

MELISSA FIRLIT

DIRECTING WORK

INTERNATIONAL

<i>Misterman</i>	Enda Walsh	Ireland National Tour	Ireland
<i>Marrow</i>	Brian Quirk	Edinburgh Fringe Festival	Scotland

NEW YORK

<i>Marrow</i>	Brian Quirk	Episcopal Actors' Guild	New York, NY
<i>Goodbody*</i>	J.C. Ernst	59E59th Theaters	New York, NY
<i>I'm Just Fine*</i>	Nina Mozes	Fringe NYC	New York, NY
<i>Bubba*</i>	Michael Thomas Walker	Fringe NYC, United Solo	New York, NY
<i>Bunting or Flags*</i>	Frazer Flintman	New Light Theater Project	New York, NY
<i>Steve Got Raped*</i>	Sam Gooley	Fringe NYC	New York, NY
<i>A Short History of Weather</i>	Jonathan Yukich	New Light Theater Project	New York, NY
<i>The Squizzinator</i>	Robert Kerr	Project Y Theatre	New York, NY
<i>Third Ward Scandal</i>	Dano Madden	Project Y Theatre	New York, NY
<i>Annabel Lee*</i>	Don Nigro	Apothecary Theatre Company	New York, NY
<i>Someone To Buy It</i>	Martyna Majok	EST's Youngblood	New York, NY
<i>Play*</i>	Alex Gherardi	Manhattan Repertory	New York, NY
<i>A Nasty Tempered Man*</i>	Carolyn Moses	DreamUp Festival	New York, NY
<i>The Death of Evie Avery*</i>	Sara Farrington	Fringe NYC	New York, NY
<i>A Nasty Story*</i>	Sara Farrington	Fringe NYC	New York, NY
<i>By The Light Of The Silvery Moon*</i>	Sara Farrington	MidTown Int'l Theater Festival	New York, NY
<i>Svetlana</i>	Meghan Finn	The Tank	New York, NY
<i>The Rise and Fall of Miles and Milo*</i>	Sara Farrington	Fringe NYC	New York, NY
<i>Genius Andronicus*</i>	Lynda Green	Manhattan Theatre Source	New York, NY

DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER

<i>Beautiful</i>	Carole King	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Jekyll & Hyde</i>	Wildhorn & Bricusse	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Best Foot Forward*</i>	Lojo Simon	Creede Repertory Theatre	Creede, CO
<i>With A Song in My Fists*</i>	Michael, Brown & Maimone	Theatre Row	New York, NY
<i>Seeds of Change*</i>	Lojo Simon	Creede Repertory Theatre	Creede, CO
<i>Albert Porter, Boy Explorer*</i>	Lojo Simon	Creede Repertory Theatre	Creede, CO
<i>Aida</i>	Elton John & Tim Rice	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>The Trojan Women (Remix)</i>	Charles Mee	Fort Lewis College	Durango, CO
<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Marsha Norman & Lucy Simon	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>25th Annual Putnam County...</i>	Finn & Sheinkin	The Princeton Festival	Princeton, NJ
<i>Futurity</i>	The Lisps	The Zipper Factory	New York, NY
<i>Under Construction</i>	Charles Mee	Rutgers University	New Brunswick, NJ

REGIONAL PLAYS

<i>Marrow</i>	Brian Quirk	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Last Call at the Riptide *</i>	Karl Isberg	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Analyze Zoom*</i>	Nandita Shenoy	Mile Square Theatre	Hoboken, NJ
<i>5 Times in One Night</i>	Chiara Atik	Mile Square Theatre	Hoboken, NJ
<i>Men on Boats</i>	Jaclyn Backbaus	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Conspiracy Theory G*</i>	Jennifer Faletto	Denver Center Performing Arts	Denver, CO
<i>Proof</i>	David Auburn	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO

<i>The Texas Homecoming Revolution of 1995</i>	Jennifer Faletto	Best Medicine Repertory	Washington, D.C.
<i>Circle Mirror Transformation</i>	Annie Baker	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Tuna Christmas</i>	Williams, Sears, Howard	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Buyer & Cellar</i>	Jonathan Tollins	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Dracula</i>	Jim Helsinger	Mile Square Theatre	Hoboken, NJ
<i>A Few Good Men</i>	Aaron Sorkin	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Moon Over Buffalo</i>	Ken Ludwig	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>The Pillowman</i>	Martin McDonagh	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>A Picasso</i>	Jeffrey Hatcher	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Misterman</i>	Enda Walsh	The Dairy Center	Boulder, CO
<i>Red</i>	John Logan	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>SIDD*</i>	Michael Aguirre	New Light Theater Project	Chicago, IL
<i>Big League Chew*</i>	Alex Gherardi	Mile Square Theatre	Hoboken, NJ
<i>C-*</i>	Eric Jaffe	Orlando Fringe Festival	Orlando, FL

