

# Birgitta De Pree

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## EDUCATION

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| MFA, Theatre Performance | National Theatre Conservatory, Denver, CO | 1995 |
| BA, German Studies       | Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH              | 1985 |

### Additional Education and Training

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| Shakespeare & The Actor's Voice    | Shakespeare & Company, Lennox, MA                | 1998        |
| Organizing with Artists for Change | Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, Tacoma Park, MD       | 1997        |
| Summer Acting Intensive            | American Conservatory Theatre, San Francisco, CA | 1992        |
| Improvisation Techniques           | Bay Area Theatre Sports, San Francisco, CA       | 1990 - 1992 |
| Arts in Education Intern           | Performing Arts Workshop, San Francisco, CA      | 1990        |
| Improvisation Intensive            | Loose Moose Theatre Company, Calgary, Canada     | 1989        |
| Advanced Actor Training            | Studio Theatre, Washington D.C.                  | 1985-88     |

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| Actors' Equity Association | Full Member | 1995 to present |
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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

### Theatre Lecturer

UCCS, Colorado Springs, CO | 2014 to present

- design and teach college courses in Acting Workshop1 & Intro to Theatre

### Artistic Director

Millibo Art Theatre, Colorado Springs, CO | 2001 to present

- co-founded professional theatre for the creation & production of original theatre
- curate and oversee theatre season featuring 20 unique productions with over 160 performances
- manage outreach and education theatre programming and coordinate fundraising initiatives

### Leadership Training Facilitator

Leadership Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs, CO | 2014 – 2018

- developed workshops for business community to examine innovative approaches to leadership
- examined potential of the performing arts to invigorate best business practices including team building, brainstorming techniques and staff/management dynamics

### Arts Integration Teaching Artist

Aesthetic Education Summer Institute | Young Audiences and Denver University, Denver CO | 1996-99

- worked with educators to examine and develop methods for integrating the performing arts throughout the k-12 curriculum including science, math and language arts
- supported teachers in the development of arts integrated lesson plans
- collaborated with artists in visual arts, music and dance to design arts integrated intensive for teachers

### Artist in Residence

Young Audiences/Think 360, Denver CO | 1996-2004

- worked as an artist in residence in over 30 K-12 schools throughout Colorado
- collaborated with teachers to design workshops exploring the curriculum through the performing arts. Residencies lasted from two to six weeks, with some occurring over multiple years.
- facilitated hands-on theatrical explorations of academic curriculum with students from pre-kindergarten to high school
- work featured in Annenberg Foundation documentary on Arts in Education, 1989

## Advanced Acting Classes & Specialty Workshops

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| 2010 - 2020 | <b>Mountain Vista Home School Academy</b> , Colorado Springs, CO   |
| 2010 - 2015 | <b>Imagination Celebration</b> , Colorado Springs, CO  |
| 2013 - 15   | <b>Bemis School of Art</b> , Colorado Springs, CO  |
| 2001 - 2013 | <b>Colorado Springs Conservatory</b> , Colorado Springs CO   |
| 1999 – 2000 | <b>Museum of Outdoor Arts</b> , Littleton, CO <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed an original multi-media performance with high school students in response to the Columbine school shooting in our community</li></ul>      |
| 1996 - 2004 | <b>Young Audiences</b> /Kansas City, MO  |
| 1995 - 1999 | <b>Denver Center Theatre Company</b> , Denver CO   |
| 1998        | <b>Trollwood Performing Arts School</b> , Fargo, ND <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Devised and presented an original theatre performance based on the experiences of Kurdish, Native American and Latino teens in Fargo</li></ul> |

## DIRECTING & PRODUCING | selected highlights

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|---------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2009-19 | Producer/Director   | Six Women Playwrighting Festival | Millibo Art Theatre |
| 2015    | Director            | The Heroines of Central Ohio     | Millibo Art Theatre |
| 2014    | Director            | The Importance of Being Earnest  | Millibo Art Theatre |
| 2013    | Director/Co-Creator | Gods, Guns & Pancakes            | Millibo Art Theatre |
| 2003    | Director/Co-Creator | Stick Guns                       | Millibo Art Theatre |

## ACTING | selected highlights

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|------|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 2020 | Eidith*              | Stealing Sugar (original solo performance)    | Millibo Art Theatre                |
| 2019 | Mother Courage*      | Mother Courage and her Children               | Millibo Art Theatre                |
| 2019 | Multiple Characters* | Murder of the Heart (original play)           | Millibo Art Theatre                |
| 2018 | Queen Elizabeth*     | Shakespeare in Love                           | COSP Fine Art Center Theatre       |
| 2017 | Kathy                | Parallel Lives                                | Fine Art Center Theatre            |
| 2016 | Mrs. Shubert*        | Shear Madness                                 | Fine Art Center Theatre            |
| 2016 | Babette*             | Knock Out Opera                               | Millibo Art Theatre                |
| 2015 | Dawg*                | Book Dawg ( <i>original children's play</i> ) | Millibo Art Theatre                |
| 2014 | Woman                | Love, Loss and What I Wore                    | Fine Art Center Theatre            |
| 2013 | Silda Grauman*       | Other Desert Cities                           | Fine Art Center Theatre            |
| 2013 | Dotty Otley*         | Noises Off                                    | Fine Art Center Theatre            |
| 2002 | Dalrumple            | <i>Elephant (original children's play)</i>    | International Children's Festival, |
| 1995 | Helena               | <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>              | Denver Center Theatre Company      |
| 1995 | Rosalind             | As You Like It                                | National Theatre Conservatory      |

\* denotes Actor's Equity Association contract

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Best Theatre Company             | Colorado Springs Independent (Silver) | 2018- 2020             |
| National Theatre Grant Recipient | American Theatre Wing                 | 2017                   |
| Best Local Theatre               | Colorado Springs Independent (Gold)   | 2017                   |
| Best Summer Camp                 | Colorado Springs Independent (Silver) | 2016                   |
| Best Performing Arts Center      | Colorado Springs Independent (Gold)   | 2015                   |
| Best Theatre Company             | Colorado Springs Gazette (Gold)       | 2012-13                |
| Courage, Vision & Achievement    |                                       |                        |
| In The Arts Award                | Pikes Peak Arts Council               | 2006                   |
| Professional Theatre Award       | Alliance for Colorado Theatre         | 2005                   |
| Best Actress                     | Colorado Springs Gazette (Gold)       | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 |
| Best Local Actress               | Colorado Springs Gazette (Gold)       | 2008                   |