



# THE LIR FOREVER CIRCLE

We are inviting you to be part of the fabric of The Lir Academy and join our ambitions to create a lasting legacy for creative arts students through investing in a Managed Fund.

Joining The Lir Forever Circle is an opportunity for you to become part of The Lir family, and join us in supporting students from marginalised communities through an annual Student Scholarship in The Lir Academy for every course, forever.

**The Lir Forever Circle will foster diversity, equality and inclusion at The Lir National Academy of Dramatic Art.**

## About The Lir Academy

Founded in 2011, we are a centre of excellence; the only drama academy in Ireland offering conservatoire training at degree and post degree levels. We train actors, technicians, designers, directors, playwrights, stage managers and creatives to the highest professional standards.

Our undergraduate and postgraduate courses lead to degrees and diplomas awarded by Trinity College Dublin. Our students gain all the skills they need to embark on a professional career from the moment they leave our campus.

We value community, equality, creativity and excellence, and we apply this to all that we do.

We are committed to providing even more opportunities for participation and inclusion through education, and supporting students in an environment that is welcoming, respectful and accessible to all. One of our key aims is to ensure fair access to training for the most talented students, regardless of their background.



*"I know I wouldn't have been able to come here if I didn't have a bursary, so to invest in somewhere like this, to give someone that opportunity is massive. Like, you are changing somebody's life, you really are, it changed my life. And it really is letting young people see that, you know, you can be here and that you deserve to be here as much as anyone else does."*

Ciara Byrne (Dublin), graduate of the Foundation Diploma in Acting & Theatre, and recipient of a bursary for our Foundation Diploma in Acting & Theatre, speaking about the impact the bursary had on her life. Hear more of Ciara's story [here](#).



## The Lir Forever Circle and You

We invite you to become part of The Lir Forever Circle by giving a donation of €25,000 euro – either as a single gift or as a gift pledge of €5,000 euro, a year for five years.

As a member of The Lir Forever Circle you will:

- Be invited to all our shows with complimentary tickets for you and your guests
- Have access and invitations to all our events
- Be a guest at our annual private dinners throughout the year hosted by circle members

Become part of the fabric of The Lir, and a constant supporter of our students, helping us to change lives.

If giving as a personal donation, we will also be able to avail of the tax charity benefit scheme for your donation, which will be added to the fund making your gift worth even more.

## How does it work?

The Lir Academy Endowment fund is a managed fund which will deliver returns in approximately five years, and more importantly into the future.

Last year we received a donation of €250,000 which we are using as the foundation of this endowment strategy. We have already received a pledge to bring this fund to €500,000 in the next few months. Our ambition is to build this fund to one million euro over the next 24 months, The Lir Forever Circle is a key element of this strategy.

We want to ensure that education remains accessible, diverse and inclusive, and that no student feels they cannot afford the opportunity to study at The Lir Academy. Donations to The Lir Forever Circle will be invested in The Lir Academy Endowment fund to provide a sustainable and consistent income. The Lir Forever Circle will only be used for the purpose of providing scholarships and bursaries to our students.



**Thank you for your time, we hope you join us on this exciting journey which will have such a huge impact on the lives of young creative individuals as they embark on their professional creative careers.**

**For further information on this initiative please contact**

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*"Training in The Lir is hands down one of the most rewarding experiences of my life to date. It is training that challenges you on a daily basis and is rigorous in the questions it asks of you as an actor. The course is incredibly creative and surrounds you from the outset with theatre professionals who don't just teach you from an academic standpoint but rather, through practice and experience. In my opinion, The Lir is exactly what education should be."*

Paul Mescal, Lir Graduate, 2017  
Oscar Nominee Leading Actor (Aftersun, 2023)  
BAFTA Winner Leading Actor (Normal People, 2021)



The Lir Academy is a registered charity – RCN 20076689. All fundraising income is used to support students of The Lir Academy and our programmes. Fundraising income is not used to support core costs.