



# Stephen Callaghan

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## FULL-TIME OCCUPATION:

**2006-Present: Creative Director, Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project (AGAP)  
(Original Job Title, 'Arts Project Manager' 2006-2009)**

- Set up the project from scratch, gathering support, establishing branding
- Festival director of two annual arts festivals (*Lentfest* and *Arts in Autumn*)
- Events organiser (large and small-scale) across greater Glasgow area and beyond: plays, concerts, art exhibitions, poetry events, film events, and workshops for children and adults
- Responsible for development and delivery of all content
- Graphic design and marketing of all events (print and digital)
- Technical set-up and Host/MC for small community events

## THEATRE PRODUCTIONS:

*(Where the author is not specified, plays are the written work of Stephen Callaghan.)*

*"P" indicates that the work has been published. "C" indicates that the work was a commission.)*

- Present:** *The Selfish Giant (C)*  
Children's Cantata: Commissioned by Academy of Sacred Music  
**Librettist/Visual Artist**
- March & July 2015:** *The Martyrdom of Saint John Ogilvie (P)*  
[Touring Production: Glasgow/Paisley/Motherwell/Dundee/Keith]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (John Ogilvie SJ)**
- December 2014:** *A Wean in A Manger (P)*  
[Touring Production: Various Primary Schools, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (Ox)**
- October 2014:** *Father Kentenich: Champion of Freedom*  
[Touring Production: Various Community Venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (Josef Engling/Inspector Streicher)**
- March 2014:** *Passionate Voices (P)*  
[Touring Production: Various Community Venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (Simon of Cyrene)**
- March 2014** *Dramatised Stations of the Cross (P)*  
[Theatre Project with pupils of Turnbull High School, Bishopbriggs]  
**Director/Playwright**
- February 2014** *An Evening with Karol*  
[Touring Theatre Project with University of Glasgow Students]  
**Director/Writer (adaptation and additional dialogue)/Actor**
- December 2013** *A Wean in A Manger (P)*  
[Touring Production: Various Primary Schools, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (Ox)**

**July 2013**                    *Dramatised Stations of the Cross (for CYSS National Event)(P)(C)*  
 [Stirling University & community venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (Caiaphas)**

**March 2013**                    *The Pilgrimage (P)*  
 [Touring production involving pupils from St Mungo's Academy, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (Father Peter)**

**November 2012**                *If You Know Your History (Sketch for 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Celtic FC) (C)*  
 [St Mary's Church, Glasgow – filmed for DVD by Celtic FC]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (John Glass)**

**October 2012**                    *The Dream of Gerontius by John Henry Newman*  
 [Touring Production: Various Community Venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Dramaturg**

**July 2012**                        *The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge*  
 [West End Festival: Wellington Church, Glasgow]  
**Director/Dramaturg**

**October 2011**                    *Freedom from Chains (P)(C)*  
 [Scottish Youth Theatre: Commissioned by Notre Dame Centre, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright**

**March 2011**                        *The Turnaround (P)*  
 [Touring Production: Various Community Venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright**

**October 2010**                    *Going for Broke on Jesus: The Bob Park Story (C)*  
 [Touring Production: Various Community Venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (Various)**

**September 2010**                *Pure Dead Dangerous (P)(C)*  
 [Touring Production: Various Community Venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (The Priest)**

**March 2010**                        *The Cure D'Ars: A Priest Forever (P)*  
 [Touring Production: Various Community Venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright**

**October 2009**                    *The Anatomist by James Bridie*  
 [Tour: University of Glasgow Union & Various Community Venues]  
**Director/Actor (Dr Knox)**

**March 2009**                        *Paul (P)*  
 [Touring Production: Various Community Venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (Barnabas)**

**October 2008**                    *Francis: The Verdict by Alan Sage*  
 [Touring Production: Various Community Venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Actor (Various)**

**March 2008:**                    *Feet of Clay (P)*  
 [Touring Production: Gilmorehill G12, then community venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (Dave Travers)**

