

JESSICA CHARLES

Experienced writer, storyteller, playwright, creative artist, and educator with proven ability to reach and engage diverse audiences through innovative storytelling and social outreach efforts.

EDUCATION

Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and University of London, Birkbeck	London, ENG
M.A. Text and Performance with Distinction, <i>Emphasis in Playwriting, May '13</i>	
Cal Poly Humboldt University	Arcata, CA
M.A. Theater Production GPA 3.94, <i>Emphasis in Playwriting, May '12</i>	
University of California, Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
B.A. Theater and Performance Studies with Honors, <i>May '10</i>	

HONORS / AWARDS

Makers Program for BIPOC+ Theaters	59E59 Theaters, NYC	2023
New Voices Playwriting Fellow, Writing Residency Program	Liberation Theater Company, NYC	2019-20
Van Lier New Voices Fellowship Finalist	The Lark, NYC	2019-20
Honors Distinction, Text and Performance	Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London	2012-13

SELECTED PLAYS – FULL LENGTH

<i>Antiquated Fuckery</i>	Workshop Production, 59E59 Theater C	The Pool, Oct 2023
	Virtual Production	Google, Pride Festival, July 2020
	Staged Reading	BRIC, Ant and Dove Reading Series, 2019
<i>[The Black Woman] and the Myth</i>	Reading (canceled due to Covid-19)	Liberation Theater Company, 2020
<i>Inflatables</i>	Staged Reading	San Francisco Playhouse, 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Theater and Creative Writing for Bay Area High Schools	San Jose High School, San Jose, CA	2014-15
Director of Rising Stars Theater Program	San Francisco Playhouse, San Francisco, CA	2014
Creative Writing	Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA	2011-12

PUBLICATIONS

"I am who I am." 30 Jan. Volume 24, Issue 5: 12.	The L-Word Newspaper- Bayside, CA	2012
"Bible-Reader's Blues" in And After the Tanks Came	June Jordan's Poetry for the People Press	2007

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Honors Thesis, UC Berkeley		2009-10
"Out of the Tradition and Against the Norm: The Uses of Avant-Garde to Create Complex Representations of Black Queer Experience" Thesis Advisor: Brandi Catanese		
FOH/Event Manager	Celebrate Brooklyn! BRIC, Brooklyn, NY	2016-20
Front of House Manager	Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Berkeley, CA	2015-16