



# NJ AGWUNA [SDC]

Theatre & Film Director | V.O. Artist | Writer | Actor | Intimacy Co.

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## **TRAINING & EDUCATION**

MFA, Theatre Directing, Columbia University

B. A., Acting/ Directing & Cinema, Binghamton University

Intimacy Certification IDC, (Claire Ward)

Fight Direction/ Choreography, (Michael Toomey) '11-'12

## **DIRECTING: FILM & WEB**

ESCHATON: OPENING/ PUZZLE VIDEO

Line Producer & Fight Director

RUBY: a short film by Brenden Gregory  
(Producer)

TRUE THERAPY by Greg Hernandez  
Independent Short Film

LEAKY THOUGHTS (WEBSERIES) by Gregory Hernandez  
(Various Episodes)

UPWORDS (WEBSERIES) by Camber Carpenter

KIERAN KIRKS: Death of a Bachelor (Cover)

KIERAN KIRKS: Raging Fire (Cover)

KIERAN KIRKS: Writing on the Wall (Cover)

## **SHADOW DIRECTING**

A SMALL LIGHT by Joan Rater and Tony Phelan  
(shadow director)  
Disney+ and NatGeo

## **DIRECTING THEATRE**

And She Became Rain by Nathan Yunkerberg & Lawrence El Greco ( Joe's Pub)

[Holding Pattern] by K'wana Faulkner-Smith & Audley Puglisi (EST)

OriGen Story by Nina Ki (clubbed Thumb WinterWorks)

BULRUSHER (the opera) by Eisa Davis & Nathaniel Stookey  
West Edge Opera (World Premiere)

DOMINANCE by May Treuhaft-Ali  
EST/Sloan Project "Science Brunch"

Don't Tell Them I'm a Prince by: Edefe Okporo  
Waterwell & Bronx Defenders (Tour)

BLANKS by Gethsemane Harron  
Playwrights Center

L'INCORONAZIONE DI POPPEA by Monteverdi  
West Edge Opera

THE MJ/ NJ PROJECT devised by MJ Kaufman & NJ Agwuna  
In collaboration w/Variety Artists  
EnGarde Arts

SUPADUPA KID Devised by NJ Agwuna and the COMPANY of  
The Supadupa Kid in collaboration with Amara Brady and  
Tommy Scrivens  
Barrington Stage Company

PRETTY BOY by Greg Mehrten  
Mabou Mines 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

COLLECTIVE RAGE: A PLAY IN 5 BETTIES by Jen Silverman  
NYU: Meisner Studio (2022)

boys don't look at boys by jeremy o'brian  
NY Stage and Film

SYLVIA by A.R Gurney  
Kean University (October 2021)

THE DARK by Nick Makoha  
Columbia University Podcast Drama (September 2021)

THE MAGUC FLUTE by  
Adaptation by Kelley Rourke  
Glimmerglass Festival (2021)

A MINOR BLIP by Jeremy O'Brien  
JAG FEST Podcast Drama (2021)

ABC DISCOVERS SHOWCASE (2020)

POLAROID STORIES by Naomi Iizuka  
LIU- Post (virtual 2020)

THE LOVER by Harold Pinter  
The New Ohio Theatre (Director Fest 2020)

ONLY HUMAN by Mike Squillante and Jess Carson  
St Clements Theatre

TILL: A MUSICAL by Leo Schwartz & DC Cathro  
NYMF (Signature Theatre)

LYSISTRATA adapted by Ellen McLaughlin  
New School of Drama BFA Main stage

HYACINTH IN THE MOUNTAINS by Claire Jamison  
Broadway Bound Theatre Festival

VOID by Sean Pollock  
Laundry Fest

FLICKERING by Sydney Sainté  
Brunch Theatre's – Back Coffee Showcase

RIVER ROUGE by Andy Boyd  
Playwrights Festival at Lenfest

what she found by Megan Bandelt  
Frigid Theatre Fest/ Horse Trade

FREEDOM TRAIN by Marvin Gordon  
Theatreworks USA Tour

THE TEMPEST by William Shakespeare  
Columbia Stages

JULIUS CAESAR by William Shakespeare  
Columbia University

FLIPFLAP & HIS MASTER by Yosef Idris  
Segal Center

MACBETH by William Shakespeare  
Columbia University

LOVE AND INFORMATION by Caryl Churchill  
Columbia University  
TOWN HALL by Ed Wasserman  
Columbia University

THE DUEL by Anton Chekhov  
Adapted by Matthew Minnicino  
Columbia University

GOOD MAN by Melis Aker  
Columbia University

HAMLET by William Shakespeare  
Columbia University  
GARBAGE by Megan Bandelt  
Touring Fringe Festivals 2016

