# **EVAN TSITSIAS**

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## ARTISTIC APPOINTMENTS

Artistic Director 2017- Present- Eclipse Theatre Company - Toronto, Canada

**Co-Artistic Director/Co-Founder** 2011-Present – Directors Lab North - Toronto (in partnership w. Luminato)

**Artistic Assistant** – 2018 - Theatre Under the Stars –Houston, Texas (*Dan Knechtges-AD*)

Founding Member - World Wide Lab 2011- Present - Taipei, Rome, Greece, Berlin, Canada, NYC

**Program Director** 2019– Musical Theatre Program - HSPVA/Theatre Under the Stars Partnership

**Head of Acting** 2015- present- Humphreys School of Musical Theatre - Houston, Texas

# DIRECTING - INTERNATIONAL

In Transit	Co-Director/Creator	ESP1 Art Zone	Taipei, Taiwan
Mein Berlin	Co-Director/Creator	FELD Theatre/Sdf	Berlin, Germany
Lion in The Streets	Director	Teatro Due	Rome, Italy
Echo	Co-Director/Creator	Apollo Theatre	Syros, Greece
We Are the Play	Co-Director	English Theatre/Sdf	Berlin, Germany
Berlin Bound	Co-Director	Sisyphos der Flugelefant	Berlin, Germany
I am Invisible	Co-Director/Creator	Bluespots Prod.	Augsburg, Germany
First Dance	Director	AlbFest	Tirana, Albania
Bread of the People	Contributing Director	Brechtfest/Sensemble	Augsburg, Germany
Variete- Can't Help It	Choreographer	European Tour Cabaret	

# **DIRECTING – UNITED STATES**

The Pride (staged read w. Anthony Rapp) The Wild Party (w. Sutton Foster) Strega Nona	Director Directing Observer Director	Fundamental Theatre Company – NYC NY City Centre Encores/ <i>Dir.Leigh Silverman</i> Houston Grand Opera/HGOco
James and the Giant Peach	Director	Theatre Under the Stars – Houston, TX
Mamma Mia!	Ass. Director	Theatre Under the Stars/Dir. Dan Knechtges
Beauty and the Beast	Ass. Director	Theatre Under the Stars/Dir. Chris Bailey
Chandeleirva	Director	New York Fringe- Players Theatre
The Real Inspector Hound	Director	Fordham University - NYC
The Breakfast Variations	Director	Irondale/WWL-Brooklyn
Interrupted	Co-Director	Irondale/WWL – Brooklyn
Wedding	Co-Director	Irondale/WWL -Brooklyn
Grarya	Director	Irondale/WWL -Brooklyn
The Blind	Co-Director	Irondale/WWL -Brooklyn
Burkavaganza	Co-Director	Irondale/WWL -Brooklyn
Perfect Life (US Premiere)	Director	Alleyway Theatre- Buffalo

## **DIRECTING – CANADA**

Sunday in the Park with George	Director	Eclipse Theatre Company/Jam Factory
*Kiss of the Spiderwoman	Director	Eclipse Theatre Company/Don Jail
Held (Musical Theatre Lab)	Director/Creator	Eclipse Theatre Company
<b>Between Two Breaths</b>	Co-Director/Creator	WWL/Superior Theatre Festival
25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee	Director	Koogle Theatre/BPAC
A Misfortune	Director	Next Stage Theatre Festival
First Dance	Director	Grand Studio/Theatre Aquarius/Impact

**Strange Mary Strange** Co-Director Summerworks 2011-Passe Muraille **The Silent City** Director Fringe Festival - Best of Fringe

Rose Theatre/BMT **Footloose** Director

Acting Up Stage/Musical Stage **Edges** (Canadian Premiere) Director

Fear Knot & A Voice in the Dark **Ryerson University** Director/Co-Creator The Mercy Seat Co-Director Alchemy Theatre

Wake Me When It's Over! Muskoka Theatre Project Director/Choreo.

Heritage Theatre Joseph and His...Dreamcoat Co-Director/Choreo.

**Burn This!** Buddies/Little Fish Prod. Associate Director

Rogers and Hart: A celebration AD/Choreographer Sheridan College

Director/Choreo. Earl Haig/Claude Watson Cabaret Director/Choreo. Georgetown Globe Prod. The Wizard of Oz

Les Miserables (School Edition) Director/Choreo. Heritage Theatre

Cabaret Choreographer Georgetown Globe Prod.

