BEN HOLDER





SELECTED CREDITS

Wicked Parts 1&2 (2024/25)

Music Associate

Snow White (2023) Music Associate

The Entertainer (2016)

Musical Director

Romeo & Juliet at the Garrick (2016)

Music Associate

BIOGRAPHY

Ben hails from Warrington in Northwest England. He studied music at St Catherine's College, Oxford, where he was a repetiteur scholar with New Chamber Opera. Thereafter, he studied piano accompaniment at the Royal Academy of Music under Michael Dussek. He is currently on-set Music Associate for 'Wicked' Part 1 (2024) and Part 2 (2025), directed by Jon M. Chu; and Disney's 'Snow White (2024)', directed by Marc Webb.

Upon graduating, he spent 2013 as the first Associate Musical Director at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, supported by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation. In 2014 he was associate MD for Channel 4's acclaimed Our 'Gay Wedding: The Musical', conducting the pre-recording sessions and playing live piano for the ceremony. In 2015 he arranged and musically directed Patrick Doyle's music for 'The Entertainer' (2016) at the Garrick Theatre with Kenneth Branagh, which was live-streamed to cinemas worldwide.

He has been musical director for UK tours of 'Crazy For You' (2017) and 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' (2020/21), and was assistant MD on 'Bat Out Of He'll (2018), where he conducted with Meat Loaf in attendance. He is currently a cover musical director for London stage productions of 'Moulin Rouge' (2021) and 'Back to the Future' (2021). He has also played keyboards on '& Juliet' (2023), 'The Book of Mormon' (2019), 'Jersey Boys' (2016), 'Les Misérables' (2019), 'Funny Girl' (2019), and 'The Bodyguard' (2015/16), among others.

Also known in London for his brilliant sight-reading in a multitude of styles, Ben has acted as accompanist for a range of audition processes for films, West End shows, operas, singing competitions, examinations, and college admissions.

As a coach he works with actors hugely diverse in musical background and experience, and has a proven track record in instilling confidence at every stage, from auditioning through to singing/playing on-camera. For film he is a nimble and sympathetic on-set pianist, and an inspiring and engaging animateur of songs for huge ensembles of dancers and supporting artists - many of whom "enjoyed singing for the first time!" after their days on set with him.

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FILM & TELEVISION CREDITS

Wicked: Part One & Two (2024)

Music Associate Universal Pictures

The Entertainer (2016)

Musical Director Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company

Our Gay Wedding: The Musical

(2014)

Associate MD & live pianist Channel 4

Theatre: West End

& Juliet (2023)

Keyboard 2 sub Shaftesbury Theatre

Moulin Rouge (2021)

Cover MD Piccadilly Theatre

Matilda (2019)

Rehearsal Pianist Cambridge Theatre

The Book of Mormon (2019)

Keyboard 2 Sub Prince of Wales Theatre

Bat Out of Hell (2018)

Assistant MD/Keyboard 2 Dominion Theatre Snow White (2023)

Music Associate Walt Disney Studios

You've Been a Lovely Audience (2015)

Pianist & Arranger BBC

Everybody's Talking About Jamie (2021)

Associate Conductor Apollo Theatre

Back to the Future (2021)

Cover MD Adelphi Theatre

Romeo & Juliet (2016)

Music Associate Garrick Theatre (KBTC)

Jersey Boys (2016)

Keyboard 2 Sub Piccadilly / Trafalgar Theatre

The Entertainer (2016)

Musical Director Garrick Theatre (KBTC)

Theatre: Regional

The Famous Five (2022)

Associate Music Supervisor Theatr Clywd & Chichester Festival Theatre Everybody's Talking About Jamie (2020/21)

Musical Director /Associate Music Supervisor UK Tour

The Book of Mormon (2019)

Keys 2 sub/Emergency Conductor UK & European Tour

Local Hero (2019)

Assistant MD/Music Preparation UK Tour

Les Misérables (2019)

Keyboard 2 sub UK Tour

Aladdin (pantomime) (2016)

Musical Director Lyric Hammersmith, London

Cinderella (2015)

Musical Director Lyric Hammersmith, London

Funny Girl (2019)

Rehearsal Pianist Théâtre Marigny, Paris

Billionaire Boy: The Musical (2018)

Music Supervisor/Orchestrator UK Tour

Crazy For You (2017)

Musical Director UK Tour

Bugsy Malone (2016)

Associate MD Lyric Hammersmith, London

Theatre: R&D

In Dreams (2021)

David West Read / Roy Orbison MD/Arranger

Hugo (2019)

Ryan Scott Oliver / Brian Selznick Associate MD

Nanny McPhee (2018)

Emma Thompson / Gary Clark
Music Assistant

21st Century Girl (2021)

*Miranda Cooper / The Invisible Men*MD/Arranger

Son of Rambow (2019)

Miranda Cooper / Nick Coler
Musical Director

Music Assistant (2014)

Roger Waters / Lee Hall / Simon McBurney
Assistant MD

Theatre: School

Freaky Friday (2020)

Musical Director Arts Educational Schools

Merrily We Roll Along (2017)

Musical Director Royal Central School of Speech & Drama

Brass (2014)

Musical Director
National Youth Music Theatre

