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Playwright, Composer, Youtube Video Essayist, Sound Designer, and Journalist based in NYC.

EDUCATION

2012-2015 University of Southern California, M.P.W. Master of Professional Writing

1998-2003 University of California, Los Angeles, Dual B.A. Musicology and Communications

FULL-LENGTH PLAYS

2023 RESET Full-length Play (87 pages, 4 actors)
Playwright, Sound Designer
Moving Arts Theatre, 2023
O'Neill National Playwrights Conference Finalist, 2023
Bay Area Playwrights Festival Semifinalist, 2023
Published by Next Stage Press

ONE ACT PLAYS

2024 PARITY Solo performance (14 pages, 1 actor, 30 minutes)
Playwright
Museum of Chinese in America, 2025
Pan Asian Repertory NuWorks Festival, 2024

SHORT PLAYS

2024 BEETHOVEN'S THIRD Short Play (11 pages, 3 actors)
Playwright
Fusion Theatre's 2nd Seven, 2024
Winner, Samuel French OOB Short Play Festival, 2024

2024 JIE JIE Short Play (10 pages, 3 actors)
Playwright
Playground-NY, Producers Club, 2024
Winner of People's Choice Award & Best of Playground 2024

2024 TALK LISTEN BE CLEVER Short Play (10 pages, 3 actors)
Playwright
Playground-NY, Producers Club, 2024

2023 ELVES HELP THEMSELVES Short Play (10 pages, 4 actors)
Playwright
Playground-NY (Zoom), 2023

- 2022 WHERE I'M FROM Short Play (14 pages, 4 actors)
Playwright
Samuel French Off Off Broadway Short Play Festival, 2023
Center Theatre Group Community Stories, 2022
- 2020 THE DICIEST TIMELINE Short Play (5 pages, 2 actors)
Playwright
Company of Angels, 2020
- 2016 NIGHTINGALE MIXTAPE Short Play (10 pages, 5 actors)
Playground-LA, 2016
- 2014 TAKING A TOLL Short Play (8 pages, 3 actors)
Company of Angels, 2014
- 2013 WILL CALL Short Play (10 pages, 4 actors)
Company of Angels, 2013

UNPRODUCED PLAYS

- 2017 VARIOUS EMPORIA Full-length Play (109 pages, 5 actors)
Playwright
Playwrights' Arena Ghostlight Reading Series, 2021
Screencraft Stage Play Finalist, 2020
Santa Monica Playhouse Reading, 2018
O'Neill National Playwrights Conference Finalist, 2017

COLLABORATIVELY-CREATED PLAYS

- 2019 TALES OF CLAMOR Full-length Play (71 pages, 7 actors)
Co-Creator, Composer, Sound Designer
USC Visions and Voices, 2023
New England Foundation for the Arts Grant, 2022
Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 2019
- 2018 END OF THE LINE Short Musical (10 minutes, 4 actors)
Bookwriter
10+ licensed productions
Licensed by Musical Theatre International, 2021
Published in TNNY's Short Musical Anthology, 2020
Samuel French Off Off Broadway Short Play Festival, 2019
Theatre Now New York's Soundbites 5.0, 2018
- 2018 PRETENDO, A MUSICAL One-Act Musical (55 pages, 8 actors)
Bookwriter, Composer, Lyricist
Center Theatre Group Library Reading Series, 2018

WORKS IN PROGRESS

SGV	Full-length Musical Playwright, Composer, Lyricist
MOLL-E	Full-length Musical Playwright, Composer, Lyricist Bay Area Playwrights Festival Semifinalist New York Musical Theatre Festival Finalist
TURNTABLES	Full-length Play Playwright
HOP FONG	Full-length Musical Bookwriter, Composer, Lyricist

OTHER ARTISTIC ACTIVITY

Journalism

2023	“Representing Monterey Park in Joy and in Sorrow” The Amp: Asian American Arts Alliance Magazine
2022	“What the Early Closing of KPOP the Musical Tells Us About Representation on Broadway” The Amp: Asian American Arts Alliance Magazine
2021	“No, LA Stage Alliance Didn’t Fold Over a Single Anti-Asian Blunder” American Theatre Magazine
2017	“The Musical Non-Lyrical Brilliance of Hamilton’s Hip-Hop Vernacular” Howlround
2007	“Vietnam to America: The Struggle to Go On” (Profile of filmmaker Ham Tran) Los Angeles Times
2005	“For Imelda, the Shoe Fit” (Profile of composer Nathan Wang) Los Angeles Times
2003	“Crib Sheet: Disney Concert Hall” Entertainment Weekly

Youtube Video Essayist

2016 - Now	Howard Ho Music Channel (youtube.com/howardhomusic) Over 120,000 Subscribers Over 15 Million Views Over 50 Videos Recognized by Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jon M. Chu, and the official Hamilton App
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Theatre Sound Design & Composition (Select)

2025

FOOD BANK INFLUENCER	UMass Amherst/Arizona State	Jessica Hanna
MY MAN KONO	Pan Asian Rep	Jeff Liu

2024

FOOD BANK INFLUENCER	Center Theatre Group Workshop	Jessica Hanna
THE CHINESE LADY	Pear Theatre	Wynne Chan
TIGER STYLE	TheatreWorks Silicon Valley	Jeffrey Lo
MY HOME ON THE MOON	San Francisco Playhouse	Mei Ann Teo

2023

THE GREAT LEAP	Perseverance Theatre	Leslie Ishii
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2022

PAPER DREAMS OF HARRY CHIN	San Francisco Playhouse	Jeffrey Lo
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2021

