

## *SMFA Summit Lynn Stallings Interview Live Chat 27 May 2020*

[May 27, 4:50 PM] Bonnie G: Who's excited!!

[May 27, 4:51 PM] LynnStallings: Hi Everybody! Happy Wednesday!

[May 27, 4:51 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: Hello Bonnie, hello Lynn!

[May 27, 4:51 PM] LynnStallings: Whoot! Whoot!

[May 27, 4:53 PM] Bonnie G: We're live!

[May 27, 4:54 PM] Laura Dowling Shea: Me! I'm really looking forward to this one. Hi Lynn, Hi Bonnie!

[May 27, 4:57 PM] AmyHarber: holla from chicago

[May 27, 4:58 PM] TinaKien: Hi. =) just watched Dayeane bake a cake!

[May 27, 4:58 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: The cake wasn't a lie after all? (Lol, Portal reference...)

[May 27, 4:59 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: So. Many. Goodies.

[May 27, 5:01 PM] BenYemba: Hello from North Carolina

[May 27, 5:01 PM] CarolyneAubin: Here from the Montreal (Canada) heatwave.

[May 27, 5:01 PM] BethGilvie: Back from Dallas!

[May 27, 5:01 PM] GemTorres: But... the cake was a lie lolololz

[May 27, 5:01 PM] TinaKien: Hahahah! The cake is real.

[May 27, 5:01 PM] LynnStallings: Welcome to all you creatives!!!!

[May 27, 5:01 PM] BethGilvie: Yesss!!!

[May 27, 5:01 PM] AmyHarber: yeah a bit of a heatwave in Chicago too. we're about to get a humidity thunderstorm popup

[May 27, 5:02 PM] BethGilvie: Any geeks watch that Josh Gad Return of the King reunion teaser?

[May 27, 5:02 PM] JayeRestivo: BACK!

[May 27, 5:02 PM] TBG\_Amy: Aperture Science... we do what we must, because we can. ;)

[May 27, 5:02 PM] ReynGraves: Hi from Atlanta! I'm also very excited about this one! (Hi Lynn!)

[May 27, 5:02 PM] TinaKien: We have to make you into a potter head hehehheh

[May 27, 5:02 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: YAS AMY

[May 27, 5:02 PM] BethGilvie: Yes Amyyyyyyyy

[May 27, 5:02 PM] GemTorres: Much warmer in East LA than at the beach

[May 27, 5:02 PM] KatrinaTutschek: If you need a geek teacher I would happy to help lol

[May 27, 5:02 PM] JayeRestivo: Amazing self-care session from 2 - 3 w social worker

[May 27, 5:03 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: Good for you, Jaye. Self-care is important.

[May 27, 5:03 PM] JayeRestivo: Thanks, Stephanie

[May 27, 5:03 PM] TinaKien: Ohhhhhhhhhh

[May 27, 5:03 PM] Tracy Weisert: My gratitude to you always Bon.

[May 27, 5:03 PM] GemTorres: Also, aloha all ^^ #WednesdayBrain

[May 27, 5:04 PM] BethGilvie: I feel that, Bon. I have a hard time turning off my critic/new director brain when I watch things.

[May 27, 5:04 PM] Emily Kindred: yes Beth

[May 27, 5:04 PM] TBG\_Erin: Show Bibling at an FYC event... ;)

[May 27, 5:05 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: I totally understand that- it happens to me too. I can never watch dance without seeing behind the curtain.

[May 27, 5:05 PM] TBG\_Amy: Nice Erin :)

[May 27, 5:05 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: (so to speak)

[May 27, 5:05 PM] VeannaBlack: I'm excited for this one! Lynn Stallings was the first person to cast me. Like ever. A bajillion years ago :)

[May 27, 5:05 PM] AmyHarber: that's the worst when you're on a live and there's a siren/plane/construction. happened to me yesterday

[May 27, 5:06 PM] KatrinaTutschek: That's why you may like Twitch. It has so many things, but not scripted things. There is so much to watch!

[May 27, 5:06 PM] BethGilvie: I did a production of Spring Awakening at a theatre near DFW Int'l Airport and we'd have some silent, serious moment and  
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[May 27, 5:06 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: Haha

[May 27, 5:07 PM] Bonnie G: That's good to know, Katrina. Thank you!

[May 27, 5:07 PM] Bonnie G: LOL Beth!

[May 27, 5:08 PM] Emily Kindred: I love how happy her room is!

[May 27, 5:08 PM] Emily Kindred: Like sitting in a sunflower :)

[May 27, 5:08 PM] Bonnie G: Isn't it filled with sunshine, Emily?

[May 27, 5:09 PM] Bonnie G: I feel like your room is #SoOnBrand too, Emily (from your InstaStories).

