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## Paterson Joseph

Actor, Author, Playwright and Theatremaker

## Current Projects:

**SANCHO AND ME: FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY**: Original play which toured both UK and US. Partbiography and part-dramatized readings from Paterson's acclaimed novel 'The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho', SANCHO AND ME: FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY is a performance of storytelling with themes intersecting with Paterson's own story of being Black and British. Sancho's music features during the piece and is arranged by the Musical Director Ben Park who joins Paterson on stage. Co-Director and Designer, Michael Vale and Costumier Linda Haysman.

**VOICES RECLAIMED: A PRELUDE TO RE:DISCOVER/Manchester/Nottingham/London:** Paterson worked as librettist on three short operas with the STREETWISE OPERA FESTIVAL 2024 celebrating classical composers of African and Caribbean heritage and with participants with lived experience of homelessness. He worked with soprano Abigail Kelly and composers Pete Letanka in London, Lavender Rodriguez in Manchester and David Austin Grey in Nottingham.

THE SECRET DIARIES OF CHARLES IGNATIUS SANCHO: Paterson's debut novel was published by Dialogue Books in the UK in 2022 and Henry Holt/MacMillan in the US with paperback launch Spring 2024. Paterson was a Jhalak Prize 2023 Nominee; a Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction Nominee; a British Book Awards / Nibbie Discover Book of the Year Award 2023 Nominee and Winner of the Royal Society of Literature's Christopher Bland prize 2023 and Winner of The Historical Writer's Association Debut Novel Crown in 2023.

## Previous Writing Credits:

**SANCHO: AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**: One man show written and performed by Paterson. Two US tours including venues such as Brooklyn Academy of Music and the Classical Theatre of Harlem in NY and theatres in Austin and Philadelphia. The London premiere was at Wilton's Music Hall with performances in Oxford and Birmingham. The play is published by Bloomsbury. Produced by Pemberly Productions and Oxford Playhouse; Co-director Simon Godwin; Music and Sound Design by Ben Park; Designed by Michael Vale with lighting by Lucrecia Briceño.

**JULIUS CAESAR AND ME: EXPLORING SHAKESPEARE'S AFRICAN PLAY**: Paterson's memoir of his time at the RSC playing Brutus in the play directed by Gregory Doran in 2012 published by Bloomsbury in 2018.

**I, SEVERUS**: Paterson co-wrote this 45' radio play with dramatist David Reed. Broadcast Radio 4, July 2022. The story of Septimius Severus the African Emperor and his family who ruled the Roman Empire from Britain in 211 AD. Starring Paterson, Adjoa Andoh and David Mitchell. Producer Julia McKenzie for BBC Studios.

Paterson's acting credits include *Wonka, Boat Story, Noughts and Crosses, Inside No.9, Avenue 5, The End of the F\*\*\*\* World, Timeless, The Emperor Jones, Julius Caesar, Peep Show, Green Wing, In The Name Of The Father, The Beach, Aeon Flux.*