# **Andrew S. Hertz**

# CURRICULUM VITAE

#### **EDUCATION**

# Master of Fine Arts (MFA): NYU/Tisch School of the Arts: Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program

1. Thesis: *Flipside*, full-length musical, composer

# **Bachelor of Arts (BA): Brown University Additional Education and Training**

- 1. NYU/Tisch: Musical Theatre Writing Program: Summer Course
- 2. Music Theatre International, B'way Jr. Student Ed Wksp.
  - a. Direction, Music Direction, Choreography, Stage Mgmt.
- 3. Theatrical Training
  - a. Oskar Eustis, Artistic Director:

    NY Public Theatre/Joe Papp's Shakespeare in the Park
  - b. Goodspeed Operahouse
  - c. Bob Sickenger: see "founder Thtr. in Chicago"/David Mamet
- 4. ApprenticeTraining/Collaboration (including)
  - a. Stephen Sondheim, Jason Alexander, Ben Vereen, Kate Burton, William Finn, Maury Yeston, Charles Strouse, Lee Adams, MichaelJohn LaChuisa

# **Academic Appointments**

# A. Hunter College, New York, NY

Department of Theatre

- 1. Adjunct Lecturer (2013)
  - a. Musical direction, vocal coaching, choral singing

# B. Brown University, Providence, RI

Department of Theatre Arts and Performance Studies Department of Music

- 1. Affiliate Scholar (2013)
- 2. Visiting Assistant Professor (2012)
- 3. Adjunct Lecturer (2007-2012)
  - a. Exclusive Initiatives and Administrative Positions
    - i. New Courses Developed

(information and syllabi available upon request)

- 1. Teaching Musical Theatre
- 2. Musical Theatre Songwriting
- 3. Musical Theatre Songwriting Workshop *(topic rotated each year)* 
  - Creating a Portfolio of Your New Musical for the Broadway Producer
  - Writing and Performing the Ten-Minute Musical

- 4. The History of Musical Theatre
- 5. Musical Theatre in Global Perspective: The Cinema and the Musical Stage
- 6. Introduction to Music Theory\*in course roster; completely redeveloped\*
- b. Administrative Positions
  - i. Theatre Department Season Voter
  - ii. Theatre Dept. Musical Director and Vocal Coach
  - iii. Campus Musical Theatre Advisor and NY Liaison
  - iv. Faculty Director/Co-Founder of "The New Plan": Brownbrokers: New Student Musicals
  - v. Creative Arts Council: Exec. Director and Producer: Perry and Marty Granoff Building Unveiling
  - vi. Co-Founder/Contractor/Musical Director/Host: Theatre Dept. Alumni Commencement Cabaret
  - vii. Director, Musical Events-University Affairs (inc.):
    - 1. Offices of the President and Vice President
    - 2. The University Corporation
    - 3. Office of International Advancement and Leadership Philanthropy (Development)
    - 4. University Events and Conference Services
    - 5. The Brown Creative Arts Council
    - 6. Brown/Trinity Grad. Thtr. Program (below)
  - viii. Other University Affiliates
    - 1. Departments of Education, Psychology and Visual Arts
    - 2. Office of Admissions

# C. Brown/Trinity Graduate Acting and Directing MFA Program

- 1. Adjunct Lecturer, Musical Theatre Vocal Coach (2010-2012)
  - a. New Initiatives for MFA Program
    - i. Introduced vocal coaching techniques specifically built for singers and non-singers
    - ii. Vocal coached, arranged, and prepared singers and non-singers for professional auditions
- 2. Dramaturge, Actor, Accompanist for 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Capstone Projects
- 3. Associate Voice Lesson Faculty
- 4. Musical Director for MFA Director Thesis Musical (see below)
- 5. Musical Director, Vocal Coach, Arranger for all Class Cabarets
  - a. Prepared first, second, and third year students for end of year cabarets
  - Discussed and co-dramaturged cabarets with MFA directors
- 6. Musical Director, Trinity Rep Theatre Development Events (on/off-site), and MFA Graduate School Events

# D. Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

John J. Cali School of Music

Musical Theatre Conservatory of the Department of Theatre and Dance

- 1. Adjunct Lecturer (2007-2010)
  - a. Courses Taught
    - i. Acting/Directing, Scene Study, Musical Perf.
    - ii. Freshman Sem.: Musicianship/Choral Singing
    - iii. Acting for the Singer (co-taught/accompanist)
      \*\*Music Dept./Theatre Dept.\*\*
  - b. University Development: Choral Dir. for Donor Events
  - c. Vocal Coach: Conservatory Students: B'way Auditions

# E. University Guest Artist/Affiliations

- 1. Visiting Guest Artist
  - a. Columbia University Graduate School
  - b. Marymount Manhattan College Theatre Conservatory
- 2. Faculty Affiliate
  - a. Tufts University Dept. of Theatre/Department of Music
  - b. Office of the President Emeritus

