# LIZA COUSER

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# director & producer of new work

SELECTED DIRECTING

MEAT
We Do The Same Thing Every Week
with words that don't exist
Casablanca on the Hudson
Cara Has A Hole In Her Head
Somewhere In The Ether(net)

Toni and the Pig

Circle Mirror Transformation

SELECTED ASSISTING

Oratorio for Living Things Red Emma & the Mad Monk Tear A Root From The Earth Wood Calls Out To Wood City Girls & Desperadoes

Robert Leverett The Tank Vox Lab Robert Leverett Vox Lab Olivia Powell, composer Liza Couser Pamela Enz, composer Elliot Randall Dixon Place Caffeine Underground Elise Wien Claire Herzog 24 Hr Plays Nationals (Virtual) Elise Wien **Undiscovered Countries** Dartmouth College Annie Baker, advisor Tazewell Thompson

Heather Christian, dir. Lee Sunday Evans Alexis Roblan, dir. Katie Lindsay, NYT Critic's Pick Q Essar, J. Walsh, J. Bair, dir. Marina McClure Corinne Donly, dir. Sarah Hughes P. Enz, dir. Marina McClure, ft. Austin Pendleton

Ars Nova The Tank BRIC Lab The Tank Theater for the New City

SELECTED PRODUCING & ARTS LEADERSHIP

#### Primetime Theater Festival Co-Founder & Lead Artistic Producer

Virtual

- Originate six-week festival of original sitcom-inspired Zoom plays; contract over 30 emerging artists; commission original theme songs and 20 parody commercials; supervise marketing campaign; design graphics and website
- Raise \$10K from individual giving, BOLD Ventures grant, and virtual events; create and manage budget and calendar; edit all video content for performances; coordinate ticketing and Zoom support;
- · Implement live captioning and audio description; create accessible recordings for Deaf/HH & BVI audience

#### Polylogues by Xandra Nur Clark Creative Producer

Colt Coeur/HERE

- Serve as key liaison between HERE Arts Center, creative team, and CoCo staff and Artistic Director Adrienne Campbell Holt; manage marketing & outreach strategy including cross-promotions, group sales, & social media
- Organize ASL Interpreted Performance; facilitate panel discussions with industry professionals; set up livestreamed, captioned shows through Stellar Tickets; coordinate Opening Night celebration with CoCo staff

## [cowboy face] by Elise Wien Creative Producer

Dixon Place

- Implement marketing strategy for sold-out, standing-room-only showing; coordinate successful crowdfunding campaign to exceed original budget by 15%; serve as key liaison between Dixon Place and creative team
- · Create and manage calendar and budget; supervise casting and contracting; facilitate creative vision

## Ars Nova Artistic Fellow 2019, Script Reader ongoing

Ars Nova

- · Assist Manager of Artistic Programs Eric Shethar & Assoc. Artistic Director Emily Shooltz in administrative tasks
- · Offer production support for resident artist programs & award-winning world-premiere Mrs. Murray's Menagerie
- Log, track, and evaluate submissions to artistic programs; manage over 300 ANT Fest Applications

Script Reader 2019-2020 Clubbed Thumb

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

BA Theater and Linguistics 2017 summa cum laude Roundabout Directors Group 2019-2020 24 Hour Plays Nationals 2020 SDC Observership Class 2018-2019 Courses, ongoing: Dartmouth College Roundabout Theatre 24 Hour Plays SDC Foundation Various

 Shakespeare Short Course (LAMDA); Anti-Racist Theater: A Foundational Course with Nicole Brewer; Coming To The Table Workshop with Tom DeWolf and Jodie Geddes; Devising New Work Online with Margot Bordelon (Roundabout Theatre Lab); Intro to Theatrical Intimacy with Carly Weckstein (MeetCute Art Gym)

#### OTHER SKILLS

Musical direction; arranging music (Sibelius, Finale, Musescore); soprano (F3-D6, choral, opera, musical theater); piano; songwriting; basic dance; theater production (electrics & carpentry); sound design (QLab); stage management; virtual theater (Zoom, Webinar, StreamYard, Youtube Live); devised theater; audio description; intermediate Spanish; International Phonetic Alphabet; childcare; trained crisis counselor; Certified COVID Compliance Officer; driver's license; US passport