



STEFO NANTSOU

Actor – Writer – Director

CURRICULUM VITAE

Stefo was born in Newcastle, Australia of Macedonian parents. He has authored and co-authored 100 plays, acted in over 120 plays and directed 125 productions around Australia, Europe, North America, Asia, South Africa & New Zealand. He founded the world touring Zeal Theatre in 1989 creating 50 original plays including the multi-award winning *THE STONES* (1400+ performances with seasons at National Theatre, London & The Duke on 42nd St, New York, now translated in 30 countries). Zeal won the ASSITEJ International Award in Montreal, Canada in 2005. He was resident director at Sydney Theatre Company 2009-13, co-founded The Torch Company in 1997 and has worked for Melbourne Workers Theatre, Ilbjerri, Goolari Media, National Theatre of Parramatta, Merrigong, HotHouse, ATYP, Chamber Maid Opera, Shock Therapy Arts, Barking Gecko, Theatreworks, Sidetrack Theatre and Freewheels. Stefo earned a B.A. at Newcastle University in 1982, has 3 published books of plays, acted on TV and film, played guitar in numerous bands and is a proud MEAA and Writers Guild member. He currently lives in Sydney and Blackwood.

THEATRE DIRECTOR

INTERNATIONAL

2014	KAMPOKEMP	Kolibri Theatre, Budapest HUNGARY
2013	SIT STILL	Teater Grimsborken, Oslo NORWAY
2011	MR BALKAN	A.M.T.S., MACEDONIA
2008	AUSTRALIA V SOUTH AFRICA	Ellis & Bheki Theatre, Durban SOUTH AFRICA
2006	CSATAROK	Kolibri Theatre, Budapest HUNGARY
	BOOMERANG	Teater Neo, Randers DENMARK
2003	KOVEK	Kolibri Theatre, Budapest HUNGARY
	THE STONES	Teater Mariehoenen, Randers DENMARK
2002	THE STONES	Muz Theater, Zaandam HOLLAND
	STONES	TheaterHaus, Frankfurt GERMANY
2001	TAFFLIAD CARAG	Arad Gogh Theatre, Aberystwyth WALES
2000	ROCKS	Carousel Players, St. Catherines CANADA
1996	TATAU: RITES OF PASSAGE	Pacific Underground, Auckland NEW ZEALAND

ZEAL THEATRE (founder/artistic director 1989-2021)

2020	MELTDOWN	2004	THE FORWARDS	1993	THE MAYHEM ZONE
2017	ROLE MODEL	2002	THE FIFTH FLOOR	1992	QUEST FOR GRENDL
2016	LUCKY COUNTRY		SIDE EFFECTS		JOYRIDE
2013	KING-HIT	2000	MOUSE	1991	DEBTS
2012	BRAT CAMP	1998	FIXIN BART & MAGGIE		LIMEBURNERS
	THE FIRM	1997	TRIPPERS		EMPERORS NEW CLOTHES
2011	CAIN & TAYLA		EN GARDE		HIT HARD
	THE WITCH-HUNTERS	1996	THE STONES	1990	WILD IDEAS
2009	BURNT		RUDE		THE FIRST MOVE
2008	THE PAPERBAG PRINCESS		TATAU: RITES OF PASSAGE		LOST
	WHAT'S COOKING ZOE?	1995	JULIUS CAESAR	1989	THE SCAM
2007	AUSTRALIA V SOUTH AFRICA		THE BUTCHER BOAT RACE		SHATTERED PAIRS
	TABOO	1994	GOSSIPS FROM HELL		WORKFORCE
	BEST LITTLE TOWN IN THE WORLD		THE HUNCHBACK		SPLIT
2006	GRONKS		ENERGY		GHOST PLANET
	THE 50-50 MEN		THE VICTIMS		LUCY'S PROMISE
2005	THE APOLOGY	1993	CIRCUS OF DR. MOREAU		

