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### **Theater Productions – Full-Length**

The Fighting Frogs vs. Victoria Vanderbilt. Walden Theatre, Louisville, KY. 2015. The Fighting Frogs vs. Victoria Vanderbilt. Zona Gale Young People's Theatre, WI. 2014. The Party Play. Dir. Molly Marinik. The Brick Theater, NYC. 2014. The Collected Rules of Gifted Camp. Dir. Annie Tippe. The Brick Theater, NYC. 2012. A Week at the NJ Shore. Dir. Meghan Finn. The Goggleworks, Reading, PA. 2011. A Week at the NJ Shore. Dir. Meghan Finn. Dixon Place, NYC. 2011. A Wonderfully Flat Thing. (children's play, Dir. David Winitsky) 14th Street Y, NYC. 2010-11. A Week at the NJ Shore. The Salty Women Festival, Bedford Hills, NY. 2010. A Week at the NJ Shore. Dir. Meghan Finn. The Bushwick Starr, NYC. 2009.

## **Selected Theater & Musical Theater Productions – Shorts & One-Acts**

Tapestries 20-min excerpt (book & lyrics mine, music:Evan Johnson.) NYPL for Performing Arts, 2023. "Crossing the Cow Field, or An Ode to Inertia." On and Off Theatre audiodrama production, 2023. "Is This Who We Are, as Beavers?" 20-min musical (lyrics). NYPL for Performing Arts, NYC. 2022. "Hellbender: Live." SUNY Brockport Festival of Ten, Rochester, NY. 2022. "Hellbender: Live." Bemidji State University Voices of the Earth Play Festival, MN. 2022. The Brick Theater Cleverbot Plays Festival, NYC. 2013. "You Can't Control Me." "Crossing the Cow Field, or An Ode to Inertia." Piper Theatre Productions, BAX, NYC. 2011. "Crossing the Cow Field, or An Ode to Inertia." Little Theater at Dixon Place, NYC. 2010. "Time and Place." Prod. Sticky. The Bowery Poetry Club, NYC. 2009. "Rrrrr Argh Blech: A Morning Play." Estrogenius Festival, Manhattan Theatresource, NYC. 2009. "Rrrrr Argh Blech: A Morning Play." Boston Center for the Arts, MA. 2009. "Plays." Song cycle text; composer John Belkot. Georgetown and An die Musik, Baltimore, MD. 2009. "Pigeon Queen." Bryant Lake Bowl, Minneapolis, MN. 2008. "A Meditation on The Misanthrope: 10 Years Later." Bring a Weasel... Festival at CSC, NYC. 2008.

# Songs in Performed in Concert (lyrics mine)

"Back in New York," "Adapt a Tapestry," "All the Ways We Might Die." UP NEXT series, NYC. 2024. 
"The Scars of Your Body," "Meet the Freaks." Colorado New Musical Festival, Broomfield, CO. 2023. 
"Sideshow Boy," "The Realities of Life," "If I Knew." Balance Arts Center, NYC. 2023. 
"Strike!" and "I Will Win." Really Spicy Opera Zoom concert/hosted online, 2021.

# **Selective Professional Development Programs**

Fresh Ground Pepper's PlayGround PlayGroup.	2023.
Across a Crowded Room (NYPL for Performing Arts).	2022; 2023.
Really Spicy Opera's Aria Institute Libretto and Soprano Songwriting collaborative labs.	2021.
Fresh Ground Pepper's PAL program (curated musical theater writing group).	2020 - 2021.
The Tank's Pilot Program (TV/screenwriting).	2019 - 2020.
Experimental Theater Writers' Workshop (ETWW).	2019 - 2020.
Access Theater Individual Artist Residency.	2018 - 2019.
Exquisite Corpse Company's Spring Writer's Lab.	2017.

### Selected Recent Readings/Workshops/Development

The Tiniest Head Horn. (full-length musical).

The Test. (full-length play)

Exponential Festival at The Brick Theater, NYC, 2020.

The Scars of Your Body. (full-length musical)

Lightly staged concert reading, The Tank, NYC, 2019.

Bad Roommate. (full-length play)

New Georges and New Ohio Theater, NYC, 2016 and 2018.

#### **Selected Awards and Writers' Colony Residencies**

New Georges Affiliated Artist. 2016-present. Jerome Fellowship Finalist. 2014. Leah Ryan Award Finalist. 2013. Berks County Community Foundation Support Performing Artists Fellowship Grant. 2012. chashama chaNorth Residency. 2012. Silent Playwriting Retreat (now Stillwright), mod. Erik Ehn. Catskills, NY, 2009 and 2012. Bonderman Symposium (now Write Now) Finalist. 2011. Ucross Foundation. Sheridan, WY, 2009. Espy Foundation Writer's Colony (now Willapia Bay AiR) Oysterville, WA, 2008.

#### Selected Screenwriting/ Short Film

NY Indie Theater Film Festival, "Pokemon NO" Screening.

New Ohio Theater, NYC, 2019.

The Sheen Center, 2016.

### **Recent Ongoing Training**

"The Architecture of Musicals" with John Dietrich.

"Introduction to Classical Music."

"Musical Theater – Writing the Book" with Crystal Skillman.

"Writing for Television" with Francine Volpe and Liz Garcia.

"Advanced Lyric Writing" with Adam Gwon.

"Television Writing" with Daniel Talbott.

"Lyric Writing for Playwrights" with Adam Gwon.

Dramatists Guild Institute, 2023.

Coursera. 2021.

Playwrights Center. 2021.

Scripthealer; 2020.

Primary Stages ESPA. 2020.

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Dramatists Guild Institute, 2019.

# **Selected Publications**

"Rrrrr Argh Blech: A Morning Play." The Midway (www.midwayjournal.com/Aug10\_Drama.html)
"Rrrrr Argh Blech: A Morning Play." The Book of Estro (2009 ed.)
"A Week at the NJ Shore." (excerpt) The Brooklyn Review (2009 ed.)

15 reviews and articles in *The Brooklyn Rail* and *offoffonline*, see www.valeriework.com for links.

# **Selected Teaching and Arts Journalism Experience**

Adjunct Professor, Freshman English. CUNY City Tech, Aug 2022-present. Fordham, Aug 2023-present. Private Instructor of English, writing, history, math, test prep, admissions, various. July 2008-present. Instructor, Duke University TIP Program, creative and academic writing workshops. Jul-Aug 2009, 2010. offoffonline.com, Editor, Contributing Author. April 2007-September 2011. Adjunct Professor, Freshman English. CUNY Brooklyn College, Sept. 2007-May 2009.

## **Education**

**Brooklyn College**, NY. **MFA** in Playwriting. Studied with: Mac Wellman, Erin Courtney. **B.A.**, double majors in English and Theater Studies.