

My Neighbor, the Poet

Robert and Elinor Frost moved to a small farm in Derry NH with their newborn daughter, Lesley, in the fall of 1900. Robert tried to pursue farming to support his growing family, but his real passion, poetry, often kept him up late into the night and the cows waiting till noon to be milked. In the 1950s, the farm was transformed into an auto salvage business and the property was littered with the remains of junked vehicles. Lesley Frost returned to her childhood community in the 1960s to lead an effort to reclaim the property. Her endeavors successfully restored the farm and preserved the property that embodies many of the images found in her father's poetry – the mending wall, the apple orchard, and white birches. These are the tales of, My Neighbor, the Poet.

October 2010 - Production Theatre KAPOW
Directed by Matthew Cahoon Derry, NH

One Act Plays:

School Portrait Monologues

It's time again for the annual high school yearbook portrait, and drama queen, Gina Garfoni, is dreading a repeat of the previous year's photo catastrophe. Last year's photo was so bad that there's even a blog devoted to it! This year, the photographer is experiencing some problems, and while waiting for him to adjust his equipment, Stacey, Gina, Tank, and Will unburden themselves in front of the camera. Through confessional-type monologues, this comedy puts the trivial issues of high school into perspective. A great piece to showcase your most talented acting students.

January 2015 Production Phillipsburg HS Drama Club
Phillipsburg, NJ

December 2014 Production Kenwood High School
Clarksville, TN

May 2012 - Production Middlesex Community College
Bedford, MA

February 2011 – Production Norwich School
Norwich, KS

May 2010 – Production Wellington Girls School
Wellington, New Zealand

September 2009 – Published Heuer Publishing, Inc.

Fishbowl

Just prior to their opening night performance, Helen decides to settle a personal matter with one of her fellow actors. Her action sets off a chain of events that throws the production into chaos and totally shatters the fourth wall.

May 2015 - Production RHS Offstage, Inc.
Richardson, TX

June 2010 - Published Heuer Publishing, Inc.

March/April 2010 – Production Short Play Festival
directed by Donald Tongue Manhattan Repertory Theatre, New York, NY
● One week extended run

A Time, Twice Upon

While busking for tips in Central Park, Evelyn and Aden are robbed at gunpoint and Evelyn decides she has had enough of the Big “Freaking” Apple. A loner, “Frank”, who spends his days in the park playing chess, alone, uncharacteristically tries to intervene and they soon discover that Frank is much more than he appears. Eventually, Frank steers Evelyn and Aden toward an unusual solution that, seemingly, will improve their situation.

March 2011 - Production Theatre KAPOW
Directed by Meriah Sefel Derry, NH

Ten Minute Plays:

VOID

When a frustrated playwright gives up, what happens to his characters who are trapped in his unfinished play with nothing but a cellphone, a pencil, and the unfinished script.

April 2015 - Production West High School
Madison, WI

April 2015 - Production Franklin Footlight Theatre
Franklin, NH

September 2014 - Production Jefferson High School
Jefferson, WI

September 2013 – Production Washakie County School District #2
Ten Sleep, WY

- May 2012 – Production Middlesex Community College
Bedford, MA
- February 2012 – Production Mountain View Christian School
Las Vegas, NV
- July 2011 – Production Benet Academy, Lisle, IL
- June 2011 – Production Ben Franklin Middle School
Fargo, ND
- January 2011 – Production Ovation TJHS
Centennial, CO
- October 2010 – Production Anderson County High School
Garnett, KS
- September 2010 – Production Lemon Bay Playhouse
Englewood, FL
- May 2010 – Production StillSpeaking Theatre
San Marino, CA
- March 2010 – Production Churchill High School Theatre
Eugene, OR
- October 2009 – Production Columbia High School
Huntsville, AL
- November 2009 – Production Gordon College
Wenham, MA
- July 2009 – Published Heuer Publishing, Inc.
- June 2009 - Production Playwrights' Platform
Directed by John Sefel 37th Annual Festival of New Plays
Boston Playwrights' Theatre
- Runner-up Best Play
 - Runner-up Best Director – John Sefel

The Truth Will Spring Yuh!

A new resident at a halfway house for women is confronted with the truth about her situation, but she's not ready for the truth.

October 2013 – Production Theatre KAPOW's 24hr Play Festival

Directed by Deborah Shaw Derry, NH

Genesis

A female playwright struggles with her rewrites and finds herself in direct conflict with her own characters as she battles for control.

May 2013 - Production Edgewood College
Madison, WI

April 2013 - Production Miamisburg Community Theatre
Miamisburg, OH

July 2010 – Published Heuer Publishing, Inc.

