



Rūta Bunikytė

Stage & Artistic Director

Accomplished and passionate professional with substantial experience managing stage and artistic operations.

Skilled in managing and directing working through the production process. An established curiosity and enthusiasm for pursuing a career in theater, opera, and music. Expert in oversee many aspects of staging a play, from casting to costumes to performances. Adept at implementing rigorous forward planning across all visual arts programs to ensure appropriate resourcing, realistic lead-times and high quality outcomes. Instrumental in coordination of the exhibition set up, catalogue, communication materials, digital tools, special animation, and opening events/activities. Outstanding leadership, organizational, problem-solving, and communication skills.

Areas of Expertise

- Strategic Planning & Analysis
- Project & Program Management
- Process Improvement
- Stage & Artistic Direction
- Issue & Conflict Resolution
- Business Development
- Operational Excellence
- Event Management
- Staff Training & Leadership

Career Experience

Assistant Director, Klaipeda State Music Theatre, **2012 – Present**

Assistant Director, Klaipeda Puppet Theatre, **2007 – 2012**

Read and study the play; discuss the interpretation and production concept with the Director. Attend all pre-productions meetings, production meetings, rehearsals, technical rehearsals, previews and press nights per production. Assist in developing and implementing plans and goals for the music theatre. Work with the director to coordinate and supervise daily operations. Collaborate closely with the director and creative teams to realize their vision/designs and compositions maximizing the use of the theatre's available resources. Develop and manage budgetary operations. Train, guide, and lead a diverse range of staff members.

- Cooperated with creative and production teams, performers and the producer to create a performance to connect with the audience.
- Oversaw and orchestrated the mounting of a theatre production, such as a play, opera, dance, drama, and musical theatre performance.
- Played an integral role in breaking down a script, analysing and exploring the content and conducting relevant research.
- Communicated and liaised with all parties involved, including actors, the creative team, the production team and producers.
- Helped to publicize the production by giving interviews and leading discussions.

Key Projects:

2020 J.Offenbach operetta **"Orphée aux enfers"**. *Klaipeda state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2019 I. Kalman operetta **"Silva"** ("Die Csardasfurstin"). *Kaunas state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2017 John Kander musical **"Chicago"**. *Siemens arena, Zalgirio arena, Svyturio arena, Lithuania. Director.*

2016 Frank Wildhorn musical **"Bonnie & Clyde"**. *Klaipeda state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2015 **"Broadway.LT"** musical revue. *Klaipeda state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2014 **"The Beatles Show"**, music show by "The Beatles" songs. *Klaipeda state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2014 I. Kalman operetta **"Mister X"**. *Klaipeda state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2014 V.V.Landsbergis **"Lazy village"**, musical fairy-tale for children in 1 part based on the book for children "Tinginių pasakos". *Klaipeda state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

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2013- 2014 W. Shakespeare **"Romeo & Juliet"**, tragedy in 3 languages. Project "Multicultural dialog – Multicultural theatres – strengthening social and cultural integration of border areas", No ILPR.02.02.00-28-098/10 co-financed by the 2007 2013 Lithuania, Poland and Russia ENPI cross-border cooperation. Klaipeda state music theatre (LT) - Kaliningrad drama theatre (RU) - Aleksander Sewruk Theatre (PL). *Director*

2013 E. A. Poe **"The Raven"**, drama performance. BAIT (South Baltic academy of independent theatre). *Klaipeda state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2012 **"Dreams of Broadway"** musical revue. *Klaipeda state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2012 **"Yarn Tales"**, Musical fairy-tale for children in 1 act, based on the classical lullabies. *Klaipeda state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2012 Dance and fashion performance **"Good and other side"**, by Roisin Murphy songs. *Production of independent theatre "Memel Theatre", Klaipeda, Lithuania.*

2012 Vaudeville and dance performance in 2 acts **"Hello Charlie"**, by Charlie Chaplin songs. *Klaipeda state music theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2010 Musical **„(not) Happy people"**, by Kate Bush songs. *Production of independent theatre "Memel Theatre", Klaipeda, Lithuania. Director.*

2010 Musical fairy-tale for children **„Chocolate legend"**. *Production of "Event Center", Klaipeda, Lithuania.*

2008-2009 **„ Visiting Klaipedikiai house"**, dramatized series of events. Puppets and masks show for children. *Puppet theatre, Klaipeda, Lithuania. Director.*

2008 **„The strangest dream"**, music performance. R.I.P.P. 2008 (Risor International performance project) *Risor, Norway. Director.*

2007 Mystery **„Square"**. *International theatre festival "Šermukšnis", Klaipeda castle, Lithuania. Director.*

2006 S.Beckett **„Not I"**, drama. *Klaipeda castle theatre, Lithuania. Director.*

2005 I.M.Fornes **"Mud"**, drama. *"Arts printing house", Vilnius, Lithuania. Director.*

Notable Projects

2020, International, vertical dance and video projections performance **"Creator Code"** (Lithuania/ Netherlands). "Coda project" and Bencha Theater. *Vilnius, Lithuania. Director.*

2018, Music group "MANGO", 20 years anniversary show in arena. *Klaipeda Svyturio arena. Director.*

2018, International, vertical dance and video projections performance **"Singing river of Vyduņas"** (Lithuania-Netherlands). "Codalt" and Bencha Theater. *Klaipeda, Lithuania. Director.*

2017, "Šiauliai arena 10 years anniversary event". *Šiauliai arena. Director.*

2017, Lithuanian Sea Museum opening. *Director.*

2017, International vertical dance performance **"Talking tower"** (Lithuania/ Netherlands). Klaipeda state Music Theater and Bencha Theater. *Klaipeda, Lithuania. Director.*

2016, Fashion shows "IKRA 2016" in *Klaipeda, Lithuania. Director.*

2016, LRT television project "Dolphin and star". *TV Show performance director, Lithuania.*

2015, LRT television project "Dolphin and star 2". *TV Show performance director, Lithuania.*

2011, International theatre festival „Šermukšnis".Klaipeda, Lithuania. *Theatrical street performances director.*

2009, The Tall Ships Races Baltic 2009" (Klaipeda), Memel city, Theatre zone"director. *Klaipeda, Lithuania.*

2009 Music and dance performance **„Dancing roof"**. „The Tall Ships Races Baltic 2009" *Klaipeda, Lithuania.*

2008, Klaipeda sea festival. Music project **„Singing fountain"**. *Klaipeda, Lithuania. Director.*

2007, Allegorical performance "Sun Bridge". *Jonas hill, Klaipeda, Lithuania. Director.*

Additional Experience

International summer school and workshop "Development and promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries in medium-sized cities", Cottbus, Germany, 2011

"Creative Partnerships 2012" project in Klaipeda, Lithuania, 2012

Education

Master of Theatre, Drama-Directing Program

Klaipeda University, Faculty of Art, Lithuania

Theatre Bachelor. Director

Klaipeda University, Faculty of Art, Lithuania

Languages

English: Good / **French:** Read / **Russian:** Very Good / **Polish:** Good