



takis is an international performance designer based in London, whose innovative and diverse body of work encompasses West End and Leading UK Theatre, International Musicals, Opera, Ballet, Circus, Fashion and Commercial productions.

takis holds a PhD from Aalto University, Helsinki, where he developed the concept of the META-SUIT: an interchangeable costume where the form and design adjust in order to perform different expressions of masculinity in everyday life.

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OPERA

Romeo & Juliet	State Opera South Australia	Rodula Gaitanou	2025/2026
Ratsumies/The Horseman	Finnish National Opera	Jussi Nikkilä	2025
Merry Widow	Scottish Opera/Opera Holland Park	John Savournin	2025
Trial by Jury/Matter of Misconduct	Scottish Opera/Opera Holland Park	John Savournin/Laura Attridge	2025
Nabucco	Savonlinna Opera Festival	Rodula Gaitanou	2024/2026
Madama Butterfly	Estonian National Opera	Rodula Gaitanou	2024/2025
La Bohème	Minnesota Opera	Rodula Gaitanou	2024/2025
Traviata	Norwegian National Opera	Rodula Gaitanou	2023/2025
Andrea Chénier	St. Galler Festspiele	Rodula Gaitanou	2023
Madama Butterfly	Opera Lombardia	Rodula Gaitanou	2023
Die Lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Dresden Operetta	Noa Naamat	2022
Re Rois Arthus	Erl Festival	Rodula Gaitanou	2022
La Voix Humaine	Finnish National Opera	Jussi Nikkilä	2022
Onegin	Opera Holland Park	Julia Burbach	2022
Carmen	Opera Holland Park	Cecilia Stinton	2022
Margot la Rouge / Le Villi	Opera Holland Park	Martin Lloyd-Evans	2022
HMS Pinafore	English National Opera	Cal McCrystal	2021/2025
Le Comte Ory	Garsington Opera	Cal McCrystal	2021
The Marriage of Figaro	Opera Holland Park	Oliver Platt	2021
Don Giovanni	Finnish National Opera	Jussi Nikkilä	2020
Phaedra	Royal Opera House	Noa Naamat	2019
Don Quichotte	Wexford Opera Festival	Rodula Gaitanou	2019
Un Ballo in Maschera	Opera Holland Park	Rodula Gaitanou	2019/2026
Iolanta	Opera Holland Park	Olivia Fuchs	2019
Il Segreto Di Suzanna	Opera Holland Park	John Wilkie	2019
Semele	Royal Academy of Music	Olivia Fuchs	2018
Dialogues Des Carmelites	Guildhall School of Drama & Music	Martin Lloyd-Evans	2018
Isabeau	Opera Holland Park	Martin Lloyd-Evans	2018
La Rondine	Opera Holland Park	Martin Lloyd-Evans	2017
Die Fledermaus	Opera Holland Park	Martin Lloyd-Evans	2016
Ulysses' Homecoming	English Touring Opera	James Conway	2016
La Calisto	English Touring Opera	Tim Nelson	2016
Ottone	English Touring Opera	James Conway	2014
Life on the Moon	English Touring Opera	Cal McCrystal	2014

MUSICALS

If/Then	Savoy Theatre	Bill Buckhurst	2025
Moulin Rouge	Helsinki City Theatre/Reykjavik City Theatre	Anders Albien	2024/25
Hairspray	UK & Ireland Tour	Paul Kerryson/ Drew McOnie	2024/25
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the F	Lido 2 Paris	Cal McCrystal	2023
Moulin Rouge	Stockholm, Copenhagen, Oslo	Anders Albien	2023/26

