

Shakespeare Link in China: Actor Biographies

Sue Best



Sue is a freelance theatre director. An army childhood was followed by reading English at Cambridge and sailing the Atlantic in a 22' Westerly before joining the Royal Shakespeare Company. She has worked in many aspects of theatre, including acting, presenting, devising programmes, directing, teaching and production.

Her career as an actress spanned weekly rep, TIE tours, festival presentations, the West End, TV roles in Dr Who, The Famous Five, Rosemary and Thyme, and open air Shakespeare playing Viola, Rosalind and Beatrice for Theatre Set-Up around Heritage and National Trust houses. She has taught at the RSAMD and the Oxford School of Drama as well as at Hounslow Borough College of FE. She was resident director of the W11 Children's Opera and subsequently joined the Royal Opera House Staff Producers team.

Working as Michael Bogdanov's Assistant Director with the English Shakespeare Company, Sue travelled the world with Shakespeare's great history cycle 'The Wars of the Roses'. Out of this tour came the ground-breaking 'God Say Amen', a proactive performance which linked the issues explored in the history cycle to the dramatic current events of the Gulf War, and toured the UK, the USA and Canada.

As well as working with all ages and stages across a wide variety of community networks, it hosts an annual programme of professional theatre, story telling and music at its flagship open air theatre the Willow Globe.