A HIT DOG WILL HOLLER	Skylight Theatre / Playwrights' Arena	Jon Lawrence Rivera
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2020

ORPHEE	Deaf West Theatre	Deena Selenow
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2019

HANNAH AND THE DREAD GAZEBO	Fountain Theatre / East West Players	Jennifer Chang
THE EMPEROR'S NIGHTINGALE	Mainstreet Theatre	Tim Dang
PIPPIN (Music Director)	Pomona College	Tim Dang
TALES OF CLAMOR	JACCC	Dan Kwong
MAN OF GOD	East West Players	Jesca Prudencio

2018

THE SANTALAND DIARIES	TheatreWorks Silicon Valley	Jeffrey Lo
TWO MILE HOLLOW	Artists At Play	Jeff Liu
TAR	Playwrights' Arena	Edgar Landa
NOTHING IS THE SAME	Sierra Madre Playhouse	Tim Dang
BLOODLETTING	Center Theatre Group (Kirk Douglas)	Jon Lawrence Rivera
TAM TRAN GOES TO WASHINGTON	East West Players Theatre for Youth	Marilyn Tokuda

2017

THE SANTALAND DIARIES	TheatreWorks Silicon Valley	Jeffrey Lo
THE HOTEL PLAY	Playwrights' Arena	Jon Lawrence Rivera
THE CRUCIBLE	Los Altos Stage	Jeffrey Lo
FAIRLY TRACEABLE	Native Voices at the Autry	Jon Lawrence Rivera

2016

BLOODLETTING	Playwrights' Arena	Jon Lawrence Rivera
KENTUCKY	East West Players	Deena Selenow
CRIERS FOR HIRE	East West Players	Jon Lawrence Rivera
US vs. BHAGAT SINGH THIND	East West Players Theatre for Youth	Snehal Desai

2015	WASHER/DRYER @THESPEEDOFJAKE BORN TO LEAD	East West Players Playwrights' Arena East West Players Theatre for Youth	Peter Kuo Jon Lawrence Rivera Jennifer Chang
2014	CINNAMON GIRL OUR AMERICAN VOICE	Playwrights' Arena East West Players Theatre for Youth	Jon Lawrence Rivera Jennifer Chang
2013	LA VIEWS PLAYLIST DALLAS NONSTOP reMIX'T	Company of Angels Playwrights' Arena East West Players Theatre for Youth	Various Jon Lawrence Rivera Peter Kuo
2012	THEIR EYES SAW RAIN WINDCHIMES TAKING FLIGHT	Company of Angels Company of Angels East West Players Theatre for Youth	Justin Huen John Miyasaki Leslie Ishii
2011	SUN SISTERS FATIGUED	Company of Angels Company of Angels	Lui Sanchez Kila Kitu/Nathan Singh
2009	CLOSER THAN EVER (Music Director)	Lodestone Theatre Ensemble	Chil Kong

Film Composer

2022	DON'T BE SORRY directed by David Au
2017	MOURNING MUSH directed by Jeff Liu
2016	AVIATRIX: THE KATHERINE SUI FUN CHEUNG STORY directed by Ed Moy
2015	WHO'S IN CHARGE directed by Marla Ullola
2015	MET A GIRL directed by Ray Rosales
2014	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY directed by Kurt Yamamoto
2012	MPW - USC PROMOTIONAL VIDEO directed by Mira Zimet
2010	CASE FILE: THE SMELL OF LORNE directed by Anthony Bromberg
2004	LES SOULIERS CHINOIS directed by Victor Muh
2003	BIRTHDAY HAIKU directed by Eli Akira Kaufman

Panelist

2025	BroadwayCon: Deep Inside the Score: Hamilton
2023	BroadwayCon: Remembering Stephen Sondheim
2023	The American Theatre Wing: The Network Live on Instagram
2019	Compose LA: The Future of Music in LA Symposium
2018	Song, Stage, and Screen XIII: The Musical and Its Others (UCLA)
2018	National Asian American Theatre Conference
2016	National Asian American Theatre Conference

Teaching

- 2022 High School Sound Design
California School of the Arts - San Gabriel Valley
- 2020-2021 21 Century Musical Theatre Appreciation
East West Players, Boston Court

Poetry

- 2023 "Ballad of a Tabby Man"
The Five-Two
- 2014 "Jeremy Lin-ing"
Langston Hughes Project, USC Visions and Voices

Awards

- 2025 San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Nominee for Sound Design
- 2025 Bay Area Playwrights Festival Semifinalist
- 2024 Winner of the Samuel French Off Off Broadway Short Play Festival
- 2024 People's Choice Award & Best of Playground 2024
- 2023 O'Neill National Playwrights Conference Finalist
- 2023 Samuel French Off Off Broadway Short Play Festival Finalist
- 2023 Bay Area Playwrights Festival Semifinalist
- 2023 San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Nominee for Sound Design
- 2021 Youtube Silver Play Button (100,000 subscriber milestone)
- 2020 Screencraft Stage Play Finalist
- 2019 Ovation Award Nomination for Sound Design (Large Theater)
- 2019 Samuel French Off Off Broadway Short Play Festival Finalist
- 2017 Ovation Award Nomination for Sound Design (Intimate)
- 2017 O'Neill National Playwriting Conference Finalist
- 2016 Center Theatre Group Literary Fellowship

Links

Nerds of Color Review of RESET

<https://thenerdsofcolor.org/2023/11/09/a-los-angeles-theatre-review-reset/>

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