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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION
WEST OF ENGLAND COLLEGE OF ART: ART TEACHER'S DIPLOMA
WOLVERHAMPTON COLLEGE OF ART: NATIONAL DIPLOMA OF DESIGN
SHREWSBURY SCHOOL OF ART

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2009 **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN CANADIAN ACTORS' EQUITY** FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEATRE IN CANADA
2005 ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL GRANT
2003 THE PORTRAIT GALLERY OF CANADA, OTTAWA. PORTRAIT OF *ERIC DONKIN* AS KOKO IN *THE MIKADO*, INCLUDED IN THE PERMANENT COLLECTION
2001 **CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF THEATRE TECHNOLOGY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
2000 **THE BANFF CENTRE NATIONAL AWARD FOR THE ARTS**, FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS IN CANADA
1999 **DORA MAVOR MOORE AWARD**, COSTUME DESIGN, *THE GOLDEN ASS*
1996 **DORA MAVOR MOORE AWARD**, COSTUME DESIGN, *A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC*
1993 **CANADA COUNCIL SENIOR ARTS AWARD**
1991 **UNSOLICITED GUTHRIE AWARD** STRATFORD FESTIVAL
1989 **JESSIE AWARD**, COSTUME DESIGN, *LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES*
1989 **DORA MAVOR MOORE AWARD**, COSTUME AND SET DESIGN, *H.M.S. PINAFORE*
1987 **ACE AWARD**, COSTUME DESIGN, ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CHANNEL, *THE MIKADO*
1986 **DORA MAVOR MOORE AWARD**, COSTUME AND SET DESIGN, *THE MIKADO*
1986 ELECTED TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS
1981 **DORA MAVOR MOORE AWARD**, COSTUME DESIGN, *A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM*
1980 **DORA MAVOR MOORE AWARD**, COSTUME DESIGN, *TWELFTH NIGHT*
1970 CANADA COUNCIL AWARD
1979/1983/1987/1991/1999 REPRESENTED CANADA AT THE PRAGUE QUADRENNIAL

EXHIBITIONS: THEATRE DESIGNS AND PAINTINGS

2011 GALLERY STRATFORD GROUP SHOW **VIRGIL BURNETT: BETWEEN LINE AND FORM** LIFE DRAWINGS
2010 CURATOR OF **HOMAGE**. A TRAVELLING EXHIBITION OF THE JEWELLERY OF DONALD STUART RCA FOR THE MACLAREN ART CENTRE, BARRIE.
2009 GALLERY STRATFORD JURIED SHOW, **PATRICIA**
2009 ART GALLERY OF PEEL JURIED SHOW, **BARRY MACGREGOR**
2008 LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL THEATRE WOMEN, THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. **CURTAIN CALL: CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF WOMEN DESIGNING FOR LIVE PERFORMANCE**
2008 ART GALLERY OF PEEL JURIED SHOW, **JOHN**
2007-2008 ILLUSTRATIONS FOR THE KNIGHT BOOKS "**PUN GLORIA AD INFINITUM**" AND "**SEVERAL KNIGHTS LATER**"
2007 GALLERY STRATFORD JURIED SHOW, **VALHALLA**
2006 GALLERY STRATFORD, PORTRAITS IN PENCIL **LIVES LIVED**
2006 GALLERY STRATFORD JURIED SHOW, **GLACIER & DRIFTWOOD PIECES**
2005 GALLERY STRATFORD JURIED SHOW, **TREE STUDIES, SKULL STUDIES**
2004 THEATRE MUSEUM, ELGIN THEATRE, TORONTO, **DIVAS OF DESIGN: LEADING LADIES OF OPERATIC SET AND COSTUME DESIGN**
2004 GALLERY 96, STRATFORD, MEMBERS SHOW
2003 ARTS ETOBICOKE JURIED SHOW, **DRIFTWOOD**
2003 GALLERY 96, STRATFORD, **DESSIN**, EXHIBITION OF THEATRE DESIGNS AND DRAWINGS

2003 GALLERY 96, STRATFORD, MEMBERS SHOW
 2002 GALLERY 96, STRATFORD, **THE DESIGNER'S ART** (PAINTINGS)
 2000 ARTS ETOBICOKE JURIED SHOW, PORTRAIT OF **ANNE**
 1999 ART GALLERY OF GREATER VICTORIA, BC, **ARTFUL TRANSFORMATIONS**
 1997 GALLERY STRATFORD JURIED SHOW, PORTRAIT OF **JOYCE CAMPION**
 1989 GALLERY STRATFORD, **SUSAN BENSON, ARTIST/DESIGNER**, SOLO SUMMER EXHIBITION
 1984 HARBOURFRONT GALLERY, TORONTO, **STAGE RITE**, EXHIBITION OF THEATRE DESIGNS,
 1984 GALLERY 96, STRATFORD, **THEATRE PORTRAITS**, SOLO SUMMER EXHIBITION, PAINTINGS
 1984 ONTARIO CRAFTS COUNCIL GALLERY, TORONTO, **DESIGNING LADIES**
 1981 GALLERY STRATFORD, **A MOST RARE FASHION**, EXHIBITION OF COSTUME DESIGNS,
 1980 GALLERY 96, STRATFORD, **PAINTINGS**
 1977 GALLERY STRATFORD, **MADE GLORIOUS**, EXHIBITION OF COSTUME DESIGNS
 1972 ILLINI ART GALLERY, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, **EXHIBITION OF COSTUME DESIGNS**
 1970 ART GALLERY OF WINDSOR, **EXHIBITION OF COSTUME DESIGNS**
 1966-1968 COMMISSIONED PORTRAITS, VANCOUVER

POSTER AND BROCHURE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR THE TORONTO SYMPHONY AND THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL

ENTRIES IN REFERENCE BOOKS AND FILM

CANADIAN ENCYCLOPAEDIA
 WHO'S WHO IN CANADA
 WHO'S WHO OF CANADIAN WOMEN
 INTERNATIONAL WHO'S WHO OF WOMEN
 1998 BRAVO TELEVISION, **ORIGINALS IN ART**

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2013 MEMBER OF JURY FOR GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD FOR THEATRE
 2004 MEMBER, INAUGURAL JURY OF WORLD STAGE DESIGN EXHIBITION
 1995 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL THEATRE
 1981-1983
 HEAD OF DESIGN, STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA
 1970-1974
 RESIDENT DESIGNER, KRANNERT CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, ILLINOIS

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2007/2008
 VISITING LECTURER COSTUME DESIGN AND DRAWING, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY, PITTSBURGH, USA
 1975, 1976, 1998-2006
 NATIONAL THEATRE SCHOOL, MONTREAL
 1970-1974
 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS THEATRE DEPARTMENT, CHAMPAIGN/URBANA
 GUEST LECTURER
 YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO; BANFF SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS, ALBERTA; UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA, BRITISH
 COLUMBIA; UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA; UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

WORKSHOPS:

AMERICAN COLLEGE THEATRE FESTIVAL, U.S.I.T.T., C.I.T.T., THE TEXTILE MUSEUM, TORONTO

THEATRE DESIGN (S=SET C=COSTUME)

2013
LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART (S,C) BELFRY THEATRE, VICTORIA BC, DIR: MICHAEL SHAMATA
 2011
LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT (C) ARENA STAGE, WASHINGTON DC DIR: ROBIN PHILLIPS

2009

ROMEO AND JULIET (S,C) NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA, FOUR SEASONS CENTRE, TORONTO
MADAMA BUTTERFLY (S,C) CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY, FOUR SEASONS CENTRE, TORONTO.

2006

I AM MY OWN WIFE (C) NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE, OTTAWA/CANADIAN STAGE DIR. ROBIN PHILLIPS
ROMEO AND JULIET (S,C) NATIONAL BALLET OF CHINA
GALA OPENING FOUR SEASONS CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, (S) THE CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY

2005

FALLEN ANGELS (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL, DIR. BRIAN BEDFORD

2004

NOISES OFF (C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL, DIR. BRIAN BEDFORD

2003

MADAMA BUTTERFLY (S,C) CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD

2002

BEARD OF AVON (C) CANSTAGE, DIR. DAVID STORCH
INDIAN INK (S,C) CANSTAGE, DIR. RICHARD COTTRELL

2001

THE FRONT PAGE (C) DALLAS THEATER CENTER, DIR. RICHARD HAMBURGER

2000/2001

THE BALLAD OF BABY DOE (C) SAN FRANCISCO OPERA/NEW YORK CITY OPERA, DIR. COLIN GRAHAM

1999

THE GOLDEN ASS (S,C) CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY, TORONTO, DIR. COLIN GRAHAM

1998

MADAMA BUTTERFLY (S,C) CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY, TORONTO, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD
THE MIKADO (S,C) NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE, OTTAWA, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD
BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE (C) MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE, DIR. ROBIN PHILLIPS

1997

THE MAGIC FLUTE (S,C) MINNESOTA OPERA/DALLAS OPERA, DIR. KELLY ROBINSON
DEATH IN VENICE (C) SAN FRANCISCO OPERA, DIR. LOTFI MANSOURI

1996

ROMEO AND JULIET (S,C) NATIONAL BALLET OF FINLAND, HELSINKI, CH. CRANKO/ANDERSON
A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC (C) THE GRAND THEATRE, LONDON, ONTARIO, DIR. MICHAEL SHAMATA
A DOLL'S HOUSE (C) THE GUTHRIE THEATRE, MINNEAPOLIS, DIR. MICHAEL LANGHAM
TWELFTH NIGHT (S,C) ATLANTIC THEATRE FESTIVAL, WOLFVILLE, DIR. MICHAEL LANGHAM

1995

ROMEO AND JULIET (S,C) NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA, CH. CRANKO/ANDERSON
THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. RICHARD MONETTE
THE GONDOLIERS (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD
SEASON'S GREETINGS (S,C) MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE, DIR. MARTI MARADEN

1994

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD

1993

THE MIKADO (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD
OLIVER (C) THE CITADEL THEATRE, EDMONTON, DIR. ROBIN PHILLIPS

1992

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW (S,C) NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA, CH. CRANKO/ANDERSON
THE TEMPEST (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. DAVID WILLIAM
H.M.S. PINAFORE (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD

1991

COSI FAN TUTTE (S,C) THE BANFF CENTRE FOR THE ARTS, DIR. COLIN GRAHAM

1990

GUYS AND DOLLS (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD
MADAMA BUTTERFLY (S,C) CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD
THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO (S,C) THE BANFF CENTRE FOR THE ARTS, DIR. COLIN GRAHAM

1989

THE GONDOLIERS (S,C) AUSTRALIAN OPERA COMPANY, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD
LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES (C) VANCOUVER PLAY HOUSE, DIR. LARRY LILLO
THE RELAPSE (C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. RICHARD MONETTE

1988

H.M.S. PINAFORE (S,C) ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, AND US TOUR, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD
LA FINTA GIARDINIERA (S,C) OPERA THEATRE OF ST. LOUIS, DIR. COLIN GRAHAM
THE MERRY WIDOW (C) MIRVISH PRODUCTIONS PROJECT, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD WITH CLEO LAINE AND JOHNNY DANKWORTH

1987

LA FORZA DEL DESTINO (C) CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY/CBC TV, DIR. JOHN COPLEY
CABARET (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD
LA FINTA GIARDINIERA (S,C) GUELPH SPRING FESTIVAL, DIR. COLIN GRAHAM
THE FOREST (C) CENTRE STAGE, TORONTO, DIR. GUY SPRUNG

1986

THE MIKADO (S,C) BRIAN MACDONALD PRODUCTIONS, US TOUR
DON QUICHOTE (C) NEW YORK CITY OPERA, DIR. JOHN COPLEY
STEPS (C) ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET, CH. BRIAN MACDONALD
THE HEIRESS (S,C) CENTRE STAGE, TORONTO, DIR. ERIC STEINER

1985

PRIVATE LIVES (S,C) THE CITADEL THEATRE, EDMONTON, DIR. BRIAN BEDFORD
JEANNE (S,C) BIRMINGHAM REPERTORY THEATRE/KENWRIGHT PRODUCTIONS, UK, DIR. ROBIN PHILLIPS
AN INSPECTOR CALLS (S,C) THE GRAND THEATRE, LONDON, ONTARIO, DIR. DEREK GOLDBY

1984

DEATH IN VENICE (S,C) CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY, TORONTO, DIR. LOTFI MANSOURI
IOLANTHE (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA/CBC TV, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST (S,C) DENVER CENTRE THEATRE COMPANY, DIR. JOHN BROOME

1983

MACBETH (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA/CBC TV, DIR. DES MCANUFF
L'ÎLE INCONNUE (C) NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA, CH. CONSTANTIN PATSALUS

1982/1983/1984

THE MIKADO (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA/CBC TV, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD

1983/1984

THE GONDOLIERS (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA/CBC TV, DIR. BRIAN MACDONALD

1982

THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA/CBC TV, DIR. ROBERT BEARD
BLITHE SPIRIT (S,C) NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE, OTTAWA, DIR. ELEANOR FAZAN
THE WOOD DEMON (C) NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE, OTTAWA, DIR. JOHN WOOD

1981

JOHN AND THE MISSUS (S,C) NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE/NEPTUNE THEATRE, DIR. JOHN WOOD
PLENTY (C) TORONTO ARTS PRODUCTIONS, DIR. PETER DEWS
THE TAMING OF THE SHREW (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA/CBC TV, DIR. PETER DEWS
THE COMEDY OF ERRORS (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. PETER DEWS

1980

A LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. ROBIN PHILLIPS
A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM (S,C) TORONTO ARTS PRODUCTIONS, DIR. JOHN HIRSCH
TWELFTH NIGHT (C) YOUNG PEOPLES' THEATRE, TORONTO, DIR. JOHN HIRSCH
A HISTORY OF AMERICAN FILM (C) NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE, OTTAWA, DIR. JOHN HIRSCH