AT WORLDS END by Nora Casey  
Columbia University

:-/ :-(-;-) A THREE SISTERS ADAPTATION  
by Max Mondì  
Columbia University

HENS by Alice Jankell  
Urban Stages 36 Hour Play Fest

F.U.B.A.R. by Bara Swain  
Rising Sun Performance Co 2015 Season

1,2,3,4,5,6,7 by Bara Swain  
Rising Sun Performance Co 2014 Season

NOT QUITE A FAIRY TALE by Maia Henkin  
P.I.T

TO KNOW ONE BUT MYSELF by Ralph Greco Jr.  
Joria Productions

TRIP'S CINCH by Phyllis Nagy  
Binghamton University

ST. SCARLET by Julia Jordan  
Binghamton University

WOODED AND VIEWED by Georges Feydeau  
Binghamton University

NOISES OFF by Michael Frayn  
Dickenson Community Players

MIDSUMMERNIGHTS DREAM/ AS YOU LIKE IT by  
William Shakespeare  
Art's Collective Summer Camp

TAMING OF THE SHREW /MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING  
by William Shakespeare  
Art's Collective Summer Camp

### **ZOOM THEATRE/ READINGS (selected)**

IMPOSTERS EVE by Malique Guinn  
Theatre Masters: Take Ten Festival (Zoom Reading)

DEATH CARD by Forest Malley  
Theatre Masters: Take Ten Festival (Zoom Reading)

CONVERSION RATE by Sergei Burbank  
Scranton Scratch Night (2021, WINNER)

YOU ARE HERE by Sukari Jones (musical workshop)  
Sappho Project

AMERICAN DREAM by Sandra Daley-Sharif  
HEROS AND VILLIANS at URBAN STAGES

## **DIRECTING: READINGS & WORKSHOPS**

REFORMER by Rachel Harron  
Colt Coeur

\*LIVE!\* To Tell the Tale by Kayana Faulkner Smith  
Ensemble Studio Theatre

TOOTSIE ROLLS & CANDY CORN by Andrew Saito  
The Civilians Workshop

SOME OF US EXIST IN THE FUTURE by Nkenna Ibeakanma  
Clubbed Thumb Reading

NANNYTOWN by Bleu Beckford-Burrell  
Atlantic Theatre: First Gen MixFest (2022)  
HER FIRST THANKSGIVING by Roger Q Mason  
Atlantic Theatre: First Gen MixFest (2022)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE DEAD Devised by NJ Agwuna,  
Ellen McLaughlin, Greg Taubman, & Joe Goodkin  
FORGE

GUMMIES by Lawryn LaCroix and Andi Villa Stover  
Shubert Organization 29h Reading

SUNCATCHERS of SHAEL: The Two Twilights  
by Phillip Burke  
Civilians 29h Reading

RIVERSIDE DRIVE by Taylor Adam Blackman  
Hi-ARTS & TB Studios

THE SIXTH STAR TO THE RIGHT by K' yana Faulkner-Smith  
NYU Playwright Thesis Workshop

HOLY HER by Phillip Burke  
National Black Theatre

The Problem with Magic Is by Johnny Lloyd  
JAG Theatre Festival 4.0 (White River Junction, VT)

BLANKS by Gethsemane Amy Harron  
Fire this time Festival (The Kraine Theatre)  
Roundabout Reading Series (2020)  
JAG Theatre Festival 3.0 (White River Junction, VT)

INCEPTION BED by Jona Tarlin  
Dixon Place Theatre

SUCH A GOOD GUY book; music & lyrics  
by Aurora deLucia  
Hudson Guild Theatre

ONLY HUMAN book by Jess Carson & music/ lyrics by  
Mike Squillante  
Oklahoma City University

ONE FOR THE ROAD by Harold Pinter  
Re-Reading Oppression at Martin Segal Center

what she found by Megan Bandelt  
Governors Island Residency

TRUTH OR LIE music by Bob Kelly and book/ lyrics by  
Josh Cullen  
4th Street theatre

the whole sky all diamonds by Bixby Elliott  
The Brooklyn Generator – January Reading

FUNERAL FOOD by Megan Bandelt  
The Kraine

DRACULA; JOHN HARKER'S LETTERS by NJ Agwuna & TJ  
Burleson  
Devising New Works Workshop

## **FIGHT DIRECTION/ INTIMACY CHOREOGRAPHY**

BIOFEEDBACK (NYUShort) (IC)  
Dir: Spencer Gronik

BATHHOUSE TANGO (Student Film)(IC-Sub)  
Writer/ Dir: Iven Tu

GIRL DOLL (STUDENT) (IC)  
Writer/ Dir: Jordan Winick

CONSUMMATION (NYC Short)(IC)  
Writer: Stephen Lyons II; Producer: Nick Matthys

THE REGULARS by Melba Silway + Tessa Greenberg(IC)  
Feature Film; Dir: Tessa Greenberg