Muskoka Theatre Project/Tour **Scenes From My Dock** Director/Choreo.

**Anne of Green Gables** Director/Choreo. Serendipity Prod./Vaughan Playhouse

Director/Choreo. Drury Lane Theatre **Kiss Me Kate** 

Serendipity Prod./Buddies/City Playhouse Don't Tell Mama Director/Choreo.

Serendipity Prod./ Buddies Vampire Lesbians of Sodom Director

# DIRECTING AWARDS/NOMINATIONS/FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Dora Award Nomination-Outstanding Direction of a Musical/Kiss of the Spider Woman
- John Hirsch Directing Prize Nomination Canada Council for the Arts
- Charles Abbott Directing Fellowship 2015 and 2018- Finalist- SDC Foundation
- Broadwayworld Award Nomination Best Direction of a Musical "Kiss of the Spiderwoman"
- Broadwayworld Award Nomination Best Direction of a Musical/Best of Next Stage- "A Misfortune"
- Broadwayworld Award Nomination -Best Direction of a Musical "I Love You, You're Perfect.."
- Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation—Observership Class of 2014 16
- **Best of Summerworks-** Critics Pick- Outstanding Direction NOW Magazine "Strange Mary Strange"
- 'Bravo' Nomination- Best Director "Footloose"
- Thea Nomination- Best Choreography "Cabaret"

### WRITING

#### **DIRECTOR PLAY THEATRE** Unstuck The Frank Theatre Company – Vancouver Michael Dobbin Sisyphos Der Flugelefant - Berlin, Germany **Berlin Bound** Chang Nai Wen, Evan T. + We Are The Play English Theatre Berlin/Sisyphos- Germany Change Nai Wen, Evan T. \*I am Invisible (co-writer) Bluespots Productions – Augsburg, Germany Petra Leonie Pichler Apollo Theatre – Syros, Greece Echo (co-writer) Chang Nai Wen, Evan T. The Murmuration of Starlings New Works Festival- U of A/Edmonton Donna Marie Baratta Tarragon Playwrights Week Aftershock (reading) Richard Rose Safe Words (reading) Clean Sheets Festival- Vancouver Chris Gatchalian **Strange Mary Strange** Summerworks 2011 - Passe Muraille Back. Esther Jun. Evan T.

Aftershock Rod Ceballos Summerworks 2010 - Factory Studio Theatre Fear Knot (co-creator) Ryerson University Commission Project **Evan Tsitsias** CBC/Canadian Reflections/NSI/Channel Zero **Bagged** (short film) Lisa Baylin

Ouarter Finalist- Screencraft Fellowship Aftershock (feature film version)

<sup>\*</sup> Dora Mayor Moore Awards – 1 Award, 6 Nominations, including Outstanding Production of a Musical Broadwayworld Awards - Nominated for 8 awards including Best Musical

### **PUBLISHED WORK**

- "Refractions: Scenes" Playwrights Canada Press 2020 Scene from "AFTERSHOCK"
- "The Directors Lab" Creator/Editor Playwrights Canada Press (Released 2019)
- "I am Invisible" Insichtbar Press Germany, Contributing Playwright, 2015
- "Hashtag Queer Creative Anthology Volume 1, 2017 Two monologues from "UNSTUCK

### WRITING AWARDS/HONOURS/GRANTS

Aftershock \* Tom Hendry Award Nomination/PGC - Best New Comedy

\*Finalist - New Play Series - Unicorn Theatre, Kansas City

\* Semi- Finalist – B Street Theatre New Comedy Festival – Los Angeles \* Semi- Finalist – Gulfshore Playhouse New Works Festival – Naples, FL

\* 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Pat the Dog 24 hour Playwriting Competition \* Finalist - Lark Playwrights Week – New York City

\*Film version of "Aftershock" chosen as a Quarter Finalist in the

SCREENCRAFT competition.

