

Max Pappenheim

Sound Designer/Composer

Max is a composer and sound designer for live performance, and trained in Radio Drama with the BBC. He is an Associate Artist at the Orange Tree Theatre, as well as a conductor, violinist, pianist and organist. He is a Visiting Lecturer at RCSSD, with workshops run for NT Connections and the Almeida Theatre.



sound is used here too to stir emotions and a sense of place, whether it's via richly ingenious musical strains or simple ambient effects

The Telegraph on *The Forsyte Saga Parts 1 & 2* (Royal Shakespeare Company)

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Credits

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF 2026	Oxford Playhouse	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Mike Tweddle
WELCOME TO PEMFORT 2026	Soho Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Ed Madden
THE PRICE 2026	Marylebone Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Jonathan Munby
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM 2026	Regent's Park Open Air Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Atri Banerjee

Theatre

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THE LAST PICTURE 2026	York Theatre Royal	Sound Designer Dir. John R. Wilkinson
SINGLE WHITE FEMALE 2026	UK Tour	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Gordon Greenberg
CHRISTMAS DAY 2025	Almeida Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. James Macdonald
THE FORSYTE SAGA PARTS 1 & 2 2025	Royal Shakespeare Company (Swan Theatre)	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Josh Roche
MIDSOMER MURDERS: THE KILLINGS AT BADGER'S DRIFT 2025	ATG/UK Tour	Composer Dir. Guy Unsworth
SMALL HOTEL 2025	Theatre Royal Bath	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Holly Race Roughan
THE BILLIONAIRE INSIDE YOUR HEAD 2025	Hampstead Theatre Downstairs	Sound Designer Dir. Anna Ledwich Nominated for Off West End Award for Best Production
NOT YOUR SUPERWOMAN 2025	Bush Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Lynette Linton
CREDITORS 2025	Orange Tree Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler
MURDER AT MIDNIGHT 2025	Original Theatre Company	Sound Designer Dir. Philip Franks
THE TALENTED MR RIPLEY 2025	UK Tour	Sound Designer Dir. Mark Leipacher
THE GATHERED LEAVES 2025	Park Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Adrian Noble
NOUGHTS AND CROSSES 2025	Regent's Park Open Air Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Tinuke Craig
JULIUS CAESAR 2025	Orange Tree Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Francesca Ellis

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BRIXTON CALLING 2025	Southwark Playhouse	Sound Designer Dir. Bronagh Lagan Nominated for WhatsOnStage Award for Best Studio Production Nominated for Off West End Award for Best Sound & Music and Best Production
KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD 2025	Bergen International Festival	Sound Designer Dir. Stephen Higgins
LITTLE BROTHER 2025	Jermyn Street Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Stella Powell-Jones
THE CROFT 2025	Original Theatre Company	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Philip Franks
PERSONAL VALUES 2025	Hampstead Theatre Downstairs	Sound Designer Dir. Lucy Morrison
PLAYHOUSE CREATURES 2025	Orange Tree Theatre/UK Tour	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Michael Oakley
THE HABITS 2025	Hampstead Theatre Downstairs	Sound Designer Dir. Ed Madden
PICTURE YOU DEAD 2025	UK Tour	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Jonathan O'Boyle
CHURCHILL IN MOSCOW 2025	Orange Tree Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler
FEELING AFRAID AS IF SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN 2025	Francesca Moody Productions/Australian Tour	Sound Designer Dir. Matthew Xia
THE INVENTION OF LOVE 2024	Hampstead Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Blanche McIntyre
KING JAMES 2024	Hampstead Theatre Downstairs	Sound Designer Dir. Alice Hamilton
THE FORSYTE SAGA PARTS 1 & 2 2024	Park 200/Troupe Productions	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Josh Roche
ONE SMALL STEP 2024	Charing Cross Theatre/Umeda Arts Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Takuya Kato
A RAISIN IN THE SUN 2024	Headlong/Lyric Hammersmith/Leeds Playhouse	Sound Designer Dir. Tinuke Craig Nominated for WhatsOnStage Award for Best Play Revival
ART 2024	UK Tour/Josh Beaumont Productions	Sound Designer Dir. Iqbal Khan

