

SHARON BAJER - PROFILE (ACTRA, CAEA, PGC)

Sharon is a Winnipeg based actress and playwright who regularly crosses the medium between film and theatre. She has appeared in theatre productions across Canada and many made-in-Manitoba film and television productions including most recently; *Love Hurts*, *The Long Walk*, *Nobody 2*, *Haunted Wedding*, *Little Bird*, *Acting Good*, *Dark Harvest*, *Ordinary Angels*, *Love Strikes Twice*, *Orphan: First Kill*, *Run, Nobody*, *Project Christmas Wish*, *Wynter*, *Escaping a Madhouse*; *The Nellie Bly Story*, *Burden of Truth*, *Follow Me to Daisy Hills* and *Forever Christmas*. Sharon is at the forefront of bringing the role of Intimacy Coordinator (IC) to all sets and stages in Manitoba.

INTIMACY COORDINATING EXPERIENCE FILM AND TELEVISION

THE LONG WALK, film, Lionsgate, (written by Stephen King), directed by Francis Lawrence, Intimacy Coordinator, 2024

NOBODY 2, film, Scream Squad films (prod. David Leitch, Bob Odenkirk), directed by Timo Tjahjanto, Intimacy Coordinator, 2024

ALTER, film, Chernin Entertainment A24 studios, directed by Igor Abramenko, Intimacy Coordinator, 2024

A MOTHER, mow, Oden media, directed by Ian Hui, Intimacy Coordinator, 2024

LOVE HURTS, film, Universal/87North, directed by Jonathan Eusebio, Intimacy Coordinator, 2024

PSYCHO KILLER, film, New Regency Productions, directed by Gavin Polone, Intimacy Coordinator, 2023

WINNER, film, Big Beach Productions, directed by Susanna Fogel, Intimacy Coordinator, 2023

ELIZABETH THOMAS STORY, mow, Lifetime, directed by Shawn Linden, Intimacy Coordinator, 2023

THE HOLIDAY SHIFT, TV series, CBS Studios, directed by Paul Fox, Intimacy Coordinator, 2023

DON'T EVEN, TV series, GH1 Manitoba Productions, directed by Zoe Leigh Hopkins, 2022

MOMMY MINE, mow, Mommy Mine Productions Inc., directed by Asia Youngman, Intimacy Coordinator, 2022

SPENCER SISTERS, TV series, Spencer Prod Inc., directed by Joyce Wong, Intimacy Coordinator, 2022

EL TORO TV, French TV series, Manito ELT 1 Inc., directed by Danielle Sturk, Intimacy Coordinator, 2022

ALTER BOYS, TV series, Farpoint Films, CBC, directed by Johnathan Lawrence, Intimacy Coordinator, 2022

LITTLE BIRD, TV series, Rezolution Pictures, Premium/APTN, Crave, directed by Zoe Hopkins, Elle-Maija Tailfeathers, Intimacy Coordinator, 2022

WINTERTIDE, film, Farpoint Films, directed by John Bernard, Intimacy Coordinator, 2022

VANDITS, film, 57 Films, Breakthrough Entertainment, FarPoint films, directed by Stuart Stone, Intimacy Coordinator, 2021

SKYMED, TV series, CBC and Paramount+, Intimacy Coordinator, 2021

THE PORTER, TV series, CBC and BET+ directed by Charles Officer and R.T.Thorne, Intimacy Coordinator (over 200 hours), 2021

THE GOOD DOCTOR, movie, LIFETIME, directed by Annie Bradley, Intimacy Consultant, 2021

ORPHAN – FIRST KILL, film, DARK CASTLE ENTERTAINMENT/PARAMOUNT, directed by Brent Bell, Intimacy Coordinator, 2020

INTIMACY DIRECTING EXPERIENCE THEATRE/DANCE

THE MOUNTAINTOP (Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre), directed by Hazel Venzon, 2024

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT OF THE MIDDLE CLASSES (Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre), directed by Kelly Thornton, 2023

FAME (Winnipeg Studio Theatre), directed by Erin McGrath, 2023

INTO THE WOODS (Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre), directed by Kelly Thornton, 2022

NEW (Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre), directed by Alan Dilworth, 2022

