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Theatre Practitioner - Educational Work

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Profile

I am a freelance Theatre Director, Actor and Tutor, who has worked for a variety of theatres, arts organisations and educational establishments.

Current Work

- Education Programme in conjunction with Theatre Paradisum's production of Brecht's 'Man is Man'
- Theatre productions and classes for Norwich Young People's Theatre

January – February 2009

- Workshops in conjunction with Theatre Paradisum's production of Brecht's 'Threepenny Opera'

September – December 2008

- Lecturer for Norwich University College for the Arts – Creative Writing Course

July 2008

- Theatre Summer School for Sheringham High School

May – December 2008

- Drama provision for Eaton City of Norwich School / Norwich Theatre Projects

March 2008

- Creative Arts Week – Norwich High School for Girls – Junior Dept (Client: Norwich Theatre Projects)
- Physical Theatre Workshops – Sheringham High School (Client: Norwich Theatre Projects)

August - December 2007

- 'Leaving Home Project' – a production project with students from Wayland High School, looking at the issue of migration. (Client: Creative Arts East).

November 2007

- 'Shaping the Future' – a production project with young people, looking at their ideas for the development of their community. (Client: Norwich Theatre Projects / Broadland District Council)

September 2006 – October 2007

Sabbatical – Master of Arts in Theatre Direction (University of East Anglia)

June – September 2006

- 'Storyville' – a new writing, production project with young people (Client: NELM Academy Trust)

August 2006

- University of East Anglia Outreach Department – Drama Workshop

June 2006

- Workshops for The Greenwood Centre (Client: NELM Academy Trust)

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July 2004 - April 2006

Co-Director of Norwich Theatre Projects and Norwich Young People's Theatre

- Establishment and tuition of youth theatre with over four-hundred students, aged 5yrs – 25yrs
- Tuition of LAMDA Acting Examinations
- Workshops for Broadland District Council
- Weekly theatre classes for Long Stratton High School
- Collaborative projects with Norwich Cathedral Education Department
- Workshops for Norfolk Race Equality Council
- University of the First Age – Summer Schools
- Collaborative projects with Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery Education Department
- Norwich High School for Girls – Creative Arts Week
- Actor-led literary tours of Norwich (Client: Creative Arts East)
- Residential Summer Schools at Wymondham College
- Stage Combat workshops for Earlham High School

July 2000 – June 2004

Education Officer – Maddermarket Theatre

- Establishment of Education Department and expansion of youth theatre activities
- Tuition of weekly theatre classes, including LAMDA Acting Examination classes
- Schools Touring Programme
- Family Learning Programmes
- Issue-based projects and forum-theatre for schools
- University of First Age – Summer Schools
- Collaborations with Norwich Cathedral Education Department
- Collaborations with Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery Education Department
- Youth theatre productions
- Adult theatre classes
- Key Stages - linked workshops
- Extra Hours – after school activities (Norfolk County Council)

October 1998 – July 2000

Director – Platform One Theatre Company

- 'Picture This' Visual Arts Festival Launches (Client: Norfolk and Norwich Festival)
- Schools workshops for Norfolk Arts in Education Service
- Rural touring productions
- New writing projects for Playwright East
- 'Chaplin' project with London Philharmonia / Norfolk and Norwich Festival
- Commissioned work about apartheid for SSAFF (University of East Anglia)

July - October 1998

Freelance Education Manager for Norfolk and Norwich Festival

- 'Pied Piper' – Norfolk Schools Project with international composer David Bedford and Piers Lane
- 'The Works' – multi-media community dance project
- 'Ensemble Bash' – Norfolk Schools Project
- 'Kemp's Jig' – Norfolk Schools Project with international composer David Bedford, Norfolk and Norwich Community Dance and The Britten Sinfonia

Additional Skills

- Referee for Norwich High School for Girls Junior Dept – Arts Award Mark
- Trinity Guildhall Arts Award Advisor
- Development of child-protection policies for several arts organisations

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Training

Master of Arts in Theatre Direction (Distinction)

University of East Anglia

Additional Training

Acting Workshop - Dir Andrew Neil (Welsh College)

New Writing Workshops - Dir Jack Bradley (National), Simon Reade (RSC), Helen Crawley (BBC), Roger Brown (CH4)

Meisner Workshops - Dir Sophie Vaughan

Percussion Workshop - Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers

'Theatre of Controversy' Workshop - Dir Gari Jones

Physical Theatre Workshop - Dir Jill Norman (KAOS)

Mime Workshops - Mark Kendle

'Role of Theatre Practice in Empowerment' Workshop, Dir Sanjoy Ganguly

Circus Skills – Norwich Circus Centre

Samba Workshops – Norwich Samba

Singing Workshops – Get Up Gospel Choir