

Resume of Dianne Skoll

Website: <https://dianne.skoll.ca/comedy/>

Courses:

September 2015: Introduction to Improv, The Acting School, Ottawa.

January 2016-January 2017: Long-form improv, levels 1 through 5, Improv Embassy, Ottawa.

April, 2016: One-day sketch-writing workshop taught by Kevin MacDonald, Ottawa.

September 2017: Acting Level 1, The Acting School, Ottawa. Taught by John Muggleton.

August, 2019: Stand-up Comedy by Pierre Brault, Ottawa.

July 2020: Acting Level 2, The Acting School, Ottawa. Taught by John Muggleton.

March 2022: Sketch-writing course by Pierre Brault, Ottawa.

November 2023: Acting: Character Study and Beyond. Taught by Allison Graham.

Performance Experience

September 2015 through mid-2017: I performed in around 10 improv shows and a sketch show.

March 2017 and March 2018: I participated in World Theatre Day challenges; we had 48 hours to write, rehearse and perform a 5-minute sketch based on inspiration from three artifacts we were given at the start of the challenge.

February 2016 to present: I perform stand-up comedy on a regular basis at Absolute Comedy, Yuk Yuk's, and various other Ottawa and Toronto venues. I was a finalist in the 2021 Mike MacDonald Summer Comedy Competition run by Yuk Yuk's in Ottawa and in the 2023 Ladies Room Comedy Festival in New York City. Since starting stand-up, I have performed in over 150 shows. I have opened for comedians including Martha Chaves, Simon Rackoff, Adrienne Fish, Ted Morris, Rick Currie and Heidi Foss.

Ottawa Fringe Festival

I performed a 50-minute solo piece at the 2022 Ottawa Fringe Festival. The piece is built around storytelling and stand-up and is called "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Becoming a Woman". The piece was produced and written by me, and directed by Diane Cote and Kiara Coté. I fleshed it out to one hour and restaged it in Hamilton in June 2023.

Reviews called the show "A must for this 25th edition of the Fringe festival" ([Emmanuelle Gingras, Apt613](#)) and a "wonderful, engaging and inspiring show." ([Kevin Reid, The Visitorium](#))

Album

I have 5 tracks on an ensemble comedy album called “Diversity Hire”. The album is on all major streaming services and can be found at <https://lnk.to/diversityhire>. As of September 2023, it is playing on SiriusXM Satellite Radio.

Online Comedy

I have created 33 videos so far for my Trans-Canadian YouTube series and produce a daily Wikirandomia short video. They range from mostly serious monologues to fairly silly sketches. I also post short excerpts of my standup on YouTube, Instagram and TikTok.