

Manon Manavit

Arts Director in the public sector with an emphasis on creative placemaking, environmental sustainability and culturally responsive, hands-on accessible programming.



COMMUNITY ARTS & CULTURE

- **Goddard Riverside Community Arts Program at the Bernie Wohl Community Center (June 2022-Present)**

Community Arts Manager Program Director, curating and executing year-round 'Arts As Social Justice' community-driven performance and inter-disciplinary arts events, classes, residency and workshops of benefit to Upper West Side residents especially those facing financial hardship. Reaching 6,000+ members annually. Responsible for partnerships and engagement, management of staff, facilities, and 125K program budget as well oversees the Performing Arts Conservatory summer youth training intensive.

- **Earth Celebrations' Ecological City: Art & Climate Solutions Action Project, 6th Street Community Center, NYC (Jan - May 2022)**

Production Coordinator Lead producer of annual parade focusing on green initiatives throughout the neighborhood gardens and waterfront of the Lower East Side. Manage 20+ seasonal interns and engage 400+ community members to interpret climate solutions into artistic works including murals, puppets, costumes made from natural materials like kombucha and oyster mushrooms, and sustainability themed performances. Coordinate outdoor Climate Pageant across 30 partner sites including Henry Street Settlement, Boys & Girls Republic, Lower East Side Ecology Center.

- **Farm Arts Collective (Theater Troupe, Stilt Corps & Band) Callicoon, NY (2020-ongoing)**

Artistic Associate Assist Artistic Director with production management of the company's climate-change centered 'eco-dramas' and forge community partnerships. Designed the organization's Cultural Exchange Program, which functions as an ensemble artist residency on a working organic farm.

- **Deep Water Literary Festival, Narrowsburg, NY (2018/2019)**

Producer Lead organizer and line producer of literary marathon bringing classics 'The Odyssey' and 'Grimm's Fairy Tales' to life. Responsibilities include planning, grant and donor data management, maintaining festival budget, establishing community partnerships with local businesses, fulfilling contracts with sponsors, teching performances, panels, and coordinating artist pay, travel and accommodation.

PAST ROLES

- **Producing Fellow** North American Cultural Laboratory Deep Space Performance Residency, Highland, NY (2019)

EDUCATION

MFA Directing (2019)
California Institute of the Arts,
Los Angeles, CA

BFA Theater (2012)
Concordia University,
Montreal, QC

LANGUAGES

English, French

AWARDS

**2017 Citizen Artist
AmeriCorps Scholar**
Recipient of professional
development and scholarship
funds.

**2018 Interdisciplinary Arts
Award**
Recipient of joint project funds
from CalArts Schools of
Design, Theater, and Aesthetics
& Politics.

- **Finance Associate** CalArts School of Theater and Center for New Performance, Los Angeles, CA (2017)
- **Volunteer Coordinator** FringeArts, Philadelphia, PA (2015)
- **Assistant to the Executive Offices** The Mann Center for Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA (2014)
- **Executive/ Creative Assistant** Choreographer Debra Brown of Cirque Du Soleil, Montreal, QC (2013)

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CREATIVE PRODUCTION, THEATER & FILM

Opening Ceremony, Higher Ground Festival selection (2021) **Director**
City of Ghosts, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance season (2020) **Director**
The Maids, CalArts Theater (2019) **Director**
Hyperlink, Big Eddy Film Festival selection (2018) **Director**
Contemporary Plays by WOC Showcase, Autry Museum (2017) **Director**
Thumbprint, LA Opera Off-Grand (2017) **Asst. Director**
A Pink Chair, The Wooster Group (2018) **Guest Video Artist**
Avenged 7Fold VR Concert, Capitol Records (2016) **Puppetry Director**
Opening Ceremonies, Philadelphia Freedom Fest (2014) **Choreographer**
Brace Yourself, Luminario Ballet (2013) **Asst. Choreographer**
Ritmos De La Noche, Vallarta Adventures (2013) **Asst. Choreographer**
World Dance Awards (2013) **Production/Technical Assistant**
Seeds, Festival TransAmérique (2012) **Production Assistant**
It's a Wonderful Life, NC Stage East Coast Tour (2011) **Asst. Director**
Remembering Future Africa, Chinua Achebe Center (2011) **Director**

TEACHING ARTIST

- Alliance of Families for Justice, NYC (2021-2020)
- State University of New York, Fredonia NY (2021)
- The Chi Hive Studio for Expressive Arts, Narrowsburg, NY (2018-2021)
- Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Bethel, NY (2019)
- Delaware Youth Center, Callicoon, NY (2018)
- CalArts Community Arts Partnership, Los Angeles, CA (2019)
- CalArts Summer Academy: Sonia Sotomayor Academy for History and the Dramatic Arts, Los Angeles, CA (2017)
- Settlement Music School, Philadelphia, PA (2014- 2016)