

# SHANA LASKI

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## ARTS ADMINISTRATION AND LITERARY MANAGEMENT

*Artistic Apprentice, Round House Theatre, Bethesda, MD (Aug 2022–Jun 2023)*

- Assists with season planning and casting for the 2023/24 season and the 2023 National Capital New Play festival, new play development, and other administrative responsibilities
- Maintains literary and casting databases and serves as an assistant to the New Play and Dramaturgy Associate Artist, Casting and Producing Associate Artist, and Artistic Director

*Artistic Associate, Theatre Prometheus, Washington, DC (April 2023–Present)*

- Assists Artistic Directors and Literary Director with season planning, casting, and new work development
- Acts as extra hands for house management, marketing, development, and other departments on an as needed basis

*Program Director of Riverfront Phoenix Residency, Shakespeare Academy, Stratford, CT (Summer 2021)*

- Devised a new format for utilizing physical, monetary, and theatrical resources for a safe COVID-era development experience
- Single point person coordinating 9 artistic residencies for the inaugural Summer residency program
- Liaising between Mighty Quinn Foundation and the beneficiary artists

*New Work Development, Literary Management, and Dramaturgy Intern, Writers Theatre, Glencoe, IL (Fall 2019)*

- Read, evaluated, and logged new play submissions from local and established playwrights
- Pitched potential new work during season planning discussions and actively participated in meetings
- Co-produced a workshop of a commissioned musical-in-progress by The Q Brothers

## NEW PLAY DEVELOPMENT

*National Capitol New Play Festival Dramaturg, Round House Theatre, Bethesda, MD*

- Dramaturg on the AEA 29 hour workshop of *Jennifer, Who Is Leaving* written and directed by Morgan Gould (April 2022)
- Dramaturg on the AEA 29 hour workshop of *limp wrist on the lever* by Preston Choi, dir. Ethan Heard (April 2023)
- Dramaturg on the AEA 29 hour workshop of *Bad Books* by Sharyn Rothstein, dir. Ryan Rilette (April 2023)

*Magic in Rough Spaces New Play Festival Dramaturg, Rorschach Theatre Company, Washington, DC (April 2023)*

- Dramaturg for a workshop of *Even When the World Burns, I Am Still With You* by Elizabeth Shannon, directed by Madeleine Regina

*New Works in Action Director/Dramaturg, Spooky Action Theatre, Washington, DC (March 2022)*

- Directed a staged reading of *Grief Containers* by Robin Berl through the New Works in Action Series

## PRODUCTION DRAMATURGY

*Production Dramaturg, Round House Theatre, Bethesda, MD (August 2022–June 2023)*

- Lead Dramaturg on *Radio Golf* dir. Reg Douglass
- Assistant Dramaturg on *On The Far End* dir. Margot Bordelon (world premiere)
- Assistant Dramaturg on *The Tempest* dir. Aaron Posner and Teller

*Assistant Production Dramaturg, Writers Theatre, Glencoe, IL (August–December 2019, September 2021–Aug 2022)*

- Assistant Dramaturg to Bobby Kennedy on *The Niceties* dir. Marti Lyons, *A Doll's House* dir. Lavina Jadhvani, *Stick Fly* dir. Ron OJ Parson, *The Last Match* dir. Kierra Fromm, *Dishwasher Dreams* dir. Chay Yew, and *Wife of a Salesman* dir. Jo Bonney (world premiere)

*Performer and Script Advisor, Shakespeare Academy Alumni Touring Company, Stratford, CT (June–August 2018)*

- Adapted a 60-minute, four-actor cut of *Taming of the Shrew* with a gender-bent twist and wacky double casts
- Produced and performed in a 2.5-week, 15 show tour that spanned from Stratford, CT to Chicago, IL

*Summer Intern, American Theater Company, Chicago, IL (May–August 2016)*

- Dramaturg and Stage Manager for the Youth Ensemble production of *This Beautiful City* dir. Sonny Das
- Worked directly with the Youth Ensemble, leading warm-ups and engaging with the teens

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## SCRIPT READING

**Playwrights Center**, Minneapolis, MN

**Broadway Licensing (Department of Acquisitions)**, New York, NY

**Juilliard School Lila Acheson American Playwrights Program Admissions**, New York, NY

**O'Neill Theatre Center National Playwrights Conference**, Waterford, CT

**The Goodman Theatre**, Chicago, IL

**La Jolla Playhouse**, San Diego, CA

**Round House Theatre**, Bethesda, MD

**Williamstown Theatre Festival**, Williamstown, MA

**Writers Theatre**, Glencoe, IL

**Spooky Action Theatre**, Washington, DC

**Table Work Press**, New York, New York

## DIRECTION AND CHOREOGRAPHY

Scorched<sup>o</sup>

Jennifer, Who Is Leaving (world premiere)

The Tempest<sup>~</sup>

Grief Containers (world premiere)

Birds of North America

Mr. Burns: A Post Electric Play

Mauritius\*

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf\*

Summertime

Snake Oil (world premiere)

Spring Awakening

High School Musical

Pippin

Asst. Director

Asst. Director

Asst. Director

Director

Asst. Director

Asst. Choreographer

Director

Director

Choreographer

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Expats Theatre (DC), *dir. Karin Rosnizeck*

Round House Theatre (DC), *Dir. Morgan Gould*

Round House Theatre, *Dir. Aaron Posner and Teller*

Spooky Action Theater Company (DC)

Mosaic Theatre Company (DC), *dir. Serge Seiden*

Wesleyan University CFA Theatre, *dir. Pirronne Yousefzadeh*

Wesleyan University Theatre Department

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Wesleyan University CFA Theatre, *dir. Kim Weild*

Wesleyan University Second Stage, *dir. Brooke Kushwaha*

Wesleyan University Second Stage, *dir. Lianne Yun*

Wesleyan University Second Stage, *dir. Sophie Brett-Chin*

Wesleyan University Second Stage, *dir. Susannah Clark*

<sup>o</sup>Upcoming, <sup>\*</sup>Scene studies, <sup>^</sup> World Premiere, <sup>~</sup> 9 Helen Hayes Nominations,

## EDUCATION

Wesleyan University Class of 2019

GPA: 3.9/4.0

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre (M) American Studies (M) and African American Studies (m)

## REFERENCES

*Ryan Rilette*, **Round House Theatre**, Artistic Director, (rrilette@roundhousetheatre.org)

*Naysan Mojgani*, **Round House Theatre**, Associate Artistic Director (nmojgani@roundhousetheatre.org)

*Serge Seiden*, **Mosaic Theatre Company**, Managing Director (serge@mosaictheater.org)

*Bobby Kennedy*, **Writers Theatre**, Director of Artistic Development (bkennedy@writerstheatre.org)

*Sue Wright*, **Shakespeare Academy at Stratford**, Founder and President of the Mighty Quinn Foundation (susan@mightyquinnfoundation.com)