

# DAN BRAY

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## EDUCATION/TRAINING

Master of Arts, *Drama*  
Bachelor of Arts, *English, Early Modern Studies* (First Class Honours Degree)

University of Toronto  
Dalhousie University

## WRITING credits (select)

### SHOW

*Knight of the Bat 3: the Fringe of Fate*  
*Deepwater \**  
*Knight of the Bat 2: the Act of Assemblers*  
*Ballad of the Bus Stop*  
*Ekphrasis Project 4, 3, & 1*  
*Christmas Carol: Revenge of Tiny Tim*  
*Madsummer*  
*Knight of the Bat \**  
*International Waters*  
*Dinostories* (with Noella Murphy)  
*Shakespeare's Time Machine*  
*Hänsel und Gretel in: der Garten von*  
*Edible Horrors: a Terrible Parable*  
*Observatory Mansions*  
*Zomblet \**  
*M: the Berlin Murders*  
*Fox* (with Colleen MacIsaac)  
*Herbie Dragons* (with Kevin Hartford)  
*Tyrant*  
*Return to Baker St* (with Jacob Sampson)  
*Borghild*  
*Arden*  
*Wake Up, Rosie!*  
*Criminal Negligee*  
*Vanishing Twins*

### DIRECTOR

Dan Bray  
Burgandy Code  
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Dorian Lang  
Dan Bray & Noella Murphy  
Dan Bray & Rebecca Wolfe  
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Dn Bray  
Kathryn McCormack  
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Dan Bray  
Andrew Chandler  
Dorian Lang  
Dan Bray  
Rebecca Currie  
Steph Kincade  
Dan Bray

### COMPANY

Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative  
Mulgrave Road Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Halifax Fringe  
Festival Antigonish/Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
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Villains Theatre  
Halifax Fringe  
Halifax Fringe  
Villains Theatre  
Lions Den Theatre  
Taboo Theatre  
Halifax Fringe

## DIRECTING credits (select)

### SHOW

*Mr Burns: a post electric play*  
*New in Town*  
*Faithful Johannes*  
*Madsummer*  
*Knight of the Bat*  
*Shakespeare's Time Machine*  
*Hänsel und Gretel*  
*The Earth Savers (50 Things)*  
*Observatory Mansions*  
*Zomblet*  
*M: the Berlin Murders*  
*Nothing Less!*  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
*Arden*  
*Happy Birthday, Wanda June!*  
*Antony & Cleopatra*  
*The Woman in Black*  
*A Tournament of Lies*  
*The Duchess of Malfi*  
*Kill Shakespeare*  
*Roaring Girl: A New Musical*

With Laura Teasdale

With Rebecca Wolfe

Assistant Director (Dir. Ken Schwartz)

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Assistant Director (Dir. Elizabeth Murphy)

### COMPANY

Fountain School of Performing Arts  
Arts Health Antigonish  
Theatre Antigonish  
Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
ZUPPA  
Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Two Planks & A Passion Theatre  
Two Planks & A Passion Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Lions Den Theatre  
Shakespeare by the Sea  
Dartmouth Players  
Misery Loves Theatre Company  
Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre  
Villains Theatre

## ACTING credits (select)

### SHOW

*Christmas Carol: Revenge of Tiny Tim*  
*The Crevice* (seasons 1&2)  
*Rain on the Parade*  
*Dinostories*  
*Shakespeare's Time Machine*  
*Cyrano*  
*Murder on the Orient Express*  
*Shadows in the Cove* (workshop)  
*Leaving Home* (workshop)  
*Life on Flat Earth*  
*M: the Berlin Murders*  
*Fox*  
*The Changeling*  
*Twelfth Night*  
*Alice in Wonderland*  
*Unrehearsed Dream*  
*Herbie Dragons*  
*The Blazing World*  
*Return to Baker Street*  
*I, the Greatest*  
*Tales of the Old North*  
*War of the Worlds*  
*Seasons*  
*Blood and Quicksilver*  
*Pinocchio*  
*As You Like It*  
*Orlando*  
*Follow Me*  
*Reefer Madness*  
*All Of Our Fathers*  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
*Antony & Cleopatra*  
*The Madonna Painter*  
*The Iceman Cometh*  
*Arsenic and Old Lace*  
*Cinderella*  
*The Underpants*

