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EDUCATION

MFA Directing Grade Student, UMASS AMHERST (2022-2024)

- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Master of Theater Directing (209-2012)

- University of Art, Tehran, Iran (Ranked #1 program in Iran) (GPA: 4.0/4.04, Core courses)

Bachelor in Theater-Acting (1999- 2004)

- Sooreh University, Tehran, Iran (Top five programs in Iran) (GPA: 3.6/4.0)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- Acting Instructor, UMASS Theater Department (2022-Present)
- Head of Department and University Instructor, Qazvin City University, Iran (2016-2019)
- University Instructor, Farhang Va Honar University, Qazvin, Iran (2013-2019)
- Workshop Instructor of Speech and Rhetorical, University of Qazvin City (2018)
- University Instructor, Khane Kargar University, Qazvin, Iran (2014-2017)
- University Instructor, Baghiatallah University, Qazvin, Iran (2016-2017)
- University Instructor, Sambol Shimi University, Qazvin, Iran (2014-2016)
- University Instructor, Jahad Daneshgahi University, Qazvin, Iran (2014-2016)
- University Instructor, Oloom va Fonoon University (2013-2015)
- University Instructor, Shahid Rajaei Tarbiat Moallem University, Qazvin, Iran (2011-2012)
- Theater Instructor for Disabled Kids (Non-Profit) (2010)
- Head of Education, Suratgarh Mah Institution (2006-2008)

DIRECTING THEATER

- "They Don't Pay, We Won't Pay" (Dario Fo's Script), Rand Theater, UMASS, Dec 2023
- "Aurash" (Bahram Beyzai Script), Curtain Theater, UMass, Mar 2023
- "Witch" (Assistant Director), Rand Theater, UMass, Mar 2022
- "The Silk Road" (Behnam Alibakhshi Script), Outdoor Theater in Public Places, 2019
- "The Night of Disaster at #13" (Behnam Alibakhshi Script), Outdoor Theater in Public Places, 2018
- "The Firefighters" (Behnam Alibakhshi Script), Outdoor Theater in Public Places, 2017
- "Sahoori" (Based on Rumi's Poems, Ghotbedin Sadeghi's Script), 2016
- "Comedy Ekteshaf" (Omid Taheri's Script), 2014
- "One Minute of Silence" (Mohamad Yaghoobi's Script), 2013
- "Barzakh" (Mohamad Monem's Script), 2012
- "The Beggar or The Dead Dog" (Brecht's Script), 2012
- "In Asal Shahde Gole khoonin ast" (Mohsen Ranjbar's Script), 2010-2011
- "Silence Symphony" (Behnam Alibakhshi Script and Performance Design), 2010
- "Pesar Haji Baba Jan" (Iraj Pezeshkzad's Script), 2009
- "Haft Ghabile ye Gomshode" (Ghotbedin Sadeghi's Script), 2007
- "Tarikh seri Soltan dar Abeskoon" (Bahram Beyzaei Script - Iranian legend), 2004
- "Based on 1001 Nights" (Bahram Beyzaei Script - Iranian legend), 2004

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- “The Language of Wild Berries” (Naghme Samimi’s Script)
 - Silver Throne Theater, Northampton, MA, May 2022
- “Sahoori” (Based on Romi’s Poems, Ghotbedin Sadeghi’s Script), 2016
- “Comedy Ekteshafat” (Omid Taheri’s Script), 2014
- “Aghaye Nigel” (Saba Saadat’s Script and Directing), 2011
- “In Asal Shahde Gole khoonin ast” (Mohsen Ranjbar’s Script), 2010-2011
- “Pesar Haji Baba Jan” (Iraj Pezeshkzad’s Script), 2009
- “Haft Ghabile ye Gomshode” (Ghotbedin Sadeghi’s Script), 2007
- “Tarikh seri Soltan dar Abeskoon” (Bahram Beyzaei’s Script), 2004
- “Shahrazad va Haft Gheseash” (Mohsen Hosseini’s Script and Directing), 2004
- “Based on 1001 Nights” (Bahram Beyzaei’s Script, Behnam Alibakhshi Directing), 2004
- “Pol” (Mohamad Rahmanian’s Script and Directing), 2003
- “The Mate Moment” (Farshad Hekmat’s Script, Farhad Doroodgar Directing), 2001

FILM AND TELEVISION

- “Simin Yadegar” (Documentary, Director), 2012
- “Ordibehesht Theater” (Documentary, Director), 2011
- “Ma’maan” (TeleFilm, Actor), 2010
- “Sarzamine Yas ha” (TeleFilm, Actor), 2007
- “Lahze ye Ghasedak” (TV Series, Actor), 2005

AWARDS AND HONORS

Fellowships and Grants:

- Real Fellowship (Research Enhancement and Leadership) UMASS Graduate School 2022
- Real Fellowship (Research Enhancement and Leadership) UMASS Graduate School 2023
- Travel Grant UMass Grad school 2023
- Travel Grant UMass Theater Department 2023
- Travel Grant UMass Theater Department 2024

Teaching Awards

- The Best University Instructor in Qazvin Province, Among 30 Elmi Karbordi Universities, 2019
- The Best Researcher of the Year, From Qazvin City University, 2019

Directing Awards

- Appreciation Letter from Qazvin’s Mayor for Improving Citizen’s Cultural Awareness, 2019
- The Best Directing Award of the Year, Qazvin’s Theater Festival (for “Barzakh”), 2012
- The Best Directing Award, Tehran’s Theater Festival (for “In Asal Shahde Gol”), 2011
- The Best Directing Award, Qazvin’s Theater Festival (for “In Asal Shahde Gol”), 2010

ACTING AWARDS

- Best Actor Award, Qazvin Theater Festival (for “Sahoori - Based on Romi’s Poems”), 2016
- Best Actor Award, Qazvin Theater Festival (for “Comedy Ekteshafat”), 2014

Assassinations Membership:

- Dramatic Art Center Association of Iran from 2004- Present
- TCG (Theater Communication Group) US 2024