



**CAHOOTS NI:
SHH! WE HAVE A PLAN**

Saturday, April 28, 2018, at 10am
Colwell Playhouse

PROGRAM

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An exciting theatrical adventure for young children!

Paul Bosco Mc Eneaney, creator and director
Garth McConaghie, composer and sound designer
Lorcan Reed, assistant stage manager
Matthew Bradley, company administrator
Emma Wilson, creative engagement manager
Lisa Mahoney, production manager

Cast

Hugh W. Brown
Claire Cogan
Philippa O'Hara
Lorcan Reed

Shh! We have a Plan is the enchanting new theatre production by the multi-award-winning theatre company Cahoots NI. The performance is a nonverbal tale featuring magic, music, and puppetry based on the Chris Haughton book of the same name. Follow the delightful and surprising journey of three madcap characters, each of whom has a plan to capture a beautiful bird perched high in a tree!

Sounds simple, but the quest soon becomes an obsession and the obsession becomes the absurd! Where will it all end? Join us as the characters learn to love and look after nature while discovering that perhaps freedom and kindness are more important than getting what you want at any cost!

Prepare to be enchanted and amazed by this unique and engaging production featuring magic, music, puppetry, and lots more!

This performance will be presented with no intermission.

Cahoots NI appears by arrangement with:

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PROFILES

CAHOOTS NI

CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMPANY

Cahoots NI is at the forefront of Northern Irish theatre and is the leading professional theatre company producing work for children.

Since beginning operations in November 2001, Cahoots NI has produced original, boldly innovative work for children, some staged in conventional theatre venues and some in purpose-designed sites or specific locations, including schools and healthcare settings. Its work concentrates on combining the visual potential of theatre with the age-old popularity of magic and illusion.

For more information, please visit the company's website: www.cahootsni.com

CREATIVE TEAM

PAUL BOSCO MC ENEANEY (creator and director) is from County Armagh, Northern Ireland, and is the founder member and artistic director of Cahoots NI, which began operations in November 2001. In his role as AD of the company he has produced and directed many shows including *Pinocchio*, *Under the Hawthorn Tree*, *Shh! We Have a Plan*, *The Gift*, *A Spell of Cold Weather*, *Egg*, *The Incredible Book Eating Boy*, and *The Snail and the Whale*. Writing credits include *Egg*, *Lights! Camera! Math!*, *The Family Hoffmann's Mystery Palace*, and *Cuchulain: The Hound of Ulster*. Mc Eneaney has worked as an illusion consultant on productions ranging from Shakespeare in the open air to West End musicals. He is secretary of Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA), the UK centre of ASSITEJ—the International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People. As an actor Mc Eneaney was nominated for the prestigious Ian Charleson Award and received a

Commendation from the National Theatre for his performance in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Lyric Theatre, Belfast. In November 2011 The Belfast Metropolitan College honoured Mc Eneaney with an Award of Distinction for his contribution to the arts.

GARTH MCCONAGHIE (composer and sound designer) is a composer, arranger, sound designer, and musical director for theatre, television, and studio who has composed many new works for Cahoots NI's touring productions. Theatre output includes work for Youth Music Theatre, United Kingdom; the Lyric Theatre, Belfast, Edinburgh Fringe Festival; Big Telly Productions; Prime Cut Productions; Green Shoot Productions; GBL Productions and collaboration with Moving Dust at Asylum, the artist led organization based in London. Garth's TV and radiowork includes *BBC Comic Relief film Malaria* (Flickerpix, Richard Curtis); *2010 FIFA World Cup Closing Ceremony*; *The Book of Daniel* (BAFTA Roccliffe Forum); *Days like This* (BBC NI), nominated for IFTA; *Ulster Volunteers* (RTE); *Wee Wise Words* (BBC NI); *Not Now Farley* (BBC Learning Zone); *On the Air* (BBC NI); *A Year in Sex City* (DoubleBand Films/BBC). McConaghie was a co-writer/producer/arranger for *Blessed Be the One*, Joanne (sister of Johnny) Cash, Malachi Cush (BBC Fame Academy), and Ulster Orchestra (Number 1, NCM Charts, United States).

HUGH W. BROWN (cast) is based in Sihanoukville, Cambodia, and Belfast, Northern Ireland, and is an actor with over 20 years experience in film, theatre, street performance, circus, clown, and music. He worked on many of Cahoots NI's touring productions and has performed throughout Europe, Asia, and Australia.

In Cambodia, Brown wrote, produced, directed, and performed in the film *Inside The Belly Of A Dragon*, receiving special selection at the Cambodian International Film Festival. He formed Wow!Arts Cambodia to produce the first international festival of theatre for children in the Kingdom of Wonder.

Throughout his career Brown developed his program of creative exploration, Theatrical Thinking, with people of all ages and backgrounds, using the disciplines of circus and theatre as a metaphor for learning about confidence, creativity, and individual expression.

CLAIRE COGAN (cast) is an actress from Coleraine, Northern Ireland, now living in Leicester, England. She is very excited to be working with Cahoots NI for the first time. Her theatre credits include *Save Our School Dinners Jamie!*, *Mind Games*, *Freedom of The City*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Cherry Orchard*, *Secret Door*, *Beasts*, *Head/case*, *Lags*, *The Coventry Mystery* plays, *The New Electric Ballroom*, *Gilgamesh*, *The Way Home*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Threepenny Opera*, and *Factory Girls*. Cogan's film and TV credits include *Wild About Harry*, *Conversations Matter*, *It Helps To Talk*, and *Irish Premier Shorts*. Cogan is currently shooting the feature film, *Acid Daemons*, for Hive Productions in the Midlands.

PHILIPPA O'HARA (cast) is a singer and actor from Belfast, Northern Ireland. She trained in BMC's performing arts course which she completed with a degree in drama from Queen's University Belfast. O'Hara loves working with Cahoots NI and is very excited to be reprising her role in *Shh! We Have a Plan*. Her theatre credits include *Pinocchio* (Cahoots NI), *Little Red Riding Hood* (Market Place Theatre), *The Andrews Sisters at the Derry Jazz Festival* (Playhouse Theatre), *Under The Hawthorn Tree* (Ulster American Folk Park), and *My Mother and Other Strangers* (BBC NI).

LORCAN REED (assistant stage manager and cast) trained in performing arts at Belfast Metropolitan College, Tower Street, and was awarded the prestigious Mike Moloney Scholarship.

His credits include *Little Red Riding Hood* (Lyric Theatre), *Game of Thrones* (HBO), *Death by Shakespeare* (Edinburgh Fringe), *Stone* (Edinburgh Fringe), *Shh! We Have a Plan* (Cahoots NI/MAC Belfast), and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Lyric Theatre) in which he played Oberon.

Reed is also a trained singer and gifted fencer, and was part of the British national representative team in Malaysia, where he won Bronze for his age group.