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THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL 2024	Royal Shakespeare Company (Swan Theatre)	Sound Designer Dir. Tinuke Craig
CORAM BOY 2024	Chichester Festival Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Anna Ledwich
TWELFTH NIGHT 2024	Regent's Park Open Air Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Owen Horsley
THE DIVINE MRS S 2024	Hampstead Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Anna Mackmin
THE SYNDICATE 2024	UK Tour/ATG/Josh Andrews Productions	Sound Designer Dir. Gaynor Faye
UNCLE VANYA 2024	Orange Tree Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Trevor Nunn
SHED: EXPLODED VIEW 2024	Royal Exchange	Sound Designer Dir. Atri Banerjee
THIS MIGHT NOT BE IT 2024	Bush Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Ed Madden
DROP THE DEAD DONKEY: THE REAWAKENING! 2024	UK Tour/ATG/Simon Friend Productions	Composer Dir. Derek Bond
THE CIRCLE 2024	Theatre Royal Bath/UK Tour/Orange Tree Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler
FEELING AFRAID AS IF SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN 2023	Bush Theatre/Francesca Moody Productions	Sound Designer Dir. Matthew Xia
NINETEEN GARDENS 2023	Hampstead Theatre Downstairs	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Alice Hamilton
THE LIMIT 2023	Royal Ballet/Linbury Studio	Sound Designer Dir. Ed Madden Choreographer Kristen McNally
BOY OUT THE CITY 2023	Lyric Theatre/Underbelly	Sound Designer Dir. Nancy Sullivan
OWNERS 2023	Jermyn Street Theatre	Co-Sound Designer Dir. Stella Powell-Jones
ANTHROPOLOGY 2023	Hampstead Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Anna Ledwich
MURDER IN THE DARK 2023	Original Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Philip Franks
LE NOZZE DI FIGARO 2023	Salzburg Festival	Sound Designer Dir. Martin Kušej

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THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ... EARNEST? 2023	Pleasance	Sound Designer Dir. Simon Paris
UNDER THE KUNDÈ TREE 2023	Southwark Playhouse	Sound Designer Dir. Ebenezer Bamgboye
THE HABIT OF ART 2023	59E59/Original Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Philip Franks New York Times Critics' Pick
BLACKOUT SONGS 2023	Hampstead Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Guy Jones
VILLAGE IDIOT 2023	Nottingham Playhouse/Ramps on the Moon/Theatre Royal Stratford East	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Nadia Fall
SEA CREATURES 2023	Hampstead Theatre Downstairs	Sound Designer Dir. James Macdonald
WISH YOU WERE DEAD 2023	UK Tour	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Jonathan O'Boyle
LINCK & MÜLHAHN 2023	Hampstead Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Owen Horsley
IT'S NOT ME ... 2022	Voxed Dance Company	Composer/Sound Designer Director & Choreographer - Wayne Parsons
HENRY V 2022	Shakespeare's Globe (Sam Wanamaker Playhouse)	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Holly Race Roughan ★★★★ - Guardian, Telegraph, Observer, Evening Standard, WhatsOnStage
HAMLET 2022	Bristol Old Vic	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. John Haidar
DMITRY 2022	Marylebone Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Tim Supple
THE MIRROR CRACK'D 2022	Original Theatre Company	Sound Designer Dir. Philip Franks
THE CHERRY ORCHARD 2022	Yard Theatre/ETT/HOME	Sound Designer Dir. James Macdonald
CRUISE 2022	Apollo Theatre	Co-Sound Design Dir. Bronagh Lagan
FEELING AFRAID AS IF SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN 2022	Francesca Moody Productions/Roundabout at Summerhall	Sound Designer Dir. Matthew Xia Fringe First Award
A DOLL'S HOUSE, PART 2 2022	Donmar Warehouse	Sound Designer Dir. James Macdonald

