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Hi!

I am a Portland-Based writer, actor, storyteller, single mom, grad student, filmmaker, and community builder. I am passionate about entertainment and education, but both spaces are extremely hard to navigate. My dad always told me I was stubborn, though, so I'm doing it anyway. And I want other people to do it too because life is more fun when you bring others up along with you.

So I am compiling this living document so that people can use it as a resource guide on living more wholeheartedly while residing in Portland, OR. **For ease, click the menu button in the top left hand corner (under the magnifying glass) to jump between sections in the doc.**

I hope that this will be a safer space, but I am still moving through the world with certain accessibility privileges and sometimes there will be instances where I encounter an “unlearning opportunity”. Feel free to provide feedback, but please also get curious about me before making an assumption.

As a Black, non-binary, disabled femme, it is important to me to live my life LOUDLY and joyfully as an act of protest, and part of how I am doing that is by sharing resources as an act of love to my community.

With intention,

[Briauna Skye McKizzie](#) (I prefer to be called Bri-Skye by friends)

PS.

If you appreciate this work, donate to the campaign to create my film [Killing Kyle](#).

## **Some Acting/VO Classes/Studios in the Portland Metro**

[Genevieve Sage](#) (SE Portland)  
[Wheelhouse](#) - (SW Portland)  
[Actors Lab](#) - (SW Portland)  
[Ted Rooney](#) - (SE Portland)  
[Brooke Toteman](#) - (SE Portland)  
[Various at Portland Center Stage](#) - (Downtown Portland)  
[Improv at the Ballroom](#) Online with [Bryan Sutherland](#)  
[The SoundStage](#) (Vancouver)

## **Some Acting Coaches, Directors, Producers, Theater Coaches/Teachers/Mentors of Color**

[Vin Shambry](#) (coach, mentor, actor)  
[Barbie Wu \(Reed College\)](#) (professor)  
[Kamilah Bush](#) (playwright and educator)  
[Anna Meyer](#) (Vocal coach)

## **Self-Tape Support**

[Book a self tape session for only \\$25 at The Soundstage NW](#)

## **Some Vocal Coaches**

[Anna Meyer](#)

## **Some Acting Workshops**

TBD

## **Kids Classes**

[Fundamentals of Acting for Kids at The Soundstage NW \(Coming summer 2025\)](#)

## **Weekly Drop in Classes**

[Weekly Voice Over Workshop at Soundstage \(\\$10 on Tuesdays\)](#)

## **Some VoiceOver Workshops**

**TBD**

## **Some Production Crew Workshops**

**TBD**

## **Some Storytelling Workshops**

[Ongoing workshops and classes with great and amazing Frayn at Backfencepdx](#)

## **YouTube Videos on TV Production**

[How to Make a Call Sheet](#)

[How Distribution Work by Studiobinder](#)

[Shotlist](#)

## **YouTube Videos on Acting Approaches**

[Farce, The Heller Approach \(Comedy\)](#)

## **Some Upcoming Networking Events/Workshops**

Portland Indie Film Meetup, Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 RSVP [here](#).

## **Some Upcoming Grants and Fellowships**

[Spark Award for Oregon Artists - Opening in Mid-May for 2025](#)

[Roy W. Dean Grant](#) - Deadline June 30th, 2025

[Indie Film Grants and Awards](#)

## **YouTube Videos on Grant Writing**

[Tips on grantwriting](#)

## **Some Upcoming On Camera Auditions**

**TBD**

## **Some Upcoming Theater Auditions**

## Imago theater Season 2025 - 2026

### **Remote Day Jobs**

[Remote Job at Wheel \(Night shift for CST time and in the healthcare field\)](#)

[NoRedInk \(Temp EST Coast Time\)](#)

[Partnerships Copywriter \(remote\)](#)

### **Gigs**

[Crew jobs available for the 2025 - 2026 season for Imago Theater \(stage manager, design etc.\)](#)

### **Dance/Movement Studios**

[BodyVox](#)

### **Theater and Venues to support in Portland Metro/Beaverton**

[Coho Theater](#)

[Shaking the Tree Theater](#)

[21ten](#)

[Portland Playhouse](#)

[Corrib Theatre](#)

[Historic Alberta House](#)

[Portland Center Stage](#)

[Artist Repertory](#)

[Funhouse Lounge](#)

[Twilight Theater](#)

[Lakewood Center for the Arts](#)

[Fuse Theater](#)

[Bag and Baggage Productions](#)

### **Some Independently Produced Monthly shows to support**

[BackfencePDX](#)

