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# **CURRENTLY**

Assistant Professor, Co-Director of the MFA program and Curator of CoLab Towson University, Department of Theatre Arts

Teaching, directing and programming arts into graduate and undergraduate studies

Founder and Executive Director of ArtUp and the Sites of Passage projects

Founded in 2005, ArtUp is a non-profit organization that instigates insight by activating art. Through undertaking on the ground initiatives, the organization builds global interchanges for the migration of ideas across political and cultural boundaries. *Job Description:* Direct, curate, program, fundraise, plus manage staff and volunteers

**2014-20, Artist-in-Residence**: CREATE Lab, Carnegie Mellon University, Robotics Institute, Pittsburgh, PA

**Research Interests:** Arts as Social Practice, Border Crossing Theory, Autoethnography, Site-Specific Performance and Installation, Puppetry, Performance Studies and Devising New Interdisciplinary Projects

**PhD Dissertation:** SITES OF PASSAGE: Art as Action in Egypt and the U.S.—Creating an Auto-ethnography through Performance Writing, Revolution, and Social Practice, defended on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Antioch University, Seattle.

Personal details: Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Grew up in New York City.

## **EDUCATION**

<u>EDUCATION</u>	
Academic Antioch University	PhD in Leadership and Change Through Culture and the Arts
Richard Schechner Center for Performance Studies	Winter Institute 2012: Performing Shanghai Co-sponsored by Brown, NYU, Princeton & Yale Universities
University of Pittsburgh	M.F.A. Performance-Pedagogy *Awarded 3/4 Teaching Fellowship, a full remission of tuition and living stipend
Antioch College	B.A. Theater Arts, Yellow Springs, OH - Studied under Amy Trompetter of Bread and Puppet Theatre, Denny Partridge and Steve Friedman of The San Francisco Mime Troupe
Study and Training	
Inside Out Training	Inside-Out Prison Exchange Training

Institute

The People's Institute for Survival Dismantling Racism

And Beyond The August Wilson Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Bread and Puppet Theater and The Outdoor circus, pageant and sideshows, Lubberland National Dance Company Glover, VT

Guillermo Gomez-Pena CONVOCATORIA: La Pocha Nostra's

International Performance Intensive

Workshop at the Museum of Contemporary

Art, Tucson

Dudley Cocke, Roadside Theater

**Appalshop** 

Pittsburgh Artist-In-Community Project

Arts Integration and Curriculum Karen L. Erickson, Executive Director

Development Workshop of Creative Directions

University of Massachusetts Summer Labor Relations Program, Political

Street Performance, Amherst

Amy Trompetter, Blackbird Theater Arts at St. Ann's (St. Ann's Warehouse)

Brooklyn, NY

Actors Studio Acting for the Camera, New York, NY

William Hickey HB Studios, New York, NY

Art Therapy Workshop The Studio Workshop School, New York,

NY

Janie Gizzer Puppetry Workshop Arts at St. Ann's (St. Ann's Warehouse)

Brooklyn, NY

Commedia Dell'Arte Joan Schirle, Director of The Dell'Arte,

Residency in Yellow Springs, OH

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Board member of The Hiawatha Project (<a href="www.hiawathaproject.org">www.hiawathaproject.org</a>)
Artist Advisory Committee member of the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council (<a href="http://www.pittsburghartscouncil.org">http://www.pittsburghartscouncil.org</a>)

ATHE, Women and Theatre Program Theater and Communications Group The Labor Party Cultural Workers and Artists Caucus SAG eligible

#### **SCHOLARSHIP**

# Fellowship & Residencies:

May 2019, CEC ArtsLink Curatorial Residency, St. Petersburg, Russia

**2014-20,** *Artist-in-Residence*: CREATE Lab, Carnegie Mellon University, Robotics Institute, Pittsburgh, PA

**2010-14, The first Artist-in-Residence**: Carnegie Mellon University's the Center for Arts in Society (www.cmu.edu/CAS/).

