

# MY RESUME

## Shirley Jo Finney

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### THEATER

WINNIE THE OPERA  
EMMETT TILL  
GEE'S BEND  
STICKFLY  
ALICE  
LADY DAY AT THE EMERSON BAR & GRILL  
OO-BLA-DEE  
CENTRAL AVENUE (World Premiere)  
IKEBANA (World Premiere)  
BLUES FOR AN ALABAMA SKY  
FLYIN' WEST  
CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY  
FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA  
(Dramalogue Critics Award)  
TIES THAT BIND (Jefferson Award)  
BETWEEN THE LINES (World Premiere)  
ESCAPE FROM PARADISE (World Premiere)  
FIRES IN THE MIRROR  
A SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS  
HAND OF GOD

### PLAYWRIGHT

Warren Wilenski /Mfundu Vulva  
Ifa Bayeza  
Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder  
Lydia Diamond  
Kim Hines/Whoopi Goldberg  
Lanie Robertson  
Regina Taylor  
Stephen Sachs  
Velen Hasu-Houston  
Pearl Cleage  
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Lynn Nottage  
Dr. Endesha Holland  
Regina Taylor  
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Anna Deveare Smith  
Goldini  
Cyndi James Gossett

### THEATER

South African State Theater  
Fountain Theater  
Cleveland Playhouse  
McCarter Theater  
Kennedy Center  
Alabama Shakespeare Festival  
Theaterworks  
Fountain Theater  
The Pasadena Playhouse  
Sacramento Theater Co.  
The Pasadena Playhouse  
Crossroads Theater – NJ  
Mark Taper Forum  
Fountain Theater  
Illusion Theater  
Chicago Goodman Theater  
Actors Theater of Louisville  
Chicago Goodman Theater  
Madison Repertory  
Temple University  
Illusion Theater  
Odyssey Theater  
Tiffany Theater

### DEVELOPING WORKSHOPS

THE CRY  
HAMBONE  
OO-BLA-DEE

Oliver Mayer  
Javon Johnson  
Regina Taylor

Fountain Theater  
Sundance Theater Workshop  
Chicago Goodman Theater

### RADIO DRAMA

RADIO PLAYS (BECKETT, GOING TO ST IVES,  
STICK FLY)

### PRODUCER

Susan Lowenberg

LA Theater Works

### TELEVISION

MOESHA

Multiple Episodes

Big Ticket Television

### FILM

REMEMBER ME  
HARMONY

Hawthorne James, Producer  
Shirley Jo Finney, Producer

Independent  
Short Film-A.F.I.

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**AWARDS AND HONORS**

BEVERLY HILLS BLACK EDUCATION AND  
RESOURCE CENTER

NAACP IMAGE AWARD - BEST DIRECTOR

LA WEEKLY AWARD - BEST DIRECTOR

BACKSTAGE WEST - BEST DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES OVATION AWARD - BEST DIRECTOR

DRAMALOGUE CRITICS AWARDS – DIRECTOR

JACK & JILL OF AMERICA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

AMERICAN THEATER REGIONAL FINALIST  
DIRECTOR AWARD

LOS ANGELES TIMES – ONE OF THE 10 BEST EQUITY-WAIVER PRODUCTIONS

PROCLAMATION LT. GOVERNOR LEO MCCARTHY

NOMINATED “BEST ACTRESS” BY THE NAACP

“BEST ACTRESS” AWARD – LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

GIVEN KEY TO THE CITY – LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

CRITICAL ACCLAIM AS WELL AS REVIEWS IN MAJOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS (LIST UPON REQUEST)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE/GUEST DIRECTING**

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY, KANSAS CITY, MO

Guest Director

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CARBONDALE, IL

Guest Director

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - SCHOOL OF FILM AND CINEMA

Instructor

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Artists-In-Residence

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ARTS

Guest Director

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES

Director

WALT DISNEY STUDIOS, “INKWELL”

Private Coach

SOUTHWEST COLLEGE

Advance Acting

INNER CITY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

Beginning/Advanced/Intermediate Acting

TERMINAL ISLAND FEDERAL PRISON

Acting Workshop for Inmates, Artist in  
Prison Program

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE

1989-1991

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES (MFA)

1971-1973

LIFETIME COMMUNITY COLLEGE TEACHING CREDENTIAL (STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

1971

**REFERENCES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST**