

# IRIS L. WIENER

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## EDUCATION

- CityUniversity of New YorkQueensCollege, Flushing, NY, December 2009.  
**Master of Arts** in Adolescent Literacy
- StateUniversity of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY, May 2005.  
**Master of Arts** in Secondary Education, English
- State University of New York at New Paltz, New Paltz, NY, May 2003.  
**Bachelor of Arts** in Sociology  
Minor- English/Creative Writing

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member of the Drama Desk
- Member of the Outer Critics Circle

## PROFESSIONAL WRITING EXPERIENCE

### ***OK! MAGAZINE*, NEW YORK, NY. February 2021 – Present**

Contributing Writer

- Built and wrote celebrity and pop culture digital news stories in a custom CMS, including inputting and hyperlinking text, cropping and uploading photos, and building stories through completion.

### **WESTON MAGAZINE GROUP, WESTPORT, CT. June 2017 – Present**

Entertainment Writer

- Wrote feature stories about societal and culturally relevant issues as they pertain to theatre and entertainment.
- Interviewed artists and audiences about pertinent themes for 14 regional magazines.

### **NEWSDAY MEDIA GROUP, MELVILLE, NY. December 2016 – Present**

Contributing Writer and Photojournalist

- Wrote cover stories and feature articles about arts and entertainment for newsprint and magazines.
- Conducted interviews and directed photo shoots for the social media project, Faces of Long Island.

### ***LONG ISLAND WOMAN*, MALVERNE, NY. June 2003 – Present**

Contributing Writer

- Wrote numerous cover stories, and completed the “Happenings” pages, a listing of local events.
- Researched, edited, marketed, published and designed stories.

### ***THEATERLIFE.COM*, NEW YORK, NY. August 2014 – Present**

Entertainment Writer

- Conducted numerous interviews with actors and singers in the film, television, music, and theatre industries.
- Wrote reviews of theatrical productions and created the critical column “5 Reasons Why.”

### ***THE IMPROPER MAGAZINE*, NEW YORK, NY. August 2005 - Present**

Entertainment Editor

- Covered high profile award show events and premieres from the red carpet.
- Created live, behind-the-scenes newsfeed for Twitter and Facebook at the Tony Awards.
- Conducted numerous interviews with actors and singers in the film, television, music, and theatre industries.

### ***THE LONGISLAND HERALD NEWSPAPERS*, GARDEN CITY, NY. September 2009 – Present**

Freelance Writer

- Wrote feature articles about local artists in the entertainment business.

### **WOR 710 NEWS TALK RADIO, NEW YORK, NY. May 2011 – Present**

Freelance Entertainment Correspondent

- Interviewed artists at award show events for segments to be broadcast on the radio.

### ***PLAYBILL*, NEW YORK, NY. April 2016 – April 2017**

Entertainment Writer

- Wrote feature stories about trends and hot topics in theatre.
- Conducted interviews with professionals in the theatre industry at red carpet events.
- Covered industry panels and behind-the-scenes happenings at BroadwayCon.

***THEATERMANIA.COM, NEW YORK, NY. May 2010 – January 2016***

Entertainment Writer

- Reviewed Broadway, Off-Broadway, and regional theatre.
- Conducted numerous interviews with actors and singers in the film, television, music, and theatre industries.

***THEATER PIZZAZZ, NEW YORK, NY. October 2018 – Present***

- Wrote reviews of theatrical productions.

***INDIEZONE.TV, NEW YORK, NY. September 2009 – October 2016***

Entertainment Writer

- Wrote questions and created tip sheets for on-air reporters to utilize when interviewing members of the entertainment industry at red carpet events.
- Wrote copy for Twitter and Facebook feeds.

***LONG ISLAND PULSE, ROSLYN, NY. October 2014 – October 2016***

Entertainment Writer

- Wrote feature stories and interviewed celebrities with local connections.

***25A MAGAZINE, EAST NORWICH, NY. October 2013 – August 2014***

Contributing Writer

- Conducted numerous interviews with performers in all aspects of the entertainment industry for cover stories featured in a glossy, monthly publication.

***CASTINGABOUT & BREAKDOWN SERVICES, NEW YORK, NY. October 2011 – October 2013***

Lead Researcher & Writer

- Maintained extensive database of Casting Directors and entertainment projects which was utilized by agents, actors and Casting Directors.
- Researched and wrote loglines for current projects casting in New York.
- Managed all social media including Facebook and Twitter.

***SCREAMING FLEA PRODUCTIONS, SEATTLE, WA. July 2011 – August 2011***

Freelance Researcher

- Conducted extensive background research on an A-list film actress.
- Gave an on-camera interview for an episode of Bio Channel's *Biography*.
- Assisted in various aspects of *Biography* production.

***PATCH, SYOSSET, NY. September 2010 – September 2013***

Freelance Writer

- Managed and compiled interviews with artists who had roots in the local community.

***ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEK, SMITHTOWN, NY. April 2006 – August 2011***

Features Editor

- Wrote Spotlight and Up Close pieces about local merchants.
- Compiled and wrote entertainment listings, movie reviews, television gossip and music reviews.

***THE LONG ISLANDER NEWSPAPERS, HUNTINGTON, NY. October 2004 – April 2010***

Entertainment Writer

- Wrote and edited various entertainment features for the front page of the Life & Style section.

***FIGURE MAGAZINE, NEW YORK, NY. September 2004 – May 2005***

Contributing Writer

- Wrote and edited various feature stories, including lifestyle and women's issues pieces for a national publication.
- Assisted with all aspects of magazine production.
- Interviewed established authors and artists in the entertainment industry.