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**THEATRE ANNOUNCES FIRST RECIPIANT OF THE PAT MURRAY BURSARY
AWARD**

Thursday 25th September 2008 – The **Everyman Palace Theatre** is delighted to announce that the **Pat Murray Bursary** for 2008 has been awarded to **Deirdre Dwyer**. The award will go towards furthering Deirdre's career through her placement in Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, where she will study Theatre Design.

The bursary, announced in December 2007, was created in memory of the gifted theatre designer **Pat Murray** to facilitate a theatre artist in the furtherance of their career through study or special work placement. The award is very generously sponsored by **Thomas Crosbie Holdings, Cork City Council** and the **Everyman Palace Theatre**,

The first ever recipient of the **Pat Murray Bursary**, Deirdre Dwyer, follows the late designer into the field of theatre design. Deirdre has worked extensively in theatre design and production since 1999, in Ireland and abroad, with companies including **Meridian, Playgroup** and **Rough Magic Seeds**. Deirdre's design work for the acclaimed **DARK WEEK** at the Everyman Palace Theatre in 2005 was nominated for a coveted **Irish Times Theatre Award**.

A gifted theatre designer, **Pat Murray** was a former member of the Arts Council and a member of the Institute of Designers in Ireland. He worked in theatre at all levels, locally, nationally and internationally. The **Pat Murray Bursary** was created in memory of the late designer, and as a link to a new generation of theatre practitioners.

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