**2014 Flight School Fellow**, an intensive Creative Capital Professional Development Program

#### CONFERENCES: National and International Invitations to Present

Hemispheric Institute

Mexico City

June 2019

The World Inside Out: Humor, Noise, and
Performance, El mundo al revés: Humor,
ruido y performance O mundo às avessas:

First Fulbright Humor, ruído e performance

Creative Industries Festival The Lemonade Project

June 2017 #1 in the top 10 Gaming and Education

Pittsburgh, PA

XIII International Theatre Festival Presenter, Sites of Passage

Tatar National Academic Theatre Border X-ing

Kazan, Russia, June 2017

Russian Case 2016, Moscow

Russian Golden Mask Festival Guest Curator, Sites of Passage

TransCultural Exchange 2016 Sites of Passage: South Africa US

International Conference Civil Rights & Civil Wrongs

Opportunities in the Arts: Expanding Worlds

MIT, Boston University and Harvard

Context 2015 Carnegie Mellon University
Tech Fluency for Teaching & Learning
The Lemonade Project

Global Images of Women Slippery Rock University

Crossing Borders Women's and Gender Studies Program

Student for Justice in Palestine Installation and Talk

University of Pittsburgh

Difficult Work The challenges of making, supporting and Mattress Factory Museum presenting art: Palestine Israel United States

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One Young World Summit Artists Respond to the World Around Them

Pittsburgh, PA Mattress Factory Museum

ATHE, Women and Theatre Program Raising Our Voices: Women-Led

Washington DC International Cross-Cultural
Performance Initiatives

Workshop Leader for Leadership Pittsburgh:

Art, Social Change and Civic Impact Leadership Pittsburgh Inc. convenes senior

leaders to: engage them in examining our critical community issues; enhance their civic engagement; further develop their

executive level networks; and impact their business and the regional agenda at the leadership level.

41st annual World Affairs Institute Group Leader

The Arab Awakening: A Call for Change in the Middle East and Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy. Pittsburgh PA

Creating Change Conference Heinz History Center, Pgh PA Presenting Arts for Social Change, The Firefly Tunnel Project

ATHE, Women and Theatre Program Chicago Dramatists

Art as Community Making: SITES OF PASSAGE, creating a virtual community

Speaker for Interdisciplinary Roundtable Discussion: Gender and Religion on the Page, Stage and Between Nations

EGOS Colloquium in Barcelona:

FIREFLY INSIGHT: Metaphorical and aesthetic meaning and how they help us in the evolution of communication

Speaker for Interdisciplinary Roundtable Discussion: Gender and Religion on the Page, Stage and Between Nations

2009 International Leadership Association Annual Conference Prague, Czech Republic

TRANSFORMING HISTORY: Using street performance and art as a pedagogy for social and civil change

LEADERSHIP THROUGH FIREFLY INSIGHT: Transformation via metaphorical and aesthetic meaning and how they help us in the evolution of communication

## **INTERNATIONAL TOURS**

SITES OF PASSAGE MF Museum, Pgh, PA Opens May/June 2021

Pop-Aganda: Revolution & Iconography Current project between Russia and the U.S., Performance/Installation Art Exchange

**SITES OF PASSAGE** MF Museum, Pgh, PA

**CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL WRONGS** Project between South Africa and the U.S., Performance/Installation Art Exchange

SITES OF PASSAGE MF Museum, Pgh, PA

**BORDERS, WALLS & CITIZENSHIP** Project between Palestine, the US and Israel, Performance/Installation Art Exchange

**Interfaith Peace-Builders** Washington DC

Palestine and Israel delegation research for next SITES OF PASSAGE The Firefly Tunnel Project SITES OF PASSAGE

> Performance/Installation Art Exchange Project between the U.S. and Egypt

Mexico, Hawaii, Taiwan, Singapore, Semester at Sea Summer

Malaysia, Vietnam, Hong-Kong, China,

South Korea, Japan

Invited by the Consulate General of Israel, IsraDrama

> Philadelphia to represent the Pennsylvania region in the conference. This event focuses on Socio-Political Drama for English-

speaking theatre people from around the

world.