Wicked	Gothenburg Opera House	Samuel Harjanne	2023
Jersey Boys	Chateau Neuf Oslo	Tore Sergei Myklebust	2022
West Side Story	Chateau Neuf Oslo	Mattias Carlsson	2020/21
Optimist	Chateau Neuf Oslo	Mattias Carlsson	2019
Ain't Misbehavin'	Mercury Theatre/Southwark Playhouse	Tyrone Huntley/Oti Mabuse	2019
Flashdance	Chateau Neuf Oslo	Mattias Carlsson	2018
Sweet Charity	Nottingham Playhouse	Bill Buckhurst	2018
Joseph and the Amazing T. D.	Kilworth House	Andrew Wright	2018
Five Guys Named Moe	Marble Arch Theatre – West End	Clarke Peters/Andrew Wright	2017
The Toxic Avenger	Arts Theatre – West End	Benji Sperring/Lucy Punkhurst	2017
Hairspray	UK & Ireland Tour	Paul Kerryson/Drew McOnie	2017
Flashdance	UK / S. Korea Tour	Hannah Chissick/	2017
Side Show	Southward Playhouse	Hannah Chissick	2016
Spring Awakening	Curve Theatre – NYMT	Nikolai Foster	2016
In the Heights	Kings Cross Theatre – West End	Luke Shepphard/Drew McOnie	2015
Oliver!	Curve Theatre	Paul Kerryson/Andrew Wright	2015
The LKY Musical	Marina Bay Sands Theatre Singapore	Steven Dexter	2015
Grease	Haugesund Theatre Norway	Schøyen, Erik/ Belinda Braza	2015
In the Heights	Southward Playhouse	Luke Sheppard/ Drew McOnie	2014
The Sound of Music	Curve Theatre	Paul Kerryson/ Drew McOnie	2014
Chicago	Curve Theatre	Paul Kerryson/ Drew McOnie	2013
West Side Story	NYMT – Victoria Warehouse Manchester	Nikolai Foster/ Drew McOnie	2013
Kiss of the Spider Woman	Arts Ed	Nikolai Foster/ Drew McOnie	2013
Aristophanes Now	European Tour	Stamatis Kraounakis	2013
Choruses	Ancient Theatre of Epidauros	Stamatis Kraounakis	2010
In the Light of the Night	Ancient Theatre of Epidauros	Froso Korrou	2006
THEATRE			
World of Abdulhussein Abdulredha	Kuwait National Theatre	Diana Sfeir	2024
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Globe Theatre	Elle While	2023
Jane Eyre	Tampere Theatre	Jussi Nikkilä	2021
The Cat and the Canary	UK Tour	Roy Marsden	2020-21
Tonight, the Eighties	Kuwait National Theatre	Jassim Alqames	2018
Arming the World	London Street Performance	Sophie Austin	2017
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	Sherman Theatre	Rachel O'Riordan	2015
Am I Dead Yet	Bush Theatre, Soho Theatre & Tour	Amy Hodge	2014
The Memory of Water	New Vic Theatre, SJT	Nikolai Foster	2014
The Jungle Book	Citizens Theatre	Nikolai Foster	2013
The Good Person of Sichuan	Mercury Theatre	Nikolai Foster	2013
Bacchae	Royal & Derngate	Laurie Sansom	2012
Clytemnestra	Sherman Theatre	Amy Hodge	2012
Measure for Measure	Sherman Theatre	Amy Hodge	2012
Rover	Hampton Court Palace	Amy Hodge	2012
Fear	Bush Theatre	Dominic Savage	2012
Dick Wittington	Gatehouse Theatre	Nona Shepphard	2011
His Teeth	Only Connect	Maggie Norris	2011
Lidless	Trafalgar Studios	Steven Atkinson	2011

The Early Bird	Finborough Theatre	Donnacadh O'Briain	2010
Stovepipe	National Theatre – Bush Theatre	Michael Longhurst	2010
Ditch	Old Vic	Richard Twyman	2010
DANCE/BALLET			
The Little Mermaid	Finnish National Ballet	Kenneth Greve	2015
7-75	The Place	Amy Hodge	2015
Reminiscence	Rambert Dance Company	Dane Hurst	2013
FASHION			
Plus or Minus, Suit Yourself	Helsinki Design Museum	takis	2014
Forgotten Peacock	Design Museum London	takis	2008
CIRCUS			
Laguna Bay	Giffords Circus	Cal McCrystal	2025
Avalon	Giffords Circus	Cal McCrystal	2024
The Hook	Caesars Atlantic City	Cal McCrystal	2023
L'enfant du paradis	Giffords Circus	Cal McCrystal	2023
Tapra!	Giffords Circus	Cal McCrystal	2022
The Hooley	Giffords Circus	Cal McCrystal	2021
Atomic Saloon	The Venetian Las Vegas	Cal McCrystal	2019
Xanadu	Giffords Circus	Cal McCrystal	2019
My Beautiful Circus	Giffords Circus	Cal McCrystal	2018
Any Port in a Storm	Giffords Circus	Cal McCrystal	2017
FILM			
Widow's Walk	Feature film	Alexandra Boyd	2019
Narcopolis	Feature film	Justin Trefgarne	2015
The Half-Light	Short Film	Prasanna Puwanarajah	2010
Eve	Shirt Film	Thanos Psychogios	2007
COMMERCIAL			
Centrepont 50 Anniversary Gala	Round House	takis	2019
Toyota C-HR	Print Works	The Department/takis	2017
ARCHITECTURE			
Opera Holland Park Theatre	Opera Holland Park	takis	2021-2022
NOMINATIONS/AWARDS			
2025 Opera Season	Designer of the year	International Opera Awards	2025 (nomination)
HMS Pinafore	Outstanding Achievement in Opera Set&C	Oliver Awards	2022 (nomination)
Optimist	Best Set & Costume Design	Broadway World Oslo	2019 (nomination)
Flashdance	Best Set & Costume Design	Broadway World Oslo	2019 (nomination)
Ain't Misbehavin'	Best Costume Design	Broadway World UK	2019 (nomination)
Ain't Misbehavin'	Best Set Design	Off West End	2019 (nomination)
Side Show – Southwark Playhouse	Best Set Design	Off West End	2016 (nomination)
In the Heights – Kings Cross	Best Set Design	What's on Stage	2015 (nomination)
In the Heights – Southwark Playhouse	Best Set Design	Off West End	2014 (nomination)
Fear – Bush Theatre	Best Set Design	Off West End	2012 (nomination)

