

# CURTIS BROWN

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## Ben Atkinson

*Musical Director, Arranger, Pianist*

Ben is a London-based freelance music director, arranger, and pianist, currently working as music director/conductor for the Cameron Mackintosh Ltd UK and International Tour of *Les Miserables*. He is also currently the music supervisor for the UK Tour of *Hairspray*.

### MUSIC SUPERVISOR

HAIRSPRAY	2020/21 and 2017/18 UK Tours	Mark Goucher Productions
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### MUSIC DIRECTOR

LES MISERABLES	2018/19/20 - UK/International Tour	Cameron Mackintosh
STRICTLY BALLROOM	2018 - Piccadilly Theatre, London	Global Creatures
	2016/17 - WYP/Toronto	Global Creatures
CHICAGO	2016 - UK Tour	David Ian Productions
OLIVER!	2015/16 - Leicester Curve	Regional
HAIRSPRAY	2015/16 - UK Tour	Mark Goucher Productions
OKLAHOMA!	2015 - UK Tour	Music and Lyrics Productions
THE SOUND OF MUSIC	2014 - Leicester Curve	Regional
CHICAGO	2013/14 - Leicester Curve	Regional
PIAF	2013 - Leicester Curve	Regional
HELLO, DOLLY	2012/13 - Leicester Curve	Regional

### ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR

THE KING AND I	2012 - UK Tour	Music and Lyrics Productions
42nd STREET	2011 - Leicester Curve	Regional

### ARRANGING

Arranging credits include: Strictly Ballroom London/Toronto/WYP (Dance Arrangements); Hairspray UK Tour (New Orchestrations), Chicago (New Orchestrations), The Sound of Music (New Orchestrations), Piaf (Vocal and orchestral arrangements).

### TRAINING

Ben studied music at Cambridge University, where he was the organ scholar at Sidney Sussex College, graduating in 2011. Whilst at Cambridge, he studied piano with Christopher Elton at RAM. He studied choral conducting with various tutors in Cambridge and has studied orchestral conducting at Sherborne.

## **OTHER**

Youth theatre work as musical director includes *Oliver!*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Annie* and *Rent* with Curve Young Company. Ben has also taught at various drama schools and was music director for the Arts Ed production of *Hitchhiking Across America*.