

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 & THE BEAST (with music by Garry Williams)

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

2026: Marshlight Theatre, dir. Paul Griffin

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

2026: Citadel High School; dir. Alex Shiao & Scarlett Reynolds (2026)

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYHOUSE OF HORROR

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

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

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: THE REVENGE OF TINY TIM

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

Upcoming: Western Edge Theatre, dir. William Anderson (2026)

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

TRAGEDY: A COMEDY

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

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

INTERNATIONAL WATERS

Originally 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

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

Winner - Halifax Fringe Festival: Hot Ticket

2023: Western Edge Theatre, dir. Jonathan Greenway

DINOSTORIES (with Noella Murphy; music by Bingley and the Rogues)

Commissioned by 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

Upcoming: Theatre New Brunswick; dir. Alex Rioux (2027)

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

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)

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

Nominee - Robert Merritt Theatre Award: *Outstanding Adaptation*

ARDEN

Originally 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)

OTHER (*select*)

Artistic Director of The Villains Theatre (2009-present)

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 playwright-in-residence (2025-26)

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