Israel- Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Jerusalem and

Palestine

**Beeswing Productions** 

Tokyo- Japan

Amsterdam, Rotterdam- Netherlands; Zug, Zurich- Switzerland; Paris, France; London, England; Edinburgh, Scotland; Hamburg, Hanover-Germany; Brussels, Belgium; Bucharest, Romania; Caracas, Venezuela; Osaka,

Other places traveled: Russia, Estonia, Thailand, Italy, France,

> Wales, Czech Republic, Canada, Barbados, Bermuda, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Turkey and

Argentina

## AWARDS/HONORS/FELLOWSHIPS

2019 Certificate of Merit for Excellence for Puppet and Mask Design by Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival for ICARUS AT THE BORDER: a mediation on monstrous appetites

2018 & 19 The Baltimore Towson University Initiative, funding for Community

Outreach- Social Practice Project in Baltimore City Schools

2017 The Opportunity Foundation, Civil Rights & Civil Wrongs

2017 Ruby Artist Award, Ancient Instincts

2017 #1 in the top 10 Gaming and Educations projects, Creative Industries Festival, The Lemonade Project

2015 Advancing Black Arts in Pittsburgh, Civil Rights & Civil Wrongs

2014 Flight School Fellow, a project of Creative Capital

2013-14 *Having a Global Impact* by The Women and Girls Foundation

Investing in Pittsburgh Region Artists Program (\$35,000)

Heinz Endowments Small Arts Award (9 times \$10-20,000)

The Heinz Endowments Creative Heights Award (\$45,000)

The Pittsburgh Foundation's A.W. Mellon Award (5 times, \$15,000)

Greater Pittsburgh Artist Opportunity Grant (3 times)

The Three Rivers Community Foundation

Multicultural Arts Initiative Award

The William and Clarissa Stainer Arts Award

The Sprout Fund Seed Award (2 times)

Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Partner in the Arts Project Stream Award

The 2007 Artist Recognition Award (\$10,000 anonymous donor)

Nominated *Emerging Artist of the Year* by the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts 2007

# **UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEACHING HISTORY**

2015-20	Assistant Professor of Theatre Co-Direct MFA program & founder/curator of CoLab Towson University's Department of Theatre
2014-20	Artist-in-Residence, CREATE Lab Carnegie Mellon University, Robotics Institute, Pittsburgh, PA
2014-15	Visiting professor of Multicultural Performance, De Paul University The Theatre School, Chicago, IL
Fall 2013	Assistant Professor and Director of Bruce Gallery, Edinboro University
Fall 2013	Assistant Professor of Design Point Park University, Pittsburgh
Fall 2010-14	First Artist-in-Residence at Carnegie Mellon University's Center for the Arts in Society
Spring 2007-10	Professor of Theatre, Acting and Directing, Chatham University
Fall 2006	Teaching Artists-in-Residence, University of Pittsburgh
Summer 2006	Professor of Theater, Semester at Sea- University of Virginia (Pacific Rim tour)
2005-2006	Visiting Professor of Theatre- Acting and Directing, Chatham University
2004-2005	Interim Director of Theater Arts, University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, PA
Fall 2004	Professor of Design, Point Park University
2003-2004	Professor of Theater and Design, one-year sabbatical replacement at Earlham College, Richmond, IN
Spring 2003	Artist-in-Residence at Colby College, ME
Fall 2002	Acting Professor at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Greensburg, PA
2000-2002	Taught Introduction to Performance and Puppet and Performance at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

#### **COURSES DESIGNED-UNIVERSITY LEVEL**

Synthesis II: Working with Design in Performance- Making Metaphors and Conjuring Spaces

Self generative MFA program, Towson University

Graduate Project Laboratory (Studio)

Self generative MFA program, Towson University

Project I.D. Performance Art

Using each student's cultural and environmental background as a source, students will work with props, costumes, objects and artifacts to build a micro universe that symbolizes the world and questions the status quo. By exploring the poetry of things, students will learn to talk back to culture through a new language of Performance Art.

Chatham University

Empire and Election Political Street Performance

Students will be studying and create political street theatre around the presidential election 08. We will be studying political art and using Howard Zinn's *A Peoples' History of American Empire* as a creative source for material.

- Chatham University

**Grassroots Theater** 

Devising theatre through story telling and interviews with different communities in a city/town. A journalistic approach to theater that ends with a production performed to the community and the school, encouraging dialogue between the two.

- Colby College, University of Pittsburgh (assistant to Dr. Bruce Mc Conachie)

Autobiographical Performance

Students form a script and a performance from their life experiences via storytelling. These stories can be literal or abstract, incorporating dance, light, sound and scenic material. At the end of the semester the students present their creative work to the public in a collage of performance art pieces.

- University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Chatham University

Puppets and Performance Lab

An introduction to cross-cultural styles of puppets, masks, movement, building and design with an ending final performance.

