

ABOUT:

Ashley H. White is an award-winning director, fight & intimacy director, and teaching artist, with fifteen years of professional theatre experience.

She is the Artistic Director of the award-winning **IMPRINT Theatreworks**, coined "Dallas' Best New Theatre Company" by the Dallas Morning News. Under her leadership, IMPRINT has received 11 DFW Critics Forum Awards for their first three Seasons, including four for Ashley's Direction.

As a director, she has helmed dozens of full-scale productions, in both North Texas and New York City, where she began her career. Ashley's Fight and Intimacy Direction experience spans more than forty productions across the U.S., receiving recognition and awards for her work.

A sought-after educator, Ashley has taught across the country. She has taught at every major District in North Texas, is the Musical Theater Resident Teaching Artist at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts, is the head of movement at Stomping Ground Training Center, and works regularly as a freelance educator. She has taught extensively in academia, including at The University of Mississippi, the University of Southern Mississippi, The University of Texas, Texas A&M University Commerce, The University of North Texas, Oklahoma City University, and more. Ashley has been a teacher at various Regional SAFD Workshops, including the Texas Intensive in Houston, the Tourist Trap in Orlando, and The Lonestar Smash in Dallas.

She is a certified **Intimacy Director** with **IDC Professionals**, and is one of only 29 Intimacy Directors to have been certified by **Intimacy Directors International**. Ashley works nationally as an Intimacy Director and Teacher, has taught hundreds of students and introduced the work into numerous organizations and institutions. She has provided Intimacy Direction across the country, including New York, Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and more. She is the only certified Intimacy Director in North Texas, was the first Intimacy Director to ever be hired by the Tony Award-winning **Dallas Theater Center**, and was the on set Intimacy Coordinator for the new **Amazon** Series **PANIC**, premiering May of 2021, as well as the new series **Walker**, airing now on **the CW**.

She is the founder and President of **SCDallas** (est. 2012), North Texas' only open resource for Stage Combat & Movement Instruction. SCDallas has over 700 members, is host to an annual Regional Workshop (The Lonestar Smash), and mounts regularly scheduled "Fight Nights" and workshops. Ashley is an **Advanced Actor Combatant** with the **Society of American Fight Directors**, with recommended certifications in every weapon discipline.

She has been recognized for her work, most recently winning an outstanding direction award from the 2020 **DFW Theatre Critics Forum,** for the third year in a row. In 2018, she won three outstanding direction awards as well as a design contribution award for outstanding fight & intimacy direction from the **DFW Theater Critics Forum**. She also won the 2018 and 2019 Column Awards for Best Director of a Musical, and was featured on 2019 year-end best lists for *TheaterJones, Culture Map*, and the *Column Online*.

Known for her energy, focus, and entrepreneurial spirit, Ashley's real-world experience sets her apart.



NOTABLE POSITIONS:

Artistic Director: IMPRINT Theatreworks ("Dallas' hottest new theater company!" – BroadwayWorld) (2017-Present)

Resident Teaching Artist, Musical Theater: Booker T. Washington High School for Visual & Performing Arts (2019-Present)

Visiting Professor, Stage Combat: Texas A&M University, Commerce (Beginning Fall 2021)

Resident Teaching Artist, Stage Combat & Movement: Stomping Ground Training Center (2018-

Present)

Founder & President: SCDallas (DFW's only open resource for stage combat and movement training) (2012-Present)

Certified Intimacy Director: IDC Professionals (Formerly Intimacy Directors International) (2019-

Present)

Advanced Actor Combatant: Society of American Fight Directors (Recommended Certifications in: Unarmed, Single Sword, Knife, Broad Sword, Sword & Shield, Rapier & Dagger, Quarterstaff, Smallsword)

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Outstanding Direction: Lizzie; 2020 DFW Critics Forum Award
Best Director of a Musical, Non-Equity: Lizzie; 2019 Column Award
Outstanding Direction: Ghost Quartet; 2019 DFW Critics Forum Award
Best Director of a Musical, Equity: Murder Ballad; 2018 Column Award

Outstanding Fight & Intimacy Choreography: Murder Ballad; 2018 DFW Critics Forum Award

Outstanding Direction: *The Revolutionists* 2018 DFW Critics Forum Award Outstanding Direction: *Murder Ballad*; 2018 DFW Critics Forum Award Outstanding Direction: *Glengarry Glen Ross*; 2018 DFW Critics Forum Award

Special Recognition for Outstanding Fight & Intimacy Choreography; 2017 Column Award

Best Director, Non-Equity: Unnecessary Farce; 2012 Column Award



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DIRECTION EXPERIENCE

Ashley has extensive directing experience, winning several awards and recognitions. She aims for powerful and vibrant productions that are honest to the text. Her aesthetic is heightened realism, with bold colors, and highly physical and movement-driven productions. Below each production is a short overview of the concept and themes. More information and photos of Ashley's directorial work are available upon request.

