

# THE SECRET BOOKSHOP

## CREW & CREATIVES

**Paul Bosco Mc Eneaney** – Creator & Director

**Charles Way** – Writer

**Kyron Bourke** - Musical Director

**Matteus** - Sound Design

**Diana Ennis** - Set & Costume Designer

**The Deluxe Group** - Set Construction

**Dave Morgan** - Set Design & Construction

**Guy Barrett & Katie Wade** - Illusion Design

**Ross McDade** - Production Manager

**Paul Hinchcliffe** - Technical Theatre Manager & Lighting Operator

**Simon Bond** - Lighting Designer

**Beth Tays** - Sound Technician

**Sarah Johnston** - Choreographer

**Amy Smyth** - Stage Manager

**Ben Davy** - Assistant Stage Manager

**Fiona Donaghy** - Front of House Manager

**Erin Humphrey** - Box Office Manager

Cahoots Team:

**Hannah Fullerton** - Creative Engagement Manager

**Greta Kelly** - Fundraising & Development Manager

**Jenny Cowan** - Finance Manager

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## ***Kyron Bourke***

Born into a theatrical Dublin family, Kyron Bourke worked as a wardrobe man in theatre and film before becoming a full-time musician and singer after signing to Polygram Records. Kyron has acted in theatre, television, and radio, and has written drama for radio. Kyron is Co-founder of Teatro Nua Productions which produced the premiere of his jazz and blues opera *No Citation* at the Lyric Belfast in May 2022. Directed by Rhiann Jeffrey, *No Citation* in which Kyron played the part of Jeremy d'Wolfe McCarthy premiered in May 2022



to critical acclaim. With musical direction by Kyron, *No Citation* was enthusiastically received and Teatro Nua is presently planning a Dublin production later this year. Kyron played leading roles in the Lyric Theatre Belfast's 2015 and 2016 Christmas shows and toured Ireland with *The Assistant's Revenge*, in the role of Sullivan, a piano playing private detective. In 2021 he composed the music for Cahoots first production at the Grimm Hotel Theatre and in 2022, he was both composer and musical director for *When We Were Wild* at the MAC, Belfast. Kyron also appeared in Kathryn Baird's acclaimed film *An Buachaill Gealgháireach* and in his own award winning movie, *No Explanation*.

## ***Hugh Brown***

Hugh W Brown is a Belfast-based actor and writer with 30 years' experience in film, theatre, outdoor arts, circus, clown and music, specialising in work for young audiences and families. A long-time collaborator with Cahoots NI, his credits include *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* (2024), *The Ghost House* (2022), *The Grimm Hotel* (2021) and co-writing/performing *The University of Wonder and Imagination*, which toured virtually across Ireland, the UK and the USA during 2020/21; he has also toured internationally with the award-winning shows *Shh! We Have a Plan* and *Egg*. As solo performer *Jitterbug Jackson*, Hugh has appeared across Europe, Asia and Australia, and has served as Creative Performance Director for Belfast's *St Patrick's Parade* (2022–23) before creating performance and music for *St Patrick's*

*Festival Dublin* (2024–25). His writing, composing and directing work includes commissions for Cahoots, Grasshopper, Dublin City Council and Creative Places projects, and he co-created and scored RTÉ's *The Science of Sense* podcast, commissioned for a third series in 2024. He also co-wrote, produced and performed in the feature film *Inside the Belly of a Dragon* (2017), and has developed *Theatrical Thinking*, a creative model using circus, music and theatre to inspire confidence and expression in people of all ages.



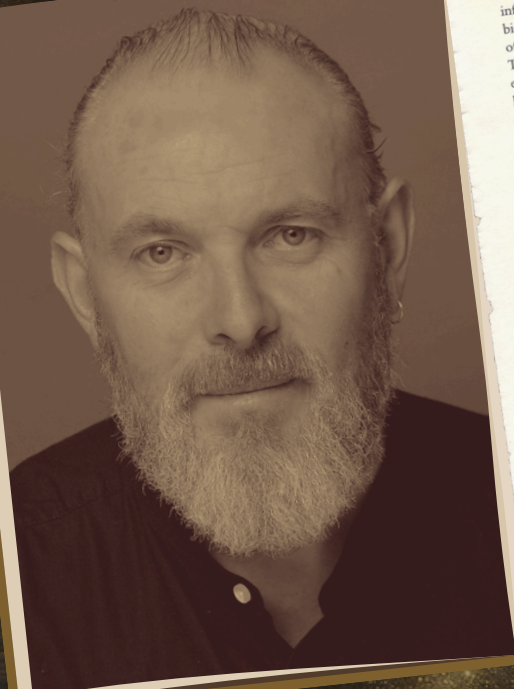
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## **John Paul Connolly**

John Paul is a native of Armagh who has spent most of his working life in London.