- University of Pittsburgh, Colby College, Earlham College, University of Virginia-Semester at Sea

Asia and Us (U.S.)

Students consider theatre as an interactive experience between the audience and the performers, investigating the "transformation" process of theatre by researching the evolution of shamanism, costuming, puppetry, dance, staging methods, and performance venues in Asia. We will use our own Euro-American performance background as a reference and springboard for comparative appreciation. -University of Virginia, Semester at Sea

Playwriting

This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of playwriting. Students study play structure and the form for writing a play. The class also analyses the sources for good plays, what makes them successful both as a script and on the stage.

-Chatham University

Acting I

Students learn the basic tools of becoming a successful actor via Sanford Meisner technique; warm ups and focus exercises, dramatic analysis, rhythm, beats, indicating versus experiencing emotion, working with a partner and rehearsal techniques.

- Chatham University, University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg

Acting II

Follow up course to the above

-Chatham University

Directing I

Students study different methods of directing, working with actors to develop scenes and present it to the class with critique and analysis feedback.

- University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Chatham University

Introduction to Performance

An approach to performance that includes introduction to basic theater language, vocabulary, scene study, theatre history, directing and theory

- University of Pittsburgh, Earlham College

Theatre Appreciation

An exploration into the world of theatre. Students are exposed different styles of theater throughout history, while also meeting professionals in all aspects of the field- directors, actors, designers, producers etc

- University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

Fundamentals of Design

An introduction to the elements (line, shape, color, value, texture, space) and principles (balance, movement, rhythm, pattern, contrast) of design, providing students with the knowledge to interpret and analyze all forms of design: painting, sculpture, commercial design, and architecture and stage design

- Point Park University

Stage Design

A continuation of the development of scene design, emphasizing the improvement of model building skills, idea development, communication and storyboarding skills.

- Point Park University

Introduction to Stage Design

An Introductory course to all aspects of theater design: costume, set, properties and lights. This course covers design concept, theory, creation of costume renderings, drafting, model building, and lighting plots.

- Earlham College

**Theater Crafts** 

A hands on course in shop oriented theater crafts: covering techniques in scenic painting, stage dressing, sculpting, properties design and light carpentry.

- Earlham College

Costume Crafts

Costume Crafts is a production-oriented studio course involving the study and application of the process and skills utilized in the realization of theatrical costumes and related crafts

- University of Pittsburgh

## OTHER COURSES TAUGHT -UNIVERSITY LEVEL

Theatre for Social Change Community Outreach in Theatre Script Analysis and Interpretation Special Topics 1390- Puppet and Masks Theater Practicum- Performance

Applied Theater-Costume Construction Applied Theater-Lighting and Sound

**Technical Direction 264** 

Towson University
Towson University
Towson University
University of Pittsburgh

University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

Earlham College Earlham College Colby College

#### **ORIGINAL WORKS**

#### ICARUS AT THE BORDER:

a mediation on monstrous appetites

A multi-media theatre piece with puppets masks, projections and a Greek chorus. It is a story that transcends time, generation, myth and the conception and interpretation of reality. Co-written & Directed with South African artist, Malcolm Purkey

SITES OF PASSAGE

Director/Curator for the Installation and Performance series exchange projects produced at the Mattress Factory Museum, PA.

- 1) Egypt and the U.S.
- 2) Israel, Palestine and the US
- 3) South Africa and the US
- 4) Russia and the US

**SMOKING MARX** 

A tin of cigarettes, hand rolled on Das Kapital with directions were sent to smokers from San Francisco to Siberia. Edited into the short film and presented via a turn of last century "home theater", with the sound of the old projector, smokers and visitors to the installation reflected on how burning has both positive and negative connotations. It is used in ritual, prayer and can be a spiritual threshold. Ash is often used symbolically to mark a transformation—as in marking one's body through ceremony. Burning also has harmful and violent implications; the burning of books, effigy's and people.

**ANCIENT INSTINCTS** 

Performance has the capacity to take shared moments and convert them into a liminal passageway in which communities share a common catharsis. In this project, we accomplished the opposite. At the end of the performance, having just gone through the very same experience, the audience deciphered different conclusions, sharing contrasting cognitive responses. **Perception:** By isolating the auditory experience through individual headphones, 6 different auditory systems were used to perceive the <u>one</u> visual show. Traditionally in theatre, sound is one of the last layers. In this method, we bring sound into the process at the very beginning, similar to choreography.

