## **Brian Balcom**

#### PRODUCTION HISTORY

COST OF LIVING (upcoming) THE THIN PLACE (upcoming) TIGER STYLE! (upcoming) A GREAT MIGRATION\*

THROUGH THE SUNKEN LANDS (radio play)

**TEENAGE DICK** 

FAST COMPANY (at the Guthrie Theater)

VIETGONE SAMUEL | AND K

TINKER TO EVERS TO CHANCE

**IDEATION** 

**DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER** 

LE DINDON **FOOL FOR LOVE** 

SLASHER

**UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLES\*** 

THE DUTIES OF BEING A SIDEKICK\*

THE FOLLY OF CROWDS\*

THE DEBATE OVER COURTNEY O'CONNELL\* Mat Smart

**COMPOUND COMPLEX\*** A STANDING LONG JUMP\*

AMERICAN SEXY\* (at the Guthrie Theater)

STRONG\*

AMERICAN SEXY\* **KILLER SMILE\* HOW TO CHEAT\*** 

SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY \*

SOME GIRL(S) MR. MARMALADE Martyna Majok Victory Gardens Theater

Lucas Hnath Gremlin Theater Michael Lew Writers Theatre **B** Street Theater Preston Choi

The Kennedy Center TYA

Tim Lord Michael Lew Theater Wit Theater Mu Carla Ching Qui Nguyen American Stage Mat Smart Gremlin Theatre Mat Smart **Artistry Theater** Aaron Loeb Gremlin Theatre Camoletti/Hawdon Gremlin Theater Georges Feydeau Gremlin Theatre Sam Shepard Gremlin Theatre

Allison Moore Urban Samurai Productions

Gemma Irish Self-Produced Pogi SSumangil Barkada Theater

Mat Smart The New Theatre Group The New Theatre Group Steve Moulds The New Theatre Group Mat Smart The New Theatre Group Trista Baldwin The New Theatre Group Dominic Orlando The New Theatre Group Trista Baldwin The New Theatre Group Steve Moulds The New Theatre Group Alan Berks The New Theatre Group Steve Moulds Walking Shadow Company Neil Labute Walking Shadow Company Noah Haidle Walking Shadow Company

#### **NEW PLAY READINGS AND WORKSHOPS**

THE GREAT MIGRATION\*

**VERITE** ALONE\*

TINKER TO EVERS TO CHANCE\*

**GARDEN REMAINS\* WAVE POINT\*** FIGHT\* SAMSARA\*

**ACHILLES, SCOURGE OF MAN\*** 

THE MORE BEYOND\*

THEN WAVES\*

FELLOWS SHOWCASE\* '07, '08, '10, '16

CAPTIVA ISLAND\*

ABBIC\* TRAPEZOID\* CHUP\*

SEX IN SEATTLE\*

SHADOW ON THE MOON\*

**RENTAL CAR\*** 

Preston Choi Silk Road Rising & NNPN Showcase

Nick Jones Writers Theatre Ion Kern La Iolla Red Mat Smart Route 66 Theatre Will Borsema DePaul Theatre School Benjamin Weiner The Playwrights' Center Kimber Lee The Playwrights' Center Lauren Yee The Playwrights' Center The Playwrights' Center Kevin Artigue The Playwrights' Center Dean Ponyor Kevin Anthony Kautzman The Playwrights' Center The Playwrights' Center **Various** Christopher Demos-Brown The Playwrights' Center Damon Chua

Mu Performing Arts Nic Cha Kim Mu Performing Arts Aamera Siddiqui Mu Performing Arts Kathy Hsieh Mu Performing Arts Michael Golamco Mu Performing Arts Alex Park Mu Performing Arts

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#### UNIVERSITY PRODUCTIONS

MARISOL THE MISANTHROPE AFTER MISS JULIE **HOOKMAN ELEMENO PEA** KILLING GAME **PHOENIX BOY GETS GIRL** 

lose Rivera Moliere/Wilbur Patrick Marber Lauren Yee Molly Smith Metzler Eugene Ionesco Scott Organ Rebecca Gilman

DePaul Theatre School **DePaul Theatre School DePaul Theatre School** DePaul Theatre School DePaul Theatre School **DePaul Theatre School** Carnegie-Mellon University

Northwestern University MFA Class

#### TEN MINUTE PLAYS

EYE C U\* (online) **INDELIBLE** PICK ME UP LAST STOP

THE DRAGON TAMER \* LITTLE SCARLETT \* THE REVENGE OF PARIO \* TICK TOCK BEEP \*

SALSA FROM THE WOODS \*

**BETTY BUY\*** PARTY POLICY \*

THE CONTEST \*

**AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES \*** 

RIO BRAVO \* **MUCHO LATINO \* CHIAROSCRUO** FOR THE ART

**INNER SPACIOUSNESS \*** 

**UNTITLED** \*

**HUM OF THE ARCTIC\*** 

Preston Choi Victory Gardens Theater

American Stage John Bavoso Rachel Lynett American Stage Jenny Connell Davis The Gift Theatre Carlyle Brown Chicago Avenue Project May Lee Yang Chicago Avenue Project Dylan Fresco Chicago Avenue Project