THE SECOND COMING by Justin Randall (IC)  
DGNL Studio (Pilot)

ACTOR (NYU Short) (IC)  
Valeria Sandino (wir/dir)

THE WRATH OF OTHELL-YO (NYU Short)(IC)  
Kwesi Jones

ESCHATON: OPENING/ PUZZLE VIDEO (IC/ Stunts)  
Online Theatre

INTO THE ZONE by Gordon Penn  
Signature Theatre

KILL HAMLET by Nako Adodoadji  
Signature Theatre

FROM PILGRIM LANDING by Ed Wasserman  
Shapiro Theatre

PERSONHOOD by Max Mond (Shapiro Theatre)

SOMEONE DIES AT THE END by Freddie Fulton and  
Matt Consalvo  
Edinburgh Fringe Festival

CABARET by John Kander, Fred Ebb, Joe Masteroff  
Hinman Production Company  
(Choreographer/ Fight Direction)

## **DIRECTING: MUSICAL SHOWCASE**

FEVER

Duplex Piano and Cabaret Bar

A SPRING IN MY STEP

Duplex Piano and Cabaret Bar

## **ASSOCIATE/ ASSISTANT DIRECTING**

MOULIN ROUGE by John Logan

Directed by Alex Timbers

Broadway/ National Tour (2023-current)

7 Minutes by Stefano Massini;

Translated by Francesca Spedaliere

Directed by Mei Ann Teo

HERE ARTS (2022)

Clyde's by Lynn Nottage

Directed by Kate Whoriskey

Helen Hayes Theatre (Broadway)

CTG Mark Taper Theatre

THE WOMENS PARTY by Rinne B. Groff

Directed by Tara Ahmadinejad

Clubbed Thumb Streaming

RAGTIME by Terence McNally

Directed by Zi Alikhan

Playmakers Theatre

WHITE CARD by Claudia Rankine

Directed by Diane Paulus

A.R.T (Associate Director)

ENDANGERED by Keni Fine

Directed by Michael Chase Gosselin

The Davenport Theatre (Associate Director)

THE FIREBIRD by Tim Errickson

Directed by Brian Gillespie

Plant Connections (Assistant Director)

ALONDRA WAS HERE by Chisa Hutchinson

Directed by Jade King Carroll

The Wild Project (Asst. Director)

BODEGA BAY by Elizabeth Karlin

Abingdon Theatre Company

(Asst. Stage Manager/ AD)

MAN OF LAMANCHA by Dale Wasserman, Joe Darion,  
Mitch Leigh

Directed by Tom Kremer

Binghamton University (Asst. Director)

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE by Tennessee Williams

Directed by Anne Brady

Binghamton University (Asst. Director)

## **CASTING ASSOCIATE/ DIRECTING**

RISING SUN PERFORMANCE COMPANY (Casting  
Director)

2014 & 2015- Season Productions & Readings

CALERI CASTING (Casting Assistant/ Associate)

SATCHMO AT THE WALDORF by Terry Teachout

Directed by Gordon Edelstein

THE VISIT by Terrence McNally, Fred Ebb, John  
Kander

Directed by John Doyle

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH by Stephen  
Trask and John Cameron Mitchell

Directed by Michael Mayer

OF MICE AND MEN by John Steinbeck

Directed by Anna D. Shapiro

ELEPHANT MAN by Bernard Pomerance

Directed by Scott Ellis

BUYER AND CELLAR

Directed by Stephen Brackett

MURDER FOR TWO

Directed by Scott Schwartz

DEMAND STUDIOS (Casting Producer)

## **TEACHING/ EDUCATION**

Teaching Artist with Tectonic Theatre Project  
2017- Present

Drew University: Adjunct Professor  
2019 & 2025

FREEDOM TRAIN National Tour  
2018 & 2019

New School of Drama Guest Director for BFA  
Program  
Fall 2018

Oklahoma City University Visiting Artist/ Director  
Fall 2018

Binghamton University Fight Choreography (TA)  
2011-2012

## **ACTING CREDITS (SELECTED)**

### **TELEVISION**

LUKE CAGE

*Bartender/ Reoccurring* (NETFLIX; Lucy Liu)

THE KNICK

*Cabaret Att.* (Cinemax; Steven Soderbergh)

NURSE JACKIE S4

*Hipster/Featured* (STARS)

ALPHA HOUSE

*Soldier* (Amazon; Adam Bernstein)

ELEMENTARY

*Brooklyn Hipster* (CBS; John Polson)

THE LEFTOVERS (pilot)

*Leftover* (HBO; Peter Berg)

BOARDWALK EMPIRE

*Reoccurring* (HBO; Timothy Van Patten)

TODAY'S SPECIAL (pilot)

*Woman at Bar* (Brendan Walsh)

### **FILM**

FOR FRODO

"Buda" (BFI; Ethan Scarduzio)