**TRANSPOSE** 

By working with communities of Pittsburgh, Erie and Edinboro, Transpose installs Pop Up galleries. Pop Ups are short-term installations in empty urban spaces. In the spirit of regional exchange, these satellite projects aim to bring workshops and artists

to the streets of Erie and Pittsburgh, transferring a colloquial dialogue to cross-fertilize new ideas. - Edinboro University

A BODY OF WORK: Landscaping

Social Practice Director/Curator: through various mediums,

the exhibition and performance, the show explores the human body as a site for understanding the ecology of sociology.

- Edinboro University

**Jovenes Sin Nombres** Lead Artist working with Latino youths

> (documented and undocumented) on a public performance and mural project about culture and migration to Pittsburgh, PA

**Homeland Insecurity** Performer and deviser of this performance

> art expose discovered during the La Pocha Nostra workshops. Three Rivers Arts

Festival, Pittsburgh, PA

I am My Mother's Daughter Writer and Performer of this one-woman

> multi-media performance piece for the Three Rivers Arts Festival's 4th River

Project

The Awakening Playwright, Director and Designer for the

> Asian compilation of performative myths-University of Virginia's Semester at Sea

program

Playwright, Director, Puppet Designer for **Gypsies and Crickets** 

> the International Children's Festival and the Three Rivers Arts Festival. This multidisciplinary piece is based on the poetry of Federico Garcia Lorca and the music of Spain and teaches the metaphor of poetry to children through the visual symbolism of

puppetry.

**Stone Pine Girl** Playwright, Director, Designer and

> Performer in the Puppet Performance based on the Siberian folktale performed at *The*

Cooler, New York, NY

The Williamsburg Art and Historical Center,

Brooklyn, NY

Inhabited, A Haunted House Tour Directed, Devised and Performed Halloween

weekend, Lower East Side Tenement

Museum. New York

Shh, The World Speaks!

Playwright, Director, Puppet Designer and Tales From Around the World Choreographer, The Meeting House Garden,

Richmond, IN

Faust: A Masked Telling Playwright, Director, and Puppet Designer

ArtUp Theater- Three Rivers Arts Festival

Pittsburgh, PA

University of Pittsburgh, Ferguson

Theater, Greensburg, PA

Colby College, Strider Theater, Waterville,

ME

**Sky of the World** Residency at Barnard College, A Faustian

look at September 11th, New York, NY

The Rubberman Adapted original script, directed and

designed puppets at the Brooklyn Children's

Museum

Noah's Ark, The Way It Really Was Playwright, Designer, Director, and

Performer, a one-woman show, Antioch

Theatre, Yellow Springs, OH

## **DIRECTOR**

**Icarus at the Border** Director, deviser, and designer, this is a

multi-media theatre piece with puppets, masks, projections and a Greek chorus. It is a story that transcends time, generation, myth and the conception and interpretation

of reality.

Studio Theatre, Towson University,

Baltimore

**Metamorphosis** Director of Kafka's short story adapted by

Steven Berkoff

Studio Theatre, Towson University,

**Baltimore** 

The Bluest Eye Director of Toni Morrison's story, adapted

by Lydia Diamond

Main Stage, Towson University, Baltimore

**Icara** Director, choreographer, and mask designer

for the reinterpreted myth exploring a father

and daughter relationship. Masked performance and a Greek chorus, Eddy

Theatre, Pittsburgh, PA

**Apathetic Anarchists present:** 

**Empire and Election** Director and Designer of this 3 part street

performance performed *The Wobbly Bucket Brigade* and other *Apathetic Anarchists* shows at *The Black Sheep Puppet Festival*, the Cultural Trust's *Gallery Crawl* and the streets of Pittsburgh and the Eddy Theatre

The Suitcase and The Cliff of Time

Director of the two one acts by Kobo Abe,

Japanese playwright at the Eddy Theatre,

Pittsburgh, PA

The Arab-Israeli Cookbook Director of this docudrama on the Middle

East struggle, the interviews all focus around food, which is prepared and served to the audience, performed at the Chatham

