

Austin Ku

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DIRECTING / ASSISTING

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Refuge to Planet Min (Vicky Pham) Director PlayGround(NY) - Best of PlayGround(NY) '24 Jie Jie (Howard Ho) PlayGround(NY) - Monday Night PlayGround Director

winner, March 2024 People's Choice Award

PlayGround(NY) 2024 Directing Apprentice

The XXXmas Carol PlayGround(NY) Directing Observer Jully Lee

Belly Shots off Two Randos Directing Observer PlayGround(NY) Nathaniel P. Claridad

Slash/Her Directing Observer PlayGround(NY) Anya Josephs

REGIONAL

Tiananmen the Musical (world premiere) Directing Observer Phoenix Theatre Company Darren Lee Flat Rock Playhouse My Fair Lady Dance Captain **Amy Jones**

San Jose Stage Company Urinetown Dance Captain Dottie Lester, chor. Sunfish (world premiere) Dance Captain Greater Boston Stage Co Chris Carcione, chor. Gutenberg! The Musical! Dance Captain New Repertory Theatre Stephen Nachamie

CONCERTS

"Cell Block Tango" from Chicago Director/Chor. San Jose Stage Co - gala Rick Singleton

MANDARIN LANGUAGE CONSULTANT

<u>TOUR</u>

Soft Power Mandarin consultant Ahmanson/L.A. & Curran/S.F. Leigh Silverman

nominated, 2 Bay Area Critics Circle Awards - Large theater prod (S.F.) & Large theater prod. (Bay Area)

OFF-BROADWAY

Soft Power Mandarin consultant The Public Theater Leigh Silverman

recipient, Outer Critics Circle Award - Outstanding New Off-Broadway Musical

nominated, Lortel, Drama Desk and Drama League Awards - Outstanding Musical

nominated, Grammy Award - Best Musical Theater Album

finalist, Pulitzer Prize for Drama

NYC READINGS & WORKSHOPS

Soft Power Mandarin consultant CTG/The Public Theater Leigh Silverman Tiananmen the Musical Mandarin consultant Darren Lee Phoenix Theater Company

Soft Power (world premiere)

Center Theatre Group Leigh Silverman

• nominated, Ovation Award - Best Production of a Musical (large theater)

Tiananmen the Musical (world premiere) Mandarin consultant Phoenix Theatre Company Darren Lee

Mandarin consultant

TELEVISION

REGIONAL

Younger (ep. 302) Mandarin coach for Dan Amboyer TV LAND: Darren Star Productions

CASTING

- 1 year informal casting internship, Judy Bowman Casting (reader, session runner, intro to Breakdown Services)
- Audition reader for various casting offices, including Bowling/Miscia, Tara Rubin, Pat McCorkle, Eisenberg/Beans
- 10+ years reader & session runner for acting & audition classes at Actors Connection NYC

EDUCATION

- M.Mus., Musical Theater The Boston Conservatory at Berklee
- J.D., Law University of California at Berkeley, School of Law
- B.A., magna cum laude, Chinese Studies (additional major studies in Vocal/Opera Performance) Rice University

SPECIAL SKILLS

Conversational Mandarin, Grammy-nominated performer, Script analysis & musicianship (new plays/musicals), Calm & kind.