

About Me: An Easy Read Version

My name is Richard Bland. I am a theatre director.

This page tells you about me and my work.

My Stories

I grew up in a working-class family. This is important to my work.

I like to tell stories about people who:

- Are strong when life is hard.
- Get angry about unfair things.
- Find hope and have fun in tough times.

My Kind of Theatre

My theatre is exciting to watch. It uses a lot of movement and use of design and space to show feelings.

I take everyday problems and make them feel big, important, and magical on stage.

I want to show our real, messy, and complicated feelings. This helps the audience feel seen, part of something, and understand the story.

How I Work With People

I like to work together with everyone in my team. We try out new and creative ideas.

- I have been working in theatre for over 15 years.
- I went to top drama schools to train as an actor and director.
- It is important to me that everyone in my team feels safe, respected, and heard.

Stage Craft @: My Community Group

I started a group for artists called **Stage Craft @**.

Stage Craft @ is a community. It helps artists in Essex and Suffolk to:

- Learn new skills.
- Meet other artists.
- Create, perform and share their work.

I believe we make the best and bravest art when we support each other.

Work With Me

I work as a:

- **Director:** I lead the team to create the play.
- **Dramaturg:** I help writers to improve the story.
- **Acting Coach:** I help actors with their skills.

I work in London and the East of England.

If you have a brave story you want to tell, I would love to hear from you.

Let's work together.