PRODUCTION & FESTIVAL LEADERSHIP

Stacey Smith

Executive Producer • Creative Director • Theater Owner

TRACK RECORD
2 Continents • 7+ Festivals

Veteran comedy producer with over a decade of hands-on experience founding, directing, and managing major international festivals, venues, and live productions across North America and Europe. Specialized in high-stakes artist management, rapid crisis resolution, cross-border logistics, and building sustainable platforms for emerging and established talent.

1,000s	7+	2021–25	Owner
PERFORMERS MANAGED	FESTIVALS PRODUCED	BOOM CHICAGO FEST AD	AMSTERDAM COMEDY STUDIO

FESTIVAL & PRODUCTION PORTFOLIO

EUROPE & INTERNATIONAL

Boom Chicago Comedy Festival — ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Spearheaded festival operations (2021–2025) in Amsterdam, bridging international comedy scenes by bringing top Dutch and American talent together on one stage.

Amsterdam Comedy Studio — FOUNDER & THEATER OWNER

Established a permanent venue and educational center in the Netherlands, turning event production into a year-round operational platform.

Women Are Funny Festival — FOUNDER & PRODUCER

Launched in Amsterdam to connect premier female comedians with female-owned businesses through curated vendor markets, corporate partnerships, and live performances.

Amsterjam Comedy Festival — FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

A premier musical improv festival focused on bringing world-class teaching talent to Europe, centered on intensive workshops to build and strengthen the regional musical improv scene.

CHICAGO FOUNDATIONS

Chicago Musical Improv Festival — FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Created and produced a landmark annual festival bringing together top musical improv troupes, accompanists, and full Broadway-style improvised productions.

Chicago Women's Funny Festival — ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

Managed logistics and stage operations for hundreds of female comedians across stand-up, sketch, and improv at Stage 773.

Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival — PRODUCER & STAGE MANAGER

Managed high-volume multi-stage scheduling, precise technical cue sheets, and fast-paced turnarounds for the world's largest sketch comedy festival.

Chicago Improv & Teen Comedy Fests — PRODUCER & FACILITATOR

Coordinated unscripted ensemble performances for CIF and facilitated youth performer logistics for the Teen Comedy Festival.