

KARI LYNN HAUGSTEN MILLER

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EDUCATION

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting | May 2025 | *summa cum laude*

- Renée Crown University Honors Program
- Honors Thesis: *Octopolis*: An Exploration of Grief, Cohabitation, and Animal Consciousness (50-page analysis and staged reading production of *Octopolis* by Marek Horn)

DIRECTING & PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

Octopolis by Marek Horn

Syracuse University | April 2024 - May 2025

Director, Designer, Producer | Honors Thesis Project

- Directed staged reading exploring grief and animal consciousness through human-octopus relationships, developing a comprehensive directorial vision and full production design package
- Conducted extensive dramaturgical research on octopus cognition, marine biology, and consciousness studies to inform the rehearsal process, actor development, and design choices
- Facilitated collaborative tablework, synthesizing complex research into accessible theatrical language and fostering actor-driven interpretation
- Managed full production timeline, including casting, scheduling, technical orchestration, and venue coordination
- Collaborated with faculty advisors Katherine McGerr (director) and Carmen Martinez (designer) to analyze the director-designer partnership and documented the process in a 50-page thesis

SCRIPT & DRAMATURGICAL EXPERIENCE

How to Dance in Ohio (World Premiere)

Syracuse Stage | Writer: Rebekah Greer Melocik | August - September 2022

Script Assistant

- Assisted book writer Rebekah Greer Melocik for world premiere production, tracking daily script revisions and communicating changes to stage management and creative team
- Supported the writing team throughout the month-long rehearsal process, working both remotely and in the room to ensure accurate documentation of evolving text

Justice for Lizzie (Independent Film)

Bruce R. Schwartz Production Company, Hollywood, CA | June - August 2021

Script Supervisor

- Maintained continuity across three weeks of principal photography, tracking scenes, takes, shot types, and technical details
- Provided creative input when consulted by the director, supporting collaborative filmmaking process

The Kumquat (Student Satire Publication)

Syracuse University | October 2022 - May 2025

Social Media Manager & Writer

- Wrote, edited, and published satirical news content analyzing university culture and student life
- Managed social media presence (@sukumquat), creating graphics and developing engagement strategy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Manhattan Youth Downtown Community Center (Aquatics), New York, NY

Swim Instructor, Lifeguard & Lifeguard Instructor | April - December 2025

- Developed and delivered age-appropriate swim curriculum for students ages 6 months to 18 years, adapting teaching methods to individual learning styles and physical abilities
- Trained and certified staff members in lifeguarding and CPR through American Red Cross instruction
- Supported aquatics programming for family swim, senior swim, swim team, and day camp

Syracuse University Barnes Center Recreation (Aquatics), Syracuse, NY

Swim Instructor, Lifeguard, & Lifeguard Instructor | February 2022 - December 2024

- Taught lifeguarding, First Aid, and CPR certification courses and recertification programs for university staff and students
- Supervised diverse aquatics programs, including open swim, fitness classes, scuba instruction, and club sports
- Provided emergency first aid and crisis response when needed, demonstrating calm decision-making under pressure

City of San Marino Recreation (Aquatics), San Marino, CA

Lifeguard & Swim Instructor | May - August 2023

- Taught private and group swim lessons using the American Red Cross curriculum for students ranging from parent-child classes to advanced stroke development

Gold Arrow Camp, Lakeshore, CA

Waterfront Counselor | June - August 2022

- Supervised and mentored cabin groups of 10 campers (ages 11-13) throughout two-week sessions, fostering healthy community and conflict resolution
- Taught and supervised waterfront activities (canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, water skiing, wakeboarding) for campers ages 6-15

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Technical Skills: Microsoft Office Suite, Google Workspace, Canva, Adobe Photoshop, iMovie/Clipchamp

Certifications: American Red Cross Lifeguarding, CPR/AED, First Aid (Instructor certifications in Lifeguarding, CPR/AED, First Aid, and Water Safety)

Additional: Physical artistic design, dramaturgy and script analysis, new play development

REFERENCES

Available upon request