

Billy Roche

Born in Wexford, Billy worked as an actor and a singer before turning to writing in the 1980s. His acclaimed Wexford trilogy comprising "A Handful of Stars" (1988), "Poor Beast in the Rain" (1989) and "Belfry" (1990) won him numerous awards in both Ireland and Britain. His prose works include the novel "Tumbling Down" (1986) and the short story collection "Tales From Rainwater Pond" (2006). His work for screen includes his IFTA-nominated, four part TV series "Clean Break" which premiered on RTE in 2015.

Theatre:

MAYNARD PERDU

Wexford Arts Centre, Wexford, June 2018

OF MORNINGTON

Scalder Theatre Company, Wexford Opera House, May 2016

WEXFOUR

Four short plays written by Billy, John Banville, Eoin Colfer and Colm Tóibín

Wexfour Arts Centre, 2014

Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris, 2016

The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center in association with Origin's 1st Irish Festival and The Wexford Arts Centre, 2016

LAY ME DOWN SOFTLY

Transfer to Dublin Arts Centre & The Tricycle Theatre, London - 2011

US premiere, Seanchai Theatre Company, Chicago - 2014

TALES FROM RAINWATER POND

Irish Repertory Theatre, New York 2009

Dir. Elizabeth Whyte

Starring Billy Roche

LAY ME DOWN SOFTLY

The Abbey Theatre 2008

Dir. Wilson Milam

Nominated for Best Theatre Script at the Irish Playwrights and Screenwriters Guild's ZeBBie Awards 2009

CAVALCADERS

The Abbey Theatre 2007

Dir. Robin LeFevre

ON SUCH AS WE 2001

The Peacock Theatre, Dublin
Dir. Wilson Milam
Starring Brendan Gleeson

THE CAVALCADERS

The Tricycle Theatre 2002
The Royal Court 1994
The Peacock Theatre, Dublin 1993
Dir. Robin LeFevre

AMPHIBIANS

Commissioned by the RSC
The Pit Theatre, Barbican 1992
Dir. Michael Attenborough

BELFRY

The Bush Theatre 1991
Dir. Robin LeFevre
Winner of London Fringe Award for Best Play 1991
Winner of a Time Out Award 1992

POOR BEAST IN THE RAIN

The Bush Theatre 1989
Dir. Robin LeFevre
Winner of the George Devine Award
Winner of Thames TV Award

A HANDFUL OF STARS

The Bush Theatre 1988
Winner of the John Whiting Award
Winner of the Plays and Players Award for Best Play

Screenplays:**CLEAN BREAK**

152 Productions / Octagon Films / RTE 2015
4 x 60' original TV series
Dir. Gillies McKinnon & Damien O'Donnell
Produced by Emma Burge, John Chapman, James Flynn, Suzanne McAuley
Starring Aidan McArdle, Damien Molony and Adam Fergus
IFTA nomination for Best Screenplay, 2016

RHAPSODY

Four Provinces Films
Dir. Gillies McKinnon
Produced by Emma Burge and Redmond Morris
Starring Stephen Rea

THE ECLIPSE 2010

Based on his short story Table Manners

Treasure Films

Co-written with Conor McPherson

Dir. Conor McPherson

Starring Ciaran Hinds

Winner of Best Screenplay Award at IFTA 2010 Awards

TROJAN EDDIE 1996

Dir. Gillies McKinnon

Starring Stephen Rea and Richard Harris

Winner of the Best Film Award at the 1996 San Sebastian Film Festival

THE WEXFORD TRILOGY 1993

The plays A Handful of Stars, Poor Beast in the Rain and Belfry were filmed and directed for the BBC by Stuart Burge

Publishing:

TALES FROM RAINWATER POND 2006

A collection of short stories

published by Pillar Press

TUMBLING DOWN 1986

A novel published by Wolfhound Press

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