## LAURA QUIGLEY

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Laura Quigley is a playwright, performer and producer of theatre. She holds a Masters in Theatre Studies from the University of Guelph, a BFA in Contemporary Theatre from Simon Fraser University, and she is a certified teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework®. Laura is currently Artist in Residence at Concordia University where she is writing, directing and teaching voice. Laura's most recent projects include *The Waves*, a solo play based on three generations of birth stories. The Waves had a first reading at the Festival Of Original Theatre Conference (FOOT) at the University of Toronto in 2017, was read as a part of the Revolution They Wrote Festival in Montreal in 2018; and will be a part of the Summerworks Festival in Toronto, summer 2018, directed by Clea Minaker.

Laura teaches voice and public speaking, acting, devising, and movement. Her students include a wide range of arts professionals, students, young people and corporate executives. She has taught privately and institutionally in Montreal, Guelph, Toronto, Vancouver, Mexico, New York and LA. She will be teaching alongside Catherine Fitzmaurice and other master teachers as part of the Fitzmaurice Voicework Certification in LA this July.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## **COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES**

Professor: Voice Concordia University

September - December 2017

- ◆Sessional Teacher as Artist in Residence ACTT 211
- ◆32 students
- ♦6 contact hours / week

Professor: Acting Concordia University

September - December 2017

- ◆Sessional Teacher as Artist in Residence ACTT 436
- ◆18 students
- ◆21 contact hours / week
- ◆Directing and Dramaturay for two one-act plays

Professor: Voice Concordia University

January - May 2018

- ◆Sessional Teacher as Artist in Residence ACTT 355
- ◆17 students
- ♦6 contact hours / week

Professor: Acting Concordia University

September – December 2017

- ◆Sessional Teacher as Artist in Residence ACTT 435
- ◆12 students
- ◆22 contact hours / week
- ◆Directing and Dramaturgy for 10 original solo works created by the graduating class

Workshop Leader: 1 Day Voice Workshop University of Buffalo

March, 2017

- ◆Performative Action
- ◆14 students
- •A voice class for 4<sup>th</sup> year fine art students to explore how to inhabit the body and voice for live performance
- ◆4 contact hours

Voice Coach: Text and Song

University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

October - December 2016

◆In preparation for a production of

Judith Thompson's Hot House, Directed by Judith Thompson

- ◆15 students
- ◆Average 4 contact hours / week

Voice and Movement Instructor (TA)

University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

January – April 2016

- ◆In preparation for a devised production
- ◆9 students
- ◆Average 6 contact hours / week
- ◆Choreographed two dance pieces for the production

Voice and Movement Instructor (GRA)

University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

September – December, 2015

- ◆In preparation for a production
- ◆Students ranged from 1st 4th year acting students
- ◆12 students
- ◆Average 4 contact hours/week

Workshop Leader: 1 Day Voice Workshop

University of Toronto Drama Centre

Fall, 2014

- ◆Movement for the Actor, Drama 411 (Seika Boye, Instructor)
- •A voice class to explore how to inhabit a movement sequence with the full range the student's performance experience an experience that shifts and changes, moment to moment
- •2 contact hours

Teaching Assistant: Second Year Voice Class

Humber College, Toronto

Fall, Spring 2010 – 2011

- ◆Second year voice class for Advanced Diploma Actor Training
- Assisting Fides Kruker
- ◆2 contact hours per week / 9 weeks

Teacher: Playmaking

Universidad De Baja California Sur, Mexico

Summer, 2007

- Acting + Collective Creation Class
- ◆8 senior students
- ◆2 contact hours per week

#### CONTRACT POSITIONS: PUBLIC SPEAKING + THEATRE + FILM

Associate Teacher: Public Speaking Workshop

Saul Kotzubei and Associates The Acting Corps, Hollywood, California

February 2017

- ◆10 corporate professionals from the LA area
- ◆28 contact hours + 30 hours private coaching via skype pre-workshop

