

# J.J. VAN NAME

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AGE RANGE: 45-65  
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HEIGHT/BUILD: 5' 4"/Zaftig

## Representative Roles

YEAR	ROLE	PLAY	THEATRE/LOCATION
2025	Frau Schmidt	The Radicalization of Rolfe	Safe House Arts, SF, CA
2020/21 (canceled)	Nurse	Romeo & Juliet	Marin Shakespeare Co., CA
2020	Mary Pix	The Lady Scribblers	Custom Made Theatre Co., SF, CA
2019	Della	The Cake (BATCC Best Principal Actress nominee)	NCTC/New Conservatory Thtre Ctr, SF, CA
2019	Alice	Rapture, Blister, Burn	Lucky Penny Productions, Napa, CA
2018	Helen	Seen / By Everyone	Theatre of Yugen, SF, CA
2017	Nurse	Romeo & Juliet	Commonwealth Classics, Phila. Area Parks
2017	Cornelia	The White Devil	PAC/The Philadelphia Artists' Collective
2017	Multiple Roles	The Laramie Project	Steel River Playhouse, Pottstown, PA
2016	Abbess (Critic's Pick)	The Comedy of Errors	Delaware Shakespeare, Wilmington, DE
2016	Mrs. Allen	Dark of the Moon (Critic's Pick)	Ritz Theatre Co., Oaklyn, NJ
2015	Baptista	The Taming of the Shrew	Phila. Shakespeare Theatre
2014	Nurse	Romeo & Juliet	Phila. Shakespeare Theatre
2012	Maria	Twelfth Night	Phila. Shakespeare Theatre
2010	Bertie	Mother Tongue	Abingdon Theatre, Off Broadway, NY
2008	Cerimon/The Bawd	Pericles	Phila. Shakespeare Theatre
2007	Sinclaire	Sealed For Freshness (The New Yorker caricature)	New World Stages/5, Off Broadway, NY
2003	Sinclaire	Sealed For Freshness (World Premiere)	The Pantheon Theatre, Off Broadway, NY
2002	Woman/Hanna	Lovers	Lantern Theatre Co., Phila., PA
2002	Emilia	Othello	Phila. Shakespeare Theatre
2002	Goneril	King Lear	Phila. Shakespeare Theatre
2000	Paulina	The Winter's Tale (with David Howey, former RSC)	Phila. Shakespeare Theatre
1998-99	Maria	Twelfth Night	Lantern Theatre Co., Phila., PA
1998	Rita	Educating Rita	Hedgerow Theatre, Rose Valley, PA
1998	Female Chorus	The Balkan Women	Bristol Riverside Theatre, Bristol, PA
1997	Weird Sister	Macbeth	Phila. Shakespeare Theatre
1997	Mrs. Treadwell	The Ruling Class	Wilma Theatre, Phila., PA
1997	Widow	All's Well That Ends Well	Lantern Theatre Co., Phila., PA
1996	Multiple Roles	Shakespeare's Other Women	Longwood Gardens & Rittenhouse Sq., Phila., PA
1996	Wendy	Mine Alone (Best New Play, Phila. City Paper)	The Independent Eye, Phila., PA
1995	Multiple Roles (13)	The Kathy & Mo Show: Parallel Lives	Actors Center Thtr & Shubin Thtr (Phila. Premier)
1991-92	Mrs. Krebs	Inherit The Wind w/ Jason Miller, Malachy McCourt	Scranton Public Tha., Phila. City Hall

**DIRECTING:** 2025 - Assistant Director, *Lesbo Solo* by Terry Baum, The Marsh Theatre - Berkeley, CA

**VOICEOVERS:** 1995-2018 - AM Productions, Phila., PA

**ACCENTS:** Standard British, Irish, Polish, Russian, NYC, Southern

**TEXT COACHING-SHAKESPEARE/CLASSICS:** 2025 - Curtain Theatre, Mill Valley, CA: *As You Like It*

2025 - Marin Shakespeare Co, San Raphael, CA: *Romeo & Juliet* (for students/public)

2024 - The Curtain Theatre, Mill Valley, CA: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

2020-21 - Private students in professional theatre training programs

2019 - Marin Shakespeare Co., San Raphael, CA: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

2019 - Berkeley, CA & Edinburgh Fringe, Scotland: 2ELFth Night, Alan Coyne/Adrian Deane

2018 - Ritz Theatre Co., Oaklyn, NJ: *Romeo & Juliet*

2016 - DE Shakespeare Festival: *The Comedy of Errors*

2016 - White Pines Productions, Abington, PA: *Much Ado About Nothing*

2008-17 - Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre: Main Stage, Acting Academy, School Tours

**SHAKESPEARE GRANTS & TRAINING:** 2008 - Guest of PEW/Phila.Theatre Initiative, Stratford Shakespeare Festival, Ontario, Canada

2007 - PEW/Phila.Theatre Initiative: Training with Shakespeare & Co., Lenox, MA

1998 - PEW/Phila. Summer Theatre Institute with Michael Langham: Alternate

**SHAKESPEARE COACHES:** David Howey, former RSC actor, London & University of Arts Theatre Dept. Head, Phila., PA  
Carmen Kahn, AD, Phila. Shakespeare Theatre

**TEACHING:** 2022 - Marin Shakespeare Co. San Raphael, CA: *Teen Shakespeare*

2004-08 - Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre: Teaching Artist- High School Outreach Program

1992-99 - Philadelphia Young Playwrights Festival: Teaching Artist - High School Outreach Program

1993-96 - Venture Theatre: Teaching Artist -High School Outreach Program, Phila., PA

**EDUCATION:** 1977 BA Theatre & Communications: Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin

1977-78 MFA Program 1 year in Acting: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis - 3 roles

1984 MS Clinical Social Work: Columbia University, New York, NY