

Selina Cartmell

Director

Selina Cartmell is Artistic Director and Co-Chief Executive at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester.

Selina took a First in Drama and History of Art from Trinity College, Dublin and Glasgow University and graduated with an MA (Distinction) from Central School of Speech and Drama in Advanced Theatre Directing. In 2007 she was protégé to Julie Taymor as part of the Rolex Mentor and Protégé Arts Initiative and Artist-In-Residence at the Samuel Beckett Theatre between 2010 and 2011. From 2016 to 2022 she was Artistic Director of the Gate Theatre, Dublin.



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Credits

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC 2026	Royal Exchange Theatre	

Theatre

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ROAD 2026	Royal Exchange Theatre	
ONCE BEFORE I GO 2021	Gate Theatre	By Phillip McMahon

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL 2019	Gate Theatre	By Jack Thorne
ASSASSINS 2018	Gate Theatre	Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim & Book by John Weidman
THE RED SHOES 2017	Gate Theatre	By Hans Christian Andersen in a new version by Nancy Harris
THREE SISTERS 2016	Lyric Theatre Belfast	By Anton Chekhov, in a new version by Lucy Caldwell
SPRING AWAKENING 2016	The Lir	By Frank Wedekind, in a new version by Anya Reiss
GROUNDLED 2015	Siren Productions Dublin/Tiger Dublin Fringe	By George Brant Irish premiere Starring Claire Dunne ***** Irish Examiner **** Irish Times/ Independent 'Grounded soars to stunning heights'
BY THE BOG OF CATS 2015	Abbey Theatre Dublin	By Marina Carr First revival production Starring Susan Lynch **** Irish Examiner/Sunday Post 'a mesmerizing triumph'
RIGOLETTO 2015	Opera Theatre Company	By Verdi, in a new version by Marina Carr **** Daily Mail/Examiner
PUNK ROCK 2014	Lyric Theatre Belfast	By Simon Stephens Irish premiere Best Director, 2014 Irish Times Theatre Awards and nominated for 6 Awards, including Best Production and Best Actor **** Guardian/Times/Telegraph 'it is impossible to tear your eyes away from Selina Cartmell's cracking production'
PORNOGRAPHY 2014	LAMDA	By Simon Stephen Third year graduation showcase production
A TENDER THING 2014	Siren Productions Dublin/Project Arts Centre	By Ben Power. Irish premiere Starring Owen Roe and Olwen Fouéré ***** Sunday Times/Metro 'a production that has the hallmarks of a legendary staging you'll want to have seen'
BOLD GIRLS 2013	The Lir	By Rona Munro

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OVERRIDE 2013	Watford Palace Theatre, London	By Stacey Gregg **** whatsonstage.com
SOME EXPLICIT POLAROID 2013	LAMDA	By Mark Ravenhill Third year graduation showcase production
KING LEAR 2013	Abbey Theatre Dublin	The play's first production at the Abbey in over 80 years Nominated for 3 Irish Times Theatre Awards, including Best Actor and winner of Best Supporting Actor Starring Owen Roe, Hugh O'Connor, Caolifhionn Dunne and Lorcan Cranitch ***** Daily Mail **** Sunday Business Post/Metro/Sunday Times
THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER 2012	Unicorn Theatre London	New adaptation by Jemma Kennedy ***** Daily Mail **** Telegraph/The Times 'The success of Selina Cartmell's light and supple production lies in its creation of a complete theatrical world'
THE BROKEN HEART 2012	Theatre For A New Audience New York	Off-Broadway premiere and New York debut. Nominated for Lucille Lortel Award. **** New York Post 'Selina Cartmell deserves accolades not just for reviving ... The Broken Heart but also for giving it the kind of revelatory production that proves its an overlooked classic. Cartmell is obviously a classical director to watch.'
THE MAKING OF 'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE 2011	Siren Productions Dublin/Project Arts Centre	Starring Louis Lovett, Kate Stanley Brennan and Cathy Belton **** Guardian/Metro/Tribune/Daily Mail 'The best Jacobean Drama I have ever seen' The View
THE LULU HOUSE 2011	Siren Productions Dublin	International Dublin Theatre Festival. Nominated for an Irish Times Theatre Award. Starring Camille O'Sullivan and Lorcan Cranitch.
DEIRDRE 2011	Abbey Theatre Dublin	Musical Theatre workshop. Starring Rosaleen Linehan, Domnhall Gleeson, Louis Lovett and Cora Venus Lunny.
MOLLY SWEENEY 2010	Curve Theatre Leicester	UK Friel Festival **** Telegraph/Guardian

