

## CARL KISSIN

### SUMMARY OF SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

I have more than 30 years of experience teaching classes that center around comedy. I teach improv, sketch, stand-up, juggling, and one-on-one coaching for social skills. I tailor every class to the individuals that comprise it to make them feel comfortable and maximize their abilities.

#### PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Airbnb Online Experiences** (2020 - Present):

Teach individual students, groups, and corporate entities all over the world to improvise. Provide team-building, teach brainstorming, create connections.

**Course Horse** (2015 - Present):

Offer a variety of improv courses through this popular internet site. Average consumer rating of 5 stars.

**Lincoln Center Directors Lab** (2014): I teach up and coming directors to be better at their craft via my musical "Alone World." It was the only contemporary musical used alongside works by Shakespeare and Chekhov at this prestigious theatrical institution.

**Kissin Improv** (2013 – Present): Improv teacher, all levels, beginner to advanced.

**Bronxwood Home for the Aged** (2012): Improv teacher at this assisted living home. Engaged participants in therapeutic improv exercises to aid mental well-being and help strengthen memory skills.

**HB Studios** (2008 - 2013): I teach four different improv comedy classes (from beginner to advanced) at this renowned West Village acting school.

**Elaine Kaufman Cultural Arts Center** (2007- 2012): Teach playwriting and musical theater to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Manhattan School for Children.

**JCC Manhattan** (2003- 2008): Improv teacher. Teach singles groups as well as classes for adults with learning disabilities.

**92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y** (2003- 2008): Teach improv comedy, sketch writing, stand-up, juggling.

**Chicago City Limits** (1988-present): Main stage cast-member, head writer, director of National Touring Company, and instructor for nationally acclaimed improvisational and sketch comedy group. Perform more than 4000 live stage shows.

**Corporate/Industrial** (1988-present): Teach team-building, communication, collaboration, and brainstorming skills for the executives and sales forces of Fortune 500 companies.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Date of a Lifetime:** (2011-present) Lyricist, book writer of musical comedy. Winner: Excellence in lyrics, New York Musical Theater Festival.

**Live on Tape** (2000): Director and head writer of sketch comedy show that shot 10 pilot episodes for NBC.

**Kwik Witz** (1999): Writer/actor in nationally syndicated competitive sketch comedy show. Fellow cast members included Wayne Brady, Steve Carrell, Andrew Daly, et al.

**Talk Radio** (1988): Movie. Director Oliver Stone. Actor. Voice of caller Glenn.

**Talk Radio** (1987): Play by Eric Bogosian. Actor - onstage: Sid Greenberg, offstage: 6 call-in voices. Understudy to 3 onstage roles and 18 call-in voices.

**Actor/Writer:** (1984-present) Actor, voice-over performer, improviser. Appearances on Today Show, ABC Olympic coverage, Joan Rivers Show, Jackie Mason Show.

## **EDUCATION**

Collegiate High School, New York, NY

B.A. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

BMI Lehman Engel Musical Theater Workshop, Advanced

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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