Room for Vincent conceived by Ashley H. White

UNION, Dallas, TX

June 2021

The Impact of the Gadget on Civilization by Mark Oristano IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

An intersection of online streaming and traditional theatre, this world-premiere was staged in an empty theatre according to all Covid-19 safety protocols, and then offered online via OBS streaming. Concept focused on morality and the weight of power that comes with knowledge.

Here conceived by Ashley H. White

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Production Cancelled due to Covid-19

Raise You Up! conceived by Ashley H. White

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

An online celebration of artists, RYU was a revue that focused on bringing joy and energy to a shuttered community. Coordinated safe filming of over fifty artists for a 90-minute production that melded dance, song, movement, spoken word, and more. Staged and filmed in Dallas, streamed online to international audiences.

American Psycho by Duncan Sheik & Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Production Cancelled due to Covid-19

Rock of Ages by Chris D'Arienzo

Firehouse Theatre, Farmers Branch, TX

Production Cancelled due to Covid-19

Puffs by Matt Cox

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

A nonstop regional premier of the beloved Harry Potter spoof, recounting 7 eventful years in a certain school of magic in under 110 minutes. With an emphasis on the idea of home and bright, vivid scenery, Puffs was reoriented to be performed in the round, with each audience section assigned to a certain "House." Complete with an epic, 12-Minute Wizard Battle, this show featured intense movement and sharp timing, providing lots of heart and plenty of laughs.

Lizzie by Steven Cheslik-deMeyer, Tim Maner, and Alan Hewitt

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Regional Premiere of a blistering rock retelling of the Lizzie Borden Murders fronted by a female rock band. Sold-out performances that garnered New York attention and brought original Lizzie cast member to Dallas to watch and celebrate. Concept focused on restraint and breaking free, with a woman who was pushed too far. The scenic elements were all black and silver, with vibrant lighting and costumes popping off the macabre background. Heavy movement and stylized staging amplified the raging piece that had critics and audiences raving.

Ghost Quartet by Dave Malloy

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Regional Premiere of this non-linear, powerful musical written by the creator of Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812. Concept was eclectic and bohemian, with the audience brought directly into the world. Non-traditional seating options included couches, lounge chairs, and pillows on the floor. The actors played all of the instruments and significant movement propelled the story, which included a twenty minute section performed entirely in the dark.

The Revolutionists by Lauren Gunderson (remount)

Brick Road Theater, Plano, TX

Remount of Award-Winning 2018 Summer production with IMPRINT Theatreworks, featuring the same cast and creative team.

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Straight by Scott Elmegreen and Drew Fornarola

Uptown Players, Dallas, TX

Texas Premiere of the intense, fast-paced, and highly intimate play featured at the Gay History Festival. Concept was set in a Boston loft, with warm, traditionally masculine colors and lines. Music and transitions played a huge part in the progression of the show, with timing being a major element. The actors utilized the full set, providing an effective and memorable performance with a twist-ending that had audiences stunned. Included significant staged Intimacy and partial nudity.

The Revolutionists by Lauren Gunderson

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Award-winning regional premiere. Concept was heightened reality, set in the French Revolution with a female punk-rock edge. Memorable design features include the wall stamped with a damask uterus pattern, immersive pre-show experience including female-led rock songs and a memorable lobby experience.

Murder Ballad by Juliana Nash and Julia Jordan

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Award-winning regional premiere. Fully immersive, the concept converted a black-box theatre into a fully functional hipster-style bar, complete with a TABC certified cast and staff. Enhanced immersive experience through addition of a live band, pre-show and opening acts, audience participation, and continued experiences following the show. Drink specials, graffiti, and pool tournaments with cast members rounded out the experience. The show happened within the bar and gave audiences a 360-degree experience. Featured significant staged violence and intimacy.

Glengarry, Glen Ross by David Mamet

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Award-winning production. Concept featured a stark-white set, with costumes and props only in shades of grey and no curved lines. The focus was on the words and quick-paced dialogue, with intense timing and delivery, putting the relationships and stakes as the main focus. Saturated lighting and a forced perspective set rounded out the audience experience with a tense and invigorating environment.

Commencing by Jane Shepard

Uptown Players, Dallas TX

Regional Premiere featured in the Gay Pride Festival. An intimate piece, the concept was focused on the dialogue and physical chemistry of the two main players. Significant time was spent on physicality and development of the central relationship.

