



**DARA WISHINGRAD**

Production Designer

Dara Wishingrad began her career in production design with the creation of massive 360° sets for live events, private affairs and corporate clients such as the **SUPERBOWL, THE RYDER CUP, THE US OPEN** and **PGA GOLF TOURNAMENTS, DONNA KARAN** and **LAURENCE FISHBURNE**. She was the production designer for the **DIRECTORS GUILD OF AMERICA HONORS** and the **TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL**, designing the public and private events and screening venues, most notably the **General Motors Tribeca Drive-In**.

Production design credits include: the Netflix original **IRREPLACEABLE YOU** directed by Stephanie Laing starring Christopher Walken, Kate McKinnon, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Michiel Huisman; **2015 Sundance Award Winner ADVANTAGEOUS** directed by **Jennifer Phang**; the NY Times Theatrical Critics Pick **BRIGHT COLORS & BOLD PATTERNS** written and performed by **Drew Droege**, directed by **Michael Urie**; the upcoming Sony drama **BREAKABLE YOU** starring **Holly Hunter, Tony Shaloub, Alfred Molina**, directed by **Andrew Wagner**; **John Leguizamo's FUGLY!** a fictional retelling of his Broadway show "Ghetto Clown", directed by **Alfredo de Villa**; **Michael Urie's meta-comedy HE'S WAY MORE FAMOUS THAN YOU**; **Boaz Yakin's (Remember The Titans)**; **Sundance Film Festival's** featured films **DEATH IN LOVE** starring **Jacqueline Bisset, Josh Lucas, Lukas Haas** and **Adam Brody**; **CERTAINTY** directed by **Peter Askin (Trumbo)** written by **Mike O'Malley** and starring **Valerie Harper, Giancarlo Esposito, Adelaide Clemens** and **Bobby Moynihan**; **Franc. Reyes' THE MINISTERS** a gritty New York drama starring **John Leguizamo, Harvey Keitel** and **Florencia Lozano**; **Nia Vardalos' (My Big Fat Greek Wedding)** romantic comedy **I HATE VALENTINE'S DAY** starring **Nia, John Corbett, Rachel Dratch, Zoe Kazan**; and many other films with notable directors and producers. Television credits include **PREMIO LO NUESTRO: THE LATIN MUSIC INTERNATIONAL AWARDS** and other commercial programming for **Rainbow Media, Compulsive Pictures** and the **Univision Network**.

Dara originally trained in fine art at the San Francisco Art Institute and the Art Students League in New York. Beginning her professional career as a performance artist and dancer with her mentor **Dianne McIntyre**, she performed with the **Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, David Esbjornson** and in numerous downtown performance art venues. She was a founding member of **Richard Gonzalez's Afro Cuban Dance Ensemble** and as a recipient of multiple grants, her original performance dance/art works toured the U.S. and Canada and were reviewed nationally.

***Dara Wishingrad is represented by Dattner Disputo and Associates***

***To view her work, please go to [www.wishservices.com](http://www.wishservices.com) or <http://www.ddatalent.com/client/production-designers/dara-wishingrad/narrative-reel>***

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### **CURRICULUM VITAE:**

#### **PRODUCTION DESIGN: FILM**

##### IRREPLACEABLE YOU

w/Christopher Walken, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Michiel Huisman, Kate McKinnon; Dir: Stephanie Laing; Prod: Netflix, Jonathan Tropper, Farah Abushwasha, Matthew Myers

##### EMMA

w/Kellie Barrett; Composer: Paul Gordon; Dir: Kent Nicholson, Tim Kashani; Prod: Tom D'Angora, Stacia Fernandez, Tom Polum, Christopher Sepulveda, Scott Delacruz

##### ADVANTAGEOUS

w/Jacqueline Kim, James Urbaniak, Jennifer Ehle; Dir: Jennifer Phang; Prod: Good Neighbour Productions, Sundance Institute; *Winner 2015 Sundance U.S. Dramatic Special Jury Award for Collaborative Vision & Official Selection Dramatic Competition 2015 Sundance Film Festival*

