

LEYLA LEVI

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ARTISTIC LEADERSHIP

Artistic Director, Gakko, 2016-19

Gakko is dedicated to artful design, collaborative production, and immersive world-building of camps that educate, inspire wonder, cultivate authenticity, and reverberate generosity around the world. Through fifteen programs in seven years, the Gakko camp project impacted over 700 individuals from more than 65 nations. Oversaw all aspects of producing eight international high school summer programs over three years in Japan, France, Romania, Indonesia and USA. Spearheaded a rigorous admission process for program directors and counselors, reviewing >300 applications each year to select a diverse ensemble of 10 counselors for each program. Articulated high-level mission, vision, values of project and developed process by which program curricula and schedules are designed responsively, site-specifically by directors and counselors. Oversaw admission process for participating high school students, including marketing efforts and hundreds of video interviews. Co-directed the following programs: Chiba, Japan (2016); Burgundy, France (2017); Chiba, Japan (2017); Okayama, Japan (2018); Berkshires, USA (2018).

Theater Directing

Quand Tu Sors Du Feu by Ella Boureau, Noor Theater Highlight reading series, 2024

Furlough's Paradise by a.k. payne, Yale School of Drama, 2023

Marys Seacole by Jackie Sibblies Drury, Yale School of Drama, 2023 (thesis production)

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare, Yale School of Drama, 2022

Song from the Uproar by Missy Mazzoli, Yale Schwarzman Center, 2022

While We Wait by Rudi Goblen, Yale School of Drama, 2019

Assistantships

Mother Play by Paula Vogel, dir. Tina Landau, Second Stage Theater, 2024 (script assistant)

Munich Medea: Happy Family by Corinne Jaber, dir. Lee Sunday Evans, Women's Project Theater, 2024

World Without End by Miranda Rose Hall, dir. Liz Diamond, Yale Repertory Theater, 2023 (prod. assistant)

Wish You Were Here by Sanaz Toossi, dir. Sivan Battat, Yale Repertory Theater, 2023

Swimmers by Rachel Bond, dir. Jackson Gay, Yale School of Drama, 2020

EDUCATION

David Geffen School of Drama at Yale, MFA in Directing, 2023

Yale University, BA in Architecture, 2016

Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey, 2012

RELATED TRAINING

Clown intensive with Chris Bayes, The Pandemonium Studio, 2023

Sahika Tekand Studio Players, acting intensive, Istanbul, 2018

Intensive in Studio Practice for Drawing and Painting with Robert Reed, France, 2013