

Frances Poet

Writer

Frances Poet is a Glasgow based writer. Her most recent play SMALL ACTS OF LOVE, which was commissioned by Citizens Theatre, has been nominated as finalist for The Susan Smith Blackburn Prize 2025/26. She is currently working on a number of stage plays including STRIKIN` LASSIES for NTS and MOTHER for Birds of Paradise Theatre Company. Frances has written on series one and series two of Black Camel Media's drama ANNIKA, which stars Nicola Walker. She also adapted her stage play ADAM into a Scottish BAFTA winning screen version, which aired on the BBC. She has written the third series of Radio 4 drama THIS THING OF DARKNESS and is now writing the fourth series.



Other stage plays include MAGGIE MAY (Leeds Playhouse 2022, finalist of the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize 2020/2021), STILL (Traverse Theatre 2021), FIBRES (Citizens Theatre/Stella Quines Production, Scottish Tour 2019), GUT (Writers Guild Best Play Award winner, UK Theatre Best Play Award nominated and Bruntwood Prize For Playwriting Shortlisted, Traverse Theatre & Tron Theatre 2018 and in a French translation as MADRA, Théâtre La Licorne, Montréal 2019) and the multi-award winning ADAM (Scottish and UK tours 2017/18 and NYU Skirball Centre 2019).

Frances has also completed a number of classic adaptations including THE MACBETHS (Citizens Theatre/Scottish Tour 2017/18), WHAT PUT THE BLOOD (Abbey Theatre, Dublin 2017 and previously as ANDROMAQUE Scottish Tour 2015), DANCE OF DEATH (Citizens Theatre 2016) and THE MISANTHROPE (Oran Mòr 2014). Her play CRUSADERS is part of NT Connections 2020.

Radio work includes ALT DELETE (BBC Radio 3 October 2019), GUT (BBC Radio 4 October 2019) and THE DISAPPOINTED (BBC Radio Scotland 2015).

Screen work includes several episodes of River City and several short films that have played at National and International festivals.

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Credits

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
THIS THING OF DARKNESS 2025	BBC Radio 4	Writer, Series 4
MOTHER	Birds of Paradise Theatre Company	Play commission
SENSE AND SENSIBILITY	Pitlochry Festival Theatre	
STRIKIN' LASSIES	NTS	Jukebox musical commission.
WHITE EYES		Feature film

Television

Production	Company	Notes
ANNIKA 2022	Black Camel Media / Alibi	Writer, one episode, series 2.
ADAM 2021	BBC Scotland / Hopscotch Films	Single film based on Frances' NTS play broadcasted on BBC Scotland and iPlayer. Winner, Television Scripted, BAFTA Scotland Awards 2021
ANNIKA 2021	Black Camel Media / Alibi	Writer, one episode.
RIVER CITY 2017 - 2019	BBC Scotland	Series 21 Episode 14 (2019); Series 20 Episode 16 (2018); Series 20 Episode 4 (with Ciara Conway, 2018); Series 18, Episode 2 (2017); Series 24 Episode 44 (2020).

Theatre

Production	Company	Notes
THERE IS NO ROOM IN OUR BATHROOM FOR LEWIS CAPALDI 2024	PACE Theatre	
THE PROGNOSTICATIONS OF MIKEY NOYCE 2023	GLASGOW LUNCHTIME THEATRE	Produced at Oran Mor in Glasgow and The Lemon Tree, Aberdeen in 2022. It was also produced at Les Prémonitions De Mikaël Morneau in Montreal 2023.
MAGGIE MAY	Leeds Playhouse	Finalist of the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize (2020/2021)

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STILL	Traverse Theatre	Part of Traverse Festival 2021. Awarded 2018 IASH/ Traverse Theatre Creative Fellowship with play commission.
SOPHIA 2021	Pitlochry Festival Theatre	
FIBRES 2019	Stella Quines / Citizens Theatre	Part of "Citizens Women" Season Autumn 2019
GUT 2018	Traverse Theatre / Tron Theatre	Writers' Guild Best New Play Award (2019) UK Theatre Award for Best Play, Shortlist (2018) Bruntwood Prize for Playwriting, Shortlist (2015) Canadian Premiere at La Licorne, Montreal (translated into French by Marc-André Thibault and retitled as MADRA) April 2019.
ADAM 2017 - 2019		NTS Scottish tour (2017), Brighton Festival and Battersea Arts Centre (2018), Skirball, New York (2019). Conceived for the stage and directed by Cora Bisset. Fringe First Winner (2017) The Flying Artichoke Award Winner (2017) Amnesty International Freedom of Expression Award 2017 Shortlist.
SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DAMES 2018	Perth Theatre	
CRUSADERS 2020	National Theatre	NT Connections Play for 2020
THE SCOTTIES 2018	Theatre Gu Leòr	Scottish and Irish tour (2018). A multi-lingual play co-written with Muireann Kelly.
THE MACBETHS 2017 - 2018	Circle Studio / Citizen's Theatre	On tour 2018 Shakespeare's play faithfully told through its married protagonists. Adapted with director, Dominic Hill.
WHAT PUT THE BLOOD 2017	Abbey Theatre Dublin	A free adaptation of Racine's original, directed by Graham McLaren
DANCE OF DEATH 2016	Citizen's Theatre	A bold reworking of Strindberg's original, conceived and directed by Candice Edmunds.
THE MISANTHROPE 2014	Oran Mor	After Moliere. Presented as part of the Classic Cut season, directed by Danielle McIlven.
FAITH FALL 2012	Oran Mor / The Tobacco Factory	Presented as part of the A Play, A Pie, A Pint season, directed by Graham McLaren.

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SMALL ACTS OF LOVE	Citizens Theatre	Original musical commission - musician Ricky Ross of Deacon Blue writing the music, Frances the book. Shortlisted for The Susan Smith Blackburn Prize 2025

Film

Production	Company	Notes
GHOST LIGHT	NTS	Extract of ADAM to be recorded and included in a new film by Hope Dickson Leach

Short Films

Production	Company	Notes
PAPERGEE AND THE SPIDER 2019	Visible Fictions	Short animated film for young people directed by Dougie Irvine. Premiered at Manchester Animation Festival in November 2019.
AND REPEAT... 2019		Aesthetica Festival November 2019
SPORES 2016	Scottish Film Talent Network	Edinburgh Film Festival, 2016, Bogoshorts, Bogotá, Columbia, 2017 and WOF Festival, 2017.
THE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO US 2014		Glasgow Short Film Festival CCA, 2014. Shortlisted for the Innis and Gunn and The Skinny Short Film Competition 2014.

Online

Production	Company	Notes
SCENES FOR SURVIVAL - A MUG'S GAME	NTS	Digital short artwork performed by Jonathan Watson and directed by Louise Shephard. Produced in association with the Citizens Theatre and Stellar Quines.

Radio

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THIS THING OF DARKNESS 2024	BBC Radio 4	Writer, series 3. New York Festivals Drama Podcast Finalist.
GUT 2019		Afternoon play commission of stage play due to be aired in Autumn 2019

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ALT DELETE 2019	Radio 3	30 minute play commission to be recorded live at Summerhall 2019
THE DISAPPOINTED 2015	BBC Radio Scotland	30 minute drama