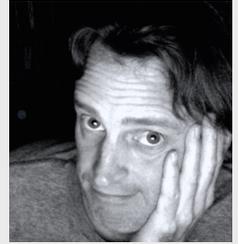


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WHAT I CAN OFFER / HOW I CAN HELP

AS A DIRECTOR / COLLABORATOR

I've worked with a huge variety of artists - large ensembles as well as solo players, performers just starting out, and established companies. I've collaborated with dramatic actors, stand up comedians, circus artists, opera singers, pop singers, clowns, cabaret artists, musical theatre actors, mimes, magicians, Renaissance festival players, puppeteers, musicians, jugglers, acrobats, mask performers, children's theatre companies, Shakespearean actors, slapstick comedians and YouTubers.

I've helped artists in various ways: developing ideas into performance material, working through problems that come up when devising new material, creating strong characters, finding a structure for a show, developing the story and creating a strong through-line that draws the audience in and keeps them intrigued and connected to the characters. I've helped with integrating various elements of a show - costume, props, and comic business. How to work silently, physically and visually, and also, how to develop a text-based show and a voice for a character, as well as developing status play and physical comedy scenes in larger, scripted plays.

AS A TEACHER

Using online tools such as Skype, Zoom and YouTube, I can show you how to make movement choices for creating strong, physical characters. I can demonstrate slapstick techniques and help you develop comic business, including working with props and bringing them to life as a partner in your play, animating a prop like a puppet, transforming it into a mask, and turning a prop into an adversary for creating slapstick comedy.

AS A DESIGNER

I've designed all manner of props, from breaking stunt tables to show trunks that turn into small stages, flying feather dusters to wine bottles for one-arm handstands, puppet theatres as well as life-sized theatre sets. I've created bunraku-style puppets, parade style three-person puppets, shadow puppets, and animals - including dogs, horses, monkeys and ostriches. I've also designed and built [masks](#) including commedia, character and creature masks.

As a touring performer, I've developed ways to build shows that can break down easily and compactly for traveling. I've designed and built sets for various touring companies, so I can help you with the props and scenic elements of your show and give you suggestions on creating strong visual play through the use of props and set design.

HELP WITH PR

I can offer tips on creating strong PR photos, techniques for video editing (I designed many of the videos on my [YouTube Channel](#)), and developing the written text to help sell your show.

All of this can be done online throughout the course of your project no matter how long it takes - days, weeks, months. I've successfully collaborated with many artists online, creating working partnerships that inspire and invigorate the creation of new plays and performance ready material.

You can contact me at: joedieff@gmail.com. I look forward to working with you!

For more information on my work go to: www.joedieffenbacher.com
