BAM presents *He Did What?*, a free animated opera short screened outdoors, Oct 27—Nov 2

Belfast-based Dumbworld is part of Artistic Director David Binder’s first Next Wave, a season of BAM artistic debuts

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*He Did What?*
Dumbworld
Conceived and created by Brian Irvine and John McIlduff

Music composed by Brian Irvine
Written and directed by John McIlduff
Orchestra conducted by Fergus Shiel
Costume design by Clodagh Deegan

**BAM Peter Jay Sharp Building**
Oct 27—Nov 2, 7—10pm

**Sep 19, 2019/Brooklyn, NY**—BAM Artistic Director David Binder’s first Next Wave season steps outside the theaters into the street with *He Did What?*, a humorous, animated opera and public art project. The 10-minute film is projected onto the façade of the Peter Jay Sharp Building on a continuous loop between 7 and 10pm from Oct 27 to Nov 2. The public will watch it on the sidewalks and listen to the music on headsets provided by BAM, free of charge. The decidedly wacky plot of two octogenarians concocting a “hit” on a cheating husband is conveyed through a graffiti-like visual style, operatic vocals (sung by Doreen Curran, Sylvia O’Brien, and Dan Reardon), and a cacophonous orchestral soundtrack. Created by the Belfast-based Dumbworld and nominated for a Total Theatre Award by the Irish National Opera, *He Did What?* is an experiential project that demonstrates the two creators’ mission to create art works for people of all ages and backgrounds.

**Brian Irvine** was born in Belfast. He creates music in all forms, including operas, orchestral works, large-scale oratorios, installations, film, theater and dance scores, as well as ensemble, solo, and chamber works. His style is a highly personal concoction of punk, improvisation, and
contemporary classical. Irvine has received commissions from many international orchestras, opera companies, and theaters, and has toured extensively with his own 12-piece ensemble. He has won the British Composers Award for Opera and the BBC Radio 3 Jazz Award. His *Postcards from Dumbworld* was shortlisted for the Irish Times Opera Award (2011) and his BBC Radio 3 commission *Secret Cinema* was nominated for a BBC Radio 3 Listeners Award (2011). *Rain Falling Up* was also shortlisted for a British Composers Award (2012).

**John Mcllдуff** is a writer, stage director, and filmmaker with works spanning opera, television, film, theater, music videos, commercials, and installations. Originally from Belfast, McIlduff studied at L’École de Théâtre Jacques Lecoq in Paris, where he still lives. His film feature *Behold the Lamb* premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and was awarded Best Screenplay at Thessaloniki International Film Festival and Best Director at the Arras International Film Festival. His theater works include *Crime and Punishment, Postcards from Dumbworld, The Oldest Woman in Limerick,* and *Shelter me from the Rain* (Allianz Business to Arts Award).

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Train: Long Island Railroad to Atlantic Terminal – Barclays Center
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