

Summer Dawn

Theatrical Director and Production Manager

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I am a director, writer and production manager with 20 years of theatrical experience based in the Greater New York area. I am a two-time winner of the Governor's Award in Arts Education. I am the founder and director of In Full Color (IFC – infullcolor.org), an organization that empowers artists of color. IFC has won the Jersey City Arts Council's Performing Arts Award and received two commendations from the New Jersey State Assembly. I am also the co-founder of 68 Productions.

I believe in the power of language and text, and I believe everyone has the capacity to create stage magic. I love using blocking, self-generated sound and non-verbal interaction to add nuance and depth to text. I empower actors to make smart, brave and playful choices. I primarily work in theater, but have also acted and directed for film. I am also a skilled event coordinator, producer, actor and theater teaching artist. Acting resume and references also available upon request.

EXPERIENCE (Theatrical Director, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Mary Magdalene	United Women in Faith (Film; Director/Editor/Writer)	2024
Thomas	United Women in Faith (Film; Director/Editor/Writer)	2024
Simon Peter	United Women in Faith (Film; Director/Editor/Writer)	2024
IFC All Stars	New Jersey City University	2024
In Full Color	The Barrow Mansion	2023
You're a Star (TYA Musical)	Lyndhurst Public Schools	2023
By the Light of the Ghetto Moon	Downtown Urban Arts Festival	2023
Stormé	WOW Café Theater/True Colors Project	2022
In Full Color	In Full Color via Zoom	2020
In Full Color	In Full Color/Nimbus	2019
I Don't Know How She Does It	Jersey City Theater Center	2019
In Full Color	In Full Color/Nimbus	2018
"Happy Hour"	Film	2017
The Jam	Luna Stage	2017
In Full Color	Art House Productions	2017
The Eight Reindeer Monologues	Artistic Pride Productions	2016
The Twelve Dates of Christmas	Art House Productions	2016
In Full Color	Art House Productions	2016
Three Bites	Manhattan Repertory Theater Anniversary	2015
Hindsight	No Peeking Theater	2015
Adventure	Artistic Asian Runs on Shorts	2015
Various Plays	New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival	2015

In Full Color	Art House Productions	2015
Kookspeak	TEDxJerseyCity: A Brave New World	2014
So What If I Loved You	68 Productions/Jersey City Theater Center	2014
Three Bites	STAGEfest at the Loews	2014
Three Bites	Tachair One Act Play Festival	2014
Senses	Tachair One Act Play Festival	2014
Kookspeak	Tri-State Arts & Music Festival	2013
Kookspeak	Digable Arts Festival	2013
Before, After & Always	STAGEfest at the Loews	2013
Kookspeak	The Last Celebrity by Reg E. Gaines	2012
Secrets; Love	Downtown Urban Theater Festival	2012
As You Like It	MS 4	2008
Twelfth Night	Art House Productions	2007

LONG-TIME CONTRACTS AND STAFF POSITIONS

In Full Color	Founder, Director, Writer, Actor	2015 to present
Lincoln Center Theater	Theater Teaching Artist	2022 to present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Judgment of Paris • Macbeth • The Trial of Lady Macbeth • The Hunger Games • Ms. Marvel 	
Young Audiences of NJ & Eastern PA	Romeo and Juliet (in production) Theater/Literary Arts Teaching Artist, Artist Services Manager	2020 to present
Storytelling Arts	Theater Teaching Artist, Untold Stories of Storied People Director	2021 to 2025
LITM (Restaurant/Arts Venue)	Events Director	2016 to 2019
TEDxJerseyCity	Production Manager	2015, 2016, 2018
Saint Peter's University	Production Manager	2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabaret • Antigone 	
Art House Productions	Centerstages Youth Drama Teacher	2016
Art House Productions	STAGES Youth Musicals P.M.	2013, 2014, 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Shop of Horrors • The Music Man • The Addams Family 	
Art House Productions	Production Manager: Commit	2014

Further Honors: New Jersey Young Playwrights Contest Winner, Art House Emerging Artist Series

Notes: New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival judge (2012 to 2015). Member of 2021 Theater Grants Panel for National Endowment for the Arts.

Skills and Areas of Interest: Bilingual (English, Spanish). Some knowledge of Ilonggo (Filipino dialect), Brazilian Portuguese, Japanese and ASL. Shakespeare scholar (studied under Sara Solberg). Writer and former arts journalist.