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SELECTED FULL-LENGTH PLAYS

SombraLuz o La Presencia

A Puerto Rican veteran's PTSD takes human form, forcing her fractured family to confront war, addiction, and the secrets they inherited.
2026 Princess Grace Award in Playwriting Fellowship at New Dramatists - Finalist
2026 American Blues Theater, Blue Ink Award - Semifinalist
2026 The People's Theatre / Teatro Círculo - Workshop
2026 Lincoln Center, TeatroWeek - Workshop Presentation
2025 Terrence McNally New Works Incubator - Semifinalist
2025 Mid Atlantic Arts / New Jersey State Council on the Arts - Grant Recipient
2024 The People's Theatre Playwrights Unit Fellowship

A Traveling Electric Chair

In 1973, as Bella Abzug builds a coalition to impeach Nixon, the ghost of Willie McGee forces her back to the 1951 execution she could not stop and the question of whether American democracy ever learns.
Commissioned by Retro Productions Theatre Company for its 2025-26 season
2026 Retro Productions - Development

Rebecca Roman Redd at the Most Dangerous Hour

On the eve of lockdown, a trans YA novelist faces a savage review, a collapsing film deal, two competing romances, and a Hollywood executive who may be a werewolf.
2026 Flux Theatre Ensemble - Development Retreat
2025 Flux Theatre Ensemble - Workshop

El Fuego y Su Heredero

A music cycle about Lolita Lebrón's March 1, 1954 armed attack on the U.S. Capitol and Puerto Rico's fight to be heard.
2025 Red Bull Theater Short New Play Festival - Finalist, 'Viva Puerto Rico Libre'
2024 Democracy Cycle, Perelman Performing Arts Center and Civis Foundation - Finalist

The Portal Project

A full-length devised play and installation about the COVID-19 pandemic and the truths we buried to survive it.
2026 Lead Artist, Flux Theatre Ensemble installation
2025 Flux Theatre Ensemble - MAP Fund-supported development

A Full-Blown Horror Story

When 55-year-old Jayne moves in with 29-year-old Stohrey, a deal with the devil exposes a lost daughter and an unwanted revolutionary destiny.
2025 Flux Theatre Ensemble - Core Work Development

The Residencies

Across three chaotic residencies, two playwrights collide over ambition, age, desire, and the maddening machinery of American theater.
2026 Flux Theatre Ensemble - Core Work Development

A Trial of Spies

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg fight for their lives in a trial where patriotism, betrayal, and truth are all on the stand.
2023 Creative Capital Award - Second Round

The Importance of Being Earnest Part Deux: Thoroughly Stupid Things

Trapped in 'happy' marriages, Gwendolen and Cecily infiltrate their husbands' men's club disguised as brother-attorneys Earnest and Earnest.
2008 New York International Fringe Festival - Outstanding Playwriting Award
2008 Manhattan Theatre Source - Production

SELECTED ONE-ACT PLAYS

These Butchers!
2025 Cry Havoc Theatre Company - Cover to Cover

Donde Esta Pedro Mano
2021 City Theatre, South Florida
2009 InGenius Festival, Manhattan Theatre Festival
2007 City Theatre, South Florida
2003 Rutgers University

Transference
2016 New York Drama Therapy Department - Commission

Prospect Park
2015 New York Madness, New York, NY

Hush Little Baby
February 2009 - Vagabond Theatre Ensemble
November 2008 - The Actor's Playground Theatre Company
March 2007 - MadLab Theatre, Columbus, OH

SCREENPLAYS

A Trial of Spies
Julius and Ethel Rosenberg fight for their lives in a trial where patriotism, betrayal, and truth are all on the stand.
2010 Academy Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting - Top Ten

A Woman of Brooklyn (formerly Chisholm)
Shirley Chisholm fights her way from Brooklyn politics to a historic presidential campaign without abandoning the people who sent her there.
2022 Sundance Directors Lab - Second Round Finalist
2021 Academy Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting - Top 20%
2015 Athena List - Finalist

A Game of Cunning
In 1893 New Orleans, two former lovers turn seduction into warfare, destroying everyone caught in their game.
Writer-Director; in development with Anika Noni Rose attached
2025 New Jersey State Council on the Arts - Finalist

Zone of Death
Three friends enter Yellowstone and are hunted by versions of themselves; only one walks out, and it isn't him.
Screenplay in development

SELECTED HONORS

2026 Princess Grace Award in PlaywritingFellowship at New Dramatists - Finalist
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2010 Academy Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting - Top Ten, A Trial of Spies
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