



## FRED ABRAHAMSE

**Height:** 1.72m

**Eyes:** Blue

**Hair:** Salt & Pepper

Fred Abrahamse graduated from the University of Cape Town. He started his career at the Space Theatre, as a founder member of Troupe Theatre Company. He went on to become Artistic Director at The Baxter Theatre and is now a freelance producer and director. Fred is also a well-respected theatre designer. His theatre involvement spans some twenty years and sixty-five odd productions. He has directed dramas, opera, musicals, cabarets, musical theatre and several community theatre groups. He has been nominated for, and won, several prestigious theatre awards. Steven Berkoff's *Decadence* and *Greek*, *The Glass Menagerie*, *Angels in America*, *Shirley Valentine*, *District Six-the Musical*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Beautiful Thing* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* are among his directorial attributes. As Producer and Director his productions include *Station 70*, *The Buddy Holly Story*, *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, *Grease*, *Solid Gold Jukebox*, *Abba (ish)*, *DISCOvery*, *Bouncers* and *Shopping & F\*\*\*ing*. Of his productions at least twenty have involved bringing new South African work to the stage. In 1999 Fred co-founded The Gauloises Warehouse Theatre with Charl-Johan Lingenfelder and acted as producing management for 37 productions including *-Joe Barber*, *Naked Boys Singing*, *My Night with Reg* and *Abdullah Ibrahiem* before closing in September 2003. The highlight of the Warehouse Theatre undoubtedly being the production of *Joe Barber* which was seen by over 45 000 people. Fred's 2005 productions include the highly successful *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Canal Walk Children's Festival of Fun*, *The Secret Love Life of Ophelia*, *The Stabani Project* and *Bouncers*. 2006 saw Fred's highly controversial productions of *Romeo and Juliet* and *Bangbroek Mountain the Musical* playing to capacity houses in Cape Town. Fred is currently working on several film projects including writing his first feature length film *Adrienne* which he will direct.

### AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Midsummer Nights Dream Nominated Fleur du Cap Awards for Best Director, Best Lead Actor, Best Lead Actress, Best Supporting Actress, Best New Actor (2 nominations) Best New Actress, Best Set, Costume & Lighting Design.

1995/6 Winner of Fleur du Cap Award for Best Director - *Beautiful Thing*  
Winner of FNB Vita Award for Best Director - *Beautiful Thing*

1995/6 Nominated Fleur du Cap Award for Best Contribution to a Musical *Return to the Forbidden Planet*

1993/4 Winner of FNB Vita Award for Play of the Year - *Decadence*

1993/4 Nominated FNB Vita Awards (National) for Director of the Year - *Decadence*,

1993 *Decadence* Nominated for FNB Vita Awards (PWV) for Best Director, Best Production, Best Lighting Design, Best Actress and Best Actor.

1993 Winner of AA Vita First Quarterly Award for Best Production: *Decadence*

1989 Nominated Johannesburg Theatre Awards for Best Director - *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

1989 Nominated Fleur du Cap Award for Best Director - *The Glass Menagerie*

1989 Winner of AA Vita Awards for Best Director - *The Glass Menagerie*

1987 Winner of Fleur du Cap Award for Best Director - *District 6 - The Musical*  
Nominated Fleur du Cap Award for Best Director - *Decadence*

**THEATRE**

	<b>THEATER</b>			<b>DUTY PERFORMED</b>
Romeo and Juliet	Maynardville Theatre	Open	Air	Directed & Designed
Bangbroek Mountain the Musical about Camping	On Broadway			Produced, Written & Directed
(Documentary) The Pink Chronicles (in development)	Do Productions			Writing (to Direct)
(TV) Headwrap II Episode # 6	SABC / Plexus Films			Directed
(Feature Film) Adrienne (in development)	Do Productions			Written (to Direct)
(Series) Make It A Double (pilot)	Do Productions			Written & Directed
(Film) Zulu Wave Show reel	Do Productions			Directed
Children's Festival – Hansel and Gretel	Canal Walk			Written & Directed
Children's Festival – Red Riding Hood	Canal Walk			Written & Directed
Bouncers	On Broadway			Produced & Directed
Children's Festival - Goldilocks & The Three Bears	Canal Walk			Written & Directed
Children's Festival – The Three Little Pigs	Canal Walk			Written & Directed
The Stabani Project	On Broadway			Directed
The Secret Love Life Of Ophelia	Baxter			Directed
Much Ado About Nothing	Maynardville Open Air Theatre			Directed
Church Full of Light	Baxter			Directed
Church Full of Light	PANSA play reading competition			Directed
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Maynardville Open Air Theatre	Open	Air	Directed
Freaks?	Gauloises Warehouse			Produced, Directed & Designed
Meet Joe Barber	Gauloises Warehouse			Produced
La Fiesta	On Broadway			Produced, Directed & Designed
Shopping & Fucking	Gauloises Warehouse			Produced, Directed & Designed

**Producing management for 37 productions at the Warehouse Theatre, before theatre closed in September 2003  
Opened own Theatre - The Gauloises Warehouse**

Bouncers	On Broadway			Produced & Directed
Bridal Sweets	On Broadway			Produced, Directed & Designed
Die Stompneusvarkies	The Coffee Lounge			Directed
DISCOvery	On Broadway			Produced, Directed &

