# **Candace Taylor** Professional Actor, Director and Vocal Coach

# **EDUCATION**

Master of Fine Arts in Acting, 1992 Professional Theatre Training Program at the University of Delaware; Newark, DE

Bachelor of Science in Communications (formerly, Speech/Theatre), 1982 Northwestern University; Evanston, IL

Certified Associate Teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework, 2004 New York, New York

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### Fall 2010 to present

WARREN WILSON COLLEGE Asheville, NC Chair, Theatre Acting, Directing, Voice & Speech

spring 2010 LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO Guest professor, Theatre Voice & Speech

#### winter/spring 2009

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE Naperville, IL Guest Artist, Theatre Acting Chekhov

#### 2003 - 2008

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY Chicago, IL Assistant Professor Period Styles, Contemporary Scene Study, Shakespeare

**spring 2003** UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE at KNOXVILLE Visiting Artist Acting

**1999-2003** UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO at BOULDER **Assistant Professor of Theatre** Voice & Speech, Shakespeare, Comedy fall 1998

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY Dallas, TX Visiting Professor of Voice and Speech Voice, IPA, Dialects

### Jan-Mar 1998

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK at ALBANY Guest Artist Suzuki Technique

#### summers 1993-97

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY Evanston, IL Faculty, National High School Institute Acting, Performance of Poetry

### January 1995

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE Newark, DE Guest Faculty, Theater Department Voice

### 1994-99

YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS, INC New York, NY Teaching Artist/Festival competition script reader

#### 1988-89

CHILD'S PLAY TOURING THEATRE Chicago, IL Artist in Residence (performer/teacher)

# **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

### 2010-present

## WARREN WILSON COLLEGE, Asheville, NC

- Chair of Theatre Department (beginning Spring 2012)
- Assisted in development of new major and minor curricula
- Assisted in development of new General Education program
- Collaborated in development of Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation process (SACS) entitled *Building Diversity*
- Charter member of QEP Building Diversity development and implementation team
- WWC Service Learning Fellow, Spring 2015; tasked with developing and integrating a designated Service Learning Course
- Inaugural class of WWC Tech Fellows: exploring new ways of using technology in the classroom
- Collaborated on performance curricula for Quantum Chemistry class
- Created Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day continuing change project

# 2003-2008

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY Chicago, IL Assistant Professor of Theatre

- Revised Vocal & Physical Preparation: Comedy class to focus on playwrights Anton Chekhov and George Bernard Shaw
- Revised Period Styles class
- Conceived and structured graduate Contemporary Scene Study class
- Created new acting class for Music Conservatory opera students

### 1999-2003

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO at BOULDER Assistant Professor of Theatre

- Revised Beginning and Advanced Voice for the Stage
- Revised Performance track BFA program
- Co-Developed Lively Arts division of Minority Arts and Sciences Program
- Co-Developed Theatre Foundations I & II (*freshman class*)

### fall 1998

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY Dallas, TX Visiting Professor of Voice and Speech

• Co-Creation of new undergraduate acting program

# Jan-June 1999

WALT DISNEY THEATRICAL New York, NY

Program director

Created educational outreach program for New York City Public Schools based on the theatrical techniques and styles involved in Julie Taymor's production of Broadway's THE LION KING. Responsibilities included:

- collaborating with artists and designers of the production to create simple exercises, songs, and dances that children would be able to learn in the time allotted
- leading focus groups and surveying teachers in the system to gauge interest and gather information
- communicating with Superintendent of Cultural Events of NY Public Schools and several school principals with regard to scheduling and interfacing with lesson plans
- writing the educational program and lesson plans used to teach the teachers

The program took place over one month of school, in all five boroughs, and culminated in a performance at intermission of a matinee performance of The Lion King which all of the participants attended. Each week two Teaching Artists would spend almost an hour in a classroom teaching the students a particular discipline (African dance, song, maskmaking, drumming) related to experiencing The Lion King. The Teaching Artists had specialties in one of the disciplines and rotated through the twenty schools four days each week. The lesson plans included some brief history, cultural context and import, and some practical application of the discipline (students learned a song, a dance, etc.). Teachers were given pre-project instruction, supplied with materials for continuing the lessons, and provided tickets to the show.

