Sean Michael Chin

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic and Educational Experience

Stage Combat Instructor

Muhlenberg College

Adjunct Professor

2022-Present

Allentown, PA

THR 157 Stage Combat

Semester-long course culminating in a Skills Proficiency Test with the SAFD. Content rotates per session through Unarmed, Two-Handed Sword, Single Sword, Knife, and

Rapier & Dagger

Pace University

Associate Instructor

2019-present

New York, NY

PAAT 352 Stage Combat I, Sections 1 & 2 Unarmed stage combat culminating in a Skills

Proficiency Test with the SAFD PAAT 353 Stage Combat II

Rapier & Dagger stage combat culminating in a Skills

Proficiency Test with the SAFD PAAT 354 Stage Combat III

Knife stage combat culminating in a Skills Proficiency

Test with the SAFD

Winter Wonderland Workshop Chicago, IL

Instructor

2023

"Forward Roll Progression"

An open class on developing confidence and skill retention for forward rolls (*mae ukemi* 前受身) with an emphasis on back-on-ground sensitivity

"Skills vs Techniques"

This forum discussed the auxiliary skills (e.g. spatial awareness, conditioning) needed to become an outstanding stage combatant

"Dagger on Defense"

A beginner course outlining the use of the dagger as the primary reflexive parrying device in rapier and dagger play

"(not) Meyer's Openings"

This intermediate course introduces a set solo form loosely inspired by Joachim Meyer's Four Openings to explore martial biomechanics outside traditional stage combat swordplay

"1-Knap Fight"

An advanced choreography course where significant contact is made between partners and the use of masking is limited

Fights4 Brooklyn, NY	Summer Sling Stage Combat Workshop – Instructor "Falls and Rolls" An open class focused on developing confidence and sensitivity on the ground, then progressing to seated and standing shoulder rolls. "Long Range Precision" An introduction to staff technique with an emphasis on distance, control, power, and confidence. "It's a Trap! Fighting from Engagement" This intermediate Rapier & Dagger class covers trapping techniques using both weapons in all lines of attack. "Action Unarmed" An advanced class designed to test unarmed fundamentals under intense pressure through difficult choreography and limited time	2022
National Stage Combat Workshop Ruston, LA	Actor Combatant Workshop – Lead Teacher Two-Handed Sword Three-week intensive culminating in a Skills Proficiency Test with the SAFD	2022
Long Island University CW Post Greenvale, NY	Adjunct Associate Professor THE 150 Stage Combat Unarmed stage combat culminating in a Skills Proficiency Test with the SAFD	2022
Theatrica Gladitoria Ypsilanti, Ml	Guest Instructor "Sticky Rapier & Dagger" Exploring choreography that continues from engagement outside the "parry-riposte" paradigm	2022
Philadelphia Stage Combat Workshop Philadelphia, PA	"Intro Katana" An elementary approach to the Japanese two-handed sword, including posture, footwork, and basic drills "Intro Jo" A basic course with the Japanese short staff, based on T. K. Chiba Sensei's system "Suburi (素振り)" Literally "practice swinging", these solo drills provide a template for continued training and conditioning "Action Unarmed" An advanced class designed to test unarmed fundamentals under intense pressure through difficult choreography and limited time	2021
Neutral Chaos Combat Prospect Park, NY	Instructor SAFD Skills Renewal Tests Small group classes, choreography, and fight direction for students renewing certifications in Rapier & Dagger with the SAFD	2021

