We are looking to cast two male actors with fluent Irish and English:

**Male, teens to play…**

Feilimí

Oldest of the family, **neurodiverse**, misunderstood / underestimated.

The eldest child dismissed as stupid by everyone because he doesn’t learn in a traditional way like they do. He has great instincts in relation to nature but can’t hold facts and figures. He is the eldest but treated like a baby. His self- esteem is low, and he is full of shame.

**As this is a neurodivergent character we would especially like to hear from neurodivergent actors with fluent Irish and English.**

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Naoise

Naoise is the Master Builder, the Gobán Saor’s son. Nothing like his dad, he is a chilled-out character, usually found playing a whistle nearby while everyone works. He is a wonderful player and can cheer them up, soothe their souls and inspire them with his music.

**Male, playing age of 8-12 to play…**

Ruadhan, 12

Feilmi’s brother. 2nd child. Super-confident know-it-all. Task-driven and ambitious, he has all the self-esteem, bravado and success that Felimi lacks.

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Dylan, 8

Morveren’s brother, Manannan’s son. Young, bright adventurous.

**RUADHRAN Extract – 8-12, M**

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| RUADHRAN  I’m going to get the nuts first. | RUADHRAN  Beidh na cnónna agamsa ar dtús! |
| SIOFRA  You think? (cocky) | SIOFRA  Do bharúil? (cocky) |
| RUADHAN  I have a strategy. A plan. | RUADHAN  Tá stráitéis agam. Plean. |
| As they argue, they are walking past the tree with the apples and the bird, the stream. They don’t notice any of it. They walk past an old man. | |
| SIOFRA  Níl muid ag stopadh. Tá deifir  orainn. | SIOFRA  Níl muid ag stopadh. Tá deifir  orainn. |
| RUADHAN  Places to be... | RUADHAN  Táimid gnóthach... |
| RUADHAN (CONT’D)  There they are! The nuts! | RUADHAN (CONT’D)  Sin iad! Sin na cnónna! |
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| Feilimi hands them each a hazelnut. | |
| RUADHAN  (incredulous) YOU got the nuts? | RUADHAN  (incredulous) Fuair TUSA na cnónna! |
| SIOFRA  I’m sorry, Feilimi | SIOFRA  Tá brón orm a Fheilimí |
| RUADHAN  Me too. We were the stupid ones.  You see the world differently, and  that made all the difference. | RUADHAN (CONT’D)  Mise fosta. Muidinne a bhí bománta.  Chí tusa an domhain go difriúil, |

**FEILMI Extract – Teen, M**

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| FEILIMI  Are you?... | FEILIMI  An?..an? |
| LI BAN  Yep - a mermaid. | LI BAN  Maighdean mhara mé? |
| FEILIMI (CONT’D)  Wow...You’re A ...? | FEILIMI (CONT’D)  Wow...agus is ...? |
| CON  Uh-huh. | CON  Uh-huh. |
| FEILIMI  Sea Otter. Really rare to see one  this close. Amazing. | FEILIMI  madra uisce tusa. Is annamh a  fheiceann tú ceann. Iontach. |
| LI BAN  What’s wrong? | LI BAN  Cad é atá cearr? |
| FEILIMI  It’s useless....I’m useless. | FEILIMI  Níl maith ar bith ann…ná ionam. |
| LI BAN  Why don’t you tell us what’s  happened? | LI BAN  An inseoidh tú dúinn cad é a  tharla? |
| FEILIMI  I’m sitting here like an idiot  waiting for the sea to open.  At midnight on May Eve, the portal  to the Land Under Wave opens, but  I’m probably in the wrong place.  Knowing me.  I need to find my brother and  sister and it’s my fault they got  lost a whole year ago. <crying>  I mess everything up. Just ask mum -  she’ll tell you. | FEILIMI  Tá mé anseo mar a bheadh amadán ann  ag fanacht ar an fharraige oscailt.  Ag mean-oíche, Oíche Bhealtaine,  osclaíonn an tairseach go dtí an  Tír Faoi Thoinn. Ach is dóiche go  bhfuil mise san áit mhícheart.  Amadán.  Caithfidh mé teacht ar mo  dhearthair is mo dheirfiúr. Tá an  locht ormsa go ndeachaigh siad amú  bliain ó shin.  <crying>  Déanaim práiseach de gach rud. Cuir  ceist ar Mhamaí -inseoidh sise  duit. |