[May 27, 5:10 PM] Emily Kindred: Sunshine makes me so happy :)

[May 27, 5:10 PM] Bonnie G: Knowing who you are and LIKING who you are! YES!

[May 27, 5:11 PM] TBG\_Amy: That one is in the notebook.

[May 27, 5:11 PM] JayeRestivo: Liking who you are! OMG!

[May 27, 5:12 PM] BethGilvie: This is why I have such a hard time narrowing down my stories to tell - I love getting the different perspective and challenging my body and mind.

[May 27, 5:12 PM] JayeRestivo: Enoughness!

[May 27, 5:12 PM] Bonnie G: "You only get one childhood." YES!

[May 27, 5:12 PM] JayeRestivo: I liked that too, Bonnie

[May 27, 5:13 PM] BethGilvie: Good on those parents!

[May 27, 5:13 PM] LynnStallings: I agree, Bonnie. Surrounding yourself with awesome people brings joy! So does a happy atmosphere. Colors and nature rule!

[May 27, 5:14 PM] JayeRestivo: Keep the balance. YES

[May 27, 5:14 PM] Tracy Weisert: I was JUST writing that when you wrote it. "You only get wild childhood."

[May 27, 5:14 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: That idea of balance is important throughout life, not just in childhood. Meta-theme for sure.

[May 27, 5:15 PM] BethGilvie: YES that kid and her balance! In spite of her mama...

[May 27, 5:15 PM] Tracy Weisert: Whoops..."one childhood."

[May 27, 5:15 PM] Bonnie G: Gosh, and from a casting perspective, we WANT kids who've lost a tooth sometimes. That's REAL for the characters too!

[May 27, 5:16 PM] BethGilvie: Oh, parent workshops - that's a wonderful idea!!

[May 27, 5:16 PM] Emily Kindred: wow

[May 27, 5:16 PM] GemTorres: Having worked w/ kiddos yes Yes YES to parent workshops! So awesome!

[May 27, 5:16 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: I think that's important if any of us teach/work with kids... make sure you're enabling them have their moments of childhood.

[May 27, 5:17 PM] BethGilvie: Yes, Stephanie!!

[May 27, 5:17 PM] JayeRestivo: Worked w a friend years ago in casting a kids' show. If I made a certain mark on the kid's resume, my friend knew we'd have problems with the parent.

[May 27, 5:17 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: \*them to have

[May 27, 5:17 PM] AmyHarber: i was on set with one of these bad parents once. the kid didn't want to be there. it was awful....the director finally pulled us adults aside and were like "can you improv to work around the kid's lines, if i send this kid home"

[May 27, 5:19 PM] JayeRestivo: Ha! I did that! Puppet show for neighbor's kids

[May 27, 5:20 PM] BethGilvie: It's interesting to realize what shape "support" takes for a stage parent. It's not just the emotional support of a parent with a hobby, or the support of a manager, but more of each, as well as a bravery to foster decision-making maturity, especially when parents know that bittersweet feeling as children grow...

[May 27, 5:20 PM] BethGilvie: \*industry parent

[May 27, 5:20 PM] Emily Kindred: it's also scary seeing kids totally manipulating their parents... I saw that when I worked as a PA

[May 27, 5:20 PM] JudyKerr: Priceless on the set information.

[May 27, 5:20 PM] BethGilvie: Oh yeah, Emily. I see that at my muggle job at my dance studio.

[May 27, 5:20 PM] Bonnie G: So true, Beth.

[May 27, 5:20 PM] Bonnie G: Yes, Judy!

[May 27, 5:22 PM] Emily Kindred: I would never trade my PA days, it was a set life masterclass on HUGE productions

[May 27, 5:22 PM] Bonnie G: CHILLS

[May 27, 5:22 PM] BethGilvie: Oh WOW, that's so beautiful!!!

[May 27, 5:22 PM] JayeRestivo: WOW!

[May 27, 5:22 PM] VeannaBlack: Masquerade! Oh my god! That warms my heart!

[May 27, 5:23 PM] AshlynStallings: I was in the cast at that performance and that moment was pivotal for me as well! It was a tangible moment of realization just how important art truly is!

[May 27, 5:23 PM] Bonnie G: The HOW NOT TO series is always my favorite!! So! Funny!!

[May 27, 5:24 PM] Bonnie G: Ashlyn, that's so cool!

[May 27, 5:24 PM] JayeRestivo: How Not To! Fabulous!

[May 27, 5:24 PM] Tracy Weisert: I concur Emily about my PA work. It has helped me so much in front of the camera understanding & appreciating EVERYONE's jobs on set.

[May 27, 5:25 PM] TBG\_Erin: AAAAH love that so much!!

[May 27, 5:25 PM] JayeRestivo: Smart dad.

[May 27, 5:26 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: Indeed.

[May 27, 5:26 PM] JayeRestivo: Respect. Love.

