

Michael John O'Neill

Writer & dramaturg

Michael John O'Neill is a playwright, dramaturg and theatre producer from the north coast of Ireland. Michael's first play, AKEDAH, won the Bruntwood Prize Original New Voice Award 2019 and comes to Hampstead Theatre Downstairs in 2023. His second play THIS IS PARADISE was presented at Traverse Theatre in both 2021 and 2022 as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and won the Popcorn Writing Award 2021. In 2020 his digital short SORE AFRAID was produced by National Theatre of Scotland, Citizens Theatre, and BBC Scotland, and his audio short PART OF THAT WORLD was produced by Pitlochry Festival Theatre. He is developing new plays with the Almeida Theatre (as part of the Genesis New Writers' Programme), Lyric Theatre Belfast and National Theatre of Scotland (as Writer on Attachment). In 2022 he completed the BBC Voices Programme and was shortlisted for the Element Pictures Northern Irish Writers' Award. He has an original TV show in development with House Productions. His work as a theatre producer includes as Artistic Producer of the Tron Theatre (2014-2020), where he founded the Tron's new work department and commissioned and produced Isobel McArthur's PRIDE & PREJUDICE* (*SORT OF).

Theatre

2023	AKEDAH <i>Bruntwood Original New Voice Award 2019</i>	Hampstead Theatre Downstairs
2022 2021	THIS IS PARADISE <i>Popcorn Award Winner 2021</i>	Traverse Theatre as part of Edinburgh Festival

Digital & Audio

2020	SORE AFRAID (digital)	National Theatre of Scotland / BBC Scotland / Citizen's Theatre
2020	PART OF THAT WORLD (audio)	Pitlochry Festival Theatre

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