

LUKE SAYDON

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Current Projects:

- **Producer/Composer/Writer for it- Teatru tal- Miskin (Maltese Musical)**– a musical inspired by true stories of intolerance in Malta seen through the eyes of young LGBT+ people in the country. The piece is commissioned by Arts Council Malta, Pride Malta and the European Years of Youth.
- **Composer and Director for My Way Home**- an original musical at the Royal College of Music, performed by the Italian Community in London.
- **Composer for The Naughty Carriage on the Orphan Train** – an original musical to be performed by the British Youth Musical Theatre BYMT in April 2023.
- **Arts Practitioner at The Old Vic, Museum of London, V&A Museum and the British Library** (since 2017). Creating, composing and delivering interactive story sessions for families, early years, intergenerational groups, dementia groups and young people.
- **Composer/Musical Director for Musical in the Dark** – an accessible original musical produced by Teatru Malta, targeted at a visually impaired audience. Delivered live through headphones, the musical will bring an auditory experience with accessibility at its helm.
- **BEAM2021 Selection - Composer & Lyricist for The Naughty Carriage on the Orphan Train.** Original musical part of the BEAM showcase- UK’s leading industry showcase of new musical theatre.
- **Choir Director for The Virtual Community Choir** - Music leading virtual weekly choir sessions to a choir designed to bring music into people’s homes even during lockdown. More than 150 people have been through the virtual doors of the VCC.
- **Awards and Nominations:**

Selected Credits:

Year	Nominee / Work	Award	Awarding Body	Result
2022	Luke Saydon	Civic Award for Work in the community with the residents of Hertsmere	The Mayor of Hertsmere, UK	Won
2019	Luke Saydon	Young Artist of the Year	Il- Premju għall- Arti - Maltese National Arts Awards	Won
2019	HUSH	Best Production	Il- Premju għall- Arti - Maltese National Arts Awards	Won
2019	HUSH	Best Work for Young Audiences	Il- Premju għall- Arti - Maltese National Arts Awards	Won
2019	Ernest & The Pale Moon, The Shrinking Violets	Best Production	Il- Premju għall- Arti - Maltese National Arts Awards	Nominated
2016	Adventure to Oz, Chickenshed	Best Production	Off- West End Awards	Nominated

Facilitating / Working with Communities

COMMUNITY	PRODUCTION HOUSE / PROJECT	YEAR	ROLE
Early Years/ Children/ Youth/ Adult / SEN	CHICKENSHED THEATRE COMPANY COMMUNITY THEATRE & MUSIC	2016-2020	Project Manager, Facilitator, Writer, Admin, Composer, Director
SEN Adults and Young People / Dementia/ People at risk of exclusion	FIND YOUR VOICE COMMUNITY MUSIC & MOVEMENT SESSIONS	2019	Project Leader, Musical Director, Admin
Child Victims of Grenfell Tower	CHICKENSHED THEATRE COMPANY MUSICAL THEATRE PROJECT	2017-2019	Project Leader, Director, Facilitator
Over 600 young people in RBKC	THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL/ AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL - DREAMS OF FREEDOM	2017	Facilitator, Co- Director, Musical Director
Devising with young people and seniors/ Intergenerational Project	CKC/ LYRIC THEATRE – THE STORY OF STORIES	2019	Director, Facilitator, Writer
Mid-Advanced Dementia Participants + Carers	THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY / HOME INSTEAD COMMUNITY CHOIR – SINGING FOR THE BRAIN	2020	Musical Director
Early Years/ Families	THE BRITISH LIBRARY INTERACTIVE STORY TELLING THEATRE & MUSIC SESSIONS	2021	Director, Writer and Facilitator
Early Years/ Families	MUSEUM OF LONDON, DOCKLANDS INTERACTIVE THEATRE & MUSIC SESSIONS	2019	Composer and Facilitator
Dementia Participants/ Early Years	MUSEUM OF LONDON, DOCKLANDS MEMORY INSPIRED STORIES & MUSIC	2019	Project Leader and Musical Director
Early Years / Families	VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM INTERACTIVE STORY & MUSIC SESSIONS	2017-2020	Composer and Writer
Adults/ Young Adults	SOME VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR	2019- 2020	Musical Leader
Elderly/ Adults living with Dementia	WYLLYOTTS THEATRE COMMUNITY CHOIR	2017-2020	Music Leader, Facilitator

