

Benedict Power

Drama and Script Development

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Manchester Based | Driver - Own Car

I am an independent producer, director and writer for the stage, with twenty years of skills, knowledge and experience, and I am transferring my passion for making high-quality, entertaining and accessible theatre, into scripted television drama. Over the past nine months I have completed a production management course with *SharpFutures*, worked as freelance project manager for *ScreenSkills* and secured a freelance role as production secretary on *BBC/Netflix* drama, *Red Rose*. I am ideally looking for roles to match my skills, passion and experience in script and development, as writer, reader, researcher, editor and producer.

Relevant Skills and Experience

- Confident and highly experienced at originating, researching, developing & writing/co-writing drama
- Drama screenwriting – top 14% for ITV Red Planet Prize 2020
- Dramaturgy and script editing
- Script reading for the Bruntwood Prize at The Royal Exchange
- Confident and successful at writing and pitching concepts, projects and ideas
- Excellent team player, clear communicator, patient and disciplined, with strong attention to detail
- Confident speaking and presenting
- Copywriting, planning, managing and implementing marketing campaigns
- Directing research and development projects & script-in-hand performances with a diverse range of writers and artists
- Confident using Microsoft Office programs
- Writing successful funding bids, evaluations and project reports

Further Skills and Experience

- Highly experienced in producing & directing original plays in association with The Royal Exchange, The Lowry, HOME & other venues
- Effective project manager with a positive, nurturing approach and a track record of leading happy and successful teams
- Script reading for brand/product clearances. Creating clearance log, liaising with art dept and legal team, securing clearances with companies, drafting and filing paperwork.
- Experienced at creating rehearsal and production schedules
- Experience using project & file management tools such as Slack, Trello, Dropbox and WeTransfer
- Basic Sound and Video editing
- Setting and managing budgets, cash flows, and payments for projects up to £50,000
- Booking & scheduling national touring productions, incl venue liaison, accommodation & transport
- Degree level lecturing on various university acting courses – confident creative facilitator
- Experienced at TV and commercial acting

Production Experience with SharpFutures

Practical tasks to embed project management skills, systems, roles and responsibilities, including:

- Successfully pitched a film making project for inclusion in *BBC Academy - Digital Cities Virtual* and hosted the livestream showcase with a panel of short-form video experts from BBC Three and BBC Academy
- Planned for an imagined *Factual Entertainment* location shoot - creating call sheet, budget & schedule
- Successfully pitched, developed and delivered an online event for *Manchester Animation Festival*
- Wrote and recorded a podcast for *Reform* community radio station

Work and Experience

Production Secretary	Red Rose by Paul & Michael Clarkson	Eleven Film & eONE 2021 For BBC & Netflix
Project Manager	Employability Event & Industry Panel Discussion	SharpFutures & ScreenSkills 2021 'Select' University Film & TV Courses
Producer & Tour Manager	Same Same Different by Naomi Sumner Chan	Regional Tour commissioned by Eclipse 2018 - 19 with York Theatre Royal & Pilot Theatre

Director of Regional Premiere	The Wasp by Morgan Lloyd Malcolm	Hope Mill Theatre 2018
Creative Facilitator	Collective Spirit Arts Academy	Chol Theatre 2018
Director & Dramaturg	Memories of Partition Various Writers	The Royal Exchange 2017
Workshop Leader	Community Theatre Training	The Royal Shakespeare Company 2017
Originator, Producer, Tour Manager, Director & Dramaturg	Spring Reign by Rob Johnston	The Lowry & National Tour 2014 - 17 Incl. The Albany, Nottingham Playhouse
Research Consultant	The Last Resort by 2 Magpies	The Lowry - Week 53 Festival 2016 & National Tour
Co-Producer, Director & Dramaturg	War Stories by Rob Johnston / Emma Gibson	International co-commission 2014 - 16 24:7 & You Are Here Festival (Canberra) Touring Buxton/Greater MCR Fringe, HOME
Co-Writer, Producer, Director & Tour Manager	Real Life with Ben Kewin	The Royal Exchange 2014 - 15 & Camden People's Theatre
Producer & Development Director	The Bird of Paradise by Garth Williams	The Lowry 2015
Director & Dramaturg	#Handles by Tom Mason	University of Salford - Media City 2014 2 nd Year BA Students
Co-Producer & Director	The Bubbler by Cathy Crabb	The Lowry – Re:Play Festival 2013 - 14 & Regional Tour
Director & Dramaturg	The Light Princess Devised by Company	University of Central Lancashire 2013 Final Year BA Acting Students
Director	Verbally Challenged Various Writers	Contact 2010 - 12 'Script in Hand' new writing development

Teaching

Freelance Lecturer	Acting Methods & Physical Theatre - University of Salford	2010 - 20
P/T Lecturer	Naturalistic Acting, Movement, Clowning - UCLan	2010 - 13

Acting

Drama school trained with previous **TV acting roles** in *Coronation Street, Emmerdale, Blue Murder, Paradox, Spooks, The Cops* and *Always and Everyone*. Commercials for *Iceland, Mini Cooper* and *Morrison's*. **Touring regional and national theatre** productions, and developing new plays for: *West Yorkshire Playhouse, Contact, Chol, Talia, Yorkshire Women, Proper Job, Made Up Theatre* and *Something Wicked*.

Education and Training

Coronavirus Basic Awareness	ScreenSkills	2021
Production Management	SharpFutures – GMCA/ITV Fast Track training for TV, Radio and Commercial Production	2020
Bullying and Harassment	ScreenSkills	2020
Albert Sustainable Production	BAFTA	2020
BA (Hons) Acting	Manchester School of Theatre - MMU	1996 - 99

References available on request

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