



Curriculum Vitae Nicholas Kavanagh

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I am an actor, director, writer, drama facilitator, and Artistic Director of Curious State – Theatre & Street Spectacle Company.

Academic

Qualifications: BA Honours Degree in Drama, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2003.

B-Tec Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts, Coláiste Dhulaigh, Dublin 2000.

Professional experience:

2023 - Present: Artist-in-residence at Theatre Royal, Waterford.
July 2024: Facilitator, National Festival of Youth Theatres, Ireland.
July 2022: Facilitator, National Festival of Youth Theatres, Ireland.
2021-2022: Part-time lecturer, South East Technological University (Maternity Cover)
July 2020: Facilitator, National Festival of Youth Theatres, Ireland. (Online)
July 2019: Specialist Workshop, National Festival of Youth Theatres, Ireland.
2018-2019: Part-time lecturer, South East Technological University (Maternity Cover)
2016 - Present: Artistic Director, Curious State -theatre & street spectacle, Waterford.
2016 - 2022: Co-founder, A Little Room-Theatre Development Centre, Waterford.
2012 - Present: Street performance director, Waterford Spraoi.
2008-2014: Outreach drama tutor, Little Red Kettle Theatre Company, Waterford.
2008-2014: Drama tutor, Waterford Youth Arts.
2003-present: Freelance actor, director and drama tutor, nationwide.

Training: Josh Elwell, puppetry for the stage, Theatre Royal, Waterford, 2024.
Mike Leahy, Spectacle Design Workshop, Spraoi Studios, Waterford, 2017.
Miquel Barceló, Physical Theatre Workshop, Galway, 2017.
Commedia dell'Arte Workshop, Corn Exchange, 2014.
Tim Crouch, Writing & Performing for Young People, Abbey Theatre, 2013.
Theatre Lovett, Actor Training, Abbey Theatre, 2013.
Joan Baixas, Visual Theatre Workshop, Red Kettle Theatre Co., 2012.

Publications: (2017) Book review, *In the Making*. Dublin; Youth Theatre Ireland.

Membership of

Associations: 2018-2021: Board member of ISACS (Irish Street Arts, Circus & Spectacle Network).
2016-present: Member of The Irish Society for Theatre Research.
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Selected performance and directing practice credits:

- (2024) Writer/Director, *Where the Wildflowers Grow*, Curious State/Theatre Royal. [Outdoor Spectacle]
- (2024) Creator/Performer, *Hand-cranked Tunes* Curious State, Funtropolis Festival [Street Theatre]
- (2023) Director/Performer, *Morbid & Sons*, Curious State, Cavan Culture Night. [Street Theatre]
- (2023) Director, *The Climate Stage Is Yours*, Theatre Royal, Waterford. [Theatre]
- (2023) Performer, *The Listener*, MonkeyShine, RTÉ. [Radio]
- (2023) Director, *The People's Parade*, Theatre Royal, Cruinniú na nÓg. [Promenade]
- (2023) Director, *Is this good enough?*, Waterford Youth Arts, NT Connections. [Theatre]
- (2023) Director/writer, *Le pOpéra*, Curious State, Touring production. [Street Theatre]
- (2023) Performer/creator, *The Science of Eww!*, Curious State, Spraoi Festival. [Street Theatre]
- (2022) Director, *Dyschordia*, Spraoi Street Arts Festival Waterford. [Parade/Spectacle]
- (2022) Performer/writer, *Messrs. Smiley & Veneer*, Curious State, Dublin. [Street Theatre]
- (2022) Performer, *Seeking Cinderella*, Garter Lane Arts Centre , Waterford. [Audio Drama]
- (2022) Director, *The Family Geansaí*, Curious State, Dublin. [Parade/Spectacle]
- (2021) Director, *PRISM*, Spraoi, Waterford & Clonmel. [Site-responsive outdoor performance]
- (2021) Performer, *Valentia Transatlantic Cable*, Mirador Media, Kerry. [Short-film]
- (2021) Writer/Performer, *The Street Sweeper*, SPF T.V. , Dublin. [Short-film]
- (2021) Writer/Performer, *A Handy History of Ireland*, SPF T.V. , Dublin. [Short-film]
- (2020) Performer, *The Snow Queen*, Garter Lane Arts Centre , Waterford. [Audio Drama]
- (2020) Director, *Roots*, Garter Lane Arts Centre , Waterford. [Music Video]
- (2019) Director, *All at Sea*, Spraoi Parade, Waterford. [Parade/Spectacle]
- (2019) Director, *Morbid & Sons*, St. Patrick's Festival, Dublin. [Street Theatre]
- (2018) Director, *Winter Wonderland*, Spraoi, Winterval Festival, Waterford. [Promenade]
- (2018) Director, *Wicked Woods*, Spraoi, Waterford. [Site-responsive outdoor performance]
- (2018) Director, *Bugs*, Spraoi Parade, Waterford. [Parade/Spectacle]
- (2018) Performer, *Grow*, Monkeyshine Theatre Company, Civic Theatre, Dublin. [Theatre]
- (2018) Director, *The Lonesome Road*, Curious State, A Little Room, Waterford. [Theatre]

(2017) Performer, *The Secret Garden*, BrokenCrow Theatre Company, National Tour. [Theatre]

(2017) Co-Director, *The Foolhardy Three*, Curious State, Spraoi Festival, Waterford [Street Theatre]