



# DARA WISHINGRAD

Production Designer

Dara Wishingrad began her career in production design with the creation of massive 360° sets for live events, private affairs and corporate clients such as Superbowl, The Ryder Cup, The US Open and PGA Golf Tournaments, Donna Karan and Laurence Fishburne. She was the production designer for the Directors Guild Of America Honors and the Tribeca Film Festival, designing the public and private events and screening venues, most notably the General Motors Tribeca Drive-In.

Dara has designed film and theatre productions for directors and producers Michael Urie, John Leguizamo, Jennifer Phang, Michael Lembeck, Stephanie Laing, Leslie Lee, Charles Strouse, Charles Busch, Alfredo de Villa, Boaz Yakin, Mike O'Malley, Franc. Reyes, Nia Vardalos, Rainbow Media, Compulsive Pictures, and Univision Network among others.

She originally trained in fine art at the San Francisco Art Institute and the Art Students League in New York. Beginning her professional career as a performance artist and dancer with her mentor Dianne McIntyre, she performed with the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, David Esbjornson and in numerous downtown performance art venues. She was a founding member of Richard Gonzalez's Afro Cuban Dance Ensemble and as a recipient of multiple grants, her original performance dance/art works toured the U.S. and Canada and was reviewed nationally.

To view Dara's work, please visit:

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### PRODUCTION DESIGN – FILM & TV

QUEEN BEES	Director: Michael Lembeck; w/Ellen Burstyn, Christopher Lloyd, Ann-Margret, Jane Curtin, Loretta Devine, James Caan; Producer: Big Indie Pictures, Fred Bernstein, Dominique Telson, Claudine Marrotte
THE PHOTOGRAPH	Director: Stella Meghie; w/Issa Rae, LaKeith Stanfield; Producers: Universal Pictures, James Lopez, Will Packer, Erika Hampson; <i>Additional Scenes, Re-Shoots</i>
THE SIXTH REEL	Writers/Directors: Charles Busch & Carl Address; w/Charles Busch, Margaret Cho, Tim Daly, André De Shields; Producers: Jamie Buckner, Alex Peace, Ash Christian
A HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR	Director: John Putch; w/Ann-Margret, Eve Plumb; Producers: Hallmark Channel TV Movie; Production Designer: Tom Lisowski; <i>Art Director</i>
CHRISTMAS AT THE PLAZA	Director: Ron Oliver; w/Elizabeth Henstridge, Ryan Peavy, Bruce Davison, Nelson Wong; Producer: Hallmark Channel TV Movie; Production Designer: Mike Mulhall; <i>Art Director</i>
IRREPLACEABLE YOU	Director: Stephanie Laing; w/ Christopher Walken, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Michiel Huisman; Producer: Netflix, Rocloff Films, Farah Abushwaha
ADVANTAGEOUS	Director: Jennifer Phang; w/Jacqueline Kim, Jennifer Ehle, Ken Jeong, James Urbaniak; Producer: ICM Partners, Good Neighbors, Sundance Institute; <i>Winner 2015 Sundance Special Jury Award for Collaborative Vision, Official Selection Dramatic Competition 2015 Sundance Film Festival</i>
BREAKABLE YOU	Director: Andrew Wagner; w/ Holly Hunter, Tony Shaloub, Alfred Molina; Producer: Sony Pictures, Harmony Productions
FUGLY!	Director: Alfredo de Villa; w/John Leguizamo, Rosie Perez, Radha Mitchell, Griffin Dunne, Yul Vasquez, Tomas Milian; Producer: Rebel Films, John Leguizamo, Laura Knight, We Do Films
HE'S WAY MORE FAMOUS THAN YOU	Director: Michael Urie; w/ Halley Feiffer, Michael Urie, Ryan Spahn, Michael Chernus, Ralph Macchio, Ben Stiller, Jesse Eisenberg; Producer: Christopher Sepulveda, Geoffrey Soffer; <i>Official Selection 2013 Slamdance Film Festival &amp; Grand Jury Prize Nominee-Best Narrative Feature, 2013 Dallas Film Festival Grand Jury Prize Nominee-Narrative Feature Competition, Cleveland International Film Festival Nominee-Best American Independent Feature Film</i>
WANDERLAND	Director: Josh Klausner; w/Victoria Clark, Tate Ellington, Drew Powell, Dree Hemingway; Producers: Avy Kaufman, Barbara Romer, Erika Hampson; <i>Hamptons International Film Festival - Won, Suffolk County Film Commission Views from Long Island Award</i>

NAOMI & ELY'S NO-KISS LIST Director: Kristin Hanggi; w/Victoria Justice, Matthew Daddario, Maddie Corman, Pierson Fode; Producers: Emily Gerson Saines, Lesley Vogel, Alexandra Michan, Skip Klintworth

I HATE VALENTINE'S DAY Director: Nia Vardalos; w/Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Rachel Dratch, Zoe Kazan; Producer: William Sherak, Madeleine Sherak, Jason Shuman, Michael Gallant

AFFLUENZA Director: Kevin Asch; w/ Ben Rosenfield, Grant Gustin ,Steve Guttenberg, Samantha Mathis; Producer: Lookbook Films, Antonio Macia, Michael Goodin

THE MINISTERS Director: Franc. Reyes; w/John Leguizamo, Harvey Keitel, Florencia Lozano; producer: Jill Footlick, Grow Pictures, Empire Film Distribution, Ltd; *Imagen Foundation Awards 2010 Nominated - Best Actor – Film – John Leguizamo*