He trained at RADA and has worked in many regional theatres including The Royal Exchange, Manchester, the Traverse Theatre Edinburgh and The Lyric Theatre in Belfast as well as the Royal Shakespeare Company, Shakespeare's Globe, The National Theatre and in the West End and on Broadway. He has worked extensively in TV and on Radio too. This is his third production for Cahoots NI.



infinite seascape, the village seemed comic, its houses crowded close together in the Great Blasket that faced the mainland. The islanders were pragmatic people. After evacuation they returned in naomhóg homes of doors, roof beams and slates might be useful in their new lives.

At the top of the village, way above, where Peig Sayers had lived. It had been in 1910, but the winds had punctured out the windows. In the seventies an eccentric pilot from Alabama called visited the Great Blasket on holiday. Seized with an ambition to rebuild the ranch, he called on exiled islanders to buy very cheaply. After all, who could afford a derelict house on an inaccessible island? A bottle of brandy, or so the rumour went, was more than life and the people west of the island were sorry when his plan failed.

The next time anyone thought of the Blasket was in the mid-eighties when the *Wall Street Journal* offered the island a million dollars. That was the start of a battle between a company based in New York and Taylor Collings's share of the island. The Taylor Collings - led at that time by Charles Taylor - which wanted to develop the island was still before the Supreme Court when the boat of the season, and the signs of the island being built.

## **Orla Gormley**

Orla Gormley trained at The Arts Educational School London of Musical Theatre.

Theatre includes: Thursdays With Elvis (GBL Prod), The Sorcerer's Apprentice (Cahoots), Hansel and Gretel (The Lyric Theatre) The Last Ship (Karl Sydow- American Tour), Musical of The Year (Eloy Productions), The Last Ship (UKTour/Princess of Wales, Toronto), Beauty and The Beast, (The Lyric Theatre) Molly Wobbly's TIT Factory (The Lyric Theatre), Dirty Rotten Scoundrels(ATG/Jerry Mitchell Productions), Comrade Rockstar (Julian Woolford), One Night Stand (PBM), HATCH! (The Mac Theatre), Den Of Iniquity (BASA Productions), GETGOT (The Main

Space/Edinburgh Fringe), Comedy Of Errors (Theatre at theMill), Sleeping Beauty (Market Theatre), Lead Production Singer (P&O Azura), Romeo & Juliet (NZ Opera Company), Night of a Thousand Voices (SSE Arena Belfast), Jack & The Beanstalk (Millennium Forum) Peter Pan (Millennium Forum). Workshops include - Houdini developmental workshops (Sting / Karl Sydow), Devils Advocate (Julian Woolford ). Original Cast Albums include 'Lizzie' (Musical of the Year), 'Renata' (Comrade Rockstar) and 'Ruth' (Molly Wobbly's)

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## Declan King

Declan is a theatre-maker from Dublin, based in Belfast. He has worked with leading theatre companies across Ireland and the UK as an actor, devisor, director, facilitator, and stage manager.

Declan's own work focuses on improvisation and physical theatre using the principles of Open Space. Declan has devised and directed several pieces including *Rumble In The Ensemble* (Smock Alley Theatre) and *The Rehearsal Room* (Accidental Theatre).

## Christina Nelson

Christina is a dynamic and versatile actor and director, renowned for her compelling performances and innovative direction. Her recent stage credits at the Lyric Theatre include memorable roles in "Hansel and Gretel", "Snow Queen", "Pinocchio", "Lady Killers", and "Sinners". Each performance has showcased her exceptional talent and ability to bring complex characters to life. Earlier this year, Christina took her talents to New York, performing with the Irish Arts Centre in "Good Vibrations," following a successful run at the Grand Opera House in Belfast. Other acting credits further highlight her range and skill, including roles in "Cassandra of Ulster" in Dublin, "McCooeys" at the Grand Opera House, "Betty and Bernie's School

Reunion" at the SSE Arena, and "Ring of Steel" with Kabosh. With a passion for storytelling and a dedication to her craft, Christina continues to make a significant impact on the arts, both on stage and screen. Her work not only entertains but also engages and inspires audiences, solidifying her reputation as a talented and influential figure in the industry.

