

# Dina Laura

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## EXPERIENCE

Sept 2023

### SHE/HERO (TV PILOT)

- + Script Competition Semifinalist, **Austin Film Festival**
- + Written with the **Sundance Collab** (Vanessa Matsui/Liza St. John, Advisors)

Dec 2022 - Current

### NO PLACE IS HOME (SHORT FILM)

- + **Premiere:** Manhattan Film Festival (June 2023)
- + **Other 2023-24 Screenings:** Vermont Film Festival, Prescott Film Festival, San Diego Int'l Kids' Film Festival, San Antonio Film Festival, Piermont Film Festival, Durango Film Festival, Nyack Film Festival, Green Bay Film Festival.
- + **Script Semifinalist:** Creative World Awards (2021), Big Apple Film Festival (2021), and Fade In Awards (2021); Finalist: Hollywood Just4Shorts (2020)

Aug 2021

### PILLOW TALK (SHORT FILM)

- + **Premiere:** Garden State Film Festival (March 2022)
- + **Starring Karen Lynn Gorney** (Saturday Night Fever with John Travolta)

March 2021

### ALTERNATE SIDE STREET PARKING (FICTION PODCAST)

- + Episodes 9 & 10 of "More Than Roses" on Apple podcasts.
- + Adapted from the play "Alternate Side Street Parking"
- + Produced by Isle of Shoals Productions.

Aug 2015

### ELEPHANTS AND OTHER WORLDLY DILEMMAS (PLAY)

- + New York International Fringe Festival (**won Fringe Fave**)

Dec 2014-May 2016

### BORO MAGAZINE (ARTICLES)

- + Holidays Aren't Just For Humans, Tis the Season, My Funny Valentine, One Size Does Not Fit All, My Queens Mother

April 2010

### MAKING MOVES (PLAY)

- + Downtown Urban Theater Festival, Theater for the New City, NYC

May 2009

### ALTERNATE SIDE STREET PARKING (PLAY)

- + Downtown Urban Theater Festival, HERE Arts Center, NYC

June/Nov 2008

### ON THE ROCKS (PLAY)

- + Downtown Urban Theater Festival, Cherry Lane Studio Theatre, NYC
- + Off-Market Theater, San Francisco
- + Co-playwright (with Mina Radhakrishnan)

## EDUCATION

University of Delaware Honors Program, Bachelor of Science in Accounting  
(because I like to use both sides of my brain!)

D.B. Gilles, NYU Film School Professor, Writing Coach.

Sundance Collab – Vanessa Matsui & Liza St. John, Advisors

## AWARDS

2021

**BEST UNPRODUCED SHORT SCRIPT:** No Place Is Home, Toronto Ind. Film Festival of Cift

2015

**FRINGE FAVE:** Elephants and Other Worldly Dilemmas, NY International Fringe Festival

2012

**TOP TEN STAGE PLAY FINALIST:** Elephants and Other Worldly Dilemmas,  
81st Annual Writer's Digest Writing Competition

2008

**BEST AUDIENCE AWARD:** on the rocks, Downtown Urban Theater Festival, Cherry Lane Studio Theatre, NYC