Fights4 New York, NY	Summer Sling Stage Combat Workshop – Instructor SAFD Skills Renewal Tests Small group classes, choreography, and fight direction for students renewing certifications in Smallsword and Knife with the SAFD	2021
National Stage Combat Workshop Ruston, LA	Actor Combatant Workshop – Instructor Staff Ten-hour course in beginner techniques for polearm weapons in stage combat "Multiple Opponents & Filling Time" An evening masterclass on the basics of performing as a fighter in a mass battle scenario	2021
The Refinery Brooklyn, NY	Organizer & Instructor SAFD Skills Renewal Tests Private sessions, choreography, and fight direction for students renewing certifications in Longsword, Sword & Shield, Knife, and Smallsword with the SAFD	2021
New York University Meisner School New York, NY	Guest Instructor "Katana & Lightsaber" Masterclass on elementary katana movement and cutting patterns and developing lightsaber-like fluid motion	2021
Long Island University CW Post Greenvale, NY	Adjunct Associate Professor THE 150 Stage Combat Beginner techniques for unarmed stage combat	2021
University of Michigan Digital	Guest Instructor "Stances & Kicks" Basic martial arts fighting stances and kicks from several East Asian martial arts	2021
Humble Warrior Movement Arts Digital	Instructor Knife Basics mechanics and techniques of stage combat knife fighting for solo drills and training, taught through Zoom	2021
Pace University New York, NY	Instructor PAAT 352 Stage Combat I Unarmed stage combat culminating in a Skills Proficiency Test with the SAFD	2020
Fights4 Brooklyn, NY	Summer Sling Stage Combat Workshop – Instructor ¹	2020
Community College of Allegheny County Allegheny, PA	Allegheny Alley Fight Instructor ²	2020

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Workshop cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic $^{\rm 2}$ Workshop cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic

Long Island University CW Post Greenvale, NY	Adjunct Associate Professor THE 150 Stage Combat ³ Unarmed stage combat, meant to culminate in a Skills Proficiency Test with the SAFD THE 550 Stage Combat ⁴ Graduate unarmed stage combat, meant to culminate in a Skills Proficiency Test with the SAFD	2020
MACE Education Chicago, IL	Winter Wonderland Workshop – Instructor "Introductory Plasma Blade" "Intermediate Plasma Blade: Faster, More Intense" "Experiences from 'That Workshop'" "The Long & Short of Stick" "Even More Falls & Rolls"	2020
Neutral Chaos Combat Brooklyn, NY	Instructor & Visiting Artist Various Skills Proficiency Courses in Unarmed, Knife, Rapier & Dagger, Smallsword, Single Sword, Sword & Shield, Quarterstaff, and Broadsword "Finessing the Fundamentals – Footwork & Falls" "Fictional Combat Analysis – Introductory Plasma Blade" "Fictional Combat Analysis – Continuing Studies in Plasma Blades" "Symbolic Sword" – A masterclass focused on the martial and dramatic logic of laser swords	2019
National Stage Combat Workshop Ruston, LA	Introduction to Stage Combat Workshop Instructor – Knife Assistant Instructor – Sword & Shield	2019
Broadway InMotion New York, NY	Instructor "Unarmed Stage Combat"	2019
New York Classical Theatre	Intern Workshop – Romeo & Juliet "Rapier Fundamentals"	2018
New York, NY	Intern Workshop – Macbeth "Broadsword Fundamentals"	2017
	Arts Brookfield Professional Outreach "Introduction to Shakespearean Swordplay"	2016
MACE Education Chicago, IL	Winter Wonderland Workshop – Associate Instructor "A Blade in Both Hands" – A beginner's rapier & dagger class with a focus on bilateral movement of the blades "Flowing Footwork" – Drills and training methodologies adapted from martial arts for core stage combat locomotive actions	2018
Galhalla New York, NY	Guest Instructor "Intermediate Falls and Rolls"	2017

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ Course transitioned to online learning due to COVID-19 pandemic $^{\rm 4}$ Course transitioned to online learning due to COVID-19 pandemic