REGIONAL MUSICALS

<i>West Side Story</i>	Laurents, Bernstein, Sondheim	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>Always...Patsy Cline</i>	Ted Swindley	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO
<i>A Funny Thing Happened...Forum</i>	Sondheim, Shevelove, Gelbart	Pagosa Springs Center for Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO

*Denotes World Premiere

RESIDENCIES/GRANTS

VoxFest, Dartmouth College	Hanover, NH	2024
Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts	Pagosa Springs, CO	2020, 2023
Denver Center Performing Arts	Denver, CO	2020
Indie Theatre Fund	New York, NY	2020
Open Space Grant, Episcopal Actors Guild	New York, NY	2020
Helena Walsh Voice Studio	Dublin, Ireland	2017
West Kortright Center	East Meredith, NY	2017
National Theater Institute, Eugene O'Neill Theater Center	Waterford, CT	2019, 2015
The Dragon's Egg	Mystic, CT	2007, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2016
The FAR Space Grant, The Field	New York, NY	2006
Looking Glass Theatre	New York, NY	2007

HONORS/AWARDS

Outstanding Direction Nomination: <i>Jekyll & Hyde</i>	Colorado Theatre Guild	2019
Outstanding Production of a Musical Nomination: <i>Jekyll & Hyde</i>	Colorado Theatre Guild	2019
Alan Schneider Director Award: Nominee	Theatre Communications Group	2018
Zelda Finchlander: Nominee	SDCF	2018
Best Director of a Musical: <i>Jekyll & Hyde</i>	Broadway World Denver	2019
Best Musical: <i>Jekyll & Hyde</i>	Broadway World Denver	2019
Best Play: <i>Proof</i>	Broadway World Denver	2018
Best Small Ensemble of a Play: <i>Proof</i>	Broadway World Denver	2018
Best Supporting Actress in a Play: <i>Proof</i>	Broadway World Denver	2018
Best Director: <i>Red</i>	Broadway World Denver	2014
Best Dramatic Play: <i>Red</i>	Broadway World Denver	2014
Best Small Ensemble: <i>Red</i>	Broadway World Denver	2014
Best Performance of a Solo Show: <i>BUBBA</i>	Planet Connections	2014
Best Director of a Solo Show: <i>BUBBA</i>	Planet Connections	2014
Best Variety Show: <i>BUBBA</i>	United Solo Festival	2013
Philip J. Levin Scholar	Mason Gross School of the Arts	2009, 2010, 2011
Best Direction, Best Overall Production: <i>A Nasty Story</i>	OffOffOffOnline.com	2008

Top Ten FringeNYC shows to See: *A Nasty Story* The New York Sun 2008
Outstanding Overall Solo Show: *By Light Silvery Moon* MidTown Intl Festival 2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Stage Directors & Choreographers Society	Associate Member
Association for Theatre in Higher Education	Member
Theatre Development Fund	Member
Fractured Atlas	Member
Episcopal Actors Guild	Member
Theatre Communications Group	Member

EDUCATION

2009-2012 **Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts**
MFA in Directing

1999-2003 **University of Hartford, The Hartt School**
BA Theatre, Music Minor West Hartford

TRAINING

Foundations of Intimacy Levels 1 & 2, May 2022

Frantic Assembly Advanced Training, March 2021, January 2021, London, England, Fall 2019

St. Petersburg State Theatre Arts Academy, Program Intensive, St. Petersburg, Russia Spring 2004

Royal Shakespeare Company, Program Intensive Stratford, England Fall 2003 and Fall 2001

Institute of Integrative Nutrition, Holistic Health Counselor, New York, NY 2006

National Theater Institute, The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, Semester Intensive Waterford, CT 2001

DIRECTING: Amy Saltz, Pam Berlin, Israel Hicks, William Carden, Chris O'Connor, David Jaffe

ACTING: Deborah Hedwall (Meisner), William Carden (Uta Hagen), Leonard Petit (Michael Chekhov),
Michael Cadman (Shakespeare)

MOVEMENT: Jan Leys (Williamson Technique) Kathleen Baum (Biomechanics), Complicité, Rachel Jett (Droznin Method),

Simon Pittman (Frantic Method)

DANCE: Kathy Ryan, Michelle Bach-Coulibaly (West African), Michael Blake (dance)

VOICE: Heather Rasche (Fitzmaurice), Craig Bacon (Linklater), Jackie Presti (singing)

MASK: Per Brahe, Marya Ursin

DESIGN: F. Mitch Dana (Lighting), R. Michael Miller (Set), G.W. Mercier (Set), Sabrina Notrafransisco (Costume),
Shane Rettig (Sound)