

# Justin Cerne

Artistic Director

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## Personal Statement

It is my responsibility to initiate conversations. Everywhere, these conversations are important. They entertain, inform, inspire, and shape our world today. As a seasoned artist, I bring the knowledge, intuition, and grit to galvanize these conversations, on and off stage.

## Work History

### Artistic Director

Theatre Workshop of Nantucket                      Nantucket, Massachusetts

2013 – Present

- **Selected** five seasons of plays, musicals, staged readings, and cabarets
- **Recruited** directors, set designers, costume designers, tech directors, and seasonal interns
- **Hired** and managed production staff
- **Supervised** the acting and musical direction of all plays, readings, and collaborations
- **Developed** annual budgets, cash flow projections and major appeals
- **Secured** lease extension for theatrical venue as well as staff and actor housing
- **Recommended** and recruited board and theatre council members
- **Developed** annual producer and business sponsorship appeals
- **Obtained** financial support; cultivated and maintained relationships with donors
- **Coordinated** marketing and advertising through digital, print, and social media
- **Collaborated** in the planning and execution of two to five major fundraising events annually
- **Forged** relationships with community artistic and cultural organizations, including Nantucket Film Festival, Nantucket Dreamland Theatre, Nantucket Arts Council, Nantucket Historical Association, and ReMain Nantucket

### Director, Choreographer, and Actor

1999 – Present

- **Directed, choreographed, acted** in, and **musically staged** more than 100 productions
- **Sony Classic Pictures**, *Damsels in Distress* (by the Oscar- nominated director Whit Stillman), choreographer
- **MGM Grand Las Vegas**, *Jerry Springer: The Opera*, performer
- **Theatre Workshop of Nantucket** (directed/produced)
  - *Liz Callaway Merry and Broadway and Bright*
  - *Curtain Up!* starring Marin Mazzie and Jason Danieley
  - *On With The Show, 60-Year Anniversary Cabaret Gala*, starring Meryl Streep
  - *Heidi Blinkenstaff in Concert*
- **Full list of productions readily available upon request**

## Board/Council Memberships

Advisory Council, Nantucket Music Center

Chair (2017), Nantucket Cultural Council

Member, Nantucket Cultural District Steering Committee

## Education

MFA in Dramatic Writing; University of Idaho (2019)

BA Theatre Arts: Acting; Minor: Musical Theatre; Marymount Manhattan College

## Affiliations

AEA

SDC

SAG-AFTRA