

AARON BLACKLEDGE

DIRECTOR



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PERSONAL PROFILE

As an emerging director with strong teaching skills, I enjoy bringing out the best in creatives through coaching and collaborative development. I am passionate about great storytelling and take particular interest in the rhythm of contemporary texts and music theatre. I believe that the best stories celebrate the contradictions of humanity while creating a cherished memory for all audiences. Lastly, have a deep understanding of technical theatre from my work as a technical director, producer, and lighting designer both in New Zealand and the UK.

DIRECTOR

- **VIOLENCE AND SON**
by Gary Owen | Fricative Theatre | The Golden Goose
2023
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by Gary Owen | Fricative Theatre | The Red Hedgehog
2022
- **BARE: A POP OPERA**
by Damon Intrabartolo and Jon Hartmere, Jr |
Stagecraft | Gryphon Theatre
2019
- **MOUSING AROUND A DISNEY SING-A-LONG ADVENTURE**
by Lauren Simpkins | Kapitall Kids Theatre | Gryphon Theatre
2017
- **ELLIE AND THE STAR**
by Simon McArthur | Kapitall Kids Theatre | Gryphon Theatre
2017
- **THE FAIRYTALE COOKBOOK**
by Jason Geary | Kapitall Kids Theatre | Gryphon Theatre
2016
- **DINO ROCK: A MUSICAL FOR KIDS**
by Aaron Blackledge | Kapitall Kids Theatre | Gryphon Theatre
2016
- **SWORD IN THE STONE**
by Aaron Blackledge | Kapitall Kids Theatre | Gryphon Theatre
2015

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

- **DINNER WITH FRIENDS**
by Donald Margulies | Lawrence Carmichael |
Front Foot Theatre | Golden Goose Theatre
2022
- **FIRST LOVE IS THE REVOLUTION**
by Rita Kalnejais | Andrea Ling | East 15 | New Diorama Theatre
2022
- **RABBIT HOLE**
by David Lindsay-Abaire | Lawrence Carmichael |
Front Foot Theatre | Union Theatre
2022
- **BARD IN THE YARD**
by Victoria Gartner | Victoria Gartner | Will and Co. | UK Tour
2021

TRAINING & AWARDS

- **EAST 15 ACTING SCHOOL**
MFA in Directing Completed with Distinction
- **THE DAVID BROCKETT AWARD FOR BACKSTAGE ACHIEVEMENT**
New Zealand Theatre Federation

WORKSHOPS & TEACHING

- **NATURALISM SCENE STUDY**
East 15 MA/MFA Acting International December 2022
- **EXTENDED CHARACTER IMPROVISATION**
East 15 BA Acting October 2022
- **ATHLETICISM OF THE TEXT**
Private Coaching October 2021-Present
- **INTRODUCTION TO THEATRICAL LIGHTING**
Blue Elephant Theatre | Director July 2022
- **RUNNING UPON THE WIRES**
R&D | Director March 2022
- **THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE NEVER DID RUN SMOOTH**
R&D | Director October 2021
- **SHAKESPEARE DROP-IN WITH VICTORIA GARTNER**
Online Workshops | Workshop Assistant January-June 2021

RELATED SKILLS

- DBS ENHANCED
- EXPERIENCED LIGHTING DESIGNER
2014-Present
- EXPERIENCED WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

REFERENCES

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