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THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

Sketches From A Poet's Life	Anna Akhmatova	Moscow Nights, Inc.	dir. Natasha Ramer
The Awakening of Kate Chopin	Kate Chopin	Alan Smason, Producer	dir. Maxwell Williams
24 Hours in the Life of Pilot	Hella	Moscow Nights, Inc.	dir. Natasha Ramer
I Take Your Hand In Mine	Olga Knipper	Moscow Nights, Inc.	dir. Natasha Ramer
The Diary of Anne Frank	Mrs. Frank	NOCCA Summer Stages	dir. Janet Shae
Battle of Angels	Cassandra	Crescent Theatre Collective	dir. Glen Meche
Women Who Kill	Ann Kelly	American Theatre Project	dir. Ed Bishop
Frozen	Nancy Shirley	Crescent Theatre Collective	dir. Glen Meche
Uncle Vanya	Sonja	Red Noses Productions	dir. Buzz Podewell
Boston Marriage	Anna	DRAMA/ Marigny Theatre	dir. Luis Barroso
The Vulgar Soul	Dr. Burke	Southern Rep Theatre	dir. Ryan Rilette
Tennessee Speaks in Tongues	Sister	True Brew Theatre	dir. Rob Tsarov
Salome	Salome	Dog and Pony Theatre Co.	dir. Tristan Codrescu
Suddenly Last Summer	Catherine Holly	Tennessee Williams Festival	dir. John Grimsley
A Tale of Two Cities	Lucie Manette	Roxy Regional Theatre	dir. John MacDonald

SHAKESPEARE

Romeo and Juliet	Lady Capulet	Tulane Shakespeare Festival	dir. Amy Holtcamp
Titus Andronicus	Tamora	Tulane Shakespeare Festival	
Taming of the Shrew	Kate	Dog and Pony Theatre Co.	dir. John Grimsley
The Tempest	Ariel	Dog and Pony Theatre Co.	
Titus Andronicus	Tamora	Dog and Pony Theatre Co.	
The Merchant of Venice	Portia	Dog and Pony Theatre Co.	
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Helena	Dog and Pony Theatre Co.	
Romeo and Juliet	Lady Capulet	Mikko Presents, San Miguel	dir. Mikko Macchione
Romeo and Juliet	Tybalt	Mikko Presents, San Miguel	
Hamlet	Ophelia	Roxy Regional Theatre	dir. John MacDonald
Romeo and Juliet	Juliet	Roxy Regional Theatre	
Richard III	Lady Anne	Roxy Regional Theatre	
Macbeth	Lady Macduff	Roxy Regional Theatre	
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Helena	Antioch Summer Stages	
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Titania	TN Governor's School for the Arts	

MUSICALS

Mr. Burns A Post-Electric Play	Edna Krabappel	Rockfire Theatre Co.	dir. John Greene
Guys and Dolls	Hot Box Girl	Roxy Regional Theatre	dir. Tom Thayer
Anything Goes	Mrs. Harcourt	Roxy Regional Theatre	
Once On This Island	Ensemble	Roxy Regional Theatre	
The Wizard of Oz	The Wicked Witch	Roxy Regional Theatre	
Cattywhompus Tales	Tennessee Rose	Dog and Pony Theatre Co.	dir. John Grimsley

ORIGINALS

The Baroness Undressed	Baroness Pontalba	The Baby Factory	Self-Created Solo Work
White Sauce and Diaper Babies	Anne Sexton	The Baby Factory	Self-Created Solo Work
Trigger Warning: About the Baby	A Woman	The Baby Factory	Self-Created Solo Work
Ventriloquist Verses	A Patois	The Baby Factory	dir. Monique Moss
Like Chinese Philosophy	A Scholar	Dog and Pony Theatre Co.	dir. John Grimsley

FILM

Sketches From A Poet's Life	Lead	Moscow Nights, Inc.	dir. Vavara Degtiarenko
Laundry Day	Principal	Armak Productions	dir. Randy Mack
Five Minutes Late	Principal	Armak Productions	dir. Randy Mack
The Fool's Gambit	Supporting	Antioch University	dir. Nick Campbell