### DIRECTOR / COMPANY

Dan Bray / Villains Theatre  
 Meg Hubley / Phyllis Rising Productions  
 Evan Brown / Villains Theatre  
 Festival Antigonish / Villains Theatre  
 Dan Bray & Rebecca Wolfe / Villains Theatre  
 Jack Rennie / Lakeside Players  
 Wally MacKinnon / Theatre Antigonish  
 Diane Roberts / Mulgrave Road  
 Jake Planinc / Matchstick Theatre (Stages)  
 Jessica Oliver / Terra Novella Theatre  
 Dan Bray / Villains Theatre  
 Kathryn McCormack / Villains Theatre  
 Dorian Lang / Villains Theatre  
 Jesse MacLean / Shakespeare by the Sea  
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 Shakespeare by the Sea  
 Kathryn McCormack / Halifax Fringe  
 RYanne Chisholm / Villains Theatre  
 Andrew Chandler / Halifax Fringe  
 Kevin Hartford / Halifax Fringe  
 Claire Legere / Xara Choral Theatre  
 Jeremy Webb / Eastern Front Theatre  
 Michael Lake / Workshirt Opera  
 Michael McPhee / Halifax Fringe  
 Jesse MacLean / Shakespeare by the Sea  
 Elizabeth Murphy / Shakespeare by the Sea  
 Michael Lake / Workshirt Opera  
 Daniel Gervais / Villains Theatre  
 Keith Morrison / Lions Den Theatre  
 Keelin Jack / Misery Loves (Theatre) Co.  
 Jesse MacLean / Shakespeare by the Sea  
 Elizabeth Murphy / Shakespeare by the Sea  
 Luciana Fernandes / Taboo Theatre  
 Ira Henderson / Lions Den Theatre  
 Keith Morrison / Lions Den Theatre  
 Jesse MacLean / Shakespeare by the Sea  
 Christine Daniels / Lions Den Theatre

### ROLE

Ebenezer Scrooge  
 Henry  
 Elsworth/Gorman Roach  
 Professor Glasses  
 William Shakespeare  
 Compte De Guiche  
 Hercule Poirot  
 Dr Henry Inch  
 Harold  
 David  
 Gernhardt  
 Corvino  
 Anthony  
 Malvolio  
 March Hare  
 Nick Bottom  
 Jacques Hughes  
 Stonefly/Chorus  
 Sherlock Holmes  
 Dan Bray  
 Lutin  
 Ensemble  
 Dan  
 Uksvar  
 The Cat  
 Silvius, *dramaturge*  
 Archduchess/Archduke  
 Gunter Buxtehude  
 Bill Harper  
 Jasper  
 Francis Flute  
 Lepidus, *dramaturge*  
 Young Priest  
 Billy Hoban  
 Dr Einstein  
 Alright  
 Cohen

## AWARDS/NOMINATIONS

### SHOW

*Deepwater*  
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*Rain on the Parade*  
*Knight of the Bat 2*  
*International Waters*  
*International Waters*  
*Shakespeare's Time Machine*  
*Dinostories*  
*Hänsel und Gretel*  
*Observatory Mansions*  
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*Hänsel und Gretel*  
*Murder on the Orient Express*  
*Zomblet*  
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 Shakespeare by the Sea  
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 Halifax Fringe

