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Personal Profile

I have worked professionally for the past 25 years as an actress in stage, TV, circus & pantomime. I also devise & lead circus skills & youth drama workshops. In 2004 I set up “**Avva Laff!**” Productions, to produce family comedy shows & entertainment staff training to **Legoland Windsor Resort** which ran until 2017. The company completed full runs at the **Edinburgh Fringe** and **Brighton Festivals** providing me with an excellent opportunity to develop my skills as a producer. I have a great deal of experience, knowledge and a huge passion for live family focused theatre. Throughout my varied career I have had the opportunity to develop excellent team leading and organizational skills along with a practical, working knowledge of getting a project up and running under a wide range of conditions.

Experience

2018 **Watermill Theatre, Berkshire** **Newbury, Berkshire**
COMMUNITY OUTREACH ASSISTANT

- Assistant to theatre Outreach Co-Ordinator. Workshops and community projects with Forth Wall and Scene Change groups for adults with special educational needs and support.

2017 **Theatre Royal, Windsor** **Windsor, Berkshire**
EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH DIRECTOR/CO-ORDINATOR

- Outreach Co-Ordinator for Theatre Royal Windsor’s Summer Youth Theatre Production of ‘Bugsy Malone’.
- Responsible for organization of Child Performer Licensing, Chaperone recruitment and management, liaison between participants and Theatre Royal Management.
- Assistant director during rehearsals and auditions. Understudy & clean-up director during run.

2016/17 **Proteus Creation Space/“Avva Laff!” Productions** **Touring/Edinburgh & Brighton Fringe Festivals**
DIRECTOR, WRITER, ACTOR, PRODUCER

- Writer, director, actor & producer of new family theatre show “The Grimmiest of Grimm Tales”. Storytelling show with music, comedy, clowning, puppetry and audience interaction.
- Responsible for PR, marketing, cast & venue contracting, budgeting, writing press releases, booking venues & company accommodation
- Sourcing & making props and costumes, designing & coordinating set build

2014 & 15 **Legoland Windsor Resort** **Windsor, Berkshire**
DIRECTOR & WRITER (FREELANCE)

- Creator, writer and director of four family theatre shows for Legoland Windsor’s Hotel Entertainment Programme for 2014 and 2015 seasons.
- Responsible for the training, rehearsing and development of the in-house entertainment team to enable deliverance of consistently high quality, professional performances
- Provision of ongoing support and clean up rehearsals on an as and when basis throughout the season.

2004 TO 2017 **“Avva Laff!” Productions** **Windsor, Berkshire**
DIRECTOR

- Writer & Director of 16 original family comedy shows for Legoland Windsor Resort. Shows range from full stage productions to street shows and atmosphere (walkabout) performance. Shows also developed for Butlin’s Entertainment Resorts & Westfield Shopping Centres.

- Devising and delivering staff training workshops for entertainment and customer service personnel.
- Casting and management of actors and creative teams. Rehearsal schedules, daily performance management, budgeting & administration, prop & costume sourcing.
- Development of Children's Theatre show for Windsor Arts Centre, Southwold Theatre & North Devon Festival.

2011 TO 2012 Butlin's Entertainment Resorts/The Ministry of Fun *Skegness & Bognor Regis*

FREELANCE DIRECTOR & CIRCUS SKILLS INSTRUCTOR

- Director of two shows featuring the "Skyline Gang". "Balloon Bamboozle" and "Skyline Magic".
- Responsible for the instruction of basic circus, magic and improvisation skills to the cast.

2008 TO 2011 Gala Theatre *Durham, County Durham*

WRITER & ASSISTANT (COMEDY) DIRECTOR

- Writer & assistant to the Director on several comedy routines for pantomimes at the Gala Theatre, Durham. Productions of "Aladdin", "Dick Whittington", "Cinderella" & "Jack and the Beanstalk".

2004 Southwold Summer Theatre *Southwold, Suffolk*

DIRECTOR & WRITER

- Production of children's stage show, "The Mystery of the Lost Laugh"

Other Experience

- Exhibition Presenter **BBC EXPERIENCE, London**
- Experienced team leader & company manager (touring shows); TIE schools touring theatre.
- Touring marketing show for "Wizadora Live on Stage". (UK No. 2 Tour) Responsible for the delivering, devising and performance of small touring solo children's magic show and the liaising between theatres, production office and local media (papers, radio and TV) to create press interest for the main theatre production.
- Front of House assistant at The Firestation Arts Centre, Windsor
- Active member of The Actors Forum at The Watermill Theatre, Newbury.

Education

2015 ITC Tour Booking 1 day course *London, UK*

2014 Stage One Producers Seminars (3 days) *London, UK*

2013 Central School of Speech & Drama *London, UK*

SHORT COURSE THEATRE DIRECTING

- Eight week professional theatre directing course covering classical & contemporary text work, devising & site specific theatre. Tutor: Tom King.

2013 Spymonkey & Told by an Idiot *London, UK*

SHORT COURSES IN DEVISING & DIRECTING

- Courses covered the role of the director in the devising process, comedy, clowning, physical theatre, storytelling and creating original work.
- Courses led by Paul Hunter (Told by an Idiot) and Petra Massey & Toby Park (Spymonkey).

1991 TO 1992 St Catherine's Drama Studio *Guildford, Surrey*

ONE YEAR FULL TIME ACTING & TELEVISION

- Gained LAMDA (LLAM) Diploma Acting.
- Course also covered Stage Management, TV & Theatre Direction and Drama Teaching.

ACTING CV AVAILABLE ON REQUEST OR CAN BE VIEWED IN FULL ON SPOTLIGHT AT:

<http://www.spotlight.com/interactive/cv/9331-9089-2013>

FULL DBS/ENHANCED CRB CERTIFICATE, PLI AND REFERENCES ON REQUEST.