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EDUCATION

Hofstra University - BFA, Theater Arts, Performance

Graduated with Honors, Cum Laude, Dean's List, 9/2005-5/2009

Presidential Scholarship, Distinguished Service Award, Theater Activity Grant, Alpha Psi Omega

NY Conservatory for Dramatic Arts

Acting for Film, 2008–2009 Richard Omar, Rawleigh Moreland

Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre

Advanced Study – Improv, 2007–2018 Ari Voukydis, Porter Mason, Abra Tabak,

Frank Garcia-Hejl, Keisha Zollar, James Dwyer, Betsy Stover, Charlie Todd

Advanced Study - Sketch, 2017-2018 Michael Delaney, Stephanie Bencin,

Damian Chadwick, Georgie Aldaco

Voice-over

Voice & Speech, 2019 Paul Liberti (Broadway, Sesame Street)

Animation, 2019 Theresa Buchheister (Pokémon)

Stand-Up

Gotham Comedy Club, 2020 Karen Bergreen

Flappers Comedy Club, 2023–2024 John Wynn, Samantha Hale, Maxi Witrak

Stage Combat - SAFD Certified

Rapier & Dagger, Unarmed, 2009 Robert Westley

The Groundlings

Writing/Performance, 2023–2024 George McGrath, Harmony McElligot

The Gary Austin Jam Project, 2014 Gary Austin (Founder)

Second City

Writing, 2012 Jay Steigmann

Musical Improv, 2013 Steph McCullough

The Peoples Improv Theater

Writing for SNL, 2011 Ali Farahnakian (SNL, Delocated)

10,000 Hours Program, 2011 Julia Morales (Second City Mainstage)

Synetic Theater

Movement, Mime, Modern Dance, 2010 Irina Tsikurishvili, Paata Tsikurishvili

Stage Combat, 2010 Ben Cunis

Washington Improv Theater

Improv/Musical Improv, 2009–2016

Jonathan Murphy, Mark Chalfant, Travis Ploeger

Improv Workshops - Various

Anthony Atamanuik (Comedy Central's *The President Show*), Kevin Mullaney (Former AD, UCB), Billy Merritt (VH-1), Fran Gillespie (SNL), Justin Tyler (Just For Laughs), Doug Moe (UCB), Kelley Quinn (UCB), Amey Goerlich (UCB), Colleen Doyle & Jason Shotts (Dummy, iO)

AWARDS & HONORS

- Selected for Kramerbooks' "Evening of Humorous Readings" Series
- o National Society of Arts & Letters Award for Excellence in the Arts The Kennedy Center
- o Helen Hayes Award Nom., Outstanding Resident Play for The Master & Margarita, Synetic Theater

DIRECTING CREDITS

Associate Creative Director, Lead Sr. Writer, Sr. Copywriter

Lead messaging, consult on visual approaches, direct performances for various 360 marketing campaigns and commercial shoots.

Simantel Agency, 2021 – Present

Voice-over/Audio Description

Director for streaming networks' major releases (Netflix, various). International Digital Centre – IDC, 2018 – Present

WHAT FOOLS: A TOURING MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Hofstra University, 70th Annual Shakespeare Festival Touring Production, Adapted by Maureen McFeely, 2019

THE MUELLER REPORT: A SKETCH NOIR

Originally performed at the UCB Theatre Produced by Ben Myers, R & B Productions, 2019

SHALL I CONTINUE? by Kate Anderson & Dave Christensen Peoples Improv Theater, Sketch Show, 2018

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE by Joseph Kesselring Fordham University, Mimes & Mummers, 2018

THE SUN MACHINE by Noah Redfield Synapse Theatre Ensemble, Access Theater, Off-Off B'way Best Director, Snapdragon Play Festival, 2013

REUNION, Director, Writer Penguin Productions, Astoria, NY, 2013

TITANIC by Christopher Durang
THE ACTOR'S NIGHTMARE by Christopher Durang
Hyper Aware, Access Theater, Off-Off B'way, 2011

LE CID by Pierre Corneille Dreamcatcher Theatreworks Gene Frankel Theatre, Off-Off B'way, 2009

CABARET: WEEKLY VARIETY SHOW, Host/Writer The Spiegel Theater, Hempstead, NY, 2008-2009

LE CID by Pierre Corneille Senior Practicum, Hofstra University, 2008

FOOL FOR LOVE by Sam Shepherd Showcase, Hofstra University, 2007

COMMENDATIONS

"Richie Pepio...has wit that is cutting edge and in tune with pop culture, but he is aware of character and story arc as well. In addition, he is a team player with a positive personality, a necessary element in any collaborative venture."

Richard Kline
 Director, Don't Know Jack
 Star, Three's Company

"Director Richie Pepio's staging [of Le Cid] retains the piece's traditional intentions while adjusting the script to emphasize the speed at which the events spiral out of control. A unique overlapping of scenes, a variety of on stage sword fights, and artful tableaus emphasize the changing relationships, while a design concept pits the audience face to face...This production of Le Cid goes as far as to make you choose your side."

• David Gordon TheaterMania.com

"The balance between heart and humor... makes this combination of Durang's well-known The Actor's Nightmare and his more obscure Titanic a bizarre but worthwhile night of theater. As the director wished, 'You get drawn into the world and it seems real.'"

