

Join us for an evening of work featuring our 2022/23 1-Year Professional Acting Program students. Saturday, June 17 at 3pm and 7pm Sunday, June 18 at 3pm and 7pm



Michaela Bailey



Kate Broderick



Melissa Parker Caron





Alessandro Mammoli



Steven Michael Martin



Natalie Choo



Clarence Demesier



Ewa Dziedzina



Valeria Nacer



Chris Parkin



Briana Sky Riley



Stacey Robinson



Stephen Saint-Felix



Johnny Wong



Tania Zhelieznikova



Samuel Zukin

Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons by Sam Steiner

Featuring: Valeria Nacer and Stephen Saint-Felix

Uh-Oh from *Love Sick* by John Cariani Featuring - Stacey Robinson and Thane Madsen

The Second Beam by Joan Ackermann

Featuring: Kate Broderick, Melissa Parker Caron, and Ewa Dziedzina

Jorge and Mateo by Julio Lourido Featuring: Alessandro Mammoli and Clarence Demesier

Bright Half Life by Tanya Barfield Featuring: Tania Zhelieznikova and Natalie Choo

What?! from *Love Sick* by John Cariani Featuring: Johnny Wong and Steven Michael Martin

Obsessive Impulsive from Love Sick by John Cariani Featuring: Michaela Bailey and Samuel Zukin

Wish Upon A Star by John Cariani

Featuring: Briana Sky Riley and Chris Parkin

1-Year Program Taught by Seth Barrish and Lee Brock Stage Manager: Emily Thaler



Michaela Bailey

is very excited to be part of The Barrow Group's 1-Year Professional Acting Program! She is an actor and filmmaker from Atlanta, GA. She attended the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) where she studied Performing Arts. After graduating, Michaela moved back to Atlanta to pursue a career in the entertainment industry, working as a production designer for Cannes Selection 'Chemical Bonds' and a Camera Assistant for several Apple Music Livestreams. When she isn't on stage or behind the camera, she is writing songs or hanging out with her dog Henry. Special thanks to Mom, Dad, Bronwyn, Aidan, and Henry for all their continued love and support.<u>www.michaelabailey.com</u>



Kate Broderick

is a NYC-based actor and singer. She grew up performing in operas and musicals both abroad in Italy and in Des Moines, Iowa, where she was born and raised. She recently obtained her B.A. in Operatic Vocal Performance from Drake University in 2020 and is excited to further her artistic training and career here at The Barrow Group. While she is sad her time here is coming to an end, she's excited to dive into auditioning for theatre, film, and musical theatre here in the city.



Melissa Parker Caron

is an Asian-mixed-race actor, improv comedian, and Voice Over artist, among many creative abilities. She started her career in Orlando, FL as a musician and vocalist, touring the country in indie-rock bands. Transitioning to acting, Melissa honed her skills in improv theater at esteemed venues like The PIT, Magnet, and UCB in New York City. Her creativity extended to writing and performing her own one-woman solo show, "Dorothy in Wonderland," which explores themes of adulthood, miscarriage, and self-worth. She also co-hosted "The Shout Hooray Show," a lively variety show for babies and toddlers. Alongside her involvement in Redshirts: the all-women Star Trek themed musical improv troupe, Melissa is a cast member of Shot4Shot at The Armory Comedy. Additionally, she is currently completing the 1-Year Professional Acting Program at The Barrow Group. When she isn't gracing the stage or screen, Melissa can be found speaking into microphones, walking dogs, or indulging in her love for crafting.



Natalie Choo

grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a recent graduate of Harvard College, where she was Co-President of the Harvard College Opera Society and an active member of the theater community. She has played a wide range of stage roles, including the Queen of the Night (The Magic Flute), Elle Woods (Legally Blonde), and Hero (Much Ado About Nothing). She also performed in the original reading of Shimcheong: A Folktale, soon to be developed as the musical Dive by the American Repertory Theater in Cambridge, MA. Natalie enjoys reading, playing tennis, and hunting for the best desserts in NYC.



Clarence Demesier

is a New York City based actor with several years of experience both on stage and in film, who began acting in high school and throughout college. His training has involved professional instruction from one of the top ranking universities in the country and highly rated New York City drama studios. His most recent film work spanning student and independent projects have screened and been awarded at various film festivals both locally and internationally. He also holds burgeoning stage experience across university and Off-Broadway productions.



Ewa Dziedzina

Ewa /'ɛ.va/ is a classically trained Polish opera singer, actress and model. While pursuing her masters degree she gained extensive acting experience performing in many theatrical productions. She debuted in a musical "Broken Silence" in Warsaw Chamber Orchestra. She moved to New York 2 years ago and is passionate about creating connections between different forms of art. Ewa is bilingual -English/Polish and keeps a few accents up her sleeve. https://instagram.com/ewadziedzina?igshid=MmIzYWVINDQ5Yg==



Thane Madsen

Thane's professional career started in the Philadelphia area in 2016 with independent shorts. He then became a Resident Company Member at Hedgerow Theater Company in Media, PA, America's oldest and longest running repertory theater. While there he dove headfirst into the conception, production and collaboration of theater arts for almost 3 years. Some of his favorite roles as a member of the company include: Macbeth (Macbeth), Young Scrooge (A Christmas Carol), Proteus (Two Gentlemen of Verona), Louise The Maid (Private Lives), Jonathan Harker (Dracula: The Bloody Truth), as well as countless children's theater heroes and villains. Since leaving the Philadelphia area he has had the opportunities to play with the Veteran's Repertory Theater on multiple occasions and Millbrook Playhouse in Ken Ludwig's Dear Jack, Dear Louise as Jack. In addition to acting he loves the guitar, singing, woodworking, writing and tabletop games. Thane would like to say that his time with The Barrow Group's 1-Year Program has been invaluable to his growth as a storyteller and he can't wait to see where it leads him next. "As always, all my love to my family, castmates/classmates, and M."



