

NON-UNION

AARON CLAPPERTON A jack of all performing trades



AREER

HIGHLIGHTS

... SO FAR!

THEATRE

- Performer in The Pre-Professional Tap Dance Performance Company at The 2023 Eastern Canadian Tap Conference in Port Credit, Mississauga, Ontario
- Performer and Creator of Not "Conventionally"
 Talented, developed with Soulpepper and premiered at The Queer Youth Cabaret: Generation Q(ueer)
- Selected participant to perform at Hart House
 Theatre's inaugural Classical Theatre Slam by industry professionals Amaka Umeh, Paolo
 Santalucia, and Kaitlyn Riordan
- Cast as a Male Ensemble Swing for The Lower
 Ossington Theatre's The Producers

Headshot by Samuel Engelking COMUNIC SOONI

- Aaron appears in the latest MDFF film by Kazik Radwanski, **Matt and Mara**, alongside Deragh Campbell and Matt Johnson. The movie is set to make its world premiere at **Encounters Berlin International Film Festival.**
- Aaron is set to take the stage as the Bohemian King Polixenes in **Sunbeam Theatre Company**'s production of **The Winter's Tale**, under the direction of Artistic Director Meaghan Salmon.
- A Production Assistant on the 2024 Toronto International Tap Dance Festival.

FILM

- Lead role in I Am Something God Made, directed by Devin Shears
- First time in the booth recording a Principal voiceover role in The Janitor, directed by Jonathan Vlahiotis
- Featured in The Operation as Oslo (The Brains), a Supporting role, directed by Grace King









Aaron Clapperton (he/him) is a dynamic and versatile performer, actor, theatre-maker, and pre-professional tap dancer hailing from York Region, Ontario, Canada.

His passion for the arts ignited at age 6 when he first stepped into the world of dance at a local dance school, quickly catching the theatre bug. From those early beginnings, Aaron's growth led him to become a competitive-level dancer, specializing in musical theatre, lyrical, tap, jazz, and beyond. He traveled across the Southern Ontario competition dance circuit, where his magnetic stage presence and love for performing earned him special awards and overalls.

His next pivotal moment in his journey was attending the regional arts program, ARTS Huron, at Huron Heights Secondary School. He expanded his range to contemporary, ballet, and learned from Canadian dance luminaries such as Troy Sexton, Shawn Byfield, Newton Morales, Cora Kozaris, and Jennifer Archibald. His next big step was becoming a double major in drama as a result of his involvement in The Sears Ontario Drama Festival in a show called 3\$UM. As a double-major graduate and Ontario Scholar, Aaron received The ARTS Huron Graduation Scholarship for outstanding advocacy and participation in the arts within his school community

Transitioning to post-secondary education at The Sheridan College Performing Arts Preparation program, Aaron delved into improvisation, scene study, choral music, dance, technical theatre design, and more.

Aaron leaped into the world of Toronto's theatre scene and never looked back. This led him to his first paid role as a Male Ensemble Swing in The Producers at The Lower Ossington Theatre, sparking a journey that included learning from and working with The Musical Stage Company, Alumnae Theatre Company, Toronto Youth Theatre, Theatre inspiraTO, The Lighthouse Troupe, and The Newmarket National 10 Minute Play Festival.

Recently, Aaron has expanded his influence behind the scenes, showcasing his versatility as a choreographer, director, dramaturg, graphic designer, and stage manager. His solo shows, Ly(SIS!!!)trata and Not Conventionally Talented, premiered at Buddies in Bad Times and Soulpepper, respectively. He also embraced the role of stage manager for The Brotherhood of DIX, an edgy new musical for Space Space Revolution.

As a production assistant for The Toronto International Tap Dance Festival, Aaron continues to contribute to the thriving arts community. Currently, he has returned to his roots as a dancer, serving as a Pre-Professional Tap Dance Performance Company member at The Tap Dance Centre under the direction of Elisa Schembre in Port Credit, Mississauga, Ontario. His training with Serena Henriquez, Andrew Prashsad, Allie Stewart, and more has further enriched his artistic identity.

Aaron's love for improvisation, creative movement, drag, collective creation, mask work, and clowning reflects his ongoing commitment to diverse and innovative artistic pursuits, setting the stage for a promising and continually evolving career.





SELF-REPRESENTED

HEIGHT: 5'8"

HAIR: **REDDISH-BROWN** HAIR LENGTH: **SHORT**

EYES: GREEN

VOICE: TENOR-BARITONE



FILM (SELECTED)

ONE SHOT Supporting/ Slater Toronto Film School/ Dir: Asher (Asol) Kim

Principal (VO)/ Carter

Lead/ Harvey York University & Grown in Darkness Films/ Dir: Devin Shears

Niagara College Canada/ Dir: Jonathan Vlahiotis

Supporting/ Oslo Centennial College/ Dir: Grace King Lead/ Greg Humber College/ Dir: Steven Halim

NEW MEDIA

I AM SOMETHING GOD MADE

THE JANITOR

THE OPERATION

LIFE AFTERLIFE

A DANCER'S BODY... AIN'T NO THING Dancer EveryBODY on Stage/ Dir: Greg Carruthers

THEATRE (SELECTED)

THE NUTCRACKER Herr Drosselmeyer KtK Events Management/ Dir: Angela Tucker

CLASSICAL THEATRE SLAM (2022) Slam Participant Hart House Theatre

CHAIN LINK Jonas Theatre inspiraTO/ Dir: Lagan Maheshwari
ONE SMALL STEP Diego Toronto Youth Theatre/ Dir: Alan Kinsella
THE TROUBLE WITH THE GARDEN Snake Alumnae Theatre Company/ Dir: Christina Ofori
THE PRODUCERS Male Ensemble Swing The Lower Ossington Theatre/ Dir: Cory Doran

TRAINING & EDUCATION (SELECTED)

TAP DANCE CENTRE, PRE-PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE COMPANY

Tap Ava Ansari, David Cox, Serena Henriquez, Andrew Prashad, Elisa Schembre, Allie Stewart, Jessica

Watermann

Tap Syllabus Teacher's Certification Course Kim, Chalovich, Elisa Schembre

SOULPEPPER THEATRE COMPANY, QUEER YOUTH CABARET: GENERATION Q(UEER)
Performance Gregory Prest, Paolo Santalucia
Writing Ho Ka Kei/ Jeff Ho, Rosamund Small

Directing Will Dao

PERFORMING ARTS - PREPARATION, CERTIFICATE, SHERIDAN COLLEGE (FACULTY OF ANIMATION, ARTS & DESIGN)

Acting Keith Pike, Mark Melymick

Voice and Music Adeen Ashton Fogle, Michael Mulrooney, Tom Oliver Movement and Dance Melissa Medeiros, Paula Skimin, Stephanie Graham

Creative Process and Workshop Chantal Forde, Daniel Kash, Geri Hall

Technical Production and Design Magi Oman

SKILLS & INTERESTS

ACCENTS & DIALECTS: British RP, Cockney, German, International Phonetic Alphabet | BUBBLE-CLAPPING | CHOREOGRAPHY | CLOWN | COLLECTIVE CREATION | CREATIVE MOVEMENT | DANCE: Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Musical Theatre | DRAG: Emceeing, Lip-Syncing, Tongue-Popping | DRAMATURGY | GRAPHIC DESIGN | IMPROVISATION | INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET | MASK: Character, Commedia dell'arte, Neutral | MOVEMENT DIRECTION | PENMANSHIP | PHYSICAL THEATRE | PLAYWRITING | PRODUCING | PUBLIC SPEAKING | STAGE COMBAT | STORYTELLING | TEACHING



























