

Ben Harrison

Director

Ben has been Co-Artistic Director of Grid Iron since 1996. www.gridiron.org.uk
 Since joining Grid Iron the company has won 29 awards. He also works extensively around the world as a freelance director, most recently in the US, Lebanon and Sweden. He trained as a theatre director at the Central School of Speech and Drama, after completing degrees at the Universities of Edinburgh and Warwick. From 2000-2002 he was Associate Director (Education) of the Almeida Theatre London where he created the acclaimed Participatory Projects programme and directed six shows. From 2001-2004 he was a Fellow of NESTA (National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts), which supported his research and development for three years. From 2004-2008 he was Director of the Dutch theatre company Muztheater, for whom he directed five productions. In 2008 he was asked to direct *Peter Pan* for 360 Entertainment which went on to be the second-highest grossing show in the London summer of 2009 and went on to huge acclaim in the US, 2010-2015, being seen by over one million people.

He sits on the board of directors of Grid Iron and Pachamama Productions, and on the panel since 2011 for the Oxford Samuel Beckett Theatre Trust / Barbican Theatre Award. He mentors extensively for EPAD (Edinburgh Performing Arts Development), and was a mentor 2011-2014 for the Arches Platform 18 programme for emerging theatre makers. Further information at www.benharrison.info

Theatre

JURY PLAY	Grid Iron/Traverse co-production Traverse Theatre October 2017 (writer and director)
THE SKY IS SAFE	Dogstar, Summerhall Scottish Tour August- September 2017
MUSIC IS TORTURE	Tromolo Productions/Tron Theatre May 2017
CRUDE	Grid Iron at Dundee Port October 2016 (writer and director)
BEFORE THE HUDSON AND THE LIFFEY	Edinburgh International Festival August 2016
FLO	Oran Mor April 2016

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MUSIC IS TORTURE Theatre	Tromolo Productions at Citizens February 2016 (work-in-progress; full production May 2017)
THE DEVIL'S LARDER	Grid Iron Scottish Tour Autumn 2015 (writer and director)
IMRAMH NA GEALAI	Lux(e) Aranmore, Ireland July 2015
THE TAILOR OF INVERNESS	59E 59 Theatres, New York City April 2015
THE TYPIST 2015	Kam-Ri Dance Theatre Mela 2014 and Scottish tour Spring
LETTERS HOME	Grid Iron/International Book Festival August 2014
FACTOR 9	Dogstar/Profilteatern Scandinavian and Scottish Tour Feb-April 2014
RISE	Paper Doll Militia @ Summerhall June 2013
VERTICAL TRANSMISSION (writer/director)	National Theatre Studio Feb-May 2013
BOLTED	Opera by Pippa Murphy Sound Festival Aberdeen November 2012
THE AUTHORISED KATE BANE	Grid Iron Traverse/Tron October 2012
LIFE OF GALILEO	Blue Skies Festival, Dundee Rep/DCA August 2012
ORNITHOLOGY	Strange Bird Zirkus Scottish tour June-September 2012
CASH FLOW	Physical Theatre Scotland Arches Theatre Glasgow May 2012
HADDA AND HASSAN LEKLICHES!	Oran Mor/Traverse/NTS One Day In Spring, April-June 2012
BARFLIES	Grid Iron (adaptor and director) Scottish/Welsh tour Feb-March 2012

THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE	Traverse Theatre December 2011
THIS TWISTED TALE	Paper Doll Militia Santa Fe, Oakland, San Francisco, Edinburgh Fringe 2011
WHAT REMAINS	Grid Iron (writer and director) Edinburgh University Anatomy Dept Edinburgh Fringe 2011
PETER PAN	360 Entertainment London, San Francisco, Orange County, Atlanta, Chicago, Boston, Washington, Dallas, Houston 2009-2015
SPRING AWAKENING	Traverse/Grid Iron co-production November 2010
DECKY DOES A BRONCO	Grid Iron UK tour 2010
HUXLEY'S LAB	Grid Iron/Lung Ha's (writer and director) Informatics Building Edinburgh April 2010
BARFLIES	Grid Iron (adaptor and director) Barony Bar August 2009
YOU TELL US WHAT WAS WE TELL YOU WHAT IS	NTS Learn/Transform (co-directed with Jemima Levick) Dunlop Factory Dunfermline November 2008-March 2009
TRYST	Grid Iron/Stavanger Capital of Culture October-November 2008
THE TAILOR OF INVERNESS	Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2008 and international tour to Adelaide, US, Ukraine, Germany, Poland, Sweden
BINT JBEIL	NTS Workshop Beirut Sept 2007, March 2008 and Arches Theatre, June 2008
YARN	Grid Iron/ Dundee Rep Ensemble (writer and director) Verdant Works, Feb-April 2008
HEAD OF NAILS	Muztheater/Baltic House St Petersburg/ O Bando Portugal February 2008

ROMEO DELTA

Muztheater
Tour of the Netherlands 2007

ONCE UPON A DRAGON

Grid Iron
Imaginate Festival 2007

NIGHT FLIGHT

Muztheater
IKTC Boeing Building Zaandam
Den Helder Airport 2006

ROAM

Grid Iron/NTS/Edinburgh Airport
(writer and director)
Edinburgh Airport, 2006