### AWARD

**Tom Hendry Drama Award (Playwrights Guild of Canada) Winner**  
**Jenny Munday Atlantic Canadian Play Award: #1 Runner-Up**  
*Merritt Award Nominee: Outstanding Actor in a Supporting Role*  
**Halifax Fringe Winner: Hot Ticket Award**  
*Merritt Award Nominee: Outstanding New Play by a NS Playwright*  
**Halifax Fringe Winner: Hot Ticket Award, Runner up: Audience Choice**  
*Merritt Award Nominee: Outstanding Projection Design*  
*East Coast Music Award Nominee: Children's Entertainer of the Year*  
**Merritt Award Winner: Outstanding Adaptation by a NS Playwright**  
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*Merritt Award Nominee: Outstanding Original Score*  
*Merritt Award Nominee: Outstanding Indie Production*  
*Merritt Award Nominee: Outstanding Ensemble*  
**Theatre Antigonish Award Winner: Best Performance**  
*Merritt Award Nominee: Outstanding New Play by a NS Playwright*  
**Halifax Fringe Winner: Best New Play, Best Comedy, Fringe Hit**  
**Halifax Fringe Winner: Best Ensemble**  
*Merritt Award Nominee: Outstanding Actor in a Leading Role*  
*Merritt Award Nominee: Outstanding New Play by a NS Playwright*  
*Merritt Award Nominee: Outstanding Production by an Emerging Company*  
**Halifax Fringe Winner: Best Family Show**  
**Halifax Fringe Winner: Best Playwright**

- \* *Hänsel und Gretel* was produced by Brookwood Secondary School; Langley, British Columbia, 2024; dir. Sheri Eyre.
- \* *Knight of the Bat* was produced by Western Edge Theatre; Nanaimo, British Columbia, 2023; dir. Jonathan Greenway.
- \* *Zomblet* was produced by Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute; Ingersoll, Ontario, 2021; dir. Ewan MacKintosh.

## RELATED WORK (select)

Artistic Director, Villains Theatre (2009-present)  
 Robert Merritt Awards Co-Host/Co-Producer (2023, 2024)  
 Panelist: Playwrights Guild of Canada's *Craft Bites International* (2024)  
 Instructor: "Playwriting," "Shakespearean Performance," Theatre Antigonish (2023)  
 Instructor: "Playwriting 101," Dramafest (2021)  
 Stage Manager, *A Beginner's Guide to the Night Sky* (2023)  
 Workshop Instructor: "Creating Theatre," Dal Theatre Society (2023)  
 Festival Coordinator, Antigonight: Art at Night Festival (2021)  
 Panelist: Playwrights Guild of Canada & Calgary Fringe (2023)  
 Panelist: "Hali-Wood Squares," Eastern Front Theatre Stages Festival (2023)  
 Screenwriter, nine commercials: Theatre Nova Scotia "Summer Theatre Virtual Campaign" (2023)  
 Logo Designer, Arts Vision Antigonish (2023)  
 Copywriter/editor for Theatre Nova Scotia website (2023)  
 Outreach & Development Coordinator, Live Art Dance Productions (2017-2019)  
 Graphic Artist for Halifax Fringe Festival programme guide (2023)  
 Graphic Artist for Halifax Improv Festival (2024)  
 Eastern Front Theatre Stages Festival Industry Series Pitch Room Participant (2024)

## TRAINING AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member of Playwrights Guild of Canada  
 Member of Playwright Atlantic Resource Centre  
 Playwright Atlantic Resource Centre Retreat Participant; 2020, 2022  
 Eastern Front Theatre Playwright's Unit Member; 2017  
 Halifax Fringe Festival Vice Chair; 2017-2020  
 "Anti-Racist Theatre Workshop," Nicole Brewer; 2020  
 "Blanket Exercise and Cultural Competency Training," Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre; 2018  
 "Shakespeare Intensive" workshop, Ken Schwartz; 2017  
 "Strange Collisions" theatre creation workshop, ZUPPA; 2011  
 "Impulse Intensive" acting workshop, ZUPPA; 2010