

# ACTOR CRAFT EXPANSION PROGRAM



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Join us for an evening of work featuring our  
2023/24 Actor Craft Expansion Program students.

Saturday, February 3 at 7pm

Sunday, February 4 at 3pm and 7pm



## Kate Broderick

is a NYC-based actor and singer. She recently completed The Barrow Group's One Year Professional Acting Program after obtaining her BA in Operatic Vocal Performance from Drake University. Born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa, she's performed both across the country and internationally. When she's not performing, you can find her making lattes in Williamsburg or hanging out with her cats, Herbert and Phyllis.



## Alfred M. Cabrera

is a Queens raised New York actor. He has been training with the Barrow Group since 2018. Whenever he isn't taking classes, shooting a film with friends, auditioning for theatre, he is probably watching the Mets or a movie. *Past Lives* was his favorite movie of 2023.



## Ewa Dziejzina

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 3 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.



## James Freedson Jackson

has been thrilled to be part of The Barrow Group once again. Credits include Marvel's 'Jessica Jones' (Young Kilgrave), Jon Watts' thriller 'Cop Car', and upcoming 'Profanities' with Damian Young.



## 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 in 2016 and returned to Mexico to earn a Communications Degree from Universidad Anahuac. 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.



## Laura Park

Recently: *The Sound of Music* (Liesl), *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (Swing/Jolene u/s), *Guys and Dolls* (Sarah Brown), *Mamma Mia* (Sophie), *Elf* (Ens./Dance Captain). Many thanks to Seth, Lee, Robert, Lisa, Ron for their transformative teaching and mentorship, Farrah and the team at Barrow, and my classmates who have become family. All my love & gratitude to Travis.



## Jamie Ragusa

is a dancer turned actor working in TV, Film and Theatre. She has studied at the Barrow Group under Lee Brock, Seth Barrish, Shannon Patterson, Robert Serrell and Lisa Porter. Maggie Flanigan Studio under Charlie Sandlan, and the Lee Strasberg Institute. She holds a BA in Dance and MA in Communications from Point Park University. Most recently, she played a Guest Star role on the last season of CBS, 'Bull' and as Sophie in the play *Horseshoe Empire*. Jamie won several acting accolades for her role as Alvara in indie short 'Double Zero,' as well as her role as Sara in indie 'The Rest Of My Life.' When not acting, she's a busy mom to two and an Aussiedoodle. More information at:

[www.jamieragusa.com](http://www.jamieragusa.com)



## 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.



## Emily Thaler

is an actor and producer based in New York City. She studied at The University of Tampa where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, and was part of The Barrow Group Acting Apprenticeship program from 2016-2017. Her most recent acting credits are Taylor in episode 714 of 'Evil Lives Here', and The Widow in *The Taming of the Shrew*. When Emily is not acting she is producing free Shakespeare in Central Park with Barefoot Shakespeare. She would like to thank The Barrow Group for continuing to be her creative home and for showing her that she IS enough.



## Tania Zhelieznikova

Born and raised in Ukraine, Tania is a versatile artist with a diverse background in film, both in front of and behind the camera. 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 independent films in both Ukraine and the United States. Her theater experience includes playing Juliet in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and portraying Amanda in Tennessee Williams' *Glass Menagerie*. Tania recently graduated from The Barrow Group's One-Year Professional Acting Program, where she honed her craft. Completing this, she expanded her skills through the Craft Expansion Program, mastering stage combat, Southern and British accents, and voice techniques. Now, armed with diverse training and a strong commitment to her craft, Tania brings a unique perspective to her performances, promising a compelling presence on both stage and screen.