<u>SYDNEY THEATRE COMPANY</u>	2013	<i>THE OTHER WAY</i>	2011	<i>RIVER ARTS FESTIVAL</i>
(Resident Director 2009-2013)	2013	<i>ROADTRAIN</i>	2010	<i>LEVIATHAN</i>
	2012	<i>LOOK THE OTHER WAY</i>	2010	<i>CRITICAL THINKING</i>
	2011	<i>DEEP SUBURBIA</i>	2009	<i>ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST</i>

FREELANCE DIRECTOR

ILBIJERRI THEATRE	2020	<i>THE SCORE</i> (ensemble training)		
MERRIGONG THEATRE	2020	<i>A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO SELF DEFENCE</i> (script development)		
NT THEATRE OF PARRAMATTA	2019	<i>TAKE TWO: A COMEDY OF ERRORS</i>		
MACEDONIAN THEATRE SYDNEY	2018	<i>TRG ZA JUG</i>	2016	<i>NEDA</i> 2012 <i>RASKOL</i>
	2018	<i>THE LAST MACEDONIAN</i>	2015	<i>CHENTO</i> <i>KEEP THE CANDLE ALIGHT</i>
	2017	<i>SURPRISE PARTY</i>	2014	<i>THE FENCE</i> 2010 <i>OLD AND HAPPY</i>
	2017	<i>MY SUNSHINE</i>	2013	<i>WRESTLING THE BEAR</i> <i>MR BALKAN</i>
	2017	<i>THE STONE OF ROBI</i>		
BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE	2017	<i>TO BE HONEST</i>	2015	<i>THE WAY</i> 2013 <i>THE POOL</i>
GOOLARI MEDIA BROOME	2017	<i>FIT IN OR FUCK OFF</i> (script development)		
SHOCK THERAPY ARTS	2016	<i>THE FORWARDS</i>	2016	<i>THE APOLOGY</i>
A.T.Y.P.	2009	<i>A SECRET PLACE</i>		
QUEENSLAND ARTS COUNCIL	2008	<i>THE FORWARDS</i>	2007	<i>THE APOLOGY</i> 2006 <i>THE STONES</i>
REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA	2007	<i>BEST LITTLE TOWN IN THE WORLD</i>		
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY	2005	<i>DEBTS</i>	2001	<i>HIT HARD</i>
THEATREWORKS	2004	<i>TRIBES OF ST. KILDA</i>	2003	<i>LUNA CLOWN</i>
HOTHOUSE THEATRE	2003	<i>MOUSE</i>		
MELB. WORKERS THEATRE	2003	<i>SHRIMP</i> (script development)		
TORCH COMPANY	2002	<i>THE TORCH 2002</i>	1999	<i>THE TORCH</i> 1997 <i>THE ESSENTIALS</i>
	2001	<i>BROTHERHOOD SHOW</i>	1998	<i>MECHTRON</i>
BARKING GECKO THEATRE	2001	<i>THE STONES</i>		
QLD TRADES LABOUR COUNCIL	1994	<i>GUNG HO TO PARADISE</i>		
HUNTER WORKERS THEATRE	1993	<i>WAITING FOR LEFTY</i>	1991	<i>A SACK FULL OF PREZZIES & RED SANTA</i>
2 TIL 5 YOUTH THEATRE	1992	<i>SUCKED IN</i>		
SIDETRACK THEATRE	1987	<i>BOOM BABY BOOM</i>		
THE HEBEPHRENICS	1986	<i>MORE ARSE THAN CLASS</i>	1981	<i>SOME OF 'EM CAN DARN SOCKS</i>
	1984	<i>TURKBREATH</i>	1980	<i>UP IN ARMS</i>
	1984	<i>DOG BACKWARDS</i>		
FREEWHEELS THEATRE	1983	<i>8 HOUR DAY</i>		
SHIP O FOOLS TROUPE	1983	<i>NEFARIOUS NIFTY SMOG</i>	1981	<i>CYRIL & ROSPO SHOW</i>
NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY	1982	<i>AN EVENING WITH STROTHER MARTIN</i>		