TELEVISION

The Dead Files	Guest Star	Travel Channel
Treme	Featured	HBO

Anti-Litter PSA

Principal

PBS

References Available Upon Request

DIRECTING CREDITS

Driving Miss Daisy

Clove Productions

Marigny Theatre, New Orleans

Tiny Alice

Silk Dress Productions

Mid-City Theatre, New Orleans

Women and War

The Baby Factory

Contemporary Arts Center/
Ashe Cultural Arts Center

Women and the Word

The Baby Factory

Neighborhood Gallery, New Orleans

Surviving the Storm:
Stories of Women and Resilience

The Baby Factory

Contemporary Arts Center/
Neighborhood Gallery, New Orleans

White Sauce and Diaper Babies:
An Exploration of the Life and Work
of Anne Sexton

The Baby Factory

Regional Touring Solo Work, New
Orleans In/Fringe, Dallas Solo Fest,
Art Klub New Orleans, Faux Real,
Playhouse NOLA, Dixon Place NYC

The Baroness Undressed

The Baby Factory

Regional Touring Solo Work, New
Orleans Fringe, Tigermen's Den,
Cabildo, Louisiana State Museum

Trigger Warning: About The Baby

The Baby Factory

Regional Touring Solo Work, New
Orleans In/Fringe, The Dragonfly,
Art Klub, New Orleans

THEATRICAL WRITING CREDITS

Anna Akhmatova:
Sketches From A Poet's Life

Co-Writer

Moscow Nights, Inc.

Esplanade Studios, Documentary
Film, currently in post-production

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Orleans In/Fringe, The Dragonfly,
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Creator
(verbatim text)

The Baby Factory

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Orleans In/Fringe, Dallas Solo Fest,
Art Klub New Orleans, Faux Real,
Playhouse NOLA, Dixon Place NYC

Wit and Wrath:
The Life and Times of
Dorothy Parker

Co-Creator
(verbatim text)

Miss Claudia Presents

Regional Touring Solo Work, New
Orleans Fringe, D.C. Capitol Fringe,
Tennessee Williams Festival,
McNeese State University

Ventriloquist Verses:
Voices from Beneath the Water's Edge

Playwright

The Baby Factory

The Alamo, Contemporary Arts
Center, Art Klub, New Orleans

Story Circle	Co-Writer	Dog and Pony Theatre	Ashe Cultural Arts Center, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans
Finding the Enemy	Co-Writer	Dog and Pony Theatre	Anthony Bean Community Theater, New Orleans
Like Chinese Philosophy	Playwright	Dog and Pony Theatre	Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans

DESIGN CREDITS

Like Chinese Philosophy	Costume Design Multi-Media Design	Dog and Pony Theatre	Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans
Wit and Wrath: The Life and Times of Dorothy Parker	Set Design Lighting Design	Miss Claudia Presents	Regional Touring Solo Work, New Orleans Fringe, D.C. Capitol Fringe, Tennessee Williams Festival, McNeese State University
Women and the Word	Set Design	The Baby Factory	Neighborhood Gallery, New Orleans
Women and War	Set Design	The Baby Factory	Contemporary Arts Center/ Ashe Cultural Arts Center
Ventriloquist Verses: Voices From Beneath the Water's Edge	Lighting Design Costume Design Video Installation Set Design	The Baby Factory	The Alamo, Contemporary Arts Center, Art Klub, New Orleans
White Sauce and Diaper Babies: An Exploration of the Life and Work of Anne Sexton	Lighting Design Costume Design Sound Design Set Design	The Baby Factory	Regional Touring Solo Work, New Orleans In/Fringe, Dallas SoloFest, Art Klub, New Orleans, Faux Real, Playhouse NOLA, Dixon Place NYC
The Baroness Undressed	Lighting Design Costume Design Sound Design Set Design	The Baby Factory	Regional Touring Solo Work, New Orleans Fringe, Tigermen's Den, Cabildo, Louisiana State Museum
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Gem of the Ocean	Costume Design	ABCT	Anthony Bean Community Theater
Top Dog / Under Dog	Costume Design	Dog and Pony Theatre	Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans
The Tempest	Costume Design	Dog and Pony Theatre	City Park, New Orleans

Titus Andronicus	Costume Design	Dog and Pony Theatre	Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans
Taming of the Shrew	Costume Design	Dog and Pony Theatre	Shakespeare in American Communities, Recovery School District, City Park, New Orleans
Stand By Your Man	Costume Design	Dog and Pony Theatre	Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans
Songs In the Key of Life	Costume Design	Dog and Pony Theatre	The Bushnell Performing Arts Center, Hartford, CT
Story Circle	Costume Design	Dog and Pony Theatre	Ashe Cultural Arts Center, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans
Finding the Enemy	Costume Design	Dog and Pony Theatre	Anthony Bean Community Theater