His Teeth – Only Connect	Best Set Design	Off West End	2011 (nomination)
Stovepipe	Best Set Design	What’s on Stage	2009 (nomination)
Trial By Jury and A Matter Of Misconduct!	Achievement in Opera	UK Theatre Awards 2025	2025 (nomination)
Nabucco – Savonlinna Opera Festival	Opera Festival of the year	International Opera Awards	2024 (won)
La Voix humaine -Finnish National Opera	Sustainability	International Opera Awards	2024 (won)
Moulin Rouge – Denmark	Best Musical	Reumert award	2024 (nomination)
Atomic Saloon	Best Las Vegas Acrobatic Show	Las Vegas Review Journal	2022 (won)
Phaedra – Royal Opera House	Outstanding Achievement in Opera	Oliver Awards	2020 (nomination)
Iolanta/Il Segreto di Susanna – OHP	Best Opera	International Opera Awards	2020 (nomination)
Don Quichotte – Wexford Opera Festival	Best Opera	Irish Times Theatre Awards	2020 (nomination)
Isabeau – Opera Holland Park	Rediscovered Work	International Opera Awards	2019 (nomination)
Five Guys Named Moe – Marble Arch	Family & Entertainment	Olivier Awards	2018 (nomination)
In the Heights – Kings Cross	Best New Musical	Olivier Awards	2016 (nomination)
Lidless – Edinburgh Fringe	Fringe First Award	Edinburgh Fringe Festival	2010 (won)
Stovepipe – National Theatre/HighTide	Best Off West End Production	What’s on Stage	2009 (nomination)
The Meta-Suit · Aalto ARTS Books	Scientific books	International Creative Media Awards (ICMA).	2022 Gold award
The Meta-Suit · Aalto ARTS Books	Non-Fiction and Textbooks	The Finnish Book Art Committee	2021 The Most Beautiful Book award

EDUCATION

2012 - 2021	Aalto University – Department of Film, TV & Scenography	PhD
2005 - 2011	London College of Fashion	Practice Based Research
2002 - 2004	Royal Academy of Dramatic Art	Theatre Technical Arts Course
1998 - 2002	Romanian National University of Arts	Fine Arts Specialization in Costume & Set Design

SCHOLARSHIPS

2014 - 2017	Scholarship of the Aalto University, School of Arts, Design and Architecture – PhD studies at Aalto University
2006 - 2009	Scholarship of the Onassis Foundation – Practice based research studies at the London College of Fashion-University of the Arts
2003 - 2004	Scholarship of the Greek Society of Music Friend’s “Kiveli – Horn” - Studies at RADA
1998 - 2002	Romanian Ministry of Education Studies at the National University of Arts, Bucharest

PUBLICATIONS

2021	The Meta-Suit; De-Re-Constructing The Ultimate Masculine Attire	Aalto Arts Books	Aalto University
2014	The Apotheosis of Man, the Forgotten Peacock	Scene 2.1 & 2.2	Intellect

2014 The Masculinity of the Male Peacock

The Contested and the Poetic: Gender and
the Body

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