WRITER - PLAYS

ZEAL THEATRE	2020	<i>MELTDOWN</i>	1995	<i>THE BUTCHER BOAT RACE</i>
	2020	<i>I WAS ON THE TAMPA</i>	1995	<i>ENERGY</i>
	2012	<i>THE FIRM</i>	1995	<i>THE VICTIMS</i>
	2011	<i>THE WITCH-HUNTERS</i>	1994	<i>THE HUNCHBACK (of Victor Hugo)</i>
	2008	<i>THE PAPERBAG PRINCESS</i>	1993	<i>CIRCUS OF DR. MOREAU</i>
	2008	<i>WHAT'S COOKING ZOE?</i>	1991	<i>DEBTS</i>
	2007	<i>BEST LITTLE TOWN IN THE WORLD</i>	1991	<i>LIMEBURNERS</i>
	2006	<i>THE 50-50 MEN</i>	1990	<i>WILD IDEAS</i>
	2005	<i>THE APOLOGY</i>	1990	<i>LOST</i>
	2004	<i>THE FORWARDS</i>	1989	<i>SPLIT</i>
	1997	<i>TRIPPERS</i>	1989	<i>WORKFORCE</i>
	1997	<i>EN GARDE</i>	1989	<i>THE SCAM</i>
	1995	<i>JULIUS CAESAR (of William Shakespeare)</i>		
	SYDNEY THEATRE CO.	2014	<i>HARD HAT HEALTH PROJECT</i>	2010
2013		<i>THE OTHER WAY</i>	2010	<i>CRITICAL THINKING</i>
2013		<i>ROADTRAIN</i>	2010	<i>THE LOADED DOG (of Henry Lawson)</i>
2012		<i>LOOK THE OTHER WAY</i>		
BANKSTOWN ARTS C.	2017	<i>TO BE HONEST</i>	2015	<i>THE WAY</i>
MACEDONIAN THEATRE	2017	<i>SURPRISE PARTY</i>		
THE TORCH COMPANY	2002	<i>THE TORCH 2002</i>	1998	<i>MECHTRON</i>
	1999	<i>THE TORCH</i>	1997	<i>THE ESSENTIALS</i>
QLD TRADES & LABOUR	1994	<i>GUNG HO TO PARADISE</i>		
H.V.T.C.	1994	<i>THE BIG TOMORROW</i>		
TANTRUM THEATRE	1994	<i>SUCKED IN</i>		
SIDETRACK THEATRE	1987	<i>BOOM BABY BOOM</i>		
THE HEBEPHRENICS	1986	<i>MORE ARSE THAN CLASS</i>	1984	<i>DOG BACKWARDS</i>
	1984	<i>TURKBREATH</i>		
FREEWHEELS THEATRE	1992	<i>THE PARTY ANIMALS</i>	1983	<i>8 HOUR DAY</i>
	1985	<i>ONE OUT, ALL OUT</i>		