BEFORE I DISAPPEAR

*Hipster/ Coke-head* (Damon Russell; Shawn Christensen)

TRACERS

*Club Goer* (Temple Hill Entertainment; Daniel Benmayor)

RED HEAD RANDY

*Drama Teacher* (Raymond Deane Films; Raymond Deane)

### **THEATRE (ACTING SELECTED)**

AS YOU LIKE IT

*Duke Senor/ Duke Fredrick*

(Purslane Theatre; dir. Dani Stompor)

ALICE IN WONDERLAND; DEVISED

*White Rabbit* (Internos 27; dir. Michael Toomey)

MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM

*Philostrate/ Puck* (Art's Collective ; dir. Grace Anastasiadis)

JULIUS CAESAR

*Decius Brutus/Strat/ Third Citizen/Flavius*  
(Binghamton University; dir. Michael Toomey)

HENRY V

*Chorus Leader*

(Binghamton University; dir. Michael Toomey)

THESMOPHORIAZUSAE

*Chorus Leader*

(Binghamton University; dir. John Starks)

MACBETH

*Lady Macbeth*

(REP Stage Actors Institute; dir. Bill Larges)

TEMPEST

*Ariel* (REP Stage Actors Institute;  
dir. Bill Larges and Peggy Yates)

ROMEO AND JULIET

*Mercutio*

(REP Stage Actors Institute; dir. Jenny Male)

KING LEAR

*Cornwall* (Maryland Theatre Fest ; Dir. Nathan Rosen)

### **IMPROV/ SKETCH**

Our Bar (Site Specific Theatre)

Company Member (2015-Present)

SHIVA: QSIC House Team

QSIC House Team; couch: Katie Hammond

MOSTLY RABBITS

Indie Team/ QSIC/ PIT

BABY FACE

Indie Team/ Touring; couch: T.J. Mannix

WHAT IMPROV GROUP

Art's Collective at HCC; couch: Susan Kramer

## **VOICE OVER CREDITS**

Graphic Audio (*present*)

*Various Novels*

Better Sleep Narrator (*present*)

*Various Stories*

EDF: Earth Defense Force

*Safari Sister*

Multitudes: Next Stop Show (Audio Drama Podcast)

*Mattie*

A&E Biography: Cardi B

*Narrator*

A&E Biography: Carrie Underwood

*Narrator*

A&E Biography: Taylor Swift

*Narrator*

A&E Biography: Adele

*Narrator*

A&E Biography: Kevin Hart

*Narrator*

A&E Biography: Toni Braxton

*Narrator*

A&E Biography Reddit Cutdowns

*Narrator*

History Channel: Sojourner Truth "Ain't I A Woman"

*Narrator*

History Channel: Kurt Cobain

*Narrator*

History Channel: Madam CJ Walker

*Narrator*

History Channel: 1800's Women

*Narrator*

History Channel: Abolitionist Christmas

*Narrator*

BUST A DATE (videogame)

*Edna* (Peopli Inc.; dir.Christopher Russell)

WOMEN ARE THE CHANGE

*Narrator* (dir. Lind Stout)

MARIS: THE BROTHERHOOD FILES by Isaiyan Morrison

*Audiobook Narrator*

## **OTHER THEATRE PRODUCTION CREDITS**

BEHIND THE CITY

Third Rail Projects/ The Macallan  
(ASM)

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Third Rail Projects/ Goldman Sachs Gives  
(SM)

RODASIDE ATTRACTION

Third Rail Projects  
(SM/ Sound Engineer)

THEN SHE FELL

Third Rail Projects (ASM)

SLEEP NO MORE by Felix Barrett & Maxine Doyle

Punch Drunk NYC

(Stage Management)

## **OTHER FILM PRODUCTION CREDITS**

### **FILM (selected)**

Between Yourself and Me

Production SM/ Assistant

Daredevil S1- S3

Production Assistant

Jessica Jones S1 & S2

Production Assistant

Luke Cage S2

Additional

Iron Fist S1

Production Assistant

The Voice of TV

Staff Writer/ Podcaster / Social Media Manager  
(2013- 2015)

It Had to Be You

Production Assistant (2014)

Ink Master S3

Production Assistant

New York, NY

October 2013

Caper Pilot

Production Assistant

New York, NY

October 2013

Nurse Jackie

Additional PA

Brooklyn, NY

August 2013

**OTHER PRODUCTION CREDITS (con't)**

Hammerhead Satin- Foxy Dude Music Video  
Production Assistant  
New York, NY  
October 2013

The Following  
Additional PA  
Brooklyn, NY  
August 2013

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 /Columbia Pictures  
Production Assistant  
New York, NY  
Apr 2013 — July 2013

Africa's Next Top Model Photo Shoot  
Production Assistant  
New York, NY