

ILYSE ROBBINS

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PROFESSIONAL DIRECTING/CHOREOGRAPHY CREDITS

I was the Associate Artistic Director at Greater Boston Stage Company for five years. My responsibilities included assisting the Artistic Director in show selection, running auditions, reading and choosing new plays for the Don Fulton New Play Project, and directing and choreographing shows. As a director/choreographer, I mentored new career directors and choreographers by having them work side by side with me as Assistants.

AAD responsibilities included Public Relations including pitching season selection to media outlets and critics, communication with press and media, communication with Marketing and PR Directors throughout the local theater community, social media, and miscellaneous marketing. I also represented GBSC on the StageSource board.

I hold the position of Clerk for the Theatre Community Benevolent Fund.

UPCOMING:

Beehive: The 60s Musical
A Year with Frog and Toad
Tell Me on a Sunday

Greater Boston Stage, MA
Peterborough Players, 2nd Co
Peterborough Players, NH

DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER: NEW YORK

Move on the Cha-Cha's
2015 Winner Best Dramatic Script

United Solo Fest, NYC
Theater Row

DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER: WORLD PREMIER

Swan Lake in Blue: A Jazz Ballet (World Premier)
Original choreography and staging for a full-length jazz and tap ballet
2020 Elliot Norton Award for Best Choreography

Greater Boston Stage, MA*

DIRECTOR: REGIONAL

All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914
2022 Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Musical Production

Greater Boston Stage, MA

The 39 Steps

Mother Goose's Grave: BTM XXIII – Special Zoom Edition
A Christmas Carol – A Radio Play (co-directed w/Weylin Symes)

Greater Boston Stage, MA

Greater Boston Stage, MA

Greater Boston Stage, MA

Miracle on 34th Street (non-musical version) - 2019

Greater Boston Stage, MA

Banned Together: A Censorship Cabaret – Boston 2019

Drama League Defense Fund

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Co-directed with Weylin Symes

MOMologues (concert)

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I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti

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Miracle on 34th Street (non-musical version)

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DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER: REGIONAL

Little Women: The Broadway Musical	Greater Boston Stage, MA
The Emperor's New Clothes	Peterborough Players, 2 nd Co
Beehive: The 60s Musical	Peterborough Players, NH
Million Dollar Quartet (first female director)	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Being Earnest (East Coast Premier)	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Road Show	Lyric Stage, MA
Co-directed with Spiro Veloudos	
She Loves Me	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Dames at Sea	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Mame	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Sweet Charity	Greater Boston Stage, MA
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Co-directed with Weylin Symes	
How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying	Greater Boston Stage, MA
2016 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater	
The Little Prince	New Rep, Watertown, MA
Working	Lyric Stage, MA
Thoroughly Modern Mille	
2014 Elliot Norton Award for Best Direction at a Midsize Theater	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Marry Me a Little	New Rep, Watertown, MA
42nd Street	Greater Boston Stage, MA
2012 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater	
World Goes 'Round	New Rep, Watertown, MA

CHOREOGRAPHER

Cabaret	Musical Theater	Peterborough Players, NH
Ain't Misbehavin' (choreography with Maurice Parent)	Musical Theater	Front Porch Arts Collective Nora@CST, GBSC co-pro
ONWARD - Votes for Women (World Premier)	Documentary Musical	Birch Tree Productions, MA
Onegin (U.S. Premier)	Musical Theater	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Once 2019 Elliot Norton Award Nominee for Best Choreography	Musical Theater	Speakeasy Stage, Boston
Allegiance	Musical Theater	Speakeasy Stage, Boston
Scottsboro Boys 2017 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater 2017 Elliot Norton Award for Best Production of a Musical at a Midsize Theater	Musical Theater/Minstrel/Tap	Speakeasy Stage, Boston
Lucky Stiff	Musical Theater	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Lobster Girl (AD - World Premier)	Musical Theater	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Peter/Starcatcher	Musical Theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
Sondheim on Sondheim	Musical Theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
Addams Family	Musical Theater	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Brundibar	Children's Opera	Underground Railway Theatre

