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FILM & TELEVISION DIALECT COACHING

KINDRED, Disney/ABC

2022

On-Set Southern dialect coach for one episode.

WILL TRENT, Disney/ABC

2022

On-Set Atlanta dialect coach for Ramón Rodriguez in title role of pilot.

DOUBLE DOWN SOUTH

2022

Southern dialect Prep for principal actors in this film written and directed by Tom Schulmann.

STRANGER THINGS, Netflix

2021/2015

American dialect coach for leading actor Charlie Heaton in season one of series. American dialect coach for guest star Joseph Quinn in season three.

BURDEN, 101 Studios

2018

Southern dialect coach for Garrett Hedlund and Andrea Riseborough in this feature, directed by Andrew Heckler.

FIRST MAN, Paramount

2018

Midwest and Southern dialects and historic voices prep and on-set coach for multiple actors including Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy, Ciaran Hines and Jason Clarke in this feature directed by Academy Award winner Damien Chazelle.

*Ryan Gosling nominated for Best Actor Critics Choice Award

*Claire Foy nominated for Best Supporting Actress Golden Globe.

A DARK PLACE, Amazon

2018

American dialect coaching for Andrew Scott and cast in this feature, directed by Simon Fellows and produced by Gareth Ellis-Unwin.

BABY DRIVER, Sony

2017

Atlanta dialect coach for Ansel Elgort and Lily James in this feature, directed by Edgar Wright.

*Ansel Elgort nominated for Best Actor Golden Globe

SOUTHSIDE WITH YOU, Miramax

2016

Coached Tika Sumpter as Michelle Obama in this feature directed by Richard Tanne.

BILLY LYNN'S LONG HALFTIME WALK, TriStar Productions

2016

Texas dialect prep for one principal and all Atlanta actors for this Ang Lee film.

COAT OF MANY COLORS, NBC

2015

Tennessee dialect prep with leading child and adult actors including Rick Schroder for this film directed by Stephen Herek.

CONSTANTINE, NBC

2014

American dialect coach for one episode.

SELMA, Plan B/Pathé/Paramount Pictures

2014

Southern dialects and historic voices prep and on-set coach for more than 30 actors including Tom Wilkinson, David Oyelowo (on set only), Martin Sheen, Carmen Ejogo, Tessa Thompson, Coleman Domingo, Common and Lorraine Toussaint in this feature directed by Ava DuVernay.

*2014 Best Picture Oscar nominee.

THE GOOD LIE, Imagine Entertainment

2013

African dialects/Dinka language coach of child and adult actors, directed by Phillippe Falardeau.

SABOTAGE, Brentwood Productions

2013

American dialect coach for Olivia Williams and Sam Worthington, directed by David Ayer.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS, Lifetime

2012

Southern dialect consultant. Directed by Kenny Leon, starring Queen Latifah, Alfre Woodard and Phylicia Rashad.

ANA'S PLAYGROUND

2010

Created and coached language for this non-profit film written and directed by Eric Howell. *Short-Listed for the 2010 Academy Award for Best Live-Action Short Film.

SWEET LAND, Beautiful Productions

2004

Norwegian, German and Midwestern accents and foreign languages coach for this feature film starring Alan Cumming, Elizabeth Reaser and Ned Beatty, directed by Ali Selim.

*Elizabeth Reaser nominated for Best Actress Independent Spirit Award

IN MY LIFE, NBC Pilot

2002

Dialect consultant for this pilot starring January Jones.

HAMLET, Hallmark/Spare Room Productions

2000

Voice and Shakespearean text coach for film directed by Campbell Scott and Eric Simonson, featuring Campbell Scott as Hamlet, with Blair Brown, Jamey Sheridan, Denis O'Hare, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Roscoe Lee Browne.