#### **III. Musical Direction**

# A. Regional and New York

- 1. Cabaret, (Musical Supervision), Theatre Now NY, 2013
- 2. *Pippin*, Revision Theatre, Asbury Park, NJ, 2012
- 3. The Full Monty, Revision Theatre, 2009
- 4. *Hair*, Revision Theatre, 2008
- 5. The Craig Steven's Guide to Broadway (World Premiere),
  - a. The Laurie Beechman Theater, NY, 2007
- 6. The Last Five Years, Stamford Arts Center, CT., 2006
- 7. The Present (Premiere), The Metropolitan Room, NY, 2006
- 8. The Fred Phelps Musical (Premiere), NYU Theatre, 2006
- 9. Oh, Coward! Leeds Theatre, Providence, RI, 2003
  - a. Misc. and other Direction (complete list available)
    - i. Julia Murney, special engagement, 2013
    - ii . Allison Jill Posner: A Debut! and Baby's Night Out, Cabarets Don't Tell Mama, NY, 2007, 2010
    - iii. Rehearsal Accompanist: Sacramento Music Circus: Aida, A Little NightMusic, 2006

#### **B.** Collegiate

- 1. Spring Awakening, Hunter College, NY, NY, 2013
- 2. We Can Rebuild Him (World Premiere), Brown U., 2012
- 3. Parade, Brown/Trinity MFA Grad. Program, 2011

- 4. Pippin, Brown University, 2010
- 5. Leavittsburg, OH! (World Premiere), Brown University, 2009
- 6. Cabaret, Brown University, 2009
- 7. City of Angels, Musical Supervision, Brown University, 2007
- 8. Tick, Tick... Boom!, Brown University, 2004
- 9. Into the Woods, (MD and Narrator), Brown University, 2003
- 10. Bat Boy: The Musical, Brown University, 2003
- 11. Anna Karenina (World Premiere), Brown U., 2002
- 12. Cabaret, Brown University, 2001
- 13. Design for Living, Brown University, 2001
- 14. A Chorus Line, Brown University, 2001
- 15. You're A Good Man Charlie Brown, Brown University, 2000

# C. Comedy - Musical Direction, Arrangements, Performances

- 1. 2009 NY Highline Ballroom Mercy Corps Benefit starring Chevy Chase and Saturday Night Live Cast: *Chorus Member*
- 2. The Apple Sisters Variety Show (2007-2009)

  Music Director/Composer/Arranger/Vocal Coach/
  Studio/ Recording Engineer and Mixer
  - a. National Tours
    - i. The Charleston Comedy Festival (Theater 99, The American Theater)
    - ii. The San Francisco Comedy Festival (The Eureka Theatre, The Purple Onion)
    - iii. The Chicago Comedy Festival (The Chicago Theatre Building) The Best of of the Best Comedy Festival
    - iv. Portland, OR: Best Sketchfest, (at A.R.T.),
  - b. New York Performances
    - i. The NY Sketchfest:Upright Citizens Brigade
    - ii. Other Venues Including.: Webster Hall, The Bowery Ballroom, The Duplex, The Slipper Room, Comix Comedy Club, The "PIT", Highline Ballroom (*see III*, *C*, *1*)
  - c. Media (selected examples)
    - i. The Apple Sisters Premiere Album: iTunes
      - 1. All vocal and instrumental arrangements\
      - 2. Composer: "McClures Pickles"
    - ii. Comedy Central TV: The Gong Show" Recorded accompaniment
    - iii. Food Network: "The Best Thing I Ever Ate" (linked website): McClures Pickles
  - d. Improv. Comedy
    - i. The Magnet Theatre, New York, NY
      - 1. F'ed Up, Fess Up and Moll It Over

- 2. Evente (with co-founder Armando Diaz)
- ii. The People's Improv Theatre, NY
  - 1. "The NYC"
- iii. Regional and Local Benefits
  - 1. Microsoft Corp. Kickoff, Atlantic City
  - 2. East Stroudsburg University, PA
  - 3. Ryder College, NJ
  - 4. CUCS Benefit, New York, NY

# **IV. Special Events**

- A. The Revision Theatre 5th Anniversary Gala Concert, Musical Dir.
- B. Daryl Roth Theatre, Featured Composer, NY Theatre Barn Launch
- C. A Wish For Hope: B'way Cares/Equity Fights AIDS Benefit Concert, Musical Director/Arranger, Asbury Park, NJ
- D. A Sondheim and Strouse Revue: "A Weekday in New Jersey"
  - 1. Commissioned by Perry & Marty Granoff Fndn. to design/music direct a concert for named composers, performed by elementary, middle, high school, and college students \*\*Opened for Marin Mazzie and Jason Danielli\*\*

    (more information available upon request)
- E. The Bastille Day Festival of New York, Accompanist

# V. Miscellaneous Musical Engagements

- A. Jason Alexander: A Master Class (Musical Direction/Accompaniment)
- B. Ben Vereen, Jack Black, Yvonne Elliman, Ted Neeley in Jesus Christ Superstar: The Movie Reunion Concert
  - 1. The Ricardo Montalban Theatre, Hollwood California
    - a. Musical consultant to Ben Vereen
    - b. Assistant to the Musical Director
- C. The Drama League of New York, Awards and Honors Pianist w/Jerry Orbach, Elaine Stritch, Harvey Fierstein, Liz Smith
- D. Art in Action at the Guggenheim, dir. James Lapine: Musical Director and Program Coordinator w/Alfred Uhry, Kate Burton, James Naughton, Duncan Sheik

