

# BEN GORODETSKY

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## EDUCATION

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### **Master of Fine Arts, Performance and Interactive Media Arts**

Brooklyn College - CUNY  
Brooklyn, NY | 2019

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts, Acting**

University of Alberta  
Edmonton, AB | 2013

### **Certificate**

International Physical Theatre Laboratory and IUGTE Conference  
Leibnitz, Austria | 2015

## AWARDS

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**Anna Pidruchney Award for New Writers**, 2021, Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre

**Tow International Research Award**, 2018, Brooklyn College

**Silver Medal - Short Film**, 2017 (for Folk Lordz), Just For Laughs Festival NorthWest

**Emerging Artist Award**, 2016, Edmonton Mayor's Celebration for the Arts

**Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award**, 2014 & 2015 (for Folk Lordz), Edmonton Arts Council

**Best Improv Troupe Nominee**, 2014 (for Rapid Fire Theatre), Canadian Comedy Awards

## TEACHING

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### **University of British Columbia - Okanagan**

Sessional Lecturer in Performance, Faculty of Creative Studies. Three undergraduate classes: "Acting for Stage & Screen 103", "Creativity as Source and Resource 212", "Narrative Film Production 303". Full syllabus and learner outcome design.  
Kelowna, BC | 2020

### **Folk Lordz**

Co-creator of *Decolonization Through Comedy* workshop series, presented at Creative Native & Ryerson University (Six Nations/Toronto, ON), St. George's Academy (Vancouver, BC), Bad Dog Theatre (Toronto, ON), Edmonton Public Libraries (Edmonton, AB), Nakai Theatre (Whitehorse, YK), and The Improvised Play Festival (Austin, TX)  
International | 2013-Present

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### **Improv College**

Instructor for online improvisation, sketch comedy, & physicality workshop series

Online | 2020-Present

### **Magnet Theater**

Instructor at Magnet Training Center with "Physicality in Improv" elective

NYC, NY | 2019

### **Trickster Theatre**

Educator & technical facilitator for physical theatre residencies in regional elementary schools, and online residencies during COVID pandemic

Calgary, AB | 2013-2015 & 2021-2022

### **Rapid Fire Theatre**

Senior teacher in the Public Workshop Academy, co-writer of learner outcomes and teaching curriculum

Edmonton, AB | 2013-2017

### **Improvisation Masterclass Workshops**

Various speciality offerings at UGLU (Ljubljana, Slovenia), FERIR (Reunion Island, FR), Last Seen Comedy Festival (Atlanta, GA), Detroit Improv Festival, DuoFest (Philadelphia, PA), Vancouver Improv Festival, Montreal Improv Festival International | 2010-Present

### **Mile Zero Dance**

Creator of *Physicality and Improvisation* series, writer of curriculum and syllabus

Edmonton, AB | 2015-2017

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## WRITING

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**The Beaverton**, Contributing Writer to satirical news outlet, 2018-2019

**alt.theatre Journal**, "Folk Lordz: Northern Stories", travelogue and personal essay exploring social and artistic research with Dene storytellers in Yellowknife, NWT. 2016

### **Playwright**

Seven original theatrical plays professionally produced since 2012:

*Dolik's Clothes* - BGPP - 2020 (Vrystaat Arts, Dancing on the Edge Festival & Mile Zero Dance)

*Yard Dance for Joy And Healing* - BGPP - 2020 (e-Volver Festival)

*Biblioteka* - BGPP - 2020 (Living Things Festival & Mile Zero Dance)

*Miseducated* - Flesh Mob - 2019 (The Tank NYC & Movement Research at Judson Church)

*Charred* - Dirt Buffet Theatre - 2017 (Bunker Studios & NextFest)

*Boogie Monster Club* - Promise Production - 2013 (Snow Globe Festival)

*Magentmonton* - Rapid fire Theatre - 2012 (Fringe Festival)

### **Screenwriter**

Short film "*Munchies Massacre*" selected for American national tour of Dan Savage's SPLIFF film festival. 2019

### **Sketch Comedy**

Work with Folk Lordz and solo has been presented at Just For Laughs NW, The Slipper Room NYC, The Knitting Factory, Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival, Improvaganza. 2015-Present.

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## PERFORMANCE

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### Acting

Credits with Northern Light Theatre, Theatre Yes, The Tank NYC, Curtain Razors, Catch the Keys, Quest Theatre, Moving Image Lab, Roxy Presents/Theatre Network, Studio Theatre, Surreal Soreal Theatre.

