



PAUL HERZBERG

Agent: Julian Friedmann

Biography: Paul is an award-winning actor, screenwriter, and playwright, who trained at LAMDA and has been active in 3 disciplines over a career spanning 40 years.

As an actor, he has had roles in major series like THE HONOURABLE WOMAN starring Maggie Gyllenhaal, SILO on Apple+, and most recently completed filming a major role in the international feature, THE TEACHER, written by the Oscar-nominated and BAFTA award-winning director, Farah Nabulsi.

His award-winning play THE DEAD WAIT, fuelled by his experience as a young South African conscript in the Angolan border war, was performed at the Royal Exchange, Manchester and at The Park, London. It was shortlisted for The Verity Bargate Award and Best Play at the Manchester Evening News, before being broadcast on BBC Radio 4 and published by Oberon Books. Paul is now re-developing as a feature, in development with FilmAfrika.

His screenplay ANNA'S STORY, inspired by real events, tells the story of a Czech-Jewish woman surviving pregnancy while incarcerated in three death camps. It was selected for the prestigious 2018 Brit-List and is in development with Ecosse Films.

In 2020, he was commissioned by Elysium Theatre Company to write the short film THE MOTH, which went on to win Best Monologue at the Kwanzaa Film Festival, NYC, and was a finalist in 30 other International Film Festivals. Paul has now adapted into a full-length play which is scheduled for major northern tour in 2025.

His play THE HORSE BENEATH THE ICE had a rehearsed reading starring Sir David Suchet at the JW3 in 2023. Paul has now been commissioned by The Ideas Foundry to adapt the play into a feature film.

Paul's youth in apartheid-era South Africa, with a German refugee father, has given Paul plenty of material to draw from. He likes to write stories which test moral dilemmas and explore how we choose to live.

Film and TV in Development

ANNA'S STORY	Feature Film Ecosse Films	<i>Inspired by real events, tells the story of a Czech-Jewish woman surviving pregnancy while incarcerated in three death camps.</i> Featured on the 2018 Brit List.
THE DEAD WAIT	Feature Film Film Afrika	<i>Paul is adapting his award-winning play, inspired by his experience as a young South African conscript in the Angolan border war.</i>
THE HORSE BENEATH THE ICE	Feature Film The Ideas Foundry	<i>Paul is adapting his play which had a rehearsed reading starring Sir David Suchet at the JW3 in 2023</i>

Film and TV Credits

THE MOTH	2020	Short Film Elysium Theatre Company	<i>Two men - John, a black British journalist and Marius, a white, former South African soldier meet on a train. The meeting triggers a series of events causing upheaval in both their lives, not all of them welcome. And yet, fate conspires to draw them together again, twenty-five years later.</i>
ALMOST HEAVEN	2005	Feature film, directed by Ed Herzog.	Winner: Nashville International Best Feature

		Egoli-Tossell Films, Berlin	
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Selected Radio Credits

DREAMING UP LAURA	2022	BBC Radio 4/ West Deutscher's Rundfunk Dir Andy Jordan.	<i>As a young woman, Laura kept a dream diary that later in life helped her to discover the person she once was.</i>
THE SONG OF MY FATHER	2018	BBC Radio 4/ ABC Perth / West Deutscher's Rundfunk Dir Andy Jordan.	<i>In 1971 as a conscript in the South African army, Ray Kemp betrayed a friend. Twenty years later in London, fate offers the chance of redemption. From August 1992.</i>

Selected Theatre Credits

THE MOTH	2025	Scheduled for major northern tour 2025 (Live; Lowrie: Hull Truck, etc.)	<i>Paul has adapted his short film as a full-length play.</i>
THE HORSE BENEATH THE ICE	2023	JW3, Feb 2023	Public reading starring Sir David Suchet.
THE DEAD WAIT	2013, 2002	Park Theatre 200, 2013 dir. Joe Harmston Royal Exchange, 2002, dir. Jacob Murray Market Theatre, Joburg, dir. Clare Stopford	<i>Inspired by Paul's experience as a young South African conscript in the Angolan border war.</i> Shortlisted: Verity Bargate Award Nominated: Best New Play/ Production/ Performance By An Actor (won) Manchester Evening News Theatre Awards.