# VI. Original Music

- A. Full Length Musicals
  - 1. 20/20 music and lyrics, with additional lyrics by Ned Riseley, (in development with producers)
  - 2. *Baz and Me*, co-composer/lyricist, Brown/Trinity Playwrights Repertory Theatre, Providence, RI
  - 3. Burbach/Lupone, composer/lyricist, Ars Nova, New York, NY
  - 4. *Torah! Torah!*, composer/co-lyricist, BTP Repertory Theatre \*Accepted to New York Musical Theatre Festival\*

- 5. Flipside, composer, Frederick Loewe Award Winner, NYU
- 6. *The Best Brown Musical Ever: The Musical*, composer/co-librettist, Production Workshop
- B. One-Act Musicals and Longer Musical Material
  - 1. The Session, composer
  - 2. The Rat Who Heard Too Much, composer
  - 3. A Seat on the 1-Train, composer
  - 4. *Airborne*, composer, instrumental (set to an original work, collaboratively created with the NYU Graduate Dance Department)
- C. Select Solicitation for New Material/Usage of Pre-Written Material
  - 1. "Ruth Simmons@brown.edu," composer/lyricist,
    - a. Creative Arts Council, International Advancement and Development at Brown University, major donor fundraiser
    - b. Requested to reprise for University Corporation at Joe Papp's New York Public Theater
  - 2. 95.5 BRU, Southern New England's Modern Rock Station
    - a. Request for musical sound-byte for station advertisement
  - 3. Brown University Annual Campaign, Division of Advancement
    - a. Request for song
  - 4. Theme Song to "Brown Date," composer/lyricist, Brown TV
  - 5. Theme to Neil Simon's "Fools," composer, instrumental
  - 6. Requests for original wedding processionals and recessionals
    - a. Composer, orchestrator, contractor of musicians
    - b. Requests for specific songs arranged for processional and recessional wedding music
    - c. Proficient in sound design, setup (digital, analog)

#### VII. Theatre Organizations: Employment and Services

- A. The Drama League of New York
- B. Dodger Theatrical Productions, New York, NY
- C. Music Theatre International, New York, NY
  - 1. Education Department Staff
  - 2. Broadway, Jr. Staff
  - 3. Musical Director for B'way, Jr. Showcase, Bal Harbour, Miami
- D. Citylighs Youth Theatre, New York, NY
  - 1. Music Director, Voice Teacher, Vocal Coach: 5th-12th grade
    - a. Musicianship/Musical Thtr. Teacher/Final Cabaret Prep.
- E. Parsons Junior High School, Jamaica, NY
  - 1. After-school, Musical Theatre Program Director, Jamaica, NY
- F. Recognition as Distinguished Lecturer for 5th-12th Grade Guest Instructor For Public and Private Schools in the New York Region
  - 1. Theatre Organization Appointments (including)
    - a. MCC Theater (at The Lucille Lortel Theatre)
    - b. Manhattan Theatre Club
    - c. New York Offstage

#### VIII. Awards, Honors, and Grants

- A. Creative Arts Council Grant for Writing, 2011
- B. New York Innovative Theater Award:
  - 1. Best Original Music: The Apple Sisters, 2010
- C. Frederick Loewe Award for Musical Theatre Composition:
  - 1. Flipside, 2007
- D. ECNY Award, Musical Direction, Best Musical Comedy Act:
  - 1. The Apple Sisters, 2007
- E. Paulette Goddard Scholarship Award, New York University:
  - 1. Musical Theater Writing, 2005
- F. Brown Alumni Magazine, "Music at Brown":
  - 1. Featured Alumni Musician, July 2005
- G. Weston Fine Arts Award for Excellence in Musical Theatre:
  - 1. Brown University, 2004
- H. Brand Premium for Musical Excellence
  - 1. Brown University, 2004
- I. Perry and Marty Foundation Grants (*numerous years*)
  - 1. "20/20," (see *above*): ongoing production of wksps, readings, etc.
  - 2. Outreach program for Brown University Students to work with Central Falls Jr. High students to produce *Annie*, *Jr*., 2007
- J. Music Theatre International Grants (numerous years)
  - 1. Material for Outreach program (see VII, I, 2), 2007
  - 2. Material for Sondheim/Strouse Event (see IV, D), 2004

#### **XI. Professional Affiliations**

- A. The Dramatist Guild, 2004-present
- B. Freelancers Union: 2006-Present
- C. Brown University, Friends of the Arts: Chairman, 2007-2011
  - 1. Executive Board Member, 2006-2011
- D. American Federation of Musicians Union, 2006 (on-leave)
- E. ArtsSearch (div. of Theatre Communications Guild), (various years)