

RACHAEL MEYERS



Rachael Meyers is an award-winning director, writer and producer. Meyers began directing and producing during her time at Colorado College, mounting full-scale theatrical productions such as *Cabaret*, *Little Women* and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* as co-founder and artistic director of the Student Musical Theatre Group. Infatuated with the craft, Meyers explored the realm of absurdist, classical, contemporary, and site-specific theatre before moving to Los Angeles and broadening her scope to film and television. The recipient of 15 awards internationally, she has tackled a wide-range of genres in film from high concept to character-driven content, expanding her technique and palette. In 2012, she received the Young Artist Development Award from Chaspen Foundation for the Arts for her work as writer and producer on the detective noir *Midnight Showing*. Her directorial debut, the action-packed western comedy *Highway 15*, garnered awards at festivals across the country, including Best Direction. Most notably, *Zoe + Ari*, a short LGBT romantic dramedy which Meyers directed and produced, screened in 30+ festivals, won 4 awards, was nominated for 5 more, and made a special appearance at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival as a part of the Cannes Court Métrage. She received Best Director at the UCLAx Film Festival for *Zoe + Ari*, and her heartfelt short *Forget-Me-Not* won Best Drama Short Film at the North Hollywood Cinefest. She is currently in development to direct several projects.

Directing seemed a natural offshoot from her work as an actress. Meyers is known for her recurring role as Josie on Tina Fey's Emmy-nominated comedy *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*. She has appeared on ABC's *Fresh Off the Boat*, Disney's *Dog with a Blog*, Mindy Kaling's *Champions*, CBS's *All Rise*, the reboot of the widely-popular series *Veronica Mars*, and as Barracuda, the barbaric volleyball center in Facebook Watch's *The Set Up*. Meyers' career has also spanned the stage, including the world premiere of Brynn Thayer's *Let Me In* opposite Jorge Garcia, the Ovation-nominated *The Elephant Man*, and the world premiere of *FAMOUS*. Her performances have earned her critical praise ranging from "the ultimate stage mother from hell" (*BroadwayWorld*) to "dorky/sexy humanity" (*BroadwayWorld*) to "a towering beacon of goodness" (*StageSceneLA*).

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EXPERIENCE

TV/FILM/COMMERCIAL (Partial)

Creator-Showrunner-Actor — “ Big Red ” RM Productions, Series, in development	2025
Director-Writer-Producer — “ Lost for Words ” RM Productions, Feature, in development	2024
Director-Writer-Producer — “ Untitled Funeral Project ” RM Productions, Feature, in development	2024
Writer-Producer-Actor — “ Cherry Pie ” RM Productions, Feature, in development	2023
Director-Writer-Producer — “ The Battle of the Butter ” RM Productions, Spec Commercial	2020
Director — “ A Night at the Troll Farm ” RM Productions/Map on Fire Films, Short	2020
Director-Producer — K.C. Clifford Music Videos RM Productions, Music Videos	2019
Director-Producer — “ Zoe + Ari ” RM Productions, Short	2017
• Winner: Best Director (UCLAx Film Festival); Best Ensemble Cast Short Dramedy (Best Actors Film Festival); Award of Excellence (Accolade Competition); Award of Merit (IndieFEST Film Awards)	
• Distinguished Screening: Cannes Film Festival 2018	
Director-Producer-Writer — “ Forget-Me-Not ” RM Productions, Short	2017
• Winner: Best Drama Short Film (North Hollywood Cinefest)	
• Nominee: Best Director Short Film (North Hollywood Cinefest)	
Director — “ Eugene ” Ian Ostroy Productions/RM Productions, Short	2016
Director — “ Obviously Not a Child of God ” RM Productions/SkitBags, Short	2015
Director-Writer — “ Chémò de péngyòu ” Fed by Fire Productions, Short	2015
• Winner: Award of Recognition (Best Shorts Competition); Award of Merit (IndieFEST Film Awards)	
Director-Co-Producer — “ My Brother’s Keeper ” Sticks & Stones Films/RM Prod, Short	2014
• Winner: Best Short Film (Los Angeles Spotlight Film Festival)	
Director-Producer-Writer — “ Escape ” RM Productions/Truth Told Productions, Short	2013
Director-Producer — “ Melody and Her Many Men ” RM Productions/Friday Films, Series	2013
• Notable Cast: James Kyson, Gina Hecht, Elisa Gabrielli	
Director-Producer-Writer — “ Highway 15 ” RM Productions, Short	2013
• Winner: Best Direction & Audience Choice (Imperial Valley Film Fest); Best Comedy (Desert Rocks FF); Best Western Short (Bare Bones FF); Audience Choice (Brainwash Movie Fest), Award of Merit (Accolade Competition & Best Shorts Competition)	

THEATRE

Director-Producer — “ The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee ” SMTG, Musical	2010
Co-Director-Producer — “ Cabaret ” SMTG, Musical	2009
Director-Producer — “ Little Women ” SMTG, Musical	2008
Director-Producer — “ Chicago: A Musical Revue ” SMTG, Musical Revue	2007

TRAINING

Workspace with Howie Deutch — Scene Study Master Class	2022 - Present
Larry Moss — Scene Study Master Class Intensive	2017 - Present
Beverly Hills Playhouse — Advanced Scene Study	2010-2018
Colorado College — BA: Collaborative Performance Studies	2006-2010
• Cum Laude, Distinction in Liberal Arts & Sciences	

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Production Awards

Awards

Best Director	“Zoe + Ari”	UCLAx Film Festival
Best Direction	“Highway 15”	Imperial Valley Film Festival
Best Drama Short Film	“Forget-Me-Not”	North Hollywood Cinefest
Best Short Film	“My Brother’s Keeper”	Los Angeles Spotlight Film Festival
Best Comedy	“Highway 15”	Desert Rocks Film Festival
Best Western Short	“Highway 15”	Bare Bones International Film Festival
Best Ensemble Cast, Dramedy	“Zoe + Ari”	Best Actors Film Festival
Audience Choice Award	“Highway 15”	Imperial Valley Film Festival
Audience Choice Award	“Highway 15”	Brainwash Movie Festival
Award of Excellence: LGBT	“Zoe + Ari”	Accolade Competition
LGBT Film Award of Merit	“Zoe + Ari”	IndieFest Film Awards
Award of Recognition	“Chénmò de péngyòu”	Best Shorts Competition
Award of Merit	“Highway 15”	Accolade Competition
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Young Artist Development Award	“Midnight Showing”	Chaspen Foundation for the Arts

Nominations

Best Director Short Film	“Forget-Me-Not”	North Hollywood Cinefest
Best Director LGBT+ Film	“Zoe + Ari”	New Renaissance Film Festival
Best Short Film, Comedy	“Zoe + Ari”	NewFilmmakers Los Angeles Film Festival
Best LGBT+ Film	“Zoe + Ari”	New Renaissance Film Festival
Best Actress LGBT+ Film ANASTASIA LEDDICK	“Zoe + Ari”	New Renaissance Film Festival
Best Actress CARTER SCOTT	“Zoe + Ari”	LoveSick Film Festival