CO-WRITER – PLAYS

ZEAL THEATRE	2017	<i>ROLE MODEL</i>	1998	<i>A SECRET PLACE/FIXIN BART & MAGGIE</i>
	2016	<i>LUCKY COUNTRY</i>	1996	<i>THE STONES</i>
	2013	<i>KING-HIT</i>	1996	<i>RUDE</i>
	2012	<i>BRAT CAMP</i>	1996	<i>TATAU: RITES OF PASSAGE</i>
	2011	<i>CAIN & TAYLA</i>	1994	<i>GOSSIPS FROM HELL</i>
	2009	<i>BURNT</i>	1992	<i>JOYRIDE</i>
	2007	<i>AUSTRALIA V SOUTH AFRICA</i>	1991	<i>HIT HARD</i>
	2007	<i>TABOO</i>	1991	<i>EMPERORS NEW CLOTHES</i>
	2006	<i>GRONKS</i>	1990	<i>THE FIRST MOVE</i>
	2002	<i>THE FIFTH FLOOR</i>	1989	<i>GHOST PLANET</i>
	2002	<i>SIDE EFFECTS</i>	1989	<i>LUCY'S PROMISE</i>
	2000	<i>MOUSE</i>	1989	<i>SHATTERED PAIRS</i>
MACEDONIAN THEATRE	2014	<i>THE FENCE</i>	2008	<i>MR BALKAN</i>
TANTRUM THEATRE	2006	<i>RIOT!</i>		
THEATREWORKS	2004	<i>TRIBES OF ST. KILDA</i>	2003	<i>LUNA CLOWN</i>
THE TORCH COMPANY	2004	<i>FAITH</i>	2003	<i>THE BRIDGE</i>
CHOREOGRAPHIC CEN.	2001	<i>GREAT FAKES</i>		
TRACY HARVEY PROD.	2001	<i>WONDERFUL WARD</i>		
HUNTER WORKERS CO.	1991	<i>A SACK FULL OF PREZZIES</i>		
SIDETRACK THEATRE	1987	<i>KIN</i>	1985	<i>JUST FOR THE BUZZ OF IT</i>
	1986	<i>WELCOME TO THE MADHOUSE</i>	1985	<i>ADIOS CHA CHA</i>
FREEWHEELS THEATRE	1984	<i>PEACE BY PIECE</i>	1983	<i>COOK SAYS</i>
THE HEBEPHRENICS	1982	<i>SOME OF 'EM CAN DARN SOCKS</i>	1980	<i>UP IN ARMS</i>
SHIP-O-FOOLS	1981	<i>CYRIL & ROSPO SHOW</i>	1982	<i>AN EVENING WITH STROTHER MARTIN</i>
NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY	1979	<i>THE STAR SHOW</i>		

PUBLICATIONS

THE STONES by Stefo nantsou & Tom Lycos (Macedonian Literary Association, Macedonia 2021)

ZEAL THEATRE Volume 2 by Stefo Nantsou & Tom Lycos (Currency Press, Sydney Australia 2018)

THE STONES by Stefo Nantsou & Tom Lycos (Korean Translation by Hi Hyunan, Sakyejul, Seoul, South Korea, 2014)

THE ZEAL THEATRE COLLECTION by Stefo Nantsou & Tom Lycos (Currency Press, Sydney Australia 2011)

THE FORWARDS & THE APOLOGY 2 plays by Stefo Nantsou (PlayLab Press, Brisbane Australia 2009)

MONOLOGE für Kinder- und Jugendtheater (includes *THE STONES*, Henschel Verlag, Frankfurt Germany 2008)

THE STONES by Stefo Nantsou & Tom Lycos (Yale University Press, USA 2006)

ACTOR - theatre

INTERNATIONAL

THE STONES	2015	South East Asia World College, SINGAPORE	2001	Ordway Center, St.Paul USA
	2008	The Childrens Theatre, Minneapolis USA		Comedie Theatre, Zagreb CROATIA
	2007	Manitoba Theatre, Winnipeg CANADA	2000	Swene Bunte Wahne, Graz AUSTRIA
	2006	The Duke on 42 nd St, New York USA		Starke Stucke, Frankfurt GERMANY
	2005	South East tour, Oslo NORWAY		Toronto Festival, Toronto CANADA
	2004	Esplanade Theatre, SINGAPORE		Vancouver Festival, Vancouver CANADA
		International Childrens Festival, Calgary CANADA		Ringsted Festival, Ringsted DENMARK
		Theatre Kazemoko, Tokyo JAPAN		Muz Theatre Tour, Amsterdam HOLLAND
	2003	Stamsund Festival, Lofoten NORWAY		California State University, San Diego USA
	2002	Royal National Theatre, London ENGLAND		Opening Doors Fest, Aberystwyth WALES
	2001	Kravis Centre, West Palm Beach USA	1999	ASSITEJ World Festival, Tromso NORWAY
		Pittsburgh Int Festival, Pittsburgh USA		

KING-HIT	2014	Opening Doors Festival, Aberystwyth WALES
MR BALKAN	2011	National Festival tour, MACEDONIA
THE LOADED DOG	2011	AHA Festival, Bangalore INDIA
AUSTRALIA V SOUTH AFRICA	2007	Grahamstown Festival, SOUTH AFRICA
TATAU: Rites of Passage	1996	Edge Theatre, Auckland NEW ZEALAND
JOYRIDE	1996	North Island Tour, NEW ZEALAND
	1995	NZ Arts Council tour, Wellington NEW ZEALAND

