

DENISE YVETTE SERNA

THEATRE DIRECTOR

Director

Her Father's Daughter	The Theatre School at DePaul (<i>Studio Production</i>) *winter '24	Chicago, IL
A Home Education	About Face Theatre (<i>Workshop & Staged Reading</i>)	Chicago, IL
Boca a Boca	Teatro Vista (<i>Workshop & Staged Reading</i>)	Chicago, IL
Candlewood Lake	Pemberley Productions (<i>Developmental Workshop Residency</i>)	Ontario, CA
Alma	Curious Theatre Company (<i>Regional Premiere</i>)	Denver, CO
Last Ascent	The New Coordinates	Chicago, IL
Somewhere	Loyola University Chicago DFPA (<i>Chicago Premiere</i>)	Chicago, IL
Somewhere Over the Border	Teatro Vista (<i>World Premiere</i>)	Chicago, IL
La Fuente De Cascabeles	Goodman Theatre (<i>Staged Reading</i>)	Chicago, IL
45 Plays for America's First Ladies	The NeoFuturists (<i>World Premiere</i>)	Tri-Coastal
The (M)others	San Jose State University and New College of Florida	Tri-Coastal
Nine Lives of a Cat	Museum Of Contemporary Art Chicago & Prop Thtr	Chicago, IL
Medusa	Pop Magic Productions with Global Hive Laboratories	Chicago, IL
December	Goodman Theatre (<i>Staged Reading</i>)	Chicago, IL
The Revolutionists	Strawdog Theatre Company	Chicago, IL
Richard & Jane & Dick & Sally	2018 LTC Carnival of New Latinx Work	Chicago, IL
Near and Nigh	El Semillero (<i>Staged Reading</i>)	Chicago, IL
#dadawillsaveus	Nothing Without a Company (<i>Devised Workshop</i>)	Chicago, IL
Three Year Summer	Prop Thtr Church of the New Play (<i>Staged Reading</i>)	Chicago, IL
Just Like Us	The Observatory (<i>Staged Reading</i>)	Chicago, IL
Climate Change Theatre Action	The Arctic Cycle & NoPassport Theatre Alliance with Global Hive Labs	Chicago, IL
After Orlando	NoPassport Theatre Alliance	Chicago, IL
(the)Forget_Me\Knot	Inappropriate Theatre Company	Chicago, IL
La Chingada	Inappropriate Theatre Company & Crush Dance Collective	Chicago, IL

Assistant Director

Medusa	Pleasance Theatre	Katie Merritt	London, UK
A Doll's House	Writers Theatre	Lavina Jadhvani	Chicago, IL
Cambodian Rock Band	Victory Gardens Theater (<i>Chicago Premiere</i>)	Marti Lyons	Chicago, IL
La Ruta	Steppenwolf Theatre Company (<i>World Premiere</i>)	Sandra Marquez	Chicago, IL
The View Upstairs	Circle Theatre Chicago (<i>Chicago Premiere</i>)	Derek Van Barham	Chicago, IL
HIR	Steppenwolf Theatre Company (<i>Chicago Premiere</i>)	Hallie Gordon	Chicago, IL
For the Love of...	Pride Films & Plays (<i>World Premiere</i>)	Rachel Edwards Harvith	Chicago, IL
Earthquakes in London	Steep Theatre Company (<i>Chicago Premiere</i>)	Jonathan Berry	Chicago, IL
Heart's Core	Refugee Women's Theatre Programme	Cheryl Martin	Manchester, UK

Education

Master of Fine Arts Degree - Theatre Directing

East 15 Acting School, University of Essex, London UK

Training

Intimacy Directors and Coordinators (certification pending)

Intimacy Direction for Live Performance 2023 cohort

Stanislavskian Acting Methodology

Mikhail Chumachenko

Biomechanics

Maria Shmaevich

Laban Movement Analysis (LMA)

Tracy Collier

EDI Workshop Facilitation Techniques

Carmen Morgan, artEquity

Honors

October 17, 2022 - Joseph Jefferson Awards - Best Production of a Musical (Midsize), Best Ensemble of a Musical, Best Director of a Musical, "Somewhere Over the Border" *Teatro Vista*

October 13, 2020 - New York Times, Critic's Pick - 45 Plays for America's First Ladies *The Neo Futurists*

2018 Windy City Times "30 Under 30" - Honoring the "best and brightest" LGBT Chicagoans making a difference

2018 ALTA Award - Outstanding Musical Production, "The View Upstairs" *Circle Theatre Chicago*

2019 ALTA Award - Outstanding Production - Play, "La Ruta" *Steppenwolf Theatre Company*

Special Skills

Mental Health First Aid certified, CPR/AED certified, cross-cultural and multilingual devised theatre, intermediate Spanish, public speaking, dramaturgy, support for AS Drama and Theatre A-level Drama and Theatre Examinations, Microsoft Office Suite, G Suite, Moodle, Sakai, Zoom, Tessitura, DataArts, Squarespace, WordPress, Wix, social media platform management