[TellTalePDX](#)  
[Funhouse Follies](#)

**Upcoming Plays (Support your peers and get to know local directors and stage managers)!**

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**Organizations to follow on Eventbrite**

[Gearhead](#)

**Some Agencies in Portland**

[Harris Talent](#)

[Q6](#)

[The Option Agency](#)

**Casting Agencies**

[Weeble Mountain](#)

[Cast Iron Studios](#)

[Simon Max Hill](#)

**Some Film Organizations**

[Oregon Media Production Association](#)

[Women in Film](#)

[Portland Events and Film](#)

**Some Agencies in Seattle**

BigFish

**Facebook Group Resources For Performers/Filmmakers/Crew in Portland**

[Portland Film Community](#)

**Fiscal Sponsorship for Film Productions**

[From the Heart](#)

## **Oregon-made Independent Film & TV (Get to know your community's work)**

[Raging Midlife](#) by [Nic Costa](#) (personal fave)

[Sometimes I think About Dying](#) (Starring Dave Merheje and Daisy Ridley and Feat. Portland heavy hitters Ayanna Berkshire, Sean Taryjoto, and Vin Shambry)

[New Life](#) (Feat. Portland powerhouses Ayanna Berkshire and Blaine Palmer)

[Petrichor](#) by Audrey Booth

[Pig](#) (Starring Nic Cage and feat. Portland darlings Sean Taryjoto and Julia Bray)

[The Great Divide](#) by John Skipp

[Portlandia](#)

[Shrill](#)

[LaceUp](#)

[Sex Weather](#) by Jon Garcia (starring Al'Jaleel McGhee and [Amber Stonebraker](#) and a personal former classmate the great [Martin Bannon Beaudet](#))

## **Theater resources on YouTube**

[Stage Management](#)

[Prep Week](#)

## **Self-tape resources on Youtube**

[Self-Tape Tips with Wendy Alane](#)

## **Sound Videos on YouTube**

[How to Be a Boom Operator](#) - Deity Microphones

[How to Be a Sound Mixer](#) - Deity Microphones

## **Self-Tape Apps**

[Slatable](#)

## **Directing YouTube Videos**

[Judith Weston's 2 hour YouTube about Directing](#)

## **Some Non-profit Movie Theaters in Portland Metro**

[Hollywood Theater](#)

[Cinema 21](#)

[Cinemagic](#)

[Laurelhurst](#)

[5th Avenue Cinema](#)

[Tomorrow Theater](#)

## **Some Books on Filmmaking**

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## **Some Recommended Books on acting**

[Sanford on Meisner](#)

## **Some Recommended Books on Directing**

[Directing Actors 25th Anniversary Edition Creating Memorable Performances for Film & Television by Judith Weston](#)

## **Some Recommended Books on Fundraising**

[The Art of Film Funding](#)

## **Film Festivals**

[Portland Film Festival - Early October 20205](#)

[Queer Voices of New York next Fall 2026](#)

## **Distribution Resources for Filmmakers**

[Indie Film distributors](#)

[Film Aggregators](#)



## **Some Mental Health Resources cause I know we be strugglin'**

[Sankofa Counseling \(Culturally responsive therapy\)](#) Portland based Remote and in-person

## **Some Recommended Book and Media Related to Storytelling to Aid in "Unlearning the 'Isms and 'ics"**

(aka resources and entertainment by historically underrepresented populations)

### **Intersex authors and creatives**

[Inverse Cowgirl by Alicia Roth Weigel](#)

[Ponyboi film by River Gallo](#)

[Every Body](#)

### **Trans Community**

[I saw the TV Glow - Film streaming on Max](#)

### **Black authors and Creators**

[Real to Reel by bell hooks](#)

Rock My Soul (Black People and Self-Esteem) by bell hooks

[Finding Me by Viola Davis](#)

### **Queer films and documentaries**

[The Celluloid Closet](#)

### **Disabled Community**

[Disability Intimacy](#)

[Laziness Does Not Exist by Devon Price](#)

[Unlearning Shame by Devon Price](#)

### **HIV + Community**

[It's a Sin streaming on HBO Max](#)

### **Some Non-profit Streaming Services**

[Kanopy](#) (available for free with public library collaboration or through a university library)

[Open Signal](#) (Based in Portland)

[Open Television](#) (Based in Chicago)

### **Active Funding Campaigns for Oregonians**

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### **Some Websites of Local Creatives (BOOST YOUR FRIENDS)**

[Killing Kyle Film](#)