



Em Sparkes

Director | Choreographer

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Em Sparkes is a non-binary theatre practitioner based in London. With a strong textual background, the approach the rehearsal room as a space for empathy, visibility, challenge and change. Em is particularly interested in how music, movement, and text intersect to create politically resonant work. They are also Sitz Manager for the London Musical Theatre Orchestra

Directing

Bubbly, A New Musical (& Choreo)	Camden People's Theatre	October, 2026
Ladder to Heaven	St Martin in the Fields	October, 2026
Waterperry Young Artists Gala (& Choreo)	Waterperry Opera Festival	August, 2026
Lady (Macbeth): Blood Will Have Blood	Backstage Theatre, Mountview	June, 2026
How to Hold Your Breath	Studio 2, Mountview	March, 2026
Lord of the Flies	Corpus Playroom, Cambridge	May, 2025
The Chaplain	Lion & Unicorn Theatre, Camden	August, 2024
Othello	Corpus Playroom, Cambridge	May, 2024
Sweeney Todd	ADC Theatre, Cambridge	March, 2024
Metamorphosis	Corpus Playroom, Cambridge	October, 2023

Assistant / Resident Directing

The Elixir of Love (Resident Director)	Dir. John Wilkie	September, 2026
Sea Change (for BYMT)	Dir. William Jackson	August, 2026
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Amelié	Dir. Steve Grihault	May, 2026
The Wolves	Dir. Laura Checkley	March, 2026
Gypsy	Dir. Steve Grihault	November, 2025
No Flirting in the bunker please	Dir. Jennifer Lane Baker	October, 2025
Pride and Prejudice	Dir. Abi Beton	June, 2025
Electra: Haimara	By Irisa Kwok	August, 2024

Choreographing

Pride and Prejudice	ADC Theatre, Cambridge	Aug, 2025
The Pirates of Penzance	Minack Theatre, Cornwall	Sep, 2024
Thunderstorm	ADC Theatre, Cambridge	May 2024
The Drowsy Chaperone	ADC Theatre, Cambridge	April, 2024

Shadowing

Love Never Dies (In Concert)	London Palladium	October, 2026
The Hunger Games On Stage	Trubador Theatre	October, 2026
To Maury With Love	Theatre Royal, Drury Lane	March, 2026

Education

Masters Degree, Directing	Mountview Academy	2025-2026
Undergraduate Degree, English	Christs College, University of Cambridge	2022-2025
Training Lab, Artistic Direction	Young Vic Theatre	2025-2026