# Rachel Luann Strayer

# PLAYWRIGHT, THEATRE ARTIST, EDUCATOR

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#### **OBJECTIVE**

I want to tell significant stories well, through writing, directing, performing, and creative collaboration, and to teach others how to be active and thoughtful contributors to the ongoing dialogues of our society through creative mediums.

### **EDUCATION**

Wilkes University Wilkes University Clarks Summit University	M.F.A., Creative Writing, focus in Playwriting M.A., Creative Writing, focus in Playwriting B.S., Bible, focus in Communications and Theatre	2012 2011 2004
WRITTEN WORK		
Selected Plays - Full Length		
Songbird	Reading – The Bechdel Group	2019

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The Last Daughter	Reading – Ensemble Atria	2018
	Reading – Scranton Shakespeare Festival	2018
The Poe Asylum	Production – Keystone College	2018
	Production – Scranton Fringe Festival	2016
Drowning Ophelia	Production – University of Idaho	2019
	Production – Philadelphia Fringe Festival	2016
	Production – Gaslight Theatre Company	2016
	Production – Repurposed Theatre	2013

#### <u>Selected Plays – Short / One Acts</u>

Ghost Story	Production – Gaslight Theatre Company	2019
Sisters	Production – Gaslight Theatre Company	2018
Safe As Houses	Production – Gaslight Theatre Company	2017
In the Dark	Production – Diva Theater Production – Gaslight Theatre Company	2017 2015
It's Enough	Production – Gaslight Theatre Company	2016
The Next Step	Production – Gaslight Theatre Company	2014
Balconies	Reading – Stage Left Theater	2014
A Clean Bathroom	Production – Gaslight Theatre Company	2013
Empathy	Production – Gaslight Theatre Company	2012

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Dramatists Guild of America	2015-Present
Art of Combat, New York City Chapter	2012-Present

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#### **PRODUCTION WORK**

Over the River and Through the Woods	Director	Keystone College	2019
The Poe Asylum	Director	Keystone College	2018
Much Ado About Nothing	Co-Director	CSU & Keystone College	2018
The 39 Steps	Director	Keystone College	2017
The Importance of Being Earnest	Director	Keystone College	2017
Almost, Maine	Director	Keystone College	2016
The Poe Asylum	Co-Director	Scranton Fringe Festival	2016
Julius Caesar	Director	Ghostlight Productions	2016
Almost, Maine	Director	Ghostlight Productions	2015
Scenes from Metamorphoses	Director	Ghostlight Productions	2014
Romeo and Juliet	Director	Ghostlight Productions	2012
A Midnight Dreary	Co-Director	Ghostlight Productions	2011
The Mousetrap	Director	Ghostlight Productions	2010

# **PERFORMANCE WORK**

Horatio	Hamlet	Ghostlight Productions	2018
Prospero	The Tempest	Ghostlight Productions	2017
Woman	The Poe Asylum: The Raven	Scranton Fringe Festival	2016
Innogen	Much Ado About Nothing	Scranton Shakespeare Festival	2016
M'lynn	Steel Magnolias	Clarks Summit University	2015
Adriana	The Comedy of Errors	Ghostlight Productions	2015
Various Roles	Weapons of Whedon	Access Theatre, NYC	2014
Lady Macbeth	Macbeth	Ghostlight Productions	2014
Various Roles	How Does It Feel?	Access Theatre, NYC	2013
Mrs. Ford	The Merry Wives of Windsor	Ghostlight Productions	2013
Various roles	Rock Bottom: Monologues About Starting Over	Scranton Public Theatre	2013
Various roles	Physical Discussions	Access Theatre, NYC	2012
Beatrice	Much Ado About Nothing	Ghostlight Productions	2011
A Murderess	A Midnight Dreary	Ghostlight Productions	2011
Helena	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Ghostlight Productions	2010
Feste the Clown	Twelfth Night	Ghostlight Productions	2009

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

<u>Director of Theatre</u>	Keystone College, La Plume, Pennsylvania	2016-2019
ENCL 2165 Introduction to Duamatic Literature		

ENGL2165 Introduction to Dramatic Literature

ENGL3011 Special Topics in Creative Writing: Playwriting

THEA1120 Introduction to Theatre

THEA1125 Acting I

THEA2125 Acting II

 $THEA2120 \ Survey \ of \ Technical \ The atre$ 

THEA3110 Directing for the Stage

Assistant Duefesson of Communication Auto O Homesuities	Variationa Callaga I a Dhama Dannardanaile	2014 2010
Assistant Professor of Communication Arts & Humanities	Keysione College, La Pillme, Pennsylvania	2014-2019

COMM 1125 Speech Communication

COMM 2110 Professional Speech

COMM 2145 Public Relations

ENGL2110 American Literature I

ENGL2115 American Literature II

ENGL2120 World Literature

ENGL3017 Great Themes in Literature: Utopia/Dystopia