

JD Derbyshire Biography

JD Derbyshire is a comedian, theatre maker, writer, and mad activist. Their play *Certified*, during which the audience becomes a mental health review board to determine her sanity by the end of the show, won two 2020 Jessie Richardson Theatre Awards in Vancouver for Outstanding Original Script and The Critic's Innovation Award. Select plays include *Certified*, *A Modern Woman's Guide to Female Impersonation*, *Gloom*, *Funny in the Head*, *Bearded Circus Ladies*, *The Opposite of Everything is True*, *Me on the Map* (with Adrienne Wong), *Dog of my Understanding*, *Auditions for an Embarrassed Woman*, *Turkey in the Woods*, and *Under the Big Top*. Their plays have been produced by Belfry Theatre (Victoria), Buddies in Bad Times (Toronto), and Vancouver companies Touchstone Theatre, The Frank Theatre, Newworld Theatre, and Solo Collective. Festival presentations include High Performance Rodeo (Calgary), The Progress Festival (Toronto), FoldA (Kingston), Uno (Victoria), PuSh (Vancouver), Summerworks (Toronto). As a stand up JD toured Canada with Yuk Yuks back in the day and appeared at People's Comedy Festival (Toronto), International Gay Theatre Festival (Dublin), Vancouver International Children's Festival, on the A&E Special "Funny Girls" and, most recently, in The Lady Show in Vancouver. JD has participated in the Banff Centre Playwright's Lab and the Playwright's Unit at Alberta Theatre Projects with co-creator Adrienne Wong.