Ultimate Two	On Broadway	Designed
Ultimate	On Broadway	Produced & Directed
Lied van die Boeings	Potchefstroom Festival	Produced & Directed
Lied van die Boeings	Grahamstown Festival	Directed
Lied van die Boeings	Klein Karoo Festival	Directed
Lied van die Boeings	Oude Libertas	Directed
Abba(ish) /Abba(toir)	On Broadway	Produced, Directed & Designed
Hypercomedy	Baxter Studio	Directed & Designed
Solid Gold Jukebox II	Baxter Concert Hall	Produced, Directed & Designed
Sacred Bones (opera)	Grahamstown Festival	Directed
Sacred Bones (opera)	Namibian National Theatre	Directed
Sacred Bones (opera)	Nico Theatre	Directed
Darkle	Baxter Studio	Directed
Solid Gold Jukebox - Live!	Nico Theatre	Produced, Directed & Designed
Follies 3:16	Nico Arena	Directed & Designed
Follies 3:16	Hermanus Whale Festival	Directed & Designed
Follies 3:16	Grahamstown Festival	Directed & Designed
Greek	Grahamstown Festival	Directed
Greek	Baxter Theatre	Directed
Rosa	Baxter Theatre	Directed
Return to the Forbidden Planet	Baxter Theatre	Directed & Co-produced
Beautiful Thing	Baxter Studio	Directed
World Cup Rugby '96: Danie Craven Tribute	Stellenbosch	Directed & Produced
Station 70: 5 Years On	Baxter Concert Hall	Written, Produced & Directed
Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story	Baxter Theatre	Cape Town Producer
Golden City Dixies	Baxter Theatre	Directed
Intsholo: A Crash of Cultures	Baxter Theatre	Directed, Written & Produced
Angels in America	State Theatre/PACT	Directed
Angels in America	Alexander Theatre	Directed
Seriously Considering Sydney	Nico Theatre	Directed
Grease	Baxter Theatre	Directed
Station 70 (II)	Baxter Concert Hall	Written, Produced, Directed
The Mark Banks Show	Baxter Studio Diner	Directed
BFG - The Big Friendly Giant	Baxter Theatre	Directed
The Rolling Stones: A Tribute	Baxter Concert Hall	Directed & Produced
Design for Living - Central Exhibition	Good Hope Centre	Designed & built for the Cape
Decadence	Market Theatre	Produced, Directed & Designed
Station 70 (II)	Grahamstown Festival	Written, Produced & Directed
Station 70	3 Arts	Written, Produced & Directed
Station 70	Port Elizabeth	Written, Produced & Directed
Seriously Considering Sydney	Alexander Theatre, Jhb	Directed
Seriously Considering Sydney	Momentum Theatre, Pretoria	Directed
Decadence	Baxter Theatre	Directed & Designed
Decadence	Grahamstown Festival	Directed & Designed

The Accidentals	Baxter Concert Hall	Produced, Designed	Directed	&
Station 70	Baxter Concert Hall	Produced, Designed	Directed	&
Laughing All the Way to the Bank\$	Baxter Studio	Directed		
Station 70	Baxter Theatre	Produced, Designed	Directed	&

### 1992 Formed Followspot Productions with Gillian Lindner

The Carpenters: We've Only Just Begun	Pretoria State Theatre		Directed & Designed	
The Normal Heart	Baxter Concert Hall		Directed & Designed	
Mrs. Kaplan and the Witchdoctor	Baxter Theatre		Directed	
Something Borrowed, Something Blue	Le Grande Roche		Directed	
Siswe Bansi is Dead	Baxter Concert Hall		Directed & Designed	
The World of Magic	Baxter Theatre		Directed & Designed	
Up 'n Under	Market Theatre		Directed	
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Shirley Valentine	Baxter Theatre		Directed	
Now Juke is King	Baxter Studio Diner		Produced for Baxter	
Guys and Dolls	Baxter Theatre		Produced for Baxter	
East	Baxter Studio		Produced for Baxter	
Steel Magnolias	Baxter Theatre		Directed	
The People's Youth Arts Festival	Baxter Complex		Drama co-ordinator	
Juno and the Paycock	Baxter Theatre		Directed	
Bouncers	Baxter Stagedoor		Directed	
Lavender Hill Blues	Baxter Studio		Produced for Baxter	
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Market Theatre		Directed	
Buckingham Palace, District Six	Baxter Theatre		Directed	
The Glass Menagerie	Baxter Studio		Directed	
Idlozi	Baxter Studio		Produced for Baxter	

### 1988-92 Associate Director (Artistic), Baxter Theatre Complex at UCT

A Midsummer Night's Dream	Grahamstown Festival		Directed	
District 6 - The Musical	Baxter Theatre		Directed & Designed	
Soldier's Tale	SABC-TV		Acted	
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Baxter Theatre		Acted	
EGBDF	Baxter Theatre		Directed	
Major Schisstirrer	Baxter Concert Hall		Directed	

### English and Drama Teacher at Waldorf School

Decadence	Baxter Concert Hall		Directed & Designed	
Skyf	Baxter Studio		Designed	
Collector	Baxter Studio		Designed	
Uncle Vanya	Baxter Theatre		Designed	
*Decadence	Space Theatre		Directed & Designed	
Automatic Pilot	Baxter Studio		Acted	
Opera Season	Baxter Theatre		Designed	

### Founder Member and Company Manager, Troupe Theatre Company\*

*Summit Conference	Baxter Studio		Designed	
*Guinea Fowl	Space		Designed & Acted	
*Claw	Space		Acted	
*Agamemnon	Baxter Studio		Acted	
*Three Penny Opera	Grahamstown		Designed & Acted	

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