

BFA  
ACTING

—  
Carnegie  
Mellon  
University

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made me  
laugh til  
I cried'**

*-Allyson Dwyer  
of Staff Picks*

***That funny  
murderer next  
door...***

# LEON SCHWENDENER

**AEA** | *FLUENT IN GERMAN*



# RESUME & REELS

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### TV/FILM

How Not to Get Rid of a Body	Riley Powell	Investigation Discovery
Dead of Winter	Police Officer #3	Investigation Discovery
Shopping for Bethlehem	Daniel	Ghost Radio LLC
Sunflowers	Luke	NYU Tisch
Seams	Martin	Columbia University

### STAGE

The Importance of Being Earnest.	Algernon Montcrieff	Voice Theatre, Kingston NY
Goldhaven	Baron Goldenteef	The Brick, Brooklyn NY
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Francis Flute	Shakespeare & Co. Lennox, MA
"Aynnie" the Lil' Orphan Objectivist	Paul Ryan	The PIT, NYC
Sleeping Beauty	Prince Rocky	A.R.T./New York Theatres
Unto These Hills	Will Thomas	Cherokee Historical Association, NC
Macbeth	Macbeth	Carnegie Mellon University
Gruesome Playground Injuries	Doug	Carnegie Mellon University
Acts	Pierre Blet (S.J.).	Columbia University
Scrubland	Franklin Eagleson	Columbia University

### TRAINING

**CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY, BFA Acting:**  
*Acting:* Barbara Mackenzie-Wood, Tony McKay, Andrew Smith  
*Voice & Speech:* Don Wadsworth, Gary Logan  
*Movement:* Kaf Warman, Catherine Moore  
*Singing:* Thomas Douglas, Claudia Benack  
*Dance:* Judy Conte, James Caton

**ERNST BUSCH ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ARTS (BERLIN, GERMANY):** Antje Weber, Iris Böhm, Martin Gruber, Walter Prettenhofer

**SPECIAL SKILLS:** Fluent in German; three valid passports (American, German, Dutch); accents and dialects upon request.

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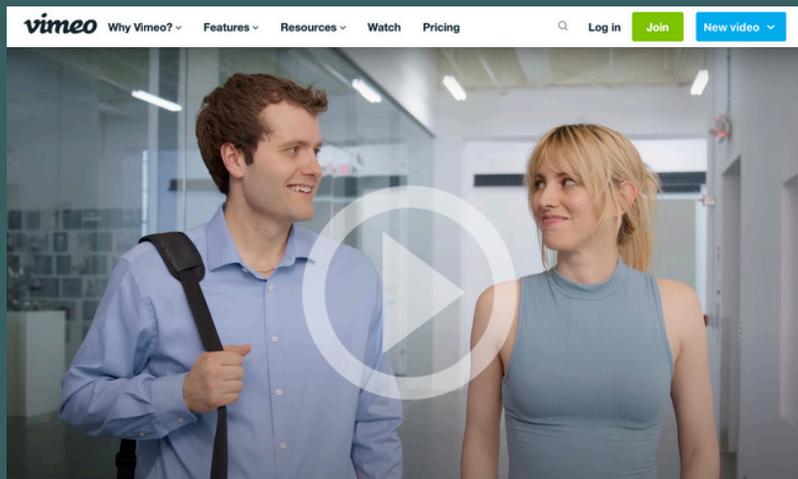
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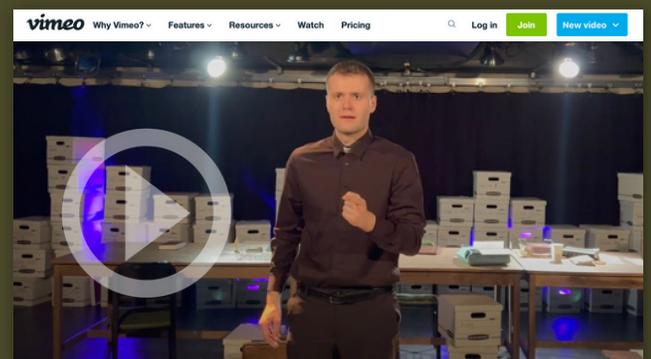


