

BIO

CELESTE LECESNE (he/they) wrote the short film *Trevor*, which won an Academy Award for Best Live Action Short, and he is co-founder of The Trevor Project. He adapted Armistead Maupin's *Further Tales of The City* for Showtime, was a writer on the series, *Will & Grace* and has written three novels for young adults. As an actor, Celeste has appeared on TV, in film, on and Off Broadway, but is best known for his award-winning solo shows. The NYTimes has ranked him "*among the most talented solo performers of his (or any) generation.*" He is also the co-founder of The Future Perfect, a national arts initiative dedicated to amplifying the creative voices of LGBTQ+ youth. They have taught at The Fine Arts Work Center for 20 years and they are the recipient of a 2023 Guggenheim Fellowship Award.

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