Christopher Kidder Chicago Avenue Project Aniya White Chicago Avenue Project Rhianna Yazzi Chicago Avenue Project Rhianna Yazzi Chicago Avenue Project Pogi Sumangil Box Wine Theater Dominic Orlando Teatro del Pueblo Dominic Orlando Teatro del Pueblo Dominic Orlando Teatro del Pueblo Lisa Dillman Theater Limina Lauren Feldman Theater Limina

The Playwrights' Center Jeannine Coulombe Cory Hinkle The Playwrights' Center Sarah Hammond Actors Theater of Louisville

#### **ASSISTANT DIRECTING**

**JULIUS CAESAR** William Shakespeare **MEMORY HOUSE \*** Kathleen Tolan **BETRAYAL** Harold Pinter TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONAWilliam Shakespeare A CHRISTMAS CAROL Barbara Field NIGHT OF THE IGUANA Tennessee Williams **NICKEL AND DIMED \*** Ioan Holden TWELFTH NIGHT William Shakespeare

Michael Halberstam, dir Writers Theatre, IL Actors Theater of Louisville Sandy Shinner, dir. Marc Masterson, dir. Actors Theater of Louisville Joe Dowling, dir. The Guthrie Theater Gary Gisselman, dir. The Guthrie Theater John Miller Stephany, dir. The Guthrie Theater

Bill Rauch, dir. The Guthrie Theater Jack O'Brien, dir. Old Globe Theatres

\*New Play ^Commissioned

#### **LEADERSHIP/ADMINISTRATION**

Writers Theatre	Artist Council	2022 - present
Victory Gardens Theatre	Coordinator / Resident Artist, Access Project	2015 - present
Steppenwolf Theatre Company	Artistic Multicultural Fellow	2015 - 2016
Park Square Theatre	Associate Artist	2011 - 2013
The New Theatre Group	Founder / Producer	2007 - 2012

#### **EDUCATION**

DePaul University – MFA | Carnegie-Mellon University – B.F.A.

#### **SUMMARY**

Asian-American and disabled director with an entertainment-forward approach and a dedication to new work; Administrator focused on supporting artist needs and increasing enhanced access for all.

#### **EDUCATION**

DePaul University M.F.A. Directing

Carnegie-Mellon University B.F.A. Directing

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Victory Gardens Theatre**

Access Coordinator, Access Project Resident Artist, Access Project Feb 2019 - Present 2014 - 2019

- Works to improve and enhanced access and training for artists and patrons with disabilities
- Manages baseline budget of \$15k for access services including: hiring and managing service providers, invoicing and billing
- Manages community outreach identifying partner organizations to generate new patrons
- Assisted Executive and Development directors in writing for grants \$25k (awarded) and \$400k (pending)
- Managing execution of \$25k grant-funded ACCESS 2.0 plan
- Worked with Literary to identify commissioned writer for a play with a disabled protagonist
- Spearheaded committee with Goodman and Steppenwolf to train the next generation of audio describers
- Manages healthy internship program to instill access services in the next generation of theater administrators
- Co-curated and produced Cripslam an annual event showcasing artists with disabilities
- Co-hosted and produced Access Night an evening of workshops and discussions to improve access in Chicagoland theaters
- Taught a master class in directing for ADW playwrights to further writer/director collaboration

### Consortium of Asian American Theaters and Artists Venue and Volunteer Coordinator - Contractor

August '18

- Recruited and managed 50 volunteers for a national conference and festival
- Sourced and contracted ASL interpreters for performances
- Managed daily venue operations and room scheduling
- Acted as local liaison between venue staff and steering committee.

#### **Steppenwolf Theatre Company**

2015 - 2016 Season

Artistic Multi-Cultural Fellow

- Supported the literary department and the artistic producers
- Managed the script database and our pool of script readers
- Read and reported on scripts
- Created report on ensemble involvement over the life of the theater
- Co-produced the Multi-Cultural Fellow event and Alumni event

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2011 - 2013

#### **Park Square Theatre**

Artistic Associate

• Worked with the artistic director and 3 other associates to plan a more diverse and inclusive season.

#### The New Theatre Group

2006 - 2011

Founder, Producer

- Produced and directed nine productions over six years including five new works
- Commissioned new plays from Jerome and McKnight Fellows
- Led new play development process
- Managed payroll and expenses for a budget of \$5,000
- Planned and executed design, marketing, and publicity strategies