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## LIVE THEATRE

### **The Knights Of Music** — *Music Supervisor / Director*

*Schofield Productions* (Starring Phillip Schofield)

2017 UK Tour

### **Aladdin** — *Musical Director*

*Extravaganza Productions* (Starring Ricky Groves, EastEnders & Andy Moss, Hollyoaks)

2016-17 Middlesbrough Theatre

### **Snow White** — *Music Supervisor*

*Shone Productions* (Starring Zoe Birkett, Pop Idol)

2016-17 Rotherham Civic Theatre

### **New Jersey Nights** — *Musical Director*

*Spirit Productions*

2016 UK Tour

### **Chicago Workshop With John Partridge** — *Musical Director*

*Platform 1 Productions*

2016

### **Cinderella** — *Music Supervisor*

*Shone Productions* (Starring Ray Quinn, X Factor)

2016 Liverpool Echo Arena

### **Sleeping Beauty** — *Music Supervisor*

*Shone Productions* (Starring Bernie Clifton)

2016 Oakengates Theatre

### **Jack And The Beanstalk** — *Music Supervisor*

*Shone Productions* (Starring Alex Reid, Celebrity Big Brother Winner)

2016 Middleton Arena

## EDUCATION

### **University of Sunderland**

The Sage, Gateshead,

**BMus (Hons.) Jazz, Popular & Commercial Music. 2i (2014)**

## QUOTES

“James Harrison is one of the best Musical Directors I’ve ever worked with. Not only is he very talented, he’s such great fun to work with, and just a great guy... I even got to jam with him in a club after the show one night!”

— John Altman

(BBC’s EastEnders)

“When I first met James, I hadn’t sung for 17 years, in public, on stage, so I was absolutely terrified. His calm and great nature gently eased me back into the process, and then on stage we had such fun playing about, doing a bit of ‘Jazzy Joseph’. I’ve watched him in control of an incredible band as our Musical Director, and thought we’re all in very safe hands. He’s made it a really enjoyable experience!”

— Phillip Schofield

(ITV’s This Morning)

**Peter Pan** — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Matt Terry)

2016 The Forum Barrow

**The Knights Of Music** — *Music Supervisor / Director*

Schofield Productions (Starring by Phillip Schofield)

2016 UK Tour

**The Wizard Of OZ** — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Richard Cadell, Sooty & Sweep)

2016 UK Tour

**Cinderella** — *Musical Director*

Extravaganza Productions (Starring Cheryl Ferguson, EastEnders)

2015-16 Middlesbrough Theatre

**Peter Pan** — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Oliver Mellor, Coronation Street)

2015-16 Middleton Arena

**Cinderella** — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Maureen Nolan)

2015-16 Rotherham Civic Theatre

**The Wizard Of OZ** — *Music Supervisor / Director*

Shone Productions (Starring Ashleigh & Pudsey, BGT Winners)

2015 UK Tour

**Jack And The Beanstalk** — *Musical Director*

Extravaganza Productions (Starring John Altman, EastEnders)

2014-15 Middlesbrough Theatre

**Aladdin** — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Mark Labbett & Ricky K)

2014-15 Rotherham Civic Theatre

**Cinderella** — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring X Factor's "Same Difference")

2014 Middleton Arena

**misCAST: Cabaret** — *Musical Director / Composer*

Less Is More Productions

2014 Hazel Pearson Theatre

“The Orchestration is always wonderful, the style is always perfect and the enthusiasm and professionalism is exactly what you’d expect from such a talented musician. We’ve used James on numerous occasions and now wouldn’t bother looking anywhere else for the tracks, arrangements and compositions we need. From initial contact to finished product I could not recommend him highly enough.”

— Ben Muir

(Producer, After Dark Entertainment)

## EQUIPMENT

I’m proud to be an official Nord & Roland piano ‘Artist’.