##### BREAKABLE YOU

Holly Hunter, Tony Shaloub, Alfred Molina, Cristin Millioti; Dir: Andrew Wagner; Prod: Sony, Douglas Harman, Kevin Comer, Kirk Michael Fellows

##### FUGLY!

w/John Leguizamo, Rosie Perez, Radha Mitchell, Griffin Dunne, Yul Vasquez, Tomas Milian; Dir: Alfredo De Villa, writer/Prod: John Leguizamo; Prod: Laura Knight, We Do Films Productions

##### HE'S WAY MORE FAMOUS THAN YOU

w/Halley Feiffer, Michael Urie, Ryan Spahn, Michael Chernus, Ralph Macchio, Ben Stiller, Jesse Eisenberg; Dir: Michael Urie; Prod: Geoffrey Soffer, Christopher Sepulveda, Logolite Entertainment. *Official Selection 2013 Slamdance Film Festival*

##### WANDERLAND

w/ Victoria Clark, Tate Ellington, Drew Powell, Dree Hemingway; Dir: Josh Klausner; Prod: Barbara Romer, Juliette Rylance, Erika Hampson, Gilana Lobel

##### NAOMI & ELY'S NO KISS LIST

w/Victoria Justice, Pierson Fode; Dir: Kristin Hanggi; Prod: Emily Gerson Saines, Lesley Vogel, Alexandra Michan, Skip Klintworth

##### AFFLUENZA

w/Steve Guttenberg, Samantha Mathis, Gregg Sulkin, Ben Rosenfield, Grant Gustin; Dir: Kevin Asch; Prod: Lookbook Films, Antonio Macia, Michael Goodin

##### CHOSEN

w/Harvey Keitel, Ana Ularu, Luke Mably, Julian Shatkin; Dir: Jasmin Dizdar; Prod: Mike Riley, Sterling Pictures & Sylvia Caminer

##### DEATH IN LOVE

w/Jacqueline Bisset, Josh Lucas, Lukas Haas, Adam Brody; writer/Dir: Boaz Yakin; Prod: Joseph Zolfo; *Official Selection 2008 Sundance Film Festival Premiere Section; Winner 2008 Falco d'Or, Best Actor, Best Actress Ibiza International Film Festival; Winner 2008 Boston Film Festival Best Director, Best Actress*

##### CERTAINTY

w/Valerie Harper, Giancarlo Esposito, Bobby Moynihan; Dir: Peter Askin; writer: Mike O'Malley; Prod: Will Battersby *Official Selection 2011 Boston Film Festival Premiere & Multiple Award Winner*

##### THE MINISTERS

w/John Leguizamo, Harvey Keitel, Florencia Lozano; Dir: Franc. Reyes; Prod: Jill Footlick, Grow Pictures

##### I HATE VALENTINE'S DAY

w/Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Rachel Dratch, Zoe Kazan; writer/Dir: Nia Vardalos; Prod: William Sherak, Madeline Sherak, Jason Shuman, Michael Gallant

NEW YORK CITY SERENADE

w/Freddie Prinze Jr., Chris Klein; Dir: Frank Whaley; Prod: Archer Entertainment; *Official Selection 2007 Toronto International Film Festival; 2007 Boston Film Festival; 2007 Marbella Film Festival*

A VERY SERIOUS PERSON

Dir: Charles Busch w/Charles Busch, Polly Bergen, Dana Ivey; writer/Dir: Charles Busch, Prod: Daryl Roth; *Official Selection 2006 Tribeca Film Festival, Winner Honorable Mention*

5 UP 2 DOWN

w/Issach de Bankole, Paz de la Heurta, Kirk Acevedo, Tia Texada; Dir: Steven Kessler, Prod: Ruben Cobia; *Winner 2006 CineVegas Grand Jury Prize for Cinematography; Official Selection 2007 Newport Beach FF*

THE SHANGHAI HOTEL

w/Hill Harper, Cheng Pei Pei, Eugenia Yuan; Dir: Jerry Davis, Prod: Dan Marino; Cornucopia Productions