Peter and the Starcatcher by Rick Elice and Wayne Barker ONSTAGE, Bedford, TX

Regional Premiere. A wonderfully whimsical and heartwarming experience. Concept focused on the power of the ensemble and organic, out-of-the-box world building. Storytelling was enhanced through extreme physicality, including stunts, lifts, and staged violence.

Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike by Christopher Durang ONSTAGE, Bedford, TX

Concept focused on the relationships, a web of connections being restrung at every line. The fast-paced scenes were enhanced through comedic timing and invested performances by each player.

COMPANY by Stephen Sondheim

ONSTAGE, Bedford, TX

Concept focused heavily on the period, with bright colors, striking set, and heavily stylized seventies costumes. Relationships were at front of mind in all of the staging and performances, pulling the audience in to the vulnerability of each vignette, which built the story. Included the often-cut "Tik-Tok" dance and intimacy scene, with a focus on movement through the entire piece. Featured significant staged intimacy and violence.

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 by John Bishop MILC; Irving, TX

Concept pulled inspiration from old silent movies, with focus on murder mysteries and the "whodunit" style. Fun moments were staged in complete darkness, including a twenty minute scene of suspense. Included staged violence.

The Great American Trailer Park Musical by Betsy Kelso Runway Theater; Grapevine TX

Vibrant and colorful sold-out production. Concept focused on bright, memorable tableaus, extreme physical storytelling through dance, movement, and great comedic timing, and non-stop lighting and scenic elements.



Fox on the Fairway by Ken Ludwig

ONSTAGE, Bedford TX

Heightened and fast-paced farce complete with chase scenes, sex, and a full and highly-physical maddash recap at the end. Concept was elite eighties golf-clubs, with plenty of preppiness and plaid. Included staged violence and intimacy.

The Understudy by Theresa Rebeck

GLCT; Lewisville, TX

Regional premiere. An immersive look into the rehearsal process that brought audiences into the theater and behind the scenes of a put-in rehearsal. Concept focused on timing and realism, with a sharp lens on the creative experience and the potential emotional tolls of the theater.

Superior Donuts by Tracy Letts

GLCT, Lewisville, TX

Harsh and gritty piece with a powerful central plot and excruciating fight scene and final act. Concept was on the discomfort of conflict and dissent, with bright, dissonant tones and themes throughout.

A 1940's Radio Christmas Carol by Walton Jones

ONSTAGE; Bedford, TX

Light-hearted Radio Show featuring onstage Foley effects, voice work, and immersive audience experience. Concept focused on the radio shows of the 1940s and featured muted tones, dialects, and highlighted trends of the time.

A Steady Rain by Keith Huff

MILC, Irving, TX

Award-winning, sold out Regional Premiere. Intense and immersive, gritty underground staging of a powerful two-person show. Concept focused on the cold-hard tension of police-interrogations and the effect of violence and internal rage on a person. Included staged violence.

Unnecessary Farce by Paul Slade-Smith

ONSTAGE; Bedford, TX

Award-winning, sold out production. High-energy and physically charged farce. Concept paid homage to classic slapstick comedies and featured physical gags and timed bits throughout. Included staged violence and intimacy.

It Runs in the Family by Ray Cooney

Rover Dramawerks, Plano, TX

Sold out production. A fun British farce with plenty of physical comedy, including water gags and a staged high fall. Concept focused on the British comedies of the eighties with bright costumes and an even brighter set.

Little Red by Cesar Cui

Millennium Opera Theatre; Dallas, TX

World Premiere adaptation of the famous Russian Opera. Concept focused on story-book illustrations, with a two dimensional paper style set and loud and large performances. Included staged violence.

Kashchei the Immortal by Rimsky-Korsakov

Millennium Opera Theatre; Dallas, TX

World Premiere adaptation of the famous Russian Opera. Concept focused on imprisonment and being chained by authority. A dark, threatening set laid backdrop to the highly emotional drama. Featured staged violence.



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FIGHT DIRECTION EXPERIENCE

Ashley's award-winning choreography and extensive training allow for safety, consistency, and confidence. She seeks to elevate physically charged scenes with a focus on clear, concise, and believable storytelling. Highly physical and specifically built, her fights and moments of violence are just the right combination of extreme and effective. (* denotes Equity production)

