

JOHN MURPHY – CV

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John Murphy is a Vancouver director, writer, creator, producer, actor, comedian, musician and composer. His work has been critically acclaimed and honoured with multiple nominations and awards.

As a director John has helmed over thirty plays, two short films, a music video and three episodes of a comedy web series. He has written two original plays and four adaptations, as well as sketch comedy for both the stage and TV (The Comedy Network). As an actor he has appeared in over a hundred stage plays and forty film/TV projects. John has composed music for two plays and for his band, China Repair. He has produced theatre, short films, a web series and a full length album.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **The Box** – Co-wrote, co-produced and directed a comedic short film about two cops with the confidence of super heroes and the skills of mall security guards. **Winner** of the People's Choice Award at *Reel Fast*, a 48 hour filmmaking festival in Vancouver.
- **Forgotten Masters** – Co-wrote, co-produced and directed a web series mockumentary about the greatest guitarist you've ever heard, but never heard of. **"Hilarious!"** - Peter Deluise
- **True Story** – Wrote, directed and produced a meta-theatrical, modern interpretation of Greek tragedy. **"So brilliant** that at times it shines a whole new light on theatre." - The Vancouver Sun. (**Winner** of the Jessie Award for Best New Play)
- **The Heretic** – Wrote, co-produced and performed a one man show that toured Canada and to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. **"A tour de force!"** - The Scotsman, **"Masterful."** - Vancouver Sun, **"Flawless."** - Winnipeg Free Press. (Published by Talonbooks)
- **Much Ado About Nothing** – Adapted and directed Shakespeare's comedy for Bard on Beach. **"A near flawless production that's charming, hilarious and daringly creative.** John Murphy's direction is **masterful."** The Georgia Straight. (Nominated for Jessie Award for Best Production)
- **Gut-Wrench** – Live Sketch Comedy – Produced, wrote, acted and co-directed. Headlined the Vancouver Comedy Festival three times. **"Gut-Wrench is very smart, very funny."** - Georgia Straight . **"Outrageous spectacle! Gut-Wrench earned the biggest laughs of the night."** - The West Ender.
- **Measure for Measure** - Adapted, co-composed and directed for Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival. Set in 1900 New Orleans, original jazz music provided the soundtrack to this tale of hypocrisy. (**Nominated** for Jessie Award for Best Music Score).
- **Volpone** - Adapted, co-composed and directed for United Players. Critically hailed, this production transported a Jacobean comedy to a circus big top. **"I want to be in John Murphy play before I die. It looks like the most fun an actor could ever have. Actor/writer/director Murphy is a triple threat genius."** - Vancouver Plays

NOTABLE TV APPEARANCES

Painkiller – played a series regular opposite **Matthew Broderick** and **Uzo Aduba** in a limited series directed by **Peter Berg**. (To be released on Netflix in 2022)

Valley of the Boom – Co-starred with Emmy winner **Bradley Whitford**. (NatGeo)

Loudermilk – Guest starred opposite **Ron Livingstone** (*Office Space*), directed by Oscar winner **Peter Farrelly**. (Amazon Prime)

Sabrina – Series regular, playing opposite Kiernan Shipka (*Mad Men*), **Miranda Otto** (*Lord of the Rings*), **Lucy Davis** (*The Office*) and Michelle Gomez (*The Flight Attendant*). (Netflix)

Away – Series regular, appearing opposite **Josh Charles** (*The Good Wife*) and Oscar winner **Hilary Swank**. (Netflix)

Other TV appearances include *The Killing*, *Supergirl*, *Arrow*, *DC Legends of Tomorrow*, *The Good Doctor*, *Stargate* and *The L Word*. He has appeared in the films *Mile Zero*, *The Delicate Art of Parking*, *Cats and Dogs 3*, *Psyche 3* and *A Babysitter's Guide to Monster Hunting*.

AWARDS and NOMINATIONS

Jessie Award for Best New Play – *True Story*

Sidney Risk Emerging Playwright Award – *True Story*

People's Choice Award – Reel Fast 48 Hour Film Festival – *The Box*

Jessie Nomination for Best Director – *Woody Sed*

Jessie Nomination for Best Production – *Much Ado About Nothing*

Jessie Nomination for Best Production – *The Two Character Play*

Jessie Nomination for Best Actor – *Body Awareness*

Jessie Nomination for Best Actor – *Much Ado About Nothing*

Jessie Nomination for Best Actor – *The Optimists*

Jessie Nomination for Best Actor – *Eternal Hydra*

Jessie Nomination for Best Original Score – *Measure for Measure*

EDUCATION

University of British Columbia – BFA

Film directing mentorship under master director Glen Winter