

## **DARA WISHINGRAD PRODUCTION DESIGN**

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 TOURNEMENTS, 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 "The Tribeca Drive-In."**

In film, she was production designer on **John Leguizamo's** recent feature film, **FUGLY!** a fictional retelling of his Broadway show "Ghetto Clown", directed by **Alfredo de Villa**; **Jennifer Phang's** Sundance 2015 Award Winner **ADVANTAGOUS**; **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 in local and national publications.

*to view Dara's work, please go to*

*[www.wishservices.com](http://www.wishservices.com)*

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### **PRODUCTION DESIGN: FILM**

#### 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, Danny Bigel, We Do Films Productions

#### 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*

#### 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: Geoffry Soffer, Christopher Sepulveda, Logolite Entertainment. *Official Selection 2013 Slamdance Film Festival*

#### 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; 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

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  
IDP Films

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: COMMERCIAL & VIDEO**

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 Eyeware

Production Designer; 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 & SET DESIGN: THEATRE & EVENTS**

Hard Times

music & lyrics: Stephen Foster, Larry Kirwan; dir: Kira Simring, prod: Nancy Manocherian, the cell theatre

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

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: Alysa Wishingrad;  
“Vincent” director: Jim Iorrio

Why Do Fool\$ 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 and Environment Design for new business pitches; producers: 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

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

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

DOA/Dead Again

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

How To Make It In America

Assistant Art Director/ 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. Coord; 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 Fishburne

Barton G Event Design

Design Director; company founding member, designed & rendered sets, interiors, authored proposals &  
presentations, directing 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**

United Scenic Artists Local 829 – Scenic Designer  
New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT)