

# TRENT BAKER

Theatre Director



Metamorphoses  
Photo Sarah Walker

## About

A professional theatre director with a highly developed talent for detailed text analysis and creatively bringing a play to life. A specialist in the plays of Shakespeare I have trained with Mike Alfreds and at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre London. With superb people skills for overseeing actors and stage crew, as well as time and financial management skills I deliver a production that is on time, on budget, and loved by audiences and critics.

## Education

### W.A.A.P.A

Dip. Perf. Arts Theatre | 1994-1996

Awarded the Nigel Rideout Scholarship.

### V.C.A.

Grad. Dip. Theatre (Direction) | 2005

### SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE THEATRE LONDON

International Fellowship | 2011

## Critical Response

**"DIRECTOR TRENT BAKER GETS BRILLIANT THINGS FROM HIS ACTORS...BOTH DIACO AND HOSKING ARE SUPERB"**

The Age - True West

**"DIRECTOR TRENT BAKER HAS ACHIEVED REMARKABLE EFFECTS AND THE PERFORMANCES FROM MILLER AND COLE ARE EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD."**

The Age - Brilliant Traces

**"EACH CAST MEMBER IS A POWERHOUSE...A RIOTOUS AND RIVETING GEM...BEAUTIFUL AND ELABORATE STAGING"**

Australian Stage - A Midsummer Night's Dream

**"THIS IS MASTERFUL THEATRE!"**

Australian Stage - A Kind of Alaska

**"WHEN A PRODUCTION MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND YOU HAVE TO HOLD YOURSELF BACK FROM JOINING IN, THEN SOMETHING'S GOING RIGHT"**

Australian Stage - The Cherry Orchard

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A View From the Bridge  
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## Productions

- **Uncle Vanya** Chekhov/Reiss **The National Theatre**
  - **The Glass Menagerie** Tennessee Williams **The National Theatre**
  - **The Cherry Orchard** Chekhov/Mike Alfreds **The National Theatre**
  - **Top Girls** Caryl Churchill **The National Theatre**
  - **A View From the Bridge** Arthur Miller **The National Theatre**
  - **Metamorphoses** Ovid/Zimmerman **The National Theatre**
  - **The Golden Age** Louis Nowra **The National Theatre**
  - **Samson** Julia Rose Lewis **The V.C.A.**
  - **A Midsummer Night's Dream** Shakespeare **W.A.A.P.A.**
  - **Lowdown Hokum Orchestra** Doc White **The Spiegeltent Melbourne**
  - **The Wild Party** Michael LaChiusa **The V.C.A.**
  - **A Midsummer Night's Dream** Shakespeare **The V.C.A.**
  - **Bartholomew Fair** Ben Johnson **La Trobe University**
  - **The Love of the Nightingale** Timberlake Wertenbaker **The National**
  - **Hamlet** Shakespeare **5 Pound Theatre**
  - **The Crucible** Arthur Miller **The National Theatre**
  - **A Midsummer Night's Dream** Shakespeare **Winterfall Theatre**
  - **Yes Prime Minister** Anthony Jay and Jonathan Lynn **YPM (International)**
- (Assistant to Tom Gutteridge and tour director)
- **The Cherry Orchard** Chekhov/Stoppard **Winterfall Theatre**
  - **The Visit** Durrenmatt **The National Theatre**
  - **A Kind of Alaska** Harold Pinter **Winterfall Theatre**
  - **As You Like It** Shakespeare **Winterfall Theatre**
  - **Love Play** Moira Buffini **Monash University**
  - **A Man for all Seasons** Robert Bolt **MTC**

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Top Girls  
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## Productions

- **Scarlett O'Hara at the Crimson Parrott** David Williamson **MTC**  
(Assistant to Simon Phillips)
- **The Joss Adams Show** Alma De Groen **The National Theatre**
- **48 shades of Brown** Nick Earls **The National Theatre**
- **True West** Sam Shepard **Human Sacrifice Theatre**
- **Festen** Thomas Vinterberg **MTC**  
(Assistant to Simon Phillips)
- **Knives in Hens** David Harrower **V.C.A. Graduate Directors Season**
- **Romeo and Juliet** Shakespeare **Green CYC Productions**
- **Brilliant Traces** Cindy Lou Johnson **Red Stitch**
- **Burn This** Lanford Wilson **Chapel Off Chapel**