

## Deb Lemire

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**Founder and Artistic Director of Queen Bee Productions** a professional organization producing creative works that foster a cooperative and empowering environment advocating for women on important issues.

**Founder of QBP Services** providing administrative support, marketing and presentation services on a contracted basis

### Professional Responsibilities and Experience

- Executive decision-making regarding financial, personnel and creative issues
- Soliciting sponsorships, advertisers and donations of money, services, art and other talents
- Develop and implement budgets and project action plans
- Design, develop and implement marketing and other promotional materials
- Design and develop websites
- Develop and write press kits and other media materials
- Design and develop PowerPoint presentations, workshops, talks and performances
- Maintain records for a sole proprietorship
- Contracting and supervising talent and volunteers
- Maintain website and other administrative duties
- Adaptation of scripts, production quality, casting, directing, set and costume design

#### 2012-2016

**Aesop, First UU? Aesop** links a fable directly with each of the seven principles of the Unitarian Universalist Church, revealing through an ancient lens the incredible power of practicing the seven principles. Co-authored, script development, work-shopped at UU Summer Institute. Prepped for congregational and religious education applications. Presented at UUA General Assembly June 2016.

#### 2014-2016

Provided administrative support for **2 mil Capital Campaign** for Magical Theatre Company. Handling correspondence with donors, assisting in event preparation and strategic planning.

#### 2012-2016

Program development for the growth of **The Unitarian Universalist Women's Association** of Akron. Provide marketing and promotional strategies including designing materials and press communication.

**2011** Presented Big Idea! at the **Endangered Species: Women Summit in New York City** in March 2011. Asked to envision a big and bold idea on how to make the world truly embrace the diversity of women's bodies, this presentation was one of three winning submissions focusing on the doctor patient relationship and how cultural bias plays a role in access to health care for women.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScMZXSANqdU>

**2011** **The Tina Project** is collaborative community response to Ohio House Bill 19 requiring all schools in the state of Ohio to address dating violence prevention through education and policy. Provided administrative and programming support for the launch and development.

#### 2010-2015

Develop workshops working with women with disordered eating concerns. Workshops are interactive and informative. Creation of a YAY! Scale and other creative outlets are incorporated into the sessions. Health At Every Size® is introduced.

## 2009-2011

Served as President of the Association for Size Diversity and Weight. [www.sizediversityandweight.org](http://www.sizediversityandweight.org)

**2009** Provided research and resource materials for Magical Theatre Company's production of **The Secret Life of Girls**. **Secret Life** explores the very real world of relational aggression between girls and cyber bullying. Compiled resources and created an audience information and resource guide. Helped facilitate topic discussion for a promotional DVD and arranged local community professionals to co-facilitate post performance discussions with the audience.

## 2008-2007

Served as Vice President of the Association for Size Diversity and Weight. [sizediversityandweight.org](http://sizediversityandweight.org).

**2008** **Volunteer Coordinator for V to the 10<sup>th</sup>**, V-Day's international 10-year anniversary celebration to take place in New Orleans, LA in April 2008. V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls. Position requires maintaining a database of volunteers that will be attending from around the United States; coordinating volunteers based on arrival time and skills; working with co-volunteer coordinator and event organizers to provide volunteer support for a 2-day event to take place in the Superdome and the Arena Stage in New Orleans, LA.

## 2008-2006

Develop and implement the **Women Central Project**, a collaboration of area organizations working to create a strategic plan for the growth and well-being of women and girls in our community. As an ongoing project of Women's Network, Inc., Women Central's goals are to create a strategic plan to address the issues of Economic Empowerment for Women and Safety and Violence in Women's Lives; Build a strong network between participating organizations and providing an opportunity for collaboration on programming and resources.

**2007** Organized and produced **V-Day|Until the Violence Stops: Northeast Ohio**, a two-week festival of theatre, art, education and activism raises money and awareness to end violence against women and girls as part of the International V-Day movement. Over 50 community leaders and organizations throughout northeast Ohio collaborated on events and awareness efforts. First in the United State, UTVS:NEO was a pilot program for V-Day international laying the groundwork for a national and then international implementation.

## 2006-2001

Organized and provided creative direction for **V-Day Akron**, an annual fundraising event centered around a production of *The Vagina Monologues* raising nearly \$100,000 for The YWCA of Summit County Rape Crisis Program and other V-Day initiatives.

**2005** Created **For Beauty's Sake**, a one woman performance combining collected stories and writings, personal experience and research on the current cultural trends on body image, dieting and a fat phobic society to explore the culturally imposed love-hate relationship we have with our bodies. Commissioned by the Massachusetts Eating Disorder Association as keynote for their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Boston, MA.

## Additional Relevant Experience

- Regularly contracted performer and educator for professional theatre, **Magical Theatre Company**.
- Educator in the **Akron After School** program integrating the arts in the public schools.
- Presented women's body image workshop and power point presentation at the **Massachusetts Eating Disorder Association National Conference**, March 2004.
- Develop and present educational and interactive programming addressing cultural conditioning for women and girls regarding body image/acceptance, menstrual cycle, eating disorder prevention, etc.
- Developed **interactive workshops** on the importance of standing up to bullying behavior.
- Produce awards events for several women's organizations
- **Health at Every Size Coach** for Wellness Works for You

**Education**

West Virginia University August 1984-August 1985

Kent State University August 1980 - May 1984

**Awards and Honors**

2011 The Big Idea Award granted by the Women's Therapy Center, Endangered Species: Women Summit

2010 The Marie Covington Outrageous Acts for Women's Justice Award

2007 Women's Network Founders' Award for the Community Progress for Women

2006 Woman of Professional Excellence recognition by epitome magazine

2006-13 Served on the Board for ASDAH, the Association for Size Diversity and Health

2004 Special Achievement Award for the Empowerment of Women, YWCA Rape Crisis Program

2004-05 Served on the Board of Directors for the Akron Area Arts Alliance

2004 Akron Women's History Project Woman of the Year Award for Creativity

2003 Honorable Mention in Northern Ohio Live Magazine's prestigious Awards of Achievement for Civic Leadership and Volunteerism

2002 Listed in Northern Ohio Live Magazine as one of Northeast Ohio's most influential women