

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

## **PERSONAL**

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**OCCUPATION:** Graduate of National University of Ireland Maynooth.  
B.A. (Hons.) in Media Studies and Music - 2.1 Honours

## **EDUCATION**

**SECOND LEVEL:** St Kilian's Community School, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

**EXAMINATIONS:** Junior Certificate - 2 A's, 9 B's, 1 C (All at Higher Level)

Leaving Certificate – All Higher Level;  
English (B3), Irish (C2), Maths (D2),  
Geography (C1), French (B3), Art (C1), Music (B1)

**ECDL:** All seven Modules completed

**GAISCE:** Bronze and Silver Medals

**THIRD LEVEL:** National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

## **EXAMINATIONS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Year: Music - First Class Honours  
Media Studies - First Class Honours  
English - Third Class Honours

2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Music: First Class Honours  
Media Studies: Second Class Honours - Upper Division (2.1)

3<sup>rd</sup> Year: BA (Hons) Grade 2.1 in Media Studies and Music

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **PERFORMANCE**

Classical Piano: Royal Irish Academy – Grade VIII ( Hons.)  
Classical Singing: Royal Irish Academy – Grade V (Hons.)  
Musical Theatre Singing: Royal Irish Academy – Grade V (Dist.)  
Classical Violin: Royal Irish Academy – Grade III (Hons.)

### **MUSIC COMPETITIONS:**

Feiseanna: Many 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes at Feiseanna in Solo Singing including New Ross, Arklow, Kilcoole, Feis Ceoil and Wesley.

1<sup>st</sup> prizes in Duo and Trio Singing Competitions at Arklow and Kilcoole.

1<sup>st</sup> prize 3 years running in the Family Ensemble Competition at Dublin Feis Ceoil.

### World Championships in Performing Arts:

I travelled to Hollywood, L.A. as part of Team Ireland and won 1 Gold Medal, 3 Silver Medals, 2 Bronze Medals and a Champion of the World Plaque, as well as getting through from 5000 competitors to 500 in the Semi Finals.

Irish Dance: Won many Irish Dancing Championships with An Comisiún Irish Dancing Organisation.

## **MUSIC, DANCE AND THEATRE EXPERIENCE**

**SINGING:** I sing Solo and with my Family Vocal Ensemble at Weddings, Funerals, Functions and Concerts. I have also sung on Television and Radio with my family. We have featured on “The John Murray Show” (RTE Radio 1), “The Morning Show” (TV 3), “The All Ireland Talent Show” (RTE 1 TV) (as Backing Singers), “Feis and Blood” (TG 4), as well as our local radio “East Coast FM Radio” a number of times. We were also featured on “Nationwide” RTE 1 TV. We recorded a Music Video for “Pat Dam Smyth” and recorded carols to be played on Grafton Street at Bewleys Café for an Exhibition in 2010, which have been used every year since then.

**CHORAL:** Bray Youth Choir, Bray Choral Society, Wicklow Choral Society, Maynooth Ladies Choir and Maynooth Choral Society. We have performed many major Choral Works such as “Carmina Burana” by Carl Orff and” The Armed Man, a Mass for Peace” by Karl Jenkins. We have performed at the National Concert Hall and travelled to European Cities including Wurzburg, Salzburg and Vienna. I have also sung with a number of visiting American Choirs in aid of different charities.

**STAR ACADEMY:** Royal Irish Academy of Music (2 Years)

**DANCE:** Annette Hynes School of Dance – Ballet, Modern and Jazz (Grade 3)  
The Dance Centre, Dun Laoghaire – Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Musical Theatre.  
Pauline Fegan School of Irish Dance – I am a Champion Irish Dancer.  
Talented Kids Ireland – Contemporary Dance.  
Backstage Ireland – Contemporary Dance.

### **THEATRE EXPERIENCE:**

**SMYTH:** (Bray) I Have had lead roles in many Musicals and Variety Shows including “Flapper”, “Back to the 80’s”, “The Internal Teen Machine” to name a few.

**CURTAIN CALL:** Lead Roles in Musicals including “Alice in Wonderland”, “Charlie and the (Greystones) Chocolate Factory” and a number of Pantomimes.

**TALENTED KIDS:** (Clondalkin) Singing, Dancing, Improvisation acting. I also performed in the Gaiety as part of their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary both as part of the School and with my Family Ensemble.

**BACKSTAGE IRL:** Took part in shows including Improvisation acting, Singing and Dance.  
(Bray)

**MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY:** I have been a member of Maynooth Music and Drama Society since it started 3 years ago and as well as performing in the first year I have been on the Committee for the last 2 years as PRO in charge of Poster and Programme Design. Also this year I took on the role of Musical Director for both the “StageStoppers” Show and the production of “Grease”. I fixed the Band and auditioned the singing parts, took the Soloists and Chorus through their singing, taught them to sing in parts and conducted the band on both nights of the show. I also had to assist in directing as well when our Director took ill and had to bow out.

**OTHER:** I have a lot of Backstage and Front-of-House experience and have achieved Honours in a Theatrical Stage Make-up Course I did with Curtain Call Academy.

#### **WORKSHOPS TAKEN:**

Pineapple Dance  
Studio, London: Contemporary Dance

DanceWorks  
London: Costume, Combat and Theatrical Make-up

Globe Theatre,  
London: Classical Acting

BBC Studios,  
London: Masterclasses in all aspects of Television

**HOBBIES:** Music – I also play Guitar, Bodhran, Tin Whistle, Recorder and I am learning Cello, Crafts, Sports, Dancing, Acting, Baking, Reading, Cross-Stitch, Archery and Fencing.

**WORK EXP.** I worked in the TV3 Studios on the ‘mock-up’ of the TV Series “The Lie”.  
I also worked as a runner on the “Jason Byrne Show” in 2015.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Worked in 'Catwalk' Boutique, Dundalk during holidays for the last 4 years. Worked as a Scribe for the State Examinations Board for Leaving Cert over the last 3 years.

I have been teaching Piano to Students from the age of 7 up to 13 for the last 5 years.

Worked as Student Ambassador for NUIM, taking Tours and working at Open Days, Sitting on Information Panels and talking to new Students.

I have been signed up with Movie Extras for the last 1 and a half years and have been on "Penny Dreadful", "Ripper Street", "My Name is Emily", and "Fair City". I also worked as an 'Elf' on "The Forest Train Experience" at Avondale House at Christmas 2014.

Set up and currently running a Youth Musical Theatre Group (2015) and ran Musical Theatre Summer Schools (2015).

Worked as a Notetaker/PA for the Access Office in Maynooth University.

## **FUNDRAISING**

My Family Vocal Ensemble have put on a number of concerts over the last few years to raise money for Charitable Organisations – St Vincent de Paul, Childline, Bernardos, Alzheimers, Fighting Blindness and a number of others. Since Christmas 2014, we have raised over €5000 alone, and are currently working with American visiting choirs to raise even more.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

I worked as a volunteer with my local Ladybirds for 2 years as part of my Silver Gaisce.

I have recently made a Short Film as part of my College Course using Professional Actors which I hope to enter into Film Festivals next year.

As a result of my work with the Music and Drama Society Maynooth, I was awarded a Lifetime Membership Award by the committee members.

## **REFERENCES**

Mr. Paul Connolly, Teacher and Year-Head at St. Kilian's Community School, Bray. Co. Wicklow. (attached)

Mrs. Helen Dodd, Year-Head at St. Kilian's Community School (attached)