# Chris Espinosa XYZ — Improvisational Theater Actor

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### THEATER—Actor, Writer, Director

- 2021 5-Day Melodramas Summer Camps // Writer, Director // (Texarkana, TX; Schulenburg, TX; Hope, AR)
- 2021 Trouble Blooms at Ruby Rose Ranch // Writer, Director, Actor // Keller Melodramas (Keller, TX)
- 2021 Othello // Actor // Tarrant County Community College (Hurst, TX)
- 2020 It's Only A Play // Actor // Theatre of North Texas (Southlake, TX)
- 2019 Trouble Blooms at the Ruby Rose Ranch // Writer, Director // Southwest Arkansas Arts Council (Hope, AR)
- 2018 Unnecessary Farce // Actor // Rover Dramawerks (Plano, TX)
- 2017 Farce of Habit // Actor // Studio B (Highland Village, TX)
- 2016 Peril on the High Seas // Actor // Azle Community Theatre (Azle, TX)
- 2007 Death by Misadventure // Writer, Director // Duck Soup Comedy (Keller, TX)
- 2006 The Sound of Murder // Writer, Director, Actor // Duck Soup Comedy (Keller, TX)
- 2002 4th Annual Hispanic Playwrights Festival // Writer // Roseland Marine Theatre (Ft. Worth, TX)
- 1999 Howl at the Moon // Actor // Teatro Dallas (Dallas, TX)
- 1998 The Fine Art of Murder // Director, Writer, Actor // Duck Soup Comedy (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1997 Oil's Well That Ends Well // Director, Writer // Duck Soup Comedy (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1997 Murder a la Carte // Director, Writer, Actor // Duck Soup Comedy (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1996 For Whom the Bongo Bongs // Director, Writer, Actor // Duck Soup Comedy
- 1995 The Amorous Ambassador // Actor // Harbor Playhouse (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1995 See How They Run // Actor // Harbor Playhouse (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1994 Never Trust a City Slicker // Actor // Harbor Playhouse (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1993 Rumors // Actor // Harbor Playhouse (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1993 No Opera at the Opry House // Actor // Harbor Playhouse (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1993 Salvation Army Annual Meeting // Writer, Actor // Salvation Army HQ (Corpus Christi, TX)

#### IMPROV-STORYTELLER—Comedian, Author Visits

- 2021 Texas Commission on the Arts Tour // Improv-storyteller // Libraries in rural Texas
- 2002-present Rocket Megabyte // Author visit, Comedian/Improv-storyteller // Texas elementary & middle schools
- 2019 Day of the Villain // Writer, Actor // Fort Worth Library Systems (Fort Worth, TX)
- 2018 Day of the Villain // Writer, Actor // Watauga Public Library (Watauga, TX)
- 2017 Texas Commission on the Arts Tour // Improv-storyteller // Elementary schools in rural Texas
- 2012-13 Imagination Celebration // Improv-storyteller // Elementary schools in Fort Worth, TX
- 2007-08 Pre-test Pep Rally // Comedian/Improv-storyteller (San Antonio, TX)
- 2004 YWCA Book Fest // Author Visit // YMCA (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 2005 San Benito 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Conference // Author Visit // Elementary schools in San Benito, Texas
- 2004 Mission 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Conference // Author Visit // Elementary schools in Mission, Texas
- 2003 Mission 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Literary Conference // Author Visit // Elementary schools in Mission, Texas
- 2000-02 Bunny Travels the USA // Comedian/Improv-storyteller // AR, D.C., FL, KY, OH, NC, SC, TN & TX schools

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#### IMPROVISATION/SKETCH COMEDY—Writer, Director, Actor

- 2003 Pico De Gallo Sketch Comedy // Writer // Ice House Cultural Arts Center (Dallas, TX)
- 1999 Sketch Comedy TV Pilot // Writer // Third Coast Comedy (Irving, TX)
- 1998 San Benito Tortilla Factory // Founder, Writer, Director, Actor // Harbor Playhouse (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1995-98 Duck Soup Comedy // Founder, Writer, Director, Actor // Harbor Playhouse (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1994 Joker's Wild Comedy // Improvisational Actor // Joker's Wild Comedy Club (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 1993 Joker's Wild Comedy // Improvisational Actor // Naval Air Station Banquet (Corpus Christi, TX)

### TV COMMERCIALS / INDUSTRIALS —Actor

- 2000 Lowe's Home Improvement, Whataburger (Commercial)
- 2000 JC Penny's, All-State Fire Safety Video (Industrials)
- 1999 Citgo, Nokia (Commercials)
- 1999 Blockbuster Video (Industrial)
- 1998 Texaco, Denny's (Commercials)
- 1998 Mortgage Loans Training Video (Industrial)

#### THEATER ARTS TRAINING

- 2021 Acting I and Acting II; Stagecraft I and Stagecraft II // Tarrant County Community College, Hurst, TX
- 1998-2000 Randy Bennett's Lone Star Comedy (4-part improv training), Dallas, TX

  Actors advanced to the next level of training by invitation only. I completed all four parts of improv training. Randy Bennett is one of the original members of The Groundlings in Los Angeles.
- 1999 Vocal Production & Diction // S.T.A.G.E. (Society of Theatrical Artists Guidance & Enhancement), Dallas, TX
- 1998 Stage Movement Workshop // Teatro Dallas // Dallas, TX

#### **MEDIA**

Corpus Christi Caller Times, "Learning goes to the dogs," September 18, 2004

Kerrville Daily Times, "Life of the Story," September 22, 2004

Corpus Christi Caller Times, "San Benito Tortilla Factory leaves audience hungry for more" Review, Feb. 2, 1998

Corpus Christi Caller Times, "The Language of Humor--San Benito Tortilla Factory" January 24, 1998

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2021 "From the Page to the Stage" Whole Schools Conference, Mississippi Arts Council, Virtual
- 2021 "Using Improv in the Classroom" Texas Ed Svc Center Region 7, Kilgore, TX
- 2021 "From the Page to the Stage" Texas Ed Svc Center Region 7, Virtual
- 2012 "A Tale of Two Windows" -- Jan Paris Book Fest, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
- 2008 "Blast Off for a Texas Adventure" -- Texas History Conference, Texas Ed Svc Center Region 4, Huntsville, TX
- 2008 "Story SHOWING: Don't Tell a Story, Show It!" -- Kindergarten Teachers of Texas Conference, Houston, TX