

# Emma Burkey

## Director-Writer-Actor-Deviser

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### Theatre Experience (DePaul University)

Assistant Director of *A Lie of the Mind* by Sam Shepard, dir. Azar Kazemi at Raven Theatre (2025)

- Lead understudy rehearsals after runs began
- Took notes during rehearsal and shared with director

Managing Director of Prototypes Student New Work Festival at The Theatre School (2024-present)

- Run pitch meetings and have final say on what is produced
- Schedule and lead meetings of board members and committee
- Work with administration to coordinate schedule and resources

Prague Shakespeare Company Acting Intensive (Summer 2024)

- Played Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* directed by Kimberly Mellen
- Participated in acting, text analysis, voice and directing master classes
- Learned about how Shakespeare is used in a trauma setting from Stephan Wolfert and Dawn Stern

Assistant Director of *Witch* by Jen Silverman, dir. by Alex Mallory at The Theatre School (2023)

- Worked one-on-one with actors on objectives and motivations
- Worked with the director on character analysis
- Gave notes following each run

Assistant Director of *Henry IV*, dir. Chris Anthony at The Theatre School (2022)

- Worked closely with the director and dramaturgs on creating the devised part of the script
- Transcribed the actors' improv and wrote new scenes with it
- Worked with actors one on one to establish character and motivation

### Work Experience

Intern at Rivendell Theatre Ensemble (August-October 2024)

- Assistant directed a staged reading under Azar Kazemi
- Solicit donations for silent auction
- Evaluate plays for the literary department

Student Assistant to the Coya Paz, Head of Theatre Arts (2023-present)

- Lead meetings for Theatre Arts students and take notes
- Organize yearly class schedules for professors on Google Sheets
- Design posters on Canva and post employment opportunities on social media

### Education

The Theatre School at DePaul University- Theatre Arts BFA, Minor in Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies

### Academic Achievements

Honors Program (DePaul University)    4.0 GPA (2021-present)    Endowed Scholar (2024-25)