

Shop Front Theatre

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I've so many memories of the Shop Front Theatre - I've been lucky enough to work with Julia and Chris on a number of projects. The thing that has always been so clear is how open Julia and Chris are to the artists, writers, performers coming in, allowing them to bring their responses and approaches to the space and the themes and I think that has made for a really rich mix of work. One work in particular resonated on an unexpectantly personal level, almost taking my breath away and is a performance I will often think and reflect on.

But mostly, I remember conversations with Julia and Chris. A meeting with Julia was always so much more than a meeting it was a wonderful chance to sit, chat - eat cake - and I always felt better for it! On more than one occasion Julia has provided an ear and words of kindness and support catching me in moments when my guard was down, and always this has been appreciated.

I will miss the Shop Front Theatre being there, but it doesn't need to be physically there for Julia and Chris to continue to create wonderful, meaningful, engaging work – whatever that might look like in the future.

Thank you professionally and personally, can't wait to see what comes next.

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