-Sherman Desi Moreno-Penson

Nathan Yungerberg Paula Cizmar Arden Kass

Anita Gonzalez, Dan Furman

Anna Moensh Eric Lane Adam Kraar David Sard

Gena Bardwell Fengar Gael Adam Kraar

Adam Kraar

George Joshua Ben Hur Carmona Ben Hur Carmona **Bob Santana**

Rue McClannahan, Robert Patrick

Various playwrights

Islamaphobia Liberty Fest, Urban Stages

ART-NY

MultiStages Script Development Series MultiStages Script Development Series MultiStages Script Development Series

Independent 3 Graces Theatre Co.

NJ Repertory; Soho Repertory MultiStages Script Development Series

MultiStages Script Development Series

MultiStages Script Development Series / TNC LES Fest Repertorio Espanol (MET Life Nuestras Voces Finalist)

La MaMa, E.T.C. **Urban Stages**

Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre Festival La MaMa, E.T.C.; Chez Laroe (7 seasons) La MaMa, E.T.C; Puffin Room (2 seasons)

DIRECTOR

THEATRE COMPANY Tom Gruenwald Missouri Repertory Missouri Repertory Harold Scott **Davey Marlin Jones** Stage West, MA Vincent Dowling Missouri Repertory James Asaad Missouri Repertory Rae Allen Stage West, MA

ARTISTIC COMPANY

Writers: Gena Bardwell, Melody Cooper, Fengar Gael, Dorothy Tan, Nathan Yungerberg; Poet Gloria Vando

Directors: Kimille Howard, Toussaint Jeanlouis, Eugene Ma, Lorca Peress

Performers: Actors: Kate Bornstein, Dimitri Carter, Rainbow Dickerson, Brie Eley, Vanessa Guadiana, Wai Ching Ho, Michael Gene Jacobs, Amanda Salazar, Donnell E. Smith, Michael Striano, Messeret Stroman Wheeler, Lu Yu. Dancers: Jennifer Chin, Madeline Jafari, Oscar Antonio Rodriguez, Anne Parichon-Buoncore, Richard T. Savama.

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Artistic Company: Jennifer Chin, Choreographer; Jan Hartley, Projection Design, Background Imagery, Dance Video Editing and Videographer; Sun Hee Kil, Music and Sound Design; Lisa Renee Jordan, Costume Design; Michael Lee Stever, Videographer; Paul Peress, Drummer on "Rage" dance film; Christopher Marston, Festival Video; Editor; Anika Paris, Poem Videographer; Tate Kenney, Costume Assistant

Lorca Peress, MultiStages Producing Artistic Director and Festival Creator; Gena Bardwell, Associate Producer; Produced by MultiStages

Playwrights: Isaac Gomez, Stacy Osei-Kuffour, Paula Cizmar, Lavonne Mueller, Nicole Quinn, Andrew Black, Fengar Gael, Claudia Barnett, Jeffrey Harper, Isabella Russell-Ides, Karen Hartman, Phil Lebovits, Michael Bettencourt, C. Rusch, David Muschell, Naomi Lazard, Chris Longo, Pamela A. Popeson, Abi Basch, Adam Kraar, D.L. Siegel

Festival Directors: Melissa Maxwell, Candido Tirado, Jose Zayas, Gregory Simmons, Mia Walker, Katrin Hilbe, Robert Kalfin, Elowyn Castle, Lorca Peress, Tea Alagic, James B. Nicola, Scott C. Embler, Chris Silva, Tania Inessa Kirkman, James Cunningham, Gregory Simmons, Elfin Vogel, Vince Pesce, Giovanna Sardelli

Guest Actors: Crystal Lucas Perry, Arica Himmel, Mikeah Jennings, Joe Urla, Melissa Leo, Seret Scott, Adam LeFevre, Thursday Farrar, Shawn Eliot, Dion Graham, Quincy Dunn Baker, Sanjiv Jhaveri, joining companies of artists.