IN MY DAY (Zee Zee theatre Vancouver), directed by Shawn MacDonald, 2022

THE HANDMAID'S TALE (Royal Winnipeg Ballet), choreographer Lila York, 2022

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (Shakespeare in the Ruins), directed by Ann Hodges, 2022

I THINK WE ARE ALONE (University of Winnipeg, Film and Theatre Dept.), directed by Hazel Venzon, 2022

REEFER MADNESS (Winnipeg Studio Theatre) directed by Kayla Gordon, 2018

DANNY AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA (The Keep Theatre, directed by Sharon Bajer, 2018

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

***CERTIFIED WITH INTIMACY DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS, NEW YORK, 2022 - PRESENT**

***CERTIFIED WITH INTIMACY COORDINATORS CANADA, TORONTO, 2022 - PRESENT**

INTIMACY COORDINATORS CANADA - ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM – 2021 Led by Canada's first Intimacy Coordinator, Lindsay Somers, this Advanced Training Program was designed to ensure that standard practices and protocols are being upheld across North America. ICC is affiliated with Intimacy Directors and Coordinators (IDC) in the USA.

INTIMACY DIRECTORS INTERNATIONAL - TORONTO 9 DAY INTENSIVE - 2019

Apprentice/Intern. This international intensive was held at York University in Toronto where Sharon assisted instructors Alicia Rodis, Tonia Sina, Clare Warden and Siobhan Richardson.

INTIMACY DIRECTORS INTERNATIONAL - URBANA, IL 9-DAY INTENSIVE - 2018

One of the first intensives of its kind in North America, Sharon was the only Canadian-based participant. The intensive focused on *The Pillars of Intimacy*, - consent, context, choreography, communication, closure developed by the IDI founders, which is the foundation of this work.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID - 2021 - CERTIFICATE # 150840

FILM TRAINING MANITOBA COVID-19 CLEANING AND SANITATION CERTIFICATE, 2021

ADDITIONAL TRAINING and SEMINARS

Best Practises for Intimacy in Auditions, IDC seminar, 2021

Working with Underage Performers and Understanding the Law, IDC seminar, 2021

Intimacy Across Borders with Claire Warden and Lizzie Talbot, IDC seminar, 2021

Digging Deeper into Boundaries with Samantha Kaufman, IDC seminar 2021

Intimacy with Underage Performers with Adam Noble (The Noble Method: Approaching Intimacy and Aggression with Adam Noble), IDC seminar 2021

Regency Intimacy with Lizzie Talbot, IDC seminar 2021

■ **Anti-racism/EDI training**

Creative Manitoba – Anti-Racism training with Karen Sharma, Executive Director of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission. This was an online workshop designed for members of the Manitoba arts community. This workshop specifically addressed Indigenous specific sensitivities. Nov. 12, 2020 (3 hours)

■ **Allyship and Advocacy/Bystander Intervention**

Respectful Workplaces: Rights, Responsibilities and Obligations with Jacqueline Luksha - Toronto lawyer and litigator. Excellent information on how to be an ally in the workplace and bystander intervention. August 20, 2021 (3 hours)

■ **Anti-harassment/ Anti-sexual harassment training**

Sensitivity Training with Respectful Workplace/Anti-Harassment Training - Njeri Damali Sojourner-Campbell human rights lawyer Toronto. This was an online workshop provided by The Porter series. May 31, 2021 (3 hours)

■ **Mediation or Conflict Resolution training**

SHARON BAJER – INTIMACY COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR

In my training as a director at The Stratford Festival of Canada, we studied Mediation and Conflict Resolution under the umbrella of our stage directing training. I studied there for two seasons (200+ hours). I have put these skills into practice many times in my experience as a theatre director. 2010/2011

OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

2023 – guest panellist, Supporting Women in the Film Trades conference

2022 – ACTRA Manitoba workshop leader – *“Intimacy Coordinators in Film and Television”*

2022 – guest speaker at Pacific Opera Victoria – *Working with an Intimacy Director in Opera*

2021 – guest speaker at SMArts Canadian National Conference -*“SM’s and ID’s: How We work Together”*

2019 – guest lecturer at University of Manitoba -Real Talk Series – *“Intimacy Direction in Theatre”*

2021 – OnScreen Manitoba – Intimacy Coordinating Seminar with Tracy Beer, Sharon Bajer and Lindsay Somers (open to ACTRA and DGC members)

*REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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