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Improviser/Actor

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Summary

Passionate and talented UK based improviser/voice-over artist with a love of genre, long-form improvisation and podcasting. Initially studied at Hoopla Improv in London and have since gone on to perform, both in person and online, at international improv spaces such as *Queen City Comedy*, *Highwire Improv* and *Edinburgh Improv Festival*.

Established two audio podcasts dedicated to playing and critiquing roleplaying games (RPGs): 'What Am I Rolling?', a twice monthly RPG one-shot podcast, and 'The DM's Book Club', a weekly Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) book club podcast.

In addition to podcasting, I have regularly taken part in RPG actual play livestreams and events including MCM London and PodcastZone 2022/23 at Dragonmeet.

Previous teams include The Road Trip, Nukkad - Improv College's Dramatic Narrative Team, Extremely Silly News (ESN), Trash Kingdom, Behind The Scenes, Don't Mess!, Extremely Silly News (ESN), Extreme Improv, G.A.L.S, Improbotics.

Experience

RPGeeks / 'Orbital Blues' Cast Member

APRIL 2024, ONLINE

Part of the main cast for 'Orbital Blues' limited actual play series streamed for RPGeeks.

Actual Play UK / 'HEART' Cast Member

FEB 2024, ONLINE

Part of the main cast for 'HEART' limited actual play series streamed for Actual Play UK.

RPGeeks / Storyteller for 'KULT: Divinity Lost' DEC 2023. ONLINE

Ran 'KULT: Divinity Lost' limited actual play series streamed for RPGeeks, sponsored by Helmgast.

Dragonmeet / PodcastZone Co-ordinator DEC 2023, LONDON

Co-ordinated the PodcastZone, a network space for UK TTRPG actual play podcasts and streams to meet and record collaboration content, for Dragonmeet, the biggest tabletop gaming convention in London.

- Commissioned a number of live show recordings with an audience,

including 'Theatre Macabre: The 3 Nightmares of the Cthulu Who Stole Christmas!', 'Realm of Peril & Glory's Liminal' and 'Knights of Potcedonia (Hosted by 3 Black Halflings)'

Actual Play UK / '13th Age' Cast Member

NOV 2023, ONLINE

Part of the main cast for '13th Age' limited actual play series streamed for Actual Play UK

MCM Comic London / Panellist and RPG Talent

OCT 2023, LONDON

Took part in a range of TTRPG/Podcast related panels and live shows as part of MCM Comic Con London, highlighting the increasing popularity of roleplaying games and actual plays in the mainstream media.

Over the 3 days, I took part of 3 different TTRPG themed live shows ('Dragon's Duel: The D&D Gameshow', 'MÖRK BORG: A Demon Slayer Tale!' and 'Dicebreaker: TTRPG Rising Stars!') as well as two panels ('Caution: Character Development Ahead' and 'DIY Podcasting')

Improv College / The Documentary (10 week course)

OCT - DEC 2023, ONLINE

After the initial success of the previous Documentary workshop, I was asked to faciliate a 10 week online course on the Documentary Format for Improv College.

This course allowed participants to create engaging talking-head scenes with scene partners, develop communication skills as both an off-screen and on-screen narrator and work with your team to establish fun and unusual group scenes.

Girls Run These Worlds / 'Orbital Blues' Cast Member

OCT 2023, ONLINE

Part of the main cast for 'Orbital Blues' one-shot for Girls Run These Worlds, a women-owned, women-run production studio. The stream was sponsored by the publishers of the game, Soul Muppet Publishing.

Storytellers Collective / Guest Facilitator of Bookwyrm's Book Club SEPT 2023, NOTTINGHAM

Was a guest facilitator for this monthly guided reading club which focuses on learning new tabletop roleplaying games. The aim for this club is empower readers with tools to start create their own content for these systems. I provided resources and discussion questions for the month of October which featured 'Good Society: A Jane Austen RPG'.

Robin Hood International Improv Festival / 'At Some Point' Ensemble Member

SEPT 2023, NOTTINGHAM

Was selected to be part of the Friday ensemble team for this international improv festival, coached by Patrick Rowland.

Tavernaut / 'Fiasco: Where No One Has Gone Before' Cast Member AUG 2023. ONLINE

Took part in this charity stream of Fiasco on Tavernaut's YouTube channel, to raise funds for the Entertainment Community Fund.

Actual Play UK / Storyteller for 'Solemn Vale'

MAY 2023, ONLINE

Ran 'Solemn Vale' limited actual play series streamed for Actual Play UK. Thanks to the success of this series, I have been asked to run future games of this folk horror system for other podcasts such as Realms of Peril and Glory.