[May 27, 5:27 PM] TBG\_Erin: I love hearing that. Sounds like a fabulously safe space to create and nurture those baby creatives. <3

[May 27, 5:28 PM] Bonnie G: It's so very special.  
[May 27, 5:29 PM] TBG\_Erin: oh WOW  
[May 27, 5:29 PM] BethGilvie: Oh, I love that! YES for fostering niceness!  
[May 27, 5:29 PM] TBG\_Amy: <3  
[May 27, 5:29 PM] JayeRestivo: It's cool to be nice.  
[May 27, 5:29 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: Oh, that's lovely.  
[May 27, 5:29 PM] Emily Kindred: @Tracy it's so humbling. Coming back to set as an actor you know why everyone is doing what they are doing and see how essential every single role is. Also it makes me comfortable on every set I walk on. Instinctively I know where to go, who I need to talk to for what and at the end of the day I thank every single person I can for their work.  
[May 27, 5:30 PM] BethGilvie: That's like a beautiful version of Chaos Theory.  
[May 27, 5:30 PM] Emily Kindred: kindness is contagious  
[May 27, 5:30 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: "Kindness Theory", Beth!  
[May 27, 5:30 PM] Bonnie G: Keith's first Hollywood job was as a PA on the set of a movie I was MUA for.  
[May 27, 5:31 PM] Bonnie G: SUCH a learning experience!  
[May 27, 5:31 PM] TBG\_Amy: Ooooooh man, those tangents... LOL  
[May 27, 5:31 PM] BethGilvie: Oh YES Stephanie!!  
[May 27, 5:31 PM] LynnStallings: Smiles are contagious! Love is contagious! If people can be taught to 'hate', they can certainly be taught to LOVE!  
[May 27, 5:32 PM] KaitlinLarge: Yes! I do that with the palm trees outside my window. They make me so happy!  
[May 27, 5:32 PM] Emily Kindred: Absolutely Lynn  
[May 27, 5:32 PM] JayeRestivo: Gratitude!  
[May 27, 5:32 PM] VeannaBlack: There are always things that are awesome! I love it.  
[May 27, 5:32 PM] JayeRestivo: So much goodies here!  
[May 27, 5:32 PM] TBG\_Erin: @Kaitlin -- SAME. I wake up every day pinching myself that I live in LA. <3  
[May 27, 5:32 PM] Bonnie G: Compartmentalizing! :)  
[May 27, 5:33 PM] BethGilvie: That's so wonderful, Lynn.  
[May 27, 5:33 PM] JayeRestivo: Yes, Erin! "OMG, I live here!"  
[May 27, 5:34 PM] JayeRestivo: "We don't get tired of things we like."  
[May 27, 5:35 PM] Tracy Weisert: VERY well stated Emily! Thank you! :-)  
[May 27, 5:35 PM] Emily Kindred: <3  
[May 27, 5:36 PM] JayeRestivo: Relationship building!  
[May 27, 5:37 PM] JayeRestivo: LynnStallings! Love your positivity!!!  
[May 27, 5:37 PM] TBG\_Amy: The theme of finding the positive, finding the place where the good is... <3  
[May 27, 5:37 PM] BethGilvie: Oh, I can see it!  
[May 27, 5:38 PM] AshlynStallings: www.AtlantaWorkshopPlayers.com  
[May 27, 5:38 PM] Tracy Weisert: My first feature for Columbia Pictures 35 years ago, I TYPED all the Screen Actors Guild contracts under \$50,000 on a big IBM Selectric typewriter.

[May 27, 5:38 PM] PatriciaBecker-Spellman: Thank you!

[May 27, 5:38 PM] AshlynStallings: Thank you #SMFA team!

[May 27, 5:38 PM] TBG\_Erin: Hiya Ashlyn, our chat censors out URLs. Would you please be sure to drop that link in the comments in the replay page after we wrap?

[May 27, 5:38 PM] KatrinaTutschek: Awesome, Thank you

[May 27, 5:39 PM] LynnStallings: Bonnie, YOU are changing the world!

[May 27, 5:39 PM] Paola Angarita: <https://www.atlantaworkshopplayers.com/>

[May 27, 5:39 PM] BethGilvie: Knowing there is purpose will keep you moving!

[May 27, 5:39 PM] BethGilvie: (links are just long swears)

[May 27, 5:39 PM] JayeRestivo: Create a safe and loving space.

[May 27, 5:40 PM] Paola Angarita:

[May 27, 5:40 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: You always have influence on others; spread kindness.

[May 27, 5:40 PM] BenYemba: No is not a rejection

[May 27, 5:40 PM] PatriciaBecker-Spellman: Starting the day with gratitude...

[May 27, 5:40 PM] KaitlinLarge: Each audition is an investment in a future job, not a rejection!

