

LILA RACHEL BECKER stage director

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DIRECTING: THEATER PRODUCTIONS (selected)

*new work

WESTPHALIA *	Helen Banner	Luna Stage
AND COME APART *	Eric Marlin	Portmanteau / The Tank
THREE SISTERS	Anton Chekhov / Sarah Ruhl	University of Iowa (MFA thesis)
SPELLS FOR GOING FORTH BY DAYLIGHT *	Leigh M. Marshall	[covid cancellation]
SURPRISE INC. *	Shannon Wade & Nolan Ellsworth	Maine Playwrights Festival
BAD THINGS HAPPEN HERE *	Eric Marlin	Portmanteau / Edinburgh Festival Fringe
PERILS OF THE FLOWERBED *	Steven Glavey	University of Iowa
THE GOLEM OF CALIFORNIA *	Eric Marlin	CLIMB Theatre
2PM IN FAITH, NEBRASKA *	K.T. Peterson	University of Iowa
LATERALITY *	Leigh M. Marshall	University of Iowa
REVOLT. SHE SAID. REVOLT AGAIN.	Alice Birch	University of Iowa
LINGERING *	Margot Connolly	University of Iowa
CLARABELLE, 86 *	Anna Fox	Cloud City
#MATTER *	Idris Goodwin	Actors Theatre of Louisville
GOLDEN *	Cory Hinkle	Actors Theatre of Louisville
DIOECIOUS *	Kristen Davis-Coelho	Source Festival
WHY SAIGON FELL *	Hansol Jung	Ugly Rhino

ASSISTANT & ASSOCIATE DIRECTING (selected)

*new work

INTELLIGENCE *	dir. Jess Chayes	Dutch Kills / Edinburgh Festival Fringe
WE MIGHT FALL APART *	dir. Vanessa Stalling	Iowa Partnership in the Arts
WE'RE GONNA BE OKAY *	dir. Lisa Peterson	Actors Theatre of Louisville
AIRNESS *	dir. Meredith McDonough	Actors Theatre of Louisville
LADY DAY AT EMERSON'S BAR AND GRILL	dir. Bill Fennelly	Actors Theatre of Louisville
MACBETH	dir. Les Waters	Actors Theatre of Louisville
DISTRICT MERCHANTS *	dir. Michael John Garcés	Folger Theatre
THE NETHER	dir. Shana Cooper	Woolly Mammoth Theater Company
THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY	dir. Tyne Rafaeli	First National Tour (original staging Bartlett Sher)
WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT...	dir. Michael John Garcés	Woolly Mammoth Theater Company

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

PORTMANTEAU: co-founder, co-artistic director

Portmanteau is the collaboration between director Lila Rachel Becker and playwright Eric Marlin. We are drawn to intimate, minimalist forms that lure the audience into unnerving theatrical landscapes. We're interested in language, power, and complicity. We're influenced by our experiences living in communities across almost all regions of the United States. Our work is anchored by our shared love of feminist inquiry, class politics, and bad jokes. More at www.theportmanteau.org.

2022	Directors Lab North Member
2021-22	The Civilians R&D Group Member
2017-20	Instructor, University of Iowa
2017	Lincoln Center Theater Directors Lab Member

DIRECTING: WORKSHOPS, READINGS, & NEW PLAY DEVELOPMENT

*new work

ARAB SPRING *	Denmo Ibrahim	Round House Theater
THE TRUE CHRONICLES OF BEN-ZION PALACHI, THE RABBI PIRATE *	Eric Marlin, Lila Rachel Becker, Avi Amon	The Civilians / Portmanteau
THE LAST IBEX * musical	Joel Knopf	Hudson Valley MOCA
SELTZER WITH CRAN *	Michelle Renee Johnson	independent
MURDER, WE SPOKE * podcast	Rachel Bykowski	Tantrum East
THERE WILL COME A TIME FOR VENGEANCE *	Eric Marlin	Jewish Plays Project
MARS, OHIO *	Jeremy Sony	Tantrum East
WRITERS WRITING WRITERLY *	Eric Marlin	Iowa Dada Festival
WHAT SLEEPING WAS LIKE *	Kristen Steenbeeke	Iowa Poets Theater
FREE FREE FREE FREE *	Haleh Roshan	Play Date at Pete's
FUCK LA VIE D'ARTISTE *	Georgette Kelly	Source Festival
THE FAMILY PLAN *	Julia Izumi	Actors Theatre of Louisville
DECADENT RUBBISH *	Celine Song	Actors Theatre of Louisville
IMAGINING HESCHEL *	Colin Greer	Mosaic Theater of DC

RESIDENCIES, HONORS, & AWARDS

2022	IETM Campus Programme, Berlin, Germany	<i>week-long think tank for artists working internationally</i>
2021	Arteles Creative Center Enter Text Residency, Hämeenkyrö, Finland	<i>to develop We Need You To Prove You Are Human</i>
2019	University of Iowa MFA Fellowship	<i>to study anti-apartheid theatre in South Africa</i>
2019	University of Iowa Stanley Award for International Travel	<i>to study anti-apartheid theatre in South Africa</i>
2018	University of Iowa IRAM Award for Excellence in new play development	

EDUCATION

2020	University of Iowa, MFA Directing for the Theatre	<i>Iowa City, IA</i> Instructors: Mary Beth Easley, Alan MacVey, Art Borreca, Megan Gogerty, Daniel Fine Guest Artists: Sarah Benson, Les Waters, Noel Allain, Tonia Sina, Julie Felise Dubiner, Tanya Palmer
2016-17	Actors Theatre of Louisville Directing Apprentice	<i>Louisville, KY</i>
2013	Williamstown Theatre Festival Directing Intern	<i>Williamstown, MA</i>
2012-13	Portland Stage Company Directing & Dramaturgy Intern	<i>Portland, ME</i>
2012	Wesleyan University, BA with High Honors in the College of Letters	<i>Middletown, CT</i> Instructors: Yuriy Kordonskiy, David Jaffe