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I am a writer for the page, screen, & stage
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REPRESENTATION

LITERARY – Fonda Snyder, Alchemy Ink, 1-(818)-281-3843, Fonda.Snyder@gmail.com

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Mentorship Program – The Society of Composers and Lyricists, Los Angeles, CA, 2024-2025
- The Johnny Mercer Foundation Songwriting Intensive – Snow Pond Center for the Arts, Sidney, ME, 2024
- Finalist for the Dramatists Guild Foundation National Fellowship (top 25 out of 700) – 2023
- NEXT Masterclass Fellowship – Literary Track, The Braid Theatre Company, Santa Monica, CA 2023-2024
- First Time Composer's Program – MTV & Paramount, 2023-2024
- Entertainment Lab, TV Writer Track – Disability Belongs, 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Film & Television

- Half hour pilot *Host Family* – Placed in Semifinals, Emerging Screenwriters Comedy Screenplay Competition, 2025
- Half hour pilot *Showstopper* – Placed in Quarterfinals, Emerging Screenwriters Comedy Screenplay Competition, 2025
- Short Screenplay *The Telescope* – Reunion: The Dallas Review, 2024
- Short Screenplay *Eclipse* – For Page and Screen, Issue 3, 2023
- Short Screenplay *Grow* – The Clockhouse Review, 2022
- Animated short *Weather or Not* – 4th Place Winner, Creators Society, 2024
- Feature *The Yearbook Committee* – Placed in Quarterfinals, Emerging Screenwriters Comedy Competition, 2024
- Half hour animated pilot *The Age of Dragons* – Placed in Quarterfinals, Filmmatic Sci-fi Fantasy Awards, 2023

Fiction

- Short Story *The Flowering of Nightmares and Dreams* – The Kismet Magazine, Online Exclusive, 2026
- Reprinted Flash Fiction *The Itch* – Dark Moon Rising, "Nature's Triumphs" Issue, 2024
- Flash Fiction *The Itch* – Broken Antler Magazine, Issue 4, 2024

- Short Story *Bloom* – MockingOwl Roost, 2024
- Short Story *The Parrot and the Pirate* – MockingOwl Roost, 2024
- Short Story *The Tea Shop* – Havik Magazine, Spring Issue, 2023
- Short story *The Tea Shop* – For Page & Screen Magazine, Issue 2, 2022

Poetry

- Debut Chapbook “Through My Marrow” – Published with Bottlecap Press, 2026
- *Avian Timekeeping* and *Explaining my Chronic Illness* – Published with The Blunt Space, Defiance and Dialogue Issue 3, “Redefining Mentality,” 2026
- *Death* - Published with Flare Magazine, Special Issue 2: Health Scares, 2025
- *Vampire* - Published with Magnets and Ladders, Fall/Winter Issue, 2025
- *Meet Our Contributor Highlight* - Published with the Philly Chapbook Review, 2025
- *Charlatan, Electricity and Ice, and Language* - Published with the Philly Chapbook Review, Featured Poet, Summer Issue, 2025
- *Third Degree* – Reprinted in Boudin, Retro Summer Issue, 2025
- *Third Degree* – HNDL Magazine, Summerween Issue, 2025
- *Electricity and Ice, Language, Charlatan* – Philly Poetry Chapbook Review, Issue 9, Summer, 2025
- *What I Think When You Ask Me How I’m Doing* - Breath & Shadow, Spring - Vol. 22, Issue 2, 2025
- *Tattoo, On the Edge, 19* – The Blunt Space, Defiance & Dialogue Issue 2: Bodily Autonomous, 2025
- Reprint of *Surgery* – t’ART Mag: Issue 10, 2025
- *Surgery* – The Mid-Atlantic Review, Amplifying Disabled Voices, 2025
- *Normal* – Boudin, Blooms in Dusk Issue, 2025
- *When the Queen Orders Your Death* and *Grey* – SpecPoVerse: An International Journal of Speculative Poetry, Issue 1, 2025
- *Tinder Match* – Bare Back Magazine, Valentine’s Issue, 2025

Musical Theatre & Songwriting

- Debut musical comedy EP “Songs for My Therapist,” releasing on all platforms, 2025-26
- Workshop Reading of *Chronic*, Book, Music, & Lyrics, New Musicals Inc. 2024
- Concert Reading of *Food for Thought*, Book & Lyrics, New Musicals Inc., 2023
- Song “Let’s See What You Got” (co-written with Angela Parrish and Dan Povenmire) released on Disney+ and Disney Channel’s *Hamster & Gretel* – Episode 20: “Let’s Sea What You Got!” Disney Television Animation, 2023
- Concert Reading of *Home for the Holidays*, Book, Music, & Lyrics, New Musicals Inc., 2022
- Sections of *Home for the Holidays*, Book, Music, & Lyrics, workshopped through the Alliance for Jewish Theatre Machers Lab and presented in the AJT Theatre Macher Showcase, 2022

- Song “You Do You” performed in Salon show “Uncovered,” The Braid Theatre, 2022
- Song “Race Against Time” (co-written with Angela Parrish and Dan Povenmire) premiered on Disney+ and Disney Channel’s *Hamster & Gretel* – Episode 2: “Math Punch!” Disney Television Animation, 2022

Drama

- Plays *A Wink of Sleep* and *An Inspirational Story* - written and performed for the 14/48 Hollywood Theatre Festival, Hollywood CA, 2025
- Monologue *Hide and Seek* – Performance, Lit Fest 4, Winters Theatre Co, Sacramento, CA, 2024
- Monologue *Hide and Seek* – Staged Reading, The Braid Theatre Company, Candlelight Storytelling, Los Angeles, CA 2024
- 10-minute play *Work/Life Balance* – Festival Production, Short Play Festival, Appalachian State University Theatre and Dance Department, IG Green Studio Theatre, 2024
- Play *Blurrred: A Modern Fairy Tale* – Festival Production, Giant Wolf Theatre Company, Dublin, Ireland, 2024
- Play *The Escape* – Staged Reading, Benson Theatre and Queens Theatre Disability Plays Readings, Omaha NE, 2024
- Plays *Double Date* and *Monkey Business* written and performed for the 14/48 Hollywood Theatre Festival, Hollywood CA, 2023
- Play *Falling Apart While Learning to Cook (A Recipe for an Empty Nest)* chosen as a Semi-Finalist (30 chosen out of 411) in the Morgan-Wixson New Works Festival, 2023

EDUCATION

M.F.A in Creative Writing & M.A in English

Chapman University, Orange, CA 2021-2023

Winner of the James L. Doti Outstanding Graduate Student Award 2023

BFA in Theatre Directing and Minor in Playwriting

Columbia College Chicago, Chicago IL, 2014-2017