ACROSS THE HALL

w/Adrian Grenier, James Oliver; Dir: Alex Merkin, exec Prod: John Kilik, Prod: Screen Gems & Samsung FiveLion Productions; *Winner: 2006 Palm Springs Audience Award; Best Short Film: Official Selection 2006 Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival; 2006 Harlem International Film Festival*

1956

Dir: Ramon+Pedro Laurent Faucher & Antoine Tunguely; Prod: Kerri Taylor/Carousel Films, Xavier Derigo

FUGUE

Writer/Production Designer/Co-Producer, Dir: Peter Burega, Prod: Marta Tomkiw, The South Florida Entertainment Industry Incubator

AFTERLIFE

w/Tamara Tunie, Ezra Knight; Dir: Lana Garland, dp: Arthur 'AJ' Jafa, Prod: Insibah Films, Pat Golden

**PRODUCTION DESIGN: COMMERCIALS & VIDEO**

WHAT'S YOUR EMERGENCY?

Dir: Michael Urie writers: Halley Feiffer, Ryan Spahn w/America Ferrera, Alan Cumming, David Krumholtz

OPTIMUM WIFI

Dir: John Leguizamo; Prod: Alma, Epic Nerds, Andrew Swee

MANHATTAN PLACE ENTERTAINMENT

Keurig new product commercial launch; Dir: Harry Greene; Prod: Steven Cohen, Jamie Cohen, Michele Band

COMPULSIVE PICTURES

PlayDoh, Febreze, Topps Juicy Pop candy commercials; Dir: Mark Celentano; Prod: Jack Turney, Donald O'Connor

THE ADVENTURIST - JOBY OGWYN

promotional/commercials; dir. Chris Scott, prod. Mark DeAngelis, Rainbow Media

WARBY PARKER EYEWEAR

Dir: Adam Lisagor, Prod: Sandwich Video

THE DAFT PENGUIN

webisodes for Everlast boxing equipment Dir: Peter Goldschmidt; Prod: Route One Productions

PREMIO LO NUESTRO: THE LATIN MUSIC AWARDS

International Broadcast w/Celia Cruz, Julio Iglesias Jr.; dir. Bert Delgado, Prod: Univision Network

JUNIOR M.A.F.I.A. "JUST US"

music video; Dir: James Miaoulas; Prod: MegaMedia Records

BETTER OFF ALONE

music video Alice Deejay, dir. Bruce Martin, Prod: 1171 Production Group

CORPORATE GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL - CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT

dir/dp: Peter Schnall, Prod: Don Campbell, Partisan Pictures; high end corporate industrial

MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION & N.O.W. ANTI-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN

public service announcements, Dir: Alex Ferrari, dp: Ozzie Silvera, Prod: Archangel Productions

## **PRODUCTION & SCENIC DESIGN: THEATRE & EVENTS**

### BRIGHT COLORS AND BOLD PATTERNS

Written & performed by Drew Droege, Dir: Michael Urie, Prod: Zach Laks/Form Theatricals, Barrow Street Theatre; New York Times Critics Pick 2016, Top 2016 Theatre Picks by NY Times, TimeOut, BuzzFeed

### HARD TIMES

music & lyrics: Stephen Foster, Larry Kirwan; Dir: Kira Simring, Prod: Nancy Manocherian, the cell theatre, New York Times Critics Pick 2012

### MARTIN: BEFORE THE DREAM

music & lyrics: Charles Strouse, playwright: Leslie Lee, Dir: Jeffrey Moss, Prod: Negro Ensemble Company

### 8 STOPS: A COMEDY CONCERNING THE GRIEF OF ENDLESS COMPASSION

Playwright: Deb Margolin, director: Jay Wahl; producer: Eileen Harris and The Kimmel Centre for Performing Arts 2014; Cherry Lane Theatre 2015

### TURQUOISE

Playwright: Deb Margolin, director: Charlie Pollin; producer: Deb Margolin, Dixon Place

### DEFENSES OF PRAGUE

director: Leslie Lee, playwright: Sophia Roma, Prod: La Mama E.T.C.