MultiStages Climate Change Festivals (2015 and 2017)

MultiStages New Works Finalist Festivals:

(Contest Finalists from 2001-2019)

In association with The Arctic Cycle, Theatre Without Borders, NoPassports, Climate Change Theatre Action is a global event created by Chantal Bilodeau and Caridad Svich

MultiStages The Future is Female (2017)
TFIF Fest was created by writer Mya Kagan, who saw "the future is female" as a way of saying the future would hold better, brighter, more equal opportunities for women.

A Swan

NYU International hotINK Festivals: (2002-2010), NYU Tisch School of the Arts Catherine Coray, Festival Director Lorca Peress, Strasberg Studio Curator (Produced 24 readings of new plays)

Playwrights: Chantal Bilodeau (US/Canada), Naomi lizuka (US), Elyne Quan (Canada), Arthur Kopit (US), Chiori Miyagawa (US), Abhishek Majumbar (India), Elspeth Tilley (New Zealand), : Keith Josef Adkins (US), Élaine Ávila (Canada), Chantal Bilodeau (Canada), Mindi Dickstein (US), Angella Emurwon (Uganda), Kendra Fanconi (Canada), Vinicius Jatobá (Brazil), Abhishek Majumdar (India), Caridad Svich (US), Jordan Tannahill (Canada), Nathan Yungerberg (US)

Silvio Martinez-Palau (Colombia/US), Lorca Peress (US), David Sard (US)

Company: Playwrights: Raquel Almazan, Maya Contreras, Cynthia Cooper, Cecilia Copland, Cesi Davidson, C.S. Hanson, Penny Jackson, Chiori Miyagawa, Desi Moreno-Penson, Noemi de la Puente, Liz Sipes, Nichole Thompson-Adams; Dancers: JENNIFERCHINdance; Poet: Tess Cacciatore, Gloria Vando, Ela Alster; Composers: Juana Aquerreta, Anika Paris; Conductors: Tong Chen, LaFrae Sci; Directors: Sara Berg, Elowyn Castle, Kimille Howard, Lorca Peress; Performers: Victoria Franzetti, Crystal Rodriguez, Alexandra WilliamsonAndrea Abello Raquel Almazan* Tonia Anderson* April Armstrong* Gena Bardwell* Sara Berg* Darryl K. Brown Elisa Brown Tess Cacciatore Kim ChinhJY Chun Bobby Crace Noemi de la Puente William Franke* Victoria Franzetti Joy Kelly*Tate Kenney Kathryn Layng* Desi Moreno-Penson Romy Nordlinger* Lorca Peress* Angelica Pinna Perez Tanya Perez* Gary Ramsey Clea Rivera Crystal Rodriguez Kate Armstrong Ross* Daniela Thome Nichole Thompson-Adams Alexandra Williamson

Playwrights: Jeffrey M. Jones, Arthur Kopit, Israel Horovitz, Susan Yankowitz, Migdalia Cruz, Jeffrey Hatcher, Mary Fengar Gail, Itamar Moses, Jean Sterrette, Frank Higgins, Abi Basch, D.W. Gregory, Susan Nussbaum, Lee Gundersheimer, David Lescot, Christopher Campbell, Adam LeFevre, Rémi De Vos, Carole Fréchette, Ahmed Ghazali, Bobby Theodore, Desi Moreno-Penson, Judith Rudakoff, Maksym Kurochkin

Festival Directors: Robert Kalfin, Kay Matschullat, Joel Bishoff, Michelle Tattenbaum, Elowyn Castle, Candido Tirado, Kristen Brandt, Melia Bensussen, James B. Nicola, Rasa Allan Kazlas, Judy Dennis, Bill Balzac, John Pietrowski, J. Ranelli, José Zayas, Isis Saratial Misdary, Michael Sexton, Jean Randich, Daniella Topol **Guest Actors**: Kathleen Chalfant, Joan Macintosh, Henry Stram, Frances Jue, Adam LeFevre, Thursday Farrar, Shawn Elliot, Dan Laura, Ron Orbach, Ellen McLaughlin, Larry Pine, Daniel Gerroll, Leon Addison Brown, Stephen DeRosa, John Seitz, Florencia Lozano, Jay O. Sanders, Gregory Simmons, Steven Schnetzer, Jessica Hecht, Bill Buell, Pamela Payton Wright, David Zayas, Judith Delgado, Armando Riesco, Dominic Colón, Allen B. Rickman, Rita Wolf, Ronald Gutman, Teresa Yenque, and others

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THEATRE PANELS

"Centering Creators in the Creative Economy"

Yale Venture Summit, New Haven

"Gender Parity - Are We There Yet?"

