



Nico Brown - biography

Born in 1957, Nico Brown was brought up in London where his primary school music teacher was Ivor Cutler (Buster Bloodvessel on The Beatles' Magical Mystery Tour.) After working on North Sea trawlers, adventure playgrounds and as a coffee delivery driver he turned to music and theatre. He took a degree in French, married, and moved to Ireland in 1990. He has written, performed and directed music for many theatre companies including Wet Paint, Storytellers, The Abbey and Macnas. Musician-in-residence at The Ark, Dublin, from 1995-2000, he has always specialised in music for children and families, appearing in 'The Morbegs' for RTE, regularly running workshops at the National Concert Hall and touring Irish and international festivals with 'Seashoreshow'.

In partnership with double-bassist Martin Brunsdn, he also performs 'Glee', a participatory concert of original songs and musical activities for families, and 'Instant Orchestra', which they toured to Melbourne last Christmas with assistance from Culture Ireland. A multi-instrumentalist, he has played sessions for film, including Mike Leigh's 'High Hopes', and for artists ranging from Dustin the Turkey to PJ Harvey.

Most recently he has appeared on RTE's 'Art Factory'. He has two daughters and a grandchild and lives in Beara, Co. Cork.

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