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LIVE THEATRE

The Barricade Boys — *Music Producer*

Sisco Entertainment Ltd (Starring some of the worlds finest male voices from The West End, Broadway and Hollywood Movie of Les Miserables)

West End Live / UK Tour / Various Top Cruise Ship Lines

Jack And The Beanstalk — *Music Supervisor/Musical Director*

Tom Rolfe Productions (Starring Lloyd Daniels, X Factor & Ricky Groves, EastEnders)

2018 Billingham Forum Theatre

Randy Robin And His Adventures In Knobingham — *Music Producer/Actor*

Tom Rolfe Productions (Adult Pantomime written by Tom Rolfe & Liam Mellor, starring Liam Mellor as Randy Robin. With myself doubling up as an actor with a few cameo guest appearances!)

2018 Billingham Forum Theatre

Snow White — *Musical Director*

Extravaganza Productions (Starring Adele Silva & Deena Payne from Emmerdale & John Archer from Penn And Teller's 'Fool Us')

2017-18 Middlesbrough Theatre

Sleeping Beauty — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Kerry Katona, Atomic Kitten)

2017 Middleton Arena

Aladdin — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Michael Auger, BGT Winner)

2017 Liverpool Echo Arena

Jack And The Beanstalk — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Nigel Pivaro, Coronation Street)

2017-18 Rotherham Civic Theatre

Peter Pan — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Thomas J Redgrave, BGT Winner)

2017 Oakengates Theatre

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)

Cinderella — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Emily Dodd & Bill Sharpe)

2017 The Forum Theatre, Barrow

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

Peter Pan — *Music Supervisor*

Shone Productions (Starring Matt Terry)

2016 The Forum Barrow

“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 3

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

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 Fergison, 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

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

Matchstick Monkey — *Composer / Arranger / Producer*

Working with Touker Suleyman (BBC Dragons' Den) as composer and music producer for Matchstick Monkey, a worldwide brand.

The Knights — *Arranger / Producer / Music Supervisor*

Sisco Entertainment Ltd (Warner Leisure Hotels, Various Top Cruise Lines)

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

Sisco Entertainment Ltd (West End, UK Tour, Norwegian & Holland America 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

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

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

Various UK pantomimes and shows

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 —

www.traxvault.com — www.musicbackingtracks.co.uk

TEACHING

A-Level Music Technology teaching at Eggescliffe 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*), Samantha Barks (*Film and Theatre Star*) John Partridge (*EastEnders*), Ashleigh & Pudsey (*Britain's Got Talent Winners*), Sophie Evans (*West End and Broadway Star*), The Grumbleweeds, Kim Hartman & Vicki Michelle (*'Allo 'Allo*), Danielle Hope (*Over The Rainbow Winner & West End Star*), Marti Pellow (*Wet Wet Wet*), Lloyd Daniels (*The X Factor*) and Maureen Nolan (*The Nolan Sisters*) to name just a few.

PERSONALITY

I am often told I'm extremely easy and great fun to work alongside, with an outgoing approach. I'm very passionate about trying to bring back the fun/performance element to live music, which I feel has gotten lost (especially in the musical theatre world) over the years. Who wants to go and see a show where the musicians look like they don't want to be there? Having an energetic and cheerful musical director/band, happy to get on board with the showmanship aspect, can really help to inspire the cast and audience alike, resulting in improved performance all around, producing a superior end product. As an Ex-actor I am equally happy to perform on stage, as well as in an orchestra pit. I've most recently been utilised in a production appearing riding a unicycle whilst playing piano accordion... so hopefully this shows anything is possible when working together!

For various examples of all of the work described above, please visit www.jamesharrisonmusician.com