Nord Piano 2

Roland RD-2000

Nord Stage 2

Korg Kronos 2

Hammond Sk1

Macbook Pro & iMac

Logic Pro

Mainstage 3

Large collection of industry standard samples / plug-ins / virtual instruments

Multiple audio interfaces / mixers

Industry standard microphone collection

**Bazaar & Rummage** — *Musical Director / Composer*

by Sue Townsend, *Less Is More Productions*

2014 Middlesbrough Theatre

**Sleeping Beauty** — *Musical Director*

*Extravaganza Productions* (Starring Kim Hartman & Vicki Michelle)

2013-14 Middlesbrough Theatre

**Awards Ceremony Evening** — *Music Supervisor / Director*

*The Sage, Gateshead* (Hosted by BBC's Carol Malia)

2013

**Peter Pan** — *Deputy Musical Director*

*UK Productions* (Starring Tom Lister, Emmerdale)

2012-13 Sunderland Empire

**MUSIC PRODUCTION**

**JH Backing Tracks** — *Founder / Managing Director*

Backing track production company, specialising in bespoke musical theatre tracks; used by professional and amateur theatre companies worldwide. [www.jhbackingtracks.com](http://www.jhbackingtracks.com)

**The Knights** — *Arranger / Producer*

*Sisco Entertainment Ltd* (Warner Leisure Hotels, Holland America Cruise Line)

**The Barricade Boys (Direct From Broadway)** — *Click Track Arranger / Producer*

*Sisco Entertainment Ltd* (West End, UK Tour, Norwegian Cruise Line)

**The Fallen Angels** — *Arranger*

*Sisco Entertainment Ltd* (Various Cruise Lines)

**GFD Promotions** — *Track Arranger / Producer*

Various world touring shows

**Jim Davidson Live** — *Composer / Producer*

UK Tour

**The Grumbleweeds** — *Arranger / Producer*

UK Tour



**Flamingo Land Resort** — *Composer / Arranger / Producer*

African Themed Queue Music

**After Dark Entertainment** — *Arranger / Producer*

Various Murder Mystery events and UK corporate shows

**Cattle & Cane** — *Arranger / Producer / Musician*

Various work, from album recordings to live shows & TV commercials

[www.cattleandcane.co.uk](http://www.cattleandcane.co.uk)

**Tom Rolfe Productions** — *Composer / Arranger / Producer*

Double Trouble, with Damian Patton (The Chuckle Brothers' Nephew)

Various UK Pantomimes

**The Jazz Man Documentary** — *Composer / Producer / Musician*

'A Feature-length documentary that takes a look at the UK's most unique Jazz hideaway and it's eccentric owner.'

**Oliver!** — *Click Track Producer*

(1994 London Palladium Cast Recording)

2011 Theatre Royal Windsor

**Freelance** — *Backing Track Producer*

Backing track Producer/Arranger for various top online companies, from single tracks to full show sets. [www.parismusic.co.uk](http://www.parismusic.co.uk) —

[www.traxvault.com](http://www.traxvault.com) — [www.musicbackingtracks.co.uk](http://www.musicbackingtracks.co.uk)

## TEACHING

A-Level Music Technology teaching at Egglecliffe School, specialising in specific production modules.

Jazz Piano specialist teacher at the prestigious Mick Donnelly Academy of Music.

Private instrument and production tuition.

## MUSICIAN

I have worked professionally since the age of 15 (2008) and in that time have produced tracks and arrangements for theatres all around the world, including The West End — from full show arrangements to commercial jingles. I am proud to be an official Nord and Roland piano Artist.

As a pianist, I have been fortunate enough to have played at some of the UK's most prestigious venues & events: *Gateshead International Jazz Festival, St. David's Hall, Manchester Jazz Festival, The Sunderland Empire, The*

*Sage, The Mayflower Theatre, Edinburgh Playhouse and New Wimbledon Theatre, just to name a few.*

As musical director and/or supervisor, I have worked with a wide range of stars on various shows, such as Phillip Schofield (*ITV*), John Altman (*EastEnders*), John Partridge (*EastEnders*), Ashleigh & Pudsey (*Britain's Got Talent Winners*), The Grumbleweeds, Kim Hartman & Vicki Michelle (*'Allo 'Allo*), Danielle Hope (*Over The Rainbow Winner & West End Star*), Marti Pellow (*Wet Wet Wet*), Tom Lister (*Emmerdale*) and Maureen Nolan (*The Nolan Sisters*) to name just a few.

For various examples of all of the work described above, please visit [www.jamesharrisonmusician.com](http://www.jamesharrisonmusician.com)