Theatre Resources Unlimited Town Hall

"What Producing Companies Need Now"

Theatre Resources Unlimited Town Hall

"So You Want to Direct: Women's Panel": The Fire This Time Festival

"Collaboration Panel w/ Women Directors":

Women in Arts and Media Coalition

"Women's Work":

League of Professional Theatre Women 30 Plays

Series w/ MultiStages

"New Plays Series Producers":

Theatre Resources Unlimited

Projecting the Future: Projection Designers &

Directors:

Theatre Resources Unlimited

NYU hotINK International Festival:

NYU Tisch School of the Arts

"Dreaming the Americas/ Diversity and Difference in Performance":

NOPASSPORT Conference, CUNY Grad

"Performing Across Cultures and Histories":

NYU Tisch School of the Arts

OHIO STATE ARTS COUNCIL:

MultiStages Talk-Backs:

Moderated by Keith Hamilton Cobb; Panelists: Lorca Peress, Benny Sato Ambush, Erica Schrwartz, Jessica Burr

Moderated by Bob Ost; Panelists: Lorca Peress, Malini Singh Macdonald, Martha Wade

Steketee, Cheryl L. Davis, Prosche McGovern

Moderated by Bob Ost; Ariel Estrada, Lorca Peress, Aimee Todoroff

Moderated by Melissa Maxwell; Panelists: Lorca Peress, Kim Weild, Lileana Blain-Cruz, Jenny

Koons, Tiffany Nichole Greene, and Michole Biancosino

Moderator: Shellen Lubin; Panelists Lorca Peress, Ludovica Villar-Hauser

Moderator: Susan Jonas; Panelists: Lorca Peress, Jan Hartley, Fengar Gael

Panelists: Gabor Barabas, David Black, Charles Johanson, Lorca Peress, Ricky L. Stevens; Eric

Ting, Cheryl Wiesenfeld

Moderator: Bob Ost; Panelists: Jan Hartley, Sven Ortel, Lorca Peress, Stafford Arrima, Karen

Eterovich, Richard DiBella

Panelists: playwrights Caroline McGee; Allan Graubard; Moderator: Lorca Peress

Moderator: Steven Sapp; Panelists: Dominic Taylor, Lorca Peress

Festival Producer: Caridad Svitch

Moderator: Una Chaudhuri; Panelists: Branislav Jakovljevic, Sansan Kwan, Nori NkeAka, Lorca

Peress, and Biljana Srbljanovic.

Judging Panel Symposium for Playwriting and Screenwriting, Columbus, OH

"Toppling the Production Patriarchy: "Meet the Women Creators on Ominous Men": Director Lorca Peress and Playwright Desi Moreno-Penson talk with the all-female creative company: Projection Design Jan Hartley, Scenic Design Jennifer Varbalow, Sound Design Sun Hee Kil, Lighting Design Kia Rogers, Costume and Makeup Design Lisa Renee Jordan, Choreography Jennifer Chin, Fight Director Carlotta Summers, Moderated by Antonio Miniño, Assistant Director.

"Classical Adaptations by Artists of Color": "Comida de Puta" Production, MultiStages; Moderated by Lorca Peress, MultiStages Artistic Director; Panelists: with Playwrights Desi Moreno-Penson, Patricia Ione Lloyd, Carlos J. Serrano, and Dramaturg A.J. Muhammad

"Knowing Bliss" Playwright Arden Kass and director Lorca Peress in conversation with Floyd Gomez/Mountain Walking Cane, Taos Pueblo Indian Tribe Director of Native American Programs at Sacred Healing Circle.

"Temple of the Souls" in conversation with Jorge Estevez, Taíno Cacique from the Dominican Republic, Workshops Coordinator at Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian on Taino Culture and History.