Stage Coml Deutchland Freiburg, Ge	"Sha ermany and E	Associate Instructor "Shaolin Spear vs Sword & Shield" – Exploring Asian and European approaches to iconic weapons. Michael G. Chin, Chief Instructor	
Drake Unive Des Moines,	•	ge in the Corn – Associate Instructor sic Rapier & Dagger"	2016
Neutral Cha Brooklyn, N		Instructor armed Stage Combat – Kicks"	2015
The Acting New York, N	•	Conservatory – Guest Instructor oduction to Stage Combat"	2014
Wingspan A New York, N		ner Conservatory – Guest Instructor oduction to Stage Combat"	2014
Wesleyan U Middletown,	•	nd Stage – Guest Instructor oduction to Stage Combat"	2014
Stage Combat Tea	ching Assistant		
National Sta Workshop Ruston, LA Ian Rose, In Actor Comba "Rapier & Da	structor atant Workshop	Teaching Assistant Demonstrate techniques, coach students, devise choreography	2021
School New York, N	Studio Drama Y Chin, Instructor	Teaching Assistant Demonstrate techniques, coach students	2019
	Y Chin, Instructor apier & Dagger, and	Head Assistant & Substitute Instructor Lead warm-ups, demonstrate techniques, coach students, devise choreography, mentor assistants, develop/grade midterms.	2013- 2019
Valkyrie Co New York, N Alicia Rodis, "Rapier II"	Υ	Teaching Assistant Demonstrate techniques, partner with and coach students.	2017
MACE Educ Chicago, IL Winter Wond Various clas	derland Workshop	Teaching Assistant Demonstrate techniques, coach students	2017
The Barrow Ron Piretti, I Unarmed wo	nstructor	Teaching Assistant Demonstrate techniques, partner with and coach students.	2016

	North Plainfield High School North Plainfield, NJ Galway McCullough, Instructo Unarmed Workshop		Teaching Assistant Demonstrate techniques, coach students	2015
	Muhlenberg College Allentown, PA Michael G. Chin, Instructor Singlesword, Unarmed, Rapie Dagger, Knife, & Broadsword courses	r &	Teaching Assistant & Substitute Instructor Lead warm-ups, demonstrate techniques, partner with and coach students, devise choreography, develop and grade midterms.	2014- 2020
	Private Lessons Michael G. Chin, Instructor Smallsword lessons		Teaching Assistant Partnered with student for drills, technique instruction, and choreography.	2013
	Brooklyn College Brooklyn, NY Michael G. Chin, Instructor MFA Unarmed course		Teaching Assistant Lead warm-ups, demonstrate techniques, partner with and coach students, devise choreography, develop and grade midterms.	2012- 2013
	City College of New York New York, NY Summer Sling Workshop Various classes		Teaching Assistant Demonstrate techniques, partner with and coach students	2012
Works	hops and Masterclasses			
	National Stage Combat Workshop Ruston, LA	Can	didate – Teacher Certification Workshop Promoted to Certified Teacher	2019
	Summer Sling	Invit	ed Participant	2018, 2016
	Brooklyn, NY		ed Participant – Choreographer's Track	2015
		Inter	'n	2012
		Part	icipant	2008, 2011
	Winter Wonderland	Asso	ociate Instructor	2018
	Chicago, IL	Tead	ching Assistant	2017
		Inter	n	2016
		Part	icipant	2008, 2015
	Carnage in the Corn Des Moines, IA	Teaching Assistant / Intern		2016
	MACE Knife Intensive Chicago, IL	Part	icipant	2012

National Stage Combat Workshop Winston-Salem. NC Participant - Actor/Combatant Workshop

 Examiner's Award of Excellence in Unarmed Stage Combat 2007

Education

Wesleyan University, Middletown CT, BA with Honors in Theater, May 2009

Thesis: The Warrior-Hero on the Stage (Yuriy Kordonsky, adviser)

Orange County High School of the Arts, Santa Ana CA, Music & Theater, 2005

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Memberships & Associations

Society of American Fight Directors - Certified Teacher

Stage Directors and Choreographers Society – Associate Choreographer

Neutral Chaos Combat – Instructor & Visiting Artist

New York Classical Theatre – Associate Artist

Birankai North America – 2nd Kyu (Aikido, Brooklyn Aikikai)

Professional Experience

Fight Direction & Choreography Medea at Greek National Opera (upcoming) 2023 Athens, Greece Grappling Black Odyssey at Classic Stage Company 2023 New York, NY Grappling 2022 Jane Anger at Shakespeare Theatre Center Washington, DC Rapier, grappling, falls Macbeth at Don Bosco Prep 2022 Ramsay, NJ Longsword, dagger, unarmed, grappling, mass battle Cymbeline at New York Classical Theatre 2022 New York, NY Arming sword, unarmed, 6-person melee

