

Studio 48 Performing Arts Center

Summer Camp Instructor Bio: Stasia Minkowsky

Writing Camp. July 18-22 @ 10AM -12 NOON

Stasia Minkowsky, LMSW-cc, CADC received her Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications/Film from Emerson College in 1997. She moved to Los Angeles and received her first movie credit on the Coen Brothers' **The Big Lebowski**. She received her second movie credit on **Mel Gibson's Payback** in 1998 as an assistant to producer Steve McEveety. She was then hired full time at **Tom Hank's production company, The Playtone Company**, as an assistant to the creative executive. Through her experience in development, preproduction, production, and post production, Stasia obtained a wealth of knowledge in filmmaking, but more specifically script and story development. Inspired by Joseph Campbell and **The Hero Journey**, she left Los Angeles to pursue her own writing career. In 2001, she found her sobriety in a Native American sweat lodge on a reservation outside of Phoenix, Arizona and spent the next four years in ceremonial training. This inspired her memoir, **Skinny White Woman**, published in 2012 by Mill City Press. In 2015, she obtained her Master's Degree in clinical counseling and continues to work with people combining ceremonial training and mindfulness based practices. She believes that everyone has a story to tell and that by examining one's own story, a person can ignite their own creativity for writing, healing, and purpose.