THEATRE
VOICE
SPEECH
DIALECT &
TEXT
COACHING

The Alliance Theatre Company, Atlanta

1997-Present

Darlin' Cory, Becoming Nancy, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Flamingo Grill, Shakespeare in Love, Crossing Delancey, Sheltered, The Temple Bombing, Too Heavy for Your Pocket, The Magic Negro, Disgraced, Steel Magnolias, Edward Foote, Harmony, The Geller Girls, Good People, Ghost Brothers of Darkland County, I Just Stopped By to See the Man, A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur, Jar the Floor, Sleepwalkers, The Book of Ruth, Art, A Christmas Carol (6), A Moon for the Misbegotten, Hearts, Light Up the Sky, God's Man in Texas, Chess, He Looks Good in a Hat, Shadowlands, Heartbreak House, Aida: Elaborate Lives, Crumbs From the Table of Joy, The Sum of Us, Burning Patience, Arcadia, The Old Settler, Medea, Beast On the Moon, Valley Song, Romeo and Juliet

The Alley Theatre, Houston, Texas

2018-2019

The Cake, Crimes of the Heart

The Resident Ensemble Players, Newark, Delaware

2019

Woman in Mind

The Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2016/2002-2010

Disgraced, M. Butterfly, Dollhouse, A Streetcar Named Desire, The Intelligent Homosexual's Guide to Capitalism and Socialism with a Key to the Scriptures, Tiny Kushner, Shadowlands, Pen, The Secret Life of Constance Wilde, Boats on a River, Lost in Yonkers, The Glass Menagerie, Major Barbara, Intimate Apparel, Shadow Language, Sex Habits of the American Woman, A Christmas Carol (4), Oedipus, She Loves Me, A Body of Water, The Night of the Iguana, Crowns, Romeo and Juliet, Pirates of Penzance, The Chairs, Mrs. Warren's Profession, Wintertime, Six Degrees of Separation

American Players Theatre, Spring Green, Wisconsin

2011

The Taming of the Shrew, The Glass Menagerie

The Minnesta Opera, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2007

The Grapes of Wrath

The Children's Theatre Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2004-2008

*Iqbal, Romeo and Juliet, Lost Boys of Sudan, Anon(ymous),
Snap Shot Silhouette*

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Ashland, Oregon

2002

Playboy of the West Indies

The Georgia Shakespeare Festival

1998-2014

The Importance of Being Earnest, Noises Off, The Odyssey: A Journey Home, Metamorphoses, The Cherry Orchard, Coriolanus, Much Ado About Nothing (2), The School for Wives, Cymbeline, Amadeus, The Winter's Tale, Julius Caesar, Twelfth Night, Tartuffe, Richard II, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Hamlet, The Comedy of Errors, Saint Joan, Romeo and Juliet, Henry IV, Part One, The Miser, Measure for Measure, The Tempest, School for Scandal, Othello, The Bourgeois Gentleman, Troilus and Cressida, The Country Wife, King Lear

Actor's Express

1997-2002

the doll plays, The Wooden Breeks, Beautiful Thing, The Illusion, Loot, Fefu and Her Friends, The Mystery of Irma Vep, Handler, The Devils, A Doll's House, Wonderful Town, The Birthday Party, The Misanthrope, Twelfth Night

Theatrical Outfit

2021/1996-2002

The Island, Hard Times, The Magician's Nephew, Our Town, The Blood Knot, The Real Thing, Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Story

Off-Broadway, New York

1994-1995

New Dramatists, *Southern Belle*

The Mint Theatre, *The Time of Your Life*

Theatre Directors of coaching projects include Kenny Leon, Jerry Mitchell, Rob Melrose, Chris Coleman, Theresa Rebeck, Susan Booth, Michael Grief, Judith Ivey, Tinashe Kinese, Ruben Polendo, Ethan McSweeney, Joe Dowling, Daniel Aukin, Tim Bond, Tim Ocel, Tony Taccone, Jackson Gay, Marcela Lorca, Peter Brosius, Peter Rothstein, Michael John Garces, Greg Banks, Margaret Bordelon, Jimmy Maize, Kimberly Senior, David Caitlin and David Bell.

Theatre Actors coached include Phylicia Rashad, Francis McDormand, Michael Learned, Edward Hermann, Jessica Vosk, Kenny Leon, Stephen Spinella, Stephen Ashfield, Brian d'Arcy James and the Resident Companies of APT, Alley, Guthrie, The REP, CTC and Georgia Shakespeare.

World Premieres coached include those by Tony Kushner, Ellen McLaughlin, Naomi Izuka, Barry Manilow/Bruce Sussman, Ricky Ian Gordon/Michael Korie, Jireh Holder, Jimmy Maize, Stephen King/John Mellencamp, Julie Marie Myatt and Robert Schenkkan.

Theatre Dialects/Accents coached include Irish, Arabic, South African, East African, West African, Dinka, Caribbean, Yiddish, Hungarian, Spanish, Australian, Canadian, Cuban, German, Armenian, Persian, multiple British and US varieties.

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