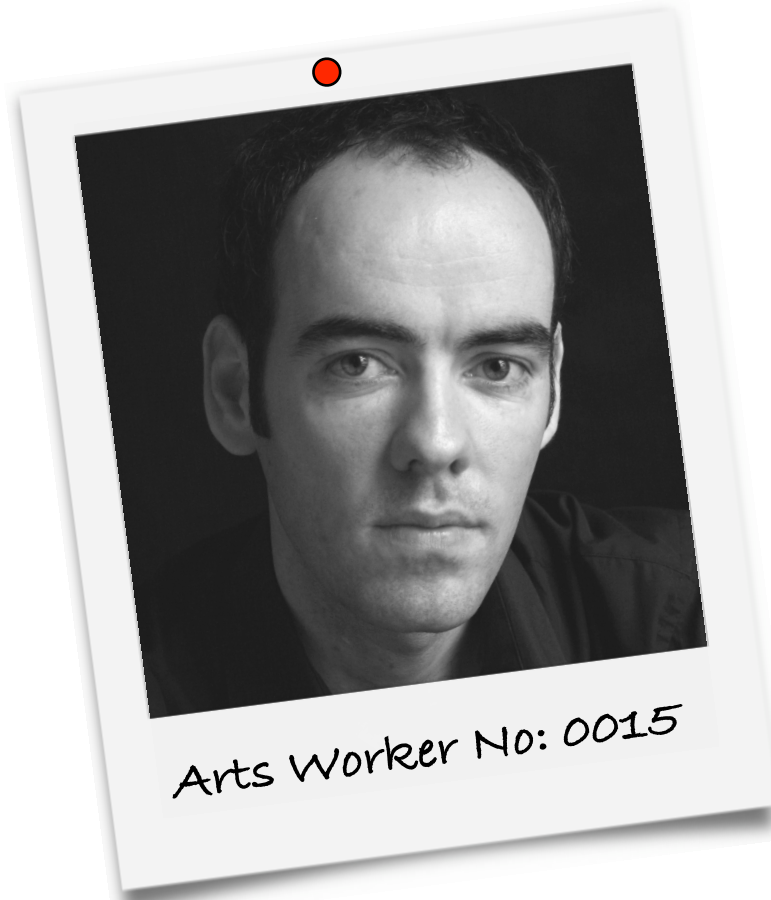


“Life is for living, support the Arts!”



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I remember, quite clearly, the day the arts changed my life forever, it was May of 1995, and my brother Patrick was performing in a Waterford Youth Drama play entitled *Alice through the Oxygen Mask*. It was an incredible production, I've never laughed so much. I was so proud of my big brother, it was my first time watching him perform. I was amazed to find out that the cast was mostly made up of young people the same age as myself at the time. I finally found out where my brother disappeared to every Monday night, to that magical place called Waterford Youth Drama, and from that day onwards I went there too. Since my humble beginnings at Waterford Youth Drama I have trained as an actor abroad, and 3 years ago I returned home to my native Waterford to work as a professional actor and drama tutor. The Arts is a huge part of Waterford, and we must not let it disappear, so please support the Arts! Thanks for taking the time to read this.

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