BARI ROBINSON

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bi-Jingo! LLC London, UK, Corporate Trainer

EXPERIENCE 02/2019-present

Coach interpersonal skills using theatrical techniques in a corporate environment. Responsibilities include participating in forum theater, running coaching sessions, and providing feedback to participants. Our clients range from New York public and charter school teachers to financial service executives.

NEST+m Public High School New York, NY, Visiting Acting Teacher 02/2019- 03/2020

Provided acting coaching focusing on character development, voice, and speech for *The Laramie Project* and *Almost, Maine*. Served as a professional consultant for the head drama teacher. NEST+M is a public charter school located on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, comprised of gifted and talented students within the community.

First Baptist Church Trenton, NJ, Voice and Acting Teacher- Developed Curriculum for immigrant Community

07/2018-08/2018

Cofounded with ESL teachers, this program was created to give local Trenton immigrants and refugees public speaking and language skills using improvisation, Shakespeare, and collaborative performance, free of charge. The program was designed for college aged students.

Boston Childrens' Theater, Theater Faculty

06/2014- 09/2014

Taught theater classes, including clowning, improvisation, and basic scene study, to young artists ages 8-13 as part of an elite summer training program. The teaching methods were primarily influenced by Keith Johnstone, Viola Spolin, and Stanislavsky.

University of New England, Director

02/2012-04/2013

Directed Seussical the Musical and Once On This Island with a cast of 19 undergraduate non-majors. The budgets for each show were \$16,000. In terms of pedagogy, I incorporated Linklater voice technique as well as well as basic Stanislavsky and action oriented methods in my direction. Taught beginner clown classes and production seminars.

Bowdoin College, Guest Improv Teacher

2012

Guest taught improvisation and clown workshops to theater and non theater majors. Through exercises inspired by the work of Christopher Bayes, students were asked to explore and expand their emotional range at "the speed of fun".

Institute of Reading Development, Language Skills Teacher 06/2009- 09/2009

Taught students (preschool age through adult) reading skills, including phonics, reading speed, note-taking, and comprehension through discussion. Lesson plans included role playing, games, and other theater techniques.

Brooklin Youth Corps, Coordinator and Director 06/2008- 08/2008

Oversaw a 10 week non-profit program designed to give rural youth practical job and teamwork experience. Responsibilities included assigning projects, arranging transportation, creating social and community service activities, setting learning goals with parents and guardians, and evaluating performance.

St. Paul's School, Advanced Studies Program Intern 06/2006- 09/2006

Co-directed, produced, and taught public high school students Shakespeare as part of a rigorous college prep summer program. Additional responsibilities included dorm supervision and creating and overseeing social and team building events.

EDUCATION

Linklater Teacher Trainee Working Towards Designation

New York, NY

Estimated completion: 2022/23

Columbia University, New York, NY MFA, theater arts, 2010 with Honors in Voice and Shakespeare

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME BA, English and Theater, 2007

St. Paul's School, Concord, NH Diploma, 2003
With Distinctions in Theater

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching Terell Alvin McCraney Workshop: Black Acting Methods 2020

Freeing the Natural Voice Level 1 with Benjamin Moore Linklater Center of Voice and Language 2020

Voice and Shakespeare Workshop with Andrea Haring Linklater Center of Voice and Language, 2020

Acting Observer, Director Timothy Douglas August Wilson's *Jitney* Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park 2016 **Tony Montanaro's Celebration Barn Devising Theater Workshop** 2013

The Public Theater Shakespeare Lab 2008

FILM AND THEATER ACTING EXPERIENCE

SELECTED FILM AND COMMERCIAL

COMMERCIAL CONFLICT AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Kevin Can F Himself Officer Rodriguez (Co-star) **AMC** Dir. Anna Dokoza The Finest Hours Seaman (Principal) **Disney Studios** Dir. Craig Gillespie Saint X Productions Jon Rosenbaum The Violin (w/ Matthew Rhys) Garbage Man Malik Trailside LLC Dir. Will Aydellot Mail.Man Mr. Orderly Dir. Joe Amon Lead Independent

SELECTED REGIONAL CREDITS

Shakespeare In Love Henslowe Opera House Arts Julia Sears The Tempest Trinculo Opera House Arts Peter Richards Malvolio/Sebastian Baltimore Center Stage **Daniel Bryant** Twelfth Night Shakespeare In Love Nol/Valentine Baltimore Center Stage/ Blake Robison Cincinnati Playhouse Portland Stage Co. Anita Stewart The Snow Queen Inventor's Asst. Bridge Rep of Boston Sebastian

The Launch Prize (World Premiere) Tiffany N. Greene Actors' Shakespeare Project Bridget O'Leary Othello Roderigo By and By (World Premiere) Marcus/Dr. White Shotgun Players Mina Morita Clybourne Park Albert/Kevin **Good Theater** Brian Allen Mr. Burns, A Post Electric Play Gibson Opera House Arts Meg Taintor The Merry Wives of Windsor Dr. Caius Opera House Arts Jeffrey Fracé Peter Richards Julius Caesar Cinna/Decius Brutus Opera House Arts Central Square Theater **Daniel Gidron** Arabian Nights Kasim/Ensemble Central Square Theater Elaine Vaan Hogue A Disappearing Number David/Ensemble Topdog/Underdog* Dramatic Repertory Co. Keith Beyland Lincoln

*Portland's Excellence in Entertainment Recognition Award: Best Actor, Best Production

SELECTED NEW YORK CREDITS

Nights, Fights, Schemes and Dreams Brutus/Cassio The Public Theater Barry Edelstein The Phoenician Women 1st Messenger Columbia University Karin Coonrod Henry VI Part III Northumberland Wide Eye'd Productions Adam Marple **Blood Knot Morris** Columbia University Jeremiah Davis

SELECTED READINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Melisa Tien's Untitled Landscape Ensemble **New Dramatists** Tamilla Woodard August Wilson Celebration Cincinnati Playhouse **Timothy Douglas** Sterling Jeff Augustin's Last Tiger in Haiti **Emmanuel** Berkeley Rep Ground Floor Maureen Towey Lydia Diamond's Curveball (Now Toni Stone) Ensemble Radcliffe Institute Jocelyn Clarke

TRAINING

Acting Technique: Olympia Dukakis, Larry Singer, Janet Zarish, Barry Edelstein, Rocco Sisto, Andrei Serban

Voice: Kristin Linklater, Andrea Haring, Robert Perillo

Improvisation/Clown: Christopher Bayes, Mick Barnfather, Davis Robinson, Niky Wolcz, Karen Montanaro

Stage Combat: Mike Loades, J. Steven White, Qui Nguyen

FULL PRODUCTION DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

Seussical The Musical Once on This Island Julius Caesar (Assistant) As You like It (Assistant) The Laramie Project (Assistant) Almost, Maine (Assistant)

University of New England University of New England St. Paul's School St. Paul's School NEST +M Public High School NEST +M Public High School

REFERENCES Andrea Haring, Designated Linklater Teacher Executive Director: Linklater Center for Voice and Language, aharingvoice@aol.com 917-903-7634

> Daniel Bryant, Director Former Producer and Director of Community Development **Baltimore Center Stage** daniel9bryant@gmail.com 310-613-8020

Blake Robison, Artistic Director Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park blake.robison@cincyplay.org 240-832-5530