

# MELODY ERFANI

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PROFILE

Highly competent, versatile, and driven professional with extensive experience in theatrical production as a director, creator/writer, producer, dramaturg, stage manager, and actor, both regionally and internationally. **Excellent collaborator** in workshopping, producing, and directing new works.

- **Experienced leader;** familiar with all aspects in running a production, from conceptualization, creating and adhering to a budget, to scheduling and running rehearsals, and meeting deadlines.
  - Maintain strong work ethic and professionalism; adhere to high level of standards of excellence, modeling and communicating them
  - Effective at resolving problems that provide win-win solutions to all concerned parties and making sound decisions under stressful situations.
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### EDUCATION /INTERNSHIP

2013 July **Lincoln Center Director's Lab**

2009-2012 **Master of Fine Arts in Theater Arts**  
Actors Studio Drama School  
PACE UNIVERSITY, New York, NY  
*Recipient, Iranian-American Scholarship Fund, 2009*

2001-2005 **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater Arts**  
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON, Arlington, TX  
*Graduated summa cum laude*  
*Presidential Honors Scholarship, Honors College,*  
2002-2004

Jan-April **Education Intern**  
2004 SHAKESPEARES GLOBE in London, UK

2003-2004 **Theatre Courses in British Theatre and Shakespeare**  
RICHMOND UNIVERSITY, London, UK

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### THEATER EXPERIENCE

LOWER EAST SIDE SHAKESPEARE CO., New York, NY

**Producer,** 2014-Present

### **Upcoming Directing Projects, 2020**

First Date in February at Enlightened Theatrics Salem, OR

*Bee* زنبور in April at CoHo Productions Portland, OR

*Bee* زنبور in October at Lily & Joan Theatre Company Dallas, TX

### **Director, 2019**

*The Fossett Family* (New Work & Co-Creator) received First Stage Residency at the Drama League New York, NY

Climate Change Theatre Action (assorted plays) at Boom Arts Portland, OR

*Joseph and his Dream Coat* at Rogue Pack, Portland OR

### **Creator and Director, 2018**

*Bee* زنبور (New Work) co-produced with HB Studio & LES Shakespeare New York, NY

*The Sacrifice of Belonging* Devised Piece at Pavement Festival Portland, OR

*Stars Falling Upside Down* Devised Movement Piece Women Center Stage Festival New York, NY

**Creator and Director, 2017**

*Bee* زنبور (New Work) received Barns Art Collective Residency Bass Harbor, Maine  
*Bee* زنبور (New Work) received HB Studio Residency New York, NY

**Director, 2015-2016 at LES Shakespeare Co. New York, NY**

*Twelfth Night*  
*Romeo and Juliet*  
*Antigone*

5D PRODUCTIONS AROUND THE BLOCK, New York, NY

**Producer. 2012-2013**

**Creator and Director**

*97 Orchard St (World Premiere), 2014*

MANHATTAN REPERTORY THEATRE, New York, NY

**Director, *Ox Road at Crossing Gate* (New Work), 2013**

ACTORS STUDIO, PDW New York, NY

**Director, *Afterglow* (New Work), 2012- 2013**

EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL, Edinburgh, Scotland

**Director/Producer, *All an Act* (World Premier), 2012 Award: Four-Five Star Production**

THE BIKE SHED, Exeter, England

**Director/Producer, *All an Act, 2012***

STAGEDOOR MANOR, New York, NY

**Director, 2007-2012**

*Leader of the Pack*  
*The Importance of Being*  
*Earnest Pride and Prejudice*  
*Elsewhere in*  
*Elsinore The*  
*Boyfriend*  
*Playing for Time*  
*Our Town*

*The Young and Fair*  
*The Prime of Miss Jean*  
*Brodie The Uninvited*  
*Nine Girls*

ACTORS STUDIO DRAMA SCHOOL REPERTORY SEASON, New York, NY

**Director, 2009-2012**

*Dying City*  
*The*  
*Woolgatherer*  
*Raised in*  
*Captivity*  
*All an Act* (New Work)  
*Terminal* (Directed and  
Adapted)

*Andre's Mother*  
*The Great American Trailer Park*  
*Musical The Lover*  
*The Baby Dance*

**Actor, Years Covered 2009-2012**

As Clair, *Proof*

As Olga, *Three Sisters*

THE LOOKING GLASS FORUM, New York, NY

**Director, 2008-2010**

*In The Changeling* (New  
Work) *Othello*

*Without* (New Work)  
*Every Young Girl's Dream* (New Work)

Award: Won Best Upcoming Director and Best Production, 2008

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON, Arlington, TX

**Director, 2004-2005**

*Wings*

*Keely and Du*

*The Vagina Monologues*

*The Diviners*

*The Pillowman*

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE, Millburn, NJ

**Production Assistant, 2007-2008**

*Nutcracker*

*Happy Days*

MAINSTAGE TOURING PRODUCTIONS, New York, NY

**Stage Manager, 2007**

*Mooseltoe,*

SKYLIGHT OPERA THEATRE, Milwaukee, WI

**Assistant Stage Manager 2005-2006**

*The Man of La Mancha*

*Tintypes*

*The Tragedy of Carmen*

*Animal Crackers*

*Little Women The Opera*

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**TEA CHING EXPERIENCE**

PlayWrite, Portland, OR

**Teacher/Coach, 2019**

STAGEDOOR MANOR, Loch Sheldrake, NY

**Director and Teacher, 2007-2012**

SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE, London, England

**Education Intern: 2004**

SOUTHWEST CENTER, DeSoto, TX

**Youth Drama Teacher, 2001-2003**