

Derek Spencer

Director, Writer, Immersive Experience Creator

DEvised, IMMERSIVE, AND SITE-SPECIFIC DIRECTING

Everyone Agrees it's about to Explode devised by ensemble		Ceaseless Fun	2020	LA
The Rose Theater Presents... devised by ensemble		Ceaseless Fun	2018	LA
The Stars devised by ensemble		Ceaseless Fun	2018	LA
They Who Saw the Deep devised by ensemble		Ceaseless Fun	2018	LA
Agnosia devised by ensemble		Ceaseless Fun	2018	LA
Why I Want to Fuck Ronald Reagan devised by ensemble		Ceaseless Fun	2017	LA
Grandpa Johnson is DEAD! devised by ensemble		Ceaseless Fun/Scarlett Kim	2016	LA
A Crackup at the Race Riots devised by ensemble		University Theater	2014	Chicago

ASSOCIATE DIRECTING

Cages by CJ Baran and Benjamin Romans	Immersive Consultant	Woolf and the Wondershow	2019	LA
Re-lease devised by ensemble	Associate Director	Dir. Meredith Treinen	2019	LA
Grief devised by ensemble	Associate Director	Dir. Meredith Treinen	2017	LA

WORKSHOPS AND SHORTS

We Found Love by Derek Spencer	Commissioned Playwright	Futuramen	2017	LA
The Manifesto of Futurism by Derek Spencer	Commissioned Playwright	Tiny Rhino	2016	LA
The Re-Gift of Life by David Clifford Turner	Director	Tiny Rhino	2016	LA
Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite by Derek Spencer	Director & Sound Designer	Montserrat DTLA	2016	LA
The Battle of Phillippi by Derek Spencer	Director & Sound Designer	Montserrat DTLA	2016	LA

OTHER THEATER CREDITS

Batty Old Biddies by Marty Siegel	Sound Designer	Athenaeum Theater	2015	Chicago
The Antitheatrical Prejudice devised by ensemble	Ensemble Member/ Sound Designer	Scarlett Kim & Co./ Rhino Fest	2015	Chicago
Twain's World	Assistant Stage Manager	First Floor Theater	2014	Chicago
Godspell by Stephen Schwartz	Pit Orchestra (electric bass)	University Theater	2014	Chicago
HamletMachine by Heiner Müller	<i>Gertrude-Hamlet</i>	University Theater	2013	Chicago
The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare	<i>Duke</i>	University Theater	2013	Chicago

FILM

Scare Me Most music video	Performance Director	Dir. Jasmine Osean Thomas	2020	LA
Kombucha Growler music video	Principle	Dir. Stephen Marsiano	2020	LA

LEADERSHIP

Ceaseless Fun – Founding Artistic Director – 2016-present

The League of Experiential and Immersive Artists – Founding Board Member – 2017-2021

Soft Focus – Founder/Facilitator – 2019

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Directors Lab West – 2020 Lab Participant (postponed)

Foundation for Contemporary Arts – Grant Recipient (*Everyone Agrees it's about to Explode*)

2018 Hollywood Fringe Golden Key Award – Nominated for *The Stars*

UChicago Careers in Journalism, Arts, and Media Apprenticeship Grant – 2014 Recipient

EDUCATION

University of Chicago – *Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy; Bachelors of Arts in Public Policy*
2010-2014, Chicago, IL