Jane Anger at The New Ohio Theatre New York, NY Rapier, grappling, falls	2022
King Lear at New York Classical Theatre New York, NY Longsword, arming sword, dagger, unarmed, grappling, mass battle	2021
King Lear at New York Classical Theatre ⁵ New York, NY Longsword, arming sword, dagger, unarmed	2020
The Antelope Party at Dutch Kills Theater ⁶ New York, NY Grappling	2020
Les Misérables at Pace University New York, NY Unarmed and grappling	2018
Romeo & Juliet at New York Classical Theatre New York, NY Rapier, brawl, 6-person melee, lifts and carries	2018
Life is a Dream at Wesleyan University Middletown, CT Unarmed, single stick, grappling, climbing, lifts and carries	2018
The Pillowman at Wesleyan University Middletown, CT Unarmed, grappling, and pistol (non-firing)	2017
Macbeth at New York Classical Theatre New York, NY 12-person melee, longsword/arming sword, and dagger	2017
home/sick at JACK Brooklyn, NY Unarmed and grappling	2017
Polaroid Stories at Pace University New York, NY Unarmed and knife	2017
The Dance and the Railroad at Brooklyn College Brooklyn, NY Staff, single stick, and forms	2017

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Jesus Christ Superstar at Pace University New York, NY Cat 'o nine tails (whip)	2016
Adventure Quest at Dutch Kills Theater Edinburgh, Scotland Stylized and realistic kills, pratfall, chase, and grapple	2016
Getting Out at The Seeing Place Theater New York, NY Unarmed and grappling	2016
home/sick at Odyssey Theatre Ensemble Los Angeles, CA Unarmed and grappling	2016
The Pillowman at The Seeing Place Theater New York, NY Unarmed and grappling	2015
Romeo & Juliet at LawnChair Theatre Port Chester, NY Unarmed and knives	2015
I Will Look Forward To This Later at The New Ohio Theatre New York, NY Unarmed	2015
Awake and Sing! at The Public Theater New York, NY Unarmed	2015
Happy at The Brick Theater New York, NY Flogging, paddling, and unarmed	2015
The Pillowman at the University of Scranton Scranton, PA Unarmed, stylized violence, flogging, pistol (blank), and blood	2014
Cal and Grey at FringeNYC New York, NY Unarmed and grappling	2013
The President Plays, Part 1 at Ars Nova New York, NY Movement, pistols (non-firing), and falls	2013
What it Means to Disappear Here at UglyRhino Productions Brooklyn, NY Unarmed, rifle (non-firing), grapple, and blood effect	2013

Puppet Romeo & Juliet at the American Globe Theatre New York, NY Knives and puppet violence	2013
home/sick at The Living Theatre New York, NY Unarmed and grappling	2012
Puppet Hamlet at The Gene Frankel Theatre New York, NY Unarmed and sword	2012
Untitled at The LABA Festival New York, NY Unarmed	2012
Rejoice, in the Imperative at The Lucrece Project New York, NY Unarmed and grappling	2012
HMLT at In Extrimis Theatre Company Brooklyn, NY Rapier & dagger (mime)	2012
Sousepaw at Shelby Company Minneapolis, MN; Indianapolis, IN; San Francisco, CA Unarmed and grappling	2011
Ghost Girl at The Workshop Theater NYC New York, NY Grappling, lift and carry	2011
home/sick at The Collapsible Hole Brooklyn, NY Unarmed and grappling	2011
Richard III at Wesleyan University Middletown, CT Clubs, short staves, grappling, and climbing	2010
The Pirates of Penzance at Mysterium Theater Orange, CA Swords and unarmed	2010
The Threepenny Opera at Wesleyan University Middletown, CT Unarmed	2008
Matt and Ben at Wesleyan University Second Stage Middletown, CT Found weapons and grappling	2008