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare* Texas Shakespeare Fest, Kilgore, TX Rapier & Dagger, Single Rapier vs Single Dagger, Single Rapier, Unarmed The Merry Wives of Windsor by William Shakespeare* Texas Shakespeare Fest, Kilgore, TX Single Rapier, Unarmed, Found Weapons The Bridges of Madison County by M. Norman & J. R. Brown Texas Shakespeare Fest, Kilgore, TX **Unarmed** Little Women by Kate Hamill* (remount) The Old Globe, San Diego, CA Unarmed, Swordplay (Production Cancelled due to Covid-19) Little Women by Kate Hamill* Dallas Theater Center, Dallas, TX Unarmed, Swordplay Puffs by Matt Cox IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX Unarmed, Lifts, Falls, Wizard Battle In the Heights by Lin-Manuel Miranda* Dallas Theater Center, Dallas, TX Unarmed Redeemer Mine by JC Panktratz Lily + Joan, Dallas, TX **Unarmed** penny candy by Jonathan Norton* Dallas Theater Center, Dallas, TX Unarmed, Knife, Mace, Bat Don Giovanni by Mozart and Lorenzo Da Ponte University of North Texas, Denton, TX Italian Rapier Lizzie by Steven Cheslik-deMeyer, Tim Maner, IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX and Alan Hewitt Unarmed, Blood Effects Ghost Quartet by Dave Malloy* IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX Unarmed A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare Lily + Joan; Dallas, TX Unarmed In Love and Warcraft by Madhuri Shaker Eastfield College, Dallas, TX Unarmed, Mixed Weapon, Fantasy Brandi the Vampire Staker by Keven Fuld Pocket Sandwich Theatre, Dallas, TX Unarmed, Mass Battles, Weapon: Stake Dog Sees God by Bert V. Royal UNTDramaLab, Denton, TX Unarmed, Bone Breaks Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare* Stage West, Fort Worth, TX Unarmed, Knife Spring Awakening by Duncan Sheik and Steven Sater* Uptown Players; Dallas, TX

Unarmed, Mass Battles, Stunts: lifts and falls, fantasy weapons Zorro! The Legend Lives by John Dawson

Unarmed, found weapon, knife, non-consensual sex

She Kills Monsters by Qui Nguyen

Unarmed, Single Sword, Whip, Firearms

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Texas A&M Commerce, Commerce, TX



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Blood Brothers by Willy Russell

Unarmed, Guns, Knife

Angels in America Part II: Perestroika by Tony Kushner*

Unarmed

Iron by Rona Munro* Artists Enclave, Denton, TX

Unarmed

The Wild Party by Andrew Lippa Lakeside Cmnty Theatre, The Colony, TX

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IMPRINT Theatreworks; Dallas, TX

Uptown Players, Dallas, TX

Unarmed, knife

Captain Blood! By Joe Dickinson Pocket Sandwich Theater; Dallas, TX

Unarmed, Mass Battles, Single Sword/Swashbuckling, Machete

Murder Ballad by Juliana Nash and Julia Jordan*

Unarmed, Found Objects, Bat, Stunt: throw into high fall

Lillies by Michael Marc Bouchard Bath House Cultural Center; Dallas, TX

Unarmed

Communicating Doors by Alan Ayckbourn Theatre Coppell; Coppell; TX

Knife; Unarmed; Stunt: High Fall over Balcony

Zorro! The Musical by The Gipsy Kings and John Cameron Plaza Theatre Company; Cleburne, TX

Sword, Dagger, Whip, Unarmed, Mass Battles

Peter and the Starcatcher by Rick Elice ONSTAGE; Bedford, TX

Unarmed, Swashbuckling with found objects, whip,

Stunts: lifts, throws, high jumps

Psycho Beach Party! By Charles Busch* Theatre Three; Dallas, TX

Unarmed, Mass Brawls, Rolls & Falls

Oklahoma! By Rodgers & Hammerstein Firehouse Theatre; Farmers Branch, TX

Unarmed, Knife, Mass Bar Brawl

Oklahoma! By Rodgers & Hammerstein Stolen Shakespeare; Fort Worth, TX

Unarmed, Knife, Mass Bar Brawl

Wait Until Dark by Frederick Knott* Contemporary Theatre; Dallas, TX

Unarmed, Knife, Found Weapons, Stunt: Stair Fall

Dr. Cook's Garden by Ira Levin Theatre Coppell; Coppell, TX

Unarmed, Found Objects

The Lyons by Nicky Silver* Uptown Players, Dallas, TX

Unarmed

City of Angels by Larry Gelbart* Theatre Three; Dallas, TX

Unarmed

Greetings! By Tom Dudzick Onstage; Bedford, TX

Unarmed

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 by John Bishop MILC; Irving, TX

Unarmed, Found Weapons, Firearms

The Great American Trailer Park Musical by Betsy Kelso Runway Theater; Grapevine, TX

Unarmed, Firearms

Fox on the Fairway by Ken Ludwig ONSTAGE; Bedford, TX

Unarmed

It Runs in the Family by Ray Cooney Rover Dramawerks; Plano, TX

Unarmed

A Steady Rain by Keith Huff MILC; Irving, TX

Unarmed



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Unnecessary Farce by Paul Slade-Smith

