## **RACHEL STAELENS: DIRECTOR**

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## **EXPERIENCE**

Stage Script Workshops

Pychopompos: a new mythology Moody Artist Group, Tate A. Geborkoff **Podcast** Ongoing since 2021

#Divahs/Chicago Fringe Festival, Evil Women Amanda Dodge

Summer 2017

Unaffiliated, **Psychopompos** Tate A. Geborkoff

2016, 2017 & 2018

NWaC, Shotgun Preemie Workshop Kevi Sparrow Winter 2017

Tape #15 Script Unaffiliated, Amanda Dodge Workshop & Staged Reading Winter 2015

Steve Clark & Ed Plough (Book), Kalena Chicago Musical Theatre Festival, Summer Slide

Chevalier (Script)

Down the Moonlit Path In collaboration with Tate A. Geborkoff Presented by NWaC,

Workshop 2 & Production (Adaptor) Spring 2015

NWaC/Clark Street Spooktacular, Big Bad Spooktacular: Electric Boogaloo Ike Holter

Fall 2014

Down the Moonlit Path In collaboration with Tate A. Geborkoff Presented by NWaC, Conceptualization & Workshop 1 (Adaptor) Summer 2014

All Around The Mulberry Bush Unaffiliated, Tate A. Geborkoff

Workshop Spring 2014

NWaC, Nothing Special Productions, Winter Hannah Ii-Epstein I Will Always Love You

You Haven't Even Seen My Bad Side Yet Team to End Aids Benefit, Tate A. Geborkoff

Act Up! Fight Aids! 24 HR Play Festival Fall 2013

## **REVIEWS**

"Both the performers and the audience are illuminated from each other, which is vital to a happening that combines culture, humanity and commonality into an essential dance. The way it was adapted - through the genius of scenario writer Tate A. Geborkoff, director Rachel Staelens and their army of production miracle workers - is what makes the trip so worthwhile."

-Patrick McDonald, HollywoodChicago.com; Down the Moonlit Path/Presented by Nothing Without a Company

"The play's scenes flow naturally into on another under Rachel Stalens' (sic) direction, and I never found myself restless during the numerous scene changes. Stalens' direction is top-notch, even despite the fact that a few characters and plot points are not fully developed in Palmer's play."

-Danielle Stack, chicagotheatrebeat.com: All the Girls Love Bobby Kennedy/Point of Contention Theatre

## ADDITIONAL THEATRICAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Sales Office & Educational Workshops **Broadway In Chicago** Fall 2007-Spring 2020

Program Manager

**Chicago Fringe Festival Production Manager** Winter 2009-Fall 2017 **Neo-Futurists** Spring 2012-Summer 2016 T.M.L.M.T.B.G.B. Technician **CerquaRivera Dance Theater** Company Stage Manager Spring 2018-Spring 2014

**EDUCATION** 

Columbia College Chicago Bachelor in Fine Arts | Theatre Directions (Received May 2008)

Illinois Central College Associates Degree in Arts and Sciences | Theatre (Received May 2005)