

# **MY RESUME**

## **Shirley Jo Finney**

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### **THEATER**

Citizen

The Brother Sister Plays

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

THE ROAD WEEPS

CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY

FACING OUR TRUTH

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA

BETWEEN THE LINES

TIES THAT BIND (Jefferson Award)

ESCAPE FROM PARADISE (World  
Premiere)

FIRES IN THE MIRROR

### **DEVELOPING WORKSHOPS**

THE CRY

HAMBONE

OO-BLA-DEE

### **RADIO DRAMA**

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

### **TELEVISION**

MOESHA

### **FILM**

REMEMBER ME  
HARMONY

### **PLAYWRIGHT**

Claudia Rankin

Tarell Mc Craney

Warren Wilenskiy /Mfundi Vulva

Ifa Bayeza

Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder

Lydia Diamond

Kim Hines/Whoopi Goldberg

Lanie Robertson

Regina Taylor

Stephen Sachs

Velena Hasu-Houston

Pearl Cleage

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Marcus Gardley

Lynn Nottage

Keith Josef Adkins

Endesa Mae Holland

Regina Taylor

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Anna Deveare Smith

Oliver Mayer

Javon Johnson

Regina Taylor

### **PRODUCER**

Susan Lowenberg

Multiple Episodes

Hawthorne James, Producer  
Shirley Jo Finney, Producer

### **THEATER**

Fountain Theater

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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

Los Angeles Theater Center

Crossroads Theater – NJ

Kirk Douglas Theater

Mark Taper Forum

Actors Theater of Louisville

Chicago Goodman Theater

Goodman Chicago Theater

Madison Rep Theater

Fountain Theater

Sundance Theater Workshop

Chicago Goodman Theater

LA Theater Works

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

LOS ANGELES DRAMA CRITICS AWARDS -  
DIRECTOR

JACK & JILL OF AMERICA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE/GUEST DIRECTING**

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE -Film

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - SCHOOL OF FILM AND CINEMA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY, KANSAS CITY, MO

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CARBONDALE, IL

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ARTS

WALT DISNEY STUDIOS, "INKWELL"

SOUTHWEST COLLEGE

INNER CITY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

TERMINAL ISLAND FEDERAL PRISON

Adjunct

Adjunct

Director

Guest Director

Guest Director

Artists-In-Residence

Guest Director

Private Coach

Advance Acting

Beginning/Advanced/Intermediate Acting

Acting Workshop for Inmates,

### **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