Johan Wellton

Internationally awarded global entertainer Actor, comedian, juggler & solo artist







Background:

Johan Wellton began his career doing street shows at the age of 12. At 21 he built his own theatre where he produced and performed parallel to starring in International theatre, circus and TV. Although he has dedicated many years to juggling his main focus as an artist has always been towards comedy & acting - and most importantly: to connect with the audience. To take them on a journey. Throughout the years Johan has created his own performances from drawing board to premiere devising storyline, set designs, prop inventions and more. A creative mind aiming to dream and explore while inspiring others to do the same. Johan Wellton has toured in more than 30 countries and has performed live for over a million people and more than 40 million TV-viewers.

Education, licenses & similar:

Johan has a strong drive to continuously learn and progress through the process of making/creating. He has formed his own platforms by running projects and assembling people to create together with the learning process and self education in mind.

Education:

Digging deeper - Exclusive one on one acting work with Stephen Rappaport 70 days 2012-2015

Finding Voice - Stephen Rappaport Acting workshop - 11 weeks in Stockholm 2010-2015

The research and creation of GLITCH - A research of acting, the art of circus and technical solutions, rigging etc 2009-2014

Clown workshop - Jonas Söderberg Stockholm 2013

Clown workshop Mikael Barnfather London 2012-2013

Fabriken - Johan built and ran his own theatre from the age of 21 learning theatre rigging, tech, administration, marketing, logistics etc. 2002-2009 Open air street theatre in Europe and Australia 1992-2001

Cirkusgymnasiet - Upper secondary school of Circus Gävle Sweden, 3 years full study: 1995-1998

Licenses:

Pyrotechnical license T1 and T2 2022 IRATA vertical rope access license 2018 C2 Vertical Safety basic rigging course 2014 Pyrotechnical license 2008 Heavy truck driver's license (Swedish C license) 2005 Bar license (Swedish alcohol law license) 2004 Driver's license (Swedish B license) 1999

Languages:

Swedish (Native), English (Fluent), German (basic)

Teaching & lectures:

Regular workshops and guest lectures for different companies, organisations and schools 2014 and onwards Guest teacher at the University of Dance and Circus Stockholm (SWE) 2009 Guest teacher at Cirkusgymnasiet Gävle (SWE) 2001-2002

Creation, coaching & direction:

Artistic director, storywriter and director of the Pendulum Play research (Gävle Symphony Orchestra and Lab sessions co-lab Moneeo) 2018-2023 Coached and co-wrote concepts/acts for magician/comedian Håkan Berg and Incroyable talent France 2021

Coached and co-wrote interviews, strategies etc of Sweden's got talent winner 2021 (Johan Ståhl)

Creation of the concept show GLITCH (Acting, rigging, pyrotechnics, producing, idea) 2010-2014

Designed and created the concept structure PENDULUM PLAYGROUND 2010-2013

Coached, scripted and directed the winner of Sweden's got talent 2009 (Charlie Caper)

Directed Varieté Royale, produced 2008

JW vs The Symphony Orchestra 2007

Directed Big Ass Bbq on tour, A cowgirl western comedy show by Ruby Rose Productions, produced May-June 2007

Directed Johan Wellton & friends, produced 2006

Stage productions:

Johan has performed with various productions since 1998 in countless settings adding up to thousands of performances. He has also produced & directed shows. Here are the highlights:

GLITCH on tour 2014 - Still touring Theatrical solo show performed in theatres. Premiere tour 2014

Johan Wellton Unplugged on tour 2005 - Still touring Solo show performed in theatres, cruises, hotels, festivals etc in over 30 countries

Varietégatan Göteborgs Kulturkalas & on tour 2008-2013

An outdoor street theatre festival produced by Johan (who also performs)

WOW! Oslo Sept 2011- June 2012

Headlining act, Dinnershow at Wallmans Oslo

Starred with the 2 original solo acts BOUNCE! and 100 TRICKS IN ONE

MINUTE and a comical in-house character

Varieté Royale Gävle teater & on tour December 2008 A 300 000 euro Variety show produced, directed and starred by Johan.

Johan Wellton vs The Symphony Orchestra Gävle May 2007 Idea, Directed and starred by Johan

Nattvandraren Norrbottensmusiken on tour Jan - March 2007 Opera performance, leading role as "Harlequin"

Johan Wellton & Friends Gävle Teater Nov - Dec 2006 Variety show produced, directed and starred by Johan

An Evening at the Factory The Factory Theatre 2003 & 2004 Show, dinner & bar. Produced, directed & starred by Johan

Fraktgods The Factory Theatre and on tour 2002-2004 Solo theatre show performed at theatres. +100 shows total.

