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Director of Improvisation at Florida Studio Theatre, Director of Big Bang Improv, Artistic Director of Improv Asylum, and currently serving as the Artistic Director Emeritus of ImprovBoston. Will is co-creator of Healing Moments for Alzheimer's, a non-profit organization that provides education, advocacy, and ministry for persons with dementia and their caregivers. Will tours globally as an improv and theater actor, director and instructor that performs and teaches regularly all across North America, South America, Europe and Asia.

November 2014 - Present	<ul> <li>Director of Improvisation, Florida Studio Theater</li> <li>Lead Corporate Trainer</li> <li>Director of FST Improv ensemble</li> <li>Head Instructor and creator of original 6-level education curriculum</li> <li>Helped to evolve part-time Improv program to a full-time year-around program</li> </ul>
January 2013 - Present	<ul> <li>Producing Artistic Director, Big Bang Improv and Atomica Arts</li> <li>Director of globally renowned improv team Big Bang</li> <li>Developed innovative Boston-style free-form</li> <li>Director and Producer of global touring team, Improv America</li> <li>Working with Google and MIT Media Lab on Improvisation and Wearable technology project called Google Glassprov</li> </ul>
June 2005 – Present	<ul> <li>Artistic Director, ImprovAsylum</li> <li>Responsible for Directing the Mainstage cast Summer show, Bird Flu over the Cookoo's Nest</li> <li>Responsible for casting process of NXT ensemble</li> <li>Directed NXT run of "Lost in Boston" show</li> </ul>
September 2000 - Present	<ul> <li>Artistic Director Emeritus, ImprovBoston <ul> <li>Returned in 2018 to help during difficult management transtion</li> <li>Artistic Director from September 2000 to September 2012</li> <li>Regular and Weekly company performer in improv, sketch, stand-up and storytelling shows.</li> <li>Led Artistic growth of Cambridge, MA based theater and gained national recognition as an innovator in improvisational arts</li> <li>Theatre Recognized over a dozen times as "Best of Boston" for Comedy Theater and Ensemble.</li> <li>Director of INNY-nominated Ensemble from 2000 – 2011</li> <li>Created and maintained multilevel Improv and Sketch Curricula</li> <li>Improvisation and Sketch Workshop Instructor</li> <li>Led outreach initiatives to have equal gender representation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
January 2013 - September 2014	<ul> <li>Part-Time Faculty, Boston College <ul> <li>Taught a weekly credit course on Improvisation for the Actor</li> <li>Developed original curriculum for Theater Majors.</li> <li>Worked closely with the Head of the Theater Department to incorporate Improvisation into the training of theater majors.</li> <li>Developed additional classes for intermediate and comedy writing courses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

	2014 - Present	FST Improv	F
	2013 - Present	Big Bang	Α
	2013 - Present	Improv America	Α
	2012 - 2014	Specter	I
	2010 - Present	Mysteries of the Universe	I
	2005 - 2009	Psychic Improv	I
	2004 - Present	Los Big Papis	Α
	2003 - Present	Playbook	lı
	2001 - Present	Quest	lı
	2000 - Present	Blue Screen	lı
	1999 - Present	Sitcom	lı
	1997 - 2011	ImprovBoston Mainstage	Ir

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# **ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

2019 - Present	Master Trainer	Eckerd College
2015 - Present	Adjunct Faculty	Suncoast Technical College
2013	Guest Faculty	Universidad El Bosque
2013	Artistic Director	Pilsen Improv Festival
2009 - 2019	Artistic Associate	Chicago Improv Festival
2005 - 2007	Artistic Director	Lowell Improv Festival

## RECOGNITION

- 2011 INNY-Nominated ImprovBoston Mainstage Cast
- 2011 INNY-Nominated ImprovBoston Comedy School
- 2008 Actor and Producer of NBC Comedy Short Cuts competition winning tv pilot, "Strange Faculty"
- 2004 Boston and national winner of PAX-TVs World Cup Comedy

# NOTABLE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES

- 2020 Compass Improv Festival (St. Louis)
- 2020 Twin City Improv Festival (Minneapolis/St. Paul)
- 2019 Oklahoma City Improv Festival (Oklahoma City, OK)
- 2019 20 Vintage Improv Festival (Boston, MA)
- 2019 Cundimpro (Colombia)
- 2018 ImproSalento (Italy)
- 2018 Ottawa Improv Festival (Ottawa, Canada)
- 2018 San Diego Improv Festival (San Diego, CA)
- 2017 Palm Beach Improv Festival (West Palm Beach, FL)
- 2017 New South Comedy Festival (Greenville, SC)
- 2017 Westside Comedy Festival (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2017 19 Countdown Improv Festival (Tampa, FL)
- 2017 18 Stumptown Improv Festival (Portland, OR)
- 2017 Mt. Olymprov (Athens, Greece)
- 2017 IMPRO Amsterdam
- 2016 MProv Festival (Montreal, Canada)
- 2016 Slapdash Improv Festival (London, England)
- 2015 Cartelera Festival Cultural Amado Nervo (Tepic, Mexico)
- 2015 Hell Yes Festival (New Orleans, Louisiana)
- 2015 GASP! Improv Tour
- 2015 Atlanta Improv Festival
- 2015 2016 Miami Improv Festival
- 2014 Peru Improv Tour
- 2014 Finland International Improv Festival
- 2014 SteelStacks Improv Comedy Festival (Bethlehem, PA)
- 2014 Charleston Comedy Festival

# EDUCATION

Boston College, B.Sc. Physics/Computer Science, Class of 1996 Improvisation and Writing training at **The Second City** Introduction to Improvisation and Harold Training at **ImprovOlympic** Advanced Improvisation training at **The Annoyance Theater** Advanced Improvisation training by **The Upright Citizens Brigade** Impro taught by **Keith Johnstone** Scenic Improvisation taught by **Mick Napier**