

Heidi Arneson

Multidisciplinary Theater Artist
Writer, Performer, Director, Designer and Visual Artist

Born 1959, New Brighton, Minnesota

Background/Training

1975-76 Nancy Hauser Modern Dance
1976-77 Institute for Professional Actor Training
1977-80 Olympia Theater
1980-82 Up and Over Theater
1984-90 Science Museum of Minnesota Theater

Teaching

1994-2004 Heidi House Performance Workshops

Major Works (Featured Playwright, Director and Performer)

2004 ***The Queen of Block E*** premiered at Red Eye Theater *Isolated Acts Series*, Minneapolis Minnesota, further developed at Minnesota Fringe Festival 04

2003 ***Ten Bedroom Heart*** premiered at Bryant-Lake Bowl Theater, developed at Patrick's Cabaret, tours nationally

2002 ***Homeland Security*** premiered at Intermedia Arts *Absolute Originals Series*, developed at Weisman Museum's *Twisted Minnesotans*, Weisman's *One the Edge of Your Seat* and Minnesota Fringe Festival 02

2001 ***Snake Lady Sheds Her Skin*** premiered at Red Eye Theater, developed at the Playwrights' Center *Hot House Series*, Wild Yam Cabaret, *Mulch* at Intermedia, Vulva Riot, the Loft and Patrick's Cabaret

2001 ***Small Barbie! Small Barbie!*** premiered at Minnesota Fringe Festival 01, developed at *Cathy Young Dance*, Patrick's Cabaret and Vulva Riot

1998 ***PreHansel & PostGretel*** premiered at Minnesota Fringe Festival 98, developed at Red Eye *Isolated Acts Series*, further developed at Dixon Place New York, and Wagon Train Project Lincoln Nebraska

1997 ***The Brunette Breck Girl*** premiered at Pillsbury House Theater, developed at Shu Lea Cheng's *Bowling Alley* at Walker Art Center, *Two Chairs Telling* at Jungle Theater and the Playwrights' Center *Hot House Series*, further developed at Dixon Place New York, Bryant-Lake Bowl and Wagon Train Project

1996 ***Degrade School*** premiered at Jungle Theater *Late Night*, further developed at *Hannah Dada* at Walker Art Center, Cleveland Performance Art Festival Ohio, Minnesota Fringe Festival 00, Dixon Place, Wagon Train Project, and Legion Arts Cedar Rapids Iowa, tours nationally

1995 ***Heidi House*** premiered at *Festival of One-Woman Shows* at Bryant-Lake Bowl, further developed at The Bug in Denver Colorado, N.A.M.E. Gallery Chicago Illinois, the Playwrights' Center, and the No Name Gallery tour to University of North Dakota and Ace Arts Inc. Winnipeg Manitoba

1994 ***Mary Margaret, Please Appear (Slumber Party)*** premiered at Red Eye *Works-In-Progress Series*, developed at Walker Art Center *Loose Cannon Series* at Southern Theater, Patrick's Cabaret, the Playwrights' Center, No Name *Naked and Shaved*, further developed at Franklin Furnace, New School New York, *Dada Cabaret* at Walker Art Center 96, Jungle Theater, and Minnesota Fringe Festival 99

Major Works, continued

- 1993 *Sex Secrets* premiered at Cleveland Performance Art Festival, developed at Unicorn Theater, Walker Art Center's *Out There Series 93*, Patrick's Cabaret, *Six Women No Waiting* at Theater Garage, *Two Chairs Telling* at the Jungle and No Name Gallery *Sex Show* at the Southern
- 1992 *Family Secrets* premiered at Red Eye *Isolated Acts*, developed at Red Eye *Works-In-Progress Series*, Walker Art Center *Out There Series 92* at Southern Theater, Playwrights' Center NPN Showcase, pARTS, Patrick's Cabaret and the Playwrights' Center *Performance Cabaret* at the Jungle

Grants, Awards and Honors

- 2004 Nominated for the 2005 Alpert Award in the Arts (Theater)
- 2004 Featured Artist, March *Minnesota Monthly*
- 2002 Featured Artist, *Celebrate and Create with Minnesota Artists*
- 1996 Bush Artist Fellowship Award, Performance Art
- 1995 Playwrights' Center Core Membership Award
- 1995 Playwrights' Center Jones Commission Award
- 1994 Franklin Furnace Emerging Performance Artist Award, NY
- 1993 *Minnesota Daily Peoples' Choice Best Local Actor*
- 1993 *Skyway News Artists Registry*
- 1993, 91, 90 The Playwrights' Center Associate Membership Awards
- 1992 *City Pages Artists of the Year Listing*
- 1990 Lifetime Achievement Award, Science Museum of MN Theater (for acting, playwriting and theater design)
- 1986 COMPAS Artist Award (Visual Art)

Publications

- 2005 *New Monologues for Women by Women, Volume II*, Heinemann Books
- 1996 *The Slate*

Additional Skills

Visual Art, Costume Design, Dance

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