

Mason Beggs

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HIGHER EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Part-time Lecturer - The New School / School of Drama, New York, NY

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dramatic Arts

TDRU 2511 - Intermediate Directing 1: Visual Perception and the Stage

September 2017-Current

- Introduced students to the correlation between perception of two-dimensional images and the three-dimensional space of the theatre
- Multi-week lecture on two-dimensional design focusing on the utilization of visual manipulation when pertaining to story and emotional experience
- Lead critical feedback sessions on three assigned projects: Realism, Style, Transition

TDRU 2805 - Portfolio 4 - World Building

January 2016-Current

- Created a reflective learning environment that focused on conceptualization and construction of cohesive worlds
- Lead exercises that instructed students how to think across modalities and explore parallels between different artistic mediums
- Transitioned work into theatrical practice through incorporation of theatrical text and facilitation of designer talkbacks

Part-Time Lecturer - The New School Summer Intensive, New York, NY

April 2017- August 2017

Devised Theatre

- Introduced students to devised rehearsal techniques
- Lead student explorations of symbolism and metaphor, poetic expression in devised work. Generative elements included lighting, movement, media, music, and visual art

Lecturer - St Peter's University, Jersey City, NJ

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AR 175, AR 176 - Acting Workshop

September 2017-Current

- Introduced students to the history of acting technique and its implementation in modern performance
- Lead exercises in relaxation and focus
- Instructed and guided a multi-week exploration of improvisational technique
- Lead critical feedback sessions on monologues and short scene assignments

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chair of Curriculum Committee - The New School / School of Drama, New York, NY

May 2018- Current

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts

- Organized and lead faculty discussions on the state of BFA curriculum
- Reported to Program Director to advise on committee suggestions

Junior Coordinator - The New School / School of Drama, New York, NY

May 2018- Current

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts

- Advised students and acted as a liaison between Program Director and Junior class
- Advised administration on the student impact of curricular changes
- Organized and instructed workshop series

- Structured curriculum for Summer Acting Intensive
 - Produced series of workshops
 - Planned off-site visits
 - Hired and managed faculty
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SELECTED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Guest Lecturer - The Graduate Institute, Bethany CT

Meditative Creativity Workshop

February 2020

Workshop focused on accessing students' subconscious dialogue to then create visceral pieces of multi-medium art. Drawing on aspects of world building, the workshop asked students to explore memories and dreams to then translate these environments into work that could be experienced by others.

Guest Lecturer - The New School / School of Drama, New York, NY

Visual Perception Workshop

January 2015

Workshop focus was on strengthening directors' visual vocabulary and their ability to perceive, reflect, and repurpose visual information for use in their own work. It explored how we, as directors and artists, connect and perceive through our own realities, and how that perception manifests into our personal aesthetic.

Emerging Directors

January 2013

Workshop focus was on how to market your brand as a creative artist. Students were challenged to explore perception of their individual artistic strengths, as well as define their current aesthetic interests. Geared towards directors residing in the NYC area, the course also explored postgraduate opportunities and resources available to help build your business and brand as a freelance artist.

Sculpting the Scene

January 2012

Workshop focus was on rehearsal techniques aimed at altering the emotional temperature and trajectory of the scene, as well as collaborating with actors to achieve synthesis in storytelling. It explored the evolution of material throughout the rehearsal process and how to navigate changes as the work progresses.

Guest Lecturer - Art House Productions of Jersey City

Capacity: Devised Theatre for Youth

August 2015

Workshop focused on introducing the process of devised theatre to youth. Over the course of the day students explored the devising process through a series of exercises and guided conversations, and then broke into groups to create a new piece of work based on a series of prompts from the instructor. Students then presented their work to the group and learned about healthy and productive feedback.

Capacity: Deciphering the Song

September 2016

Workshop focused on deciphering the work of lyricists and composers with the intent of discovering and understanding character, defining motivation, and tracking the trajectory of a character's emotional temperature as indicated by the score.

ARTS ORG ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Artistic Associate/Mainstage Director

Jan 2012 - Jan 2016

Art House Productions

Program Director

Jan 2012 - Jan 2016

STAGES! Youth Program at Art House Productions

Drama Director*Saint Peter's University of Jersey City**Sept 2015 - Sept 2019***RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Jersey City Arts Council Performing Arts Chair
Production Director for TedX Jersey City

2018-2019
2016-Current

SELECTED DIRECTING EXPERIENCE (Musicals)

R/evolution*	Tisch School of the Arts
The Addams Family	Landmark Loew's Theatre
James and the Giant Peach	Art House Productions
Cabaret	St Peter's University
The Drowsy Chaperone	St. Peter's University
The Wild Party	St. Peter's University
Into the Woods	St. Peter's University
Putnam County Spelling Bee	St. Peter's University
Show Me Real*	PTC Performance Space (NYMF)

SELECTED DIRECTING EXPERIENCE (Devised and Immersive)

The Handless Maiden*	Art House Productions
The House of Atreus*	Art House Productions
Little Black Dots*	Landmark Loew's Theatre
Show Me Real*	PTC Performance Space (NYMF)
Ripple Effect*	Abrons Art Center
What Lurks*	St. Peter's University

SELECTED DIRECTING EXPERIENCE (Plays)

Fast in Fire by EJC Calvert*	Theatre for a New City
Mourning Breadth by George Loperccio*	The New School for Drama
Stranger in my Body	Gay and Lesbian Center of NYC
Commit by EJC Calvert*	Art House Productions
Font of Knowledge	Art House Productions
Antigone	St Peter's University
The House of Yes	St Peter's University
Medea	St. Peter's University
Dracula	St. Peter's University
4.48 Psychosis	The New School for Drama
The Bear: A Tragedy*	The Lion Theatre (Sam French)
What Dies Inside Us*	The Lion Theatre (Sam French)
A New Shade of Red*	Playwrights Horizons (Sam French)

SELECTED DIRECTING EXPERIENCE (New Play Development)

The Other Millay (reading)	New York Theatre Workshop
Pop! The Andy Warhol Musical (concert)	The Duplex (New York Theatre Barn)
The Adventures of Jesus Jackson (reading)	The Tank
Document in Madness (reading)	Schetler Studios

**Denotes World Premiere*

EDUCATION**MFA Directing**

The New School / School of Drama, New York, NY

Conferred May 2010

Directing: Austin Pendleton, Lou Jacob, Dorothy Lyman, Jim Simpson, Casey Biggs, Elinor Renfield

BFA Media Arts/Film Production (Minor in Music)

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA

Conferred in May 2005

Assistantship - Mark Brokaw, Yale Musical Theatre Inst. (<i>Pop</i> by Anna Jacobs and Maggie Coleman)	June 2009
Observership - Connor Doyle, (<i>Sleep No More</i>)	June 2012

References Available Upon Request