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CANCELLING SOCRATES 2022	Jermyn Street Theatre	Co-Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler
THE HOMECOMING 2022	Theatre Royal Bath/UK Tour	Sound Designer Dir. Jamie Glover
THE FEVER SYNDROME 2022	Hampstead Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Roxana Silbert
STEVE 2022	Seven Dials Playhouse	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Andrew Keates
KAN YAMA KAN 2022	Global Theatre, Riyadh	Sound Designer Dir. Will Tuckett
OLD BRIDGE 2021	Bush Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Selma Dimitrijevic Off West End Award for Sound Design Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in an Affiliate Theatre Nominated for WhatsOnStage Award for Best Off-West End Production Nominated for BroadwayWorld UK Award for Best Sound Design Design of a New Production of a Play or Musical
BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE 2021	Theatre of Sound	Sound Designer Dir. Daisy Evans
YELLOWFIN 2021	Southwark Playhouse	Sound Designer Dir. Ed Madden
MALINDADZIMU 2021	Hampstead Theatre Downstairs	Sound Designer Dir. Monique Touko
THE SYSTEM 2021	Original Theatre Company	Sound Designer Dir. Guy Unsworth
HANSEL AND GRETEL 2021	BYO/Opera Holland Park	Sound Designer/Musical Arranger Dir. Daisy Evans
DRAGONS AND MYTHICAL BEASTS 2021	Regent's Park Open Air Theatre/UK Tour	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Derek Bond Nominated for Olivier Award for Best Family Show
LOOKING GOOD DEAD 2021	UK Tour	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Jonathan O'Boyle
TWO HORSEMEN 2021	Jermyn Street Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Ebenezer Bamgboyé

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CRUISE 2021	Duchess Theatre	Co-Sound Design Dir. Bronagh Lagan Nominated for Olivier Award for Best New Play
BEING MR WICKHAM 2021	Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds/Original Theatre Company	Sound Designer Dir. Guy Unsworth
ASSEMBLY 2021	Donmar Warehouse	Sound Designer Dir. Joseph Hancock
A SPLINTER OF ICE 2021	Cheltenham Everyman	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Alan Strachan
BARNES' PEOPLE 2021	Original Theatre Company	Sound Designer Dir. Philip Franks
OUTSIDE 2021	Orange Tree Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Georgia Greene
THE HAUNTING OF ALICE BOWLES 2020	Original Theatre Company	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Philip Franks
SECRET LIFE OF HUMANS 2020	English Theatre of Frankfurt	Sound Designer Dir. Derek Anderson
15 HEROINES 2020	Jermyn Street Theatre/Digital Theatre	Co-Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Adjoa Andoh, Tom Littler and Cat Robey Off West End OnComm Award for Series
SUNNYMEAD COURT 2020	Actors Centre	Sound Designer Dir. James Hillier Shortlisted for Off-West End Award for Sound Design
SWITZERLAND 2020	English Theatre of Frankfurt	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler
THE TEMPEST 2020	Theatre Royal Bath / Jermyn Street Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler
THE CROFT 2020	Original Theatre Company	Sound Designer Dir. Philip Franks
OTHELLO 2020	Cambridge Arts Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. John Haidar
BECKETT TRIPLE BILL 2020	Jermyn Street Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Trevor Nunn Comprising Krapp's Last Tape, Eh Joe and The Old Tune
NEW JIBLA 2019	59 Productions/Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Cultural Centre	Sound Designer for 59 Productions