Unarmed, Firearms

Little Red by Cesar Cui Millennium Opera Theatre; Dallas, TX

ONSTAGE; Bedford, TX

Knife, Unarmed, Lifts

Kaschei the Immortal by Rimsky-Korsakov Millennium Opera Theatre; Dallas, TX

Broadsword, Unarmed

INTIMACY DIRECTION EXPERIENCE

An award-winning Intimacy Director, Ashley prides herself in providing atmospheres that honor consent, comfort, and safe creativity for all involved. Her intimacy staging is memorable, with a sharp focus on unique storytelling and powerful tableaus. Ashley is comfortable with all intimate subject matter and has experience with simulated intercourse, consensual and non-consensual situations, actor-to-actor contact, all manners of kissing, and nudity. She is experienced in staging both fully visible, masked, and abstract approaches toward intimate storytelling.

Ashley is certified as an Intimacy Director with Intimacy Directors International. She also holds certification in Mental Health First Aid, and is trained on all union, state, and federal laws in regards to nudity and sexual performance standards.

INTIMACY COORDINATION EXPERIENCE (TELEVISION)

WALKER	EPISODE 105 "THE DUKE"	The CW
PANIC	EPISODE 110	Amazon Prime Studios
PANIC	EPISODE 107	Amazon Prime Studios
PANIC	EPISODE 106	Amazon Prime Studios
PANIC	EPISODE 105	Amazon Prime Studios
PANIC	EPISODE 104	Amazon Prime Studios
PANIC	EPISODE 103	Amazon Prime Studios

INTIMACY COORDINATION EXPERIENCE (THEATRE)

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare* Texas Shakespeare Fest, Kilgore, TX
The Bridges of Madison County by M. Norman & J. R. Brown Texas Shakespeare Fest, Kilgore, TX

Six Degrees of Separation by John Guare Uptown Players, Dallas, TX

Production cancelled due to Covid-19

Oresteia by Aeschylus Southern Mississippi University, MI

Production cancelled due to Covid-19

The Nether by Jennifer Haley University of Mississippi, MI

Production cancelled due to Covid-19

The Rocky Horror Show by Richard O'Brien Richland College, Dallas, TX

Production cancelled due to Covid-19

Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare Hudson Valley Shakespeare, NY, NY

Little Women by Kate Hamill* (remount) The Old Globe, San Diego, CA

Production Cancelled due to Covid-19

A Little Night Music by Stephen Sondheim & Hugh Wheeler Theatre Tulsa, Tulsa, OK

Production Cancelled due to Covid-19



Little Women by Kate Hamill*

Puffs by Matt Cox

Alabaster by Audrey Cefaly

Lizzie by Cheslik-deMeyer, Maner & Hewitt

Love/Sick by John Cariani

In the Heights by Lin Manuel-Miranda

Sex Ed by Stephanie Cleghorn and Kristen Kelso

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

August: Osage County by Tracy Letts

Dog Sees God by Bert V. Royal

Cabaret by Kander, Ebb & Masteroff

She Kills Monsters by Qui Nguyen

Spring Awakening by Steven Sater and Duncan Sheik

In the Next Room, or The Vibrator Play by Sarah Ruhl

Straight by Scott Elmegreen and Drew Fornarola

Blood Brothers by Willy Russell

Work Wife by Jacie Hood

Murder Ballad by Juliana Nash and Julia Jordan

Lillies by Michael Marc Bouchard

Sparrow by Nathan Allen, Chris Mathews and Jake Minton

The Wild Party by Andrew Lippa

Zorro! The Musical by The Gipsy Kings and John Cameron

Company by Stephen Sondheim Fox on the Fairway by Ken Ludwig

Unnecessary Farce by Paul Slade-Smith

Dallas Theater Center, Dallas, TX

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Kitchen Dog Theater, Dallas, TX

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Booker T Washington HSPVA, Dallas, TX

Dallas Theater Center, Dallas, TX

Cry Havoc Theater, Dallas, TX

Lily + Joan, Dallas, TX

Theatre North Texas, Southlake, TX

UNTDramaLab, Denton, TX

Booker T Washington HSPVA, Dallas, TX

Texas A&M Commerce, Commerce, TX

Uptown Players, Dallas, TX

IMPRINT Theatreworks; Dallas, TX

Uptown Players, Dallas, TX

IMPRINT Theatreworks, Dallas, TX

Stomping Ground, Dallas, TX

IMPRINT Theatreworks; Dallas, TX

Bath House Cultural Center; Dallas, TX

Booker T Washington HSPVA, Dallas, TX

Lakeside Cmty Theatre; The Colony, TX

Plaza Theatre Company; Cleburne, TX

ONSTAGE; Bedford, TX

ONSTAGE; Bedford, TX

ONSTAGE; Bedford, TX



TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CURRENT TEACHING RESIDENCIES

Stage Combat Texas A&M University, Commerce

2018 - Present

Beginning Fall 2021, partnering with the head of Fine Arts to establish a two-year plan for creating and implementing a Stage Combat Program. Partnership began in 2018.