**The Murmuration of Starlings** \* Honourable Mention – Herman Voaden National Playwriting Comp. 2015

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Pat The Dog - 24 hour Playwriting Competition

\* TCR Grant/OAC - Tarragon Theatre

\* Toronto Arts Council - Playwright's Grant

\* Shortlisted - Lark Playwright's Week- New York

**Unstuck** \* Finalist- QPlays International Comp.- Compass Theatre – San Diego

\* Part of Foundry Theatre Workshop Series – Toronto

\* Clean Sheets Festival - Vancouver

# **PRODUCING**

Strange Mary StrangeSummerworks 2011/Theatre on the VergeAftershockSummerworks 2010/Theatre on the VergeBagged (Short film)CBC/ Canadian Reflections/DC Shorts/WIFT

Edges (Co-producer) Acting Up Stage

Talk Sixty To MeOyster Production/Summerworks '08Homebody/KabulBerkeley Mainstage/Mercury Stage

The Mercy Seat

Pterodactyls

Tarragon Mainspace/Shakti Entertainment

Shirley Valentine

Wahooz Prod./Ontario Tour/Gravenhurst Opera

Burn This

Buddies In Bad Times Theatre/ Little Fish Prod.

Anne of Green Gables

Don't Tell Mama

Serendipity Prod/ Buddies/Vaughan Playhouse

Varraive Lashiana Of Sedam

Serendipity Prod/ Buddies In Bad Times

Serendipity Prod/ Buddies In Bad Times

Vampire Lesbians Of Sodom Serendipity Prod/ Buddies In Bad Times

- Best of Summerworks- Critics Pick- Outstanding Direction, Production and Ensemble- NOW Magazine- "Strange Mary Strange"-
- Dora Nomination -Independent Theater Division- Best Actress in a Play- "Homebody/Kabul"
- Noted as one of the top shows in Toronto in 2003 by Eye Magazine- "Burn This" -

### **TEACHING**

**Theatre Under the Stars-- Humphrey** Department Head/Faculty -Acting/ Music Theatre Instructor -

**School of Music Theatre** – (*Houston*) 2014- Present

**High School for Perf./Vis. Arts** (Houston) Program Director/Musical Theatre 2019-2020

**Perry-Mansfield – Colorado** Music Theatre Performance **Theatre und so fort** (*Munich, Germany*) Forum Theatre Workshop

**Lincoln Center Theatre Directors Lab** Session Leader – Theatre of the Oppressed/Forum Theatre **Ryerson University** Guest Instructor / Forum Theater/Theatre of the Oppressed

MAAFA Suite – (*Brooklyn*, NY) Guest Instructor – Forum Theatre

Sears Ontario Drama Festival Workshop Leader- Theatre of the Oppressed

Brampton Theatre School Acting/Music Theatre Instructor/ Pop Vocal /Dance

Earl Haig Secondary Guest Director/Choreographer
Stirling Festival Theatre Music Theatre Instructor

## TRAINING and EDUCATION

Lincoln Center Theatre Directors Lab- 2009 and 2010

Chicago Directors Lab - 2011 Tarragon Playwrights Unit- 2011

**Directing Masterclasses** Augusto Boal Micheline Chevrier, Richard Rose, Andy Paris, Jillian Keily,

Stephen O'Connell, Leisl Tommy, Doug Paterson, Eda Holmes, Nina Aquino

Music Theatre Performance Masterclasses – Jason Robert Brown, Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty

**Sheridan College** Music Theatre Performance Program

York University Theatre Acting Major

**Theatre of the Oppressed**/ Cardboard Citizens- London, UK- Forum Theatre Professional Training Forum Theatre Certificate-Augusto Boal, Julian Boal, Adrian Jackson, Doug Paterson

**All Nations Theatre** Calgary- Forum Theatre Training- Mariette Sluyter

**Directors Summit** Nightwood Theatre – Liesl Tommy

**Playwriting Masterclasses** Judith Thompson, John Patrick Shanley, Daniel MacIvor, Carole Frechette,

Brad Fraser, Ken Cameron, Linda Griffiths

## RELATED/MEMBERSHIPS/ASSOCIATIONS

Community Eng./Res. Artist -2014- Present Theatre Under the Stars – Houston, TX

Founding Member -2011 - Present World Wide Lab- New York City

Associate Member
Artist Residency
Ensemble Member
Adjudicator
Publicist/Marketing/Arts Administration

Stage Directors and Choreographers Society
The Watermill Centre- Hamptons, New York
Bluespots Productions – Augsburg, Germany
Sears Ontario Drama Festival 2012- 2013
Small Theatre Administration Facilities

Artistic Director – 2000-2003 Serendipity Productions

Instructor- Acting/ Music Theatre Division Brampton Theatre School 2002- 2005

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