

Creatives

Biographies.

Dave Florez

WRITER

Dave is a playwright and screenwriter, writing both comedy and drama. His Hampstead Theatre play *Experience* was runner-up in the Nick Darke Award; Dave then adapted it into the feature film *Embers*, which was part of a BFI London Film Festival showcase, before being nominated for Best UK Feature at Raindance Film Festival. Dave has had several plays at the Edinburgh Festival, including *Somewhere Beneath*, winner of a Fringe First Award. His short plays have been produced at Royal Court, Soho Theatre, and the Criterion, and his plays are published by Bloomsbury.

Dave is a BAFTA Connect Member, a BBC Voices alumnus, and his comedy *Shock Jock* aired on Radio 4. His TV sitcom and drama pilots have been optioned by Hat Trick, LA Productions and Doorway Films; and he has developed projects with Red Productions, Rollem and Tiger Aspect. His feature thriller *Sins in the Family* premiered on Lifetime/Paramount+.

Adam Meggido

DIRECTOR

Known as the 'King of Improvised Chaos' and a regular collaborator with Mischief Theatre, Adam Meggido is the director of worldwide smash-hits and Oliviernominated Peter Pan Goes Wrong (Broadway, UK Tour, Italy, New Zealand/Australia, West End, Latvia, Mexico) and Magic Goes Wrong (UK Tour, West End), and the cocreator and artistic director of Olivier award-winning Showstoppers! The Improvised Musical. Showstoppers has played in 12 countries worldwide, and continues a West End residency. Winning the 2016 Olivier for 'Best Entertainment and Comedy', it was the first improvised show to win a major theatre award. Adam also holds the world record for directing long form improvisation – 55 hours in Toronto (2013). He is currently writing on a show for HBO. Adam's current production Peter Pan Goes Wrong on Broadway has been nominated for 3 Drama Desk Awards (Outstanding Direction of a Play; Unique Theatrical Experience, Outstanding Costume Design), 3 Outer Critics Circle Awards (Outstanding New Broadway Play, Outstanding Director of a Play, Outstanding Scenic Design) and a Drama League Award for Outstanding Production. His book - Improv Beyond Rules: A Practical Guide to Narrative Improvisation is published by Nick Hern Books.

Sara Perks

DESIGNER

Sara has designed over 300 shows to date, for UK & world tours, regional theatres, immersive & site specific, West End and National Theatre; and for genres including Shakespeare, classic drama, devised work, family shows, new writing, comedy and musicals.

Future productions include: Mary & The Hyenas (Pilot Theatre & Hull Truck); (The) Woman (New Perspectives)

Current productions include: Jesus Christ Superstar (Scenekvelder, Oslo); The Mind Mangler (Currently Virgin Voyagers; but also UK Tour '23-24 and West End '24)

More recent productions include: Flowers For Mrs Harris Riverside Studios (Costume Design - Aria Ents And Tiny Giant); You Bury Me – The Women's Playwriting Award from Paines Plough (Bristol Old Vic & Edinburgh Lyceum, Orange Tree); Good Luck, Studio (Mischief, Mercury Theatre & Wiltshire Creative); The Rise And Fall Of Little Voice (UK Tour Aria & GHF) 71, Coltman Street, Richard Bean's new play for Hull Truck's 50th Anniversary; UK & International Tour of Footloose and Tim Firth's new musical Now Is Good (Chester Storyhouse)

Other work includes: American Idiot, Spamalot, Footloose (West End & UK & International Tours); Hello Dolly!, Gypsy, Hot Stuff! (Curve) and The King and I (UK Tour); Beauty Queen Of Leenane (Hull Truck); Brideshead Revisited (York & English Touring Theatre Uk Tour); the all-female Oranges and Elephants (London); the all-female Posh (London); The Suffragette Project (York); Brighton Rock for Pilot (Uk Tour); Mother Courage (Site Specific With Pauline Mclynn) for Red Ladder. Spring Storm & Beyond The Horizon (National Theatre & Northampton); The Mold Riots (Clwyd); Betty Blue Eyes, Sweeney Todd, Turn Of The Screw (UK Tours); Journey's End, Saturday Night and Sunday Morning and the promenade, multidiscipline,

site-specific Depot amongst many shows at The Mercury, Colchester.

She was Head of Design for Shakespeare's Rose Theatre at York (managing teams for eight concurrent productions); and she specifically designed Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Twelfth Night and Hamlet, as well as the theatre stage and facade (2018-19, York & Oxford).

She has held Resident Associate Designer positions at both The Mercury and English Touring Theatre, and was nominated for Broadway World Award and WhatsOnStage Award (American Idiot); for An Offie (Oranges & Elephants and Flowers For Mrs Harris). The latter was awarded Best Off West End Production by WhatsOnStage '23. She holds an Edinburgh Fringe First; The John Elvery Theatre Design Award, and a Vision Design (Costume) Award from the Rbc

She Holds a BA Hons in Drama & Theatre Studies; and trained in Theatre Design at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

More information can be found at saraperkstheatredesign.co.uk