Resident Teaching Artist, Movement Stomping Ground Comedy Theater & Training Center 2018 - Present

Developer and Lead Instructor of Movement Curriculum, including two levels of seven-week courses, offered five times a year. Movement 1 focuses on a combination of Alexander, Laban, and Chechov techniques to free the performer of inhibitions. Movement 2 layers on script analysis and Stage Combat. Partnership began in 2018.

President, Lead Instructor, Founder SCDallac, LLC

2012 - Present

Founder and creator of DFW's only open resource for Stage Combat and movement training. SCDallas offers annual SPT and SPR training with visiting CTs, an annual regional workshop, several workshops throughout the year, and Fight Nights. Ashley has provided oversight of the organization since inception, drives curriculum process and decisions, and is the driving force behind The Lonestar Smash. Over the years, Ashley has taught dozens of workshops and classes through SCDallas, which now has a membership of more than 700 and national recognition.

Resident Teaching Artist, Musical Theater Booker T. Washington HS for Visual & Performing Arts 2019 - Present

Lead instructor for Musical Theater program, director for Fall Showcase and Spring Production, on contract to develop a full Musical Theater Track and Curriculum. Partnership began in 2019.

EXTENDED MOVEMENT WORKSHOPS (2016 - Present)

2019 Summer Movement & Physicality 2 (seven week)
2019 Winter Movement & Physicality 1 (seven week)
2018 Fall Movement & Physicality 1 (seven week)
2016 Stage Combat – Unarmed (six week)

Stomping Ground Comedy Theater Stomping Ground Comedy Theater Stomping Ground Comedy Theater WaterTower Theater

FEATURED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

The Lonestar Smash: Stage Combat & Cirque Workshop SCDallas 2014 – Present

- Coordinator (since inception), Instructor (since 2017), Creator -

Founder of the only Regional Workshop offered in Texas aside from the TXI in Houston. Lead on staff hiring, class schedules, and all coordination efforts for a major regional workshop.



The Texas Intensive SCW

University of Houston

- Teacher -

Teacher at The Lonestar Smash' sibling workshop. 2019 classes circulated around the art of Fight Direction and how it applies to storytelling. Additional classes included acting in a fight as well as Intimacy.

The Tourist Trap SC & Stunt Workshop

Neutral Chaos

- Teacher -

Teacher at 2020 Tourist Trap. Classes included Fight Direction and how to stage fights, Unarmed, Knife, Single Sword (sassy!) and Intimacy.

Intimacy in Original Practices (3 days)

International Shakespeare Conference

- Pre-Con Keynote Speaker with Gregory Lush and Montgomery Sutton -

Three days of workshops exploring Intimacy Direction and Application with Artistic Directors and Executive Directors of prominent Shakespeare Organizations across the world. Partnered with Lush and Sutton to provide an immersive look at Fitzmaurice breath work and cue script exploration to examine how intimacy and physical connection can play in a more traditional Shakespearean setting.

Staged Intimacy with Ashley H. White (2 days)

Neutral Chaos, NYC

- Instructor, Creator -

A two-day deep dive into intimacy staging, performance, consent, and power dynamics with attendees ranging from aspiring Intimacy Directors to Broadway Fight Directors. Workshop included a combination of practical application, lecture, and question and answer formats.

Understanding Consent & Approaching Intimacy (1 day) Texas Educational Theater Association

- Featured Speaker -

Provided intimacy training to High School Theater Teachers at annual conference, with a focus on power dynamics inherent in an educational setting as well as ways to consider thinking outside the box when staging moments of intimacy to eliminate physical contact and potential harm.

IDI 3-Day Intensive: Dallas, TX

Intimacy Directors International

– Lead Instructor with Adam Noble and Samantha Kaufman, Coordinator –

The first-ever Intimacy 3-Day workshop offered in Texas brought a unique perspective and valuable training to theatre professionals from across the country. Topics included performer training, protocols for safe execution and spaces, consent, and best practices for dynamic storytelling.

IDI 3-Day Intensive: Houston, TX

Intimacy Directors International

– Lead Instructor with Adam Noble and Dan Granke –

The second-ever Intimacy 3-Day workshop offered in Texas brought a unique perspective and valuable training to theatre professionals from across the country, and a special partnership with the Houston Grand Opera. Topics included performer training, protocols for safe execution and spaces, consent, and best practices for dynamic storytelling.



