

DARA WISHINGRAD
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Dara Wishingrad began her career in set design with the creation of massive 360° sets in for corporate and private events for clients such as the **Super Bowl, The Ryder Cup, 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."**

Theatre credits include: **8 Stops: a comedy concerning the grief of endless compassion** playwright and actor Deb Margolin directed by Jay Wahl, produced by The Kimmel Centre for the Performing Arts; **Charles Strouse & Leslie Lee's: Martin: A New American Musical**; **Larry Kirwan's New York Times acclaimed Hard Times** with music & lyrics by **Stephen Foster** and **Larry Kirwan**, directed by **Kira Simring**, produced by **Nancy Manocherian** and **the cell theatre**; **Tina Andrew & Stanley Bennett Clay's Why Do Fool\$ Fall In Love** directed by **Wayne Cliento**; **Premio Lo Nuestro 2001: The Latin Music International Awards**.

Film credits include: **John Leguizamo's** original feature film, **Fugly!** based on his Broadway show **Ghetto Clown** directed by **Alfredo De Villa**; The 2015 Sundance Film Festival Dramatic Competition selection **Advantageous** written and directed by Jennifer Phang starring Jacqueline Kim, James Urbaniak, Jennifer Ehle; **Michael Urie's** meta-comedy **He's Way More Famous Than You**; **Boaz Yakin's** (Remember The Titans) **Sundance Film Festival** featured independent film **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** and **Zoe Kazan**.

Dara trained in fine art at the **San Francisco Art Institute** and the **Art Students League of 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.

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SET DESIGN: THEATRE

Hard Times

Music & lyrics: Stephen Foster, Larry Kirwan; director: Kira Simring, producer: Nancy Manocherian, the cell theatre, 2012 New York Times Critic's Pick

Martin: Before The Dream

Music & lyrics: Charles Strouse, playwright: Leslie Lee, director: Jeffrey Moss, producer: 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 Polinger, produced by Dixon Place

Why Do Fool\$ Fall In Love

world premiere staged reading; playwrights: Tina Andrews & Stanley Bennett Clay, dir: Wayne Cilento, producer: Tao Productions

Defenses of Prague

Director: Leslie Lee, producer: La Mama E.T.C.

Cabaret Émigré

Director: Charles Weldon, producer: Negro Ensemble Company

The Beggars Opera

Playwright: John Gay, adapted by Vaclav Havel, dir: Jonathan Silver, Manhattan Theatre Source

Tomando Café

Director: Joannie Heiger Zosike, playwright: Rosateresa Castrovargas, producer: Theatre for the New City

Bonfire Night

Playwright: Joan M. Baker, dir: Pat Jones, producer: the cell theatre

Single Black Female

Playwright: Lisa B. Thompson, dir: Carl Clay, producer: Black Spectrum Theatre

In Love With Mom

Playwright: Lola Cooper, director: Curtis Smith, producer: Kumble Theatre for the Performing Arts

Premio Lo Nuestro: The Latin Music Awards

w/Celia Cruz, Julio Iglesias Jr., dir: Bert Delgado, producer: Univision Network; international broadcast

New York International Fringe Festival

Set & Projection Designer "Freddie" Playwright: Jessie Robles, Dir: Alysa Wishingrad; "Vincent" Playwright: Jessie Robles, Dir: Jim Iorrio

SYDA Foundation International

Set Designer, New York & Los Angeles Global satellite broadcast events; "The Golden Tales" a children's play series; "The Prasad Project Annual Fundraiser Dream Dance"; designed multiple printed clothing, display & theatre projects

Invincible Flower

Costume Designer for dance & jazz collaboration by Dianne McIntyre and Lester Bowie with her dancers & his Brass Fantasy orchestra. Co-commissioned by Jacob's Pillow, The Walker Arts Center; supported by the National Dance Project Grant & New England Foundation for the Arts

Pieces of Pieces

Set & Costume Designer; Dance and music collaboration by Dianne McIntyre and Olu Dara; presented by The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

PRODUCTION DESIGN: FILM & COMMERCIAL

Advantageous

w/Jacqueline Kim, James Urbaniak, Jennifer Ehle, Samantha Kim; dir: Jennifer Phang; producer: Inside The Question; 2015 Sundance Film Festival Official Selection Dramatic Competition World Premiere

Breakable You

Holly Hunter, Tony Shaloub, Alfred Molina, Cristin Millioti; dir: Andrew Wagner; prod: Kevin Comer, Kirk Fellows

Fugly!

w/John Leguizamo, Radha Mitchell, Rosie Perez, Ioan Gruffudd, Griffin Dunne ; writer: John Leguizamo, dir: Alfredo De Villa; dp: Nancy Schreiber; producer: John Leguizamo, Laura Knight, Danny Bigel, We Do Films;

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; producer: Geoffry Soffer, Logolite Entertainment; *Official Selection & World Premiere 2013 Slamdance*

Naomi & Ely's No Kiss List

w/Victoria Justice, Pierson Fode; dir: Kristin Hanggi; prod: Alexandra Milchon, Lesley Vogel, Emily Gerson Saines, Affluenza

w/Steve Guttenberg, Samantha Mathis, Nicola Peltz, Gregg Sulkin, Ben Rosenfield, Grant Gustin; dir: Kevin Asch; producer: Lookbook Films, Antonio Macia, Michael Goodin

