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personal information.

- 📄 I am Autistic
- 📄 I identify as a member of the LGBTIAQ+ community
- 📄 Working with vulnerable people card
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awards & residencies.

Australian/Vogel Literary Award
2021

artsACT project funding
2022

New Ideas Lab mentorship
recipient
2023

Street Theatre artist in
residence
2024

Screen Canberra from Page to
Screen fellow
2024

artsACT project funding
2025

publications.

Bloomwaves

Author | In development

Awarded project funding support from artsACT.

Doing Good Work

Author | Under consideration

Awarded project funding support from artsACT.

Now that I see you

Author | Allen & Unwin 2021, US release 2023

Winner of the Australian/Vogel Literary Award

Building a Conscious Wardrobe (and other fun things)

Editor, writer | Leiden Press 2017

freelance writing.

My short-form writing on the arts, fashion, conscious consumerism and mental health has been published in Vogue Australia, HerCanberra, RiotACT and Portrait magazine.

stage.

I play myself

Writer, performer | In development 2023-25

Canberra Theatre Centre New Ideas Lab Mentorship, 2023
Force Majeure INCITE intensive, 2023
The Street Theatre Resident Street Artist, 2024

Beautiful Thing, Every Man Theatre

Costume designer | 2023

Nominated Ovarations Award for best costume

The Inheritance, Every Man Theatre

Costume designer | 2024

Nominated Ovarations Award for best costume

Rehearsal Observation

- Crime and Punishment, The Street (2024)
- Waiting for Godot, The Street (2024)

screen.

- Graduate study in Screenwriting (University of Canberra) sponsored by Screen Canberra
- Screen Stories mentorship program participant mentored by Monica Zanetti (2024) sponsored by Screen Canberra and UTS
- Notetaker, Screen Australia funded writer's room run by Monica Zanetti (2025)

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arts advocacy.

Creative Australia Peer
2025-2027

Audrey Fagan Board Program
Mentor | From 2023

Minister's Creative Council
Member | From July 2022

MARION (Formerly ACT Writers)
Board Chair | From February
2022

Stellar Company
Board Member | From November
2022

**Chief Minister's Reading
Challenge**
Ambassador | From 2022

artsACT Peer Advisory Panel
2020

Canberra Dance Theatre
Board Member | 2017

memberships.

MARION
Member since 2020

CRAFT + DESIGN Canberra
Member since 2022

Australian Society of Authors
Member since 2023

Copyright Agency
Member since 2024

Australian Writers Guild
Member since 2025

relevant employment.

QL2 Dance
Development Manager

Canberra Theatre Centre
Box Office and Stage Door

ACTHub
Box Office and Front of House

dance.

QL2 Dance - Various

QL2 Dance is dedicated to diverse, challenging and rigorous youth dance which develops the next generation of dance-makers and contributes to a dynamic, caring and diverse society.

As producer, mentor and dramaturg, I supported:

- Chaos Project, Kamberri/Canberra (2023-25)
- Young Choreographers program, Kamberri/Canberra (2023-25)
- Major Performance Season, Kamberri/Canberra (2024-25)

As rehearsal director:

- Bloom, QL2 Dance (2025)

As performer and collaborator, I was part of:

- Playhouse Season, Kamberri/Canberra (2001 - 2010)
- Young choreographers program, Kamberri/Canberra (2003 - 2009)
- Recovery, regional Australian tour (2004)
- Toes on the Edge, Thailand tour (2011)

James Batchelor & Collaborators

James is a Kamberri/Canberra choreographer working in Europe's top institutions for contemporary art and dance.

As performer and collaborator, I was part of:

- In Wonderland, Naarm/Melbourne (2011)
- Ersatz, Naarm/Melbourne (2013)
- Metasystems Assemblage, Kamberri/Canberra (2014)
- Metasystems, Naarm/Melbourne & Kamberri/Canberra (2015-16)
- Resonance, Kamberri/Canberra (2025)

visual art.

- The Hermit, presented in Kaleidoscope III at Belco Arts (2024)
- An Evening Length Performance I, presented in Squares at Strathnairn Arts (2025)
- An Evening Length Performance I and II, presented in Kaleidoscope IV at Belco Arts (2025)

selected professional development.

Performance

- The Creative Voice, NIDA
- Body Politics with Tammi Gissell
- Consent training for Dance and Physical Theatre, Force Majeure
- Stunt Double performance participation, The Farm

Writing

- Designing Dramatic Screen Stories, University of Canberra
- Graphic Life Writing with Eloise Grills
- Craft Seminar with Sheila Heti: What Do People See When They Read You?, The Shipman Agency
- Hidden Nerve: The Art of Writing Prose, MARION
- Craft Seminar: A Couple Of People I Used To Be: Approaches to the Self Through The Personal Essay with Alexander Chee, The Shipman Agency
- Craft Seminar: Writing About, Within, + Beyond Illness + Disability: An Exploration of the Style + Substance of the Body + Mind in Prose, The Shipman Agency

Design

- Bringing Design to Life, Sydney Theatre Company
- Costume Design for the Stage, V&A Academy
- Dressing the Part: Costume Design for Film and Television, V&A Academy