TOURING STAGE MANAGER

Wit and Wrath: The Life and Times of Dorothy Parker	Miss Claudia Presents	Southeast Regional Tour, New Orleans Fringe, D.C. Capitol Fringe, Tennessee Williams Festival, McNeese State University
A Different Woman: A True Story of a Texas Girlhood	Texpatriate Productions	Canadian Association of Fringe Festivals Tour, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Ontario
Delfeayo Marsalis: Sweet Thunder	Uptown Music Theatre	Mid-West/Southeast Regional Tour, North Carolina Shakespeare Festival, Mahalia Jackson Theater, New Orleans, Toledo OH, Miami FL

ARTS EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, Theater Faculty, Movement Instructor, 2011-2020

International House of Blues Foundation, New Orleans, Performer and Art Tour Guide, Blues School House, 2003-2013

Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, Drama Instructor, Movement Instructor, 2003-2012

Uptown Music Theatre, New Orleans, Drama Instructor, Stage Manager, Director, 2004-2010

Anthony Bean Community Theatre, New Orleans, Drama Instructor, 2007-2009

Nelson Charter Elementary, New Orleans, Drama Instructor, 2007-2009

KIPP Believe, New Orleans, Drama Instructor, 2007-2009

Ames Elementary, Jefferson Parish, Drama Instructor, 2003

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Yoga Instructor, Freelance, 2008-2020

- Designed and implemented yoga instruction for diverse populations including:
- Children (Contemporary Arts Center)
- Adolescents (NOCCA)
- Seniors (Lambeth House, Shepard Center)
- At-risk youth (Covenant House, Rivarde Juvenile Detention Center)
- US Military Veterans (Balance Yoga, Veterans Affairs)
- Adults within a professional setting (Louisiana Supreme Court, Artist Design Group)
- Studio and Athletic Clubs (Balance Yoga, Downtown Fitness Center, NOAC, Anytime Fitness)

Performing Artist, Historian, Co-Director, Louisiana History Alive, 2002-2020

- Extensively researched historical figures with connection to New Orleans
- Engaged audience in "Reverse Williamsburg" educational street theater environment
- Coached other performers in 19th century elocution, comportment and this unique improvisational technique

Tour Director, Celebration Distillation, 2015-2019

- Researched and wrote tour script for America's oldest continuously operating rum distillery
- Delivered public tours of the distillery
- Shared information with public re: history of sugarcane cultivation and rum manufacturing, overview of distillation process, benefits of micro-distilling
- Increased product sales and customer satisfaction
- Trained and directed incoming tour staff
- Bartending, shuttle driving, bottling

Events Manager, Artist Design Group, 2013-2019

- Managed and oversaw public events
- Booked and interacted with performing artists
- Facilitated multi-media event planning

Art Tour Guide and Narrator, International House of Blues Foundation, 2002-2011

- Performed a narrated history of evolution of Blues music for school groups, grades 3-12
- Delivered tours of IHOFB folk art collection for school groups, grades 3-12.

Green Room Hostess and Production Assistant/ Stage Hand, House of Blues, 2008-2012

- Greeted touring artists, managers and production assistants
- Prepared and served meals for touring companies
- Balanced tending to incidental needs of several touring groups/events simultaneously
- Loaded and unloaded instruments and equipment for large scale touring companies
- Set up and broke down stage, lights and sound equipment for musical touring groups
- Apprenticed as large scale lighting designer

EDUCATION

B.A. Feminist Literary Theatre, Antioch College, 2000

Certified Kripalu Yoga Instructor, Yoga Alliance 200 hr
Louisiana State Ancillary Teaching Certification, Drama

Specialized Yoga Trainings:

Yoga Ed : certified K-12

Yoga for Youth : trauma sensitive for incarcerated youth

Veterans Yoga Project : trauma sensitive for Veterans

LifeForce Yoga : for managing anxiety and depression

Balance Yoga and Wellness : Ashtanga Yoga 200 hr

Currently enrolled:

NYU Tisch School of the Arts, Performing Arts Essentials Certificate Program

Embodiment Lab, Somatic Attachment Therapy Certificate Program

AWARDS

Big Easy Award "Frozen" Best Actress, Big Easy Award "Boston Marriage" Best Actress,
Marquee Award "Suddenly Last Summer" Best Actress, Marquee Award "A Midsummer Night's
Dream" Best Supporting Actress