

# GRANT OLDING



## **SELECTED CREDITS**

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM (2019)

UPSTART CROW (2018)

YOUNG MARX (2017)

JEKYLL & HYDE (2016)

I WANT MY WIFE BACK (2016)

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Tony nominated and Drama Desk Award winning composer Grant Olding has been writing music for film, television, theatre and dance for the last sixteen years. Grant has composed and orchestrated animated feature films, sitcoms, documentaries, rom-coms, Shakespearean productions, contemporary plays and commercial musical theatre. A multi-instrumentalist, now working from his studio between the Black Mountains and the Golden Valley, Grant is often brought on board projects early to help shape the narrative as well as craft the music.

Grant has a longstanding relationship with director Nicholas Hytner, dating back to productions at the National Theatre including 'One Man, Two Guvnors', 'Great Britain', and 'Timon of Athens'. This relationship has continued with Nicholas's move to the Bridge Theatre, where they collaborated on debut production 'Young Marx' by Richard Bean and Clive Coleman, 'Alys Always' starring Joanne Froggatt and 'Two Ladies' starring Zoe Wanamaker, and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', starring Gwendoline Christie. Grant also wrote the original score and songs for the RSC production of 'The Fantastic Follies of Mrs Rich' in 2018, and their 2016 production Cervantes' 'Don Quixote', which transferred to the Garrick Theatre, London, in December 2018.

Film highlights include composing the score and songs for the animated film 'Saving Santa' starring Martin Freeman, Tim Curry, Joan Collins and Ashley Tisdale. Directed by Leon Joosen, 'Saving Santa' was produced by the studio behind Disney's Planes and was Grant's first feature film score. Grant has also had the pleasure of scoring television comedies 'I Want My Wife Back' and two series of 'Marley's Ghosts' for UKTV Gold and three series of 'Upstart Crow' starring David Mitchell.

Other recent play scores include 'Oppenheimer' (RSC and West End), 'The Hypocrite' (Hull Truck Theatre and RSC), 'Travelling Light', 'The Alchemist', and 'The Man of Mode' (NT).

In 2016, Grant's full-length dance piece 'Jekyll & Hyde' was produced by The McOnie Company at The Old Vic Theatre. Olivier award-winning choreographer Drew McOnie created a thrilling, sexy and terrifying night at the theatre, taking narrative dance to new places with Grant's 'split personality' score. The soundtrack, entirely composed by Grant, was released on Air Edel Records and is now available on iTunes, Amazon and Spotify featuring over an hour's worth of music from the score. They collaborated again for the Northern Ballet production of 'Merlin'.

Recent musical theatre scores include 'The Rover' (RSC), 'Drunk' (Curve), 'Simply Cinderella' (Curve), 'Tracy Beaker Gets Real' (UK tour), and the contemporary chamber musical 'Three Sides' (Finborough and 45th Street Theatre NYC) for which Grant won the NYMF award for best score in 2006 and is published by Josef Weinberger.

Grant was resident composer 2003-04 at the Bridewell Theatre and is an Associate Artist at Curve Theatre.

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## FILM & TELEVISION CREDITS

### **The North Water (2021)**

Shanty And Traditional Music Arrangement  
Directed by Andrew Haigh  
See-Saw Films

### **Digging for Britain (2019)**

360 Production

### **A Midsummer Night's Dream (2019)**

Directed by Nicholas Hytner & Ross MacGibbon  
London Theatre Company

### **Upstart Crow (2016-2018)**

Created by Ben Elton  
BBC Comedy

### **National Theatre Live: Young Marx (2017)**

Directed by Nicholas Hytner & Robin Lough

### **Reds and Grays (2017)**

Entertainment Ventures

### **Marley's Ghosts (2015)**

Directed by Jonathan Gershfield & Ben Gosling  
Fuller  
John Stanley Productions

### **Saving Santa (2013)**

Directed by Leon Joosen & Aaron Seelman  
Gateway Films/The Weinstein Company

### **Monsters Behind the Iron Curtain (2014)**

Directed by Paul Olding & Gareth Sacala  
Drama/Documentary  
National Geographic/Animal Planet

### **A Day, A Life (2014)**

Directed by Paul Olding  
Short Film  
Bongo Reef Pictures

### **The Bleak Old Shop Of Stuff (2012)**

Directed by Ben Gosling Fuller  
BBC Two

### **Theatreland**

Documentary  
Sky Arts

### **Last Minute Musical**

Viral Video  
lastminute.com

### **A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong (2017)**

Directed by Richard Boden  
BBC TV Movie Comedy

### **The Pact (2017)**

Directed by Tony Dow  
BBC Comedy

### **Purple Heather (2016)**

Directed by alfie Dale  
Short Film  
Constellations Entertainment

### **I Want My Wife Back (2016)**

Created by Mark Bussell & Justin Sbresni  
Mainstreet Pictures

### **The Dark Room (2015)**

Directed by Thomas Hescott  
Short Film  
Cinema Hades

### **Arena "The National Theatre" (2014)**

BBC

### **Induction (2014)**

Directed by Stuart Black | James Campbell | Nick  
Mather  
Short Film  
Chiselled Pictures

