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Summary

I am a freelance director committed to plays with social impact. I started my own company, All Ignite Theatre in 2018. My recent productions include the world premiere of the powerful and poignant 9/11 play *The Duration* by Bruce Graham, and *Property*, a political farce about the London housing crisis. I'm also a director of Out of the Archive who's most recent production *Gwenda's Garage* was seen at Sheffield Crucible's Playhouse Theatre and Southwark Playhouse in Autumn 2025. For the same company I directed a new play with music *ReSisters* about the undercover life of Surrealist artist and lesbian, Claude Cahun. I was Associate Director at Chickenshed, a leading inclusive theatre, for many years. There I directed extensively and developed the Studio Theatre and commissioned productions from established writers alongside nurturing excellent in-house writing talent through the emerging writers programme *Write Here, Write Now*.

My direction has covered new writing, classics, musicals and adaptations and work for young people and children. I have also directed at the Finborough Theatre, Cardboard Citizens, Clean Break and Camden Peoples' Theatre. I direct at Drama Studio London. I also regularly direct for BBC Radio 4.

Directing

Odds On	Liv Fowler	BBC Radio 4	Dec 2025
Gwenda's Garage	Nicky Hallett/Val Regan	Sheffield Theatres/Southwark Playhouse	Sept-Nov 2025
Appropriate	Branden Jacobs Jenkins	Fourth Monkey	May 2025
Cinderella	Kevin Shaw	Community Tour DSL	Nov 2024
Blue Stockings	Jessica Swale	Drama Studio London	Oct 2024
Nearly Light	Kit Withington	BBC Radio 4	May 2024
Sweet Science of Bruising	Joy Wilkingson	Drama Studio London	Oct 2023
Gwenda's Garage	Nicky Hallett/Val Regan	Sheffield Playhouse	Nov 2023
Happy Hour	Liv Fowler	BBC Radio 4	May 2023
Gut Girls	Sarah Daniels	Drama Studio London	May 2023
Koestler Prize Winners	Various Writers	Royal Court	Nov 2022
The Wonderful World			
Of Dissocia	Anthony Nielson	Drama Studio London	Nov 2022
Resisters	Nicky Hallett/Val Regan	OOTA/Yellow Arch Studios	Nov 2021
The Duration	Bruce Graham	Omnibus Theatre	Sept 2021

Lady from the Sea	Henrik Ibsen	Drama Studio London	June 2021
Fireflies in Jarrow	Phillip Weekes	So and So Club/Stream	May 2021
Tipping the Velvet	Laura Wade	Drama Studio London	April 2021
Small Mercies	Alison Rose	Zoom play reading	June 2020
Custom of the Sea	Jim Mannering	Zoom play reading	May 2020
Life	Cardboard Citizens	Devised project	Mar2020
Rehearsed readings	Synergy Theatre Co	Prisons	Jan 2020
Property	Jelena Budimir	New River Studios	Oct 2020
Script to Stage	Cardboard Citizens	Staged reading.	Sept 2020
Severed	Kathryn O'Reilly	Soho Theatre staged reading	Aug 2020
Beast on the Moon	Richard Kalinoski	Finborough Theatre	Feb 2019
White Guy on the Bus	Bruce Graham	Finborough Theatre	April 2018
Back to the Future	A celebration	Clean Break Theatre	Jan 2018
Genie	Athena Stevens,	Vibrant Festival 2017	Oct 2017
The Union Wheel	Joseph Fox	Sheffield University	July 2017
Life after Death	Antuneil Thompson	Camden Peoples' Theatre	May 2010

As Director at Chickenshed Theatre | London

Refugee Boy	Lemn Sissay/Benjamin Zephaniah
Gut Girls	Sarah Daniels
Write Here, Write Now	Annual week of new writing
Comedy of Errors	William Shakespeare
Les Enfants du Paradis	Adapter/writer
Devils' Music	Paul Harris
Lysistrata	Aristophanes
Brer Rabbit	Peter Dowse
Our Country's Good	Timberlake Wertenbaker
Widows	Ariel Dorfman
Yard Gal	Rebecca Prichard
Romeo and Juliet the Panto	William Shakespeare
Greece the Mythical	also writer
Unhealthy Business	also writer
MySpace or Yours	also writer
MGM (Making Great Movies)	also writer
A Christmas Carol	Co-writer
Arthur the Knight Before Christmas	Co-writer
Night Before Christmas with Alice	Co-writer