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RECOGNITION

Robert L. B. Tobin Director-Designer Prize 2021 **Heart of Stone**

"L'elisir d'amore" Director Director

Opera America Independent Short Film

World Premiere: Cinema Diverse LGBTQ+ Film Festival of Palm Springs, September 30, 2023 Official Selection: LA Queer Film Festival 2023

UPCOMING DIRECTING PROJECTS

Mythos and Machinations (Nov. 2023) L'elisir d'amore (Jan. 2024 - New Production) La Tragedie de Carmen (Mar. 2024)

Little Shop of Horrors (Apr. 2024)

Bandstand (Midwest Premiere, Aug. 2024)

Mark Cedel. conductor Christopher Franklin, conductor Conductor TBD

Rachel Townes, conductor

Conductor TBD

University of Georgia, Athens, GA Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis, MN University of Georgia, Athens, GA University of Georgia, Athens, GA Williams Street Repertory, Chicago, IL

PAST DIRECTING CREDITS (SELECTED) - OPERA/MUSICAL THEATRE

Postcard from Morocco A Little Night Music

Faust

Così fan tutte

A Visit to the Country

The Bear

Wozzeck (D. McVicar production)

Barber of Seville

Die Zauberflöte (B. Kosky production) Die Zauberflöte (B. Kosky production) Wozzeck (D. McVicar production) Die Zauberflöte (B. Kosky production) Don Pasquale (sensory friendly)

Daughter of the Regiment (sensory friendly)

Griffelkin

The Shoes for the Santo Niño

Double Exposure (evening of new works)

Opera scenes of David Hertzberg and David T. Little

Great American Horror Movie Musical

Hilary Griffiths, conductor Rachel Townes. conductor Mark Cedel. conductor Hilary Griffiths, conductor Mark Cedel. conductor Mark Cedel. conductor Hannu Lintu, conductor Bruce Stasyna, conductor Christopher Allen, conductor David Charles Abell, conductor Stefan Blunier, conductor Henrik Nánási, conductor Greg Ritchie, conductor Greg Ritchie, conductor Dale Kruse, conductor Kevin Ying, conductor Edward Poll, conductor

UGA Opera Theatre, Athens, GA UGA Theatre/Film Studies, Athens, GA UGA Opera Theatre, Athens, GA Finnish National Opera, Helsinki, Finland Sugar Creek Opera, Clifton, IL Cincinnati Opera, OH Opera Philadelphia, PA Grand Théâtre de Genève. Switzerland Komische Oper Berlin, Germany Palm Beach Opera, FL Palm Beach Opera, FL Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis, MN

Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis, MN Opera Philadelphia, PA

Minnesota Fringe Festival, Lab Theatre, Minneapolis, MN

PAST DIRECTING CREDITS (SELECTED) - THEATRE

The Elephant Man

The Odd Couple

Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas

The Beaux' Stratagem

Scarlet Woman (area premiere)

Scarlet Woman Scarlet Woman

Spring of Freedom, Summer of Fear (premiere)

At the End of the Day (premiere)

Dancing With Joy (Off-Broadway premiere)

Sweet Release (premiere)

Migration Blues: First Night (premiere)

What Friends Do (premiere)

William Street Repertory, Chicago, IL Lyric Arts Main Stage Theatre, Anoka, MN Lyric Arts Main Street Theatre, Anoka, MN Theatre in the Round, Minneapolis, MN Gremlin Theatre, St. Paul, MN Edmonton Fringe Festival, Alberta, Canada

Winnipeg Fringe Festival, Manitoba, Canada

Lowry Lab, St. Paul, MN

Loring Playhouse, Minneapolis, MN

Epic-Rep, DR2 Space, NYC

Love Creek Productions, Creative Space Theatre, NYC Tischman Auditorium, New School University, NYC

ASDS (Actors Studio), Bleecker Street Theatre, NYC





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PAST DIRECTING CREDITS (SELECTED) - THEATRE (CONTINUED)

Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)

Traindog (premiere)

Pruning Rachel Rose (premiere)

Migration Blues: Women of Oz (premiere)

Waltz to Eternity (premiere)

Painting Churches Crimes of the Heart The Elephant Man The Sum of Us ASDS, Bleecker Street Theatre, NYC
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Kalayaan Hall, Philippine Center, NYC
DAP Ensemble, Producers' Club, NYC
Phoenix Theatre Company, Little Rock, AR
University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR
Weekend Theatre Company, Little Rock, AR
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PAST DIRECTING CREDITS (SELECTED) - CABARET/CONCERT/SYMPHONY POPS

Goyescas (semi-staged)

Cabaret: Escape to 1920s Berlin

Cabaret: On the Air - A 1940s Radio Show

Stay Tuned (original production conceived by Daniel Ellis and Five by Design)

Palm Beach Opera, FL Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis, MN Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis, MN Symphony Pops Touring Production

Performed with 40+ companies including: Arkansas Symphony (premiere), Anderson Symphony, Charlotte Symphony, Colorado Springs Symphony, Dayton Philharmonic, Edmonton Symphony, Florida Orchestra, Grand Rapids Symphony, Harrisburg Symphony, Huntsville Symphony, Orlando Philharmonic, Terre Haute Symphony, Utah Symphony, Vancouver Symphony, Winnipeg Symphony

