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Jerwood Assistant Director Young Vic Theatre 2020

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Recipient of Stage Directors UK Mentorship 2017

OFF West End Nominated: Best production 2018 / Best Director 2017

**Assistant Director** 2020 ORFEUS - A House Music Opera Directed by Charles-Randolph Wright Opera by Nmon Ford Young Vic Theatre 2017 Madama Butterfly Directed by P.Caurier and M. Leiser Opera by Puccini **Royal Opera House** 2015 Der Schauspieldirektor Directed by JM Curti Opera by Mozart Geneva's Opera 2004 Monsieur Kolpert Directed by Hans Peter Cloos Play by D.Gieselman **Chaillot Theatre Paris Director** 2024 Tour Draining The Swamp by David R Hill DRH Arts Ltd/ OSO Arts Centre/ Oxford Playhouse A play looking at Oswald Mosley and British fascism 2022/2023 Artistic Director ( & Creative Producer) on Dom Juan (The Vaults), The Call (CPT), In Exchange (online) Programming, curating, producing and facilitating with Exchange Theatre's space THE TRAP 5mn play Tempests by Gael Le Cornec Young Vic Theatre / Jerwood Programme 2021 A gesture about invisibilized mixed-race identities. 2020 Online The Cat in Reboots devised by the company French Institute / Exchange Theatre An anti-racist and anti-bias interactive revisit of Puss in Boots. 2019 4 weeks The Flies by Jean-Paul Sartre Bunker Theatre UK / Exchange Theatre A bloody tale of existentialist freedom with a live rock band and live video design. Sartre meets Fight Club. 1 week <u>Becoming BERENICE</u> by Racine, translated by Rosie Hilal Voila Festival/Exchange Theatre/Theatre Forge 2018 A musical-physical timeless classic about a woman's self-determination. 2018 3 weeks Break of Noon by Paul Claudel Finborough Theatre / Exchange Theatre An early 20th century symbolist period piece about a woman's eternal love and decolonization. 2017 and 2018 8 weeks The Misanthrope by Moliere CPT /Drayton Theatre / Exchange Theatre A 21st century take to revive the deepest of Moliere's plays vs Fake news. Offie nominated: best production 2016 8 weeks The doctor in Spite of Himself by Moliere Drayton Theatre / French lycee / Exchange Theatre A contemporary take to revive the rarest Moliere's farce about his own creative journey. Offie nominee: best director 2 months <u>L'histoire du Soldat Opera by Stravinsky/Ramuz</u> 2014 Geneva's Opera studio A contemporary version of the Stravinsky Opera conducted by JM CURTI 2013 5 weeks Llive with Freddie Mercury by Thierry Margot Café Théatre des Chartrons / Bordeaux A musical tale of childhood violence through the eyes of a fan seeking fictionnal paternal love. 2012 2 weeks Scrouge adapted after Charles Dickens French Institute in London / Exchange Theatre A Christmas musical, a bilingual and multimedia experience for Young Audiences 5-11. 2011 2 weeks Lady Mac Wata by Magali Ngongon Ngege Lion and Unicorn Theatre / Exchange Theatre A congolese play on Shakespeare and African Mystycism with Congolese Hip Hop and live percussions. 2011 2 years Saturday French Tales residency 12 shows French Institute in London / Exchange Theatre NUT! A site specific Christmas show with a toy war, after The Nutcracker by Alexandre Dumas. HOW TO MAKE A GOOD LITTLE RIDING HOOD? An audience directed bilingual show, after Perrault. THE UNTOLD STORY OF SLEEPING BEAUTY. A site specific guided tour of the princess castle. SIMPLICE, TALES FOR NINON. An immersive experience for children sat on a grass carpet, after Zola. THE NECKLACE. A dark and goth tale in a ballroom, made accessible for children, after Maupassant. New Wimbledon Studio / Exchange Theatre 2010 1 week Square(d) by David Furlong A grunge farce, the most chaotic form of theatre, about consumerism with live projections and a live rabbit. 2008 1 week Bal Trap by Xavier Durringer Stoked Festival / Exchange Theatre

2008 to NOW

2007

2006

Acting career since 2005 touring France and the Llk which includes stage combat, singing and movement skills

**Exchange Theatre** 

British Premiere critically acclaimed. The Founder show of the company with Live Music and videofeeds.

