



Kelly Handerek enjoys a five plus decade national and international career as an Artistic Director, Mentor, and Artist. His BFA (Acting), BEd (Drama), MFA (Directing) from the U of A gave him the initial background to navigate his ongoing passion. For 32 years, he taught university emerging actors at the U of A, Dalhousie University, The Banff Centre, Acadia, and the U of Regina. He has acted across Canada and the UK. 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), and ‘Mr. Potter’ in *It’s a Wonderful Life* (Grand Theatre) as well as ‘The Major General’ and performing in *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.