

Robert Andrews Castell

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Education

- 2007 - 2009 **University of East Anglia, Norwich** Master of Arts in International Relations
- 2003 - 2006 **University of East Anglia, Norwich** Bachelor of Arts in English Literature: 2:1
- 2000 - 2002 **Hurtwood House, Surrey** English, Theatre Studies, Music Tech - 3As
- 1995 - 2000 **Reading Blue Coat School, Berkshire** 10 GCSEs, 3A*, 4A, 3B

Early Professional Experience

- 2006 - 2007 **Limelight Project, Broadland Council Training Services, Norwich**
Project Leader. For six months I worked intensively with 'at risk' teenagers and young offenders, devising a performing arts programme incorporating acting, writing, dancing, singing and other arts skills.
- 2007 - 2008 **De Silva Tutors, London**
Private academic tutor in English, Music, Theatre Studies
- 2007 - 2012 **Theatre Is...**
I worked variously as musical director, workshop leader, performer, creative director and producer for this Hertfordshire based Theatre Company.
- 2011 - 2013 **Mousetrap Theatre Company**
I delivered workshops, performed for showcases and led 'songwriting for theatre' courses with young people and groups in the London area.
- 2005 - 2018 **Function Singer / Guitarist / Pianist**
I have performed with numerous top function acts as a lead singer or musician. Bands include: Beat Connection, Cornucopia, MIB (*Royal Wedding Hyde Park Performance*), Flipside Jack, Undercover Superstars and as a current regular at The Piano Works in London.
- 2017 - 2018 **Actor-Musician Lecturer / Visiting Practitioner**
Rose Bruford College of Theatre & Performance
- 2017 - Present **Resident Musician / Guitar-Piano-Voice Teacher**
Herries Preparatory School, Cookham, Berkshire

Barbershopera - 2007-2015

As co-founder, co-writer, musical director, performer and producer, Barbershopera was a major aspect of my professional life for many years. Responsibilities included tour booking, marketing, branding, budget planning, fundraising, press liaising, logistics, accounting, social networking and developing contacts with programmers, producers and organisations around the UK & abroad.

www.barbershopera.com - *an a cappella four-part-harmony comedy group*

Shows and Projects

Barbershopera: The Three Musketeers

Co-writer, Musical Director, Actor – Athos/Others

Pleasance 2 Edinburgh, Drum @ Theatre Royal, Plymouth UK National Tour, Daegu South Korea

Winner – MTN Best Book 2012

Barbershopera: Cabaret Sauvignon

Co-writer, Musical Director, Host

Soho Theatre London, Trafalgar Studios London

Barbershopera: Apocalypse No!

Co-writer, Musical Director, Actor – War/Michael/Others

Pleasance Queen Dome Edinburgh, Trafalgar Studios London, Drum @ Theatre Royal Plymouth, UK National Tour

Winner – MTN Best Lyrics 2010

Winner – MTN Best Book 2010

Barbershopera!

Co-writer, Musical Director, Actor – Frank Sonata

BBC Radio 4 (Adapted)

Barbershopera: The Barber of Shavingham

Co-writer, Musical Director, Actor – Esteve Johnson

Pleasance Queen Dome Edinburgh, Trafalgar Studios London, Daegu South Korea

Winner – MTN Best Lyrics 2009

Winner – Best Actor, DIMF 2010

Barbershopera: Toni & The Guys

Co-writer, Musical Director, Actor – Frank Sonata, Old Fabiano

Pleasance Beside Edinburgh, Theatre 503 London

Winner – MTN Best Lyrics 2008

Winner – MTN Most Promising New Musical 2008

Other Performance and Artistic Experience

Theatre (Actor)

Pop - *We Will Rock You* - 10th Anniversary International Arena Tour - Dir Ben Elton - 2013
Leon/Others - *Madame Bovary* - Hope & Anchor Festival - Dir Holly Maples - 2014
All roles - *Fully Committed* - Menier Chocolate Factory - Dir Mark Setlock - 2014
Rudolph - *The Snow Queen* - Nuffield Theatre - Dir Sarah Tipple - 2014
Smitty - *The Hudsucker Proxy* - Nuffield/Liverpool Playhouse - Dir Dormandy/Sedgwick - 2015
Beta/Others - *Unmythable* - Pleasance Queen Dome - Dir Mike Tweddle - 2015
Sir Garotte / Musical Director - *Merlin* - Nuffield Theatre - Dir Liam Steel - 2015
Gary - *Beyond the Fence* - Arts Theatre - Dir Luke Sheppard - 2016
Sir Henry / MD - *Hound of the Baskervilles* - York Theatre Royal - Dir Damian Cruden - 2016
Musical Director - *Cinderella* - York Theatre Royal - Dir Damian Cruden - 2016
Uncle Owen / Musical Director - *Winnie & Wilbur* - Birmingham Rep - Dir Liam Steel - 2017
The General - *These Trees Are Made of Blood* - Arcola Theatre - Dir Amy Draper - 2017

Television/Film/Commercials (Actor)

Various - *Officially Amazing* (Animation) - Lion TV/CBBC - 2012 - present
Pablo - *Playing It Straight* - Lion TV/Channel 4 - 2011
Chris - *Meet Me on the Southbank* - Dir Adam Rolston - 2013
Axe Effect Builder - *Axe Deodorant International* - Dir Sean Chambers - 2012
Jonjo - *Doctors* - BBC - Dir John Maidens - 2018

Songwriter - Represented by Wardlaw Banks Publishing

Officially Amazing - Lion TV/CBBC - 2012 - present (BAFTA-Nominated)
Playing it Straight - Lion TV/E4 - 2011
Unmythable - Out of Chaos - 2012
Norsesome - Out of Chaos - 2014
Merlin - Nuffield Theatre - 2015
Hound of the Baskervilles - York Theatre Royal - 2016
Robin Hood: The Arrow of Destiny - York Theatre Royal - 2017

Other Relevant Information

The Complete Works - Vice-Chairman, Board of Trustees (2007 - 2016) - www.tcw.org.uk
Guardian Student Travel Writer of the Year - 2005
UEA Drama Society President - 2004 - 2005
Global Vision International - Volunteer / Teacher, Quito, Ecuador, 2003
Activities - Brighton Marathon 2012, Fritton Lake Triathlon 2009