

Maurice Emmanuel Parent

Boston Playwrights' Theatre &

Geva Theatre

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Education

M.A.New York University, Vocal Production with concentration in Music Theatre - Completed: 2005 B.S. Carnegie Mellon University, Business Administration - Completed: 2001

Theatre (Director)

A Strange Loop (Spring 2024) Seven Guitars Ain't Misbehavin'

Almanac Fall Festival of Plays Violet Choir Boy The Tempest Breath and Imagination Into the Woods

Theatre (Actor)

Mr Parent

Belize / Mr Lies Seth Holly Ensemble Mr. Parent The Tempest Sweat - Dir Kimberly Senior The Three Musketeers Romeo and Juliet Equivocation Macbeth **Dangerous** Liaisons Skeleton Crew Man of La Mancha Merrily We Roll Along - Dir Maria Friedman The Gift Horse Edward II The Scottsboro Boys Blasted Bootycandy The Convert Snow Queen King Lear

Front Porch Arts Collective & SpeakEasy Stage Co. Actors' Shakespeare Project Front Porch Arts Collective, Central Square Theater & Greater Boston Stage Co. (2023 Elliot Norton Award nom) Tufts Dept of Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies Tufts Dept of Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies Suffolk University Theatre Department SpeakEasy Stage Company Actors' Shakespeare Project Summer Youth Intensive Lyric Stage Company of Boston, 2018 Brandeis University, 2017

Self

Central Square Theater Angels in America Joe Turner's Come and Gone Huntington Theatre Company **Common Ground Revisited** Huntington Theatre Company Self Lyric Stage Co. Sebastian Commonwealth Shakespeare Co. Huntington Theatre Company Evan **Cardinal Richelieu** Greater Boston Stage Co. Huntington Theatre Company Lord Capulet Cecil et al Actors' Shakespeare Project Banquo Actors' Shakespeare Project Nora Theater Company Azolan Huntington Theatre Company Reggie Cervantes New Repertory Theatre Bunker et al Huntington Theatre company New Repertory Theatre Brian Edward II Actors' Shakespeare Project Mr. Bones SpeakEasy Stage Off the Grid Theatre Company Soldier Sutter SpeakEasy Stage Underground Railway Theatre Chilford New Repertory Theatre Troll et al Cornwall Commonwealth Shakespeare Co

SHREK the Musical Measure for Measure Far From Heaven Into the Woods The Color Purple Camelot Romeo and Juliet On the Town A Raisin in the Sun - Dir Liesl Tommy The Mountaintop Motherf**cker with the Hat Coriolanus Troilus and Cressida RENT **Passing Strange** A Midsummer Night's Dream Coriolanus King John Some Men Angels in America Parts I and II Man of La Mancha The Wild Party The Rink - Starring Leslie Uggams Ragtime Guys and Dolls Staged Reading - "The Good War" HAIR Ragtime Ragtime' Ain't Misbehavin' Olympics Spirit – Jesse Owens Story

TV / Film

I Wanna Dance with Somebody 'Kevin can F*** Himself 'Castle Rock' 'Project Nephilim

Voice Overs / Recordings

Circle Round Smart Appropriate Response Training The Last Archive – Jill Lepore

Commercials

Bank of America

Donkey Angelo Raymond Deagan Wolf / Cinderella's Prince Mister* Sir Lionel Mercutio / Apothecary Figment, Ensemble Dancer Bobo / Mrs. Johnson Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ralph D **Tullus Aufidius** Troilus Tom Collins Mr. Franklin et al Puck Junius Brutus Lewis the Dauphin Angel Eyes et al* Belize / Mr. Lies* Dr. Carrasco / The Duke Black* Buddy et al Coalhouse Walker Jr. Nicely, Nicely Johnson Joseph Small Tribe Member Harlem Ensemble Dancer Harlem Ensemble Dancer Andre Jesse Owens

Producer #2 Bartender Police #2 Marlo

Assorted Characters Surgeon #2 Assorted Characters

Wheelock Family Theatre Actors' Shakespeare Project SpeakEasy Stage Lyric Stage Co. SpeakEasy Stage New Repertory Theatre Actors' Shakespeare Project Lyric Stage Company Huntington Theatre Company Underground Railway Theater SpeakEasy Stage Commonwealth Shakespeare Co Actors' Shakespeare Project New Repertory Theatre New Repertory Theatre Actors' Shakespeare Project Actors' Shakespeare Project Actors' Shakespeare Project SpeakEasy Stage **Boston Theatre Works** Lyric Stage New Repertory Theatre **Cape Playhouse** New Repertory Theatre Northern Stage The York Theatre **Barrington Stage** Fulton Opera House Music Theatre of Wichita Gardner & Wife - K.L. Malaysia Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera

Kasi Lemmons/Anthem Films AMC Hulu Paracelsus Films

WBUR Harvard Medical School American Repertory Theater

Male Investor

Newfangled Studios

Pillpack Flooring America Sweet Baby Ray's Backyard Party Wayfair Holiday Commercial 2014 W.B. Mason FOW Yellow World Video 'Luck Yeah' – NH Lottery

Awards

Customer Salesman Dad Hip Hop Dad Dancer Facilitator Employee #4 Gradient Films Bucko Production Partners Big Brick Productions Wayfair.com Boston Productions Cramer Productions GYK Antler

Elliot Norton Awards

2023 - Won	Outstanding Director, Midsize Theater – Seven Guitars
2023 - Nominated	Outstanding Director, Midsize Theater – Ain't Misbehavin'
2023 - Nominated	Outstanding Choreography – Ain't Misbehavin'
2023 - Nominated	Outstanding Featured Performance, Large Theater – Joe Turner's
2022 - Nominated	Outstanding Solo Performance - Mr Parent
2017 - Won	Outstanding Actor, Midsize Theater - Edward II
2016 - Nominated	Outstanding Actor, Midsize Theater - The Convert
2013 - Nominated	Outstanding Actor, Midsize Theater - Motherf**cker with the Hat
2008 - Won	Outstanding Actor, Small / Midsize Company -
	Angels in America Parts I and II, The Wild Party and Some Men

Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE) Awards

2019 - Nominated	Best Director of a Musical - Breath and Imagination	
2019 - Nominated	Best Supporting Actor (Play) Large - Breath and Imagination	
2017 - Won	Best Actor in a Drama - The Convert	
2016 - Won	Best Supporting Actor in a Musical - The Snow Queen	
2015 - Won	Best Supporting Actor in a Musical - The Color Purple	
2014 - Nominated	Best Supporting Actor In A Play (Midsize) - Romeo and Juliet	
2013 - Nominated	Best Actor in a Drama - Motherf**cker with the Hat	
2007 - Nominated	Best Actor in a Musical - Ragtime	
ArtsImpulse Award		
2017 - Won	Best Supporting Actor in a Musical - The Scottsboro Boys	
Teaching Honors		
2019 - 2020	Neubauer Fellow Faculty Fellow – Tufts University	
2018 - 2019	Monan Professor of Theatre Arts - Boston College	

Teaching Experience

Tufts University Professor of the Practice	Sept '19 – Present
The Boston Conservatory at Berklee – Visiting Artist	Spring 2021
Boston University Visiting Artist	Sept '15 - Present
Tufts University Adjunct Professor:	Sept '17 – August '19
Northeastern University Adjunct Professor:	Sept '14 - May '15
Teaching Artist - Actor's Shakespeare Project	Apr '09 - Present

Performing Arts Specialist - Martin Luther King K-8 School	Jan '12 - September 2017	
Enrichment Teacher - Reed Academy	Jun - Jul '15 and '16	
Teaching Artist - Citi Performing Arts Center	Oct '11 and Jan '12	
Teaching Artist - New Repertory Theatre	Nov '08 and Jul '11	

Related Work Experience

Consulting Producer – The Huntington Theatre Company	Fall 2021 - current
Co-Founding Producing Artistic Director - The Front Porch Arts Collective	Spring 2017 - current
Co-Interim Artistic Director – Actor's Shakespeare Project	2016-2017 Season

Master Classes and Lectures

"Seven Guitars and August Wilson's legacy" - Cambridge Senior Center Introduction to Theatre Class September 2023

"Developing strong speaking skills and creating a presence while presenting" workshop for the Graduate Research Excellence at Tufts (GREAT) 2021 Program – Tufts University May 2021

"Critical analysis: Showboat the Broadway Musical" lecture delivered over zoom at Suffolk University September 2020 & 2022

"The Legacy of Minstrelsy in Popular Entertainment" lecture delivered over zoom at Suffolk University September 2020 & 2022

"The Boston Theatre Experience" lecture delivered over zoom at Northeastern University October 2020

Panelist for "THE NEXT ACT: Creating Anti-Racist Theater." Discussion for The Boston Globe, hosted by Globe critic Don Aucoin April 2, 2020

Panelist for "Black Boston: Transforming the Arts." Discussion for WBUR, moderated by Crystal Williams, Associate Provost for Diversity & Inclusion, Boston University; Professor of English & award-winning poet October 13, 2020