Chapel, Pittsburgh, PA

The Intelligent Design of

Jenny Chow

Director of this multi-media production

Eddy Theater, Pittsburgh, PA

Picasso at the Lapin Agile Director and Costume Designer

Ferguson Theater, Greensburg, PA

The House of Bernarda Alba

(Adapted for Puppets)

Director and puppet designer

The Studio Theater Pittsburgh, PA

## **DESIGNER**

American Humbug Lead Artist for this theatre piece/installation

that imaginatively re-creates P. T. Barnum's American Museum circa the 1850s, Three Rivers Arts Festival's 4<sup>th</sup> River Program

A Toothache and a Plague

and a Dog

Puppet/Costume Design and Choreography

Studio Theater production of Osvado

Dragun's Political satire
- University of Pittsburgh

**Baby's Blues** Puppet Designer, Playhouse Theater

Pittsburgh, PA

First Night Pageant Designed Float and Performance-Three

Headed River Monster for New Years Eve

Celebration, 2009

First Night Pageant Director and Designer for the Three Rivers

Arts Festival production of the First Night Pageant a city celebration of New Years Eve

in downtown Pittsburgh, 2007-8

**Mission** Deviser and Designer

Beeswing Productions Kelly-Strayhorn Theater, Pittsburgh, PA

**Brundibar** Puppet Designer

Kelly-Strayhorn Theater

Pittsburgh, PA

**Riddley Walker** Puppet Designer, Playhouse Theater

Pittsburgh, PA

**Remember the Haymarket Riots** Puppet Designer and Performer

Haymarket Square, Chicago, IL

Acis and Galatea Created puppets and performed with

Orchestra of St. Lukes, New York State

Commission on the Arts

Arts at St. Ann's (St. Ann's Warehouse)

Brooklyn, NY

Ferdinand Faithful Created puppets and performed with

Orchestra of St. Lukes, New York State

Commission on the Arts

Arts at St. Ann's (St. Ann's Warehouse)

Brooklyn, NY

**The House of Bernarda Alba**Created puppets and performed under the

New York State Commission on the Arts Arts at St. Ann's (St. Ann's Warehouse)

Brooklyn, NY

# **TEACHING- ARTIST**

National Center for Contemporary Arts North-Western Branch, St. Petersburgh

Russia

Presented on *Sites of Passage* work + an Object Theater and Performance Art

workshop

Fayoum International Art Academy

Egypt

2 courses: Object Theatre and Puppet Performance Workshop plus Installation and

Performance Art Workshop

The Mattress Factory Museum *Project ID*, Using each student's cultural

background as a source, students will work with props, costumes and objects to build a micro universe that symbolizes the world

and questions the status quo.

The Mattress Factory Museum Installation Art; exploring line, light and

levels with the Propel School in Turtle

Creek, Pittsburgh, PA

Pittsburgh Center for The Arts Artist-in-Residence, a yearlong residency

teaching adults four classes that led up to a

final production Classes Taught:

Script Building- Grassroots Theater

History of Puppets- Introduction to Building

and Culture

Pittsburgh Rising-Puppet Building Pittsburgh Rising-Rehearsal and

Performance

Boyd Community Center Hired to direct, design and teach puppet

building workshops at the Boyd Community

Center for their Annual Halloween Pageant, Pittsburgh, PA

Aliquippa Alliance for Unity Development

Faces, a community-oriented mask making

Movement workshop, ending in a Exhibit at the Franklin Center, Aliquippa,

PA

Pittsburgh Center for the Arts

Through the Art & Literacy Program at the Center, taught Art Tales a cultural art making project that retold each fable through movement, music and art-Caribbean: Koi and the Kola Nuts, Indian: The Tiger and the Brahmin and African:

Anansi

Pittsburgh Center for the Arts

Taught Drama and Movement classes for the Artist-in-Community Project, culminating in a final production of our work at the Center

Beaver County Summer Arts Academy

Chosen as a community artist to teach Theater Arts through the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, talented students were recommended by their teachers to work side by side with renowned artists from the city

of Pittsburgh

New York Liberty High School

Bread and Roses, Union 1199, Puppet and Masks Workshop to Polish émigré students, exhibited work at the 1199 Gallery, New York, NY

Brooklyn Children's Museum

Taught movement and puppet building while directing a production of The Rubberman, Brooklyn, NY

