

# James Harrison.

## LIVE THEATRE

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

*Schofield Productions* (Starring Phillip Schofield)

UK Tours / Various Top Cruise Lines

### **Sleeping Beauty** — *Music Supervisor/Musical Director*

*Tom Rolfe Productions* (Starring BGT Winner, Jai McDowall)

2019 Billingham Forum Theatre

### **Dick Whittington** — *Musical Director*

*Extravaganza Productions* (Starring Todd Carty, EastEnders & Philip Green, BGT)

2018-19 Middlesbrough Theatre

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

*Tom Rolfe Productions* (Starring Double Trouble)

2018 The Princess Alexandra Auditorium

### **Peter Pan** — *Music Supervisor*

*Shone Productions* (Starring Mark Labbett, ITV's The Chase)

2018 Liverpool Echo Arena

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

*Shone Productions* (Starring Tony Discipline, EastEnders)

2018-19 Oakengates Theatre

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

*Shone Productions* (Starring Aleksandar Mileusnic, BGT)

2018-19 The Forum Theater, Barrow

### **Aladdin** — *Music Supervisor*

*Shone Productions* (Starring James Argent, The Only Way Is Essex)

2018 Middleton Arena



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## TESTIMONIALS

*"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)

**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

**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

*"What can I say about Mr. James Harrison!? He's extremely, actually quite stupidly talented... he's very funny, quite a character! Somebody you'll never forget. I feel quite privileged to have worked with him."*

— Adele Silva

(ITV's Emmerdale)

*"5\* Show! Musical Director and stunning pianist James Harrison arguably steals the show. He offers remarkable arrangements and seamless mixes which drive this pace and perfectly produced production." - The Knights Of Music starring Phillip Schofield.*

— Celebrity Radio

*"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)

**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 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

**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*

**EDUCATION**

**University of Sunderland**

The Sage, Gateshead,

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

**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](http://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.*

**West End Musical Choir** — *Track Arranger / Producer*

*Various west end shows and performances at Disneyland*

**Associated Board Royal Schools Of Music** — *Track Producer*

*Various musical theatre video adverts*

**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*

**Tam Ryan Shows** — *Track Arranger / Producer*

*Custom arrangement/track production for comic actor, Tam Ryan*

**Joseph Purdy Productions** — *Track Arranger / Producer*

*Various pantomime UK Tours*

**Trio Entertainment LTD** — *Track Arranger / Producer*

*Various pantomimes*

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

**LIVE PERFORMANCE**

**Cue Music (UK)** — *Managing Director / Co-founder*

A unique approach to booking live entertainment. Every member of the Cue family are often featured on high-profile shows and tours with celebrities worldwide.

Our unique acts have performed all over the world, from high profile corporate events on private islands in Venice, to shows in Ibiza.

[www.cuemusicuk.com](http://www.cuemusicuk.com)

## TEACHING

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

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

Various private instrument and music 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 all around the world, and 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

Please click [here](#) to watch my Musical Director/Entertainer showreel, featuring various clips that I feel capture my outgoing personality, and unique approach to musically directing and general performance.

I am often told I'm extremely easy and great fun to work alongside. I'm very passionate about the fun/showmanship element a musician should have, 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 entertaining aspect, can really help to inspire the cast and audience alike, resulting in improved performance all around, producing a superior end product. As a bit of an [actor](#), I'm 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](http://www.jamesharrisonmusician.com)

*That's All Folks...*