Improv College / The Documentary Format

AUG 2023, ONLINE

Facilitated a two part workshop on the Documentary Format, created by Billy Merritt for UCB. These workshops gave an overview of the format, taking the participants through a fake factoid pattern game opening, 2 person and group scenes. By doing both workshops, participants were able to create documentary-style stories that have never been seen before (or likely to be seen again!).

Queen City Comedy / World Building for Game Masters AUG 2023, ONLINE

Facilitated this class for Queen City Comedy. This workshop focused on how to create dynamic destinations, compelling villains, powerful items, and more! Whether players are new to the world of RPGs or an experienced GM (aka 'forever GM') or an improviser who just simply wants to try something new, this class is for everyone!

Girls Run These Worlds / Game Mother for 'Destroyer Of Worlds' AUG - SEPT 2023, ONLINE

Ran the ALIEN RPG scenario 'Destroyer Of Worlds' as a limited series streamed campaign for the Girls Run These Worlds, a women-owned, women-run production studio. The stream was sponsored by the publishers of the game (Free League) and was well received by both the network and by viewers

Have been asked to run the next scenario in the trilogy.

Queen City Comedy / World Building for Improvisers

JUL 2023, ONLINE

Facilitated this class for Queen City Comedy. This workshop explored some of the main tenets of world-building and how players can incorporate these simple techniques into our improv scenes!

Queen City Comedy / Go, Go, Go! The Gauntlet with Fiona KT Howat! An Online Improv Experience!

JUL 2023, ONLINE

Facilitated this class for Queen City Comedy. Inspired by Andy Eninger's improv game, this class was a full run-through of The Gauntlet, an exercise where each class participant takes turns to improvise nonstop for 10 minutes, creating as many characters and situations as possible.

Actual Play UK / 'Liminal | Press Phantasmic' Cast Member MAY 2023, ONLINE

Part of the main cast for 'Liminal | Press Phantasmic' limited actual play series streamed for Actual Play UK

Improv College / Playing With Initiative! Roleplaying For Improvisers MAY 2023, ONLINE

Ran this experimental workshop inspired by RPG mechanics and game play. The class focused on improv skills and techniques which will enhance the learner's abilities as a player in any RPG: developing extraordinary characters, making creative choices in scenes, and collaborating on engaging storytelling with your players.

Queen City Comedy / Roll Initiative! Roleplaying For Improvisers: GM Edition

APR 2023, ONLINE

Ran this experimental workshop inspired by RPG mechanics and game play. The class focused on improv skills and techniques which will enhance your abilities as a game master or facilitator in any RPG, specifically looking at worldbuilding and scene painting, creating supporting characters, and collaborating on engaging storytelling with players.

Queen City Comedy / Roll Initiative! Roleplaying For Improvisers: Player Edition

APR 2023, ONLINE

Ran this experimental workshop inspired by RPG mechanics and game play. The class focused on improv skills and techniques which will enhance the learner's abilities as a player in any RPG: developing extraordinary characters, making creative choices in scenes, and collaborating on engaging storytelling with your players.

Girls Run These Worlds / 'Inspirisles' Cast Member

APR - MAY 2023, ONLINE

Part of the main cast for 'Inspirisles' limited actual play series streamed for Girls Run These Worlds, a women-owned, women-run production studio. The RPG encourages players to learn British & American Sign Language whilst playing. The stream was sponsored by the publishers of the game, Hatchling Games.

Girls Run These Worlds / Game Mother for 'Chariot of the Gods' FEB - MAR 2023, ONLINE

Ran the ALIEN RPG scenario 'Chariot of the Gods' as a limited series streamed campaign for the Girls Run These Worlds, a women-owned, women-run production studio. The stream was sponsored by the publishers of the game (Free League) and was well received by both the network and by viewers

- Have been asked to run the next 2 scenarios in the trilogy.

House of Masks / The Custodian

FEB 2023, LONDON

Part of the core cast for House of Masks - a supernatural show animated live using XR and motion capture technology in front of a theatre audience.

- Performed the role of the house custodian/moderator in the show livestreams, engaging with the viewers pre/post show and getting audience suggestions.
- Setup and ran two livestreams for the show to a verified YouTube account

Dragonmeet / PodcastZone Co-ordinator

Co-ordinated the PodcastZone, a network space for UK TTRPG actual play podcasts and streams to meet and record collaboration content, for Dragonmeet, the biggest tabletop gaming convention in London.