EXCHANGE THEATRE FESTIVAL A yearly bilingual festival of theatre for all audiences for our participants

Acting Acting career since 2005 touring France and the Uk which includes stage combat, singing and movement skills. Shakespeare street theatre shows include: Hamlet, Twelfth Night, Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, Love's Labours Lost.

British Premiere of "The French Ravenhill". A four hander of urban poetry with a live musician.

#### **Training**

2005-ongoing Numerous workshops per year with Young Vic Genesis program, Living Pictures, Barbican Pit Lab 2001-2004 National Theatre of Chaillot, Paris. 3 Years acting (BA Hons)

A 'globalised comedy' with projections and moments of "dazzling theatricality"

Playwright and Translations Writer of 4 original plays and 12 young audience adaptations.

Translator of 4 full plays from French to English 3 plays English to French.

4 weeks **Business** by David Furlong

Le Workshop

2 weeks The Exchange by Paul Claudel

Teaching Since 2007 ongoing: Le Workshop. 2015: Arts Edl acting foundation courses. Since 2020: Identity School of Acting

## **Experience of artistic leadership**

# EXCHANGE THEATRE 2006 – ongoing

Founder of the company, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR, MAIN DUTIES include:

#### **GENERAL MANAGEMENT**

- Defines and implements our artistic mission.
- Leads a team of four.
- Programmed, developed and managed about 30 productions from conception to production.
- Directed around twenty shows (10 of them as part of a creative residency at the French Institute, the rest on the Fringe raising the profile of the company on each ones)
- Wrote or adapted about ten original works.
- Runs an office + rehearsal space. (Bookings and maintenance)
- Teaches and designs drama workshops for all publics.
- Represents the company publicly.
- Manages the budget with support from the administrator.
- Reads and develops R&D around new material.
- Fills applications for calls and projects.
- Directs the company's vision on several years: Definition of the Case for Support (Mission statement, values) and Guarantee the integrity of the work in accordance.
- Human ressources: Dealing with contacts (emails and calls), Meeting technicians, Meeting actors contacting us, Recruitment, Ongoing Support, Train Interns
- Reads plays, Attend shows, Attend networking events, Create connections, Attend informal meetings, Attend formal meetings, Ongoing training (living pictures, Young Vic, Masterclass, Bite Lab)

- Writes applications.
- Office Cleaning, Opening and Welcoming Hires, Taking a few calls.
- Reads all arts newsletters (ARTS ADMIN, HOUSE, ITC, IETM, TWB, EUCLID etc...)
- Networking, Research networking events,
- Design and Update Artistic files and reports every year.
- Website maintenance, Newsletter, Designing, Copies and Taglines for press, marketing, ads, listings, press releases.

#### **EDUCATION**

- Amateur Showcases: Research and readings, Editing scenes, Casting, Direction, Email directions in addition to notes, Additional rehearsals, Design flyers, Write copies and press releases.
  - Travel to teach.

#### PRODUCTION:

- Retroplanning
- Writing, Adaptation, Translation or verbatim. Several Drafts.
- Or (if not writing) Consulting, Reading, Guidance in the writing.
- Pre-Production: Research literary, historical, artistic, visual, audio-visusal, academic sources, Recruit collaborators (Designers, Builders), Conception of show, Liaise with Graphic designer.

### Executive production:

Checking Venue, Liaise with technicians/ designers/ directors.

- Teching
- Casting. Writing casting. Running auditions.
- Directing, R&D, Planning, rehearsals, Get in, Performance, Projections/ Music or Any additional design element.

Copies and taglines. Production packs, Press Packs.

PLAN FESTIVAL ANNUALLY