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2019 Fall Intensive (3 days)

Shakespeare Dallas

- Lead Instructor with Gregory Lush and Montgomery Sutton -

Three-day workshop exploring Intimacy Direction and Application, partnering with Lush and Sutton to provide an immersive look at Fitzmaurice breath work and cue script exploration to examine how intimacy and physical connection can play in a more traditional Shakespearean setting.

Stage Combat, Intimacy & Safe Spaces (2 Days)

Teacher's In-Service, Denton ISD

- Instructor, Creator-

Two-day training for professional development for all members of Denton, ISD that focused on facilitating stage combat and intimacy best practices in a high school setting.

Intimacy Direction & Performance Best Practices (3 Days) S.T.A.G.E.

Three-day workshop for actors interested in improving their staged intimacy performance. Included script and scenic analysis, physical application of storytelling, movement dynamics, and more.

IDI 3-Day Intensive: Indiana

University of Indiana

 Lead Instructor with Samantha Kaufman and Claire Warden – (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

IDI 3-Day Intensive: Indiana

University of Indiana

 Lead Instructor with Samantha Kaufman and Adam Noble – (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

MASTER CLASSES: ACADEMIA (2019 - Present)

Intimacy Direction: Intro

Missouri State University
Intimacy for the Stage

University of Mississippi
Intimacy for the Stage

University of North Texas

Self Care

University of Southern Mississippi

Quarterstaff

Texas A&M University, Commerce

Unarmed Stage Combat

Texas A&M University, Commerce

Safe Spaces & Best Practices for Intimacy Performance

Artistic Leadership – q&a

University of Southern Mississippi

Texas A&M University, Commerce

Centenary College; Shreveport

University of Texas, Austin

Fight and Intimacy Direction – q&a

University of Texas, Austin

Oklahoma City University

MASTER CLASSES: OTHER (2011 – Present)

Stage Combat – "Act the fight!" Grand Prairie Fine Arts – Teachers

Stage Combat – Unarmed Denton ISD Teachers
Stage Combat – Unarmed - Middle & High School The Greenhill School
Stage Combat – Unarmed Dallas Comedy Festival

Stage Combat – Unarmed Stomping Ground Comedy Theater

Intro to Stage Combat Dallas Comedy House Falls The Jim Experiment



Tumbles and Falls

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Stage Combat Boot Camp Flower Mound ISD
Stage Combat – Single Sword Little Elm ISD

Lightsaber Independent Contract

Stage Combat - Unarmed Young Artist Training Program

Intuitive Unarmed SCDallas Fight Night
Close Quarters Combat for Stage & Film SCDallas Fight Night
Sassy Singlesword SCDallas Fight Night

Fight Dirty SCDallas Fight Night
Body, Breath, and Voice SCDallas Fight Night
Living in the Fight SCDallas Fight Night
Grapple, Grapple, Fall SCDallas Fight Night

SwordCLASH SCDallas Fight Night
SwordPLAY SCDallas Fight Night
Kali Double Sticks SCDallas Fight Night

Whips & Poi Snap, Crackle Poi SCDallas

Comedy & Tragedy SCDallas/NYGoofs Workshop
Intimacy Direction & Performance Best Practices SCDallas

Unarmed Performance Flower Mound ISD
Unarmed Performance Mesquite Middle School

Unarmed Performance Flower Mound High School
Unarmed Performance Little Elm High School
Stage Combat Camp Trinity Valley School

The Greenhill School

Physicality: Characterization

Neutral Chaos Trapped Inside

Neutral Chaos Directing Class

Sexy Taffy: Acting on Intimacy

The Cycle of Consent

ISS International, London

Introduction to Intimacy

Neutral Chaos NI/C

Introduction to Intimacy

Neutral Chaos, NYC

Foundations of Intimacy

Theatre Tulsa

Sexy Taffy - Intimacy Performance 2019 Lonestar Smash

Sexual Harassment & Power Dynamics in Theater DFW Theatre Apprenticeship

Consent and Communication in the Creative Space Stomping Ground Comedy Theater

Intimacy Direction & Performance Best Practices Dallas Comedy House

Consent and Communication Practices for Teachers Irving ISD Faculty Development

Intimacy in Performance Stomping Ground Comedy Theater

Role of The Intimacy Director & Personal Advocacy Booker T Washington High School for

Role of The Intimacy Director & Personal Advocacy

Sensitivity Training

Performing and Visual Arts

Women in Theater Festival

IMPRINT Theatreworks

Teacher's Inservice: Staging Intimacy Grand Prairie ISD
Intimacy in Performance Dallas Comedy House



SAFD REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

2-3 day workshops with invited instructors offering stage combat techniques and skills in different locations around the country. Below are only workshops in which Ashley participated as a Teacher. For a more extensive breakdown of SAFD workshop experience, go to the Education section.