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Saul Kotzubei and Associates Seydways Studios, Hollywood, California

December 2015

◆8 business professionals from the LA area

◆17 contact hours

Teacher: Fitzmaurice Voicework® Class Lewis Beaumander Film School, Toronto

July - December, 2012

Students ranged from beginner to experienced film actors

- ◆Average of 7 students / class
- ◆3 contact hours / week

Teacher: Acting/Voice / Movement / Playmaking Young People's Theatre, Toronto

2010 - 2013

- Ongoing skill-building classes for young people
- ◆Students ranged in age from 5 14 years old
- ◆Average of 20 students / class
- Average of 3 contact hours / week

#### **PRIVATE COACHING / WORKSHOPS**

Voice and Performance Teacher / Coach Private Studios, Toronto, Vancouver, Guelph 2012-present

◆Students range from beginners to high-caliber performers

◆Average of 4 contact hours/week

Workshop Leader: 1 Day Voice Workshop First Light Theatre Company, Guelph

February, 2015

◆In preparation for production

◆students ranged in age from 12-15 years

◆30 students

4 contact hours

Workshop Leader: Acting / Voice / Playmaking First Light Theatre Company, Guelph

January – May, 2015

◆Young Stage Players Production Workshop

◆Students ranged in age from 8-10

♦8 students

◆3 contact hours / week

Workshop Leader: Fitzmaurice Voicework® Intensive Creation Lab Studio, Toronto

May, 2013

- ◆Students ranged from beginners to high-caliber performers
- ◆8 students
- ◆17 contact hours

Workshop Assist: Fitzmaurice Voicework® Intensive Lemon Tree Studio, Toronto March, 2012

- ◆Students ranged from beginners to high-caliber performers
- ◆assisting Associate Teacher Noah Drew
- ◆12 students
- ◆12 contact hours

Workshop Leader: 2 week Playmaking Intensive Summer, 2012

Young People's Theatre, Toronto

- ◆Collective Creation Playmaking Intensive
- ◆Students ranged in age from 12-14 years
- ◆12 students
- ◆18 contact hours / week

# EDUCATION+TRAINING

**MA Theatre Studies** 

2015-2016

Fitzmaurice Voicework® Associate Teacher Certification

2012-2014

**BFA Theatre**, 1997-2001

Fides Krucker, Voice, 2006-2010

Roy Hart, Voice 2008 Grotowski / Rivers, 2002

Devising, 2001

Corporals / Cat / Voice, 2001

View Points, Grotowski & Suzuki Method, 2001-2006

View Points & Suzuki Method 2006 - 2009

Vocal Masque, 2012 Writing, 2009-2011

Momentous Movement, 2002

Solo Creation, 2000 Martial Arts, 1997-2000 Yoga / Pilates, 1996-present

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University of Guelph

Fitzmaurice Institute, NYC

Simon Fraser University

Fides Krucker

Richard Armstrong, Banff

Linda Putnam

Theatre Replacement Boca Del Lupo Theatre Mallory Catlett, Vancouver

CORE, Vancouver

Paul Dunn

Chris Kay Fraser, Firefly Shannon McMurchy Theatre Replacement

Lee Su-Feh Various

ACTING: Linda Putnam, Marc Diamond, Penelope Stella

**VOICE**: Catherine Fitzmaurice, Saul Kotzubei, Noah Drew, Fides Krucker, Richard Armstrong,

Jesse Jahymes, Lisa Belay

MOVEMENT / DANCE: Lee Su-Feh, Shannon McMurchy, Iris Gardener, CORE, Boca Del Lupo,

Theatre Replacement, Mallory Catlett

**DIRECTING / WRITING:** DD Kugler, Marc Diamond, Peter Froehlich, Penelope Stella, Chris Kay

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## AWARDS

Scholarship, University of Guelph 2015 & 2016 Multiple grants from the TAC, OAC and CAC 2002 - present Granville Island Cultural Society Project Development Award, 2004 SFU Bursaries, 1998 – 2000

