

## Mentors

### **Kate Romano - project producer, writing & composition**

Goldfield Productions Artistic Director Kate Romano is also a renowned clarinettist, producer and fundraiser and previously held a senior academic role at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama for 12 years. She has a doctorate in composition and is a writer for BBC Orchestras and Proms. She has written and narrated 50 short stories for BBC Radio 3 and five children's productions.

[kateromano.co.uk](http://kateromano.co.uk) / [goldfieldensemble.co.uk](http://goldfieldensemble.co.uk)

### **Nicky Footer - project co-producer, social media, costumes**

Nicky Footer has been Head of North Herts Music School since 2010 and has worked in Music Education for 29 years with both Primary and Secondary students. She is passionate about making a musical difference to young people and writes for the children she teaches; three of her songs are about to be published with Boosey & Hawkes' Singing Sherlock 5.

### **Caroline Clegg – director**

Caroline is an international theatre and opera director working with WNO Opera North and her own company Feelgood Theatre Productions. She has a passion for site specific work, cats and riding her Triumph Bonneville motorbike.

### **Jane Turner – choreography**

Jane Turner is a leading dance practitioner based in Hertfordshire. Her next project after Highbury Whispers is leading a cabaret dance project into a Posh Club for the over 60s in with London students towards developing a community dance project North Hertfordshire. [www.janeturner.net](http://www.janeturner.net)

### **Rachel Willis - costumes**

Rachel's years of sewing expertise were invaluable in helping the cast create the costumes for *Highbury Whispers*. Rachel runs sewing classes and hosts day-long social sewing retreats as co-founder of *Let's Go Sewing*. For more details, go to [www.letsgo Sewing.co.uk](http://www.letsgo Sewing.co.uk) or find Rachel on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/letsgo Sewing/](http://www.facebook.com/letsgo Sewing/)

### **Georgie Ekers – lighting**

Georgie has worked extensively in theatre, dance and opera, most recently as Lighting Associate for Complicite's 'Grief is the Thing with Feathers' and Irish National Opera's 'Bluebeard's Castle'. She has toured worldwide with many productions for Fabulous Beast Dance Theatre and was head of lighting for Auckland International Festival, Wexford Festival Opera and Opera Ireland for many years.

### **Caz Wolfson – percussion**

Caz is a percussionist, passionate music educator and the Head of Potters Bar Music Centre (part of Herts Music Service). She constantly wonders what everyday objects would sound like if you hit them with a really big stick, and has thoroughly enjoyed introducing the Whispers musicians to the joys of kitchen percussion!

### **Andy Lawrence - set design**

Andy is a former BBC prop and costume maker who set up the highly successful *Theatre Of Widdershins* which tours the UK combining puppetry, storytelling and music for younger audiences. [www.widdershins.co.uk](http://www.widdershins.co.uk)