

# OSCAR BLUSTIN

## THEATRE DIRECTOR & PRODUCER

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I am a London-based theatre-maker working in Europe and the East Coast of America. In 2011, I founded SPECIFIQ to create immersive and interactive work based principally on true stories, and have co-written and directed six productions with the company. Recently in the UK, I have become particularly interested in exploring new ways of writing for site-specific theatre, and have been developing ways of combining live experiences with gaming and digital components.

While working as Creative Spaces Co-ordinator for interactive theatre specialists Theatre Delicatessen, I managed Marylebone Gardens, a pop-up arts complex on Marylebone High Street, and co-produced with companies including differencEngine, Wilderness, and Lab Collective, as well as innovative outdoor experiences for the Watford Palace Theatre. In traditional theatre spaces, I have directed or produced new writing at the Finborough, Theatre503, the Leicester Square Theatre, Waterloo East as well as off-Broadway and regionally in the US. For more information and production images please visit [www.oscarblustin.com](http://www.oscarblustin.com).

### PRODUCTIONS (as Director)

TRUTH: The Musical (w/ April Nixon)	Keni Fine & Tony Small	Fineheart/BGCGW	THEARC (USA)
Giants of Old	Adam Usden & Oscar Blustin	SPECIFIQ	Harrow School
Sleuth <sup>1</sup>	Anthony Schaffer	Northern Stage (USA)	Briggs Opera House (USA)
Whisky Dusk	Oscar Blustin	SPECIFIQ	Micklefield Hall
Steve And Then It Ended	Adam Usden	Paulden Hall Productions	Theatre503
The Black Staircase	Oscar Blustin	SPECIFIQ & UNESCO	Durham Castle
Romeo and Juliet <sup>2</sup>	Shakespeare	Northern Stage (USA)	Briggs Opera House (USA)
Help	Karis Halsall	REDfest	Old Red Lion
Nurture	Tom Holloway	RWR Night	Theatre503
Kieran and the Joes: Teampowered <sup>3</sup>	Parham/Markham/Hodgson	Kieran and the Joes	Edinburgh Fringe Festival
My Name is Caroline Korby	Heather Dunmore	RWR Night	Theatre503
The Palooka	Tennessee Williams	Caravanserai	Roundhouse Studio
Kieran and the Joes: Too Big To Fail	Parham/Markham/Hodgson	Kieran and the Joes	Leicester Square Theatre
Kieran and the Joes: Wedding Bells	Parham/Markham/Hodgson	Kieran and the Joes	Hen & Chickens Theatre
Macbeth	Shakespeare	Castle Theatre Company	Waterloo East/UK/USA Tour
This Must Be The Place	Donnchadh O'Conaill	Arizona Bay	Edinburgh Fringe Festival
Twelfth Night	Shakespeare	Castle Theatre Company	USA/UK Tour
Bonanza	Robert Varela	Project Playwright	Upper Valley Tour (USA)
Richard III	Shakespeare	Caravanserai	Courtyard Theatre
Ars Poetica	Arthur Holden	AAUK (staged reading)	Tristan Bates Theatre

<sup>1</sup> "Exceptional theater," *The Vermont Standard*; "simultaneously exhilarating and terrifying," *The Valley News*.

<sup>2</sup> "A true pleasure...an engrossing and affecting production," *The Vermont Standard*.

<sup>3</sup> "Relentlessly hilarious...craftsman-like in concept, writing, and delivery," ★★★★★ *The Daily Telegraph*.

### POSITIONS OCCUPIED

SPECIFIQ ( <a href="http://www.specifiq.co.uk">www.specifiq.co.uk</a> )	2011 - ongoing	Artistic Director
Theatre Delicatessen	2014 - 2015	Creative Spaces Coordinator
Watford Palace Theatre	2014 - 2015	Board Member
Keene State University, NH, USA	2012 - 2014	Visiting Lecturer
Durham Drama Festival of New Work	2009 & 2010	Festival Director

Since 2009, workshops led and lectures delivered at the following: V&A Museum, Keene State University, St Francis' Academy, The Network, The Abingdon Theatre, Marlborough College, Kimball Union Academy, Johnson State College, State University of New York – Albany, New England Classical Academy, Hanover High School, Harrow School Beijing, Vienna International School, and Scaffold Shakespeare.

### EDUCATION, TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

Punchdrunk: Design Masterclass	2013	George Ellison	Punchdrunk
Stanislavski and the Modern Director	2012	Ian Rickson	Living Pictures
Developing a New Play	2012	Lyndsey Turner	Living Pictures
Advanced Classical Theatre Workshop	2012	Giles Taylor	Young Vic Genesis Scheme
Shakespearean Verse Workshop	2010	Lisa Harrow	
Northern Stage, Vermont	2008-2010	Emerging Artists Scheme	
Durham University, Durham	2007-2010	BA (Hons) English Literature 2.1	