



Steve Kirkham

PERFORMER · CHOREOGRAPHER · MOVEMENT DIRECTOR

Thirty years of falling over professionally.

Playing age 50–65 · 5'8" · Bald · Blue eyes

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Three decades at the heart of British physical theatre and dance — creating original roles in iconic productions, a key player in the explosion of the late 80s and 90s. Founder member of **The Featherstonehaughs** and performer with **The Cholmondeleys** — Lea Anderson's all-male and all-female companies. Also performed with **Lloyd Newson's DV8 Physical Theatre**. Original cast in three **Matthew Bourne** productions including the groundbreaking **Swan Lake**. Lead actor in the world premiere of Rufus Wainwright's debut opera **Prima Donna** at the Manchester International Festival. Has also appeared as an actor and dancer in major studio and independent films.

Now back on the floor — drawn to character work, physical theatre, comedy and drama. The kind of role that needs someone who knows how to fall over, get up, and make it look like the plan.

THEATRE & OPERA — PERFORMER

Original Cast Cygnet · Private Secretary · Resident Tour Director

Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake

1995–2012

- World premiere Sadler's Wells, 9 November 1995 · Olivier Award (1996) · 3 Tony Awards (1999)
- Returned as **The Private Secretary** for 2003 international tour
- Returned as **Resident Tour Director** & Private Secretary 2010/11 · NY City Center · 2011 film

Original Cast — Prentice

Matthew Bourne's Play Without Words

2002–2006

- National Theatre · Tokyo · Brooklyn (BAM) · Los Angeles · Moscow
- Two Olivier Awards (2003): Best Entertainment, Best Theatre Choreographer

Original Cast — George Monroe · Resident Director

Matthew Bourne's Edward Scissorhands

2005–2009

- Theatre Royal Plymouth premiere · Drama Desk Award (2007)
- World tour: Sydney Opera House · Théâtre du Châtelet Paris · Sadler's Wells

Dancer

Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker!

1993 & 1994

- Sadler's Wells · Designs Anthony Ward

*Founder Member · Performer***The Featherstonehaughs & The Cholmondeleys — Lea Anderson**

1988–2000

- Original cast: Flag · La Marsaille Parade · The Show · Sardinas · Big Feature · Birthday · Immaculate Conception · Jesus Baby Heater · Precious · The Bends · Egon Schiele · Out On A Windy Beach · Smithereens · Go Las Vegas
- Costumes by three-time Oscar winner Sandy Powell
- Extensive UK, European and international touring

*Performer***DV8 Physical Theatre — If Only**

1990–1991

- Dir. Lloyd Newson · World premiere Festival d'Été de Seine Maritime · Golden Pegasus Award

*Lead Actor — François***Prima Donna — Rufus Wainwright**

2009

- World premiere · Manchester International Festival · Dir. Daniel Kramer

*Strephon — Actor / Dancer***A Midsummer Marriage — Royal Opera House**

1996

- Dir. Graham Vick · Choreographer Ron Howell

FILM, TV & COMMERCIAL — PERFORMER*Actor***World War Z — Dir. Marc Forster**

2013

- First-wave zombie · Philadelphia opening attack · Movement Coach Alex Reynolds

*Actor***Edward II — Dir. Derek Jarman**

1991

- Costumes Sandy Powell · with Steven Waddington and Tilda Swinton

*Actor***Orlando — Dir. Sally Potter**

1992

- Costumes Sandy Powell · starring Tilda Swinton

*Featured Performer***Great Expectations — Dir. Mike Newell**

2012

- Starring Jeremy Irvine, Helena Bonham Carter, Ralph Fiennes

*Dancer***Asda Christmas — A Very Merry Grinchmas**

2025

- Dir. Dexter Fletcher · Choreographer Arthur Pita

*Dancer***Les Misérables — Dir. Tom Hooper**

2012

- Choreographer Liam Steele

*Dancer***Vanity Fair — Dir. Mira Nair**

2004

- Choreographer Jack Murphy

*Actor — Short Film***Rooftop — Dir. Stuart Rideout**

- Choreographer Alex Reynolds · with Steve Hughes

CHOREOGRAPHY & MOVEMENT DIRECTION*Associate Choreographer to David Neumann***Hadestown — National Theatre / West End**