- locating, interviewing, hiring, and training forty teachers
- creating an application and lottery process to choose which schools would participate
- winning the cooperation of National Car Rental to lease a fleet of automobiles to transport teachers and equipment to schools

# **REPRESENTATIVE CREATIVE WORK**

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MARIA LA O Caridad **CRIMINAL HEARTS** Bo Lady Macduff, Hecate MACBETH John Williams Pops Spectacular Narrator THE DREAMS OF SARAH BREEDLOVE (reader) SAM'S COMING (reading) Beedee YELLOWMAN Alma ROMEO AND JULIET Nurse THE BACCHAE OF EURIPIDES Agave MACBETH **RICHARD III** THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES KING LEAR Goneril AS YOU LIKE IT Audrey ANTONY & CLEOPATRA A CHRISTMAS CAROL **VOICES I HAVE HEARD** HENRY V (tour) MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (tour) Beatrice HENRY V THE CRUCIBLE Tituba ANTIGONE Ismene THE MOST MASSIVE WOMAN WINS Sabine THE LOVE OF BULLETS Evan GOODNIGHT, IRENE ANNE OF GREEN GABLES (tour) Diana JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (tour) OUR TOWN OTHELLO A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Lady Macbeth Duchess of York understudy Cleopatra Mrs. Cratchitt, Narrator Various Roles Mistress Quickly Mistress Quickly Mrs. Soames Courtesan First Fairy Ursula

Chicago Chamber Opera AppleTree Theatre/Ray Frewen Milwaukee Shakespeare Hemmens Center, Elgin, IL Goodman Theatre, Chicago Goodman Theatre, Chicago Curious Theatre, Denver Clarence Brown Theatre, Knoxville Clarence Brown Theatre, Knoxville Colorado Shakes Festival, Boulder Colorado Shakes Festival, Boulder National Tour, NYC/Denver Colorado Shakes Festival, Boulder Colorado Shakes Festival. Boulder **Dallas Shakespeare Festival** Dallas Theatre Center Hartford Stage Company, CT Acting Company, New York City Acting Company, New York City Acting Company, New York City Pioneer Theatre Co, Salt Lake City Pearl Theatre Company, NYC Young Playwrights, Inc, NYC Young Playwrights, Inc, NYC Anna Deavere Smith HB Studio, New York City Great American Children's Th Great American Children's Th American Players Theatre American Players Theatre American Players Theatre American Players Theatre

#### DIRECTING

THE MOTHERFUCKER WITH THE HAT EXIT, PURSUED BY A BEAR PYGMALION THE WINTER'S TALE SPINNING INTO BUTTER FLYIN' WEST THE HEIRESS THE TEMPEST 9 TO 5, the musical ON THE VERGE THE CHERRY ORCHARD CLOUD NINE OUR TOWN EINSTEIN'S DREAMS (self-adapted text from novel) FLYIN' WEST MEASURE FOR MEASURE ARCADIA ON THE VERGE LOVE'S LABOR'S LOST THE TEMPEST ON THE RAZZLE LOVE'S LABOR'S LOST A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC WWC and Montford Park Players, NC Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC North Central College, Naperville, IL Roosevelt University, Chicago SUNY/Albany SUNY/Albany University of Colorado, Boulder University of Colorado, Boulder University of Colorado, Boulder Northwestern University Northwestern University Northwestern University Northwestern University

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Northwestern University

# **VOCAL AND DIALECT COACHING**

THE UNINVITED GUEST ...A YOUNG LADY FROM RWANDA INTIMATE APPAREL MEASURE FOR MEASURE ARCADIA SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN EQUUS PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD TWILIGHT: LOS ANGELES, 1992 THE SUICIDE A COMMUNITY CAROL (Cornerstone Theatre Co) Indianapolis Repertory Indianapolis Repertory Indianapolis Repertory SUNY/Albany University of Colorado University of Colorado University of Colorado SUNY/Albany Southern Methodist University SMU Arena Stage, Washington, DC

### **UNIONS/PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

Actor's Equity Association Screen Actor's Guild American Federation of Radio /Television Artists Voice and Speech Trainer's Association Theater Communications Group Zeta Phi Eta

## **SERVICE**

### 2010-present WARREN WILSON COLLEGE

- Raised funds for and hosted Adam Faulkner and Carlos Andres Gomez of the Dialogue Arts Project to provide two diversity workshops for faculty/staff and students
- Member of Search Committee for Director of Human Resources (2013)
- Member of Search Committee for Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (2013)
- Member of President's Task force on Diversity (2012)
- Friends of the Library faculty liaison (2011-2014)
- Warren Wilson College is one of seven 'work colleges', which combine a Triad program of academics, work, and community service to make up its degrees. All WWC students work for the school in addition to their classes, and all students must fulfill community service requirements to graduate. I participate in this program as Supervisor of the Theatre Office Crew, which is responsible for all publicity, tickets, front of house, new media, archival collection and storage, and communications in the Theatre Department.
- Led community service trips to beautify the landscape and plant vegetable gardens at Black Mountain Elementary School in Black Mountain, NC, and to clean up debris in the Swannanoa River, Swannanoa, NC.

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