### CABARET ÉMIGRÉ

Director: Charles Weldon, Prod: Negro Ensemble Company

### THE TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL

Dir/Prod: Jane Rosenthal, Robert DeNiro, Prod: Karen Dalzell Productions

### THE DIRECTORS' GUILD OF AMERICA HONORS

Robert Altman, Honoree; Dir: Vince A. Misiano, Prod: Karen Dalzell Productions

### NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FRINGE FESTIVAL

Set & Projection Designer "Freddie" playwright: Jessie Robles, director: Alysia Wishingrad; "Vincent" director: Jim Iorrio

### WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE

world premiere staged reading of new musical; playwrights: Tina Andrews & Stanley Bennett Clay, Dir: Wayne Cilento, Prod: Tao Productions, The New NY Theatre Row

### THE KAPLAN THALER GROUP

Set Design for new business pitches; Prod: Linda Kaplan Thaler, Robin Koval, Lisa Bifulco

### JAY FRANCO & SONS SHOWROOM

Redesign of Showroom for International Original and Licensed Bath & Bedding Designs Company

### THE GARLAND APPEAL

Benefit-Auction fundraiser at Christie's Auction House for Paul McCartney's foundation

### CRYSTAL CITY, WASHINGTON DC

Opening event for citywide renovation, dir/Prod: Karin Bacon Events

### DIGITAS

Marketing Agency Event Design, New York, Los Angeles, Miami for clients Gillette, Delta Airlines, Pontiac

## **ART DIRECTION: FILM, TELEVISION & EVENTS**

### D.O.A./DEAD AGAIN

Art Director; Prod: Dick Wolf Productions, A&E, LeftRight Productions; pd: Tim Eckel

### SEA GATE

Assistant Art Director/ Concept Illustrator; Prod: Picrow Streaming Inc., pd: Kelly McGehee

### HOW TO MAKE IT IN AMERICA

Assistant Art Director/ Concept Illustrator & Journey Scenic; Prod: HBO, Joseph Zolfo, pd: Kelly McGehee

### MTV CHALLENGES/TRUTH: STOP SMOKING CAMPAIGN

Assistant Art Director/Illustrator; Prod: MTV, pd: Kelly McGehee

### STARTING OUT IN THE EVENING

Art Director; w/Frank Langella, Lauren Ambrose, Lili Taylor; Dir: Andrew Wagner, dp: Harlan Bosmajian, pd: Carol Strober, Prod: InDigEnt Productions; *2007 Dramatic Competition 2007 Sundance Film Festival*

RUNAWAY

Art Director; w/Aaron Stanford, Robin Tunney; Dir: Tim McCann, dp: Frank Barrera, pd: Laura Hyman, Prod: Bob Gosse, Filbert Steps; *Official Selection 2005 Tribeca Film Festival*

IN THE SHADOWS

Art Dept. Coordinator ; w/Matthew Modine, James Caan, Cuba Gooding Jr., pd: Ren Blanco; Prod: Jeff Waxman, Lions Gate

PRESTON BAILEY EVENT DESIGN

Art Director for private events. Clients incl: Donna Karan, Oprah Winfrey & Lawrence Fishburne

BARTON G EVENT DESIGN

Design Director; company founding member, designed & rendered sets, interiors, authored proposals & presentations, directed fulltime & freelance staff. Partial clientele list: Sports Illustrated, Royal Caribbean International, United Cerebral Palsy Telethon, US Open, PGA & Ryder Cup Golf Tournaments, Pace Theatrical Group, Super Bowl, Merrill Lynch, FedEx

SYDA FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

Set Designer, New York & Los Angeles; multiple Global Satellite Broadcast Events; “The Golden Tales” children’s plays series; “The Prasad Project Annual Fundraiser Dream Dance”; designed multiple clothing, display & environment projects

**MEMBER**

IATSE United Scenic Artists Local 829–Scenic Designer  
New York Women in Film & Television