	Heart Play(s) at Wesleyan University Second Stage Middletown, CT Canes and knives	2006
	Hamlet at Wesleyan University Second Stage Middletown, CT Knives and unarmed	2006
Fight [Direction and Choreographer Assistant	
	Small Mouth Sounds at Pace University New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Grappling	2023
	Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead at Pace University New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Unarmed, found objects, falls	2021
	Dracula at Classic Stage Company New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Unarmed, grappling, found objects, falls	2020
	Paradise Blue at The Juilliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Unarmed, grappling, pistol	2019
	Hooded, Or Being Black for Dummies at The Juilliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Grappling	2019
	Transmissions in Advance of the Second Great Dying at The Juilliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Falls, lifts, grappling	2019
	What Happens Next at The Juilliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Grappling	2019
	Coriolanus at Shakespeare in the Park New York, NY Assistant to Steve Rankin Unarmed, found weapons, knives, riot & crowd scenes	2019
	Serpent Woman at The Juilliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Single sword, double sword, and forms	2017

Othello at The Julliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Unarmed, grappling, and weapon handling (rifle)	2017
Appropriate at The Julliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin 6-person brawl, unarmed, and grappling	2016
Marisol at The Julliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Found weapons (golf club, furniture) and falls	2016
Getting Out at The Julliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Unarmed and grappling	2016
Misalliance at The Julliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Weapon handling (pistol), evasive maneuvers, and pratfall	2016
Every Angel Is Brutal at Clubbed Thumb New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Unarmed, grappling, falls, pistols (blanks), knife, and blood	2016
Romeo & Juliet at Hartford Stage Hartford, CT Assistant to Steve Rankin Knives, found weapons, rifle (blank), acrobatics, and blood	2016
Miller, Mississippi at The Julliard School New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Unarmed and found weapons	2015
No-No Boy at Pan Asian Repertory Theatre New York, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin Unarmed, cane, knife, grappling, and falls	2014, 2018
She Kills Monsters at Brooklyn College Brooklyn, NY Assistant to Michael G Chin 8-person melee, swords, knives, and grappling	2013
Henry V at New York Classical Theatre New York, NY Assistant to Shad Ramsey 30-person medieval melee	2011

Macbeth at CSU Dominguez Hills Carson, CA Assistant to Collin Bressie – choreography workshop Knives and machetes	2010
No-No Boy at Miles Memorial Playhouse Santa Monica, CA Assistant to Aaron Pagel – choreography workshop Unarmed, cane, and knife	2010
Fight Performer	
Don Carlo The Metropolitan Opera, New York, NY Spanish Soldier (Cover) Sword	2022
Medea The Metropolitan Opera, New York, NY Argonaut / Militia Lifts and grappling	2022
Don Carlos The Metropolitan Opera, New York, NY French Soldier (Cover) & Spanish Soldier (Cover) Sword	2022
Rigoletto The Metropolitan Opera, New York, NY Abductor [Interim Fight Captain] Unarmed and grappling	2021-2022
Boris Gudinov The Metropolitan Opera, New York, NY Streltsky Unarmed, sword, and whip cracks	2021
Tosca The Metropolitan Opera, New York, NY Sbirri Unarmed	2021-2022, 2020 ⁷
Il Trovatore The Metropolitan Opera, New York, NY Gypsy Featured sword duel and climbing	2020 ⁸ , 2018, 2015-2016, 2012-2013
Giulio Cesare The Metropolitan Opera, New York, NY Roman Soldier Sword	2020 ⁹ , 2013

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	Macbeth The Metropolitan Opera, New York, NY Assassin / Soldier Knife and bayonet	2019, 2014
	Henry V New York Classical Theare, New York, NY Actor Combatant / Fight Captain Sword and dagger	2011
Actor		
	Cosi fan Tutte The Metropolitan Opera, New York, NY Skills Ensemble (Cover)	2020
	The President Plays, Part 1 ANT Fest, Ars Nova, New York, NY Jefferson, and others	2013
	Dirt (Part 1) HERE Arts Center, New York, NY Gregory	2013
	Dead Weight Clubbed Thumb, New York, NY Jon	2013
	HMLT In Extrimis Theater Company, New York, NY Rosencrantz	2012
	The Good Person of Szechuan Columbia University, New York, NY A Man/The Brother	2012
	Romeo and Juliet Brooklyn Theater Arts Project, New York, NY Tybalt	2011
	The Lion In Winter Mysterium Theater, Orange, CA Geoffrey	2010