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EDUCATION

- ♦ AMHERST COLLEGE, Amherst, MA **B.A. English, GPA: 4.0**

AWARDS AND HONORS

- ♦ John Cauble Award for Outstanding Short Play, Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (2023).
- ♦ Honegger Prize Winner for Best One-Act, Firehouse Center for the Arts (2023).
- ♦ Amherst English Department's Harry Richmond Hunter Jr. Prize and 19th-Century English Novel Prize (2022).
- ♦ Denis Johnston Prize for Scriptwriting (2020). Awarded by Smith College through the Five College Consortium.
- ♦ Presidential Scholar in the Arts (2019). One of 20 student artists in the country, honored at the White House.
- ♦ National YoungArts Foundation Writing Finalist (2018). One of 20 student writers in the country selected.
- ♦ Scholastic Art and Writing Gold Medal (2018). Selected for novel category, honored at Carnegie Hall.

STAGE PLAYS

PRODUCTIONS

- ♦ 2023: National Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (Washington, D.C.); Regional KCACTF (Hyannis, MA); New Works Festival (Newburyport, MA); Storefront Theatre (Waxhaw, NC); Central PA Theatre & Dance Festival (State College, PA), Center for the Arts (Bonita Springs, FL); Ghostlight Double-Feature (Amherst, MA)
- ♦ 2022: Central PA Theatre & Dance Festival (State College, PA); Center for the Arts (Bonita Springs, FL); Ghostlight Triple-Feature (Amherst, MA); Green Room 10-Minute Play Festival (Amherst, MA)
- ♦ 2021: New England Regional KCACTF; Green Room 10-Minute Play Festival (Amherst, MA)

FULL-LENGTH

- ♦ *Human Beings (& Parts Thereof)* – Courtroom drama based on a real case pitting Marvel Comics against the X-Men.
- ♦ *Going Up* – Writer, director, actor in a musical tragicomedy about six strangers trapped in an elevator, staged in 2019.

ONE-ACTS

- ♦ *Pulling the Switch* – Two prison cooks debate whether to prepare a death row inmate's disturbing last meal request.
- ♦ *Meteoric* – Between a set and an encore at a comedy club, stand-up comics learn of an impending apocalypse.
- ♦ *The Nonsense Club* – Five classmates, each missing one of the five senses, use magic to steal them from a bully.

TEN-MINUTE PLAYS

- ♦ *The 7th Inversion* – A ride on a legendary new rollercoaster, Masochist Mountain, is not what it seems.
- ♦ *Intermission* – Lincoln's bodyguard and his would-be-assassin meet in a tavern during intermission at Ford's Theatre.
- ♦ *Last Laugh* – How Shakespeare's Yorick met his untimely end.
- ♦ *Childhood™* – A kindergarten teacher confronts a patent lawyer after Hasbro trademarks the scent of Play-Doh.

SCREENPLAYS

- ♦ *Fishbowl* (full-length feature) – A whodunit on a space station while a horrific nuclear apocalypse plays out below.
- ♦ *Plymouth* – A boy's obsession with tragic irony serves as the foundation of his relationship with his dying grandfather.
- ♦ *Penny for Your Thoughts* – In a dystopian future, memory is currency. A lovers' quarrel leads to stolen remembrances.
- ♦ *Unsound* – A 1950s thriller follows a deaf woman's blind date with a bad boy. One of them is a serial killer.
- ♦ *Greenies* – After a 21st-century clerical error sends draft notices to WWI soldiers, the undead arrive to register.
- ♦ *Rescue Anne* – The story of the 19th-century drowning victim whose face lives on as CPR doll Rescue Anne.

NOVELS

- ♦ *Klopps: Private Eye* (2020); *Continuum* (2018); *Griffin Blade and the Bronze Finger* (2014); *Dragon Valley* (2012).

PERFORMING

- ♦ IMPROV: Director of Mr. Gad's House of Improv at Amherst College.
- ♦ THEATER: Lead roles in Amherst College plays — *Art*, *Blue Fog Risin'*, *12 Angry Jurors*.
- ♦ RADIO: Co-host of both a student radio show ("Take It as You Will") and an improvised sci-fi podcast.

WORK & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- ♦ Co-founder, *Cerealization*, Instagram-based short stories. Contributor, *Amherst College Dialectic*, academic journal.
- ♦ Amherst College Admissions Intern. Campus tours and virtual presentations for prospective students.
- ♦ Summer Intern, U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta (CA). Wrote for Congressional Record, screened calls, worked town halls.
- ♦ Community Volunteer, "Accidental Social Skills." Led improv games in class for special-needs students.
- ♦ Summer Camp Counselor and Orienteering Project Director, Camp Nebagamon for Boys, Lake Nebagamon, WI.