**STEVE HOWELL – Scenic Designer (Biog)**

Steve is a freelance scenic designer based in the UK. He studied at the University College of Wales and the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

He began his professional career at the Theatre Royal, York before moving to Salisbury Playhouse, where he was Head of Design for a number of years. During this time he designed sets and costumes for over 80 productions including classic dramas, contemporary works, musicals and world premieres. Favourite productions included *Amadeus, Passion Play,  A Tale of  Two Cities, Cyrano de Bergerac, The* *Duchess of Malfi, Wild  Honey, Pravda, She Stoops To Conquer, Mary Stuart, Wuthering Heights, The Forsyte Saga, Man and Superman, Cabaret, Sweeney Todd* and *West Side Story*.

Freelance work included productions for various regional theatres in the UK as well as national and international tours for commercial producers. He also designed productions for the Chester and Salisbury International Music Festivals, the English Theatre of Vienna and the Olivier stage at the Royal National Theatre.

Opera work includes a number of productions for the Dorset Opera Festival including  *Il Trovatore, Suor Angelica, The Flying Dutchman* and *La Traviata* (directed  by Sir Jonathan Miller), *Un Ballo in Maschera, L’Elisir d’Amore, Aida, Fidelio, Eugene Onegin* , *Macbeth, Faust* , *Le Comte d’Ory, La Boheme and Le Cid.*

In recent years he has worked extensively for a number of prestigious cruise line companies in the UK, Europe and America including Cunard, Celebrity, Silversea, Viking Cruises, P&O Cruises and Marella Cruises.

For commercial theatre he designed the UK tours of *Remembering Fred*, starring Aljaz & Janette from Strictly Come Dancing , *Rip It Up – The 60s*, starring Aston Merrygold, HarryJudd and Louis Smith, which also played in the West End, *Here* *Come The Boys, Summer Holiday – The Musical* and *Rip it Up – The 70s*.He also designed a major production of *The Wizard of Oz* for Selladoor Worldwide at Blackpool Opera House.

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