

ARTISTIC CV

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2022 June	Director/Designer/adaptor	Lily and Bear	Arts Depo, London
2022 April	Stage /Project Manager	Action for the Homeless / Choir concert	St Saviours. Hertfordshire
2022 Feb	EOS/ION Lighting	eos/ion Lighting training	Kings Head Theatre.London
2022 Feb	Director Lighting and sound operator	Home Time	Old Red Lion Theatre, London
2021 Oct	Director/Designer	The Sperm Bank	Kenneth Branagh Award. Windsor
2021 Oct	Director /Designer/Producer Lighting operator	Holst's The Idea	Brockley Jack . London
★★★★ London Theatre 1(see below) ★★★★★ Reviewgate A rare delight , staged with wit. Sung with relish Deserves to pop up all over the place			
2021 Sept	Director /Designer /Produce Lighting /sound operator	The Grand	Kings Head Theatre. London
Cultural Capital – A hidden gem directed by Paula Chitty. A strong platform and this promising concept driven play has much longer life ahead			
2021 Aug	Director/Designer /Produce	Lily and Bear	Lily & Bear Productions/ Radlett Centre
2021 Aug	Director /Designer/Producer	Holst's The Idea	irrational theatre online
2021 June	Director /Designer/Producer	Holst's The Idea	Chsiwick Playhouse. Up Stairs at The Gate House. The Old Court .Windsor. St Albans and Harpenden
★★★★ 'London theatre1 .witty & taut direction – children's tea party on acid' The engaging production and the costumes were just right - taking us into a pretend story-land world . Excellent cast and an accomplished band... Fascinating to hear this early, very much neglected work by Holst - deserves to be seen and heard -. JW (Audience)			
2021 February.	Director/Designer/Producer	The Grand	Irrational Theatre online
2020 December	Director/Designer/Producer	The Grand	St Saviours /Irrational Theatre
'Thank you for giving us a great drama experience in these bleak times ' AB (Audience)			
2020 October	Director/ Producer	Skin in the Game	Irrational Theatre online
2020 October	Director/Designer /Producer	Lily and Bear – Musical	Lily & Bear Productions online

2020 August	Director/Designer /Producer	Waiting for Hamlet	Irrational Theatre online
2020 August	Director/Designer /Producer	Lily and Bear – Musical	Lily & Bear Productions online
2020 June	Assistant Director	Puccini's Ill Trittico at Home	Royal Opera House/Richard Jones
2020 June	Director/Designer/producer	LBGQT Princess Ida	Irrational Theatre/postponed Covid
2020 March	Designer	Merry Wives	SACO
2020 Feb	Director/Designer/Producer	Lily and Bear	Hertford Theatre/Lily & Bear Prod
2020 Jan – Mar	Prgramme Manager	Trinity Laban	Children's under 16's music
2020 – Jan	Designer (New design)	Sullivan's New Mikado	Opera Anywhere
2019 October	Director Designer	Kenneth Branagh Award	Court House .Windsor.
2019 August	Director Designer/Producer	Barber.Reynolds.Offenbach	Arcola Theatre/ Irrational Theatre

★★★★ Fast paced, linked by the theme of chance-witty revival-cast optimism shines through. **The Stage**. Another Grimeborn Triumph –Twitter. Director/designer cleverly incorporates costume and scenery into the script. Great acting/singing – Review Hub

2019 August	Director Designer/Producer	Barber. Reynolds. Offenbach	Hertfordshire/Irrational Theatre
2019 June	Director/Designer/Producer Sound design and operator	Agatha Christie/Hendon	Chapel Playhouse/Irrational Theatre
2019 June	Director/Designer/Producer Sound design and operator	Agatha Christie / P Hale	Chapel Playhouse/irrational Theatre
2019 May	Director/Designer /Producer	Stubb's Lily and Bear	Abbey Theatre/Lily&Bear Prod
2019 May	Director/Designer/Producer S	Agatha Christie/ P Hale	Kings Head Theatre/Irrational Theatre
2019 March	Designer	G&S Rudigore	SACO , Hertfordshire
2019 – Feb - Ju	Programme Manager	NYJC Jazz	Children's under 16 music
2018 Dec	Director/Designer/Producer	Lily and Bear	Bunker Theatre/Lily & Bear Prod
2018 Oct	Director/Designer/Producer	Leoncavallo's Pagliacci	Kings Head Theatre/ Irrational Theatre

★★★★ Well sung. It's about as accessible as it gets – West End and Broadway. Reviewed at Arcola Theatre Amazingly powerful. Altogether wonderful. Bloody fantastic. (Iamcalling twitter)