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MY COUSIN RACHEL 2019	Theatre Royal Bath/UK Tour	Sound Designer Dir. Anthony Banks
WHILE YOU ARE HERE 2019	The Place	Composer Dir. Lily McLeish
MACBETH 2019	Chichester Festival Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Paul Miller
AMSTERDAM 2019	ATC/Orange Tree Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Matthew Xia
THE NIGHT WATCH 2019	Original Theatre Company	Sound Designer Dir. Alastair Whatley
DEAR UNCLE 2019	Theatre By The Lake	Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler
THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA 2019	Noel Coward Theatre/Fiery Angel	Sound Designer Dir. James Macdonald
CROOKED DANCES 2019	Royal Shakespeare Company (The Other Place)	Sound Designer Dir. Elizabeth Freestone
ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI 2019	Nottingham Playhouse	Sound Designer Dir. Matthew Xia
JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL 2019	Norman's Coach and Horses	Sound Designer Dir. James Hillier
NAPOLI, BROOKLYN 2019	Original Theatre Company/Park Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Lisa Blair
CREDITORS 2019	Theatre By The Lake/Jermyn Street Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler
THE RIDICULOUS DARKNESS 2019	Gate Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Anthony Simpson-Pike
CUZCO 2019	Theatre503	Sound Designer Dir. Kate O'Connor
CAROLINE'S KITCHEN 2019	Original Theatre Company	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Alastair Whatley
TREASURE ISLAND 2018	Leicester Haymarket	Sound Designer Dir. Matthew Forbes
JACK AND THE BEANSTALK 2018	Watford Palace Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. James Williams
MACBETH 2018	NYT/Garrick Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Natasha Nixon
THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR 2018	Papatango/Southwark Playhouse	Sound Designer Dir. Hannah Hauer-King

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KEEP ON WALKING FEDERICO 2018	Actors Touring Company	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Alice Malin
HOGARTH'S PROGRESS 2018	Rose Theatre, Kingston	Sound Designer Dir. Anthony Banks Comprising 'The Art of Success' and 'The Taste of the Town'
A KETTLE OF FISH 2018	The Yard Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Caitlin McLeod
THE HABIT OF ART 2018	York Theatre Royal/Original Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Philip Franks
TWO FOR THE SEESAW 2018	Trafalgar Studios 2	Sound Designer Dir. Gary Condes
ONE FOR SORROW 2018	Royal Court Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. James Macdonald
STITCHERS 2018	Jermyn Street Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Gaby DellaI Nominated for Best Sound Design, 2018 Off West End Awards
THIS IS 2018	Arts Ed	Sound Designer Dir. Lynette Linton
MONOGAMY 2018	Original Theatre Company	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Alastair Whatley
A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE 2018	Tobacco Factory Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Mike Tweddle
THE WAY OF THE WORLD 2018	Donmar Warehouse	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. James Macdonald
HUMBLE BOY 2018	Orange Tree Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Paul Miller
MACBETH 2018	Tobacco Factory Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Adele Thomas
GREAT EXPECTATIONS 2018	Malvern Theatres/UK Tour	Sound Design Dir. Sophie Boyce Couzens
DRY POWDER 2018	Hampstead Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Anna Ledwich UK Premiere Nominated for Best New Comedy, 2018 Olivier Awards

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THE CHILDREN 2017	Manhattan Theatre Company	Sound Designer Dir. James Macdonald Broadway transfer of Royal Court production Nominated for Best Play, 2018 Tony Awards
MISS JULIE 2017	Jermyn Street Theatre/Theatre By The Lake, Keswick	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler
COOKIES 2017	Theatre Royal Haymarket	Sound Designer Dir. Anna Ledwich
ANYTHING THAT FLIES 2017	Jermyn Street Theatre	Composition and Sound Design Dir. Alice Hamilton
BIG FOOT 2017	Tara Arts	Sound Designer Dir. Dominic Garfield
MIRANDA 2017	Opéra Comique	Sound Designer Dir. Katie Mitchell
NO ONE WILL TELL ME HOW TO START A REVOLUTION 2017	Hampstead Theatre Downstairs	Sound Designer Dir. Anna Ledwich World Premiere
THE BLINDING LIGHT 2017	Jermyn Street Theatre	Composition and Sound Design Dir. Tom Littler Nominated for Best Sound Design, 2017 Off West End Awards
A FOX ON THE FAIRWAY 2017	Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Philip Wilson
LOOT 2017	Park Theatre/Watermill Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Michael Fentiman
KIKI'S DELIVERY SERVICE 2016 - 2017	Southwark Playhouse	Sound Designer Dir. Kate Hewitt World Premiere and Revival Production
VIXEN 2017	Silent Opera/ENO	Musical Arranger Dir. Daisy Evans World Premiere
THE CARDINAL 2017	Southwark Playhouse	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Justin Audibert
THE LOTTERY OF LOVE 2017	Orange Tree Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Paul Miller
ROUNDELAY 2017	Southwark Playhouse	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Anna Ledwich World Premiere

