Kezia Waters

Founder of S.O.F.T.

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RESEARCH INTEREST

Directing, Devising, Creative Rituals, Staging Performance Installations, Cultural Curating, Teaching, Spiritual Creative Healing and Children's Theatre.

EUCATION

- 2021 Masters of Fine Arts in Acting, School of Theatre at Ohio University. OpenOhio Grant Recipient.
- 2018 Bachelors of Arts in Theatre Arts, Performance, School of Visual and Performing Arts at Western Connecticut State University.

ARTISTIC/ ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2020- Theatre Movement Professor at Ohio University
- 2020- Associate Theatre Director of KB Theatre
- 2019- Present, Graduate Assistant, Teaching Fundamentals of Acting to Undergraduate Students.
- 2018- Graduate Assistant, Cultural Researcher for Mt. Zion Preservation Society.
- 2018- Teaching Assistant for Fundamentals of Acting for Film Majors.

TEACHING ARTIST

- 2020 Drama Director, Neighborhood Music School Summer Program, New Haven, CT
- 2020 Teaching Artist, Tantrum Theatre Kids (Online), Athens, Ohio.
- 2020 Teaching Artist, Tantrum Theatre Kids Spring, Athens, Ohio.
- 2017 Freelance Teaching Artist, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Newman. Center. Danbury, CT.
- 2018-present, Founder of S.O.F.T. Teaching Artist, Original Ritual Pedagogy. Ohio University. Athens.

DIRECTING / DEVISING

- 2020 Objects in the Mirror by Charles Smith, Assistant Director at Tantrum Theatre, Director Allen Gilmore.
- 2020 Repetition is Ritual, written and directed by Kezia Waters & Co-Director Stephanie Carrillo, Athens, Ohio. (OpenOhio Grant)
- 2020 As, Not for, co-devised by Kezia Waters and Janai Lashon, Ohio University Gallery.
- 2020 Spam Café, written and directed by Kezia Waters Via Zoom for Tantrum Theatre, Athens, Ohio.
- 2019 American Rituals for The Subversive Body, written and devised by Kezia

Waters, one man show, Trisolini Gallery, Athens, Ohio.

- 2019 *Justice for Dragons* written and directed for Audubon Arts, New Haven, CT.
- 2019 Spam Café, devised by Kezia Waters, Neighborhood Music School, New Haven, CT.
- 2019 Producer Man, devised by Kezia Waters Audubon Arts, New Haven, CT.
- 2017 (10 min) La Sainte Courtisane by Oscar Wilde, Western Connecticut State University.

CHOREOGRAPHER

2016 Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare, CT Free Shakespeare. Bridgeport, CT

SOUND DESIGN

2020 Blood at The Root by Dominique Morisseau, Ohio University.

PLAYWRIGHT

2019 Sister for the Obie Award Winning Festival, The Fire This Time, Kraine Theatre, Manhattan, NY.

PRODUCER

2020 Co-Producer of *Re-Creating the Stage* for KB Theatre El Paso, TX. 2020 Co-Producer of *Juneteenth Overflow* Devised via Zoom.

INTERNSHIP

Theatre Management Internship with Shakespearian, Waterbury, CT.

TRAINING

- 2020 Mask and Clown, Michael Diaz
- 2019 Original Work Master Workshop, Carrie Mae Weems
- 2019 Puppetry Workshop, Tom Lee from War Horse.
- 2016 Tap Dancing workshop, Scott Wise
- 2012-2016 Jazz and Ballet, Elizabeth Parkinson
- 2019 Musical Theatre Voice, Melissa Brobeck
- 2015 Musical Theatre Voice, Janelle Robinson
- 2012 Classical Voice, Roy Mazzacane