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Directing

Meany Center, NYU Abu Dhabi, UCLA, Lincoln Center	<i>Movement LIVE</i> with Meklit Hadero	Co-Commission, May 2022
Women's Project -- Pipeline Festival	Title TBD by Haruna Lee	New York, March 2022
Definition Theatre	<i>Good Years</i> by Ada Alozie (short film)	Chicago, Date TBD
New Coordinates	<i>Love in The Time of Jonestown</i> by Omer Abbas Salem	Chicago, Oct 2021
Goodman Theatre -- Future Labs	<i>Shakuntala</i> by Lavina Jadhvani	Chicago, June 2021
Jackalope Theatre	<i>Pretty Shahid</i> by Omer Abbas Salem	Chicago, April 2021
Writers Theatre	<i>MLK Project</i> by Yolanda Vasquez	Chicago, January 2020
Steppenwolf (1700), Second City	<i>Big Little Eyes</i> by Stir Friday Night	Chicago, July-Sept 2019
Theatre on The Lake	<i>2020: A Going Away Party Play</i> by Keyanna Khatiblou*	Chicago, July 2019
Steep Theatre -- The Boxcar	<i>Matt & Ben</i> by Mindy Kaling & Brenda Withers*	Chicago, July 2019
Definition Theatre	<i>EthiopianAmerica</i> by Sam Kabede	Chicago, May-June 2019
Jackalope Theatre -- The Frontier	<i>Reverse Cowboy</i> by Jared Sprowls*	Chicago, May 2019
Barrens Theatre Co.	<i>Out of Time</i> (Devised Immersive Project)	Chicago, Feb 2019
American Players Theatre	<i>Emilie</i> by Lauren Gunderson*	Spring Green, Feb 2019
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Milwaukee Repertory Theatre -- Rep Lab	<i>Missed Connection</i> (Devised)	Milwaukee, Feb 2019

Assistant/Associate

The Shed, Leigh Silverman	<i>In Search of Signs...</i> by Jane Wagner	New York, Nov-Jan 2021
MCC Theatre, Saheem Ali	<i>Nollywood Dreams</i> by Jocelyn Bioh	New York, Sept-Nov 2021
The Public, Leigh Silverman (SDCF Observer)	<i>Soft Power</i> by Jeanine Tesori & David Henry Hwang	New York, Aug-Oct 2019
Steppenwolf Theatre, Robin Witt	<i>A Doll's House, Part 2</i> by Lucas Hnath	Chicago, Jan-Feb 2019
American Players Theatre, Ameenah Kaplan	<i>Our Country's Good</i> by Timberlake Wertenbaker	Spring Green, July-Aug 2018
Milwaukee Rep, May Adrales	<i>The Who & The What</i> by Ayad Akhtar	Milwaukee, Aug-Sept 2017

Other Achievements:

Sundance Collab Workshop	<i>Chhaya</i> by Sophiyaa Nayar	Virtual, May 2021
Ensemble Member	Definition Theatre	Chicago, Dec 2019
Directing Lab Fellow	Women's Project Lab	New York, 2020-22
Jeff -- Best Fight Choreography	<i>EthiopianAmerica</i>	Chicago, Aug 2019
9 BTA Award Nominations	<i>EthiopianAmerica</i>	Chicago, Aug 2019
Winner BTA Awards	<i>EthiopianAmerica</i> (Best Play, Featured Actor, Actress)	Chicago, Oct 2019
Member	SDC Observership Class	New York, 2019-20
Member	Director's Lab Chicago	Chicago, Aug 2017
Directing Resident	Milwaukee Repertory Theatre	Milwaukee, 2017-18

Additional Skills & Training

Physical theatre (Lecoq Technique), movement/choreography (Intimacy), Bollywood movement. Fluent in MS Office, & Avid video editing software, Garage Band, trained in community engagement facilitation. Additional language: Hindi. *Reading/Workshop