

# Mikala Gibson

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

#### **The University of the Incarnate Word**

- B.A., Theatre Arts, 2000 – Theatre Scholarship Recipient  
1998 Honors Convocation “Most Creative Writer” Award

Directing  
Acting in Verse  
Playwriting  
Theatre History  
American Theatre  
Intro to Design  
Theatre Tech  
Dramaturgy (Independent Study)  
Voice and Diction

### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

#### **Akin Babatunde Acting Workshop**

**2014**

- Acting workshop with international actor and director, Akin Babatunde focused on solo performance.

#### **C.K. McFarland**

**2009**

- A month long acting workshop focused on film acting and auditioning

#### **Beth Sepko Acting Workshop**

**2008**

- A month long acting workshop with Emmy award winning casting director, Beth Sepko focused on booking roles in television and film.

#### **The American Black Film Festival Actor’s Boot Camp**

**2004**

- Three day intensive workshop with Bill Duke in acting for the camera and scene study.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **COREY FINE ARTS AND DUAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY**

(ARLINGTON, TX)

2015-2017

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#### **Theatre Teacher**

- Developed theatre curriculum for new theatre program
- Created art integrated lesson plans with core teachers
- Taught theatre classes to beginning, intermediate and advanced students
- Directed several productions

### **CLAYTON YES! (FORT WORTH, TX)**

2009 - 2015

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#### **Theatre Teacher**

- Taught acting classes to elementary, intermediate and middle school students
- Taught a film class that produced a film that went on to win first place in the Keller ISD Film Festival

### **MAGIK THEATRE (SAN ANTONIO, TX)**

2012

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#### **Guest Teaching Artist**

- Worked with artistic and educational staff to develop quality summer programming
- Mentored college students from universities all over the country
- Taught acting and writing classes to elementary, middle and high school students
- Directed two productions

**KIDS WHO CARE THEATRE COMPANY (FORT WORTH, TX)**  
2009-2012

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**Master Teaching Artist**

- Taught beginning, intermediate and advanced acting classes to elementary, middle and high school students
- Classes taught include improvisation, stage movement, script analysis, voice and diction, Shakespeare and method acting
- Mentored college theatre students

**AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (AUSTIN, TX)**  
2009

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**Guest Instructor**

- Created a production that focused on diversity in the media
- Taught basic acting to non-actors and prepared them for performance

**THEATRE ACTION PROJECT (AUSTIN, TX)**  
2003 - 2007

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**Teaching Artist**

- Co- wrote award winning show "The Courage to Stand"
- Co- developed the storybook theatre curriculum
- Developed first film class
- Taught theatre, creative writing and film classes to students of all ages.

**HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (HOUSTON, TX)**  
2001 - 2003

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**Theatre Teacher**

- Taught theatre at several elementary schools
- Directed annual production

**BENJI'S ACADEMY (HOUSTON, TX)**  
1997

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**Creative Arts Instructor**

- Taught theatre classes to mentally and physically challenged students

**ADMINISTRATIVE THEATRE EXPERIENCE**

- **Artistic Associate, 2007 – 2009**  
Theatre Action Project – Austin, TX

Responsible for compiling data for grant reports, ongoing development and marketing of shows and programs, overseeing enrollment goals, collaborating with staff to organize fundraising gala, conducting development workshops for community artists and served as a liaison between the City of Austin, Austin ISD, Del Valle ISD, Round Rock ISD, Theatre Action Project and the community.

- **House Manager, 1999-2000**  
Arts Center Enterprises (*The Majestic and Empire Theatres*)- San Antonio, TX

Responsible for managing a 2,000+ theatre and a 900+ theatre and tending to the needs of all theatre patrons.

**THEATRE ACTING CREDITS**

*Leading and supporting roles in over 30 productions including:*

- **Flyin' West**, Fannie – African American Repertory Theatre
- **Gem of the Ocean**, Black Mary – Jubilee Theatre  
*Fort Worth Weekly – Best Female Actor, Honorable Mention*
- **The Funnyhouse of the Negro**, Queen Victoria – ProArts Collective  
*Austin Critics Table Award – Best Ensemble Performance Nominee*
- **Sundown Names and Night-Gone Things**, Ruby Meeks – The Ensemble Theater  
*Gorgee Award – Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Winner*
- **The Piano Lesson**, Grace -The Ensemble Theater  
*Gorgee Award – Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Nominee*
- **Alicia in Wonder Tierra**, Multiple Characters - Stages Repertory Theater
- **Harriet Tubman**, Multiple Characters - InterActive Theater
- **Picnic**, Rosemary - Cheever Theater  
*Alamo Theater Association Globe Award - Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Winner*
- **All My Sons**, Lydia - Cheever Theater
- **Top Girls**, Multiple Characters - Coates Theater
- **Twelfth Night**, Maria - Coates Theater  
*Alamo Theatre Association Globe Award – Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Nominee*

## FILM AND TELEVISION ACTING CREDITS

- **dawn.**, Lead – Exodus Filmworks, Dir: Ya’ke  
*Multiple Film Festival Selections*
- **Wolf**, Lead – Exodus Filmworks, Dir: Ya’ke  
*Multiple Film Festival Selections including SXSW*
- **The Ticket**, Supporting – Small Pond Pictures, Dir: Jenn Garisson  
*Multiple Film Festival Selections*
- **10 Seconds**, Lead – Independent, Dir: Autumn Leonard
- **Blackout**, Featured – Independent, Dir: June Hak-Lee
- **Gretchen**, Featured – Independent, Dir: Steve Collins  
*Los Angeles Film Festival, Best Feature Award*  
*Multiple Film Festival Selections including the Sundance International Film Festival*  
*National Broadcast*
- **Hope’s War**, Supporting – Exodus Filmworks, Dir: Ya’ke  
*Multiple Film Festival Selections including the Cannes International Film Festival*  
*National Broadcast: Showtime*  
*Most Outstanding Actress- WestFest Film Festival*
- **Shoppin’**, Lead – Exodus Filmworks, Dir: Ya’ke  
*Multiple Film Festival Selections*  
*National Broadcast: BETJ*  
*Most Outstanding Actress- WestFest Film Festival*
- **Wounded Hearts**, Supporting – Maverick Pictures, Dir: J.D. Hawkins

## DIRECTING CREDITS

- **Club Diverse** – Austin Community College
- **Dinomotion** – Torah Day School
- **A Midsummer Night’s Dream** – InterActive Theatre
- **The Colored Museum** – The University of the Incarnate Word
- **Fences** – The University of the Incarnate Word

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

**I Surrender** (*working title*), currently in development stage: A one-woman show, about a preacher’s daughter and her search for her TRUTH and IDENTITY in a convoluted and judgmental world.