St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble Orchestra

Taught movement and puppet building to inner city, New York City Public School System bilingual students in Brooklyn, Chinatown, and Spanish Harlem, New York,

NY

Seattle Labor Arts Festival

Street Theater Puppet Workshops, Rise Up

Productions, Seattle, WA

Great Labor Arts Exchange

Creative Organizing: Street Theater

Washington DC

National Organizer's Alliance

Street Theater Workshop: Puppet Building, YMCA Recreational Center, Asheville, NC

Jobs With Justice

Street Theater Workshop: Puppet Building, 10th Anniversary Conference, Chicago, IL

## **HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL STREET PERFORMANCE**

**Toxic Trader Puppet** Hired by the United Steelworkers (USWA)

to build a street performance puppet for their

Toxic Trade campaign

Goldzilla Built and performed with giant skeleton

puppet for the No Dirty Gold Campaign in NYC. The puppet is now touring for street

demonstrations around the States.

Bring Your Child to Work Day

**Beeswings Prod** 

Directed my students in leading a workshop and performance for the children of the USWA in the importance and powerful

effects of Street Theater

Two Faces of Alcoa Directed my students in a street theater

performance for the Steelworkers,

supporting the Mexican workers of Alcoa in their fight for better working conditions.

**Mother Jones** AFL/CIO- Ravenswood and

Beeswings prod Bridgestone/Firestone Campaigns, hired to

Direct and tour United States, Europe, Eastern Europe, Venezuela, and Japan. - directed, wrote, designed, and performed

Campaign Puppets

UMA, USWA, UNITE, AFCME, UE,
Beeswings prod

JOBS WITH JUSTICE and the LABOR

**PARTY** 

- directed, wrote, designed, and performed

Labor Arts Exchange Washington DC, San Francisco, Seattle,

Beeswings prod performing with Pete Seeger

- directed, wrote, designed, and performed

**World Trade Organization Float** 

Beeswings prod

Hired by IUE to build a float for the W.T.O.

Seattle, WA

#### CONTRACTED AND CURATORIAL WORK

Director/Curator for the Sites of Passage projects, 2011-present

Founder/Director/Curator for the non-profit, ArtUp, 2005-present

**Director/Curator** for the new CoLab at Towson University, 2018-present

Curator and Producer for La Pocha Nostra, Pittsburgh (2008-10)- including local artist workshop and final performances by Guillermo Gomez-Pena and company

**Producer of Bread and Puppet Circus** (2008-2012)- Produced through ArtUp performed at the University of Pittsburgh, U.E. International Conventions and the G20.

**Founder and Director of Beeswing Productions-** Beeswings Productions is a theatrical and visual art installation design company focusing on three dimensional interactive design and puppetry

#### **Curator for the Three Rivers Arts Festival 2007-09**

The mission of the Three Rivers Arts Festival is to connect the community to the arts. The Three Rivers Arts Festival brings nearly 600,000 to the streets, plazas and open spaces of downtown Pittsburgh to experience music, dance, theater, visual art, crafts and family activities.

Curator for First Night (New Years Eve) 2008 and 2009, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

First Night Puppet Pageant (New Years Eve) 2002-2007, Puppet director, designer and builder

# **ART EXHIBITIONS**

Saturated Souls Object Theatre Performance of Recycled

Souls, Cairo, Egypt

**Remembering Hiroshima** Object Art installation

Carlow Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

Workplace Funnies Puppet Installation

ArtUp, G20, Pittsburgh, PA

Grey Box Theatre Recycled Souls- Object

Theatre/Performance Art, Pittsburgh, PA

**Project ID** Performance and Art Installation

Mattress Factory Museum

Pittsburgh, PA

Blind Faith Solo performance art piece

Garage Works, Pittsburgh PA

**Homeland Insecurity** Performance and Art Installation

Three Rivers Arts Festival 937 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh PA

Black Sheep Puppet Festival Braddock Josie- 15 foot tall operable

marionette, Pittsburgh, PA

Magarac Attack Arts Installation, Market Square

Three Rivers Arts Festival, Pittsburgh, PA

Three Rivers Arts Festival Programmer and Curator- First Night and

the Fourth River Project, Pittsburgh, PA

**Vessels** The Mattress Factory Museum

Garden Installation of recycled woven cereal

boxes, Pittsburgh, PA

I am My Mother's Daughter 937 Penn Ave

> Three Rivers Arts Festival – 4<sup>th</sup> River Project, Multi-Media Installation and One

