

# Anthony Matsena

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## Theatre

Production	Company	Notes
REMAINING SILENCE -2025	La Biennale Di Venezia/Studio Wayne McGregor	Director, Co-Composer & Choreographer
THE HERDS VENICE -2025	La Biennale Di Venezia/The Walk Productions/Studio Wayne McGregor	Choreographer & Co-Composer
KABEL -2025	Matsena Productions/Sadler's Wells	Creator, Director & Performer
EDWARD II -2025	Royal Shakespeare Company	Movement Director
OLYMPIC FUSION -2024	Matsena Productions and Swansea Council	Creative Director
KS6: SMALL FORWARD - 2024	Belarus Free Theatre	Movement Director
OLION - 2024	Frân Wen	Director
BOY-ISH 2024	Richard Burton Theatre/Matsena Productions	Writer, Director & Choreographer
CANNED MEAT 2023	Korean National Contemporary Dance Company (KNCDC)	Creative Director & Choreographer, co-Composer
JOSEPH K AND THE COST OF LIVING 2023	National Theatre Wales	Director

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TOYFEST 2023	Royal Opera House/Matsena Productions/ Rambert School	Co-Director, Choreographer, co-Composer
GALWAD 2022	Collective Cymru / National Theatre Wales	Movement Director, Choreographer & Creative Executive Dir: Gethin Evans
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM 2022	Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama	Director
SHADES OF BLUE 2022	Sadler's Wells/Matsena Productions	Director, Choreographer & co-Composer
CODI 2022	National Dance Company Wales	Creative Director & Choreographer
HOW NOT TO BE MISERABLE 2022	London Contemporary Dance School	Creative Director & Choreographer
RITUEL 2021	Edinburgh Fringe Festival	Creative Director & Choreographer
SHADES OF BLUE 2021	BBC/Sadler's Wells/Riverside	Director, Choreographer, co-Composer
GEOMETRY OF FEAR 2020	Matsena Productions/Messums Wiltshire	Director & Choreographer
ETERNA 2020	Jasmin Vardimon Dance Company	Choreographer
TREE 2019	Young Vic Theatre/Manchester International Festival	Mpho, Ancestor & Ensemble Dir: Kwame Kwei-Armah
VESSELS OF REFLECTION 2019	Sadler's Wells Theatre	Choreographer
TSUTSEKA 2018	Sadler's Wells Theatre	Choreographer
SIMUKA 2018	Sadler's Wells Theatre	Choreographer
OUT OF OPTIONS 2017	Bunker Theatre/Matsena Productions Ltd	Choreographer

## Television

Production	Company	Notes
BROTHERS IN DANCE (BAFTA CYMRU WINNER) 2023	BBC	Presenter Dir: Dave Jones
FUTURE DANCE BATTLE (Pilot) 2022	eOne Entertainment/Red Bull/Sky	Judge
GALWAD 2022	Collective Cymru / National Theatre Wales	Movement Director, Choreographer & Creative Executive Dir: Gethin Evans
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED 2022	BBC	Co-Hosts
DANCING NATION 'Shades of Blue' 2021	BBC	Choreographer & Director

## Film

Production	Company	Notes
ERROR CODE 8:46 2021	Matsena Productions/Messums Wiltshire/Sadler's Wells	Co-Director & Co-Composer
ETERNA 2021	Jasmin Vardimon Dance Company	Writer, Director & Choreographer
ARE YOU NUMB YET (Short Film) 2020	Matsena Productions/Messums Wiltshire/Sadler's Wells	Co-Director

## Awards

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BAFTA Cymru 'Best Single Documentary' 2023

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Fellow of Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama 2022

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Infallible Award Ed Fringe 2021

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Sadler's Wells Young Associate 2018

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## Reviews

*The movement doesn't just happen, it detonates...A steady haze creates solid air that the roving spots can sculpt into searchlights or private prisons, zoning the stage so successfully that dancers appear out of nowhere, as if edited into shot.* – Louise Levene, Financial Times 2022, 4 stars

*For strongest selection in the festival, "BLKDOG" is in competition with Matsena Productions' "Shades of Blue," which begins the third episode. Contemporary hip-hop has its conventions, too, like this work's prison cells of light and zombie motion. The image of a police officer standing on a Black man's back is all too familiar. But the chaotic repetitions of protest and imprisonment capture an emotion of 2020 better than anything else in "Dancing Nation."* – Brian Seibert, New York Times 2021

*These two young writer/performer/choreographers bring striking imagery, legible ideas, political bite and effective staging. They're ones to watch.* – Lyndsey Winship, Guardian 2021, 4 stars

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