2018 Oct **Director/Designer** **Waiting for Hamlet** *Kenneth Branagh Award*

'winner of The Kenneth Branagh Award'

2018 Aug **Director/Designer/writer** **Government Inspector** Brockley Jack. London

Producer

Irrational Theatre

★★★★ 'highly recommended for fans of the ridiculous, the comic, and the painfully true' - Pub Theatre 1

2018 July	Director/Designer/writer Producer	Government Inspector	Upstairs at the Gatehouse/ Irrational Theatre
2018 June	Director/Adaptation Designer/Producer	Lily and Bear Tour	Letchworth Broadway Lily and Bear Prods
2018 Mar	Designer	Strauss' Die Fladermaus	Abbey Theatre (Saco)
2018 Feb	Director/ Designer/Producer	Opera Triptych The proposal new opera work Reynolds' Sand's of Time Offenbach's Le 66	Kings Head. London AbbeyTheatre. Hertfordshire <i>irrational theatre</i>

★★★★. Modern operas with an irrational twist – Stuart Review. I felt like yodeling along and I have not said that since 1984. Pub Theatre. Infectious, fun comes in small packages Gizzler.. Bags of energy, charming. Planet Hugill.

2018 Jan	Director /Designer/ Producer	Hometine – New Writing	The Space/ Irrational Theatre
2017 Oct	Director	Kenneth Branagh Award Hometime	Windsor Fringe.

'A triumph' Someone sat behind me said that we should have stood to applaud and I agree... It is impossible to untangle the roles of writer, director and actor in achieving the outcome but that is what great theatre is all about. The structure is overlaid with beautifully written dialogue." Sardine publications ★★★★★ The evening's most horrific story comes with an almighty emotional punch that carefully sidesteps the sentimental and explores the effect of a shock tragedy on a single mother The Reviews Hub ★★★★★ Cleverly suggested through movement and lighting. The play takes a shocking turn and becomes a tale of love, loss, and all that comes with it. A younger theatre ★★★★★ A harrowing piece about motherhood, shock and grief. mundane joys, de-gradations and celebrations that motherhood entails. Theatrebox

2017 Oct	Director/Designer/ Producer	Lily and Bear Tour Children's publication to stage.	Tour/ various/ Lily& Bear Prod
2017/Aug /Sept	Director/Designer/Producer	Grimeborn Festival Sullivan/Menotti	Arcola Theatre and <i>Hertfordshire</i> Irrational Theatre
2017 Tour	Design	Gilbert and Sullivan HMS Pinafore Pirates of Penzance	Opera Anywhere
2017 May	Director/Designer/Producer	Sondheim's A Little Night Music	The Maltings /Irrational Theatre

Clever use of props, pin point timing and Paula's clear vision – it's a revelation. Herts Ad.

2017 April	Director/Designer/Producer Adaptation.	Lily and Bear	Arcola Theatre. Lily & Bear Productions
2017 April	Director /Designer	Last Tango In Little Grimley	Rada GBS studio

		The Fat Lady Sings David Tristram	Partnrship Theatre.-
2017 March	Designer	Gilbert and Sullivan Pirates of Penzance	Abbey Theatre main house SACO . Hertfordshire
A bright attractive set by Paula Chitty. John Manning.			
2017 Feb Tour	Director / Adaptation Production Designer	Lily and Bear by Lisa Stubbs Children's publication	Royal Albert Hall. Elgar Room Lily & Bear Productions
2016 Nov	Director/Designer	Tredinnick's Up Pompeii	Rada. GBS Studio Partnership Theatre.
2016 Oct	Director	Purcell's Dido and Aeneas	St Luke's Church
2016 Oct	Director/ Designer	The Green Man by P Hale No Cure by K Walker	The Maltings Theatre. <i>irrational theatre.</i>
2016 August	Director/Designer Producer	Leoncavallo's Pagliacci Puccini opera	Arcola Theatre. Grimeborne . Irrational Theatre

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2016 July	Director/Designer	Nesbit's The Railway Children	Cookham outdoor. Partnership Theatre.
2016 June	Director/Designer	Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors	Chiltern Shakespeare Beaconsfield open air

A hilarious and farcical journey through Victorian eyes. Well thought out, slap stick abounds.
A Fast-moving romp. Chiltern News.

