

STEPH PAUL

DIRECTOR / CHOREOGRAPHER

DIRECTING (SELECTED)

Sanctuary City	Martyna Majok	Steppenwolf Theatre	2023
How to Defend Yourself	Liliana Padilla	New York Theatre Workshop	2023
	<i>co-directed with Rachel Chavkin and Liliana Padilla // + Movement Director</i>		
	<i>(NY Times Best Theater 2023, Vulture Best Theater 2023)</i>		
Port of Entry*	Albany Park Theater Project & Third Rail Projects	Albany Park Theater Project	2023
demons.	Keelay Gipson	New York Stage and Film (<i>reading</i>)	2022
The Royale	Marco Ramirez	Kansas City Repertory Theatre	2022
Boxing Play	Marisa Carr	Goodman Theatre (<i>Playwrights Unit</i>)	2021
Amor de Lejos	Albany Park Theater Project	Urban Institute	2019
Ofrenda*	Isaac Gomez	Albany Park Theater Project	2018
Learning Curve*	Albany Park Theater Project & Third Rail Projects	Albany Park Theater Project	2016
	<i>(Chicago Tribune Best Theater 2016)</i>		
Feast*	Albany Park Theater Project	Goodman Theatre	2015
God's Work*	Albany Park Theater Project	Goodman Theatre	2014
Home/Land*	Albany Park Theater Project	Goodman Theatre	2013

CHOREOGRAPHY / MOVEMENT DIRECTION (SELECTED)

Q Brothers Christmas Carol	Dir. JQ, Jax, GQ	St. Louis Shakespeare Festival	2023
The Odyssey	Dir. Shana Cooper	American Repertory Theater (<i>workshop</i>)	2023
My Joy Is Heavy	Dir. Rachel Chavkin	Arena Stage (<i>workshop</i>)	2023
Rent	Dir. Zi Alikhan	Paper Mill Playhouse	2023
Becky Nurse Of Salem	Dir. Rebecca Taichman	Lincoln Center	2022
Where the Mountain Meets the Sea	Dir. Joshua Kahan Brody	Manhattan Theatre Club	2022
America v2.1	Dir. Tyrone Phillips	Definition Theatre	2021
The Last Match	Dir. Keira Fromm	Writers Theatre	2021
Where the Mountain Meets the Sea*	Dir. Joshua Kahan Brody	Humana Festival	2020
How to Defend Yourself*	Dir. Marti Lyons	Victory Gardens Theater	2020
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Romeo and Juliet	Dir. Barbara Gaines	Chicago Shakespeare Theater	2019
Richard III	Dir. David Muse	Shakespeare Theatre Company	2019
Mansfield Park	Dir. Stuart Carden	Northlight Theatre	2018
Last Stop on Market Street	Dir. Henry Godinez	Chicago Children's Theatre	2018
The Wolves	Dir. Marti Lyons	Studio Theatre	2018
In the Red and Brown Water	Dir. Henry Godinez, Jerrell Henderson	Northwestern University	2017
Six Stories Tall	Dir. Tom Arvetis	Adventure Stage Chicago	2017
Short Shakes! Romeo and Juliet	Dir. Marti Lyons	Chicago Shakespeare Theater	2017
The Royale	Dir. Stuart Carden	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	2017
The Royale	Dir. Stuart Carden	City Theatre	2017
The Royale	Dir. Jaime Castañeda	American Theatre Company	2015
Water by the Spoonful	Dir. Henry Godinez	Court Theatre	2014

*= world premiere

THEATER AFFILIATIONS

Usual Suspect, NEW YORK THEATRE WORKSHOP; New York, NY – 2023-Present

Resident Director, ALBANY PARK THEATER PROJECT; Chicago, IL – 2010-2021

- Collaborated in the conceiving, devising, directing, scripting, composing, choreographing, casting and producing of social justice theater that amplifies and illuminates the voices and experiences of immigrant and first-generation communities.
- Founder and Lead Director of Creator's Collective – APTP youth artists create, direct and premiere their own work with the support of adult mentors and a cast of their peers.

DANCE AFFILIATIONS

Artistic Associate / Collaborator, CHICAGO DANCE CRASH; Chicago, IL – 2015-Present

Dance Instructor / Choreographer, DANCE CENTER EVANSTON; Evanston, IL – 2007-2017

Artistic Director / Co-Founder / Performer, BE THE GROOVE; Chicago, IL – 2006-2017

DANCE FOR CAMERA

Growing Concerns Collective, "First You Need a Body" Music Video [dir. McKenzie Chinn], Choreographer – 2021
Albany Park Theater Project, "Canción Para Un Sueño" [dir. Colby Beserra, David Feiner, Mikhail Fiksel, Steph Paul], Movement Director and Co-Director – 2020

Chicago Film Works, "Ready for Winter" Blain's Farm & Fleet Commercial* [dir. George Case], Choreographer / Performer – 2018

Haroula Rose, "Good for you" Music Video [dir. Alex Thompson], Choreographer / Performer – 2017

Fuerta Dance Company, "Worthy" Dance Film [dir. Alyson Quigley], Choreographer / Performer – 2017

Dance Center Evanston "Dreams" Dance Film [dir. Alyson Quigley], Choreographer – 2017

***2018 Bronze Telly Winner**

TEACHING *(selected)*

Evanston Dance Ensemble – Moving Forward, Guest Choreographer; Evanston, IL – 2021

Dance Center of Columbia College – DANCE TEAM Virtual Workshop Series (with Erin Kilmurray), Dance Buffet; Chicago, IL – 2020

Free Street Theater – Guest Teacher; Chicago, IL – 2020

National Theatre of Scotland – International Youth Theatre Exchange; Inverness, Scotland – 2018

Ohio State University – Be the Street; Columbus, OH – 2018

University of Chicago – Master Class Dance Series; Chicago, IL – 2018

Common Wealth Theatre – Speakers Corners Collective; Bradford, UK – 2017

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville – Dance Department Guest Teacher; Edwardsville, IL – 2016

Northwestern University – Dance Department Adjunct Lecturer; Evanston, IL – 2012

Chicago National Association of Dance Masters – Master Class Teacher; Chicago, IL – 2010 – 2014

INTERNATIONAL

NYU Abu Dhabi, The Reality Show [dir. Preston Martin], Traveling Director – 2022

National Theatre of Scotland, Exchange, Albany Park Theater Project Co-Director – 2018

Royal Opera House Muscat, International Rhythm Festival, Be the Groove Artistic Director – 2015

AWARDS / NOMINATIONS

2023 SDCF Callaway Award Finalist, Choreography (*Where the Mountain Meets the Sea*, Manhattan Theatre Club)

2021 Princess Grace Award Winner, Theatre

2020 Helen Hayes Award Nomination, Outstanding Choreography in a Play – Hayes (*Richard III*, Shakespeare Theatre Company)

2019 Helen Hayes Award Winner, Outstanding Choreography in a Play – Hayes (*The Wolves*, Studio Theatre)

2018 St. Louis Theater Circle Award Nomination, Outstanding Choreographer (*The Royale*, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis)

2017 3Arts Make-A-Wave Grantee

2017 3Arts Award Nomination, Dance

2016 3Arts Award Nomination, Dance

2015 Joseph Jefferson Award Nomination, Artistic Specialization (*The Royale*, American Theater Company)