Panelist for "2020" Black and Male in America" conversation series in conjunction with The Front Porch's coproduction of the play *Pass Over* by Antoinette Nwandu Spring / Summer 2020

Musical Theatre Audition Master Class held Boston Conservatory at Berklee Fall 2019

"Hip-hop theatre" workshop for Wellesley College Fall 2017

Professional Development

2-Week Intensive program	Lee Strasberg Institute	August 2022
Freeing the Natural Singing Voice	Kristin Linklater Voice Centre	July 2022
Gender Explosion 201: Beyond Binaries	StageSource	June 2022
Anti-Racist Theatre, A Foundational Course	Nicole Brewer, Yale University	Aug 2021
Fundraising Certificate	Philanthropy MA	Sept 2021
Certificate in Nonprofit Mgmt & Ldrsp	Institute of Non-profit Practice	June 2021
Arts & Cultural Organization Mgmt	Harvard Business School	May 2021
Film / TV Acting	Barrow Group	Summer 2020
Theatre Mgmt and Producing	La Vega Management	Summer 2020
Voice, Body, Shakespeare	The Linklater Center	Spring 2020

Alexander Technique	Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Summer 2019
American Conservatory Theatre	Back to the Source Teacher Workshop	Summer 2014
Actors' Shakespeare Project	Teacher Institute	Summer 2014
Dance Theatre of Harlem	Ballet, Jazz, Tap	Summer 2003
Atlantic Theatre Company	Acting Intensive	Summer 2002
Affiliations/Memberships		

Actor's Equity Association SAG / AFTRA

Community Service

Board Member - MASSCreative Board Member – Theatre Community Benevolent Fund

Press (select)

- "Tony Kushner's 'Angels in America' gracefully alights at Central Square Theater by Terry Byrne, WBUR
 - Maurice Emmanuel Parent, as Belize, the sometime drag queen, nurse and loyal friend to both Prior and Louis, is stunning as he grows increasingly annoyed with Louis and his victimized rant; as he endures the racist invective of the nasty Roy Cohn; and as the audience for Prior's account of his vision in which an angel designated him as the Prophet. But Parent, by simply standing behind Swanson, and gently moving his arms, becomes the angels' wings, a character in a Mormon diorama, and most powerfully, as an ACT-UP performer doing a drag version of Grace Jones' "Slave to the Rhythm"

Member since 2006

Member since 2021

Member since 2018

Member since 2020

- "A masterful 'Angels in America' at Central Square Theater" by Don Aucoin, The Boston Globe
 - o "Endlessly Versatile Maurice Emmanuel Parent" May 2023
- "MR. PARENT" review Joyce Kulhawik, Joyce's Choices
 - MR. PARENT capitalizes on Parent's talents as an actor: his charisma and comic timing his absurdly real anecdotes from the classroom are hilarious; deft impersonations— he conjures an array of students in seconds with a mannerism, a turn of phrase, just the right intonation. But its Parent's vulnerability, his rooting himself in the present moment, the truth telling onstage which distinguishes the best actors; that's what gripped me here and must have gripped his students too. January 2022
- "Lasting lessons in Lyric Stage's 'Mr. Parent' by Don Aucoin, The Boston Globe
 - Over the past decade, as he has emerged as one of the most dynamic actors in Boston theater, Maurice Emmanuel Parent has left his mark on a lot of roles. January 2022
- "At Lyric Stage Company, 'Mr. Parent' has lessons to teach that go well beyond the classroom" by Jacquinn Sinclain, WBUR
 - In "Mr. Parent," set in a classroom with orange, blue and cream linoleum floors and blue chairs, the actor peels back the layers of his life for audiences to see with vulnerability and veracity. January 2020
- "In a Pandemic First, 3 American Theaters Will Do Indoor Shows" by Michael Paulson, New York Times. Press mention for *Front Porch* @ *Starlight* the cabaret series I directed and co-produced. August 2020
- "In their own words: How artists are staying productive (and mostly positive) during the pandemic" by Don Aucoin, Boston Globe May 14, 2020
- "Why was this play performed in front of a black-only audience?" interview with BBC Newsday December 2019
- "At 'Black Out' Performances, the Power of Healing Through Community" by Patrice Peck New York Times - January 30, 2020

- "A king and his lover are targeted for death in 'Edward II'" by Don Aucoin -
 - Parent's portrayal of the titular monarch reaches a level of transfixing intensity. Among other things, the performance by this consistently charismatic actor puts an emphatic exclamation point on the beginning of Parent's tenure as co-acting artistic director of Actors' Shakespeare Project - February 28, 2017