Alessandro Mammoli

NYC-based actor. Some life highlights: born into a culturally diverse family with Italian, German, Dutch, and Venezuelan backgrounds. My parents gave me the opportunity to go overseas for boarding school at a young age where I lived with people from all corners of the world. Have lived in Spain, Italy, Mexico, California, and Florida before meeting my beautiful wife in NY.



Steven Michael Martin

is a New York based Classical Theatre actor. Steven has been acting locally in NY and NJ Theater for 15yrs. Prior to training with The Barrow Group Steven also studied at The American Musical and Dramatic Academy here in NYC. @stevenmichaelmartin



Valeria Nacer

is a Mexican/Lebanese actress based in New York City. She grew up in Mexico City where she started her artistic studies in ballet and pole dance. She graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy as a Theater Major in 2016 and returned to Mexico to earn a Communications Degree from Universidad Anahuac Mexico (2020). Since being in New York City, Valeria has worked on stage Off-Broadway in new works and upon graduating from The Barrow Group in 2023, she desires to continue to work on stage and in film and television. She is also currently earning her MBA from Pace University.



Chris Parkin

is an actor and musician based out of Yonkers, NY. He graduated from Fordham University, and has been performing on stage in both theater and music since his first piano recital at 5 years old. Chris began studying at The Barrow Group in 2022, and he is so excited and privileged to be a part of this showcase. He would like to thank his mother Suzanne and father James for their never-ending support, best friend Johnny Travers, and all of his amazing Barrow Group family. When not acting, you can find Chris performing music or playing in baseball leagues, and cheering on the Mets!



Briana Sky Riley

is an actress, singer, voice actor and model based in New York City. As a born and bred Brooklynite, Briana attended Poly Prep Country Day School, where she discovered her love of singing and theater. She went on to The Boston Conservatory at Berklee College of Music, graduating with a BFA in Musical Theater Performance, emphasis in Devised Theater. Briana is currently training at The Barrow Group, and has just wrapped up three films, a new musical recording, and two audio books (in which she had so much fun voicing vicious mythological beings). Briana loves period dramas, songwriting, antique shopping, her two Australian Shepherds and country music. If Margot Robbie, Natalie Dormer and Alexis Rose had a love child, it would be Bree! Briana is honored to be a part of The Barrow Group's 2023 Acting Showcase and to be performing alongside her amazing peers. Follow along on Briana's artistic journey on instagram (@borntobebree) and tiktok (@brianaskyriley) Enjoy the performance!



Stacey Robinson

hails from Denver, Colorado, and made her stage debut in Berlin with the role of Marley in Zayd Dohrn's *Want*. A student of linguistics, she enjoys putting her language background to use exploring various accents and dialects. When she's not at The Barrow Group, you can find her chatting film with Adam Harris on the movie podcast *Double Exposure*. She is thrilled to be in New York and to have found this truly exceptional community of people. Youtube @Stacey_Robinson.



Stephen Saint-Felix

is an aspiring artist born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. As a Vocal Performance major at Nyack College he performed in numerous musical theatre college productions such as The Wiz, Jesus Christ Superstar, And Dream Girls. Outside of the college scene he has also worked as a Voice Over Artist. Stephen is currently continuing his creative studies as an actor at The Barrow Group, and is striving to someday make it to the Broadway stage and professional film world.



Johnny Wong

Asian-American, NYC-based actor. My age range is 30 - 45yrs. I enjoy playing characters who are genuine, and slightly unsure of themselves. I also look and play well a supportive father, laid-back outdoors guy, villain with a chip on shoulder, and corporate executive or lawyer. I'm an avid runner, voracious reader, dog lover, and a family man in NYC with two girls.



Tania Zhelieznikova

is a multi-talented artist with a diverse background in film production, including art direction, editing, sound, cinematography, make-up, script supervising, and directing. Born and raised in Ukraine, Tania's passion for acting began at a young age, but it wasn't until recently that she decided to follow her dream and pursue it professionally. Tania has acted in various student films in both Ukraine and the United States, as well as a short film and a web series. Her theater experience includes playing Juliet in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" at age 14 and portraying Amanda in Tennessee Williams' "Glass Menagerie" at Hunter College. Currently enrolled in the 1-Year Professional Acting Program at The Barrow Group, Tania is dedicated to developing her craft and pursuing her passion for acting. With her extensive production experience and dedication to storytelling, Tania brings a unique perspective to her performances and is poised for success in the industry.



Samuel Zukin

graduated from Pitzer College last May where he was involved in the theater department, portraying Doyle Trigorin in Stupid Fucking Bird. Currently enrolled in The Barrow Group's 1-Year Professional Acting Program, he has starred in a number of short student films over the last few months in a wide variety of roles. He also had his first Off-Off Broadway performance as The Hustler in Six Degrees of Separation.