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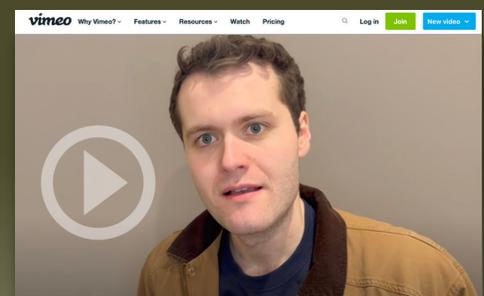
## DEMO REEL



THEATER REEL



SELF TAPE



# TYPE ME

*“Your slightly problematic ... best friend”*



**Will Schroeder:** Mid-late 20s, rugged, volatile, with a heart of gold.

He's the boy next door in rural, middle America. vulnerable and tough at the same time. Will works construction during the day and bartends at night to support himself and his ailing grandmother. He feels trapped in his hometown, but as long as he can remember, loyalty to his small-town roots has been beaten into him. Everything changes when a beautiful woman from New York City walks into his bar one day.

**Think:** Lewis Pullman / Lucas Hedges

**Justin Schudy:** Mid-late 20s, charming, toxic, white collar bro

He works at Black Rock as an financial advisor and loves pulling pranks on his hapless intern, Ryan. Justin was the bully on the elementary school playground and now plays the alpha as an adult. However, beneath the cocky exterior, Justin is deeply insecure. He portrays himself as the ultimate ladies man but most women find him obnoxious and immature. Masking his feelings of inadequacy with bravado and cruelty, it's only a matter of time before Justin really hurts someone.

**Think** Nicholas Hoult / Penn Badgley



**Simon Bauer:** Mid-late 20's, ill-fated, loveable doofus.

Simon is the perpetual loser you can't help but root for. Currently living with his overbearing stepmother, Simon is recovering from a bad break-up, having moved back home after suffering a nervous breakdown. Rudy, his childhood best friend, got him a job as a food truck driver in the interim, while he pieces his life back together. It doesn't matter how many times you knock Simon down; nothing can break his spirit. He's more attractive to women than he thinks.

**Think:** Mike Faist / Barry Keoghan

# WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY!

A man with a mustache, wearing a light-colored cowboy hat, a light-colored suit jacket, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. He has a pencil in his mouth and is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

**"Leon made me laugh 'til I cried"**

- Allison Dwyer  
Staff Picks

**"Palpable and delightful"**

- Bruce T. Paddock  
CurtainUp,  
Berkshire Review

**"Leon captures Speaker Paul Ryan's tense hypocrisy. Seeing his meltdown had people dying of laughter"**

- Diandra  
Reviews it All

**"Schwendener thrusts and parries through a Wildean landscape- all with lightning-flash reversals"**

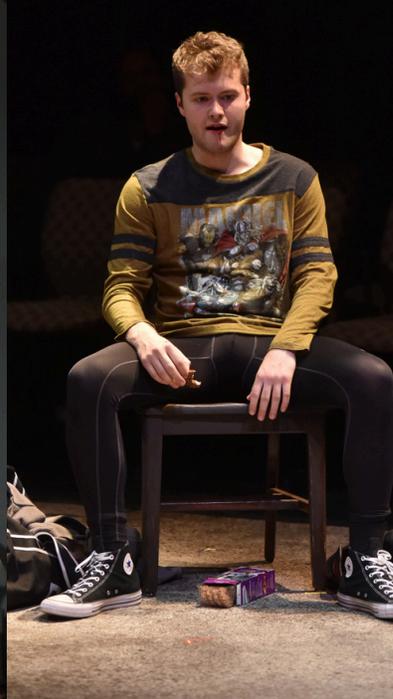
- Tad Wise  
Hudson Valley One

**"Funny, charming, honest at every turn, and played to perfection by Schwendener"**

- Max Berry,  
OnStage Blog

**"The evening showcases several very fine comic performances, in particular Leon Schwendener"**

- Wendy K Arons  
Pittsburgh Tattler



# PRESS

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**The Dastardly Thorns vs. The Town of Goldhaven (2023)**

[www.staffpicks.fun](http://www.staffpicks.fun)

**A Midsummer Night's Dream at The Mount (2017)**

[theberkshireedge.com](http://theberkshireedge.com)

**Paul Ryan Presents Aynnie: The 'Lil Orphan Objectivist (2019)**

[diandreareviewsitall.com](http://diandreareviewsitall.com)

**"Future Ten 11" at Future Tenant (2014)**

The Pittsburgh Tatler

**Sleeping Beauty at A.R.T./ New York Theaters (2019)**

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