[May 27, 5:40 PM] TBG\_Amy: Know who you are and like who you are. Be kind :)

[May 27, 5:40 PM] Paola Angarita: Know who you are and liking who you are

[May 27, 5:40 PM] AmyHarber: love yourself

[May 27, 5:40 PM] BethGilvie: Oh yes, Kaitlin!

[May 27, 5:40 PM] Paola Angarita: We are constantly evolving

[May 27, 5:40 PM] Laura Dowling Shea: Yes. Appreciation.

[May 27, 5:41 PM] BethGilvie: Smiles are contagious! Love is contagious! And if people can be taught to hate, they can learn to love!

[May 27, 5:41 PM] JayeRestivo: Attitude of gratitude! YES! I say that all the time on Walkies with Penny. "Thank you!"

[May 27, 5:41 PM] ReynGraves: I love Lynn's stories! The Stallings are seriously some of the greatest people in the world. I love the chance to re-hear everything that drew me to AWP in the first place. Changing the world one audience at a time!

[May 27, 5:41 PM] VeannaBlack: "If people are listening, you're influencing them. So what are you trying to say"

[May 27, 5:41 PM] NicoleRycroft: Thank you Lynn, Bonnie and Team! I'm really enjoying the Summit. Loved " know who you are and like who you are." Also, love the continuous gratitude theme.

[May 27, 5:41 PM] Stephanie Bergeron: I've hit the 25 page mark on summit notes now!

[May 27, 5:41 PM] Paola Angarita: Appreciate the things surrounding you.

[May 27, 5:41 PM] GemTorres: Such beautiful perspective! I loved: Appreciate what's around out. Realize what gifts are around you. There's always love and purpose. The cool kids are the nice kids.

[May 27, 5:42 PM] Paola Angarita: Know that there is purpose.

[May 27, 5:42 PM] Tracy Weisert: Did I get this correct Bon?...You are the average of the 5 people you hang out most.

[May 27, 5:42 PM] VeannaBlack: SO MUCH JOY!

[May 27, 5:43 PM] BethGilvie: Yup, Tracy!



[May 27, 5:43 PM] JayeRestivo: This interview made my heart happy!

[May 27, 5:43 PM] Sarah Thompson: I love how positive you are, Lynn! It is so true that a positive attitude makes all the difference in the world! Why would you choose to complain when you can think positively and be so much happier?

[May 27, 5:43 PM] Paola Angarita: Auditions are an investment in your career.

[May 27, 5:43 PM] Tracy Weisert: Thank you Beth.

[May 27, 5:44 PM] AmyHarber: Tracy - us people who live alone are struggling right now with that. lol. i'm hanging out with a cat and a bunch of plastic Funko pops. haha

[May 27, 5:45 PM] VeannaBlack: @AmyHarber: Amen to that!

[May 27, 5:45 PM] Emily Kindred: Thank you Lynn & Bonnie and Team for another beautiful summit day! <3

[May 27, 5:45 PM] BethGilvie: I feel you, Amy!

[May 27, 5:46 PM] LynnStallings: Thank you all for sharing your light to lift others up!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] AmyHarber: thank you

[May 27, 5:47 PM] KaitlinLarge: Thank you so much!!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] Emily Kindred: thank you!!!!!! xoxoxoxoxo

[May 27, 5:47 PM] BethGilvie: Right back atcha, Lynn - what a lovely talk!! Thank you so much for your time, joy, and expertise!!!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] TessaMarkle: thank you lynn, that was so inspiring!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] Paola Angarita: Yes, that's true Amy. I'm hanging out only with my dog.

[May 27, 5:47 PM] TBG\_Amy: Thank you Lynn

[May 27, 5:47 PM] ReynGraves: Thank you!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] Sarah Thompson: Thank you so very much!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] JayeRestivo: Thank you, LynnStallings! You are a lighthouse!!!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] BethGilvie: Thank you again, Bonn!! <3

[May 27, 5:47 PM] KatrinaTutschek: Claps all around!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] AshlynStallings: Love to you all!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] GemTorres: Thank you so much for sharing!!! Such a beautiful light!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] NicoleRycroft: Thank you!!!

[May 27, 5:47 PM] BethGilvie: Yessss Lynn is a helluva lighthouse

[May 27, 5:48 PM] JayeRestivo: ARGH 9 am!!

[May 27, 5:48 PM] BethGilvie: Sorry, Gramma

[May 27, 5:48 PM] Emily Kindred: noon for us EST folks!

[May 27, 5:49 PM] BethGilvie: G'night, loves! I'm off to watch replays and practice mi voce.

[May 27, 5:49 PM] JayeRestivo: Beth, I'll have to get my teeth out the glass, early!!!!!!

[May 27, 5:49 PM] AmyHarber: i'm off to the Chicago Film Scene meetup zoom

[May 27, 5:50 PM] JayeRestivo: After my Worry O'Clock I'm off to Target to buy supplies!