

# MARY C. FERRARA

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## SUMMARY

- 25 years experience in performing (improv, sketch comedy, theatre, and film, including 12 web series).
- Experience putting together shot lists, call sheets, and other production paper work needs.
- 13 years experience in directing (web series episodes,, short films, short plays, and one feature film).
- Strong ability to multitask, confidence in leading project teams, and working well under pressure.

## DIRECTING (FILM)

### **PAM - THE BLACK WIDOW JUNKIE (COMEDY SHORT)**

Writer/Co-Producer/Director/Actor

### **WALIEE'S GALS (COMEDY FEATURE)**

Writer/Producer/Director/Actor

### **CANDLESTICK JUSTICE (DRAMEDY SHORT)**

Co-Producer/Co-Director/Actor

### **SCHMOOPIE (COMEDY SHORT)**

Producer/Director/Writer/Actor

### **TESTING (DRAMATIC WEB SERIES)**

"Delusional Brain"

Director/Actor

"Return to Unit 23"

Director

### **WORLD'S WORST DIRECTOR (COMEDY WEB SERIES)**

"World's Worst Editing"

"World's Worst Therapy"

Director/Actor

## DIRECTING (THEATRE)

### **THEATRE@FIRST'S "FESTIVAL@FIRST: HEROES AND VILLAINS" (SHORT PLAY)**

"Alexander the Great"

### **POST-MERIDIEN RADIO PLAYERS (LIVE AUDIO PLAY)**

"The Day the Earth Stood Still"

Assistant Director

## **AWARDS (select awards)**

### **Acting**

Family Problems web series: The Angel Awards (Best Guest Actress)

Schmoopie: Southern Shorts Awards (Award of Merit for Individual Achievement in Acting); and Shawna Shea Film Festival (Best Female Performance)

### **Producing**

Wallie's Gals: 2023 Shawna Shea Film Festival (Spirit Award); Spring 2025 Alternative Film Festival (Best Comedy Feature Film)

Schmoopie: 2018 Mindfield - Albuquerque (Best Romantic Comedy); 2018 Augusta Indie Film Festival (Best Short Film); and 2018 Avalonia Festival (Best Canine Film)

### **Directing**

Schmoopie: Pinnacle Film Awards (Silver Award for Best Director);

Candlestick Justice: Top Shorts Film Festival (Best First Time Director, co-directed with Randi Sloane and Sarah Kinsey)

### **Writing**

Girl Aloud: 2023 Shawna Shea Film Festival (Certificate Winner for Outstanding Achievement, Feature Film Screenplay)

Red Shirt: 2018 Rhode Island International Film Festival (Grand Prize for Best Short Script); 2021 Shawna Shea Film Festival (Best New England Short Screenplay); and 2020 Laugh or Die Comedy Fest (Best Short Screenplay)

### **Editing**

Wallie's Gals Official Trailer: 2024 Telly Awards (Bronze Telly Award for Craft: Editing of Promotional Video)

## **EDUCATION + TRAINING**

### **B.A. IN ART HISTORY & ENGLISH | UMASS BOSTON**

Relevant classes: Narrative in Literature and Film (Linda Dittmar), Screenwriting (Steve Sweeney), and Film/Video (Robert Todd)

### **CERTIFICATE IN DIGITAL MEDIA AND AUDIO/VIDEO EDITING | AMERICAN CAREER INSTITUTE**

Relevant classes: Adobe Premiere, Adobe After Effects, and Soundbooth

**ON CAMERA:** Ann Baker ♦ Heather Whitty ♦ Lisa Lobel ♦ Hilary Missan

Michael Fennimore ♦ Carolyn Pickman

**IMPROV:** Improv Asylum ♦ ImprovBoston ♦ Upright Citizens Brigade 101

**SCENE STUDY:** Alessio Cappelletti: For two years, worked with Alessio on the various acting methods; includes Strasberg, Stella Adler, Chekhov, and Meisner.

Steve Blackwood (*Days of Our Lives*)

Michael Cerveris (Tony-Award Winning Actor)