

LYDIA FREE

Theatre Director

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Show and writer	Venue	Year	My Role
BLANDY Coco Cottam (new work)	Assembly, Edinburgh; Theatre503	2025	Director
<i>This was an anachronistic retelling of the true story of Mary Blandy, a seventeenth century woman who killed her father when she gave him a love potion, which led to the first forensic trial in British history.</i>			
Into The Woods Sondheim & Lapine	Oxford Playhouse	2025	Director/Producer
Hedda Gabler Ibsen / Marber	Oxford University	2023	Director
Every Brilliant Thing Duncan MacMillan	Oxford University	2023	Director
Wishbone Coco Cottam (new work)	Oxford University; Greenside, Edinburgh	2022 2023	Director/Producer
<i>This was a play about the breakdown of a lesbian couple's relationship when they were trapped together for seven days.</i>			
NUTS Coco Cottam (new work)	Oxford University	2024	Co-Director/Producer
<i>This drama followed two women who let a man move into the spare room in their flat, who they later discover has a history of sexual violence.</i>			
Love Life: West End Unites Against Cancer	Theatre Royal Drury Lane	2026	Assistant Director director: Rupert Hands
<i>Performers included Nicole Scherzinger, Ramin Karimloo, Lucie Jones and Carrie Hope Fletcher.</i>			
London Road Alecky Blythe	Arts Educational	2026	Assistant Director director: James Robert Moore
Crazy For You Gershwin and Ludwig	Arts Educational	2025	Assistant Director director: Rupert Hands
The Silver Cord Sidney Howard	Finborough Theatre	2024	Assistant Director director: Joe Harmston
<i>Starring Sophie Ward.</i>			
Bluebirds Vern Thiessen (rehearsed reading)	Finborough Theatre	2024	Assistant Director director: Vicky Moran
Scenes With Girls Miriam Batty	The Old Fire Station, Oxford	2023	Assistant Director

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Currently: MFA Theatre Directing at Birkbeck College

President of Oxford University Dramatic Society (OUDS) 2024/25

BA Italian and Linguistics from University of Oxford – fluent in Italian

Singing (Trinity Guild) Grade 8 Distinction

Diploma; The University of Bologna in *The History of Theatre*

Member of the National Youth Theatre

ROLES PLAYED AT UNIVERISTY

HERMIA *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

JULIA *Two Gentlemen of Verona*

NURSE *Romeo and Juliet*

LAVINIA *Titus Andronicus*

CORDELIA *King Lear*

OSWALD *King Lear*

WITCH *Macbeth*

BIANCA *The Taming of The Shrew*

ELIZA *My Fair Lady*