



Dawn Jani Birley

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eyes: brown
hair: up to the director
height: 175 cm

STAGE THEATRE

2017

Ensemble	<i>Project-X</i> Performance creation workshop I Directed by Birgit Schreyer Duarte	Toronto, Canada
Puff (lead)	<i>Puff ja Kaukaiset Kaverit</i> Directed by Juho Saarinen	Teatteri Totti Reims, France
Magdalena (ensemble)	<i>Bernardas Hus</i> Directed by Josette Bushell-Mingo	Riksteatern Tyst Teater Stockholm, Sweden
Horatio (ensemble)	<i>Hamlet</i> Directed by Ravi Jain	WhyNot Theatre Toronto, Canada

2016

Puff (lead)	<i>Puff ja Kaukaiset Kaverit</i> Directed by Juho Saarinen	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland
Nor (ensemble)	<i>Kukunor ja Unikuu</i> Directed by Pirkko Ditto	Tirakkor Theatre Seoul, South Korea
Dawn and Lisa (co-lead)	<i>From the Ashes</i> Performance creation workshop II Written and directed by Erin Shields	Toronto, Canada
Nor (ensemble)	<i>Kukunor ja Unikuu</i> Directed by Pirkko Ditto	Tirakkor Theatre Kajaani, Finland
The Baby (ensemble)	<i>A Dance of the Forests</i> Written by Wole Soyinka Nobel Prize Laureate for Literature 1986	African-Israeli Stage Tel Aviv & Jerusalem, Israel
Zoodeus (ensemble)	<i>Birthday in Suburbia</i> Directed by Ally Cologna	The Upstairs Brigade Brighton Fringe, England
Ensemble	<i>From the Ashes</i> Improvisation and creation workshop I Written and directed by Erin Shields	Toronto, Canada

2015

Ensemble	<i>Wonderland</i> Theatre workshop	Riksteatern Tyst Teater Stockholm, Sweden
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Ensemble	<i>TIDE</i> (thesis touring show) Co-directed and co-created by company MA in Physical Theatre	St Mary University London, England
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Zoodeus (ensemble)	<i>Birthday in Suburbia</i> Directed by Ally Cologna MA in Physical Theatre	St Mary University London, England
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2014

Ensemble	<i>Snow White</i> Directed by Anna Healey MA in Physical Theatre	St Mary University London, England
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Puff (lead)	<i>Minä, Puff</i> Directed by Marita S Barber Season rerun	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland
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Najdra (ensemble)	<i>När vinterns stjärnor lyser här</i> Directed by Josette Bushell-Mingo Swedish Southern Tour	Riksteatern Stockholm, Sweden
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2013

Madeline (ensemble)	<i>To A Flame Workshop III</i> Directed by Josette Bushell-Mingo	Riksteatern Tyst Teater Stockholm, Sweden
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Puff (lead)	<i>Minä, Puff</i> Directed by Marita S Barber	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland
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Ensemble	<i>Puuttumattomat</i> Improvisation & teamwork	Circus Maximus & Kordelinin säätiö Helsinki, Finland
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Carol (co-lead)	<i>Oleanna</i> Directed by Tarja-Liisa Qvintus	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland
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2012

Najdra (ensemble)	<i>När vinterns stjärnor lyser här</i> Directed by Josette Bushell-Mingo Swedish Northern Tour	Norrbotensteatern Luleå, Sweden
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Madeline (ensemble)	<i>To A Flame Workshop II</i> Directed by Josette Bushell-Mingo	Nightwood Theatre Toronto, Canada
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2011

Anna Vekki (lead)	<i>Tuhlaajatyttö</i> Directed by Markku Toikka	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland
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Hyasintti (lead) Kerttu (lead)	<i>Pokka Pitää</i> (Joulu) Directed by Marianne Aro <i>Åvik 100v</i> (Kertun elämätarina) Directed by Marianne Aro	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland Teatteri Totti Hyvinkää, Finland
Madeline (ensemble)	<i>To A Flame</i> Workshop I Directed by Josette Bushell-Mingo	Nightwood Theatre Toronto, Canada
Kalevala (multi-roles)	<i>Elävä Taulu</i> Directed by Marianne Aro	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland

2010

Emilia (ensemble)	<i>Meikäläiset</i> Co-directed by Aaron Kubey & Marianne Aro	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland
Madeline (ensemble)	<i>Fall of the House of Usher</i> Directed by Josette Bushell-Mingo	Nightwood Theatre Toronto, Canada
Ensemble	<i>Nattgäster</i> Tri-directed by Josette Bushell-Mingo, Mira Zuckermann and Lars Otterstedt	Tyst Teater - Teater Manu Stockholm - Oslo

2009

Lahja (co-lead)	<i>Matkalaukku</i> Directed by Darren Frazier	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland
Kaisa (lead)	<i>Keisarin Uudet Vaatteet</i> Directed by Eero Enqvist	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland

2008

Reuterkrantz, Gyllenstjerna and the Jester	<i>Kung Karls Jakt</i> Directed by Marianne Aro	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland
Ensemble	Totti 20th anniversary Directed by Marianne Aro	Teatteri Totti Helsinki, Finland

2005

Ensemble	Haikkoo Castle Directed by Marianne Aro	Kuurojen Teatteri Helsinki, Finland
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2004

Clown B (co-lead)	Clowns at Sea Directed by Marianne Aro	Kuurojen Teatteri Helsinki, Finland
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2016-present