### **Junkie Love (2013)**

Directed by Paul Olding  
Short Film  
Bongo Reef Pictures

### **Losing The Plot (2010)**

Directed by Paul Olding  
Short Film  
Bongo Reef Pictures



## THEATRE CREDITS

### **Two Ladies**

Bridge Theatre

### **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

Bridge Theatre

### **Alys, Always**

Bridge Theatre

### **The Country Wife**

Minerva Theatre

### **The Fantastic Follies of Mrs Rich**

Royal Shakespeare Company, Swan Theatre

### **Young Marx**

Bridge Theatre

### **Saint George and the Dragon**

National Theatre

### **The Hypocrite**

Royal Shakespeare Company, Hull Truck Theatre

### **The Rover**

Royal Shakespeare Company, Swan Theatre

### **Breakfast at Tiffany's**

Theatre Royal Haymarket

### **Jekyll & Hyde**

The Old Vic

### **Don Quixote**

Royal Shakespeare Company, Swan Theatre,  
Garrick Theatre

### **Our Country's Good**

Curve Theatre

### **Oppenheimer**

Royal Shakespeare Company, Swan Theatre

### **Twelfth Night**

Sheffield Crucible/ETT Tour

### **Great Britain**

National Theatre/Haymarket

### **A Small Family Business**

National Theatre

### **The Memory of Water**

New Vic/Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough

### **The Dishwashers**

Birmingham Rep/UK Tour

### **The Good Person of Sichuan**

Mercury Theatre, Colchester

### **Timon of Athens**

National Theatre

### **Travelling Light**

National Theatre

### **One Man Two Guvnors**

National Theatre/Adelphi/ Haymarket/Music Box  
on Broadway, UK and World Tours

### **England People Very Nice**

National Theatre

### **The Alchemist**

National Theatre

### **Broken Glass**

Tricycle/Vaudeville

### **Breakfast At Tiffany's**

Haymarket

### **Wallenstein**

Minerva Theatre, Chichester

### **The Taming of the Shrew**

Changeling Theatre Tour

### **The Man of Mode**

National Theatre

### **Macbeth**

Changeling Theatre Tour

### **The Importance of Being Earnest**

Changeling Theatre Tour

### **London Assurance**

Watermill, Newbury

### **The 101 Dalmatians**

Royal and Derngate

### **Much Ado About Nothing**

Changeling Theatre Tour

### **Salonika**

West Yorkshire Playhouse



**Bollywood Jane**  
West Yorkshire Playhouse

**Twelfth Night**  
Changeling Theatre Tour

**Southwark Fair**  
National Theatre (Cottesloe)

**Romeo and Juliet**  
Southwark Playhouse

**The Blue Diamond of Azkabar**  
Changeling Theatre Tour

**Reunion**  
Bridewell Theatre

**All in the Timing**  
Bridewell Theatre

**Sherlock Holmes - The Best Kept Secret**  
West Yorkshire Playhouse/UK Tour

**James and the Giant Peach**  
Birmingham Stage Company/UK Tour

**Canvas**  
Chichester

**Three Sides**  
Finborough, 45<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre, NYC

## MUSICAL THEATRE CREDITS

**Jekyll & Hyde**  
The Old Vic Theatre/The McOnie Company

**Drunk**  
Curve Theatre/Bridewell

**The 24 Hour Musicals**  
The Old Vic

**Robin Hood**  
Castle Theatre, Wellingborough

**Simply Cinderella**  
Curve Theatre, Leicester

**Tracy Beaker Gets Real**  
Nottingham Playhouse/ UK Tour

**The Beggars Musical**  
Changeling Theatre Tour

**Yeti; An Abominamusical**  
Edinburgh Fringe

**Spittin' Distance**  
Stephen Joseph Theatre/National Theatre Studio

**Three Sides**  
Bridewell Theatre/Finborough, 45th Street Theatre, NYC

**A Celebrity Chef Ate My Hamster!**  
Bridewell

**Beyond the Sea**  
Bridewell

**Born of Glass**  
NYMT Lyric Theatre, Belfast

## COMMERCIAL CREDITS

**Young's "What Smells So Good"**

**Lastminute.com "Last Minute Musical"**

## AWARDS

**Tony Award**, Best Score for One Man Two Guvnors on Broadway (nominated)

**Drama Desk Award**, Best Score for One Man Two Guvnors on Broadway (won)

**The New York Musical Theatre Festival Award**, Best Score for Three Sides Off-Broadway (won)