ZEAL THEATRE

2020	MELTDOWN	2005	THE APOLOGY	1992	JOYRIDE
2017	ROLE MODEL	2002	SIDE EFFECTS	1991	DEBTS
2016	LUCKY COUNTRY	2000	MOUSE		LIMEBURNERS
2013	KING-HIT	1998	FIXIN BART & MAGGIE		EMPERORS NEW CLOTHES
2012	BRAT CAMP	1997	EN GARDE		HIT HARD
	THE FIRM	1996	THE STONES	1990	WILD IDEAS
2011	CAIN & TAYLA		TATAU: RITES OF PASSAGE		THE FIRST MOVE
	THE WITCH-HUNTERS		RUDE		LOST
2009	BURNT	1995	JULIUS CAESAR	1989	THE SCAM
2008	THE PAPERBAG PRINCESS		THE BUTCHER BOAT RACE		SHATTERED PAIRS
2007	AUSTRALIA V SOUTH AFRICA	1994	ENERGY		WORKFORCE
	TABOO		THE HUNCHBACK		SPLIT
2006	GRONKS		THE VICTIMS		GHOST PLANET
	THE 50-50 MEN	1993	CIRCUS OF DR. MOREAU		LUCY'S PROMISE

SYDNEY THEATRE COMPANY	2013	THE OTHER WAY	2011	DEEP SUBURBIA
	2012	LOOK THE OTHER WAY	2010	CRITICAL THINKING
	2011	LEVIATHAN	2010	THE LOADED DOG

MACEDONIAN THEATRE OF SYDNEY	2018	TRG ZA JUG	2014	THE FENCE
		THE LAST MACEDONIAN	2013	WRESTLING THE BEAR
	2017	SURPRISE PARTY	2012	KEEP THE CANDLE ALIGHT
		MY SUNSHINE	2010	OLD AND HAPPY
	2015	CHENTO	2009	MR BALKAN

GRIFFIN THEATRE	2019	SAUVAGE		
BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE	2017	TO BE HONEST	2015	THE WAY
SHOCK THERAPY ARTS	2016	THE FORWARDS		
TANTRUM THEATRE	2005	COSI		
THEATREWORKS	2004	TRIBES OF ST. KILDA	2003	LUNA CLOWN
TORCH COMPANY	2002	THE TORCH 2002	1998	MECHTRON
	2001	BROTHERHOOD SHOW	1997	THE ESSENTIALS

TORCH COMPANY	1999	<i>THE TORCH</i>	
THEATRE CAMELEON	2002	<i>BLUE ABSENCE</i>	
TRACY HARVEY PRODUCTIONS	2001	<i>WONDERFUL WARD</i>	
CHAMBER MAID OPERA	1997	<i>2 EXECUTIONERS</i>	
QLD TRADES LABOUR COUNCIL	1994	<i>GUNG HO TO PARADISE</i>	
HUNTER VALLEY THEATRE COMPANY	1991	<i>TWELFTH NIGHT</i>	1982 <i>THE VENETIAN TWINS</i>
	1983	<i>THE THREE MUSKETEERS</i>	
HUNTER WORKERS THEATRE	1991	<i>A SACK FULL OF PREZZIES & RED SANTA</i>	
SIDETRACK THEATRE	1987	<i>BOOM BABY BOOM</i>	1985 <i>JUST FOR THE BUZZ OF IT</i>
		<i>KIN</i>	<i>ADIOS CHA CHA</i>
	1986	<i>WELCOME TO THE MADHOUSE</i>	
THE HEBEPHRENICS	1986	<i>MORE ARSE THAN CLASS</i>	1984 <i>TURKBREATH</i>
	1981	<i>SOME OF 'EM CAN DARN SOCKS</i>	1980 <i>UP IN ARMS</i>
FREEWHEELS THEATRE	1984	<i>ZORICA</i>	1983 <i>8 HOUR DAY</i>
		<i>THE DISAPPEARED</i>	<i>PEACE BY PIECE</i>
		<i>YEAR 9 ARE ANIMALS</i>	<i>COOL RULES, OK?</i>
		<i>DUST HOG</i>	<i>COOK SAYS</i>
	1983	<i>THE REMOVALISTS</i>	<i>HOWZATT</i>
SHIP O FOOLS TROUPE	1982	<i>AN EVENING WITH STROTHER MARTIN</i>	1981 <i>CYRIL & ROSPO</i>
	1980-81	<i>MATTARA FESTIVAL</i>	
NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY	1982	<i>DON'S PARTY</i>	1981 <i>IN SEARCH OF JUSTICE</i>
		<i>WOYZECK</i>	1980 <i>THE CAVE OF SALAMANCA</i>
		<i>THE LOVERS OF BOLOGNA</i>	1979 <i>THE STAR SHOW</i>
			<i>CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS</i>
WAREHOUSE THEATRE	1980	<i>ALICE IN WONDERLAND</i>	
NEWCASTLE NEW THEATRE	1977	<i>THE TEMPEST</i>	

