

Justin Shaw

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- Professionally trained theatre actor, host, and entertainer
- Talented and versatile writer, proficient in all aspects of creative and technical communications
- Background in marketing and event management.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THEATRE ARTIST (2011 – Present)

Self-Employed – Canada

Acting Credits:

Year	Production	Director	Role	Theatre	Location
2019	<i>Salt-Water Moon</i>	Devised	Jacob	The Guild	Charlottetown, PE
2019	<i>The Wrestling Play</i>	Devised	Charlie	St. Peter's Playhouse	St. Peter's Bay, PE
2019	<i>Culture Shock</i>	Lorne Elliott	Hillyard	Harmony House	Hunter River, PE
2019	<i>Round An Island – New Play Development</i>	Robert Tsonos	Graham	Watermark Theatre	Rustico, PE
2019	<i>The Wrestling Play</i>	Devised	Charlie	Roxy Theatre (Nextfest Arts & Culture Festival)	Edmonton, AB
2019	<i>Ahoy! A Pirate's Life For Me</i>	Diana Moser	Story	Suncor Energy Centre for the Performing Arts	Fort McMurray, AB
2018	<i>Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii</i>	Roxanne Dicke	Edgar	Keyano Theatre	Fort McMurray, AB
2018	<i>Half A Star</i>	Devised	J	Island Fringe Festival	Charlottetown, PE
2017	<i>Christmas Carol</i>	Karen Johnson-Diamond	Fred/Young Scrooge	Keyano theatre	Fort McMurray, AB
2017	<i>The Wrestling Play</i>	Michelle Thorne	Charlie	Island Fringe Festival	Charlottetown, PE

Playwrighting Credits:

Year	Name of Play	Company	Location/Festival
2020	Ultimate Reality: 90's Edition	Theatre; Just Because & Waypoints	Suncor Energy Centre for the Performing Arts
2019	Rite of the Rabbit	Theatre; Just Because & Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	igNIGHT Festival
2019	Ahoy! A Pirate's Life For Me	Theatre; Just Because & Waypoints	Suncor Energy Centre for the Performing Arts
2018	Spare Change	Some Other Solutions	Keyano Recital Theatre
2018	Mooda & Tula Go Camping	Pattie Dwyer & Justin Shaw Clown Show	Alberta Drama Festival Association
2018	A Knight To Remember	Theatre; Just Because & Waypoints	Suncor Energy Centre for the Performing Arts
2017	The Wrestling Play	Justin Shaw	Island Fringe Festival

Notable Achievements:

- Artistic Director of Theatre; Just Because (Fort McMurray, Alberta independent theatre company, 2017-19)
- 2018 Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Artists In Residence
- 2018 Alberta Culture Days Event Planning Committee Member
- Recipient of two Theatre Engaging Community grants from National Theatre School of Canada (*The Wrestling Play*, 2017, *Salt-Water Moon*, 2019)

COMEDIAN & HOST (2013-present)

Self-Employed – Canada

Notable Achievements:

Year	Event	Role	Company	City
2020- Current	Trivia and Comedy Events	Host & Comedian	Hub of the Hammer Event Planning	Hamilton, ON
2021	TedxMcGill	Presenter	TedxMcGill	Montreal (<i>virtual</i>)
2020	Slow Round (with Mike Birbiglia)	Guest Presenter	Mike Birbiglia – Working It Out Online	Virtual
2019	An Evening of Comedy with Justin Shaw	Comedian	Bar1911 – After Hours Series	Charlottetown, PE
2018	Wood Buffalo Excellence in Arts Awards	Host/Performer	Arts Council Wood Buffalo	Fort McMurray, AB
2012- 14	Popalopalots Live Improv Comedy	Featured Player	Popalopalots Live Improv Comedy	Charlottetown, PE

Other Achievements:

- Has opened and worked alongside notable comedians included Mike MacDonald, Lorne Elliott, Scott Faulconbridge, and Elvira Kurt.

EVENTS & MARKETING COORDINATOR (May 2017 – April 2019)

Some Other Solutions – Fort McMurray, Alberta

- Developed social media campaigns to engage the Wood Buffalo region with services, programs, and resources pertaining to crisis prevention and mental health support.
- Maintained brand integrity through engaging graphic design, copywriting, and video production.
- Drafted press releases for media and community engagement.
- Wrote letters of gratitude to donors and funders in the interest of stewarding a sustained relationship between supports and the organization.
- Produced and presented a comedy show fundraiser (Spare Change: An Evening of Comedy, 2018) that was funded in support by Suncor, and raised over \$5,000.00 for the organization, while being streamed on Shaw TV Wood Buffalo.
- Produced and presented weekly interview-based “Weekly Wellness Tips” video series, interviewing everyday people asking them to share a piece of selfcare advice and wellness support to someone who’s faced with life’s challenges. The series enjoyed a strong organic social media reach and helped weave the organization into the fabric of the community.

FREELANCE WRITER (2014 – present)

- Provide a wide range of writing services such as reviews, editorials, journals, and theatre for various print and online publications (Parton & Pearl, Maritime EDIT, Hamilton Winterfest 2021 Magazine) and live presentation (Nextfest Arts & Culture Festival, Island Fringe Festival.)
- Portfolio available upon request.

EDUCATION

National Theatre School of Canada – Acting, 2017 (Montreal, QC)

- Conservatory Acting training under the direction of Alisa Palmer - [FULL TRAINING BREAKDOWN](#)

University of Prince Edward Island – Hon. History 2014 (Charlottetown, PE)

- Bachelor of Arts – Honours in History, double minor in English and Theatre Studies

AWARDS AND DISTINTIONS

Theatre Award – Wood Buffalo Excellence in Arts Awards, Fort McMurray, AB (2018)

Top 50 Under 50 – Your McMurray Magazine, Fort McMurray, AB (2018)

Artpreneur Gold Star Awards – Chamber of Commerce, Fort McMurray, AB (2018)

Patron’s Pick (The Wrestling Play) – 2017 Island Fringe Festival, Charlottetown, PE (2017)

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