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Liza Balkan is an award winning theatre artist who has been creating as an actor, director, writer, librettist, dancer, choreographer, singer and educator since 1981. Since 2001, her freelance directing experience has included opera, the development of new work, site - specific projects, musical theatre, classical and contemporary text, and productions with young artists and students at the university level. She has also assistant directed productions at the Stratford Festival, NAC, Shaw Festival and Soulepepper Theatre Company. An original member of Tapestry Opera's Studio Company, Liza was also invited to participate in the BASH programme at Canadian Stage, and the Directors' Project at the Shaw Festival. She has been an Artist in Residence with Crows Theatre and was offered an extended residency with The Theatre Centre. Through this residency, she developed, co-produced and then directed her documentary project *Out The Window*. It played to sold out houses during its short run at TTC in 2012. With composer Lembit Beecher, she co-created the song cycle *Looking at Spring*, which premiered in Vermont in 2014.

SELECTED DIRECTING CREDITS:

LOVE WITH LEILA	Canadian Fringe Tour/NYC Solo Fest/TADA Fest.2015/16
AN EXPERIMENT WITH AN AIR PUMP	UP/UWindsor/2016
ELGATO con BOTAS/BERIO'S FOLK SONGS	Royal Conservatory Of Music/GGS. 2015
STAG AND DOE	Lighthouse Festival Theatre 2015
BICYCLE OPERA/SHADOWBOX	Roy Thomson Hall/ RCM 21C Festival /Summer Tour 2015
TO MOSCOW	UP/University of Windsor 2015
ANAIS NIN	Koerner Hall/21C Festival 2014
BICYCLE OPERA PROJECT	Summer Season Tour 2014
THE BROTHERS GRIMM	Canadian Opera Company 2013
MY TWENTIETH CENTURY	Glenn Gould School/Royal Conservatory 2013
ONE SONG GLORY	Acting Upstage Company 2013
PARADISES LOST	Summerworks/Musical Works in Concert 2013
GIRL RABBI of the GOLDEN WEST	Orion/UVic 2013
OUT THE WINDOW	Theatre Centre/Window Collective 2012
WELFAREWELL	UP Playhouse/UWindsor 2012
CALCEDONIES	LHSC/Jeff Nisker 2012/13
DUSTINGS	CanadianStage Festival of Ideas and Creations 2011
CRIMES OF THE HEART	UP Playhouse/UWindsor 2011
LE NOZZE DI FIGARO	C.O.S.I. Sulmona, Italy 2010
L'ELISIR D'AMORE	C.O.S.I. Sulmona, Italy 2010
SMASH	Windsor University 2010
LAKE NORA ARMS	Summerworks/ Factory Theatre/Leacock Festival 2009
MOURNING DOVE	Tarragon Theatre /Ark Collective 2009
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS	CCPA, victoria BC 2008
7 STORIES	CCPA, Victoria. BC 2007
TROJAN WOMEN	Assistant Director / Marti Maraden/Stratford Festival 2008
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL	Assistant Director / Marti Maraden/Stratford Festival 2008
OPERA ON THE ROCKS	Ambient Opera Society/Paupers Pub 2008
OPERA BRIEFS 06& 07	Tapestry New Opera 2006/07
BUNNICULA	Theatre Athena/director/choreographer 2007
HALF AN HOUR	Directors' Project/ Shaw Festival 2007
INVISIBLE MAN	Assistant Director to Neil Munro/Shaw Festival 2007
THE CRUCIBLE	Assistant Director to Tadeusz Bradecki/Shaw Festival 2007
ENEMIES (Premiere)	Ryerson Theatre School 2006
ORCHIDS	Marquis Entertainment 2005
TRYING	Persephone Theatre 2005
SKYLIGHT	Persephone Theatre 2004
THE PAJAMA GAME	Randolph Academy/Bathurst Street Theatre 2007
THE GOOD WOMAN OF SETZUAN	Director/choreographer/Ryerson Theatre School 2005

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PLATONOV	Assistant Director to Laszlo Marton Soulpepper Theatre Company 2001
SCHOOL FOR WIVES	Assistant Director to Laszlo Marton/Soulpepper 2001
AMADEUS	Movement/Opera Coach – Theatre Aquarius 2007
ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE	Assistant Director to Marti Maraden/ National Arts Centre 2001
TWELFTH NIGHT	Assistant Director to Marti Maraden/NAC 2001
PAVLOV'S BROTHER	Salivating Dog/Toronto Fringe 2005
SO. THEN.	Creator/choreographer/ Mayhem Festival Theatre Columbus 2005
MY DYING DAY	London Fringe Festival 2003
WAVES	Choreographer – Rhubarb Festival 1997