ACTOR - FILM & TELEVISION

2021	<i>MONGREL</i>	Short film – Fords Ink Films (dir. Nic Kacevski)
2020	<i>SCHOOL PLAY</i>	Short film/On-Line teaching program – Sydney Opera House (dir. Min Dransfield)
2019	<i>RISEN</i>	Short film – Opening Act Films (dir. Tony Radevski)
2018	<i>SKINFORD Chapter 2</i>	Feature film – Fords Ink Films (dir. Nic Kavevski)
2017	<i>ORGY</i>	Short film – Lucy Rennick Productions (dir. Tom Nauta)
2016	<i>PILÉ</i>	Short film - Opening Act Films (dir. Tony Radevski)
	<i>SKINFORD</i>	Feature film – Fords Ink Films (dir. Nic Kavevski)
	<i>THE LAKE</i>	Short film – Maco Films (dir. Omer Zekirovski)
2015	<i>DEDO</i>	Short film - Opening Act Films & ABC2 (dir. Tony Radevski)
2001	<i>SOMETHING IN THE AIR</i>	ABC Television, guest role <i>Anton</i> (ten episodes)

MUSIC/RECORDING

2015	<i>ZEAL MUSIC</i>	CD recording, NIDA Studio (guitar & bass)
2007-09	<i>VIRGIN THURSDAYS</i>	Live gigs around Sydney venues, EP release (guitar)
2009-10	<i>THE HUNGRY MILE</i>	Live gigs around Sydney venues (guitar)
2008	<i>THE STONES</i>	Studio recording, Minneapolis Childrens Theatre (guitar and vocals)
1995	<i>JOYRIDE</i>	CD release – NSW concert tour (guitar and vocals)

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Matilda Award - Best Independent Production: *THE FORWARDS* written & directed by Stefo Nantsou – Brisbane, 2018

Golden Sun Award: *MR BALKAN* directed by Stefo Nantsou – Sydney, 2011

Drama Victoria Award: ZEAL THEATRE – Melbourne, 2011

South African Theatre Award (nominee): ZEAL THEATRE for *AUSTRALIA V SOUTH AFRICA* – South Africa, 2008

Broadway Green Room Award (nominee): ZEAL THEATRE for *THE STONES* - New York, USA 2006

ASSITEJ International Honorary President's Award: ZEAL THEATRE – Montreal, Canada 2005

CONDA Award Best Actor for *THE APOLOGY* – Newcastle, 2005

CONDA Award Best New Play for *THE APOLOGY* – Newcastle, 2005

Hungary Critics Prize Best Production to Kolibri Theatre for *KOVEK* directed by Stefo Nantsou – Hungary, 2004

RAV Don Mackay Award to ZEAL THEATRE – Melbourne, 2000

NSW June Frater Award to ZEAL THEATRE for *THE STONES* – Sydney, 1998

CONDA Award Best Director for *GHOST PLANET* – Newcastle, 1990

CONDA Award Best Director for *WORKFORCE* – Newcastle, 1989

NSW High School Drama Award Best Student Producer for *Skooliz* – Newcastle 1978