Death In Love

w/Jacqueline Bissette, Josh Lucas, Lukas Haas; writer/dir: Boaz Yakin; dp: Frederick Jacobi; producer: Joseph Zolfo; *Official Selection 2008 Sundance Film Festival Premieres Section; Multiple Festival Award Winner*

Certainty

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

The Ministers

w/John Leguizamo, Harvey Keitel; dir: Franc. Reyes; dp: Frank Byers; producer: Jill Footlick, Grow Pictures

A Very Serious Person

w/Charles Busch, Polly Bergen, Dana Ivey; writer/dir: Charles Busch, dp: Joe Parlagreco, producer: Daryl Roth; *2006 Tribeca Film Festival Winner Honorable Mention*

I Hate Valentine's Day

w/Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Rachel Dratch; writer/dir: Nia Vardalos; producer: William Sherak, Madeline Sherak, Jason Shuman, Michael Gallant

New York City Serenade

w/Freddie Prinze Jr., Chris Klein; dir: Frank Whaley; dp: Ryan Samul; producer: Archer Entertainment

Across the Hall

w/Adrian Grenier, James Oliver; dir: Alex Merkin, dp: Andrew Carranza, exec producer: John Kilik, producer: Screen Gems & Samsung, FiveLion Productions; *Winner: 2006 Palm Springs Audience Award; Best Short Film: 2006 Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival; 2006 Harlem International Film Festival*

The Shanghai Hotel

w/Hill Harper, Cheng Pei Pei, Eugenia Yuan; dir: Jerry Davis, dp: Keith Scherer, producer: Dan Marino; Cornucopia Productions

5 Up 2 Down

w/Issach de Bankole, Paz de la Heurta, Kirk Acevedo, Tia Texada; dir: Steven Kessler, dp: Till Neumann, producer: Ruben Cobia; *Winner Official Selection 2006 CineVegas & Grand Jury Prize for Cinematography*

Manhattan Place Entertainment

Keurig new brewer commercial launch; dir: Harry Greene; producer: Steven Cohen, Jamie Cohen, Michele Band

Compulsive Pictures

Topps candy commercials, Ring Pop and Juicy Pop Drop; dir: Mark Celentano; producer: Jack Turney, Donald O'Connor

The Adventurist-Joby Ogwyn

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

Corporate Government Industrial-confidential project

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

Bally Total Fitness

Set Dresser, TV commercial US & Latin America; dir/dp: Jorge Colon, producer: Letca Films

Make A Wish Foundation & N.O.W. Anti-Domestic Violence Campaign

public service announcements, dir: Alex Ferrari, dp: Ozzie Silvera, producer: Archangel Productions

Daddy's Home

Production Designer, dir: Alex Ferarri, producer: Antonio Piedra *Winner of The National Distinction Award Best PSA*

Better Off Alone

music video Alice DeeJay, dir. Bruce Martin, dp: Jim Hawkinson, producer: 1171 Production Group

Junior M.A.F.I.A. "Just Us"

music video; dir: James Miaoulas; dp: Till Neumann, producer: MegaMedia Records

SET & PRODUCTION DESIGN: EVENTS

The Tribeca Film Festival

dir/producer: Jane Rosenthal, Robert DeNiro, producer: Karen Dalzell Productions

The Directors' Guild of America Honors

Robert Altman, Honoree; dir: Vince A. Misiano, producer: Karen Dalzell Productions

The Kaplan Thaler Group

Set and environment design for new business pitches; producers: Linda Kaplan Thaler, Robin Koval,

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/producer: Karin Bacon Events

Jay Franco & Sons Showroom

Redesign of NY Showroom for International Original and Licensed Properties Bedding & Bath Design

World Culture Open

USA/Korea Cultural Event, dir. Terrance Mann, producer: WCO International Foundation

Digitas

Ad Agency, New York, Los Angeles, Miami for clients Gillette, Delta Airlines, Pontiac

ART DIRECTION: FILM & EVENTS

Starting Out In The Evening

w/Frank Langella, Lauren Ambrose, Lili Taylor; dir: Andrew Wagner, dp: Harlan Bosmajian, pd: Carol Strober, producer: InDigEnt Productions

Runaway

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

In The Shadows

Art Department Coordinator; w/Matthew Modine, James Caan, Cuba Gooding Jr., dir: Ric Roman, dp: Chuck Cohen, pd: Ren Blanco, producer: Lions Gate Entertainment

Preston Bailey Event Design

Art Director; Designed & art directed private events for celebrity clientele including Bill Cosby, Donna Karan, Oprah Winfrey & Lawrence Fishburne

Barton G Event Design

Design Director, company founding member; designed & rendered sets, interiors, created proposals & presentations for blue chip corporate and celebrity clientele, 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, Federal Express

DANCE

Modern dancer and dance-performance choreographer

Performed with Dianne McIntyre, Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Co., David Esbjornson, Richard Gonzalez.

Produced, choreographed & toured original solo, group & environmental performances. Recipient Vermont Council of the Arts awards, reviewed in national & local publications

MEMBERSHIP

United Scenic Artists Local 829

New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT)