Chani Merrell

THEATRE DIRECTOR & FACILITATOR

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Directing

Upcoming

Bindweed [Tour] (AD) Mercury Theatre, New Wolsey Theatre, May-July 2024

& Arcola Theatre

Dir. Jennifer Tang

Previous work

Midsummer [Tour] (AD) Mercury Theatre & The Barn Theatre April-June 2024

Dir. Ryan McBryde

WHALE The Rose Theatre April 2024

R&D and performances of a new show by Sam Grant

The Importance of Being Earnest (AD) Mercury Theatre Feb 2024

Dir. Ryan McBryde

Wivenhoe Mercury Theatre Jan 2024

R&D; a new play by Samuel Fisher and Bea Svistunenko

Sleeping Beauty (AD) Mercury Theatre, Colchester Oct 2023-Jan 2024

Dir. Ryan McBryde

That Face (AD) The Orange Tree Theatre Sept 2023

Dir. Josh Seymour

Ralph & Elliot Rose Bruford College & Hope Theatre Feb 2023

Rehearsed Reading; a new play by Christopher Dean

The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui (AD) Rose Bruford College Nov 2022

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Dir. David Zoob

How To Date a Feminist (AD) Corpus Playroom June 2022

CUMTS Gala: I Got Rhythm ADC Theatre Feb 2022

Musical Theatre Revue

Astrid (Movement Director) ADC Theatre Nov 2021

A new musical by Helena Fox and Georgia Rawlins

Little Shop of Horrors ADC Theatre June 2021

Ordinary Days ADC Theatre Nov 2020

Education & Training

MFA Theatre Directing

Birkbeck College,
Aug 2022-Present

BA 2:1(Hons) Education with English, Drama, and the Arts
University of Cambridge,
Oct 2019- Jul 2022

ISTD Tap and Modern; Cecchetti Ballet; LAMDA Acting Exams

Distinctions to a teaching standard

Teaching, Skills, and Other Experience

Performing

I performed with the Cambridge Footlights as well as the Cambridge Musical Theatre Society, in the city and touring the UK.

I was trained by Chaskis Theatre Group in Meisner technique at Rose Bruford College.

I am an experienced dancer, with Ballet, Tap, and Modern Dance qualifications to a teaching level.

Teaching and Facilitating

I have taught dance, drama, and singing at local performing arts schools in Essex and Greater London.

I also work as a facilitator for theatre and school workshops in London and East Anglia.