Glenn Saunders

Writer | director | dramaturg | consultant

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Experience

Playwright 2018 – present

- Writer Straight to You; The Last Penguin (in development)
- Writer The Girl Who Fell to Earth. Presented at La Mama HQ as part of Winter 2022 Season
- Staged reading; also directed by.
- Writer like me (premiered June 2022) Presented by Someone New Theatre Company, Geelong
- Produced as part of Theatia Podsie 2022; also recorded for radio (release forthcoming).
- Co-Writer, Dramaturg Lanny, by Max Porter (premiered April 2022)
- with Remy Prichard, for Trinity Grammar School, Kew. By permission of Max Porter;
- Writer TRIPLE FALSEHOOD (developed online during 2020)
- Writer/director/producer/designer The Book of Ducks. Part of La Mama Explorations 2019.
- Liaised with providers for rehearsal room hire; developed budgets and schedules; created branded content for publicity and marketing. Delivered production to a sold-out audience.
- The Book of Ducks was published by Australian Plays in 2020.
- Also selected for Playtime Staged Readings for Midsumma Festival 2019 winner of audience choice award.

Freelance creative consultant, team member

2017 - present

- Dramaturg Lanny, by Max Porter (WP, 2022)
 - Co-written with Remy Prichard for Trinity Grammar School, Kew. By permission of Max Porter;
 - Rehearsal and directorial support.
- Assistant Director Wombat's Wild Weekend, for Shondelle Pratt/VCA (2019)
 - Rehearsal support to the director; text-work with actors; attended production meetings
- Dramaturg The Marvellous Life of Carlo Gatti, for Cassandra-Elli Yiannacou/Wildefang Productions (2018-19)
 - Development support, research for the writer. (Presented by TheatreWorks, 2022)
- Dramaturg A Comprehensive Study of Gastric Juice, for Remy Prichard/VCA (2018)
 - Textual and development support to the director and creative team
- Consulting dramaturg DELILAH, for Clare Hennessey/Left of Centre Co. (Butterfly Club, 2018)
 - Textual and development support to the writer (interstate) and director
- Dramaturg Aleppo, for Elias Jamieson Brown/VCA (2017)
 - Research, textual, developmental support to the writer; rehearsal observation and support
- Dramaturg This Storm Will Kill Your Children, for Fiona Spitzkowsky/VCA (2017)
 - Research and production support to the writer
- Dramaturg Henry V, and Richard III, for VCA. (produced in repertory at St Martin's Youth Theatre, 2017)
 - Research, textual support to the directors; engaged with cast in outcomes of practice-as-research
- Provided development, rehearsal, technical, production support to writers, directors, creative teams.
- Skills include: project management; written and verbal communications skills; relationship-building and management, rapport-building; adaptability; problem-solving; work to deadlines; innovation, risk-taking.

Freelance arts writer 2012 - 2016

• Theatre blog - thespellofwakinghours

- -Maintained a blog of Sydney-based theatre reviews and criticism, travelling interstate to support new work.
- -Conducted interviews with theatre-directors about their process, influences, and style.
- -Gained a reputation for intelligent, insightful, and compassionate criticism.
- Sydney theatre reviewer artsHub
 - Wrote monthly reviews for various productions (monthly, over 2 years)
- Features writer Australian Writers' Guild
 - Wrote feature articles about artists, and cross-disciplinary projects
- Editing internship Eventfinder Australia
 - Creating online event listings using CRM/CMS, bespoke web-platforms; sub-editing, working to style-guides; weekly eDMs and news features; copy delivered ahead of schedule.

Internships

Besen Family Artist Placement – BLISS, by Tom Wright

2018

Malthouse Theatre

Dramaturgy intern – Cybec Electric 2018

2018

Melbourne Theatre Company

Summer season rehearsal observer - Love's Labour's Lost; Antony & Cleopatra

2015; 2016

Sport for Jove Theatre Company

Education

Master of Dramaturgy (specialised in research and new writing)

Victorian College of the Arts

Bachelor of Media (includes Honours, Class 1) (major in Screen Production)

Macquarie University