



THEATER, DANCE & MEDIA

2025-2026 ALUMNI PROFILES

Ali Astin '19

Ali recently wrapped production on the feature film *Wake*, starring opposite Cole Sprouse. Off-screen, she is preparing to defend her doctoral dissertation at the University of Birmingham in the UK, where she has been investigating how ritual can help people safely access and regulate emotion, fostering greater emotional agency. Her interdisciplinary research sits at the intersection of drama and anthropology, drawing on Chinese Ritual Theory, Sanskrit Rasa Aesthetics, and Stella Adler Imagination Techniques. IG: [@ali_astin](https://www.instagram.com/ali_astin)



Aislinn Brophy '17

Aislinn is an actor and author based in Boston. This year, they had the honor of playing Jo March in *Little Women* with Actors' Shakespeare Project and Victoria Earle Matthews in *A New Era* with Company One Theatre. Their next fantasy novel, *The Divinity Thieves*, will be released in January 2027 with Penguin and is available for preorder now! Website: [aislinnbrophy.com](https://www.aislinnbrophy.com) IG: [@aislinnbrophyauthor](https://www.instagram.com/aislinnbrophyauthor)

Jonathan Castillo '21

Jonathan Castillo '21 is a member of Chicago's Cornservatory, where he has performed in sketch shows, a Drunk Spelling Bee, and directed "Stoned!" where his actors all got high before taking the stage. IG: [@jonathancastillo70](https://www.instagram.com/jonathancastillo70)



Adrienne Chan '25

Adrienne works as a freelance choreographer, dancer, and teacher in New York City! In the past year, she's recently performed with the Brooklyn Ballet and Choreography Project Rhode Island, and she premiered her work with Asian American Ballet Project, City Ballet of Cleveland, and Columbia Ballet Collaborative. She's about to begin her year as a Harvardwood Artist Launch fellow and will produce and choreograph an original dance production in summer 2027. Website: adrienne-chan.com. IG: [@byadriennechan](https://www.instagram.com/byadriennechan)

**Shirley Chen '22**

Shirley was a series regular on Netflix's new series THE BODY, which follows a Catholic school dance team. For the project, she filmed for six months in Toronto. She just wrapped an independent feature developed through the Sundance lab, which shot in Nashville. She is currently writing her own feature.

Ruva Chigwedere '21

Ruva is pursuing her MFA in acting at New York University. She has done many fun classroom projects in the past year and is excited to finally perform on stage during her second year!

**Laura Coe '22**

Laura (Chickasaw) is a NYC based dancer/choreographer/grant writer. This fall she will be performing at Lincoln Center for Andrew Schneider (Oct 13-25), leading workshops with NYC Dept of Transportation/@incorpus.one 'Summer Streets' (Aug 22) and Appalachian Mountain Club 'Curious by Nature' (Sep 12), and helping her grandfather host the 24th Annual @returnwalktuscumbia, a reverse Trail of Tears walk in Tuscumbia, AL (Nov 14). She will also be presenting her own work at Tanglewood (Nov 1st) and Movement Research/Judson Church (Nov 9)

She recently presented work at 92StreetY, and danced for Brooklyn Ballet and Kaley Pruitt Dance/Monica Bill-Barnes. She successfully directed the second year of her summer dance program Groundwork in partnership with Catskill Mountain Foundation/Matthew Cumbie, and won over \$10,000 for local arts organization Berkshire Pulse as a grant writer. IG: [@lauracoedance](https://www.instagram.com/lauracoedance)

Sarah Grammar Warnberg '18

Sarah works in marketing for a trade association. She is the co-founder of the Gulf Coast Shakespeare Company, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit theater company focused on producing the works of William Shakespeare along the Gulf South region. Sarah and her husband welcomed their son, Gus, in February 2026. They live in South Mississippi with their two dogs, Hank and Joey, as well as a mercurial cat, Chad. [Click here for Sarah's LinkedIn.](#)

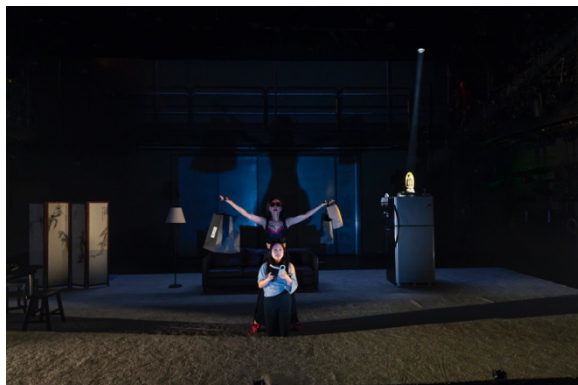


Tiffany Lau '19

Tiffany was appointed as the incoming Executive Director for a Boston-based social justice philanthropy organization. She currently serves as the fund's Deputy Director and will step into the leadership role later this year. [Click here for Tiffany's LinkedIn.](#)

Madison Pankey '24

Madison is an actor based in Los Angeles. She most recently starred in Rob Tregenza's sixth feature film FAST shot on 35mm film, premiering at MoMA in NYC on August 12 and running through August 18th. IG: [@madisonpankey](#)



Abraham E.S. Rebollo-Trujillo '20

Abraham just finished her MFA in Dramaturgy and Dramatic Criticism at the Yale School of Drama, where she researched modern Greek and Mexican theater, performed, translated, directed, and designed at the Yale Cabaret, dramaturged for three productions, and tackled caption and program translations for the Yale Rep. She looks forward to continuing this work in her post-grad life! Website: [abrahamesrt.com](#)

Payton Thompson '25

Payton currently works at Julien's Auctions where she focuses on Celebrity & Brand Partnerships and Business Strategy. In the past year she has had the pleasure of working with high-profile artists including Gwyneth Paltrow, Bob Mackie, Boy George, and Tony Hawk. She has also continued to dance in both ballet and contemporary and assist choreographers like Francisco Gella and Sarah Marie Picard. IG: [@ payton thompson](https://www.instagram.com/payton_thompson)