 ${\it Jul}~x~3$ Galenskaparna, Lorensbergsteatern & Chinateatern 2001 & 2002 Christmas-show, performed a Variety juggling act

Park entertainment Gröna Lund Stockholm June - July 2001 Short street shows in the amusement park

History of breakdance Malmö Teater & on tour 1999 – 2002 Dance production, performed two Variety juggling acts

Nattvandraren Malmö Musikteater Sept - Dec 1998 Opera performance, leading role as "Harlequin"

Cirkusvind Stockholms Stadsteater June - July 1998 New Circus show, performed a juggling act

Television:

Le plus grand cabaret du monde - France 2 2014 Minuta Slava - Ch1 Russia 2011 Benissimo - Ch1 Switzerland 2011 Cirque de Demain - Arte France 2010 Das Supertalent - RTL Germany 2009 Talang 2008 - TV4 Sweden 2008 Barnkanalen - SVT1 Sweden 2005 Kulturnyheterna - SVT1 Sweden 2002 Jul, jul, jul - SVT1 Sweden 2002

Circus, Variety & Circus festivals:

Johan has starred and headlined in numeral shows, mainly with his original flag ship act BOUNCE. A few examples:

Kerstwintercircus Parktheater Eindhoven 2022

Hannover Kleines fest July 2022

La Straka, Bremen 2022

Aachener Weinachtscircus (Achen) 2021

Circus Roncalli and the Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Dec 2019

Circus Roncalli's Christmas show in Tempodrom Berlin Dec 2019

Noel en Cirque, Christmas show Valence d'Agen France Nov 2019

Festival International du Cirque Grenoble France 2019

Salto Natale, Zürich Switzerland Nov-Dec 2018

Circus Roncalli Dinnershow Dortmund 2017

FLIC FLAC Weihnachtsshow Dec 2015

Chimelong Circus Zhuhai 2015

Rockin' Roncalli May-June 2015

FLIC FLAC Wild Christmas Dec 2014

Rockin' Roncalli May-June 2014

Salto Natale, Zürich Switzerland Nov-Dec 2013

Rockin' Roncalli May-June and September 2013

Palazzo, Stuttgart Dec-jan 2012-2013

The 9th Circus festival in Budapest Feb 2012

Wereldkersteireus in Carré konjelijk theater Dec 2011 - Jan 2012

Mercé Circus, Barcelona Sept 2010

Moscow international Circus festival, Nikulin circus Russia Sept 2010

Cirque De Demain - Cirque Phenix France Jan 2010

Awards:

Johan's different productions and performances has won an array of different awards over the years. Here is a selection:

The Audience award at Kerstwintercircus Parktheater Eindhoven 2022

Silver at the Festival Int du Cirque in Grenoble 2019

Bronze medal at The 2nd Int Circus festival in Zhuhai, China 2015

Stockholm Innovation award 2014 (GLITCH)

Innovativ kultur 2013 (GLITCH)

Silver medal at The 9th Circus festival in Budapest 2012

Planet circus award at Moscow festival 2010

Diploma of the Jury at Moscow festival 2010

The special prize of the Jury at Cirque De Demain Paris 2010

The Nikulin Award at Cirque De Demain Paris $2010\,$

The best show of the year (Varieté Royale) - nummer.se 2008

Second place in Talang (Sweden's got talent) 2008

2nd place in The Street Performance World Championship, Dublin 2006

Third prize in Adelaide's Int. Street show competition, 2006

Nominated to The artist of the year The Swedish Event academy 2004

The culture scholarship of Gävle municipality 2004

NCCs & Furuvikparkens grand Circus scholarship 2000

Street-theatre & Street festivals:

Johan's artistic journey began on the streets, and is to this day a fond playground for him to develop and explore.

The street-show tours (1992-2022) have included:

Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium, Finland, Austria, Scotland, France, England, Australia, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Ireland, Switzerland and Romania.

Festivals include (among many others):

La Strada Bremen (GER), World buskers festival (NZ), Malmöfestivalen (SWE), Street Performance World Championship (IRE), Narren Festival (DK), Geentse Festen (Belgium), Festivalul International de Teatru de la Sibiu (RO), Adelaide Fringe festival (AUS), Edinburgh Fringe festival (UK), Pflasterspektakel (Austria), Fremantle street arts festival (AUS)