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Rogues in the Rigging

# Performing and Directing

Performer

How to Duel and Not Get Dead Various Dan Levinson The Rude Mechanicals Duel of Ages (Next Stage) Sword, Firearms Dan Levinson True Edge Productions Short Sword Hart House

King Lear Jeremy Hutton Duel of Ages (Toronto Fringe) Single Sword Dean Gabourie, G. Taylor True Edge Productions The Pirate Festival Various Company Rogues in the Rigging The Rude Mechanicals Various Dan Levinson The Rude Mechanicals

**Human Chess Game** Various and many, incl. stunts Tom Plott Ontario Renaissance Fest. (6 vrs.)

R&D, Q-Staff, Rapier Playing for the Prize Company The Skirmishers Fight Night 2005 Unarmed, R&D, Firearms G. Taylor, C. Coccoluzzi **Fight Night Productions** Macbeth **Broadsword & Shield** Jon Llyr **Tempest Theatre** Macbeth **Gregg Taylor** Axe **Tempest Theatre** 

Director/Choreographer

Oleanna Unarmed Allegra Fulton theatre penumbra **Bakersfield Mist** Knife, Unarmed David Eden ytheatre Collective Unarmed (stylized) Watah Theatre Lukumi, a dub opera **Eugene Willams** Two Gentlewomen of Verona Boomwhackers (music) Scott Emerson Moyle **Dauntless City Theatre** Leroy Street Theatre The Goat, or Who is Sylvia? Unarmed Chris Bretecher

Of Mice and Men Unarmed **David Lafontaine** Unit 102

Juliet & her Romeo Unarmed/Knife **Harry Thomas** Leroy Street Theatre

Unarmed/Firearms Ari Weisberg **Teatron Toronto Jewish Theatre** Delimax

Unarmed/Cutlass Comedy of Errors Scott Moyle **Urban Bard** You Won't be Here (Tomorrow) Unarmed Carrie Adelstein Theatre In Spite Of Oleanna Unarmed Jacqui Burke Jaybird Productions After Mrs. Rochester Unarmed Laura Roald Alumnae Theatre Guineapigging Unarmed Molly Thom Alumnae Theatre

S-27 **Unarmed & Torture** Yolanda Ferrato Intersection Theatre (Fringe)

Midsummer Night's Dream Unarmed Scott Emerson Moyle Urban Bard

Various

Unarmed & Knife Jean at Beatrice Karine Ricard Les Productions Coupe de Foudre

Company

The Duchess of Malfi Unarmed & Knife Vile Passelit Theatre Dan Bray

King Lear\* Short Sword & Shield Jeremy Hutton Hart House The Skirmishers\* Various Company The Skirmishers Rogues in the Rigging\*

Richard III\*\* Broadsword, Pole-arms Scott Lale Shakespeare in the Square A Flea in Her Ear Unarmed Jacqui Burke **Amicus Productions** Serviced Unarmed Judith Thompson Pencil Neck Prod. (Fringe)

Macbeth\*\* Broadsword, Pole-arms Scott Lale Shakespeare in the Square

Don't Dress for Dinner Unarmed Derek Dorie **Amicus Productions** Trojan Women Unarmed Andrea Wasserman Canopy Theatre

Thought for Food (Summerworks) The Aleatory Project Unarmed Helen Juvonen

Human Chess Game\* \*\* Various and many Tom Plott O.R.F. (4 Seasons)

#### On Camera Work

Valor's Dawn Paleo North Prod. Sword Mike Donis Curious and Unusual Deaths (4 ep.) \*, \*\* Fire, Jerk Line D. Weaver, A. Woodley Lamport-Sheppard Ent. Jill Golick Enterprises Ruby Skye, P.I. (1 ep.) Safety Kelly Harms Unarmed

J. Michael Dawson In The Rough (2 ep.) Lifeforce Ent. Karen Suzuki Suzuki Woman Studio

Everybody Wing Chun Tonight \* Unarmed

<sup>\*</sup> Director/Choreographer and Performer, \*\* Assistant

Team Epic (1 ep.) \*
Hellbox \*
Hitler's Canadians \*\*
\* Performer, \*\* Assistant

Knife Broadsword Safety, Riot Choreography Adrian Munro Poetic License Productions Sheldon Inkol, David Scott Sadistic Idiots

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# **Teaching Experience**

## Professor, Combat for Camera, George Brown College (2017-present)

As part of the Acting for Media program, I have co-developed and teach two courses in Combat for Camera for actors. These first and second year courses present the fundamentals of performance combat for actors- specifically safety, angles, adapting performance for different shots, basic knife and firearms use for camera, portrayal of both unskilled and skilled characters, and on-set best practices.

