

# Becca Bernard 804.586.6273 bernardrn@gmail.com

Becca Bernard is a versatile, comic multi-skilled performer, writer and dynamic collaborator. She blends music, physical comedy and dance to communicate her ferociously optimistic perspective of the world.

## **Special Skills**

Instruments (Piano, Cello, Ukulele), Voice, Dance (Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Modern), Juggling (4 ball, Club Passing), Acrobatics, Mime, Puppetry, Slapstick, Hula Hoop, Fight Choreography, Mask Making, Feats of Strength

### **Performance Credits**

**The Light Princess** Parallel Exit and Metropolis Ensemble, New York, NY, 2018 Collaborative writer and comic title character for this Physical Theatre Fairytale.

**Uptown Scrooge** Good Medicine Productions, Westerville, Ohio, 2018 Interactive performance of the Christmas Carol, Self-Written Stories, Guide and Multiple Characters

**The Fainting Room** Cincy, Minnesota, Elgin Fringe, NY and Toronto Clown Theatre Festival Self-written Solo Show Including Music, Multiple Characters and Physical Comedy

**Strong Woman Show** Edmonton Int'l Fringe, Ithaca Harvest Festival, Gov's Island, NY, 2017 Solo Show featuring Comedy, Feats of Strength and Audience Participation

**Traveling Light** Celebration Barn Theatre and Johnson Hall, director Fritz Grobe, 2016 Collaborative Writer, Comic Everyman Character, Puppeteer and Cellist in theatrical circus show

**Seawife** Paradise Factory, NY, 2014 Cellist, Songwriter and Various Characters

**Romeo and Juliet** Empirical Rogue Productions, Chashama, New York, 2013 Cello Arrangement/Performance Underscoring

**Red Gloves** Irondale Center and Independent Dance Film, Brooklyn, NY, 2014 A member of the dance and devising ensemble for live performance and experimental film

**P.I.C. The Prison Industrial Complex** Richmond, VA--2009 Part of the writing and interactive performance team, The Conciliation Project.

**Lev Leytzan** Brooklyn, Long Island and Surrounding New York Area—2012-2017 Professional Therapeutic Clown and Merry Maker to Geriatric Facilities and Hospitals

**Teatro Punto Showcase** General Oost Theatre, Arnhem, Netherlands Collaborative Writer, Mask Performer, Various scenes in Modern Commedia Dell' Arte Tradition

### Education

MFA, Virginia Commonwealth University: Theatre Pedagogy, Movement and Choreography BFA, Virginia Commonwealth University: Theatre Performance

Post-Grad, Accademia Dell' Arte: Commedia Dell' Arte, Mask Performance, Physical Theatre

### **Training**

Physical Comedy/ Clown: NY Goofs, Larry Pisoni, FreakClown, Christopher Bayes

Circus Skills: Hovey Burgess, Jay Stewart, Claudia Schnurer

Mask Work/ Commedia dell' Arte: Teatro Punto, Torbjorn Alstrom, Marcello Bartoli, Familie Floz

Improv/ Sketch Writing: The People's Improv Theatre: Jaime Cummings, Chris Aurilio

Acting: Bryan Burroughs, Dr. Aaron Anderson, Gary Hopper, Lorri Lindberg, Dr. Pettiford-Wates

Voice: Kevin Crawford, Janet Rodgers Stage Combat: David Leong, Robb Hunter

Dance: American Tap Dance Foundation, Broadway Dance Center, Steps, Starr Foster

### **Directing/Choreographic Experience**

For the Love of Three Oranges, Movement Director: Berea College

**Turandot**, Movement Specialist: Berea College, ACTF Selected **Servant of Two Masters**, Choreographer: Henley Street Theatre

Medea: A Noh Cycle, Asst. Director/Choreographer: Henrico Performing Arts High School

The Neon Man and Me, TV Director: Community Idea Station, WCVE-PBS for colored girls, Movement Coach: Virginia Commonwealth University

Morning Overtures, Choreographic Assistant: Richmond Ballet

## Teaching Experience

### Educator/Choreographer

Berea University, Berea, KY

 Deliver creative and educational training in the style of Commedia Dell' Arte and mask performance. ◆ Safely choreograph movement sequences ◆ Direct students in the execution of style, intention and performance.

#### **Teaching Artist**

Theatre Development Fund, New York, NY

Teaching ages 10-12 and High School Throughout all 5 Burroughs ◆ Curriculum creation ◆
 Promoting theatre literacy through a series of four in class workshops

#### **Master Teacher Institute Trainer**

CUNY Professional Development Institute, New York, NY

Model and support the implementation of professional development in 16
participating Pre-K classrooms throughout NYC ◆ Assist in the demonstration of the Wildau
Method, an Early Childhood Education Method involving mime, creative movement and class
engagement techniques, through participation and training

#### **Movement Instructor**

Henrico High School-Center for the Arts

 Teaching grades 9-12 ◆ Curriculum creation! Teaching the curriculum "Connecting the Body and Mind Physically and Emotionally Through Movement."

### Conferences

Violence Against Women, Lesley University, Presenter

# **Festival Experience**

Edmonton International Fringe, Toronto Clown Festival, Minnesota Fringe, Elgin Fringe, NY Clown Theatre, Cincinnati Fringe, Capital Fringe, Long Island Fringe, Delaware Fringe, Frigid Fringe

# **Scholarship Awards**

Planned Parenthood Education Scholarship

# **Volunteer Organizations**

Anti-Violence Project Rider's Alliance