- Commissioned a number of live show recordings with an audience, including 'Dungeons & Dragons: The Panto' and 'RPGeeks presents: New Genes Please!'
- Facilitated the 'Running RPGs with An Audience In Mind' panel along with leading TTRPG industry experts.

The Galaxicle Implosions / T.O.K 2 aka TIK

DEC 2021 - FEB 2022 / FEB 2023 LONDON

Part of the core cast for The Galaxicle Implosions - a VR generated, animated sci-fi improv comedy, broadcast live from a theatrical venue to YouTube, and co-created by audience.

- Performed the role of the ship's AI chat bot/moderator in the show livestreams, engaging with the viewers pre/post show and getting audience suggestions.
- Have been asked to return for the next run of shows happening in Feb 2023.

The International Improv Station / Moderator

OCT 2020 - DEC 2021, LONDON

Part of the core group of moderators at The International Improv Station, helping to facilitate sessions, tech office hours and socials and posting discussion prompts for the Improv Book Club.

'The DM's Book Club' Podcast (DMBC) / Co host and producer JUN 2020 - PRESENT. LONDON

Creator and co-host of an audio podcast dedicated to discussing and critiquing Dungeon & Dragons (D&D) materials.

- Developed the sibling show, The DM's Travel Book Club, a limited series exploring each plane of existence as depicted in the great wheel cosmology used in the majority of D&D settings.
- Skills include researching official and homebrew D&D products, interviewing D&D content creators, editing and producing voice-over content.

'Blood on the Clocktower Live' at London Horror Festival / Actor OCT 2019, LONDON

Part of the main cast for the work in progress show 'Blood on the Clocktower Live' (based on the social deduction game by The Pandemonium Institute).

- Also appeared in several livestreamed BotC games on Twitch, demonstrating the game mechanics and the gameplay.

Hoopla Improv / Sunday Mega Jam Regular

AUG 2019 - SEPT 2019, LONDON

Performed as part of the weekly improvisation group at Hoopla's Sunday Mega Jam, participating in both games and short-form improvisation. Have also done several online drop ins/mega jams online during the COVID-19 crisis.

'What Am I Rolling?' Podcast (WAIR) / Host and content creator FEB 2018 - PRESENT, LONDON

Main gamemaster (GM) for an ongoing audio podcast dedicated to playtesting

and reviewing different roleplaying games (RPGs) and systems. To date, WAIR has featured over 50 different RPG systems.

 Skills include improvisation storytelling and game facilitating, writing scripts, and producing voice-over content.

Education

Second City / Improv 501

MAR - APR 2024, ONLINE

The Mocap Vaults / Cinematics

NOV 2023, LONDON

Robin Hood Improv Festival / Long Form Creation Workshop with Andel Sudik

JAN 2024, NOTTINGHAM

Second City / Voiceover 101 (On-demand)

JAN 2024, ONLINE

Second City / Improv 401

JAN - FEB 2024, ONLINE

The Mocap Vaults / Cinematics

NOV 2023, LONDON

Upright Citizen's Brigade / Improv 201

NOV 2023 - JAN 2024, ONLINE

Second City / Improv 301

OCT - DEC 2023, ONLINE

Katy Schutte & Chris Mead / Game of the Show 2 Day Intensive

OCT 2023, LONDON

Mark Estdale & Chris Mead / Improv for Voice Actors

JUL 2023, LONDON

The Mocap Vaults / Pure Imagination

JUN 2023, LONDON

The Electrostatic Workshop / Intro to Virtual Improv

JUN - JUL 2023, LONDON

Nic Redman / The Vocal Empowerment Programme

MAY - JUN 2023, ONLINE

Second City / Improv 201

MAY - JUN 2023, ONLINE

We Are Improv / Artemis II

APR - MAY 2023, ONLINE

The Mocap Vaults / Heroes & Monsters II

APR 2023, LONDON

The Nursery / Forgotten Forms: Living Room with John Hildreth

MAY 2023, ONLINE

The Nursery / Forgotten Forms: Gooass with John Hildreth

APR 2023, ONLINE

The Nursery / Forgotten Forms: WeirDass with John Hildreth

MAR 2023, ONLINE

The Mocap Vaults / Heroes & Monsters I

FEB 2023, LONDON

Second City / Improv 101

MAR - APR 2023, ONLINE

Nick Hall / Stand Up Course Lvl 2

MAR - MAY 2023, LONDON

The Mocap Vaults / Intro to Mocap

FEB 2023, LONDON

Katy Schutte / The Mystic Improviser's Journey

FEB - DEC 2023, ONLINE

We Are Improv / Artemis

JAN - FEB 2023, ONLINE

Upright Citizen's Brigade / Improv 101

JAN - MAR 2023, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / Story with Chris Mead

