



MELODY MUNITZ

THEATRE ARTIST & RESEARCHER

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As a trained theatre artist and social scientist, I have a unique interdisciplinary skillset and an enduring passion for collaborative exploration and creation.

SKILLS

- Performing (Singing, Acting, Dancing) (sep. resume avail.)
- Playwriting (sep. resume avail.)
- Directing (sep. resume avail.)
- Stage Managing
- Social Science Research
- Public Speaking
- Web & Graphic Design
- Social Media Management
- Digital Marketing
- Video & Audio Editing
- Music Production
- Working With Children

TECHNOLOGIES

- Microsoft Suite
- Google Suite
- Adobe Technologies
- IBM SPSS Software
- Final Cut Pro X / iMovie
- Logic Pro / GarageBand
- Slack, Asana, Salesforce

EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University, '22
Summa Cum Laude - GPA: 4.0/4.0
 BFA in Musical Theatre with Honors
 BA in Psychology with Honors

SELECT EXPERIENCE

- **RESEARCHER & THEATRE ARTIST** (June 2021 - Present)
UChicago - STAGE Lab (Scientists, Technologists & Artists Generating Exploration)
 - Collaborator on the creation of three new theatre pieces about, inspired by, and utilizing science and technology
 - Leading the 'Future of Theatre' research initiative for Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering's 'Future of Science Communication' task force
- **THEATRE ARTIST & ARTISTIC ASSISTANT** (August 2022 - Present)
Transforma Theatre Company & Science in Theatre Festival 2022
 - Collaborator on new plays about science and technology in society
- **THEATRE ARTIST/ARTIST IN HEALTH** (January 2023 - Present)
Only Make Believe - Empowering Children Through Interactive Theatre
 - Performer in four interactive plays performed for children in hospitals, care facilities, and special education schools
- **THEATRE ARTIST** (July - November 2022, June - November 2023)
Lincoln Center Library for the Performing Arts - Across A Crowded Room Initiative
 - Collaborator on the creation of three new original musicals
- **RESEARCHER & THEATRE ARTIST** (March 2021 - May 2022)
Pennsylvania State University - Empathy and Moral Psychology Lab
 - Conducted interdisciplinary research binding theatre, cognitive science, and social science - empirically observing the roles of empathy and distance on spectators' emotional responses to theatre
 - Produced 76-page research manuscript; publication forthcoming
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR & ARTIST IN HEALTH** (July 2021 - April 2022)
Pennsylvania State University Hershey Medical Center - Centre Stage
 - Led local arts in health initiative; managed team of 30 students
- **THEATRE ARTIST & SCHOLAR** (June - October 2021, June 2023)
Prompt: A Journal of Theatre Theory, Practice, and Teaching
 - Published contributor to Issues 1 & 2 of Volume 2: "Revitalizing the Scenic Model"
- **RESEARCH ASSISTANT & ACTOR** (March - May 2021)
Pennsylvania State University - Intentional Inclusivity Lab
 - Collaborator on studies of interplay between gender & leadership style
- **RESEARCHER** (September 2015 - May 2018)
University of Exeter - The Eye's Mind
 - Conducted independent neuroscience research: first epidemiological study of newly-recognized 'Aphantasia' (the inability to visualize)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- Theatrical Intimacy
- Stage Combat
- Alexander Technique

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Artist in Health
- CITI Human Subjects Research
- CITI Social & Behavioral Research

RELEVANT COURSEWORK THEATRE

- Graduate Directing Seminar
- Advanced Playwriting
- Gender and Theatre
- Script Analysis
- American Musical Theatre History
- Musical Theatre Form & Analysis
- Musical Theatre I, II, III
- Music Theory I, II, III, IV
- Scene Study I, II, III
- Acting Studio I, II, III
- On-Camera Acting
- Physical Acting
- Voice I, II, III, IV
- Voice & Speech I & II
- Design Fundamentals
- The Art of Theatre
- Intro to Directing

PSYCHOLOGY

- Adv. Psychology of Creativity
- Adv. Psychology of Emotion
- Adv. Social Psychology: Morality
- Adv. Learning and Memory
- Neurological Principles of Behavior
 - TA'd subsequent semester
- Intro to Cognitive Psychology
- Intro to Psychology of Creativity
- Intro to Social Psychology
- Intro to Positive Psychology
- Psychology as a Profession

SELECT PERFORMANCE CREDITS

NATIONAL TOURS

<i>American Girl Live</i>	Madison	Gershwin Entertainment
<i>Imagination Unlocked</i>	Billie	Only Make Believe

OFF-BROADWAY/NYC THEATRE

<i>A Little Princess</i>	Flower Seller	Signature Theater/d. Laura Luc
<i>Head and Heart</i>	Melody	Signature Theater/NYMF
<i>Here I Am</i>	Focus	Playwrights Horizons/SBP Co.
<i>30 Million</i>	Dee-Dee	Theatre Row/Keen Company
<i>Hatch</i>	Judy	Theatre Row/Keen Company
<i>Will Wilson Saves The World</i>	Sally	Emerging Artists Theatre Co.
<i>Mirror, Mirror</i>	Young Kathy	Theater For The New City
<i>Dream Street</i>	Stephanie	Pearl Theater/d. Laura Luc
<i>The Space In Between</i>	Moon	24-Hour Plays/d. Mark Armstrong
<i>Curtains, The Musical</i>	Jenny	New York Live Arts/CMTF
<i>Flight of the Lawnchair Man</i>	Sylvia	New York Live Arts/CMTF

REGIONAL THEATRE

<i>Pride & Prejudice</i>	Elizabeth	Coeur d'Alene Theatre
<i>A Gentleman's Guide...</i>	Phoebe	Ozark Actors Theatre
<i>Sunday In The Park...</i>	Yvonne	Ozark Actors Theatre
<i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	Maleficent	The Winnepesaukee Playhouse
<i>Brigadoon</i>	Fiona	Penn State/d. Jen Delac
<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Maggie	Penn State/d. John Simpkins
<i>The Wild Party</i>	Dolores	Penn State/d. Ali Morrooney
<i>A Little Night Music</i>	Mrs. Segstrom	Penn State/d. Phillip Fazio
<i>Into the Woods</i>	Cinderella	Rider University/d. Luis Villabon
<i>The Fantasticks</i>	Luisa	Embark/d. Katie Schmidt Feder
<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Belle	Hendrick Hudson Players
<i>The 25th...Spelling Bee</i>	Olive	Hendrick Hudson Players

AWARDS & HONORS

- Department of Psychology Student Marshal 2022
- School of Theatre Student Marshal 2022
- College of Arts and Architecture Creative Achievement Award 2022
- College of Arts and Architecture Student Leader Award 2022
- Penn State University Libraries Undergraduate Research Award 2022
- Student Engagement Excellence Award 2022
- The Evan Pugh Scholar Senior Award 2022
- Charles N. Cofer Memorial Award in Psychology 2022
- Susan Browning Theatre Award 2022
- Robert Reifsneider Community Service Award 2021
- Artuso Internship Excellence Scholarship 2021
- Student Engagement Network Grant 2021
- The Evan Pugh Scholar Junior Award 2021
- President's Freshman Award for Academic Excellence 2019
- Schreyer Honors College Academic Excellence Grant 2018-2022
- Schreyer Honors College Internship Grant 2021-2022
- Wyllis Leonhard Music and Dance Scholarship 2018-2022
- Musical Theatre Excellence Scholarship 2018-2022