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SEX WITH STRANGERS 2017	Hampstead Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Peter Dubois UK Premiere
THE CHILDREN 2016	Royal Court Theatre (Jerwood Theatre Downstairs)	Sound Designer Dir. James MacDonald World Premiere
THE GAUL 2016	Hull Truck	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Mark Babych World Premiere
BLUE/HEART 2016	Tobacco Factory/Orange Tree	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. David Mercatali
A LOVELY SUNDAY FOR CREVE COEUR 2016	Print Room at the Coronet	Sound Designer Dir. Michael Oakley Nominated for Best Sound Designer, 2016 Off West End Awards
LABYRINTH 2016	Hampstead Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Anna Ledwich World Premiere
OPHELIAS ZIMMER 2015 - 2016	Schaubühne, Berlin/Royal Court Theatre (Jerwood Theatre Downstairs)	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Katie Mitchell World Premiere
MY EYES WENT DARK 2015 - 2017	59E59, New York/Traverse Theatre/Finborough Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Matt Wilkinson World Premiere Nominated for Best Sound Designer, 2015 Off West End Awards
WAITING FOR GODOT 2016	Sheffield Crucible	Sound Designer Dir. Charlotte Gwinner
TOAST 2014 - 2016	National Tour/59E59, New York/Snapdragon Productions	Sound Designer Dir. Eleanor Rhode
JANE WENHAM, WITCH OF WALKERN 2015	Out of Joint	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Ria Parry World Premiere
THE GLASS MENAGERIE 2015	English Theatre, Frankfurt	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler
WINK 2015	Theatre503	Sound Designer Dir. Jamie Jackson Nominated for Best Sound Designer, 2015 Off West End Awards

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LITTLE LIGHT 2015	Orange Tree Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. David Mercatali World Premiere
ONCE UPON A TIME IN ENGLAND 2014	National Theatre Studio	Sound Designer Dir. Anthony Banks Developmental Workshop
HOST 2014	English Theatre, Frankfurt	Sound Designer Dir. Adam Penford
THE DISTANCE 2014	Orange Tree Theatre/Sheffield Crucible Studio	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Charlotte Gwinner World Premiere
AWKWARD CONVERSATIONS 2014	Underbelly, Edinburgh	Sound Designer Dir. Ed Stambollouian UK Premiere
JOHNNY GOT HIS GUN 2014	Southwark Playhouse	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. David Mercatali UK Premiere Nominated for Best Sound Designer, 2014 Off West End Awards
MARTINE 2014	Finborough Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Tom Littler Nominated for Best Sound Designer, 2014 Off West End Awards
THREE SISTERS 2014	Southwark Playhouse	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Russell Bolam
FIJI LAND 2014	Southwark Playhouse	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Alice Malin World Premiere
MRS LOWRY AND SON 2013	Trafalgar Studios 2	Sound Designer Dir. Abbey Wright World Premiere
OUR AJAX 2013	Southwark Playhouse	Sound Designer Dir. David Mercatali World Premiere
COMMONWEALTH 2013	Almeida Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Caitlin McLeod World Premiere
THE FEAR OF BREATHING 2012	Finborough Theatre	Sound Designer Dir. Zoe Lafferty World Premiere

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KAFKA V KAFKA 2012	Jack Studio Theatre, Brockley	Sound Designer Dir. Leigh Tredger Nominated for Best Sound Designer, 2012 Off West End Awards

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FUCKED UP BEDTIME STORIES (FOR ADULTS) 2020	English Touring Theatre	Composer/Sound Designer Dir. Jennifer Bakst 7 podcast stories