2020	The A-Town Throwdown (Teacher)	Atlanta, GA
	(Cancelled due to Covid-19)	
2020	The Tourist Trap (Teacher)	Orlando, FL
2019	The Lonestar Smash (Coordinator & Teacher)	Dallas, TX
2019	Texas Intensive Stage Combat Workshop (Teacher)	Houston, TX
2018	The Lonestar Smash (Coordinator & Teacher)	Dallas, TX

INVITED PANELIST

Intimacy Direction as a Profession	University of Central Florida
Intimacy Direction & Coordination	Tourist Trap Stage Combat Workshop
Consent in Shakespeare	Shakespeare Theater Association
Intimacy in Performance	Texas Intensive SCW



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EDUCATION & TRAINING

A lifelong student, Ashley is always training, studying, and seeking new opportunities to broaden her skillset and push her to think outside of the box.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FIGHT DIRECTORS SKILLS PROFIECIENCY TRAINING TEST HISTORY:

2019	Unarmed (Renewal)	Recommended Pass
2019	Smallsword	Recommended Pass
2019	Knife (Renewal)	Recommended Pass
2018	Quarterstaff	Recommended Pass
2018	Broadsword	Recommended Pass
2018	Broadsword and Shield	Recommended Pass
2017	Single Sword (Renewal)	Recommended Pass
2017	Rapier and Dagger	Recommended Pass
2016	Unarmed (Renewal)	Recommended Pass
2016	Knife	Recommended Pass
2015	Single Sword	Basic Pass
2013	Unarmed	Basic Pass

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FIGHT DIRECTORS SPT ASSISTANCE:

2019	Single Sword	Teaching Assistant to Andrew Dylan Ray
2019	Broadsword	Teaching Assistant to Andrew Dylan Ray
2019	Knife	Teaching Assistant to Andrew Dylan Ray
2018	Unarmed	Teaching Assistant to Andrew Dylan Ray

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2019	Texas Intensive Stage Combat Workshop (Teacher)	Houston, TX
2019	Winter Wonderland Workshop (Teaching Assistant)	Chicago, IL
2018	The Lonestar Smash (Coordinator & Teacher)	Dallas, TX
2017	The Lonestar Smash (Coordinator & Teaching Assistant)	Dallas, TX
2016	The Lonestar Smash (Coordinator & Teaching Assistant)	Dallas, TX
2015	The Lonestar Smash (Coordinator)	Dallas, TX
2015	The A-Town Throwdown	Atlanta, GA
2014	The Lonestar Smash (Coordinator)	Dallas, TX
2014	LaTech SCW/The Ruston Boil	Ruston, LA
2013	The Texas Intensive	Houston, TX
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INTIMACY CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

2020	Women in Film: Ita O'Brien Intimacy Coordination
2019	International Choreography & Pedagogy Intensive in Partnership with The O'Niell
	Center with IDI Founder Tonia Sina and Alicia Rodis, Claire Warden, and Dan Granke

2018 ESP and Pillars class with Adam Noble at SAFD Regional Workshop
2017 Intimacy Performance and Direction Workshop with Tonia Sina

2015 Intimacy & Violence class with Tonia Sina & Matt Ellis at SAFD Regional Workshop

Intimacy for the Stage class with Tonia Sina at SAFD Regional Workshop
 Intimacy for the Stage class with Tonia Sina at SAFD Regional Workshop

2014 Kiss or Kill class with Tonia Sina at SAFD Regional Workshop

ANTI-RACIST THEATER TRAINING

2020 Anti-Racist Theatre with Nicole Brewer

2020 Foundations in Race, Intimacy, and Consent with Kaja Dunn/TIE

2020 Bystander Intervention Training to address Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic

Harassment with Hollaback

CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

2020 American Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid CPR/AED (Provisional)

2020 National CPR Foundation Standard CPR/AED Certification

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

2018 MetroCare Services

COVID COMPLIANCE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

2020 Health Education Services

PREVENTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

2019 SYNTRIO Essential Training

WORKPLACE CONFLICT RESOLUTION

2019 Compliance Training Group

IMPLICIT BIAS AWARENESS

2019 Implicit Bias Module - KIRWAN Institute

2018 Implicit Awareness Surveys - Project Implicit by Harvard

BACHELORS OF SCIENCE: MARKETING MANAGEMENT

Western Governors University

ADVANCED ACTING CERTIFICATE/GRADUATE OF THE STUDIO PROGRAM

American Musical and Dramatic Academy