

Torsten Buchsteiner - Writer

Born 18 April 1964 in Hamburg, Buchsteiner studied Acting at the "School for Music & Theatre" Hamburg, followed by several theatre engagements f.e. the "Deutsches Theater" in Berlin, amongst others.

Since 1995, he is increasingly involved in film and television.

In 1999, Buchsteiner started writing. His first play, *Player*, won an award at the Rostocker Playwright Competition. Two years later *Player* premiered at the "Volkstheater Rostock". His next drama was the dance theatre work *Tango Solo*, which premiered in 2005 at the "Divadlo na Vinohradech" in Prague.

Buchsteiner gained the prestigious "Else-Lasker-Schueler Award" and the "Jury Award" at the "First St Gallen Playwright Competition" in 2005 for his drama *Nordost (Northeast)*.

The play premiered at the "Royal Dramaten" in Stockholm in 2006 and has since been translated into 15 languages and staged in 23 countries worldwide.

His youngest drama *Trauma* had its world premiere on the 07.02.2018 at Theatre "Maison de Métallos" in Paris, France.

Further stagings will follow in Katowice (PL), Sofia (BG), Lyon (FR) and Hamburg (DE).

Buchsteiner also writes prose, radio plays and screen plays. He lives in Hamburg and at the Baltic Sea.

Works:

- *Spieler - Players* (Drama 1999), World Premiere: 03.03.2001, *Theatre Rostock*, Director: Corinna Bethge
- *Gefallen für Deutschland - Died for Germany* (Monologue, 2002), World Premiere: 03.10.2002, *Theatre Tübingen*, Director: Torsten Buchsteiner
- *Tango Sólo* (Drama 2002), World Premiere: 03.06.2005 *Divadlo na Vinohradech Prague CZ*, Director: Petr Svojtka
- *Nordost - Northeast* (Drama 2005), World Premiere: 22.04.2006 *Royal Dramatic Theatre (Dramaten) Stockholm SE*, Director: Ellen Lamm
- *Nordost* (Radio Adaption 2006), Director: Thomas Werner, WDR
Further Radio Adaptions in *Sweden, Croatia, Italy, Kazachstan*
- *Spieler - Players* (Radio Adaption 2007), Director: Thomas Werner, WDR
- *Krieger - Warriors* (Radio Drama 2008), Director: Annette Kurth, WDR
- *Cap Ferret or The other Side of the Bay* (Radio Drama 2009), Director: Annette Kurth, WDR
- *Romantics* (Radio Drama 2017), Premiere: 2019, Director: n.n.
- *Trauma - A love story* (Drama 2017), World Premiere: 07.02.2018, *Maison de Métallos Paris FR*, Director: Alexandra Lacroix + Andreas Westphalen
- *Trauma* (Radio Adaption 2019) Radio Sofia BG, Director: n.n.

Awards & Stipends:

- Winner of the "Else-Lasker-Schüler-Award" 2005 (best german speaking play)
- Winner of Jury Award, First St. Galler Playwright Competition 2005 (best play)
- Nominated for the Theatre Award Cologne 2011 (best play)
- Nominated for the Kurt-Hackenberg-Award Cologne 2011 (best political play)
- Buchsteiner received several stipends in Germany, Denmark, Russia, Poland, Spain and Greece.