1979

THE WOMAN (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. ROBIN PHILLIPS/PETER MOSS
TRAVESTIES (C) MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE, DIR. EDDIE GILBERT
WILLIAM SCHWENK AND ARTHUR WHO (C) NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE, OTTAWA, DIR. JOHN WOOD

1978

THE FATHER (C) NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE, OTTAWA, DIR. DONALD DAVIS
JULIUS CAESAR (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. JOHN WOOD
MEMOIR (S,C) NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE, OTTAWA, DIR. JOHN WOOD

1974 – 1977

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, (1976: JESSICA TANDY, 1977: MAGGIE SMITH), DIR. ROBIN PHILLIPS
MAN OF LA MANCHA (C) THEATRE NEW BRUNSWICK, DIR. MALCOLM BLACK
THE MERCHANT OF VENICE (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. BILL GLASSCO
BACK TO BEULAH (S,C) NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE/NEPTUNE THEATRE, DIR. JOHN WOOD
THE MANY FACES OF LOVE COSTUMES FOR JESSICA TANDY, TOURING SHOW
HARRY'S BACK IN TOWN (C) COMUS PRODUCTIONS, TORONTO DIR: MICHAEL BAWTREE
JOHN AND THE MISSUS (S,C) NEPTUNE THEATRE, HALIFAX DIR: JOHN WOOD
THE OLD MAN AND THE THIEF (S,C) ALGOMA FESTIVAL, DIR. DAVID HABER
THE TELEPHONE (S,C) ALGOMA FESTIVAL, DIR. DAVID HABER
MISALLIANCE (S,C) NEPTUNE THEATRE, HALIFAX, DIR. JOHN WOOD
THE CRUCIBLE (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. JOHN WOOD
TWELFTH NIGHT (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. DAVID JONES
THE SUMMONING OF EVERYMAN (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. MICHAEL BAWTREE
THE MEDIUM (S,C) STRATFORD FESTIVAL OF CANADA, DIR. MICHAEL BAWTREE
THE RIVALS (C) ROUNDABOUT THEATRE, NEW YORK CITY, DIR. MICHAEL BAWTREE

1970 – 1974

RESIDENT DESIGNER FOR THE KRANNERT CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, DIR. JOHN BURRELL. PRODUCTIONS INCLUDED: **DON GIOVANNI, THE BARBER OF SEVILLE, THE RAKE'S PROGRESS, THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO, LA TRAVIATA, GIANNI SCHICCHI, A FLEA IN HER EAR, THREE MEN ON A HORSE, THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE, THE LION IN WINTER, BLITHE SPIRIT, HEARTBREAK HOUSE, INDIANS, THE FRONT PAGE, UNCLE VANYA, MAN OF LA MANCHA, CABARET, THE COMEDY OF ERRORS, A LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT, CORRUPTION IN THE PALACE OF JUSTICE, FAIRY TALE THEATRE, ANOTHER MACBETH, THE GINGHAM DOG, VIVALDI, DUO, AEYRIE, WINGPRINT**

1969-1970

COSTUME DESIGNER, THEATRE CENTRE, WINDSOR. PRODUCTIONS INCLUDE: **THE COMEDY OF ERRORS, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, WALTZ OF THE TOREADORS, THE MISER, ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS, COURT OF APOLLO, THE MOUSE TRAP, HAY FEVER, THE COMEDY OF ERRORS, BLITHE SPIRIT, SEE HOW THEY RUN, THE HOSTAGE, THE ROAR OF THE GREASEPAINT THE SMELL OF THE CROWD**

1966 – 1969

FREELANCE DESIGNER VANCOUVER. PRODUCTIONS INCLUDED: **CENTRALIA INCIDENT, PINOCCHIO, UNDER MILKWOOD, SON OF RAVEN SON OF DEER, ADVENTURE STORY, DOCUMENTS FROM HELL, THE DOG AND THE STONE, THE KEY, LUTHER**

1966 – 1968

COSTUME DESIGNER VANCOUVER PLAYHOUSE, STAGE II. PRODUCTIONS INCLUDE: **LISTEN TO THE WIND, THE MIRACLE WOLF OF GUBBIO, NOH PLAY, KAFKA, REQUIEM FOR A DINOSAUR**

1966 – 1968

ASSISTANT COSTUME DESIGNER, VANCOUVER PLAYHOUSE. PRODUCTIONS INCLUDE: **THE ECSTASY OF RITA JOE, PEER GYNT, SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER, ANDROCLES AND THE LION, THE BEAUX STRATAGEM, ANYTHING GOES, PHILADELPHIA HERE I COME, A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE**

1966 – 1963

WARDROBE, ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY AND BBC TV

CANADIAN CITIZEN. EMIGRATED 1966