JAN - MAR 2023, LONDON

FANDCO / Virtual Reality Improv Retreat

DEC 2022, DEVON

The Maydays / Improv Retreat 2022

OCT 2022, WARWICK

Hoopla Improv / Clown course with Peta Lily

OCT - NOV 2022, LONDON

Hoopla Improv / Stand Up Course

SEPT - NOV 2022, LONDON

Improv College / Advance Audio Team / Behind The Scenes

SEPT 2022 - JUN 2023, ONLINE

Queen City Comedy / A Face for Radio! With Chris Mead

SEPT 2022, ONLINE

Bristol Improv Theatre / Katy Schutte's Bristol Improv Intensive

AUG 2022, BRISTOL

Queen City Comedy / Love Stories: A Dingle Drama Improv Workshop

AUGUST 2022, ONLINE

Queen City Comedy / So What'cha What'cha What'cha Want Too? With

Jay Sukow

AUGUST 2022, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / Long-Form Workshop with Chris Mead

AUGUST 2022, LONDON

$\textbf{Queen City Comedy /} \ A \ Point \& \ Click \ Improv \ Adventure \ with \ Chris$

Mead

JUN - JUL 2022, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / Truth in Comedy

MAY - JUN 2022, LONDON

Katy Schutte / London Improv Intensive

MAR 2022, LONDON

Improv Boost / Nottingham Intensive

MAR 2022, NOTTINGHAM

Julie Brister & Edinburgh International Improv Festival /

One Day Harold

FEB 2022, EDINBURGH

Michelle Gilliam & Edinburgh International Improv Festival /

Confidence Builder

FEB 2022, EDINBURGH

Katy Schutte / The Mystic Improviser's Journey

FEB - DEC 2022, ONLINE

Jennifer Jordan / The Big Geek Out

JAN - DEC 2021, ONLINE

All Made Up Improv / RP Accent Basics Crash Course for Improvisers

OCT 2021, ONLINE

The International Improv Station / Exploring Horror

OCT - NOV 2021, ONLINE

The Maydays / Improv Retreat 2021

OCT 2021, WARWICK

Improv College / Dramatic Narrative / Nukkad

SEPT 2021 - JUNE 2022, ONLINE

The International Improv Station / Online Improv Intensive

AUG 2021, ONLINE

Paul Vaillancourt / Advanced Triangle of the scene

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JUL 2021, ONLINE

Paul Vaillancourt / Summer Blockbuster! The Movie Form

JUN 2021, ONLINE

Jenn Bianchi / Character Crash Course Workshop

JUNE 2021, ONLINE

Chris Mead / Improvising Doctor Who

JUN - JUL 2021, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / The Documentary Drop In

APR 2021, ONLINE

The Nursery & Maydays / Duos with Chris Mead & Katy Schutte

APR - JUN 2021, ONLINE

Queen City Comedy / Conflict in the Background with Inbal Lori

APR 2021, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / Play like Brené Brown

MAR - APR 2021, ONLINE

The Nursery / Dark and Uncomfortable Scenes with Inbal Lori

MAR 2021, ONLINE

Impromiscuous / How to Direct Improv

JAN - MAR 2021, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / Advance Online Emotional Connection Course

JAN 2021, ONLINE

The Improv Place / Masterclass in Teaching Improv

JAN - FEB 2021, ONLINE

Katy Schutte / The Mystic Improviser's Journey

JAN - DEC 2021, ONLINE

Craig Cackowski & The Improv Place / Four Forms

OCT 2020, ONLINE

Katy Schutte & The Improv Place / The Improviser's Way

SEPT - NOV 2020, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / Carl Jung Inspired Improvisation Course

SEPT 2020, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / Online Emotional Connection Course

AUG 2020, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / Online Story Course

JUL - AUG 2020, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / Online Performing Course

APR, JUN & JUL 2020, ONLINE

Katy Schutte / How To Write Your Own Solo Show Course APR 2020 - MAY 2020, ONLINE

Hoopla Improv / Stagecraft Course, Acting for Improvisers NOV 2019, LONDON

Hoopla Improv / Level 1 - 4 Improv Courses

APR 2019 - MAY 2020, LONDON