



Kelly Handerek enjoys a five plus decade national and international career as an Actor, Director, Mentor, and Artist. His BFA (Acting), B Ed (Drama), and MFA (Directing) from the U of Alberta gave him the initial background to navigate his ongoing passion. For 32 years, he taught University emerging actors at the U of Alberta, Dalhousie University, The Banff Centre, Acadia, and U of Regina. He has acted and directed across Canada and the UK. He is the Past Artistic Director of The Grand Theatre London, Ontario. Selected Musical Theatre roles include – “Oscar” in *Take Twelve* (Neptune Theatre), “The Beadle” in *Sweeney Todd* (Alberta Theatre Projects), “Mr. Potter” in *It’s a Wonderful Life* (Grand Theatre), “The Major-General”, and *The Fantasticks*. Executive coaching and mentoring writers and actors are a joy for him in his Vancouver studio both in-person and through technology.

He always welcomes a return to Edmonton and this exceptional festival of future generational talents.