

# FULL LIST OF WRITING

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## THEATRE – PLAYS/MUSICALS

### **THREE WISE MONKEYS (2022)**

2M 3F

BLACK COMEDY/DRAMA

THREE ACTS

*At the 30<sup>th</sup> party of Eddie he finds out his mother is trans as her alcoholic sister (his aunty) invites his biological mother to the party.*

### **THE CONVERT (2022 – rewritten for production, published by Aurora Metro)**

3M

DRAMA/IN-YER-FACE/NEW BRUTALIST/NEOJACOBAN/ABSURDISM

TWO ACT

*In a dystopian alternative society Alix is taken to a facility designed to convert him and cure his condition. Under the direction of the cruel Arbiter, he is subjected to mental and physical conversion, his only respite being with his roommate Marcus.*

### **INCITEMENT TO RIOT (2021)**

4M

BLACK COMEDY/DRAMA

THREE ACTS

*A longstanding gay couple decide to exorcise the demons of their relationship through the night on two unsuspecting young men. Games, alcohol, drugs aplenty think George and Martha for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

### **THE SEAGULL (2021) A NEW VERSION OF THE CHEKHOV PLAY**

3F 8M

BLACK COMEDY/DRAMA

THREE ACTS

*On a summer's day in a makeshift theatre by a lake, Konstantin's cutting-edge new play is performed, changing the lives of everyone involved forever.*

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## **VICTIMS (2020)**

4F

DRAMA

ONE ACT

*Two daughters come to terms with their mothers arrest as their father is charged with the murder of their sister. Loosely based on the mystery surrounding Rose West involvement in the 25 Cromwell Street murders.*

## **BODY POLITIC (2019)**

VARIOUS M/F (LARGE OR SMALL CAST)

COMEDY/DRAMA/ABSURDISM/IN-YER-FACE/POLITICAL SATIRE

TWO ACTS of SHORT PLAYS

*A series of short plays which tackle the political questions of the time. In THE HEARING the President is questioned about following through on an election promise whereby the Secretary of State must eat her own hands, in Part two she appears and gives evidence without her hands. In THE SILENCE OF THE WHEAT Theresa May visits Michael Gove in a parody of the famous scene from Silence of the Lambs. In DRESSING DOWN a soldier interrogates a tortured girl. In ROCK & HARDPLACE two country gentlemen discuss their folly as their abused slave waits on their every whim. In PICNICS ON THE STAGE an older actor/director takes a young actor for a late night meal on a famous stage.*

## **DETESTABLE (2018)**

1M

CHARACTER COMEDY/SKETCH/STAND UP

ONE ACT/CABARET

*A series of truly horrible characters, horrible songs and horrible set ups. Detestable evening all round.*

## **THE WORM (2018)**

3M 2F

BLACK COMEDY

TWO ACTS

*Stefan and Mica are a seemingly happy couple. But when Ben, Mica's old boyfriend turns up, he worms his way into their relationship, revealing the cracks that were already there. Not stopping there, he worms his way into both their best friends as well, it all coming to head in a final birthday scene that none of them will ever forget.*

## **SÉANCE (2017)**

4M 1F

COMEDY

TWO ACTS

*A couple invite a psychic for the night in order to try and save their relationship. Along with Charlie, the bogus psychic, they also invite their gay brother and his partner, the acerbic Philly and Darl. A night descends into chaos as the psychic inability becomes more apparent.*

## **COFFIN (2016)**

4M

BLACK COMEDY

AN ARGUMENT IN ONE ACT

*Three estranged brothers first see each other after many years as they wait with their father's coffin before the funeral. Old scores are settled before they find not all is as it seems.*

**A SERIOUS CONCERN (2015)**

2M 3F

DRAMA

ONE ACT

*A teenage boy is questioned about his involvement with a young girl who has gone missing.*

**THE LAST LAUNDRESS OF QUEENSWAY (2014)**

1M 3F

MUSICAL/COMEDY/DRAMA

TWO ACT

*The last laundress in Queensway, London takes in and befriends a homeless man who takes her to a magical place, only to find the reality of the world is still on their doorstep.*

**ALISSIA'S LOVE (2013)**

4M 2F

DRAMA

THREE ACTS

*In Nazi Occupied Naples 1943, a young Italian girl begins a relationship with a Nazi officer whilst her brother fights in the resistance.*

**MARGOT DE SADE: 120 DAYS OF SODOM (2012)**

1M

COMEDY/DRAMA/CABARET

ONE ACT

*An ancient Broadway star gives a concert which turns out to be her last. As she gives her life story she also reveals the tour has been cancelled and she is forced to retire.*

**FRAILITY (2011)**

1M 1F

ABSURDISM

ONE ACT

*An elderly couple trapped in their bed from fear come to terms with have lost their children many years before. Scared to ever leave the bed, we find out their hand in the death of the children and that the bones of them are under the bed.*

**HOLDING THE FIELDS (2010)**

3M 3F

DRAMA

THREE ACTS

*On an old farm in the deep south a matriarch is dying of cancer. As she begins a relationship with the black farmhand her children fight over the future of the family and the racial divide.*

## OTHER WRITING – PODCAST/TV/POETRY/BOOK/CABARET

### **DEAD GOOD (2021)**

TV PILOT  
COMEDY

*Fiona and Francis parents have died leaving them the family funeral business and a shit ton of debt.*

### **BAVANAGH'S CONSTITUENCY (2020)**

TV PILOT  
COMEDY

Ken Bavanagh is MP in the constituency of Dull & Tired and must negotiate a spate of burglaries as the election looms.

### **TALKING THEATRE (2020/21)**

PODCAST  
COMEDY

*Sir Holworth Felixstowe-Smooth regales listeners with his experiences in the theatre.*

### **DISTRACTIONS (2020)**

BOOK  
COMEDY/SATIRE/POETRY

*A toilet top book of writings from poetry to short stories to mock investigative reports.*

### **SING OUT LOUISE! (2019)**

PODCAST  
COMEDY/FACTUAL

*Ben & Jeff talk all things musical theatre. It's very much a fountain of knowledge chatting with an absolute philistine.*

### **WOUNDS & RUINS (2017)**

POETRY COLLECTION IN TWO PARTS

*A series of poems charting a breakup and emotional rebirth.*

### **MAGGIE MACALL (2010-present)**

DRAG CHARACTER CABARET

*Maggie Macall is an old Broadway star and has given over 30 concerts to date from Brighton to London. Wicked stories, confessions, a live band, jokes, songs, etc. 10 fully written shows to date.*