María Amenábar Farias - Director

mamenabar20@gmail.com ♦ https://mariaamenabar.com

DIRECTING

		**Upcoming *staged reading
Romeo and Juliet**	William Shakespeare	Illinois Shakespeare Festival
Heathers: The Musical	Kevin Murphy, Laurence O'Keefe	Summer Stock Stage
Great White Throne*	Cara Johnston	Renaissance Theaterworks
Bonnie & Clyde: The Musical	Ivan Menchell, Frank Wildhorn	Illinois State University
Fairview	Jackie Sibblies Drury	Illinois State University
Good Kids	Naomi Iizuka	Illinois State University
The Thanksgiving Play	Larissa FastHorse	Illinois State University - Hybrid
Mud	Maria Irene Fornes	Illinois State University - Zoom
The Tea on ND	Sam Jackson	University of Notre Dame
Heathers: The Musical	Kevin Murphy, Laurence O'Keefe	University of Notre Dame
How I Learned to Drive	Paula Vogel	Washington Hall Lab Theatre
Hombres Verdaderos*	Alexis Elisa Macedo	Lime Arts Productions - Zoom
Una Cita en el Salón*	Esther Banegas Gatica	Lime Arts Productions - Zoom
Anti-Racist ND Theatre Now!*	Scene by Ike Holter	University of Notre Dame - Zoom
ASSOCIATE DIRECTING		

A Christmas Carol	Mark Clements (dir.)	Milwaukee Repertory Theater (2024-25)	
Espejos: Clean	Juliette Carrillo (dir.)	Milwaukee Repertory Theater	
Stupid Humans: A New Musical	Matt Hawkins (dir.)	University of Notre Dame	

ASSISTANT DIRECTING

		* staged reading
Flyin' West	Raelle Myrick-Hodges (dir.)	Indiana Repertory Theatre
Romeo and Juliet	Chris Anthony (dir.)	Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival
All's Well that Ends Well	Scotty Arnold (dir.)	Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival
The Winter's Tale	Rebekah Scallet (dir.)	Illinois Shakespeare Festival
User Agreement*	Jim Wren (dir.)	Wild Wind Performance Lab
The Undesirables (Musical)*	Jim Wren (dir.)	Wild Wind Performance Lab
American Roulette	Roisin Goebelbecker (dir.)	University of Notre Dame
Spring Awakening (Musical)	Matt Hawkins (dir.)	University of Notre Dame

SELECTED AWARDS AND GRANTS

The Charlene Gordon Arts Impact Award - KCACTF Nationals	2022
ASPIRE Leadership Fellowship Award - KCACTF Region III	2022
WildWind Performance Lab Fellowship - KCACTF Nationals	2021
SDC Fellowship Student Directing Award - KCACTF Region III	2021
The Reginald Bain Award For Directing - University of Notre Dame	2020

SELECTED ARTISTIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Milwaukee Repertory Theater	Milwaukee, WI
Artistic Producing Associate	May 2024 - present
Assistant Artistic Producer	June 2023 - May 2024
Illinois Shakespeare Festival	Bloomington, IL
Casting Associate	August 2020 - December 2022

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish and English

EDUCATION

EDUCATION	
Illinois State University	Normal, IL
Master of Fine Arts (Directing)	May 2023
University of Notre Dame	Notre Dame, IN
Bachelor of Arts (Economics and Film, Television & Theatre)	May 2020