

DAN BRAY

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WRITING CREDITS (*select*)

DEEPWATER

Originally produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Burgandy Code (2024)

Winner - Robert Merritt Theatre Award: Outstanding New Play by a NS Playwright,
Outstanding Independent Production

Winner - Playwrights Guild of Canada Drama Award (Tom Hendry)

First Runner-Up - Jenny Munday Atlantic Canadian Play Award (Playwrights Atlantic Resource Centre)

Shortlisted - Risk Tragedy Award (international)

Upcoming: Neptune Theatre (2026)

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Commissioned/produced by Shakespeare by the Sea (dir. Jesse MacLean, upcoming 2026)

THE JACKSON ELEMENTARY GRADE 6 DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS: BLOOD AND SNOW: THE DONNER PARTY'S FATAL FORAY INTO THE SIERRA NEVADA WILDERNESS

Originally produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Dan Bray and Becca Wolfe (2026)

Winner: Toronto Fringe Festival 24 Playwriting Competition (2026)

ZOMBLET

Originally produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Dan Bray (2018)

Nominee - Robert Merritt Theatre Award: Outstanding New Play by a NS Playwright

2025: Theatre Antigonish, dir. Dan Bray

2021: Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute; dir. Ewan MacKintosh.

Upcoming: Marshlight Theatre (2026)

RETURN TO BAKER STREET (with Jacob Sampson)

Originally produced at the Halifax Fringe Festival, dir. Andrew Chandler (2017)

Winner - Halifax Fringe Festival Award: Best Playwright, Best Comedy, Fringe Hit

Upcoming: Citadel High School; dir. Zara Tufts (2026)

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: THE REVENGE OF TINY TIM

Originally produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Dan Bray (2023)

2025: Thompson Rivers University, TRU Actors Workshop; dir. Catriona Leger

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYHOUSE OF HORROR

Originally produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Dan Bray (2024)

Upcoming: Thompson Rivers University, TRU Actors Workshop; dir. Catriona Leger (2026)

TRAGEDY: A COMEDY

Originally produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Dan Bray (2025)

Winner - Halifax Fringe Festival Award (*Outstanding Comedy*)

INTERNATIONAL WATERS

Produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Dorian Arcturus Lang (2022)

Nominee - Robert Merritt Theatre Award: *Outstanding New Play by a NS Playwright*

First Runner-Up - *Audience Choice, Halifax Fringe Festival*

KNIGHT OF THE BAT

Produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Dan Bray (2022)

Winner - Halifax Fringe Festival: Hot Ticket

2023: Western Edge Theatre, dir. Jonathan Greenway

DINOSTORIES: 3 PREHISTORIC FAIRY TALES (with Noella Murphy; music by Bingley and the Rogues)

Commissioned and produced Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre, dir. Dan Bray (2022)

Nominee - East Coast Music Award: Children's Entertainer of the Year

Tours (select) - **2024:** Ship's Company Theatre, Shakespeare by the Sea

2023: Eastern Front Stages Festival, Chester Playhouse, King's Theatre (Annapolis Royal)

THE RETURN TO BAKER STREET (with Jacob Sampson)

Winner - Halifax Fringe Festival: *Best New Play, Best Comedy, Fringe Hit*

2026: Citadel High School, dir. Zara Tufts

HÄNSEL UND GRETEL IN: DER GARTEN VON EDIBLE HORRORS: A TERRIBLE PARABLE

Originally produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Dan Bray (2022)

Winner - Robert Merritt Theatre Award: Outstanding Adaptation

Nominee - Merritt Award: *Outstanding Independent Production, Outstanding Original Score*

2024: Brookwood Secondary School, dir. Sheri Eyre

OBSERVATORY MANSIONS (adapted from the novel by Edward Carey)

Produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Dan Bray (2022)

Nominee - Robert Merritt Theatre Award: *Outstanding Adaptation*

ARDEN

Produced by The Villains Theatre, dir. Dan Bray (2015)

Nominee - Robert Merritt Theatre Award: *Outstanding New Play by a NS Playwright*

CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE

Commissioned/produced by Taboo Theatre, dir. Steph Kincade (2011)

Winner - **Halifax Fringe Festival**: *Best Playwright*

EDUCATION

Master of Arts, University of Toronto Graduate Centre for Study of Drama

Bachelor of Arts, Dalhousie University (First Class Honours Degree, English)

TRAINING AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member of Playwrights Guild of Canada

Member of Playwright Atlantic Resource Centre

Playwright Atlantic Resource Centre Retreat Participant (2020, 2022, 2026)

Shakespeare by the Sea artist-in-residence (2025-26)

Eastern Front Theatre Playwright's Unit Member (2017).

OTHER (*select*)

Artistic Director of The Villains Theatre (2009-present)