Composer, Director or Writer

GENRE	PRODUCTION NAME	PRODUCTION HOUSE/ THEATRE	ROLE
Musical	DREAMS OF FREEDOM	Royal Albert Hall/ Amnesty International	Assistant Director, Deputy MD and Arranger
Musical	HUSH	Manoel Thetare/ 2018 European City of Culture	Co-Creator and Composer
Musical	THE STORY OF STORIES	The Lyric Theatre	Director and Composer
Musical	THE INDISPENSABLE HERO	The Playground Theatre with Grenfell Tower Victims	Writer and Composer
Musical Composition	THE CITY OF LONDON'S VIRTUAL CITIES FESTIVAL	The City of London, Mayor's Office	Composer and Documenter
Musical Podcast	HEART-TO-HEART	Self Produced Community Project	Composer and Producer
Family Musical	FUNICULI FUNICULA	The V&A Museum/ Sounds of Europe Festival	Composer and Director
Play	ERNEST & THE PALE MOON	Malta Society of Arts	Composer
Play	DARIO FO'S "TRUMPETS AND RASPBERRIES"	Chickenshed Theatre London	Composer
YT Play	DEAR FUTURE ME	The Battersea Arts Centre	Composer
YT Play	NINU	Spazzju Kreattiv, Malta	Composer
Children's Shows	TALES FROM THE SHED	The Old Vic, Hyde Park, Royal Festival Hall, Royal Albert Hall	Co-Writer and Composer
Family Musical	PIKUZI	Manoel Thetare	Composer and Performer
YT Musical	THE THREE SUNSETS	Manoel Thetare	Creator and Composer
Musical Director:			
Musical	THE CHRISTMAS SHOW AT THE V&A MUSEUM	V&A Museum	Musical Director and Performer
Community Choir	SOME VOICES 90S TOP OF OUR POPS	The Troxy, London	Musical Director
Virtual Pop Choir	SOME VOICES – SOCIAL DISTANT SING	Online	Musical Director
Virtual Community Choir	THE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CHOIR	Online (ZOOM)	Project Manager and Musical Director
Musical	THE CHANGING ROOM	National Theatre (UK) Connections Festival	Musical Director
Early Years Music	THE TRI-MUSIC TOGETHER PROJECT	Tri-Borough Early Years Music Consortium	Musical Director
Community Choir	SING FOR YOUR LIFE	Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar	Musical Director

Community Choir	POTTERS BAR COMMUNITY CHOIR	Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar	Musical Director
Children's Choir	FESTIVE VOICES	St. Stephen's Church, Gloucester Road/ Chickenshed	Musical Director
Musical	ADVENTURES TO OZ	Chickenshed Theatre London	Associate Musical Director

Actor:

Musical	LIFE ON THE OCEAN WAVE	The Museum of Childhood	Actor-Musician
Early Years Performances	BIG STORIES FROM THE LITTLE BOX	Early Years Nurseries/ Chickenshed Theatre	Director and Performer
Devised Play	POLES APART	The Playground Theatre	Composer and Performer
Devised Play	CLUB	National Theatre of Scotland	Actor
Play	POOL NO WATER	National Youth Theatre of Malta	Actor
Musical	THE GREAT BIG RADIO SHOW	National Theatre of Malta	Actor
Play	MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING	MADC	Actor
Pantomime	WIZARD OF OZ	MADC	Actor
Musical	JOSEPH & THE ATD	Hoi Polloi	Actor

Training:

- 2020 – 2022 BML- Book, Music & Lyrics Course
- 2021 Dementia Friend (Alzheimer's Society)
- 2018 Tri-Borough Early Years Training
- 2016 - 2017 Music and Inclusive Theatre Making Internship at Chickenshed Theatre
- 2012 – 2016 Double Honors Degree from the University of Malta
- 2013 – 2016 National Youth Theatre of Malta
- 2013 – 2016 Private Vocal Training
- 1999 – 2015 Private Piano/ Musicianship Training

Music Skills:

- **Singing:** Tenor (Trinity College Qualified), Solo Singing, Chorus, Character Voices, Falsetto, Harmonies
- **Instruments:** Piano (Advanced, ALCM Diploma, London College of Music Qualified), Ukulele (Foundation), Harmonica, Voice
- **Score Literacy:** Advanced (London College of Music Qualified).