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

Writer

Out The Window/Theatre Centre/Window Collective
2011/12
Out The Window/Crows Theatre Workshop 2010
Playwright in Residence-Crows Theatre 2009/10
Artist In residence Theatre Centre 2008/2009/12
Plenty Room/Winnipeg Jewish Theatre 2007
Wedding Number/WJT 1997
Nobody Does Italian w/Shelley Hoffman
Martha Stewart Projects Pea Green Prods/
Buddies in Bad Times Theatre
Leftovers Solar Stage /TO Fringe 1994
Brangst: 1989 Rhubarb/1990 TO Fringe

Librettist

Looking at Spring - Meditations on Aging
Opera Philadelphia, Scrag Mountain Music 2014
Ride the Fear - Ivan Barbotin's album *ATOM* 2014
Ice Cream/ Opera Briefs /Tapestry New Opera - 2012
(What Rhymes with) Azimuth/Tapestry/Briefs- 2012
Little Miss All Canadian/Tapestry/Briefs - 2012
DUSTINGS/Festival of Ideas and Creations 2011

Acting Teacher/Movement Instructor/coach

University Of Windsor/Director and teacher 2010 - 2016
Royal Conservatory of Music/GGS/Acting Teacher 2014-16
Wilfred Laurier University/Acting/Movement Teacher 2015/16
Birmingham Conservatory/Stratford Festival/Movement
Instructor 2011 - 2014
Director/teacher/ Randolph Academy 2007/2013
St. Clair College/Movement Instructor/ 2013
Canadian College of the Performing Arts/Director/Instructor
2013/2008
Arts Educator/Te Amim Theatre - schools in GTA 2010/11
Shakesperience – two week summer programme 2009
Academy of Film and Television
Sheridan College/Seneca College 2002
Soulpepper Youth Outreach/Pleiades Theatre 2001
Usdan Centre – Long Island, New York 1981/82

Dramaturge LOVE WITH LEILA/Izad Etemadi/Unveiled Productions
CALCEDONIES/Jeff Nisker
ORCHIDS/Marquis Entertainment
PAVLOV'S BROTHER/ Salivating dog/TO Fringe
SARAH'S DAUGHTER/university Health Sciences

Producer OUT THE WINDOW Co- producer with Theatre Centre
2011/2012
SARAH'S DAUGHTER/Tour 2008/09
LEFTOVERS /TO Fringe1992
CATS Cabaret – PWA fundraiser @Arts Club1986

Casting Director Feature Film: HOUSE/Laurie Lynd Director/
L.Lynd/ Daniel Macivor – Writers
Water Pictures/household Ent.- Producer
Feature Film: THE FISHING TRIP
Amnon Buchbinder- Director
Canadian Film Centre/Camilla Freiberg - Producers
Feature Film: CITY OF DARK
Bruno Pacheco – Director/writer
NFB/October Films – Producers

Short Film: R.S.V.P. (Gemini Award Winner)
Laurie Lynd-Director/writer/Paul Brown-Producer

Feature Casting Liaison for The Canadian Film Centre's Film Project

Writer/producer OUT THE WINDOW/Lab Cab; Factory Theatre
BRANGST/Toronto Fringe/Rhubarb/Sudbury Fringe
LEFTOVERS/ Toronto Fringe

DORA MAVOR MOORE AWARD Best Performance in a Musical 1997, Still The Night

BETTY MITCHELL NOMINATION Best Actor/1998, Still The Night

TYRONE GUTHRIE AWARD Stratford Shakespeare Festival, 2008

CAEA Councillor – 3 terms; 1term as Secretary on Exec. Committee

DORA/TAPA Board Member 04/06

AADA-New York City Graduate –1981

ACTOR See attached resume

TRAINING: American Academy of Dramatic Arts Grad 1981;
Acting: Dennis Moore, Rosemary Dunsmore, Pat Hamilton., Laszlo Marton
Directing: Shaw Festival Director's' Project; Richard Rose, Worldstage Masterclass (Peter Hinton, John Barton, Mike Alfreds);internships/assisting Lazlo Marton, Neil Munro, Tadeusz Bradecki.
Dance Training: York University, Les Ballet Jazz, Toronto DanceTheatre, Banff School of Fine Arts.
Voice/Singing: Patsy Rodenberg, David Smukler, Alan Reid.

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