

BRENDAN ELLIS – Training Background

EDUCATION:

BFA in Drama at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts (2018 Graduate)

Studios attended at NYU:

- *Stella Adler Studio of Acting*: 2 years of primary training including Voice and Speech, Movement, Character Work, Scene Study, Shakespeare, Improv, Dance, and Mask Work.
- *Experimental Theatre Wing Transfer Track*: focus on Grotowski technique. Additional: Contact Improv, Extended Voice Work, Modern Dance and Content Creation.
- *International Theatre Workshop*: 8 weeks in Amsterdam focusing on the creation of original work including devised theatre, Brechtian performance, and clown work.

Additional programs completed at NYU:

- *Shanghai Theatre Academy's Winter Institute (in Shanghai)*: A series of courses on drama-based topics from both Asian and American perspectives.
- *RADA Intensive*: focus on Shakespeare and other classical texts.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING:

On-Camera:

- Krater Studios: Series regular sides preparation taped and reviewed.
- Calleri Studio: Focus on creating a compelling non-verbal scene.
- MN Studios: Preparing for a variety of different roles (various sizes and genres).
- T. Schrieber Studios and the Barrow Group: Acting on-camera introduction classes.

Improv: Uprights Citizens Brigade (UCB) core program completion (101-401).

Voice Teachers: Elizabeth Howard, Julia Gregory.

Sensory Work: Urban Angels Acting Group, focus on Strasberg (relaxation, emotional recall).

Ongoing Classes: The Collaborative in LA, joined this 501c3 in 2022 for continued learning, networking and community. The Collaborative is a group of dedicated artists based in LA.

WRITING:

Comedy Writing: TV Comedy Writing Certificate at The Writing Pad (current), UCB Pilot Writing

Sketch Writing: Second City Intro to Sketch Writing, UCB Sketch Writing (101-201)

Playwrighting: Playwrighting Practicum (NYU Tisch), NOTE's Writers Lab

Short Film: Writing and Producing the Short (NYU Tisch), Commercial Production (USC)

BUSINESS EDUCATION:

MBA at University of Illinois Gies College of Business (2023 Graduate)

Core Specializations: Strategic Leadership and Management, Value Chain Management, Managerial Economics and Business Analysis, and Financial Management

Focus Area Specializations: Digital Marketing and Entrepreneurship & Strategic Innovation