

JARRETH MERTZ



born in Zurich on May 1, 1970. He grew up on three continents and speaks five languages fluently. He has worked extensively in Film, Television and Theater in Europe and the US and is known for his portrayal of Simon of Cyrene in "The Passion of the Christ" and Charles Baruani in "ER". His directorial film debut, the documentary "An African Election", has gone on to win him not only prizes but international recognition.

Acting

Demo Online www.merz.org

Directing

www.anafricanelection.com

Film

2010	Länger Leben	Hassan	Langfilm, Zürich (Lorenz Keiser)
2010	Mousy Brown	Harold Harris	Urban Republic, Los Angeles (Jarreth Merz)
2008	Dark Streets	Pale Man	Capture Film, Los Angeles (Rachel Samuels)
2007	South of Pico	Ivan	Vent Productions, Los Angeles (E.Gossner)
2006	Lies & Alibis	Quiet Man	Summit Films, L.A. (K.Mattila/M.Checkowski)
2005	Nightshift	Jacques	Yantra Productions, Los Angeles (S.Marcacci)
2004	The Passion	Simon of Cyrene	Icon, Rome (Mel Gibson)
2003	Room 411	Frank	Yantra Productions, Los Angeles (S.Marcacci)
2001	Joe and Max	Father	Gemini Film, Berlin (Steve James)
2000	Taking Sides	American Soldier	Little Big Bear Production, Berlin (Istvan Szabo)
1999	Chill Out	Gabor	ZDF/kleines Fernsehspiel, Berlin (A.Struck)
1998	Curiosity	Hortek	Syrreal Entertainment, Berlin (Ch.Alvert)
1997	Fake	Cop	Taunus Film, Wiesbaden (J.Schlasius)
1996	Propellerblume	Jeff	Triluna Film, Zurich (G.Gsell)
1994	Scar in the Room	German Prisoner	NYU, New York (Mako Kamitsuna)

TV

2007	Law & Order(SVU)	Haroun Abbas	NBC, Universal Peter Leto
2007	The Unit	Momed Salah	FOX/CBS, L.A. (Krishna Rao)
2005	Sleeper Cell	Jamal	Showtime, Los Angeles (N.Gomez)
2003	ER-3 episodes	Charles Baruani	Warner Bros./NBC, L.A./Hawaii (Chris Chulack)
2002	Edel & Starck	Nephew	SAT 1., Berlin (Dirk Regel)
2001	Kasim	Habib Sadok	ZDF, Tunisia (J.Bretzinger)
2000	Die Hunde...	Cab Driver	BR, Berlin (A.Prohaska)
1999	Alpha Team	Karim	SAT.1, Hamburg (I.Krämer)
1997	Heine Birthday	Karl Marx	Arte/WDR, New York (Robert Longo)
1995	All My Children	Martin	ABC Television, New York
1991	Shostakovich	Maximilian	DRS, Zurich (A.Marthaler)

Theater

2007	Cabaret Voltaire	Hugo Ball	USC Playwrights Festival, Los Angeles
2007	Drums in the Night	Kragler	Actor's Gang, Los Angeles
2006	Love's Labors Lost	Longaville	Actor's Gang, Los Angeles
2004	It hasn't been this...	Boy B	GTA-Labyrinth Theater, Public Theater New York
2004	Last Stop Downtown	Priest	Young Playwrights Festival, Los Angeles
2000	Bernarda Alba's House	La Poncia	Berliner Männerensemble, Berlin (J.Oberndorf)
1999	Vaterschaftsprozess	Ted	Tribüne, Berlin (E.Kishon)
1998	Edmond	Pimp Montey	Friends of the Italian Opera, Berlin
1998	Much Ado About Nothing	Claudio	Freilichtbühne Spandau, Berlin (P.M.Popp)
1997	Miss Julie	Jean	Vagantenbühne, Berlin (R.Behrendt)
1997	Man meets Woman	Julian	Checkpoint, Berlin (P.Lüders)
1992	The Seagull	Konstantin	E.F.A.S., Zurich (Anatoli Kalijagin)

Off-Broadway

1995	Kaptain Banana	Conferecier	Green Street Theater, New York
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Speaker Engagements

Ted Global 2011, Edinburgh – The stuff of life/Embracing Otherness

Nominations Theater

NAACP Nomination for best lead Actor for Drums in the Night, Los Angeles

Nominations Film/TV

Emmy Nomination for The Lost/ER

Training

European Film Actor School (E.F.A.S.), Zurich

Herbert Berghof Studio, New York – Uta Hagen, Salem Ludwig

Languages

German, English, Swiss-German - perfect

French, Spanish, Italian, Aramaic, Arabic – dialog

Skills

Voice baritone, fencing, drums, swimmer, surfing, tennis,

Snowboarding, inline skating, scuba diving, horseback riding

Driver license, pilot license

Education

1984 - 1990 Swiss Matura "Typus B" /Baccalaureate, Zurich

1990 – 1992 European Film Acting School, Zurich - Acting

1992 – 1994 Herbert Berghof Studio, New York – Acting/Directing

1995 NYU /School of Continuing Education - Filmmaking

1995 – 1996 MacDanFlight School – Pilot Training

2004 UCLA Extension – Photojournalism (Zuma Press)