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## **Johnny Worthy**

Johnny was born into a theatrical family, the great-grandson of Captain Jackson and grandson of the American dancer and musician Elis Jackson. He is the son of Harlem artist Johnny Worthy who came to Britain with the double act Worthy and Jarrett.

As a director Johnny's production of Hair toured Europe for several years. He also directed Rocky Horror Show, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Golden years of Broadway on long, sell-out tours across Europe. A Slice of Saturday Night at Northampton and Pantomimes at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin. He directed student productions of West Side Story, the Pirates of Penzance, Fiddler on the Roof, My Fair Lady and George M., Shout and The Last Five years in Ireland and in Sweden.

Theatre credits as a performer include Guys and Dolls at the National Theatre, Sweet Bird of Youth with Lauren Bacall at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, The Trevor Nunn & Simon Rattle production of Porgy & Bess at Glyndebourne, Hair, Showboat, Jesus Christ Superstar, Two Gentlemen of Verona, On the Twentieth Century and Let My People Come, all West End. On television he appeared in Follow The Star, The Fools on the Hill and Victoria Wood, As Seen on TV.

Johnny is a Founder/Director of The Actors Centre