

Hello

I'm Anita Riggio

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Skills

Directing, managing, and producing large and small events. Team-building. Collaborating and empowering others. Management. Creative problem-solving. Writing, illustrating, design. Wix website building and management, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator. Fluent in American Sign Language.

Experience

Fat Chance Production Group, LLC, Wethersfield, CT - Founder & Producer

- Founded FCPG, LLC to develop HEAR ME musical, formerly BRINDLEBEAST.
- Designed the BRINDLEBEAST logo and website.
<https://www.brindlebeastmusical.com>
- Raised more than \$124,000 from Indiegogo campaign and individual donors.
- Produced and directed private 29-hour Equity Readings of BRINDLEBEAST in November 2010, January 2011, June 2013.
- Produced and directed "An Evening with Eric Kunze," a cabaret to benefit the continuing development of BRINDLEBEAST, February 23, 2013, Town & County Club, Hartford, CT.
- Produced 11 song demo of songs from BRINDLEBEAST, June 17, 2013, John KilgoreSound & Recording, NYC.
- Directed and produced 225 ASL video tutorials for all songs and character parts in advance of the musical's first public reading.
- Produced public reading of BRINDLEBEAST, directed by **Emily Maltby**, music direction by **Yan Li**, January 20, 2015, TRU Voices New Musical Reading Series, Engleman Recital Hall, Baruch College, NYC.
- Produced private 20-hour Equity Reading directed by **Glenn Casale**, February 22-24, 2015, Ripley-Grier Studios, NYC. Cast: **Eric Kunze, Alexandria Wailes, Frenie Acoba, Terese Genecco, John McGinty, Daniel Jenkins, Kathy Voytko, and Ann Talman**
- Produced the final demo CD of 16 songs, April 23-24, 2015, John Kilgore Sound & Recording, NYC.
- Designed the HEAR ME logo and website. <https://www.hearmemusical.com>
- Organized transportation and housing for all events above.

Coveside Studio, Wethersfield, CT - Writer/Illustrator; Librettist/Lyricist

- Wrote and illustrated picture books and short stories for children and teens, including award-winners: [Beware the Brindlebeast](#), [The Whispering Cloth](#), [A Moon in My Teacup](#), [Secret Signs](#), and others. Publishers include Putnam, Atheneum, Holt, Boyds Mills Press, Highlights for Children, Cricket Magazine and others. See <https://www.anitariggio.com>

- Gave readings, presentations, workshops at hundreds of schools, libraries, bookstores, festivals and conferences nationwide, including the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators, Society of Illustrators, Rutgers University Literature Conference, Fordham University Literature Conference, International Reading Association Conference, New York Reading Association Conference, and others.
- Commissioned by UConn Health Center, Depression Education Promotion Project to write a middle grade novel, Jitterbug.
- Commissioned by National Theater of the Deaf to adapt my picture book, Beware the Brindlebeast for stage production in honor of NTD's 40th Anniversary.
- Produced special paperback NTD 40th Anniversary edition of Beware the Brindlebeast.
- Manuscripts, sketches, book dummies, illustrations, posters, early works, and memorabilia are archived and available to the public at the Northeast Children's Literature Collection, Dodd Center, UConn, Storrs, CT

ASD, University of Hartford & Lesley University - Faculty

- English and Art. American School for the Deaf, Upper School. Conceived and directed touring Holiday Concerts,
- Illustration Department, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford. West Hartford, CT. Adjunct faculty.
- Coveside Writing Workshops, Founder, Facilitator, Teacher. Coveside Studio, Wethersfield, CT.
- Lesley University, MFA in Creative Writing, Cambridge, MA. Founding program member & faculty mentor.

Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators - Regional Coordinator, New England

- Led a team of four Regional Advisors to produce regional and state conferences and workshops, managed and assisted Conference Directors.
- Engaged, hired, organized housing, and transportation for conference and workshop speakers.
- Redesigned Regional Newsletter.
- Managed overall budget; increased revenue by offering special programs and workshops.

Education

University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT - BA, Theatre & Communications
Vermont College, Montpelier, VT - MFA, Creative Writing
Tisch/NYU - Performing Arts Essentials Certificate Program (currently enrolled)

Awards & Exhibits

International Reading Association. National Council of Teachers of English. Parents' Choice Award.

"Reflections on 9/11," Society of Illustrators:, NYC
 "Celebrating Anita Riggio," Dodd Center, University of Connecticut