

# CONNOR ALLEN

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## **Personal Profile**

Born and bred in Newport I now balance my time between Newport, Cardiff and London. I trained as an actor in Carmarthen and still work as an actor. After being introduced to National Theatre Wales after a monologue competition I won, I found a real flare and passion for writing.

My plays are often rooted around themes that I feel and relate to, like grief, love and identity for example. They often, if not always take inspiration from my personal experiences and my upbringing and music plays a huge factor in my writing and creation of work.

Having worked with companies like Mess Up The Mess and Taking Flight I am facilitator trained. I'm also The former Children's Laureate of Wales (2021 - 2023)

## **Relevant Training**

- Gary Owen and The Royal Court Welsh Writers Programme
- BBC Wales WritersRoom - Welsh Voices 19/20

## **Writing Credits**

- Drunk For National Theatre Wales' Stories of the Streets
- What are we fighting for? For Avant Theatre
- Don't shoot me Santa For No Boundaries
- What now? For Dirty Protest
- Three Lost Souls For Fio (Declaration)
- Working Not Begging Arts Council Funded R&D at The Riverfront
- Prison Heads, Literature Wales Commission with Parc Prison
- Working Not Begging, The Riverfront
- Doms Drug Prayer, Sherman TEN
- Jake Had Love, BBC WritersRoom & BBC Radio Wales
- 27, Literature Wales Commission
- My Incredible Life Stories, Canoe Theatre & People Speak Up
- The Stars in the Dark Room, ChippyLane Productions
- Full Duck or No Dinner (Co-written with Ciara Elizabeth Smyth), Dirty Protest & Fishamble
- Stow Hill, BBC Radio 4 (Short radio commission as part of United Kingdom Anthology)
- The Making of a Monster , BBC Radio 4 (Full Radio commission)
- RAH, RWCMD Young Actors Studio Showcase
- The Pact Season 2, BBC 1 (Story Consultant)
- The Making of a Monster, Wales Millennium Centre (Full theatre commission)
- Dominoes, Lucent Dreaming (Poetry Collection)
- Miracles, Lucent Dreaming (Poetry Collection)
- This is what we mean, RWCMD Young Actors Studio Showcase
- These are our voices,(Co-written with the young people of Foster Wales) Cowshed & Foster Wales

## **In Development**

- Brewsters Billions, National Theatre Wales (Full theatre commission)
- The Making of a Monster, Five Acts (TV Pilot)

## **Awards and Affiliations**

- Top 13% of BBC Script Room Comedy
- Longlisted for Wales Writer in Residence 2020
- Recipient of a Jerwood Arts' Live Work Fund award in 2021
- Literature Wales & Firefly Press Rising Star of Wales 2021
- Shortlisted for Triforce's Dave & UKTV Writerslam
- Childrens Laureate of Wales 2021 - 2023
- Winner of the Imison Audio Award 2023
- Honorary Doctorate of Literature from University of South Wales

## **Referees**

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