



EMILY MCCLAIN

DIRECTOR & THEATRE MAKER

EDUCATION

Berry College	B.A. in Theatre	2004
Lesley University	M.Ed. Arts Integration	2010

ARTIST STATEMENT

As a director, I am passionate about fostering a nurturing and inclusive creative environment where both adults and students feel empowered to explore, take risks, and grow artistically. The best storytelling thrives when artists feel supported and inspired, and I strive to cultivate spaces that encourage collaboration, curiosity, and confidence. My work focuses on guiding performers to uncover emotional truth, embrace bold choices, and connect deeply with their craft, ensuring that every production celebrates the power of live theatre.

RECENT DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

The Penelopiad <i>School of the Arts @ Central Gwinnett</i>	2024
PLAN B <i>She ATL Festival</i>	2024
The Birds <i>Yellowhammer Theatre Group</i>	2024
The Children's Hour <i>School of the Arts @ Central Gwinnett</i>	2024
Head Over Heels <i>School of the Arts @ Central Gwinnett</i>	2023
Backstage Fairytale <i>Yellowhammer Theatre Group</i>	2023
Fortinbras <i>School of the Arts @ Central Gwinnett</i>	2023
America's Most Haunted <i>some bodies theatre collective</i>	2023
Side Show <i>School of the Arts @ Central Gwinnett</i>	2022
What the Water Gave Me <i>some bodies theatre collective</i>	2021
Night Witches <i>School of the Arts @ Central Gwinnett</i>	2021

CONTACT

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New Play Exchange:
<https://newplayexchange.org/users/27781/emily-mcclain>

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Dramatist Guild Member- 2019
Working Title Playwrights (Atlanta)
Educational Theatre Association
Member- 2005

AFFILIATIONS

Playwrights Thriving- 2020-Present
Write Stuff ATL- 2021-Present
some bodies theatre collective-
2019- Present

DRAMATURGY

Ways of Reading Masterclass
Working Title Playwrights 2020-2021
Family Dynamics by Tishona Miller
2021
Better Off Dead by Hank Kimmel
2021
Boogergirl by Jennifer Skura
2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

School of the Arts @ Central Gwinnett

Acting II 2021- Present

Advanced Drama 2021- Present

Musical Theatre 2021- Present

Fundamentals of Theatre 2021- Present

Dramatic Writing 2023- Present

Essential Theatre (Atlanta GA)

Playwriting 101 2020-21

10 Minute Play Bootcamp 2020- Present

Essential Playwrighting for Essential Workers 2020

Buford High School

Technical Theatre 2018-2020

Advanced Drama 2018-2020

Fundamentals of Theatre 2018-2020

Archer High School

Acting I 2009-2018

Technical Theatre 2009-2018

Advanced Drama 2009-2018

Fundamentals of Theatre 2009-2018

Grayson High School

Acting I 2005-2009

Technical Theatre 2005-2009

Advanced Drama 2005-2009

Fundamentals of Theatre 2005-2009

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Megan Rose-Houchins

Administrator at School of the Arts @ Central Gwinnett
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Patti Siegel

Artistic Director of Yellowhammer Theatre Group
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Elisabeth Cooper

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