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MEDEA 2010	Siren Productions Dublin/Absolut Dublin Fringe Festival	New translation by Robin Robertson. World premiere. Best Director 2010 Irish Times Theatre Awards and nominated for 5 further awards. Starring Eileen Walsh, Olwen Fouéré and Eleanor Methven ***** Irish Theatre Magazine **** Irish Times 'one of the most distinguished pieces we've seen in Dublin for some considerable time'
ONLY AN APPLE 2009	Abbey Theatre Dublin	By Tom McIntyre World Premiere Starring Michael McElhatton, Marty Rea, Don Wycherley, Fiona Bell and Cathy Belton
THE GIANT BLUE HAND 2009	Ark Theatre Dublin	By Marina Carr. World premiere. Nominated for Best Production, Irish Times Theatre Awards. Starring Don Wycherley and Catherine Walker ***** Sunday Business Post **** Irish Times
THE CORDELIA DREAM 2009	Royal Shakespeare Company at Wilton's Music Hall	By Marina Carr. World premiere. Starring Michelle Gomez and David Hargreaves.
BIG LOVE 2009	Abbey Theatre Dublin	By Chuck Mee. Irish premiere. Starring Marion O'Dwyer, Judith Roddy, Kelly Gough, Ciara O'Callaghan, Barbara Brenan and Rory Nolan.
MACBETH 2009	Siren Productions Dublin	Site-specific Starring Domnhall Gleeson, Rory Keenan and Olwen Fouéré. **** Irish Times
WOMAN AND SCARECROW 2008	Abbey Theatre Dublin	By Marina Carr. Irish Premiere at Dublin Theatre Festival. Starring Olwen Fouéré, Barbara Brennan, Bríd Ní Neachtain and Simon O'Gorman **** The Guardian
SWEENEY TODD 2007	Gate Theatre Dublin	Best Opera Production, Irish Times Theatre Awards 2007. Starring David Shannon, Anita Reeves, Camille O'Sullivan and Mark O'Regan. **** Sunday Times/Irish Times 'The earth moved. My spine tingled for Ireland Flawless'

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JUDAS 2007	National Theatre Studio London	By Frank McGuinness Starring Olwen Fouéré
FESTEN 2007	Gate Theatre Dublin	Irish premiere. Nominated for Best Director, Best Actor and Best Production at the Irish Times Theatre Awards. Starring Owen Roe, Rory Keenan, Cathy Belton, Simone Kirby and Rona Leahy. **** Irish Times/Independent 'overwhelming excellence'
MY ROMANTIC HISTORY 2006	Royal Court Theatre London	By D.C. Jackson. Rehearsed Reading.
CATASTROPHE 2006	Gate Theatre Dublin/Barbican Theatre London	Nominated for Best Director, Irish Times Theatre Awards 2006 and winner of Best Actor Starring Owen Roe and Olwen Fouéré. **** Telegraph
TITUS ANDRONICUS 2005	Siren Productions Dublin	Best Director, 2006 Irish Times Theatre Awards and winner of 3 further awards. Starring Ruth Negga, Aidan Turner, Sarah Greene, Owen Roe and Olwen Fouéré. **** Sunday Times/Irish Times
HERE LIES 2005	Operating Theatre Dublin & Paris	Devised. Filmed by cinematographer Christopher Doyle. Starring Olwen Fouéré.
SHUTTER 2004	Siren Productions Dublin	Devised and choreographed Starring Ella Clarke. **** Irish Times 'subtlety of touch [that] makes Shutter rattle round in the mind long after viewing'
PASSADES 2004	Operating Theatre Dublin	Devised/Site Specific Starring Olwen Fouéré. ***** Irish Theatre Magazine 'it is a rarity for a theatrical performance to shake one to one's core it pushes the boundaries of theatre, making one wonder why it was not done before, but having to acknowledge that it takes rare talent indeed to envisage and carry through such seemingly simple theatrical daring'.
LA MUSICA 2003	Siren Productions Dublin	By Marguerite Duras. Best Production and Actress at Dublin Fringe Festival. Starring Olwen Fouéré and Ronan Leahy.
FANDO & LIS 2003	Siren Productions Dublin	By Fernando Arrabal Starring Fiona O'Shaughnessy and Tadhg Murphy.

Short Films

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THE DATE 2017	Filmbase/RTÉ	Winner of Best First Short Film (Drama) at Galway Film Fleadh