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Fitzmaurice Voicework® Certified Associate Teacher
Ontario Arts Council Jury Member, Theatre Section, Feb – April 2015
Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts, Member
Theatre Ontario, Member
Playwrights Theatre Centre, Member
TAPA, Provincial Member
Playwrights Guild of Canada, Member
Certificate of Completion, Labour and Birth Doula, HALO Canada, 2015

#### SELECTED STAGE PERFORMANCE

| ACTING The Waves        | ROLE<br>Mother   | DIRECTOR / PRODUCING COMPANY Judith Thompson / University of Guelph (2016) |
|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| Little Pea's Revolution | Little Pea       | Birgit Schreyer Duarte / United Solo NYC (2011)                            |
| Like an Old Tale        | Choir            | Jumblies Theatre, Toronto (2011)   |
| The Betty's             | Singer           | Indie Music Trio (2009-2011)   |
| Room to Breathe         | Singer           | Dancemakers, Toronto (2007)  |
| Happyland               | French Chanteuse | Leaky Heaven Circus (2005)   |
| Shhh                    | Henri            | VAN, TOR, Wellington NZ (2003)   |
| Betrayal                | Emma             | Plant Productions, Vancouver (2003)  |
| The Possibilities       | Woman #3         | Felix Culpa, VECC (2002)   |
| The Swedish Plays       | Woman in Bed     | Radix Theatre, IKEA (2002)   |
| Daddy                   | Daughter         | Theatre Under the Gun, VECC (2004)   |
| Love Letters            | Joanne           | Plant Productions (2003)   |
| Unbecoming              | Various          | Shannon McMurchy (2001)  |
| Eurydice Plays Dead     | Mother           | Mallory Catlett's (2000)   |

## PLAYWRITING / COLLECTIVE CREATION

| 8 degrees of Guelph          | Alan Filewod                 | University of Guelph                |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| The Waves                    | Judith Thompson (instructor) | University of Guelph                |
| Have You Seen My Little Lamb | Laura Quigley                | First Light Theatre Co., Guelph     |
| Little Pea's Revolution      | Brigit Schreyer Duarte       | Hub 14 (TOR) + United Solo (NYC)    |
| Daddy                        | Maiko Bae Yamamoto           | Vancouver East Cultural Centre, VAN |

An Important Woman

/ and an Adequate Man Laura Quigley Vancouver East Cultural Centre, VAN

shhh... Paulo Ribeiro TOR/Studio 16 (VAN)/Bats (WEL,NZ)

Unbecoming Shannon McMurchy Simon Fraser University, VAN

Living Room Laura Quigley seventeenth floor performance co., VAN, TOR

The Oedipus Penelope Stella Simon Fraser University, VAN

#### DIRECTING

#### **PROJECT**

Have You Seen My Little Lamb Living Room An Important Woman and an Adequate Man Lux in Tenebris Sleepyhead

#### PRODUCING COMPANY

First Light Theatre Co. 17<sup>th</sup> floor performance co. 17<sup>th</sup> floor performance co.

Simon Fraser University

James Maxwell: Asst. to Mallory Cattlett: director

#### CURRENT RESEARCH / PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

**From HERE To HERE** is a site-specific promenade piece about what happens to our imaginations when we escape the city and enter the wild. The site is a 300+ acre farm in Prince Edward County Ontario and the project is in collaboration with Small Pond Arts with the support of the Ontario Arts Council, Festival Players and Theatre Direct.

**The Waves** Written by Laura Quigley, *The Waves* is a solo play based on three generations of birth stories exploring taboos about the labouring female body, and the silence and isolation many women experience post-partum. The play explores birth and early motherhood through text, movement, and a vocal score that stretches the boundaries of conventional vocal expression (talking, whispering, screaming, singing) into territory that is familiar but not often heard on stage: grunts and growls, broken clicks and howls, sighs, screams and operatic song. *The Waves* will premiere at the 2017 Summerworks Festival, featuring Laura Quigley, under the direction of Judith Thompson.