



James has been Western Canada Theatre's Artistic Director for four years, during which time he has directed productions of *The Sound of Music*, *The Drowning Girls*, *Vimy*, *GLORY*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Million Dollar Quartet*. Prior to coming to Kamloops, he was the Associate Artistic Director at the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton, where he directed 16 productions, and performed in 13 more.

He has worked as an actor and director in theatres across Canada, including the Stratford and Shaw Festivals, the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, the Canadian Stage Company, and Neptune Theatre.

As a performer, some of James' favourite roles include playing Petruccio and Henry V for the Freewill Shakespeare Festival, Slim in *Of Mice and Men* (Citadel/RMTC), and Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* (Citadel, six seasons). He has loved Stravinsky since he inadvertently

attended the opening night of the *Firebird Suite* at the Vienna Opera House, and is thrilled to be collaborating with the KSO for the first time.