

## **RUSSELL KIRK CV (summary)**

1961 born. Swindon, Wiltshire

### Education:

1983 B.A.(Hons) Combined Arts (music/fine art) Manchester Met. University

1980 Dip HE (Art & Design in Social Contexts) Dartington College of Arts

1979 'A' Levels: Art, Design & Technology, Maths, Physics

Headlands High sch. Swindon

1977 8 O' Levels

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Hoole Cof E Primary School  
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Events Officer  
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## **Artist**

Public & Private commissions.

Workshops for any age or ability including:

Painting/drawing, Construction, Sculpture, Music, Carving, Mosaics,  
Theatre/drama.

Participant groups: Children and young people any age, adults any age. Disability and special needs groups, mixed age groups, and community groups.

*(Full details below).*

## **Projects, Events and Festivals**

All aspects of project design, management and delivery. Specializing in community and public based events.

*(Full details below).*

## **Public Art Commissions**

St Annes Field Chester. Totems, oak seating features and large mosaic.  
Carved Arch way Stanney Fields, Wirral  
Totem Pole Hoole community group, chester  
Feature concrete path, Hereford  
Mosaic. Roman Gdns. Chester  
Indian parade elephant  
'Ship of Fools' parade ship

## **Project work includes:**

1984-2009 Artist/Musician working with;

- Crewe+ Nantwich borough Council
- Cheshire Dance Workshop
- Warrington Borough Council
- Cheshire County Council
- Chester City Council
- Clwyd County Council
- Hammond Dance School Chester
- West Cheshire College
- Halton Borough Council
- Ellesmere Port & Neston Council

1989	Musical Director	Romeo & Juliet youth production Italy/England
1990	Director (joint)	Teatro Infesta Youth European theatre exchange Italy/England
1991	Director (joint)	Teatro Infesta Youth Theatre Exchange Italy/France/England
1997	Co Director /Designer	'Harrowing of Hell' Chester Mystery Cycle
1997	Designer	'Dance Macabre' Theatre Co.
1999	Director	Widnes youth drama group
1990 -2008	Administrator/Organizer, Chester Fringe Festival	An annual community arts festival of approx. 150 events
1995 – 2009	Administrator, Organizer/Artist Chester & District Festival of Trees	A combined arts and environmental festival
1996 -2006	Advisor, Chester Youth Fringe Festival	An annual youth arts festival of approx. 50 events
1997- 2009	Organizer, Artist, Chester Lantern Parades	An annual festival of light
1999-2000	Parades coordinator, Halton Show, Runcorn	
1999	Coordinator, Changing Gear writing and publishing project with special needs groups	
1998-1999	Project coordinator Take Five, youth theatre	
2001-2002	Coordinator Chester Adult Learners week	
2002	Project manager ARK community publishing project	
2002-09	Coordinator/Artist Ellesmere Port Lantern Festival	
2002-08	Coordinator/Artist Wirral Lantern Parades	
2003-09	Project manager Chester Kite Festival	
2003-05	Project manager Music Matters – Young musicians in hospitals project	
2003-09	Administrator Changing Gear agency supplying artists/performers for events.	

- 2003 Project manager Shop Mobility Computers project
- 2005 Events Manager Halton Festival (community music/arts festival)
- 2006 Bottle Top Mosaic World Record
- 2006 & 2007 Hadrian's Wall Roman event (English Heritage)
- 2006-2008 Providing arts provision Cheshire County Council, Pine Lodge PRU
- 2007 Mosaic exhibition International Amphitheatre conference Chester
- 2007 - 09 Artistic Director Chester Midsummer & Winter Watch Parades
- 2007 & 2008 'Up The Walls' multi discipline arts event Chester City.  
Commissioned sculpture/installations
- 2009 'Something Wishful' – Finale event for Cheshire Year Of Gardens,  
River Dee Chester.

### **Lecturing**

- 1992 –2003 Part time lecturer West Cheshire College
- 1996-2001 Part Time lecturer, Manchester Met. Uni.
- 1985-2009 Private Music Teacher

### **Awards**

- 2000 Star Citizen Award, Chester (for outstanding work in the community)
- 2007 Cheshire County Council working with young people and communities

## **Skills**

### **ARTIST**

Workshops, commissions residencies.

Workshops available for schools/colleges etc. and community groups. Any age group or ability.

- Painting/drawing – from small scale to murals, any medium

- Sculpture – welding, plaster, found objects, paper, natural materials, willow
- Carving – wood (totem poles, panels, outdoor seats), polystyrene, plaster
- Construction – wood, willow, metal, found objects (processional figures and large items such as boats, full size elephants, street puppets, set design and making. Kites and Lanterns, any thing considered).
- Music – percussion using instruments and/or utilizing found objects, guitar. Live and recorded music for theatre projects and installations. Composition.
- Mosaics – glass and ceramic tiles or paper. Classical and contemporary style from small scale indoor to large outdoor. Panels, ceilings, walls and floors.
- Drama/theatre – Participant led devised shows, directing/ writing.

## **FESTIVALS, EVENTS & PROJECTSCOORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT.**

- Fund raising
- Programming and commissioning events
- Marketing
- Design and production of printed materials.
- Project finance
- Working closely with public and corporate bodies, education establishments for all ages, local authorities.
- Team building and networking with other organizations
- Working with artists
- Delivering arts based workshops with all age groups and special needs groups
- Project and one off event management
- Festival and multiple event management