

CARLY NEIS

Actor | Creator | Disability Consultant

WHO AM I

Carly (she/they) is a disabled Edmonton-based actor, playwright, and production access coordinator with Cerebral Palsy. A graduate of MacEwan University's Arts and Cultural Management program.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Outstanding New Play 2023

-Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Awards

Emerging Artist Award 2021

- JRG Arts Society

John Rusich Award 2018

- Edmonton Musical Theatre

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Azimuth Theatre

Mentorship and Apprenticeship Program

University of Lethbridge

BFA in Acting - Year 1

MacEwan University

Arts & Cultural Management

NorQuest College

Diploma in Social Work

THEATRE CREATOR

Edmonton based artist with acting credits and emerging playwright credits. See Artistic CV for more detailed information

PODCAST CREATOR

Disabled as Folk

- Conceived by Carly Neis & Laurel Carter
- Development supported by TELUS StoryHive

PANELIST

- **Breaking Character: Disabled Actors in the Industry - Reelabilities Toronto**
- **"Artful Access" - Azimuth Theatre**
- **"Storytelling From Different Perspectives" Azimuth Theatre**
- **"You're an Inspiration: Moving beyond teachable moment narratives in art featuring disabled artist" Azimuth Theatre**
- **"Representation & Access: Navigating Ableism in Theatre Practice" Citadel Theatre**

ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR

Azimuth Theatre

- Access Coordinator for Expanse Festival 2023-2024. Coordinating audience and artist access for this 2 week theatre & dance festival

Push Productions

- Production Access Coordinator/Story Consultant for a disability-centered documentary series (Season 1) airing on CBC

CBC Arts - Canada's A Drag

- Production Access Coordinator/ Disability Story Consultant Season 4, Ep: Hot Wheelz!

ACCESSIBILITY CONSULTANCY

Citadel Theatre

- Provided various levels of consultancy on building and artistic processes:
- Tiny Tim auditions - review and panel support for young disabled actors.
- Shoctor Theatre - audience seating review & pilot project, backstage & dressing rooms renovation
- Maclab Theatre - backstage & dressing room review
- Main Patron Washroom - universal washroom addition

Government of Canada

- National Youth Form to consult on the creation of the Accessible Canada Act

ARTS ADMIN EXPERIENCE

Admin Assistant to Artistic Director

Citadel Theatre (2013-2017)

- Created schedules for auditions, coordinated agents, and prepared orientation documents for new casts.
- Cast and Director liaison as needed.
- Facilitated all receptionist duties; answer phones, coordinate office supplies and meetings.
- Customer follow-up and donor appreciation calls.
- Various other activities as the need arises.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEES

- CRIPSiE (The Collaborative Radically Integrated Performers Society in Edmonton) - Director at Large
- Citadel Theatre - Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Committee (2021-2024)
- Edmonton Musical Theatre- Director at Large (2013-2021)