

Tailtiu Theatre Company



Tailtiu Theatre Company is a joint venture by Barry Morgan and Cathal Thornton, currently based in Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda. Former members of Droichead Youth Theatre, Barry and Cathal create interactive theatre for young people. They use drama to help participants find ways to express themselves creatively and to explore their identity. Previous projects include *Under d' Bed* for Droichead Arts Centre and the Abbey Theatre's 5 x 5.



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Podcast | Reflection Questions

You may find some of the following reflection questions useful. The questions and activities below are a small sample of ways that this podcast featuring Barry Morgan and Cathal Thornton of Tailtiu Theatre Company could be incorporated into your classroom practice. You will need to consider the unique context and both age and stage of your students when planning how best to use this podcast and adapt this resource accordingly.



Before Listening

- What do you think the work of a theatre company might involve? Do you visit the theatre? What kinds of plays do you enjoy?



During Listening

- Barry talks of how the name they chose for the theatre company links to their home county of Louth and the goddess of the arts. If you were setting up a theatre company, what would you call it and why?
- Inspired by their experiences at youth theatre as teenagers, both Barry and Cathal studied drama at third level and are now forging a career in the arts. What inspires you?
- Influenced by live action video games, Tailtiu create what they term 'interactive theatre', in which audience members are also participants helping to drive the action. Does this style of theatre appeal to you? Why/Why not?
- For Tailtiu Theatre Company, collaboration is key, even for a one-person show. Do you agree?



After Listening

- Theatre practitioners Bertolt Brecht and Augusto Boal are referenced as influences on Tailtiu Theatre Company. Who and/or what are your artistic influences?
- Research a local/regional theatre company or dramatist that you are interested in. Present your findings to others.

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