2016 Feb	Design Judge	UK ROOCK CHALLENGE	Stevenage . Herts
2016 Jan	Director / Designer /Producer	Leoncavallo's Pagliacci	The Arts Theatre/Irrational Theatre
2015/2014	Director/Designer/Producer	Puccini opera	Leicester Square./Irrational theatre

A complete delight, accompanied by some young BBC Piano finalist ensure a great success. Herts Ad

2015/16	Director/Designer	Menotti's Opera Old Maid and Thief	Opera Anywhere. Abingdon /Waterperry
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Uniquely and imaginatively reflected in Paula's set design and direction. Oxford Times

2015 Nov	Design creation	Mighty Mega	English Touring Opera Discover Story Centre
2015 Oct	Director/Designer	Gay's Beggars Opera	SACO. Hertfordshire. Maltings Theatre.
2015 Oct	Producer	Frieda Loves Ya!	The Maltings Theatre

5 star. Grumpy Gay Critic

Burlesque comedy

irrational theatre

2015 Sept
2013.14.15)

**Director/Designer
Producer**

Leigh's Abigail's Party

Rada. London
The Maltings Theatre.
The Barn. Welwyn

[Review: Party time hits the high notes. Paula has shown her pedigree and this does not falter.](#) Herts Ad

2015 Aug

Designer

**Robert Louis Stevenson's
Treasure Island**

The Grove. Odney.
Partnership theatre.

2015 Feb

Director/ Designer

**Three Wayfarers Opera
Orchestra. Cast 15**

Opera Anywhere.
Unicorn. Abingdon

[Review: The Three Wayfarers makes for splendid entertainment and is guaranteed to send the audience home with a smile.](#) Stephen Connock MBE Chairman Albion Records

2015 Feb

Designer

**Murder in space
and time**

St James Studio.
Partnership Theatre

2015 Jan

**Director/Designer
Producer**

**Puccini /Menotti
/Sullivan and Norland
Claire Dowie performs
Adult Child /Dead Child**

White Bear Theatre.
irrational theatre

[Smashes opera's cozy convention with a laugh-](#) London theatre Bubble.

['Sublime singing, performed with gusto. It wraps Menotti's The Telephone around Arthur Sullivan's Cox and Box and a new play. First rate and compelling.'](#) Madeline Burton

2014 Oct

Designer/ Director

**Kenneth Branagh Award
No Cure for The Horse Chestnut**

Fire Station. Windsor.
Windsor Fringe.

2014 Oct

**Producer in collaboration
with solo theatre**

**Claire Dowie's H to He
John Lennon's wearing a Skirt**

irrational theatre /Solo
The Maltings Arts

2014 June

**Designer / Director
Costumes.**

**Gilbert and Sullivan's
The Mikado orchestra/piano**

Opera Anywhere.
Colston Hall Bristol.

['Entertaining, plenty to enjoy with a cast of young professionals delivering Gilbert's humour with evident relish.'](#)

2014 May

Producer

**Evening of Opera Aria's
and bite sized theatre**

irrational theatre/usher
The Maltings Theatre.

2014 April.

Director/ Designer/Producer

**Flash and Bloo Hoo
By Jane Fookes**

The Maltings Theatre.
irrational theatre.

2014 March

Designer

Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte

St Albans Chamber
Abbey Theatre

[Excellent set design by Paula Chitty.](#) John Manning. Herts Advertiser

CV cont. Opera in blue 2013. Menotti's *The Telephone and Sullivan's Cox and Box*, London (Director /Designer) Bedford's Pantomime- *Cinderella and the Soul Sisters*, Maltings Theatre (Director Designer) *Sullivan's Pirates od Penzance - Opera Anywhere* tour (Director/Designer) Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, Maltings Theatre (Director/Designer) Alan Acyborn's *Improbable fiction* , RADA London (Director/Designer) *Bizet's Carmen, Hertfordshire (Director/Designer)* **2012** *Sullivan's The Mikado Opera Anywhere tour (Director/Designer)* *Sullivan's Trial By Jury, Maltings Theatre (director / Designer)* Sethoy's *Scrambled Eggs*, New writing – Kenneth Branagh Award (Director/Designer) Charlotte Jones' *Humble Boy*, Maidenhead (Designer) **2011** Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* , , Us/Cycle Maltings Theatre (Director/Designer) *Assistant to Richard Jones on Il Trittico Royal Opera House, London. Lampe's Dragon of Wantley. Hertfordshire (Director/Designer)* *Sullivan's Yeoman of the Guard. Hertfordshire (Designer)* *Observer /assistant to Richard Jones Anna Nicole Royal Opera House. London* **2010** Chekov's *Three Sister's OVO.* (Designer) *Pasatieri La Divina Hertfordshire (Director/Designer)* Auburn's *Proof Maidenhead (Designer)* *Rossini's Elixir of Love. Hertfordshire (Designer)* O'Neil's *Hughie -Hertfordshire (Director/designer)*