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On the Town	Musical Theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
Avenue Q	Musical Theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
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Full Monty	Musical Theater	Greater Boston Stage, MA
A Christmas Carol	Period Dance	Hanover Theatre, MA
A Year with Frog and Toad	Musical Theater	Hope Summer Rep, MI
Upstage Lung Cancer	Cabaret	Boston, MA
My Fair Lady	Musical Theater	Greater Boston Stage, MA
The Dinosaur Musical	Musical Theater	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Hockey Mom, Hockey Dad	Staging skaters	Greater Boston Stage, MA
A Christmas Carol	Period Dance	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Kiss Me Kate	Musical Theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
Dear Ms. Garland (2009 and 2012)	One woman show	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Grey Gardens	Musical Theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
Funny Girl	Musical Theater	Fiddlehead, Norwood
Speech and Debate	Modern/Jazz spoof	Lyric Stage, Boston
2009 Elliot Norton Award for Best Production at a Midsize Theater		
A Year with Frog and Toad	Musical Theater	Greater Boston Stage, MA
Follies	Musical Theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
A Funny Thing... Forum	Musical Theater	Boston Theatre Works, Boston
Man of La Mancha	Musical Theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
Guys on Ice	Musical Theater	Greater Boston Stage, MA
1776	Musical Theater/Waltz	Lyric Stage, Boston
A Christmas Carol	Period Dance	New Rep, Watertown
Urinetown	Musical Theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
2005 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater		
Shakespeare in Hollywood	Partner, styles	Lyric Stage, Boston
New Moon	Various	N.E. Light Opera, Boston
A Little Night Music	Waltz	Lyric Stage, Boston
(In)Compleat Gilbert & Sullivan	Various	N.E. Light Opera, Boston
Follies	Musical Theater (tap)	Overture Prod., Boston
When Pigs Fly (2003 restaging)	Musical Theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
The Merry Widow	Various	N.E. Light Opera, Boston
Love, Universe, & Other Mysteries	Disco, tango, waltz	Museum of Science, Boston
Tuck Everlasting	Musical theater	Wheelock Theater, Boston
Sunday in the Park with George	Musical theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
Curse of the Bambino	Musical theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
Moby Dick	Musical theater	New Repertory Theater, Newton
People's House	Musical theater	American Stage Festival, NH
A... My Name Will Always Be Alice	Musical theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
2001 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater		
Gypsy	Musical theater	Publick Theatre, Boston
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Homeward Bound	Tango sequences	Benefit for AWAKE
Das Barbecu	Musical theater	New Repertory Theater, Newton
2001 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater		
World Goes 'Round	Musical theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
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She Loves Me	Musical theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
Nine	Musical theater	Publick Theatre, Boston
Divas	Musical theater/tap	Publick Theatre, Boston
Never the Sinner	Waltz for two men	Lyric Stage, Boston
Esther the Orphan Queen	Musical theater/lyrical jazz	Jewish Theatre of New England
Assassins (selected numbers)	Vaudeville/musical theater	Lyric Stage, Boston
A Little Night Music	Waltz	Publick Theatre, Boston
Much Ado About Nothing	Period	Publick Theatre, Boston

TRAINING

Ed.M., Harvard University
B.S. in Speech, Concentration in Acting, Northwestern University
Summer Certification in Dramatics, British American Drama Academy

DANCE: Jazz: Jeannette Neill, Danny Buraczeski, Gus Giordano;
Tap: Julia Boynton, Brenda Buffalino (workshop); Modern: Lynn Blom; Ballet: Gene Murray

ACTING: Frank Galati, Ann Woodworth, Earle Gister

AWARDS

2022 Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Musical Production
2020 Elliot Norton Award for Best Choreography
2018 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Direction at a Small Theater
2018 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater
2017 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater
2016 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater
2014 Elliot Norton Award for Best Direction at a Midsize Theater
2013 Boston My Theatre Award for Best Choreography
2012 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater
2005 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater
2001 I.R.N.E. Award for Best Choreography at a Small Theater

*Greater Boston Stage Company was formerly known as Stoneham Theatre