



**WAMA**

WATERFORD ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND ARTS

Presents:

# DNA

A PLAY BY DENNIS KELLY

Directed by Paula Weldon

**7.30pm Sun June 21st**

**Theatre Royal, Waterford**

**Tickets: €10 plus booking fee**

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**Theatre Royal, The Mall, Waterford, X91 HE9R**

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## A Note from Trevor

Welcome to the Theatre Royal and thank you for joining us for WAMA's production of *DNA* by Dennis Kelly.

At Waterford Academy of Music Arts, we are committed to giving young performers opportunities to experience the excitement and challenge of live theatre. This production of *DNA* marks WAMA's first youth play, and we are delighted to bring Dennis Kelly's powerful and thought-provoking work to the Theatre Royal stage.

*DNA* is a darkly funny and thought-provoking story about friendship, group dynamics, and the consequences of the choices we make. Dennis Kelly's writing is both entertaining and unsettling, and remains as relevant today as when it was first written.

Our cast has approached this production with enthusiasm and curiosity. For some, this is their first time appearing in a full-length play, while for others it is another step in their journey as performers. It has been a pleasure to watch them engage with the material and develop their understanding of these complex characters.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our director, Paula Weldon, whose guidance, patience, and creativity have shaped this production from the first rehearsal to tonight's performance. My thanks also go to the families who support these young actors and to the team at the Theatre Royal for providing such a wonderful venue for young people to experience theatre at its very best.

Most importantly, thank you to our cast for their commitment to the process and for sharing their work with us this evening.

I hope you enjoy the performance.

### **Trevor Darmody**

Producer

Waterford Academy of Music Arts (WAMA)

## Production Team

<b>Director:</b>	Paula Weldon
<b>Sound:</b>	James Hayes
<b>Lighting:</b>	Richard Collins
<b>Audio Effects:</b>	Pa Kerwick
<b>Projections:</b>	Pa Kerwick
<b>Stage Manager:</b>	Theo Fitzgerald
<b>Videography:</b>	Colin Shanahan
<b>Set Design:</b>	Dave Duffy
<b>Production Manager:</b>	Trevor Darmody

## **About WAMA**

Founded in 2004, Waterford Academy of Music Arts (WAMA) has been providing high-quality tuition to students of all ages and abilities for over 20 years. From complete beginners to students progressing to NFQ Level 5 and beyond, we strive to create a learning environment that is welcoming, inclusive, and rewarding for everyone.

Whether students are preparing for further education, developing professional skills, or simply pursuing a passion for the arts, our experienced teaching team is dedicated to helping them achieve their goals. With modern facilities, a contemporary curriculum, and a staff whose teaching experience ranges from five to more than ten years, WAMA offers students the support and resources they need to grow in confidence and ability.

Performance is at the heart of what we do. Throughout the year, students have opportunities to take part in concerts, open mic events, plays, musicals, street theatre, and community outreach programmes, gaining valuable experience both on and off the stage.

As an independent, privately run school, WAMA has grown from the ground up through a commitment to excellence in arts education and a genuine passion for supporting young people and lifelong learners alike.

We are proud of the community we have built and look forward to welcoming many more students through our doors in the years ahead.

## **About WAMA Drama & Dance Dept.**

Whether you are born for the stage or are the shy, less confident type, our drama and dance classes will be committed to nurturing all children, regardless of talent, where equal attention will be given to all participants in the course. Its objective is to instil in students a love of the arts while enhancing positive self-image, self-esteem and self-expression. Confidence will be built in a non-competitive environment by learning invaluable social skills through drama games, dance and contemporary theatre.

Our Dance & Drama classes caters for Junior Infants up to young adults and is one of our most popular programmes.

## Cast

**Mark:** Emily Doherty

**Jan:** Isla O'Connor

**Phil:** Cian Kennedy

**Leah:** Holly Gunnip

**Richard:** Ryan Keogh

**John Tate:** Eóghann Moodley

**Danny:** Quinlan Hennessy

**Cathy:** Lola Rodger

**Brian:** Fionn Hartrey

**Lou:** Aisling Markey

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