"Temple of the Souls" Lorca Peress in conversation with Roman Guaraguaorix Perez, Taíno Cacique Chief

"Taíno Nation Culture, and Music with Dance and Drums Demonstration"; Moderator: Lorca Peress in conversation with Taíno Cacique Cibanakan

AWARDS/GRANTS:

2023 LPTW Special Award for Meritorious Service, 2019 Creative Engagement Award (LMCC/ DCA), Institute of Puerto Rico 2017 Cultural Award, NYMF 2017 Next Link Project, Six 2015 Innovative Theatre Nominations (for MultiStages: Outstanding Production, Original Music, Original Full-length Script, Lead Actress, Innovative Design, Costume Design); Four Manhattan Community Arts Grants: 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 (Lower Manhattan Council and Department of Cultural Affairs); 2015 HOLA Award (MultiStages, Outstanding Design); 2015 Taíno Areito Award in Drama; 2015 National Opera Contest 3rd Prize; 2012 National Opera Contest 2nd Prize Professional Division; 2012 HOLA Awards (Gilberto Zaldivar Outstanding Production Award; Lighting, Choreography, Music); 2012 Taíno Award; 2011 Women in Arts and Media Director/Playwright Collaboration Honorable Mention; N.W. Dible Foundation Grants; Dramatists Guild Fund Grant (2009); Jewish Communal Fund Grant (2008-2014); La MaMa INKY Playwriting Award (Harold and Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust Honorarium); two-time Lamia Ink! One-Page Play Finalist.

FACULTY POSITIONS:

Current: (2000-Present) Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute; (2001-Present) NYU Tisch School of the Arts Field Instructor (Strasberg Studio). Former Faculty: NYU hotINK Festival Curator, Strasberg Studio Faculty Summer at Tisch Instructor;

Mentoring: NYC Mayor's Conference on Women Mentorship at Barnard College (Under Grad/Grad); Guest Speaker: Columbia Teachers College Leadership Workshop; Teacher of the Day at East Bronx Academy for the Future; Guest Director of the Day at Cathedral School

PLAYWRITING JUDGE:

Repertorio Español Nuestras Voces I and II, Lamia Ink! International One-Page Contests, MultiStages New Works Contests, Ohio Council on the Arts Playwriting and Screenwriting Contest, Strasberg One Act Contests,

DIRECTORSHIPS:

1997-Present: MultiStages Artistic Director and Founder (multicultural multidisciplinary theatre company)

2011-2014: Co-President of the League of Professional Theatre Women

1992-2002: Lamia Ink! Director of the Acting Company - One Page Plays and Tap This Festivals (outgrowth of La MaMa Poetry Project)

MEMBERSHIPS:

National Theatre Conference, League of Professional Theatre Women, Fractured Atlas, Founding Member of the Creative Network of the Federal Office of the Governor of Puerto Rico (US/NYC Regional Office 2011-2015); AEA, SAG-AFTRA, SDC

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

Bennington College (BA Drama): Paul Sills, Philip Minor, Larry O'Dwyer, Mary Doyle, Kenneth Cavander, Leroy Logan

Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute: Irma Sandry, Charlie Laughton (Professional Classes)

Master Classes: Shelley Winters, Gene Frankel, Joanna Merlin, Dana Alexis-Zeller, Mark Zeller, Gene Frankel

National Theatre Institute (O'Neill): Sheldon Patinkin, Rae Allen, George White, Fred Voelpel (Costume Design), David Hays (Scenic Design)

Director Playwright Lab Gene Frankel, Leonard Melfi

Playwrighting Gene Frankel

ADDITIONAL:

Writer, Performer: Actor, Singer, Musician, Dancer (LORT, Operas, NYC); Dance Styles (modern, ballet, jazz); Theatre Design (Scenic, Puppetry, Sound, Mask); Visual Artist (book illustrator, painter, sculptor); Bilingual (Spanish), knowledge of Hebrew, Arabic, French, Italian; Gourmet Cook

Multicultural Heritage: Puerto Rican, Taino, Iraqi Sephardic, European

Third Generation Artist