2018–2024

- Dir. Rachel Chavkin
- NT 2018–19 · West End 2023–24

*Associate Choreographer***Here Lies Love — Public Theater (NY) / National Theatre London**

2014

- Dir. Alex Timbers · Choreographer Annie-B Parson
- Music & Concept David Byrne & Fatboy Slim

*Movement Associate***Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**

2013–2019

- West End run · National Theatre Schools Tour · Frantic Assembly
- Dir. Marianne Elliott · Movement Scott Graham & Steven Hoggett

*Choreographer***Klub & Zero — Frantic Assembly**

1996–1998

- Generation X Trilogy
- Early work with Scott Graham & Steven Hoggett during the company's formative years

*Assistant Choreographer to Alex Reynolds***Goldfrapp Supernature Tour**

2006

- UK · Europe · USA

FILM & TV CHOREOGRAPHY*Assistant Choreographer to David Neumann***Jay Kelly — Dir. Noah Baumbach · Netflix**

2025

- Starring George Clooney, Adam Sandler, Laura Dern, Billy Crudup, Riley Keough, Greta Gerwig

*Assistant Choreographer to Alex Reynolds***Star Wars: Andor — Disney+**

2022–2024

- Two seasons · Created by Tony Gilroy

*Assistant Movement Coach to Alex Reynolds***World War Z — Dir. Marc Forster**

2013

- Co-creating the Z movement language · training the performers · nationwide casting of Zs

*Assistant Choreographer to Alex Reynolds***Heart of Stone — Dir. Tom Harper · Netflix**

2023

- Starring Gal Gadot, Jamie Dornan, Alia Bhatt

Assistant Choreographer to Alex Reynolds

Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom — Dir. James Wan

2023

· Warner Bros. · Starring Jason Momoa

Assistant Choreographer to Alex Reynolds

His Dark Materials Series 2 — BBC / HBO

2020

Assistant Choreographer to Alex Reynolds

The Alienist — Dirs. Paco Cabezas & Jamie Payne · TNT

2017

Assistant Choreographer to Alex Reynolds

Mika — Music Videos

2009

· Blame It On The Girls · Rain — Dir. Nez Khammal

CHOREOGRAPHY — COMMERCIAL

Choreographer

Burberry Campaign

· With Naomi Campbell, Romeo Beckham, Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, James Bay

Choreographer

KitKat: The Break Off

· Dir. Jack Whiteley

Choreographer

Barnardo's: Believe In Me

· Dir. Sara Dunlop · Rattling Stick

Choreographer

TFL: The Hare and the Tortoise

2015

· Dir. Sara Dunlop · M&C Saatchi / Rattling Stick

EDUCATION — CHOREOGRAPHER & WORKSHOP LEADER

Choreographer

Mountview Theatre Academy

2015–Present

· Seven Musicals with MT Students, Actors and Actor Musicians:

· Made in Dagenham — Dir. Ellie Jones

· Betty Blue Eyes — Dir. Bruce Guthrie

· Spelling Bee — Dir. Darren Lawrence

· Dogfight — Dir. Adam Welsh

· Into the Woods — Dir. Adam Welsh

· Sweeney Todd — Dir. Sally Ann Gritton

· Emma, No One But Herself — Dir. Jenny Sawyer

*Choreographer***Royal Academy of Music**

2018–2021

- MA Musical Theatre — Two Productions with Dir. Bruce Guthrie:
- Love's Labour's Lost
- The Wedding Singer

*Workshop Leader***The Place — MA Movement for Camera**

2025–2026

- First year (2025) — series of solos that began in the studio and moved onto the streets · Dir. Grace Nicol
- Second year (2026) — series of intimate, character-driven duets

*Choreographer***ArtsEd School**

2025

- A few days in the room with the first years — short piece based around the relationships between them

FACILITATION & TEACHING*Lead Facilitator · Teacher Trainer***Frantic Assembly**

2003–Present

- Two decades as one of Frantic's core facilitators and teacher trainers
- Workshops in Berlin, Bermuda, Australia, Singapore, Norway and across the UK
- Co-led residencies in Los Angeles · Co-led two international Summer Schools
- Co-led two of Frantic's Advanced Training courses

SKILLS

Physical Theatre · Physical Comedy · Contact Improvisation · Devising · Character Performance · Ensemble Work · Movement Direction · Choreography · Facilitation · Acting