

Summer Dawn

Theatrical Director and Production Manager

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Summary: I am a director, writer and production manager with over 15 years of theatrical experience based in the Greater New York area. I am the winner of the Governor's Award in Arts Education and the Permanent Career Award in Literature from the Society of Arts & Letters-NJ. I am the founder and director of In Full Color (IFC – infullcolor.org), an organization that empowers women of color and other BIPOC of marginalized genders through education and the arts. IFC has won the Jersey City Arts Council's Performing Arts Award and received two commendations from the New Jersey State Assembly. I am also the co-founder of 68 Productions.

I believe in the power of language and text, and I believe everyone has the capacity to create stage magic. I primarily work in theater, but have some experience acting and directing for film. I am also a skilled event coordinator, producer, actor and theater teaching artist. Acting resume and references also available upon request.

EXPERIENCE (Director, Unless Otherwise Noted)

In Full Color	In Full Color	2020
In Full Color	In Full Color/Nimbus	2019
I Don't Know How She Does It	Jersey City Theater Center	2019
In Full Color	In Full Color/Nimbus	2018
"Happy Hour"	Film	2017
The Jam	Luna Stage	2017
In Full Color	Art House Productions (Writer)	2017
The Eight Reindeer Monologues	Artistic Pride Productions	2016
The Twelve Dates of Christmas	Art House Productions	2016
In Full Color	Art House Productions	2016
CMJ Music Marathon	The Dream Hotel (Production Assistant)	2015
Three Bites	Manhattan Repertory Theater Anniversary	2015
Hindsight	No Peeking Theater	2015
Adventure	Artistic Asian Runs on Shorts	2015
Various Plays	New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival	2015
In Full Color	Art House Productions (Writer)	2015
Kookspeak	TEDxJerseyCity: A Brave New World (Writer)	2014
So What If I Loved You	68 Productions/Jersey City Theater Center (Writer)	2014
Three Bites	STAGEfest at the Loews (Writer)	2014
Three Bites	Tachair One Act Play Festival (Writer)	2014
Senses	Tachair One Act Play Festival (Writer)	2014
Kookspeak	Tri-State Arts & Music Festival (Writer)	2013
Kookspeak	Digable Arts Festival (Writer)	2013
Before, After & Always	STAGEfest at the Loews (Writer)	2013

Kookspeak	The Last Celebrity by Reg E. Gaines (Opener, Writer)	2013
Kookspeak	Land of the Free-form Festival (Writer)	2012
Kookspeak	So Low Theater Festival (Writer)	2012
Secrets; Love	Downtown Urban Theater Festival (Writer)	2012
Secrets; Love	Monroe Center for the Arts (Writer)	2012
As You Like It	MS 4	2008
Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Wed	McNair Academic High School	2008
Murder at Vinnie's	McNair Academic High School (Writer)	2007
Twelfth Night	Art House Productions Emerging Artist Series	2007
The Not-So-Lovely Tale of Strawberry Fructose	New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival (Finalist, Writer)	2007

LONG-TIME CONTRACTS AND STAFF POSITIONS

In Full Color	Founder, Director, Writer, Actor	2015 to present
Young Audiences of NJ & Eastern PA	Theater Teaching Artist	2020 to present
LITM (Restaurant/Art Venue)	Events Director	2016 to 2019
TEDxJerseyCity	Production Manager	2015, 2016, 2018
Saint Peter's University	Cabaret, Antigone: Production Manager	2018
Art House Productions	Centerstages Youth Drama Teacher	2016
Art House Productions	STAGES Youth Musicals Production Mgr.	2013, 2014, 2016
Art House Productions	Commit: Production Manager	2014
Manhattan Repertory Theater	House Manager	2014 to 2015

Further Honors: New Jersey Young Playwrights Contest Winner, Art House Emerging Artist Series

Notes: New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival judge (2012 to 2015). Member of 2021 Theater Grants Panel for National Endowment for the Arts.

Skills and Areas of Interest: Bilingual (English, Spanish). Some knowledge of Ilonggo (Filipino dialect), Portuguese, spoken Japanese and ASL. Shakespeare scholar (studied under Sara Solberg). Writer, former arts journalist and theater teaching artist.