

## **BRENDAN HUGHES**

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Mr. Hughes was the director of a production of Stupid Fucking Bird at Occidental College, intimacy directed by Allison Bibicoff. After his first rehearsal with Ms. Bibicoff, Mr. Hughes sent the following, unsolicited email to the head of the theatre department:

"We engaged Allison Bibicoff as Intimacy Director last night and the results are pretty incredible. As she prepared the actors for these scenes I kept wondering 'where has this been all my career?' It's a fantastic way to do this and a lot of important thinking has been done by Intimacy Directors about making the rehearsal of these moments feel totally safe for the actors. Our evening began with Allison having a meeting with the three actors in question, along with myself and Elliot, in order to lay out the groundwork for this process. Then she met with each of the actors individually, to determine what level of undress they would be comfortable with. Then she and I met to discuss what was possible. Then we got started on the scene with Nina and Trig (scene 19, "Undone"). She led us through quite a bit of preliminary exercise, getting comfortable with contact, etc. It was very fruitful and we are in very good hands."

Mr. Hughes has asked that this strong recommendation be forwarded on his behalf, and has enthusiastically offered to be available to chat further with anyone about his positive experience working with Ms. Bibicoff. He can be reached at hughesb@oxy.edu.