Woman Show Pittsburgh, PA

**Olympic Theatre Winner** The Mattress Factory Museum

Installation Performance Art

Pittsburgh, PA

Women's Work 709 Penn Gallery

Installation sculpture

Pittsburgh, PA

Solo Work Puppets, Masks and Motion

Pittsburgh Gallery Crawl Puppet and Mask installation at the Art Up

Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

**911 Gallery-**Solo work Paintings and sculpture

Pittsburgh, PA

Watery Times- Wasserige Zeiten Interactive Installation with German artist

> Steffi Mayer, Three Rivers Arts Festival, at the rumored bath house of 937 Liberty

Lab Gallery

Leeds Gallery -Solo Work Installation of interactive art pieces,

paintings, puppets and masks, Richmond IN

Produced large puppets and float for the city First Night

of Pittsburgh yearly celebration of New

Years Eve, Pittsburgh, PA

Gallerie Chiz- Solo Work Interactive art pieces inspired by historical

moments and movements in theater and

politics, Pittsburgh, PA

**Living East Liberty** Installation at the East Liberty Carnegie

Library, Pittsburgh, PA

What's Left in Political Cartooning? An international exhibit of political

cartoons, creating the only three dimensional

piece in the show- toured nationally

Conversations with Kafka Brown Bag Gallery, paintings and

installations, Brooklyn, NY

A Video Sketch Book: Animated installation piece, St. Ann's **3D One Line Sculptures** 

Center for the Arts (St Ann's Warehouse),

Brooklyn, NY

## OTHER DESIGNER and SCENIC ARTIST WORK

E-lectricity Set and Properties Designer

**Beeswing Productions** Playhouse Theater, Pittsburgh, PA **Sophistry** Costume Designer and Prop Master

Wilkinson Theater, Richmond, IN

The Triangle Shirt Waist Project Lighting Designer and Costume Consultant

Wilkinson Theater, Richmond, IN

**Equus** Set, Puppet Designer and Costume

Consultant

Wilkinson Theater, Richmond, IN

**Endgame** Set Designer and Costume Consultant

Wilkinson Theater, Richmond, IN

A Day in Hollywood a Night Set Designer and Costume Consultant

in the Ukraine Wilkinson Theater, Richmond, IN

**The Ridiculous Precieuses**Set Designer and Costume Consultant (Such Foolish Affected Ladies)
Ferguson Theater, Greensburg, PA

The Gilgli Concert Charge Artists and Properties Artisan

Lester Hamburgh Theater, Pittsburgh, PA

Learned Ladies Assistant Designer, Henry Heymann Theater

Pittsburgh, PA

The Architect and the Properties and Costume Designer, Henry

**Emperor of Assyria** Heymann Theater, Pittsburgh, PA

The Canterbury Tales Scenic Artist and Props Artisan, Henry

Heymann Theater, Pittsburgh, PA

**Living East Liberty** Set Designer, Properties Designer, and

Puppet Designer, Kelly-Strayhorn Theater, Pittsburgh, PA-- Installation of the set on exhibit at the Carnegie Library of East

Liberty

Waiting for Godot Scenic Artist and Props Artisan, Henry

Heymann Theater, Pittsburgh, PA

**The Little Mermaid** Scenic Artists, Children's Theater Festival

of Houston, University of Houston, TX

**Danny and the Dragon** Scenic Artist, Children's Theater Festival of

Houston, University of Houston, TX

Romeo and Juliet Scenic Artist under Designer Kevin

Riggdon, Houston Shakespeare Festival,

Houston, TX

**King John** Scenic Artist under Designer Kevin

Riggdon, Houston Shakespeare Festival,

Houston, TX

**All My Sons** Scenic Artist under Designer Stephanie

Miller, Pittsburgh Public Theater,

Pittsburgh, PA

**Poor Superman** Scenic Artists, Henry Heymann Theater

Pittsburgh, PA

Properties and Puppet Designer, Henry **Silent Spring** 

Heymann Theater, Pittsburgh, PA

Scenic Artist and puppet designer under **The Four Estates** Beeswings prod

Designer Amy Trompetter, Edinburgh Film

and Theater Festival, Scotland