• Debbie Hoodiman Beaudin NYTheatre.com

SELECTED VOICE-OVER CREDITS

TD Bank THE STARE DOWN, Lead

CATOPIA, Supporting Blue Buffalo, Nat'l Commercial BURGER KLEAN, Lead Burger King, Nat'l Commercial

Chase Bank KEVIN HART PUNCHES UP A SCRIPT, Lead

WINE COUNTRY (feat. Amy Poehler), Narrator NETFLIX, Audio Description **DEAD TO ME** (feat. Christina Applegate), Narrator NETFLIX, Audio Description

SANPA: SINS OF THE SAVIOR, Lead NETFLIX, Dubbing LA MARCA DEL DEMONIO, Supporting NETFLIX, Dubbing

GOOD SAM, Narrator NETFLIX, Audio Description FALLING INN LOVE (feat. Christina Milian), Narrator NETFLIX, Audio Description MODEST HEROES (Studio Ponoc), Narrator NETFLIX, Audio Description

NETFLIX, AD Subtitles LOSER, Narrator

THE SINGING BANANA, Lead Edible Arrangements, MRB Films

SCREEN RANT (Online Media), Host Valnet Inc., 70+ videos, 6.5M Subscribers

SELECTED ACTING CREDITS - STAGE

THE INFORMATION WAR, The Demon Synapse Theatre Ensemble, FringeNYC MASTER AND MARGARITA*, Pontius Pilate

CHARLOTTE'S WEB, Templeton

iMUSICAL: THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL, Cast Member

LONDON ASSURANCE (Reading), Meddle

IT'S LONELY OUT IN SPACE (Premiere), Astronaut

TWO NOBLE KINSMEN. The Wooer

THE PILLOWMAN, Michal **ROMEO AND JULIET, Tybalt**

Synetic Theater, DC *Helen Hayes Nominated Theatreworks/USA, NY, dir. Kevin Del Aguila

Kennedy Center, UCB, WIT, DC, NY Phoenix Theater Ensemble, NY

The Source Theatre, DC

Hudson Shakespeare Company, NY

The Spectrum Players, Hofstra University, NY Adams Playhouse/Tour, Hofstra University, NY

SELECTED ACTING CREDITS - FILM/NEW MEDIA

HUMBLED (Film), Lead SAMPLE SHOWCASE (Multimedia), Lead FEDERAL MATTERS (Multimedia), Lead HIP HOP DENTIST (Commercial), Lead 80'S GLAM SALON (Commercial), Lead MRB Films, dir. Bryan Elsom

7k Films, dir. Russell Max Simon U.S. Postal Service, dir. Patrick Taylor Some Nerve Productions, 250k views MRB Films, dir. Bryan Elsom

SELECTED ACTING CREDITS - IMPROV

Washington Improv Theater - House Teams & Harold Teams

IMPROV ACTUALLY, 2015-2016, iMUSICAL: THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL, dir. Travis Ploeger, 2009-2010

Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre - Advanced Study

PUNCHING UP, dir. Keisha Zollar (Comedy Central), 2017

Indie Teams

THE HAUNT, 2017-2018, SUSPICIOUS PKG., 2011-2012, CAKE BAGEL, 2015-2016

Festival Appearances

UCB's Del Close Marathon, 2010-2017; Chicago Improv Fest, 2015-2017; NY Improv Fest, 2016

Intro-to-Improv, Teacher

Fordham University, 2020; Spence-Chapin Company Retreat, 2018; Washington Improv Theater, 2010, 2014

Improv and the Art of the Sale, Teacher/Lecturer

The Tech Exec Coach, New York, NY, 2020

Improv at the Cooley Gallery, Producer/Performer

Cooley Gallery, Leesburg, VA, 2016

TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD, Co-Founder/Coach

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, 2009

WRITING CREDITS

Associate Creative Director, Lead Sr. Writer, Sr. Copywriter

Simantel Marketing Agency - FEB 2021 - PRESENT

- Craft copy for large-scale web, print and social campaigns for Fortune 500 companies
- Serve as associate producer on location film shoots
- Branding Winner, Creative Excellence Awards (2024); 2-time Platinum Winner, Viddy Awards (2023); Top employee award (Q3 2021)

Audio Description Writer

International Digital Centre - Aug 2018 - FEB 2021; FREELANCE: FEB 2021 - PRESENT

- Write AD scripts for Netflix's programming 80+ projects completed.
- Credits include: The Two Popes, American Factory, The Legend of Korra, Cheer, F is for Family.
- QC, edit and direct narration of scripts, following projects through all stages of production.

Writer (Online Media)

Valnet Inc. - ScreenRant, TheRichest & TheHUB - MAR 2017 - MAR 2020

- Entertainment for SR (8.4M subscribers), lifestyle for TheRichest (14.8M), science for TheHUB (1.2M).
- 220+ scripts produced, 135M total views, 340k average views per video.
- Content geared toward mass viewership utilizing SEO strategies to maximize traffic.

Writer (Online Media)

R&B Productions, New York, NY - JUL 2018

Created The Mueller Report: A Sketch Noir; a satire adapted from content written for UCB.

Sketch Writer (Stage)

The Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, New York, NY - JUL 2017 - MAR 2018

• Writer for showcases, Not 42nd Street (dir. Michael Delaney) and Daddy Boy! (dir. Georgie Aldaco).

Contributor (Online)

Freelance, OCT 2014 - PRESENT

- Writing for Janice Mag, Hot Hot Phone, The Nerd Party, ShowVote.com, 42Hire.
- Selected for Kramerbooks' "Evening of Humorous Readings" Series.
- Podcast appearances: Collider, Dicey Roles, Missing Frames, Shining Emblem, WRHU.

Writer (Television)

Raymond Productions / Hulu, Clifton, NJ - MAY 2012 - Nov 2013

Co-wrote pilot and six-episode season for Don't Know Jack, a sitcom in development with Hulu.