KELLY KERWIN

ARTISTIC LEADERSHIP/ARTISTIC PRODUCING

LINE PRODUCER, The Public Theater

MAIN STAGE

2016-present

- Shows incl.: The Vagrant Trilogy (Mona Mansour, Mark Wing-Davey); Soft Power (Jeanine Tesori, David Henry Hwang, Leigh Silverman); A Bright Room Called Day (Tony Kushner, Oskar Eustis); We're Only Alive for A Short Amount of Time (David Cale, Robert Falls); Girl from the North Country (Conor McPherson); Mlima's Tale (Lynn Nottage, Jo Bonney); Black Light (Daniel Alexander Jones)
- Facilitates the creative process for a project—arranges readings, developments, and pre-rehearsal plans in concert with Artistic Director.
- Handles all communication between lead artists and all departments in the institution (incl. production, GM, marketing, press, devo).
- Serves as Artistic Director's eyes and ears during rehearsal and preview process and writes artistic reports during preview performances.
- Cultivates relationships with playwrights, directors, artists of new work, and creates artistic pathways through the organization.
- Works to achieve artistic vision with financial goals.

UNDER THE RADAR

- Produced two Under the Radar Festivals (2018, 2019)—led the season planning process, and shepherded festival from start to finish.
- Internationally renowned artists incl.: Toshi Reagon; Tania el Khoury; Manual Cinema; Flaco Navaja; Teatro el Publico; Andrew Schneider,
 New Saloon; Nature Theater of Oklahoma; Dickie Beau; Jessica Blank/Eric Jenson; Lola Arias; Wang Chong; Rude Mechs; Ifeoma Fafunwa.

ONASSIS FESTIVAL 2019

- Produced "Democracy is Coming"—a 3-week festival of theater, music, panels, and events in partnership with the Onassis Foundation.
- Artists incl.: Lena Kitsopoulou; Euripides Laskaridis; 600 Highwaymen; CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR! with Patti Smith.

PRODUCER, BRIC Arts Open Festival

April 2019

- Produced the main stage show of the festival: Self Portraits by Phillip Howze and directed by Stevie Walker-Webb.
- Self Portraits was a site-specific, transitory theater piece that was free and open to the public.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CURATOR, Pop! A Pop-Up Performance Festival in Bushwick

September 2016

- I won a Mark Bly Creative Capacity Grant to conceive/produce a pop-up festival of free theater, music, movement, dance, and puppetry.
- Communicated vision, selected artists (17 total), fundraised, contracted venues, and produced the fest. in 6 different venues over 3 days.

CO-ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, Yale Cabaret

2013-2014 Season

- Programmed and produced 19 productions, 3 special events, and a play reading series in the span of 9 months.
- Acted as the public face of theater to the New Haven and Yale community, and served as an artistic leader to peers.
- Created mission statement, core values, leadership structure, and worked closely Managing Director on development and marketing.

PERFORMANCE CURATOR AND CO-FOUNDER, Salonathon (Chicago)

2011-2012

- Co-founded the celebrated weekly underground performance series at Beauty Bar in Chicago.
- Curated "The Applied Studies Showcase" a monthly series that helped shape and define Salonathon's mission and vision.

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER, Collaboraction (Chicago)

2011-2012

- Produced all productions/events, incl. the annual Sketchbook Fest—"the premiere short play festival in the Midwest" -Chicago Reader.
- Managed the season planning process for main stage; worked with Artistic Director to program 13 world premieres for Sketchbook 12.

LITERARY/INSTITUTIONAL DRAMATURGY

LITERARY ASSOCIATE, Yale Repertory Theatre

2014-2015 Season

- Read and reviewed play submissions for Artistic Director, Associate Artistic Director, and Literary Manager.
- Solicited new plays from writers and agents; responsible for all correspondences from playwright inquiries.

LITERARY MANAGER, The House Theatre of Chicago

2010-2011

- Managed and programmed the inaugural New Works Development series for readings and workshops.
- Gave notes to artistic director, directors, and playwright after first read, run in the room, tech and previews for each production.
- Created script submission policy and oversaw all new play submissions.

LITERARY APPRENTICE, Steppenwolf Theatre Company

2010-2011 Season

- Worked under Joy Meads, Rebecca Rugg, and P. Carl to support the artistic planning process and new play development.
- Facilitated the selection process for the First Look Repertory of New Plays and gave artistic feedback on potential plays.
- Wrote program/blog articles, lobby display content, and provided dramaturgical support/research packets for all main stage productions.

LITERARY ASSOCIATE (INTERIM), Atlantic Theater Company

Spring/Summer 2009

- After my internship (Fall 2008), I was asked to return to the small artistic staff while the literary associate was on leave.
- Managed script readers, supervised Intern, read/reviewed scripts, covered readings, and identified plays for possible productions.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Successfully fundraised for POP! Festival (\$5,000); EDIE LA MINX (\$8,000); & threw a dance party for Planned Parenthood (\$5,000 raised)
- Managing Editor for the Knowledge Base, Yale Theater Management's online educational database, 2015-2016.
- Artist Services Coordinator for The International Festival of Arts and Ideas Main Stage, Summers 2014 and 2015
- Hot Topics Lecture Series: Coordinated a yearly lecture series about global performance and theater at Yale School of Drama, 2013-2015
- Educational Mentor for the Dwight/Edgewood Project (for Middle School Playwrights), 2013

EDUCATION

YALE SCHOOL OF DRAMA

MFA Dramaturgy/Dramatic Criticism

Artistic Producing Track, a collaboration between the Theater Management and Dramaturgy programs: Inaugural Year