KATIE BIRENBOIM

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EDUCATION

A.B., cum laude, English, with a Certificate in Theater

June 2016

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Overall GPA: 3.78; Departmental GPA: 3.9

Senior Theses: The Other Woman: Female Rivalry and the Marriage Plot in the Works of Jane Austen (Readers: Claudia Johnson and Susan Wolfson); Annie & Rose (a devised musical that combined Annie Get Your Gun with Gypsy, directed by Suzanne Agins).

HONORS & AWARDS

The Thomas H. Maren Prize

June 2016

Awarded to the Princeton University English major with the most outstanding independent work (The Other Woman).

Outstanding Senior Thesis Work in the Theater Department

June 2016

Awarded to Princeton University Theater Certificate students with outstanding independent work (Annie & Rose).

DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

Director Complicity

March 2021-

Directing several workshops of Denise J. Grillo's play, Complicity, currently in development.

Director

January-February 2021

All Nighter

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• Directed several workshops, over Zoom, of Natalie Margolin's play, All Nighter, currently in development.

Steel Magnolias, Hybrid Inter-Agency Reading

November 2020-December 2020

Directed a Zoom production of Robert Harling's play as part of reading series.

Biloxi Blues, Hybrid Inter-Agency Reading

October 2020

Directed a Zoom production of Neil Simon's play as part of reading series.

Director

August 2020-September 2020

The Wolves, Hybrid Inter-Agency Reading

• Directed, and starred in, a Zoom production of Sarah DeLappe's play as part of reading series.

Co-Director

The Princeton Triangle Club Frosh Week Show, McCarter Theatre (Princeton, NJ)

August 2019-September 2019

 Assisted in directing and choreographing the freshman week show for the country's oldest, collegiate musical sketch comedy group.

Assistant Director August 2018-December 2018

Popcorn Falls, The Davenport Theatre (Off-Broadway)

Assisted director Christian Borle in staging new play by Jim Hindman.

 Helped conceive blocking and staging, acted as main liaison with the technical team and designers, helped run understudy rehearsals, attended budget meetings.

Associate Director May 2018-July 2018

The Royal Family of Broadway, Barrington Stage Company (Pittsfield, MA)

Assisted director John Rando in staging new musical (music and lyrics by Bill Finn; book by Rachel Sheinkin).

 Helped conceive blocking and staging, acted as main liaison with the technical team and designers, attended budget meetings, gave actors notes (25-person cast).

Director February 2018-May 2018

Mary Poppins, Star 2B Theatrics (Hopewell Junction, NY)

Directed production with a cast of over 25 middle school students.

Assistant Director February 2017-March 2017

The New Yorkers, New York City Center Encores! (NYC)

- Assisted director John Rando in staging revival of Cole Porter's musical.
- Helped conceive staging/blocking; liaised with technical team and designers.

Assistant Director October 2016

Requiem for Mr. B, Richard Frankel Productions (NYC)

- Assisted John Rando in directing 3-week lab presentation of new play with music by Catherine Cantrell.
- Helped conceive staging/blocking and present the play to theatrical producers and regional theatres.

OTHER THEATRE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Production Assistant April 2021

The Sisters Rosensweig, Broadway's Best Shows/JRA Associates

 Assisted in the filming and shooting of Broadway's Best Shows' "Spotlight on Plays" presentation of The Sisters Rosensweig, directed by Anna Shapiro and featuring Kathryn Hahn, Jason Alexander, Lisa Edelstein, and more.

Contributing Writer October 2020-

Broadway's Best Shows

• Write feature-length articles (including pieces on interpretations of Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* and lyrics associated with springtime in Golden Age and contemporary musicals) for Broadway's Best Shows, a website dedicated to long-form content about Broadway.

Interview Show Host April 2020-

"Call Time with Katie Birenboim" & Berkshire Theatre Group's "Theatre Book Club with Katie Birenboim"

- Host weekly show on Youtube in which I interview theatre's best and brightest.
- Choose discussion topics and quests, conduct extensive research, and perform and edit interviews.
- Guests have included: Christian Borle, Jack Viertel, Ben Brantley and Jesse Green, John Rando, Stacy Wolf, Ogemdi Ude, Kathryn Gallagher, and more. Over 1.5k views per episode.

Program Assistant January 2017- June 2018

Hunter College MFA Program in Playwriting (NYC)

 Managed administration of program, which was led by playwrights Brighde Mullins, Annie Baker, and Branden Jacobs-Jenkins.

Duties included line-producing the annual playwrights' festival, student outreach, technical assistance, schedule organization, faculty coordination, and literary project work.

Intern June 2015-August 2015

Kate Maguire, CEO/Artistic Director of Berkshire Theatre Group (Stockbridge, MA)

Managed schedule and coordinated with administrative staff, as well as directors, actors, and agents.

ACTING CREDITS

The Snow Queen (Gerda)

June 2019-August 2019	
June 2018-August 2018	
July 2017-August 2017	
May 2016-October 2016	
June 2015-August 2015	
May 2014-July 2014	
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November 2019-December 2019

Berkshire Theatre Group

Proud member of Actors' Equity Association. Represented by Rikky Fishbein and Sean McKnight at the Hybrid Agency (201.819.7789).