Destined

During their usual morning breakfast before work, Lolita and Craig discover that destiny and reality are often strange bedfellows.

June 2011 – Production Playwrights' Platform
Directed by Donald Tongue 39th Annual Festival of New Plays
Boston Playwrights' Theatre
● Best Actor – Carey Cahoon

Making Whole the Hole

A tryst with an awkward twist.

June 2011 – Production Playwright Workshop Intensive
Directed by Karen Paisley Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre
Kansas City, MO

Career Development:

May 2014 Playwriting residency
Olde Orchard Inn
Moultonborough, NH

Winter 2014 Caridad Svich Ten week playwriting course
Primary Stages - ESPA
New York, NY

July, 2011 Stuart Spencer Three day playwriting intensive.
Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre
Kansas City, MO

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January, 2010
New York, NY

Stuart Spencer

Ten week playwriting workshop.

October, 2009
Lasell College
Newton, MA

Jeffrey Sweet

One day intensive playwriting
workshop.

Organization Memberships:

Dramatist Guild of America, Inc.

Other Theatre Experience:

2014 - present	Youth Playwright's Cooperative
Artistic Director	Derry, NH
2011-2012	Playwrights' Platform New Play Festival
Festival Producer	Boston Playwrights' Theatre ~ Boston, MA
2011	24hr Play Festival
Festival Producer	Theatre KAPOW ~ Derry, NH
2010	3+One Acts, by David Lindsay-Abaire
Director	Theatre KAPOW ~ Derry, NH
2009	Once on this Island
Director	Kid's Coop Theatre ~ Derry, NH
2008	The Seven Deadly Sins - Anthology of New Plays
Editor & Co-Author	Ghostlight Theater Publishing
2008	The Seven Deadly Sins - Festival of New Plays
Festival Producer	Ghostlight Theater Co. ~ Concord, NH
2007	String Fever
Stage Manager	Yellow Taxi Productions, Inc ~ Nashua, NH
2007	Annie Jr.
Director	Kid's Coop Theatre ~ Derry, NH
2001	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream
Music Director	Kid's Coop Theatre ~ Derry, NH
2001	Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado
Co Director	Kid's Coop Theatre ~ Derry, NH

Acting Experience:

April 2013	<i>The Illusion</i> by Tony Kushner
The Amaneunsis	Theatre KAPOW
February 2012	<i>The Birds</i> by Aristophanes
The Hoopoe	Translated by Peter Meineck Theatre KAPOW
May 2010	<i>Oleanna</i> by David Mamet
John	Theatre KAPOW

November 2008	Susan McIntyre Play Festival
Jimmy	<i>Weekend at the Dreaming Cloud</i> by Kelly DuMar
Steve	<i>After Dark</i> by David Robson
	Yellow Taxi Productions
August 2008	<i>The Beard of Avon</i> by Amy Freed.
Old Colin, Burbage, Walsingham	Summer Theater in Greeley Park, Nashua
	Yellow Taxi Productions
August 2007	<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> by William Shakespeare
Claudio	Nashua Theatre Guild
December 2006	<i>A Christmas Carol</i>
Bob Cratchit	Leddy Center for the Performing Arts
April & July 2005	<i>The Complete History of America (abridged)</i>
Reed	by Adam Long, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor
	Ghostlight Theater Co.
May 2005	<i>The Everyman's Circus</i>
Burka	A devised theatre project
	Frippery Theater Co.
July 2003	<i>Guys and Dolls</i> by Frank Loesser
Nicely Nicely Johnson	Leddy Center for the Performing Arts
November 2002	Gilbert & Sullivan's <i>Pirates of Penzance</i>
Major General	Kid's Coop Theater
July 2002	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> by J.Bock and S. Harnick
Reb Morcha	Leddy Center for the Performing Arts
January 2002	<i>The Secret Garden</i> by L. Simon and M. Norman
Archibald Craven	Kid's Coop Theater
March 2000	Gilbert & Sullivan's <i>HMS Pinafore</i>
Sir Joseph	Leddy Center for the Performing Arts
November 1999	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>
Hickory/Tin Man	Leddy Center for the Performing Arts
March 1997	Gilbert & Sullivan's <i>Patience</i>
Major of the 35th Dragoons	Leddy Center for the Performing Arts

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July 1996 *Into the Woods* by Stephen Sondheim
Rapunzel's Prince Leddy Center for the Performing Arts

April 1996 *Jesus Christ Superstar*
Judas by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice
OperaFest of NH

Education:

1983
Bachelor of Music Performance Crane School of Music
Classical Guitar Potsdam, NY

Other Work Experience:

1989 - present Meditech, Inc.
Systems Development Canton, MA
Computer Scientist