CERTAINTY Director: Peter Askin; w/Valerie Harper, Giancarlo Esposito, Bobby Moynihan; Dir: Peter Askin; writer: Mike O'Malley; Producer: Reno Productions; *Official Selection 2011 Boston Film Festival Premiere*

GRACE Director: Heath Jones; w/Sharon Lawrence, Annika Marks; Producer: CJoy Productions, Sylvia Caminer; *Official Selection 2014 Nashville Film Festival Premiere*

DEATH IN LOVE Director: Boaz Yakin; w/Jacqueline Bisset, Josh Lucas, Lukas Haas, Morena Baccarin, Vanessa Kai, Emma Bell; Producer: Joseph Zolfo; *Official Selection 2008 Sundance Film Festival Premiere*

A VERY SERIOUS PERSON Director: Charles Busch; w/Polly Bergen, Dana Ivey; Producer: Daryl Roth; *Official Selection 2006 Tribeca Film Festival Premiere & Winner Honorable Mention*

NEW YORK CITY SERENADE Director: Frank Whaley; w/Freddie Prinze Jr., Chris Klein; producer: Archer Entertainment; *2007 Toronto International Film Festival Premiere, Zurich Film Festival Nominee Best New Fiction Film*

ACROSS THE HALL Director: Alex Merkin; w/Adrian Grenier, James Oliver; Producer: John Kilik, Screen Gems & Samsung, FiveLion Productions; *Winner 2006 Palm Springs Audience Award; Winner Best Short Film: 2006 Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival; 2006 Harlem International Film Festival*

5 UP 2 DOWN Director: Steven Kessler, w/Kirk Acevedo, Issach de Bankole, Paz de la Huerta, Tia Texada; Producer: Terry Leonard; *Official Selection 2006 CineVegas, Winner Grand Jury Prize for Cinematography*

## SCENIC DESIGN – THEATRE

NO ONE CALLED AHEAD	Composer/Lyricist: Paul Gordon; Director: Tim Kashani; w/Justin Matthew Sargent, Ann Harada, Lora Lee Gayer, Storm Lever; Producer: Streaming Musicals, Judy Manocherian, Tom Polum
BRIGHT COLORS & BOLD PATTERNS	Director: Michael Urie, Playwright/Performer: Drew Droege; Producer: Zach Laks/Form Theatricals, Barrow Street Theatre, Studio Theatre DC; <i>New York Times Critics Pick 2016, Top 2016 Theatre Picks by NY Times, TimeOut, BuzzFeed</i>
DI KISHEFMAKHERIN: THE SORCERESS	Composer/Lyricist: Avrom Goldfaden; Director: Motl Didner; w/Mikhl Yashinsky; Producer: Folksbiene Yiddish Theatre; <i>New York Times Critics Pick 2019</i>
IMAGINING MADOFF	Playwright: Deb Margolin, Director: Jerry Heymann; w/Jenny Allen, Gerry Bamman, Jeremiah Kissel; Producer: New Light Theatre, 59 East 59 Theatre Group; <i>2019 NY Times Theatre Pick</i>
EMMA	Composer/Lyricist: Paul Gordon; Directors: Kent Nicholson, Tim Kashani; w/ Kellie Barrett; Producer: Streaming Musicals, Apples & Oranges, Tom D'Angora, Tom Polum
8 STOPS: A COMEDY CONCERNING THE GRIEF OF ENDLESS COMPASSION	Playwright/Performer: Deb Margolin, Director: Jay Wahl; Producer: Eileen Harris, The Kimmel Centre for Performing Arts 2014; Cherry Lane Theatre 2015
MARTIN: BEFORE THE DREAM	Composer/Lyricist: Charles Strouse; Playwright: Leslie Lee; Director: Jeffrey B. Moss; Producer: Negro Ensemble Company
TURQUOISE	Playwright: Deb Margolin, Director: Charlie Polinger; w/Jenny Allen, Edwin Lee Gibson, Julie Pearlstein; Producer: Dixon Place
WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE	Playwrights: Tina Andrews & Stanley Bennett Clay, Director: Wayne Cilento, Producer: Tao Productions; <i>World Premiere Staged Reading based on the film by Tina Andrews/Stanley Bennett Clay</i>
DEFENSES OF PRAGUE	Director: Leslie Lee, Playwright: Sophia Roma, Producer: La Mama E.T.C.
HARD TIMES	Composer/Lyricist: Stephen Foster, Larry Kirwan; Director: Kira Simring; Producer: Nancy Manocherian, the cell theatre; <i>2012 New York Times Critic's Pick</i>
CABARET ÉMIGRÉ	Director: Charles Weldon, Playwright: Sophia Roma; Producer: Negro Ensemble Company
PREMIO LO NUESTRO: THE LATIN MUSIC AWARDS	w/Celia Cruz, Julio Iglesias Jr.; Director: Bert Delgado; Producer: Univision Network, International Broadcast

INVINCIBLE FLOWER

Costume Designer for dance & jazz collaboration by Dianne McIntyre & Lester Bowie and his Brass Fantasy Orchestra.  
*Co-commissioned by Jacob's Pillow, The Walker Arts Center; supported by the National Dance Project Grant & New England Foundation for the Arts*

PIECES OF PIECES

Set & Costume Designer; Dance and music collaboration by Dianne McIntyre and Olu Dara; Producer: The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

MEMBERSHIP

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