

ROBERT YARNALL

WRITER / PERFORMER

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Studies

BMI Lehman Engel Musical Theatre Workshop: Current Member, Advanced & Librettists

Oberlin College: B.A., English & Creative Writing

Scott Wesley Hawley: singing

David Friedman: consultations

Judy Carter: Comedy Writing

Lenore DeKoven: Workshops for Actors & Writers

The Field: developmental workshops for new material and an NEA-sponsored residency

Greg Zittel: acting coach with Meisner-based technique, studied with him for four years

Professional Experience

Actor

Member of AEA and SAG-AFTRA

Film, TV, and Theatre, including New York Theater Workshop (*The Wild Party* with Veanne Cox), *American Buffalo*, and *Angels in America*; industrial videos playing everything from Paul Schaffer to a new dad to the flu virus; film roles playing everything from a prehistoric clown to an evil marketing director to an undercover mime. In *Political idol* – singing as John McCain, Bill Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Pence and others.

Writer/Lyricist

The Ten Year Test (aka Eid Decreed) – an original musical commissioned by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art and the Brooklyn Children's Theatre. Performed summer of 2017 in Brooklyn, now available to schools nationwide. Music by Craig Baldwin, book by Aizzah Fatima, and lyrics by Robert Yarnall.

Writer for *The Water Coolers* – parody songs and comedy material for AT&T, Choice Hotels, Mattel, Lockheed Martin, Cigna, The Wall Street Journal, American Business Women's Association, and the town of Ames, Iowa among many others.

Pleasantville – work-in-progress developed in the BMI Musical Theatre Workshop with composer Fred Thaler; one of only two musicals selected for a BMI Master class moderated by John Kander and David Yazbek. Reading performed for Gary Ross, the film's writer/director.

Political Idol – Lead Writer and Performer for a musical political satire, performed in four incarnations at the Triad in NYC in 2008 and online in 2020. *The New York Times* called it "howlingly funny!"

Your Own Show – an original musical developed in workshops and an artist's residency sponsored by the Field. A workshop production was presented at the Blue Heron.

Original Stand-up and Sketch comedy at the Duplex, Gotham Comedy Club and elsewhere.