- July 2007:** *Life of Jesus Christ*  
[West End Festival: Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow]  
**Steering Committee Member/Actor (Roman Soldier)**
- March 2007:** *Passionate Voices (P)*  
[Touring Production: Various Community Venues, Glasgow]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor (Simon of Cyrene)**
- July/August 2005** *Radiation of Fatherhood by Karol Wojtyla*  
[Touring Production: Glasgow (Scotland), Vallendar & Cologne (Germany)]  
**Director/Adaptation/Actor (Inward Adam)**
- December 2004** *Aladdie by Forbes Mason and Gordon Dougall*  
[Tron Theatre, Glasgow]  
**Assistant Director**
- March 2004** *Radiation of Fatherhood by Karol Wojtyla* [Scottish Premier]  
[Turnbull Hall, University of Glasgow]  
**Director/Adaptation**
- March 2003** *The Jeweller's Shop by Karol Wojtyla* [Scottish Premier]  
[Turnbull Hall, University of Glasgow]  
**Director/Actor (Christopher)**
- February 2002** **Directing Exam: *The Anatomist (scene) by James Bridie***  
[Gilmorehill G12, Glasgow]  
**Director**
- 2001** **Theatre Studies Project: *The Torment of Jean Racine***  
[Gilmorehill G12, Glasgow]  
**Playwright/Actor (Jean Racine)**
- 1999** *The Crucible by Arthur Miller*  
[Student Theatre At Glasgow: Gilmorehill G12, Glasgow]  
**Visual Artist/Actor (Ezekiel Cheever)**
- 2006-2012** **Various Sketches for Glasgow Churches Together Events**  
[Glasgow City Chambers]  
**Director/Playwright/Actor**

#### **PUBLISHED WRITING:**

- 2014 *Theatre of Faith: Catholic Plays for Our Time* (Vol. 1 and Vol. 2) St Ninian Institute, Dundee
- 2012 'Faith and the Arts' (Series of ten feature-length articles.) Scottish Catholic Observer

#### **VIDEO PRODUCTIONS:**

- 2013 *Vocations Awareness* [Archdiocese of Glasgow] Director/Interviewer/Editor
- 2010 *Pure Dead Dangerous* [AGAP/Small Films/CPO] Writer/Director/Actor (Priest)
- 2007 *Passionate Voices* [AGAP/SCES/Strangeworx] Writer/Director/Actor (Simon of Cyrene)

## TELEVISION WORK:

- 2004 BBC Scotland Education Department (Work Experience: Runner/Production)  
*The Cone-Gatherers; Mary, Queen of Scots; Watch; Citizenship*
- 1996 Scottish Television – *Highroad* (Actor: Dylan Geddes – 7 episodes)
- 1995 BBC Scotland – *Weekend Break* (Actor: Alastair – 2 episodes)
- 1993 Scottish Television – *Taggart* (Actor – Extra)

## FREELANCE WORK:

- September 2014 Catholic Arts Forum St Ninian Institute, Diocese of Dunkeld  
*3-day faith-based arts forum. Delivery of 2 full day drama workshops for primary and secondary schools and staging of a public performance involving the young participants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the forum.*
- September 2013 Lecture: “Faith and the Arts” St Ninian Institute, Diocese of Dunkeld

## ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION:

- MA (Hons) Theatre Studies / Film & Television Studies 2.1  
University of Glasgow (1999-2003)  
Subsidiary subjects studied: English Literature; Fundamentals of Education
- LLCM(TD) Licentiate of the London College of Music & Media (Speech & Drama)  
Teaching Diploma (2000)
- ALCM(TD) Associate of the London College of Music & Media (Speech and Drama)  
Teaching Diploma (1997)
- SQA Certificate of Sixth Year Studies: English (A), Art (B)
- SQA Higher Grades: English (A), Drama (A), Art (B), Maths (C), Chemistry (C), Computing (C)
- SQA Standard Grades: English (1); Maths (1); Art (1); Drama (1); Chemistry (1); Computing (2);  
French (2); History (2)  
Holyrood Secondary School, Glasgow (1993-1999)

## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS/ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Associate of the St Andrew’s Foundation, University of Glasgow (2014-Present)
- Glasgow Churches Together Executive Committee (2007-2012)
- “Life of Jesus Christ” Play in the Park Steering Committee (2006-2009)
- Year One Class Representative: Theatre Studies, University of Glasgow (1999-2000)
- Winner of the Jack McLaughlin Memorial Prize for Certificate of Sixth Year Studies English (1999)
- Gold Medallist & Cup Winning Burns Performer (1993-2000)
- Holyrood Secondary Senior Retreat Team (1997-1999)

## OTHER WORK:

- 2004-2005 *Secretarial Assistant to the Vice-Principal of Research and Enterprise*  
University of Glasgow
- 2004 *Receptionist/Administrator*  
Robert Half International, Glasgow
- 2002 & 2001 *Administrative Assistant (Summer Temp.)*  
Home Office – Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel, Glasgow
- 1999 *Stationery Clerk/Office Assistant (Summer Temp.)*  
Benefits Agency, Glasgow