

## 2017 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

## I A N S H O R T

GRADUATED: 1989

RESIDES: COLUMBUS, OHIO

After graduating from Gahanna Lincoln High School in 1989, Ian attended Otterbein University where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting and Directing. He moved to New York in 1993 and began acting extensively on both stage and in film, performing at the Lincoln Center and appearing as a guest artist on *One Life to Live* and the CBS series *New York News*. While in New York, he co-founded a theatre company and helped produce several Off-Off Broadway shows and one Off-Broadway show. He was also a Management Assistant on numerous Broadway shows, including *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*, *Grease* and *Chicago*.

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He moved back to Columbus in 2003 and became a founding company member of Available Light Theatre, a fellowship of artists dedicated to creating joyful and profound theatre

and serving the community. In addition to directing and acting in several productions, Ian has helped create original work with the company, such as *Pride & Prejudice* and the Columbus Voices Workshop.

"Ian Short is a great actor, with a huge set of talents and a vast range." said Matt Slaybaugh, artistic director, Available Light Theatre. "His technique is rock solid, and he's always eager for new experiences and to push himself to new corners of physical, emotional, and intellectual exploration. As a director, he's compassionate, articulate, and well-respected by his cast. It's no exaggeration to

say that he is beloved by many actors that have worked under his tutelage."

"At AVL T we're all about collaboration, and Ian has proven himself time and time again to be an overwhelmingly supportive and positive presence in the rehearsal room. He's a strong model for other actors, and a joy to work with as a director. He's responsive, intuitive, and disciplined."

In addition to his work with Available Light Theatre, Ian has performed with many of the theatre and dance companies in Columbus, including BalletMet, CATCO, Short North Stage and the New Albany Ballet Company. He also continues to work in television and film, having played Reverend Stevens in the Hallmark film *The Christmas Spirit* (with Olympia Dukakis and Nicollette Sheridan), Bill Ireton in the feature film *A Kind of Murder* (with Patrick Wilson and Jessica Biel) and the principal role of Sam Thorn in *Chain of Command* (with Michael Jai White and Stone Cold Steve Austin).

One of the things Ian enjoys most is teaching theatre, and he has taught classes at Otterbein University, Denison University and is currently teaching at the Columbus College of Art and Design. For the last thirteen years, he has been the director for Gahanna Community Theatre and has had the privilege of working with many of the talented students who have come up through the Gahanna school system.

Ian lives in German Village with his wife Amanda and their little kitten, Luna.

