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FILM

First World (15 Minute Film)
Director – Paul Heller/Ritendra Datta
Top Shorts Film Festival, December 2024
 Winner Best Original Story
 Winner Top Ten Screen Plays
 Winner Best short Film (Jury)
18th Ayodhya Film Festival, India, 2024
23rd Riverside International Film Festival, April, 2025
 Top Selection,
Festigious International Film Festival, Hayward, CA, August, 2025
 Best Original Story, In recognition of excellence in filmmaking

PLAYS – FULL PRODUCTIONS

Make A Wish
Director, Drew Ward
New Threads Theatre Company (Frank Mihelich, Artistic Director) and The Redlands Theatre
Festival
July, 2023

Coming Home
Director, Piyush Kumar
Same Boat Theater
6 Live and recorded performances on Zoom
February-April, 2021

The Flood
Director, Merrill Gruver
The Un-Scripted Theater Company
February- April, 2017

Wolves
Director, Rem Myers
Actors: Wiley Naman Strasser/Campbell Zeigler
July 7-August 22, 2015 Living Rooms, Theatres and Convalescent Homes in Berkeley and San
Francisco, CA

Frances and Leon

The Un-Scripted Theater Company
Director, Stacey Mayer
September 7, 2014

Kori & Alo (A Play for Bunraku Figures)

Created with Luis Tentindo – Figures & Paul Heller – Text
Director, Luis Tentindo
Full Production Southern Illinois University, X-Fest, June, 2012
& at UCLA's Fowler Museum, August, 2013

Would You Still Be You (A Shadow Play)

Created with Luis Tentindo – Shadow Puppets & Paul Heller – Text
Director, Luis Tentindo
Full Production December, 2011 The Construction Company, 10 East 18th Street
New York, NY

Hickory Miles

Novato Theater Company, Novato Theater Company Playhouse, Novato, CA
Director, Bruce Coughran
Full Production August 4-14, 2011

Kanrin Maru

2010 Mary Sano Dance Company, San Francisco, CA
Director, Mary Sano
Full Production December 5, 2010, Brava Theater, San Francisco.

Beijing, California

Asian American Theater Company, Thick House, San Francisco, CA
Director, Duy Nguyen
June 30-July 15, 2010

Burning in Air

The Next Stage, San Francisco
Director, Paul Heller
Full Production September, 1995.

Now Not Yet

The Phoenix Theatre, San Francisco
Director, Paul Heller
Full Production September, 1991.

Dog Face

1991 The Phoenix Theatre, San Francisco
Director, Paul Heller
Full Production September, 1991.

STAGED READINGS

Spit In Your Face (Written in collaboration with Alberto Lomnitz)
Trinity Theater Company, San Diego, CA
April, 2023

Spit In Your Face
Director, Guillermo Aviles-Rodriguez
New Threads Greenhouse Festival (Frank Mihelich, Artistic Director)
February, 2024

Pogo and Sparky
Director, Susannah Martin
Actors: Woody Harper, Kevin Rebutan
July, 2024

Pogo and Sparky
New Threads Theater Company
Director, Frank Mihelich
June, 2025

Wolves – Workshops & Readings
Director, Rem Myers
Actor: Wiley Naman Strasser/Campbell Zeigler
January & May, 2014 Living Rooms in Berkeley & San Francisco CA

Scavengers
Director, Hugo Carbajal
Central Works Writer's Group, Berkeley, CA
April 12, 2014

Hickory Miles
Director, Paul Heller
2011 Djerassi Resident Artists Program, Woodside, CA, 2010

Blame
Local 4 Series
Director, Desdemona Chiang, Producer, Barbara Oliver, 2010

Blame
Virago Theatre Company - Vision & Voices: New Play Reading Series, Alameda,
CA
Director, Rachel Lepell, 2010

Wolves

Central Works Writer's Group, Berkeley, CA
Director, Marissa Wolf, 2010

Right Aide

Z Space, San Francisco
Director, Paul Heller, 2008

20/20

Devised Theater
San Francisco State University
Director, Amy Kilgard, 2005

The Abundance

The Magic Theatre – Z Magic Mondays Series
Director, Emily Koch, 2004

Cups of Tea

Besler Building, Emeryville, CA
Flossie Lewis, Eleanor
Director, Paul Heller, 1999

RESIDENCIES & WRITING GROUPS

2011, 2015, 2022 Djerassi Resident Artists Program, Woodside, CA
Central Works Playwrights Group, Berkeley, CA 2006-2013
Throughline, San Francisco, CA 2015-current
New Threads Theatre Writers Group, 2023-current

AWARDS

2016 – Zellerbach Grant to produce *Wolves*
2014 Creative Capacity Fund Award
2014 *Wolves* - Finalist, Cutting Ball's Risk is This, April 2014
2013 ATLAS Playwright, Theatre Bay Area, San Francisco
2008 *Blame* Featured Playwright, Theatre Bay Area Playwrights Showcase
2005 *Blame*, Finalist Bay Area Playwrights Festival, San Francisco
1990 Downs Award for Fiction, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
1984 Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities, Oxford, MS

EDUCATION

M.F.A. Creative Writing. University of Arizona, 1990.
B.A. Liberal Arts, University of Pacific, Stockton, CA 1975