Edmonton, AB & NYC, NY | 2010-Present

### Dance

Dancer and collaborator with Brian Webb Dance Company, Taylor Mac's Nature's Darlings, Mile Zero Dance, Movement Research at Judson Church, Jen Mesch Dance Conspiracy, Expanse Festival/Chinook Series.

Edmonton, AB & NYC, NY | 2015-Present

### Improvisation

Appearances at FERIIR (Reunion Island, FR), Metelkova (Ljubljana, SI), English Lovers (Vienna, AT), Upright Citizens Brigade (LA, CA), Magnet Theatre (NYC, NY), People's Improv Theatre (NYC, NY), Out of Bounds Comedy Festival (Austin, TX), Detroit Improv Festival, Improvised Play Festival (Austin, TX), DuoFest (Philadelphia, PA), Last Seen Comedy Festival (Atlanta, GA), Vancouver International Improv Festival, Combustion Festival (Toronto, ON), SpringWorks (Stratford, ON), Montreal Improv Festival, Senior Ensemble and Corporate Touring Co. Lead with Rapid Fire Theatre (Edmonton, AB)

International | 2012-Present

### Directing

*Miseducated* (The Tank NYC & Movement Research at Judson Church), *Charred* (Bunker Studios & NextFest), *One of Us Must Know* (Expanse Festival), *ygo loh cys P* (Found Festival), *We're Not Afraid* (Citadel/Rapid Fire Theatre - co-directed with Amy Shostak), *Guest of Honour*, *Bezerker Bambinos*, *Wild Years* (Rapid Fire Theatre), Assistant Directing on *Anxiety* (Northern Light Theatre)

International | 2013-Present

### Dramaturgy

*Eye Candy* by Stéphanie Morin-Robert, *When Words Fail* by Richard Lee and Kunji Mark Ikeda, *BAM* by Mile Zero Dance

International | 2015-Present

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## ARTS ADMINISTRATION & PRODUCING

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**Pinch Cabaret**, Director, 2021-Present, Kitchener, ON

**Folk Lordz**, Co-Director, 2014-Present, Edmonton, AB & Montreal, QC

**Folk Lordz Digital Series**, Co-Producer, Co-Writer, Co-Creator on 2 season of political satire sketch comedy series, 2017 & 2019, Edmonton, AB

**Rapid Fire Theatre**, Associate Artistic Director, 2013-2017, Edmonton, AB

**Dirt Buffet Cabaret**, Host Curator and Producer (with Mile Zero Dance), 2015-2017, Edmonton, AB

**Stories on the Hills Festival**, (with Folk Lordz) Co-Producer and Co-Curator, 2016-2017, Edmonton, AB

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## TECHNICAL PRODUCTION

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**Duane Park NYC**, Lighting and Audio Engineer for burlesque supper club, featuring 4-piece Jazz band, singer, and practical effects (fog, lifts, aerial acrobatics), 2018-2019, New York, NY

**Rapid Fire Theatre**, Senior Technical Lead - Touring Entertainment Company (mobile sound system, 4 channel wireless mic mix & piano), 2013-2017, Edmonton, AB

**Trickster Theatre**, Technical Teaching Artist for school residencies, 2013-2014, Calgary, AB

## SELECT PUBLIC SPEAKING

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**People's Climate March**, (with Folk Lordz) Parade Marshals, Speakers and Hosts, 2017, Edmonton, AB

**Creative Mornings**, Invited speaker for creative lecture series, 2016, Edmonton, AB

## SELECT GRANTS

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**Canada Council for the Arts**, New Chapter Grant, Research and Creation Grants  
2016-Present, Toronto, ON

**Region of Waterloo Arts Fund**, Individual Artist Grant  
2020 & 2021, Waterloo, ON

**Alberta Foundation for the Arts**, Individual Project Grants  
2016-Present, Edmonton, AB

**Edmonton Arts Council**, Individual Project Grants, Cultural Diversity in the Arts awards, and Travel Grants  
2014-Present, Edmonton, AB

**Shevchenko Foundation**, Arts Program - Theatre Sector Grants  
2020, Winnipeg, MB

**Edmonton Community Foundation**, Youth Empowerment Grants, Festival Seed Grant  
2012, 2013, 2017, Edmonton, AB

**Edmonton Heritage Council**, Project Accelerator Grant, Festival Seed Grant  
2018, Edmonton, AB