**Douglas Williams** 

## Senior Instructor, Rapier Wit Studios (2009-present)

Since certifying as an FDC Instructor in the summer of 2009, I have been a regular instructor at Rapier Wit Studios, Canada's only permanent school for stage combat. During my time at Rapier Wit, I have taught Fight Directors Canada certification classes in Single Sword, Quarterstaff, Basic Unarmed, Martial Arts, Smallsword, Longsword and Armed Martial Arts. In the fall of 2013 I also acted as an Associate Instructor under Fight Masters Daniel Levinson, Simon Fon and Todd Campbell in all five disciplines for two separate Advanced level classes. I have also regularly run the Monday night drop-in classes and Friday night Masterclasses.

#### Junior Instructor, AFDC National Workshop (2014)

I was privileged to be granted a spot as a Junior Instructor at the Academy of Fight Directors Canada's annual workshop, teaching Basic Unarmed and Advanced Armed Martial Arts. There, my Unarmed class had the best pass rate of any Basic discipline, and one of my Advanced performers was given Distinction in my discipline, one of the only awarded at the Advanced level that year.

## Assistant Instructor, George Brown College (2009-2010)

For two semesters, I assisted Fight Master Simon Fon during his classes for first and second year students at George Brown College Theatre School. Students were taught Unarmed, Quarterstaff and Sword based on FDC curriculum (students certify at FDC Basic as part of their second year exams), as well as work with knife, blood effects, and firearms for stage.

#### National Workshop Coordinator, Fight Directors Canada (2009)

Working under FM Jean-Francois Gagnon, I organized and ran the 16<sup>th</sup> annual FDC Nationals held in Waterloo, Ontario. I coordinated all aspects of the workshop, including housing for 30 students and 6 instructors, budgeting, classroom spaces, advertising and promotion, day-off activities, and on-the-ground assistance to attendees during the workshop.

#### Assistant Instructor, University of Toronto Mississauga (2008)

Working under Fight Master Dan Levinson, I assisted in an unarmed-focused class for the UTM acting program.

## Journeyman, Fight Directors Canada National Workshop (2008)

I acted as journeyman & assistant to Fight Masters JP Fournier and Ian Rose, Fight Directors Laryssa Yanchak and Adrian Young and Fight Instructor Siobhan Richardson at the 14<sup>th</sup> FDC Nationals in Calgary, Alberta.

# Assistant Instructor, Rapier Wit Studios (2006-2009)

Over the course of 3 years as an assistant, I had the opportunity to gain experience in instructing in a wide variety of classes and in many disciplines and styles under the supervision of a wide range of Fight Masters, Directors and Instructors, including Dan Levinson, Simon Fon, Todd Campbell, Casey Hudecki, Mike Dufays and Kevin Robinson.

# Assistant Instructor, Sheridan College (2005)

Under Dan Levinson, assisted the stage combat class for Sheridan College's Musical Theatre performance program, primarily focused on unarmed with some basic sword.

#### Assistant Instructor, Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts (2005)

Working under Todd Campbell, and co-assisting with Casey Hudecki, I helped to teach and demonstrate beginner unarmed techniques, and assisted on directing scenes.

Additional Teaching Experience: I have taught various and many workshops and classes at over a twenty schools, both public and

private, for grades 6 through adult professionals. I have also done workshops for Classical Theatre Project and the Toronto International Film Festival TIFFkids program.

## **Training:**

Fight Directors Canada (Certified Instructor, 2009)

Todd Campbell, Jean-Francois Gagnon, Ian Rose, Daniel Levinson, Simon Fon

**B.A.** (Hon) Drama, University of Guelph (2000)

**Lifesaving Society Standard Level First Aid** 

**Additional Training** in Tai Chi Mantis Kung Fu (Sifu Rupert Harvey), Katori Shinto Ryu Kenjutsu (Doug Tong) and Filipino style Knife/Stick (various instructors)