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Danny and Mary are the Directors and Co-Founders of Phoenix Performing Arts Trust (est. 1989). They have over 35 years' experience as professional artists and performers in both secular and Christian contexts and have lived in 3 different continents and worked in over 35 countries. In the 90's they were leaders in YWAM Canada (performing arts academy) and since then have set up a number of initiatives and programmes for artists and young people as well as working in the arts industry, education system and corporate consultancy. They set up various professional ensembles since 2009: PointZero physical theatre, Touchpoint-Productions and CORE theatre arts training.



Danny's specialism is physical theatre and mime; performing, devising, consulting and teaching internationally. His credits include work in RADA, Mountview and many other well-known Drama schools, and with companies such as the Hilton, BCG and Siemens. Danny's strengths include devising works, dynamic performance, speaking and directing, and a strong ability to draw out and maximise potential in others. His early professional years were spent performing his harrowing yet powerful testimony in youth detention centres, prisons and schools where he quickly connected, especially with disaffected and dysfunctional youth, bringing the joy and hope of Christ to their lives.

Mary's plan to become a dancer since childhood was thwarted due to injury, but God called her into theatre as a mature student where she did training and an apprenticeship with a professional company. Discovering a particular gift and love for coaching, she has dedicated most of her time to coaching individuals and groups, including in well-known youth theatre schools and privately. Her passion for people motivated her to qualify as a vocational/personal development coach in 2005. Mary's vision to use drama to address the human story from a Kingdom perspective catalyzed her into writing and producing theatre and film in more recent years, resulting in them having a powerful impact on communities and individuals. Like Danny, she has extensive experience in working with youth, including learning support and SEND.