International Signer	ICSD Video News http://deaflympics.com/video.asp?81	ICSD media Lausanne, Switzerland
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2016

Actors-ensemble	Viittomakielisen kanssa - tietoiskut Viittomakieliseen kirjastoon	Superpower Helsinki, Finland
TV host	MOU between ICSD and IOC Facilitated by Slava Klimov	ICSD Media Lausanne, Switzerland
Tourist Hotel reception	Chabla commercial Directed by Paul Helin	Chabla / Signmark Oy Helsinki, Finland

2015

The Mad Hatter	<i>Wonderland</i> Örebro Länsteater & Riksteatern Tyst Teater	3D projection mapping Örebro, Sweden
TV co-host	18th Winter Deatlympics ICSD Media team	ICSD Khanty-Mansiysk and Magnitogorsk, Russia

2014

Deaf student	<i>Small World</i> Directed by Louis Neethling	BBC BSLZone Manchester, England
Puff (lead)	<i>Minä, Puff</i> Internet TV series	Valkea Talo Kirjasto Helsinki, Finland

2013

Delilah Swanson	<i>In the Can</i> Film directed by Mark Wood	ASLFILMS Minneapolis-St.Paul, USA
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2012

Translator / signer	Oath of Allegiance in ASL	Government of Canada Toronto, Canada
Translator / signer	Culture for All, in International Sign Cable Factory	Culture for All Helsinki, Finland

2011

Translator / FSL signer	George Bizet's <i>Carmen</i> directed by Mikaela Hasán	Suomen Kansallisooppera Helsinki, Finland
Ensemble	Viittomakieliset kortit varainhankinta project by Kuurojen Liitto ry	Helsinki, Finland

2009-present

The face of H3	H3 Network Media Alliance	www.h3world.tv
Travel Host	Travel with Dawn: Turkey Travel with Dawn: South Africa Travel with Dawn: Slovakia Travel with Dawn: China Travel with Dawn: Taiwan	Tour 2014 Tour 2011 Tour 2011 Tour 2010 Tour 2009
WorldSignWeek Anchor		Toronto, Canada

2007

Actor	Åland Internet TV Project Finlandssvenska Teckenspråkiga r.f.	Åland (Finland)
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2006

Journalist	Iceland Project 2006 Finlandssvenska Teckenspråkiga r.f.	Iceland
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2006-present

Translator / coach	<i>Kahleet & Breaking the Rules</i> Signmark & Warner Music Finland	Albums 1 & 2 Helsinki, Finland
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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Master of Arts in Physical Theatre with Merit St Mary's University		March 2016 London, England
Bachelor of Arts Summa Cum Laude, Gallaudet University		May 1999 Washington, D.C.
Thom Collegiate High School Diploma		June 1995 Regina, Saskatchewan

Art of Acting	Nykøbing, Denmark	Odsherred Teaterskole
Physical Acting	Reykjavík, Iceland	Lars Henning
True Acting	Reykjavík, Iceland	Lars Otterstedt
Rhythm	Helsinki, Finland	Terttu Martola

Human Expressions
Improvisation
Introduction to Acting

Helsinki, Finland
Helsinki, Finland
Ål, Norway

Pia Aro
Marianne Aro
Debbie Rennie

TEACHING AND WORKSHOPS

Physical theatre school workshops - Vancouver, British Columbia (January 2017)

Physical theatre: expressing with the body - Helsinki, Finland (November 2016)

Inspiration and Media workshop - Warsaw, Poland (December 2015)

Physical Theatre school workshops - Belleville, Milton and London, Ontario (June 2015)

Leading an introduction to acting workshop "*Imagination 101*" - Toronto, Canada (Sept 2014)

Leading workshops on body language and expression for sign language interpreting students
- Humak Kansanopisto, Helsinki, Finland (April 2012)

EXTRAS

Guest Speaker for Deaf Culture Centre (DCC) Sign & Wine Series - Toronto, Canada (March 2017)

"The Power of Positive Thinking" and *"Inclusion versus Intersectionality"* lecturer - Warsaw University, Poland (September 2016)

Master of Ceremony for Swiss Federation of the Deaf's 70th Anniversary Gala - Bern, Switzerland (July 2016)

"Visions and work as a visual artist" lecturer and panelist at ICS2015 International Conference (co-hosted by Örebro Länsteater and Örebro Universitet) - Örebro, Sweden (November 2015)

Riksteatern Artist of the Year 2015 - Göteborg, Sweden (May 2015)

Guest Speaker - Thessaloniki, Greece (March 2015)

Master of Ceremony for STOA event - Helsinki, Finland (February 2015)

Master of Ceremony for Defty Awards - Toronto, Canada (Sept 2014)

Guest presenter for EUDY Youth Camp "*Power of Media*" - Burgas, Bulgaria (July 2014)

Judge for Finnish National Deaf Culture Festival theatrical performances - Tampere, Finland (May 2014)

Guest Speaker for the graduation of Class of 2012 - Milton Provincial School of the Deaf
Milton, Ontario, Canada (June 2012)

Juror for Nordic Stage Talent, Stockholms Dövas Ungdomsråd 75 år - Stockholm, Sweden
(December 2012)

Master of Ceremony for Helsinki Deaf Association's Naistenkerho 100th anniversary -
Helsinki, Finland (March 2012)

Special Guest and Panelist for Switzerland Deaf Association - Zürich, Switzerland
(September 2011)

native sign language user
fluent in 9 languages
Jane of all trades
excellent athleticism
motivational speaker
provides training / workshops