

Fischer Hall Open House and Game Watch

Meet the Speakers



PhD Drama candidate (Kingston University),
M.A. Classical Theatre (Kingston University),
M.F.A. Directing (The Theatre School, DePaul
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Jay Paul Skelton is a practice-as-research doctoral candidate at Kingston University. He most recently directed for the 2014 International Youth Arts Festival and 2013 Edinburgh Festival Fringe. He was Assistant Professor at the University of Notre Dame (2004-2012) and served as Artistic Director of the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival, the professional theatre in residence for seven years. He currently lectures at both Kingston University and the University of Notre Dame London Program. He received his BSc in Marketing from Babson College, MFA in

Directing from The Theatre School (DePaul University) and MA in Classical Theatre from Kingston University. Jay has written, produced, or directed over 100 productions in London, Boston, New York, and Chicago.

The Stages of Power: London Theatre and its Interpretation of British History

Our discussion will centre on how theatre in the country's capital can reveal fears, obsessions and prejudices during specific periods of British history, from the Restoration to the riots. We'll explore the reign of Charles II, visit Parliament in 1737 and reacquaint ourselves with the streets of Hackney during the explosive summer of 2011 as a means of questioning who and what we see on stage when we visit the theatre. This conversation reflects one aspect of the London Theatre: Context and Connection course and its attempt to engage students with British theatre history; expose them to contemporary productions of theatre, opera and dance; and encourage the personal reflection and critical thinking skills necessary for any field of endeavor.

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