PAST ASSISTANT DIRECTING CREDITS (SELECTED) - OPERA

Wozzeck (new staging)
Lucia di Lammermoor
Macbeth (new staging)

Manon Lescaut Marriage of Figaro

La Traviata

Florencia en el Amazonas

Hansel and Gretel

Turandot

Samson et Dalila (new staging)

Enemies (premiere)

Die Zauberflöte (B. Kosky production)

The Dream of Valentino (new staging)

Arabella Turandot Hamlet

Doubt (premiere)

Anna Bolena (new staging)

Nabucco

L'italiana in Algeri (new staging)

The Barber of Seville Tosca (new staging) Don Pasquale La Boheme

La Fille du Règiment

Carmen

Sir David McVicar, *director* Graham Vic, *director*

Joel Ivany, *director*Michael Cavanagh, *director*

Barbara Gaines, *director*Marta Domingo, *director*Candace Evans, *director*Brenna Corner, *director*

Keturah Stickann, *director* Bruno Berger-Gorski, *director*

Sam Helfrich, director

Tobias Ribitzki, associate director

Eric Simonson, *director* Tim Albery, *director* Renaud Doucet, *director*

Thaddeus Strassberger, director

Kevin Newbury, *director* Kevin Newbury, *director*

Thaddeus Strassberger, director

Christian Rath, director

Christopher Mattaliano, director

David Lefkowich, director
Fenlon Lamb, director
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Dona Vaughn, director
John de los Santos, director

Lyric Opera of Chicago, IL

Lyric Opera of Chicago, IL Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis, MN

Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis, MN

Lyric Opera of Chicago, IL

San Diego Opera, CA

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San Diego Opera, CA

Dallas Opera, TX

Palm Beach Opera, FL

Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis, MN

Minnesota Opera, New Works Initiative

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Minnesota Opera, Minneapolis, MN

Portland Opera, OR

Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit, MI

Mill City Summer Opera, Minneapolis, MN

Palm Beach Opera, FL Palm Beach Opera, FL

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Director of Opera and Musical Theatre (Academic Professional)

United States Opera Directing Debut - Die Zauberflöte (B. Kosky Revival)

Director - European Debut of Production - Wozzeck (D. McVicar Revival)

European Opera Directing Debut - Die Zauberflöte (B. Kosky Revival)

Resident Artist - Stage Director

Best Lighting Design - Lavender Magazine Year in Review Awards

Member of Loudmouth Theatre Collective, Minneapolis, MN

"Working Finalist" for Lifetime Membership at the Actors Studio

University of Georgia Opera Theatre, Athens GA
Cincinnati Opera, 2017 Season
Grand Théâtre de Genève, Switzerland 2017
Komische Oper Berlin, Germany - 2016
Minnesota Opera - 2012-2014 Seasons
Treasure Island, Theatre in the Round, MN

AWARDS

2021 Recipient - Robert L. B. Tobin Director/Design Award

Director's Choice - Cinema Diverse: Palm Springs LGBTQ+ Film Festival 2023

Festival Favorite - Cinema Diverse: Palm Springs LGBTQ+ Film Festival 2023

2nd Place - American Prize for Directing

Best Overall Production - Lavender Magazine Year in Review

3rd Place - American Prize for Directing

Best of Fest - Winnipeg Fringe Festival

OPERA America, NY

Heart of Stone (Short Film) Heart of Stone (Short Film)

The Beaux' Stratagem, Theatre in the Round, MN

The Beaux' Stratagem, Theatre in the Round, MN

Griffelkin, Project Opera, Minnesota Opera

Scarlet Woman, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

SCRIPT WRITER (EDUCATION CONCERTS)

Carnival of the Animals (premiere)

Pulcinella: A Symphonic Story

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The Fantastic Symphony (premiere)

Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Missing Pipe

The Earth and the Environment: Forces of Nature (premiere)

I've Got Rhythm (premiere)

Birthdays and Celebrations (premiere)

Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Missing Pipe (premiere)

Kinderconcert: A Musical Concert (premiere)

Monterey Symphony, CA

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Palm Beach Symphony, CA

Orange County Philharmonic Society, Irvine, CA

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Ft. Worth Symphony, TX

EDUCATION

Minnesota Opera

Resident Artist Program - Stage Director

New School for Drama (AKA Actors Studio Drama School), New School University, NYC

Masters of Fine Arts - Directing

Acting: Carlin Glynn, Barbara Poitier, Arthur Storch, Andreas Manolikakis

Shakespeare: Gene Lasko, Stuart Vaughan

Directing: Jack Gelber, Gene Lasko, Andreas Manolikakis, Lloyd Richards, Arthur Storch, Stuart Vaughan
Design: Tony Walton, Shawn Lewis (Scenic), Donald Holder (Lighting), William Ivey Long (Costume)

Theatre History: Bill Coco, Gary Vena

Voice Training: Nova Thomas, Christopher Arneson

Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas

Bachelors of Science - Psychology/Minor: Theatre Art

REFERENCES