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EDUCATION

MFA in Theatre Practice, University of Alberta (U of A), Edmonton, 2017

BFA Arts in Acting, U of A, 2009

Diploma in Theatre Performance, Red Deer College, 2004

EMPLOYMENT

2018-2020 Artistic Director and Co-General Manager, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

2017-2019 Education Director, Workshop West Playwrights Theatre, Edmonton

DIRECTING

Plays

2020 *Les Belles-sœurs*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

2019 *La Fille du facteur*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

2019 *Élise contre l'extinction totale*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

2018 *Mémix*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

2017 *Huh?!*, Mémix Productions, Edmonton

2017 *Conte-moi une histoire*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg

2016 *Big-Frère*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg

2015 *Freakshow*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg

2014 *InconnuUnknown*, Le Grand marché de arts, Edmonton

2014 *Examen Finale*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg

2013 *L'Autre*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg

2012 *Pigeon: l'avenir*, Nextnext Fest, Edmonton

Readings

2018 *La Théorie du Chaos*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

2018 *Le trou du vide*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

2018 *Élise contre l'extinction totale*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

2017 *Huh?!*, Mémix Productions, Edmonton

2016 *Quatre ressentiments*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

PRODUCED PLAYS

2018 *Mémix*, Fabula Fabulis, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

2017 *Huh?!*, Mémix Productions and the U of A

2014 *InconnUnknown*, Le Grand marché des arts, Edmonton

2013 *Récolte*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton

PUBLICATIONS

2021 *Manifesto: J'parle mal pis j'aime ça*, Entre ciel et mer. Rencontre Est-Ouest, Ancrage and À ciel ouvert, Maritimes and Prairies

2021 *Lettres non lue*, no. 181, Lettres Québécoises, Montréal

2021 *Passe-temps*, L'Atelier culturel, "Solo ensemble: À partir des mots", Radio-Canada, National

DRAMATURGY

2021 *AB-43*, Émanuel Dubbeldam, Edmonton
 2019 *L'entrée au Paradis*, Malaika Ogendaga, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2019 *Illusion*, Valécia Pépin, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2018 *La Théorie du Chaos*, Sarah Jeanne Bélec, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2018 *Le trou du vide*, Renée Bouchard, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2018 *Élise contre l'extinction totale*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2017 *Conte-moi une histoire*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg
 2016 *Big-Frère*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg
 2015 *Freakshow*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg
 2014 *InconnuUnknown*, Le Grand marché de arts, Edmonton
 2014 *Examen Finale*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg
 2013 *L'Autre*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg
 2012 *Pigeon: l'avenir*, Nextnext Fest, Edmonton

SELECTED ACTING CREDITS

2018 *Walk*, Bonnie, Dir. Michael Bradley, Liane Faulder Productions, Edmonton
 2014 *En Anglais s'il vous plait*, Douce, Dir. Nancy McAlear, MAA & PAA Theatre, Alberta Tour
 2014 *Trajet dit*, Catherine, Dir. Piet Defraeye, Theatre Yes, Edmonton
 2014 *Replay*, Emily, Dir. Melissa Thingelstad, Theatre Yes, Edmonton
 2013 *Murielle*, Ensemble, Dir. Wayne Paquette, Promise Productions and Blarney Productions, Edmonton
 2013 Staged Reading for *Récolte*, Dir. Philippe Soldevilla, Les Zones Théâtrales, National Arts Centre, Ottawa
 2013 *Récolte*, Renée, Dir. Philippe Soldevila, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2012 *Afterlives*, Collective, Dir. Vincent Forcier, Surreal SoReal, Winnipeg and Edmonton Fringe
 2012 *How I Learned to Drive*, Lil' Bit, Dir. Donna Marie Baratta, U of A Media Room, Edmonton
 2011 *Equus*, Nurse/Horse, Dir. Leigh Rivenbark, U of A Media Room, Edmonton
 2011 *Guernica*, Raquel, Dir. Jon Lachlan Stewart, Hidden Harlequin, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Swift Current and Vancouver
 2011 *La chaise perdue*, Multiple characters, Dir. Daniel Cournoyer, L'UniThéâtre, BC and Alberta Tour
 2010 *À la gauche de Dieu*, Elle, Dir. Daniel Cournoyer, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2010 *King Lear*, Regan/Edgar, Dir. Mark Henderson, Theatre Prospero, Alberta Tour
 2010 *Little Dog Laughed*, Diane, Dir. Leigh Rivenbark, U of A Media Room, Edmonton
 2009 *Des fraises en janvier*, Sophie, Dir. Daniel Cournoyer, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2009 *Roberto Zucco*, His mother & Madam, Dir. Stefan Dzevaroski, Studio Theatre, Edmonton

