

Blue Raincoat Theatre Company

Directors and Advisory Board Members

Biographies and appointment dates of Directors and Advisory Board members are set out below.

Directors

Malcolm Hamilton (1991)

Malcolm Hamilton is a Founding Director of Blue Raincoat Theatre Company and The Factory Performance Space. He was a Director of Sligo Arts Festival during the 1980s and was a member of the Steering Committee that founded the Model and Niland Arts Centre. He is also a Director of The Hamilton Gallery in Sligo. He authored 7 plays for Blue Raincoat as Company Writer in Residence between 1996 and 2011.

Niall Henry (1991)

Niall Henry trained at the Oscar Theatre School in Dublin and in Paris with Marcel Marceau, Maxamillion Decroux and Corrine Soum of L'Ecole de Mime Corporeal de Paris. He returned to Ireland in 1991 to found Blue Raincoat Theatre Company with Malcolm Hamilton, John Carty and Finnoula Gallagher. He has been Artistic Director of Blue Raincoat since its foundation and has directed much of the company's work in that time. In the role of Artistic Director of Blue Raincoat, Niall has also co-founded the Cairde Arts Festival, The Sligo Youth Theatre, The Mad Hatter (children's theatre and performance festival), Tread Softly...Yeats festival, and the Blue Raincoat Academy. He lives in Leitrim with his partner Bettina and their daughter Phoebe.

Advisory Board

Rory Concannon (2007)

Rory Concannon has over twenty years experience working in the arts sector in Ireland. He was an Executive Director of the Abbey Theatre and General Manager of Blue Raincoat Theatre Company. He was the founding CEO of the Dublin International Film Festival, General Manager of the Cork International Film Festival as well as Director of the European Co-ordination of Film Festivals. Rory conceived and developed the Delphi Mountain Resort in Connemara. He has also worked for Ireland's national governing body for swimming as Commercial and Operations Director.

Damian Devaney (2001)

Damian Devaney was appointed Group VP Marketing & Communications in Smurfit Kappa Group in October 2015. Prior to this he was Director of Brand Strategy, Communication and Organisation Engagement. Previously he was Marketing Director at O2 Ireland and before that at Coca-Cola Ireland - where he had responsibility for the full Coca-Cola portfolio. Damian also held a

variety of senior marketing leadership roles in Gilbeys and Diageo, where he managed key brands such as Guinness and Bailey's. Damian studied at the University of Limerick and at Smurfit Business School at University College Dublin. He holds an Honours BA Degree in European Studies, a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration; is a fellow of the Marketing Institute of Ireland where he was chairman in 2005/06 and a board member from 2003/2013. He is a member of the Professional Games Board (PGB) at Connaught Rugby and sits on the IRFU's Commercial and Marketing Committee.

Tom Hobson (1998)

Tom Hobson has many years experience assisting not-for-profit organisations on strategy, governance and finance issues. Based in Sligo, he has worked with a wide range of organisations throughout Ireland and abroad.

Liam Scollan (2015)

Liam Scollan is an experienced leader with extensive top-level management experience and achievement in business and social enterprise development and strategic policy making. In Ireland and in the UK Liam Scollan worked at CEO/director level in county and regional development bodies. In Ireland he headed up a state body for regional development and in business he grew one of the largest social enterprises in the region. He has a track record in the successful creation of a large variety of initiatives ranging from aviation, natural resources, health, social policy and economic growth as well as involvement in the arts. Among his many roles he has been Head of Economic Development in a UK Local Authority, CEO of the Western Development Commission, CEO/Chairman of Ireland West Airport Knock, Board Member/Director of several successful enterprises and is a Member the Institute of Directors.

Kevin Quinn (2009)

Biography to follow

Rhona Trench (2012)

Dr Rhona Trench is Programme Chair of the BA in Performing Arts at The Institute of Technology, Sligo. She is the Treasurer of the Irish Society for Theatre Research and has published widely on Irish Theatre. She is the current Chair of the Board of the Dock.