

Kirsty Patrick Ward

Director

This year Kirsty will direct the world premiere of the new comedy GROAN UPS in the West End, and will revive her hit production of Joy Wilkinson's play THE SWEET SCIENCE OF BRUISING at Wilton's Music Hall. For its initial run at the Southwark Playhouse it received four stars from *The Times* and five stars from *The Daily Express*, and has been nominated for an Off West End Award for Best New Play. She will also direct the new play SPIDERFLY by John Webber at Theatre 503, in November.

She is currently the Tour Director on THE COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY (Mischief Theatre/Kenny Wax Productions) and is Associate Director on the same play at the Criterion Theatre in the West End.

Previous productions include EXACTLY LIKE YOU, which received four stars from *The Scotsman* at last year's Edinburgh festival. It then transferred to the Vault Festival 2017 in London, where it won the Festival Spirit Award. Prior to that her show CHEF, written by Sabrina Mahfouz ran at the Soho Theatre in June and July with Just For Laughs Theatre Productions starring Jade Anouka. During its run at the Edinburgh Festival in 2014, it was announced as one of the first six winners of a Scotsman Fringe First Awards.

Kirsty is Artistic Director of 'Waifs + Strays' theatre company and an Associate Director for nabokov Theatre & Theatre Uncut. She was selected for the National Theatre Studio Directors Course '15, was shortlisted for the JP Morgan Emerging Directors award in 2013 and was selected as a 2012 finalist for the JMK Young Directors Award. She also took part in the Old Vic New Voices TS Eliot US/UK Exchange in 2011.

Projects include:

THE SWEET SCIENCE OF BRUISING by Joy Wilkinson – 2018

Director

Southwark Playhouse

★★★★ *The Times* ★★★★★ *The Daily Express*

THE COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY (UK & IRELAND TOUR)

by Henry Lewis, Henry Shields and Jonathan Sayer – 2018 till 2019

Director

Co-production with Birmingham Rep & Kenny Wax Ltd, Touring the UK & Ireland

TABLE by Tanya Ronder – 2017

Director

3rd Year Acting Company / Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts / Sennheiser Studio Theatre

THE COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY by Henry Lewis, Henry Shields and Jonathan Sayer -2017/2018

Associate Director

Criterion Theatre, West End

EXACTLY LIKE YOU by Lotte Rice – 2016/2017

Director

Winner: Festival Spirit Award, Vaults Festival

Underbelly, Edinburgh Fringe 2016 / The Cage, Vaults Festival

★★★★ *The Scotsman*

SNOW WHITE by Lee Sutton – 2012 & 2016

Co-Devisor & Director

The Old Vic Theatre / Educational Schools Tour 2012 & 2016

CHEF by Sabrina Mahfouz – 15th June – 4th July 2015

Director

Winner: Fringe First 2014

Soho Theatre

'A nuanced, deeply moving story...vigorous, subtly political work.' ★★★★★ *The Times*

★★★★ *The Scotsman* ★★★★★ *The Independent*

NFTS 3rd YEAR SCREENWRITERS GRADUATION & FIRST YEAR PLAYS – 2015 – 2017

Director

The National Film and Television School / Soho Theatre

PRESENT LAUGHTER by Noel Coward – 2016

Associate Director to Stephen Unwin

Bath Theatre Royal / Regional Tour

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED by Bryony Lavery – 2016

Associate Director to Damian Cruden

York Theatre Royal / Regional Tour

COMMUNICATING DOORS by Alan Ayckbourn – May 2015

Associate Director to Lindsay Posner

Menier Chocolate Factory

ARCADIA by Tom Stoppard – 2015

Assistant Director to Blanche McIntyre

English Touring Theatre & ATG, UK Tour

OTHELLO by William Shakespeare – March 2015

Assistant Director to Bill Buckhurst on the *Playing Shakespeare with Deutsche Bank* production.

Shakespeare's Globe

COMETS BY Miriam Battye (Winner of the Ideastap SUMMER 2014 BRIEF) – 2014

Director

Undeb Theatre, Latitude Festival / Festival No 6

KING LEAR by William Shakespeare – 2013 / 14

Assistant Director to Bill Buckhurst

Shakespeare's Globe

EVITA music by Andrew Lloyd Webber & lyrics by Tim Rice – 2014

Co-Director

MT4uth, T13, Belfast

PEOPLE LIKE US by Jake Brunger – 2012

Director

Pleasance Theatre, London

A WRITERS RESPONSE TO 'CHAVS' BY OWEN JONES – 2012

Director & Producer

'Waifs + Strays', Lyric Hammersmith/ Latitude Festival

OUR NEW GIRL by Nancy Harris – 2012

Assistant Director to Charlotte Gwinner

The Bush Theatre, London

24 HOUR PLAYS: CELEBRITY GALA – 2011/ 2013

Assistant Director to Michael Buffong & Simon Godwin

Old Vic Theatre, London

YOUNG PRETENDER by E. V Crowe – 2011

Associate Director

Underbelly / Hull Truck / Watford Palace / Mercury Theatre

BUNNY by Jack Thorne – 2010 / 2011

Assistant Director to Joe Murphy

Winner: Fringe First Award 2010

Underbelly Edinburgh / Soho Upstairs / 59E59 Theatre, New York / Regional Tour

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