SELECTED MUSICAL THEATRE CREDITS

- 2012 *L'homme de la Mancha*, Aldonza, Dir. Guido Tondino, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2012 *The Curse of Pigeon Lake*, Fiona, Dir. Amanda Bergen, Twenties Street Productions, Edmonton
 2011 *Twenty-Five*, Multiple characters, Dir. Taylor Chadwick, Joel Crichton Emergency, Winnipeg and Edmonton
 2010 *The Curse of Pigeon Lake*, Fiona, Dir. Bohdan Tarasenko, Twenties Street Productions, Edmonton
 2010 *HOBOTHEME*, Retrelda, Dir. Stu Hoye, Chuddering Hudge, Edmonton
 2010 *Pig: A Backdoor Peep Show*, Eve, Dir. Eileen Sproule, Cowgirl Opera, Calgary and Edmonton
 2009 *Little Red Ridding Hood*, Little Red, Dir. Farren Timoteo, Alberta Opera, BC Tour
 2009 *Pig: A Backdoor Peep Show*, Eve, Dir. Eileen Sproule, Cowgirl Opera, Winnipeg
 2009 *Under the Big Top*, Joyce, Dir. Amanda Bergen, Twenties Street Productions, Edmonton
 2009 *Assassins*, Emma Goldman, Dir. Clinton Carew, Studio Theatre, Edmonton
 2006 *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, Yitzhak, Dir. Matt Grue, Ignition Theatre, Innisfail

SELECTED MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

- 2019 *Il était une fête*, La fête franco-albertaine, Nordegg
 2018 *Nouveau Monde*, Le Réseau des ville francophone et Francophile d'Amérique, Grande Prairie
 2018 *Éco-fête*, La fête franco-albertaine, Nordegg
 2016 *Franco-Party*, The Works Festival, Edmonton
 2015 Singing Improvisation with Patrick Dunn, Skirts a Fire Festival, Edmonton
 2014 *Karaoke 3-D*, Edmonton Chante, Edmonton
 2013 *polyfonik24*, Société du Gala albertain de la chanson, Edmonton
 2012 Opening act for Lisa Leblanc, Coup de Coeur francophone, Edmonton
 2011 *polyfonik22*, Société du Gala albertain de la chanson, Edmonton

VOCAL AND ACTING COACHING

- 2016, 2017 *New Voices*, The Nina Haggerty Center, Edmonton
 2013 *Polyphonik 24*, Société du gala de la chanson, Edmonton

CHOREOGRAPHY

- 2019 *La Fille du facteur*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmotnon
 2019 *Élise contre l'extinction totale*, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2017 *Conte-moi une histoire*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg
 2015 *Freakshow*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg
 2014 *Examen final*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg
 2013 *Polyfonik 24*, Société du gala de la chanson, Edmonton
 2013 *L'Autre*, Festival Théâtre Jeunesse, Nordegg
 2012 *Oblivion* (2nd par of Afterlives trilogy), SurrealSoreal Theatre Collective, Expanse Danse Festival, Edmonton

- 2010 *The Dynamic Duo of Duff and Pref*, Expanse Dance Festival, Edmonton
 2009 *Here We Are Now, Entertainers!*, Vaudeville Cabaret, Nextfest, Edmonton
 2007 *L'effect domino sur les gens du monde*, U of A Drama Department, Edmonton
 2006 *Shhhh, You Don't Want People to Think You're a Feminist*, Feminist Research Group Conference, Windsor

DANCE PERFORMANCES

- 2019 *Le Manoir*, Joëlle Préfontaine, Marie-Claire Marcotte, Vincent Leblanc-Beaudoin, Bianca Richard and Alix Dufresne, Les Zones Théâtrales, Ottawa
 2012 *Oblivion* (2nd par of Afterlives trilogy), SurrealSoreal Theatre, Expanse Dance Festival, Edmonton
 2010 *Co-Conspirators Wanted*, Nicole Perry, Dancefest, Edmonton
 2010 *The Dynamic Duo of Duff and Pref*, Expanse Dance Festival, Edmonton
 2009 *Here We Are Now, Entertainers!*, Vaudeville Cabaret, Nextfest, Edmonton
 2008 *Ribcage Canary*, Eryn Tempest, Dancefest, Edmonton
 2008 Street Performance, Eryn Tempest, International Dance Day, Edmonton
 2006 *Shhhh, You Don't Want People to Think You're a Feminist*, Feminist Research Group Conference, Windsor

POST-SECONDARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Principle Instructor

- 2016 DRAMA 247: Introduction to Oral Communications, Department of Drama, U of A, Edmonton

Teaching Assistant

- 2017 DRAMA 103: Critical Analysis of Play Texts, Department of Drama, U of A, Edmonton
 2015, 2016 DRAMA 308: Theatre History II: Modern Theatre, Department of Drama, U of A, Edmonton

SECONDARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2020 Theatre workshops, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2016-2019 #writesofpassage, Workshop West Playwrights' Theatre, Edmonton
 2011-2017 Drame 10-20-30, École Maurice-Lavallée, Conseil scolaire Centre Nord, Edmonton

PRIMARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2020 Theatre workshops, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
 2014-2017 Camps Multi-Arts, Theatre, Le Centre de développement musical, Edmonton
 2014-2015 Guest Artist, Theatre, École Campbelltown, Elk Island Public Schools, Sherwood Park

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2018 Nomination: Woman of the Year, Pont Cultural Bridge, Edmonton
 2017 Alberta Graduate Scholarship, Government of Alberta

- 2016 Walter H. Johns Graduate Fellowship, U of A
- 2016 Teaching Award, Drama 10-20-30, Maurice Lavallée, Conseil scolaire centre nord, Edmonton
- 2014 Nomination: Outstanding New Play (award to playwright), The Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Awards, Edmonton
- 2014 Teaching Award, Drama 10-20-30, Maurice Lavallée, Conseil scolaire centre nord, Edmonton
- 2012 Prix national d'excellence RBC, La fondation pour l'avancement du théâtre francophone du Canada, Ottawa
- 2012 Nomination: Outstanding Fringe Production, Afterlives, The Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Awards, Edmonton
- 2008 Jason Lang Scholarship, Government of Alberta
- 2008 The Sandra Faye Guberman Memorial Scholarship, U of A, Edmonton
- 2008 Invertors Group Musical Theatre Class- 3rd place, Kiwanis Festival, Edmonton

GRANTS, MENTORSHIPS and INTERNSHIPS

- 2018 Playwright in Development, Workshop West Playwrights' Theatre, Edmonton
- 2017 Mentorship with Yvette Nolan, Playwrights Guild of Canada, Toronto
- 2017 Serving Communities Internship Program (SCiP) with Workshop West Playwrights' Theatre, Government of Alberta
- 2017 Adaptation of *Huh?!*, ACCENT, L'Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta, Edmonton
- 2017 Grandes idées dans de petites salles, L'UniThéâtre, Edmonton
- 2016 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Ottawa
- 2013 Individual Artist Project Grant, Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Edmonton
- 2012 Community Investment Program Project Grant for Individual Artists, Edmonton Arts Council
- 2012 Alberta Creative Development Initiative, Canada Council for the Arts, Ottawa

EXTRA TRAINING

- 2019-2020 Artsvest Alberta, Business for the Arts, Online
- 2019-2020 Élargir les horizons artistiques, Carrefour international du théâtre, Les Zones théâtrales and the National Arts Centre, Québec City and Ottawa
- 2017 Tatawaw Workshop with Lewis and Hunter Cardinal, Naheyawin, Edmonton
- 2017 Rencontres professionnelles entre jeunes créateurs francophones du Canada, Zones Théâtrales, Centre national des arts, Ottawa
- 2017 GTL Level 3: Pedagogy and Course Design (Ongoing), U of A, Edmonton
- 2016-2017 Playwriting Forum with Colleen Murphy, U of A, Edmonton
- 2016 Master class with Amber Borotsik, Good Woman Dance Collective, Edmonton
- 2016 Action Theatre Workshop with Sarah Bild, Good Woman Dance Collective, Edmonton
- 2014 Composition Class with Lin Snelling, Mile Zero Dance, Edmonton
- 2013 Stage de perfectionnement (Movement for Actors) with Catherine Tardiff,

- Organized by: L'Association des theatres francophone du Canada, The National Theatre School and in partnership with the Banff Centre, Banff
- 2013 Entr'Art (Music Development), Regroupement artistique francophone de l'Alberta, Banff Centre, Banff
- 2012 Movement for the actor with Ainsley Hillyard, Good Woman Dance Collective, Edmonton
- 2011 Entr'Art (Play Development), Regroupement artistique francophone de l'Alberta, Banff Centre, Banff
- 2010 Synergy Movement Workshop with Linda Rubin, Dance Alberta, Edmonton
- 2008 Certification: Beginner Stage Combat, Fight Directors Canada
- 2005-2006 Modern dance classes, Orchesis, U of A, Edmonton

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/OUTREACH

- 2019-20 Board member and secretary, L'Association des théâtres francophones du Canada, Ottawa
- 2012-20 Board member, Theatre Representative, Regroupement artistique francophone de l'Alberta, Edmonton
- 2016-17 New Works Festival- Executive Committee- Secretary, U of A, Edmonton
- 2016-17 Graduate Student Drama Council Representative, U of A, Edmonton
- 2015-16 Graduate Student Drama Council Alternative, U of A, Edmonton
- 2014-15 Juror member, The Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Awards, Edmonton
- 2009-12 Actor, MFA Directing Projects, U of A, Edmonton

LANGUAGES

Fluent in reading, writing and speaking both English and French.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS OR AFFILIATIONS

- 2021 Member, Société historique francophone de l'Alberta, Edmonton
- 2014-21 Guild Member, Playwrights Guild of Canada, Toronto
- 2011-21 SOCAN Member, Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada, Toronto
- 2009-21 Member, Le Regroupement artistique francophone de l'Alberta, Edmonton