# Jesse LaVercombe

# Writing CV I 2024

Representation

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# Feature Films (Selected)

#### Code 8: Part II

Sci-fi Action, produced by Netflix / Collective Pictures, co-written with Sherren Lee, Chris Pare, and Jeff Chan

- Directed by Jeff Chan
- Starring: Robbie Amell, Stephen Amell, Jean Yoon, and Alex Mallari Jr.
- Filmed: Toronto, October December 2021
- Budget: 16 millionRelease: Spring 2024

#### Float

Drama / Romance, produced by Lionsgate / Collective Pictures, co-written with Sherren Lee

- Directed by Sherren Lee
- Starring: Andrea Bang, Robbie Amell, Sarah Desjardins, and Rukiya Bernard
- Filmed: Vancouver, September October 2021
- Budget: 7 millionRelease: Spring 2024

## Theatre (Selected)

# King Gilgamesh & the Man of the Wild

One-act play with live music from Moneka Arabic Jazz, co-written with Seth Bockley, created with Ahmed Moneka, starring Ahmed Moneka and Jesse LaVercombe

- Production: Soulpepper Theatre, Toronto, July-August 2023
- Production: The Public Theater's Under the Radar Festival / La MaMa, New York City, January 2023
- Production: The Jungle Theater, Minneapolis, January 2023
- Production: Pivot Arts Festival, Chicago, June 2019
- Workshops: The Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, December 2018 + March 2019

### Hallelujah, It's Holly

Three-act play, six actors, developed in residence with Driftwood Theatre

- Playwrights Guild of Canada 2019 RBC Emerging Playwright Award
- Wildfire National Playwriting Competition Second Place
- Public Reading: Sage Theatre's IGNITE! Festival, Calgary, June 2019
- Public Reading: Driftwood Theatre, Toronto, directed by Jeremy Smith, May 2018

#### G-G-Genevieve

Two-act musical, eight actors plus chorus, book and lyrics by Jesse LaVercombe, music and lyrics by Adrian Shepherd-Gawinski, commissioned by YES Theatre

- Playwrights Guild of Canada 2022 Dan School of Drama & Music (Musical) Award Shortlist
- Workshop: YES Theatre, directed by Robert McQueen, Sudbury, ON, August 2018

# Love Me Forever Billy H. Tender

One-act solo play, directed by Adam Lazarus, music by Adrian Shepherd-Gawinski

- Production: New York International Fringe Festival, 2016 (Critically acclaimed by The New York Times, New York Theatre Guide, Broadway World, and more.)
- Production: Kick & Push Festival, Kingston, ON, 2017
- Production: Videofag, Toronto, 2016

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## **Short Films**

## "The Things You Think I'm Thinking"

14-minute drama, produced by Meraki Moving Pictures

- Directed by Sherren Lee
- Starring: Prince Amponsah and Jesse LaVercombe
- Selected Awards:
  - Grand Jury Prize for Best International Short Film Outfest, LA, 2018
    - Qualified for the 2019 Academy Awards
  - Vimeo Staff Pick (Vimeo Awards: Best Drama Nominee)
  - Best Screenplay CMG Short Film Festival 2018
  - Best Canadian Short Inside Out Toronto LGBT Film Festival 2018
  - Special Jury Prize Canadian Film Festival 2018
- Played over 70 festivals internationally, including SXSW (Grand Jury Award Nominee), Slamdance, TIFF Short Cuts, NewFilmmakers Los Angeles (Best Short Foreign Film, Drama Nominee)

### "Philip"

5-minute comedy, directed by Sherren Lee, produced by the Canadian Film Centre, 2016

## "Tony"

5-minute drama, directed by Adam Goldhammer, produced by the Canadian Film Centre, 2016

# Short Plays / Short Opera (Selected)

# Preacher Man (solo show, horror/comedy)

- Production: Red Curtain International Festival, Awards: **Best Script** + **Best Performance** + **Best Production** Kolkata, India, 2021
- Production: United Solo Festival, Best Short Solo Award NYC, 2013
- Production: Toronto Festival of Clowns, 2012
- Production: Saint Thomas University, Fredericton, NB, 2012

### **Keep it Close** (two singers, drama)

• Performance: New Voices Opera Exhibition, Composer: Jamey J Guzman, Indiana University, 2020

## The Question (four actors, comedy)

• Performance: The Theatre Centre, Toronto, 2018

#### Alex & Ted (seven actors, comedy)

Performance: The Howland Company, Toronto, 2017

#### **#MCAA (Make Canada America Again)** (one actor, comedy)

Performance: Wrecking Ball #21, Toronto, 2016

## **Articles**

• \*Former Contributing Editor

## Acting

As an actor, he won the **Toronto ACTRA Award** and received a **Canadian Screen Award nomination** for his work in **Violation** (Sundance, TIFF, *New York Times* Critics' Pick) and is also known for portraying Jack Walker on **Murdoch Mysteries** (CBC – 4 Seasons). He's worked in theaters across the U.S. and Canada, and in Toronto he's performed in new plays by writers including Sarah Ruhl, Erin Shields, and Hannah Moscovitch. **Training:** National Theatre School of Canada, Canadian Film Centre Actors Conservatory. Resume and demo reels at jesselavercombe.com

<sup>&</sup>quot;Canadian Public Arts Funding and a New National Narrative" - HowlRound, April 25, 2019

<sup>&</sup>quot;Life's Too Short to be a Douchenozzle" - Intermission Magazine\*, March 31, 2017

<sup>&</sup>quot;Bluit Nanche" - Intermission Magazine, October 21, 2016

<sup>&</sup>quot;Naked Men on Small Stages" - Intermission Magazine, May 12, 2016