Maria MacDonell

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Actor and writer with forty years' experience in performing and creative arts,
based in Edinburgh, London and in Glenesk, Angus.

ACTOR 1980s ongoing

Spotlight https://www.spotlight.com/9714-5648-3408 (full acting CV, screen showreel, stage showreel)

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PERFORMANCE STORYTELLING

'A Many Splendoured Thing' 2018, *'Incredible Journey'* 2019 North East Arts Touring performances
Kamishibai Japanese mixed art form storytelling
'Cottongrass' 2021. Adult show. SISF commission
'Dagba's Forest Tales'. Family show about climate emergency touring on public transport.
2019/2020 touring with Puppet Animation Scotland

FILM PRODUCER/LOCATION MANAGER

Boniface Films. Producer and actor. 1980/90s Numerous short films (drama and doc)
'All It Was' premiered at Edinburgh International Film festival 1996
Location Manager/props/costumes/casting 'Connections' TV drama-doc presented by James Burke. Discovery Channel 1996.
Training- screenplay writer/director. Two year part time course with Scottish Broadcast and Film Training, Glasgow. 1994 to 1996.

WRITER/ PRESENTER

Publication Book- From the Burgh and Beyond. Performance stories. Co-editor, contributor 2022.
Theatre
LIFE Writer/performer Ed Fringe 2024/25 and touring (4 and 5 star reviews)
Miss Lindsay's Secret, writer/performer Ed Fringe 2021/2022 and touring (4 and 5 star reviews)
Journalism 1988 to 1992
Column in 'Oxon' magazine
Profiles/features for The Daily Telegraph, The Scotsman, Scotland on Sunday, The Guardian, The Observer, Scottish Correspondent for The Museums Journal.
Television
Research/script/presenter 'Return to Tutankhamun' 1x50min doc. BBC 1991
Research/script Clydebuilt 3x50min doc. history of Clyde shipbuilding. BBC Bafta nominated. 1990

(Writer/Presenter cont)
Research/script/presenter 'Put It In writing' 3 series Grampian Television. 1990 – 95
Research/script/presenter 'Eikon' Scottish Television 1990/91
Research/script/presenter 'Walking back To Happiness' Grampian 1x 50 mins. 1996
Screenplays
'Miss Lindsay's Love In Lockdown'. 16 min drama commissioned D and G Arts Festival 2020.
'Candy Floss' 15 min drama. Tartan Short. Edin Fest. 1997.
'A lovely Day Out' 6 min drama. SBFT.
1996 'Betsy Bell and Mary Gray' feature. Armac Films1995
'Ride a Cock Horse' 30 min drama. selected for master class at Movie Makars 1997
Research/script/Interpretation for visitor centres including award winning New Lanark 1989/90.
Ancestral research for Scots Ancestral Research Society 1980s

ANGUS ARTS Co-Artistic Director 2000 to 2025
Scottish Charity 030699 www.angusarts.org.
Fundraising, Producing, Marketing, Leading, Administration
Providing arts activities of all kinds for all ages and abilities. Designing, scripting and leading a wide range of events in extensive variety of venues, indoors and out of doors.
Hosting touring theatre, music, dance. Promoter for North East Arts Touring.
Running two week annual festival within Puppet Animation Festival.
Creating installations; Writing and performing outdoor site-specific participatory theatre events incl 'Search for the Wonderplant' at House of Dun, 'Seekers of the Tower' at Burn House, 'Curious Collectors' and 'Down The Rabbit Hole' at Glenesk Folk Museum.

JABBERWOCKY THEATRE COMPANY. 2003 to 2010. Scottish charity 030728
Founder, Administrator, Company Member.
'The White Cat' 2003 to 2010 touring, Puppet Animation Scotland
'The Mechanical Turk' Manipulate Festival, Traverse Theatre 2010
Touring with shows and workshops for children and families.

GALLIMAUFRY INTERPRETATION 2007 to 2010
Script for signs, exhibitions, leaflets including introductory panels at Glenesk Folk Museum

DUNDEE AND ANGUS COLLEGE 2008 to 2020
Teaching drama and Creative Arts. Supported Education Department. Adults with wide range of learning disabilities, some complex and profound.

FREELANCE FACILITATION
Indoors and out, exploring drama, story making, presentation, creative writing, environmental arts. Since 1980s as an actor and for Angus Arts, Dundee and Angus College, Glenesk Folk Museum, Scottish Birth Teachers Association.

GLENESK MUSEUM
Volunteer. Fundraiser. Trustee.

PORTRAIT MODEL since 2014
Edinburgh Drawing School and freelance.

LISTINGS AND MEMBERSHIP:

Scottish Storytelling Directory. https://tracscotland.org/storytellers/maria-macdonnell/
Scottish Book Trust authors. https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/authors/maria-macdonell
Member Federation Scottish Theatre, Scottish Society of Playwrights, Edinburgh Performing Arts Development. Board member Glenesk Folk Museum

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