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THE WIZARD OF OZ

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Book before Friday 4th December and avail of €15 tickets.

Dinner & Theatre



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Drama Season Ticket



THE DUBLINERS' DILEMMA (7 Oct)

HOW TO KEEP AN ALIEN (11 Nov)

BEOWULF (3 Dec)

€35

A saving of up to €14

Music Season Ticket



MOONDANCE: THE VAN MORRISON PROJECT (3 Oct)

THE NEW TRIANGLE (18 Oct)

A ROMANTIC VOICE (18 Nov)

€45

A saving of up to €17

4 for Forty Five

4!

€45

A saving of up to €20

VERNON GOD LITTLE (30 Sept)

CHAROLAIS (8 Oct)

VANBRUGH QUARTET (17 Oct)

PADRAIG POTTS' GUIDE TO WALKING (19 Nov)

National Folk Theatre



Oileán

Celebrating the Blasket Islands

7th-10th
September

14th-17th
September

Show 8.30pm

Oileán captures the essence of this island community, their traditions and customs, their wealth of song and story, their love of life and their strong kinship with one another.



Saturday
12th
September

Sunday
13th
September

Saturday
19th
September

Turas

A Journey of Music, Dance & Song

Show 8.30pm

Turas is a stage presentation featuring music from all corners of Ireland beautifully interwoven with exciting dance and rich vocals.

Friday
18th
September



Culture Night

Arts/Culture

Culture Night is an all-island event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts.

Siamsa Tíre's celebrations include rarely seen films made in and about Kerry, **The Kingdom & I**, a talk by musician Padraig O'Connor on the music of Sliabh Luachra and a performance by the National Folk Theatre. We invite you to take a look at our exhibition, **In Costume** and to help us to 'Define Culture' with our Culture Web installation...

Culture Night is an initiative of the Department of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht

Wednesday
21st
October

Wednesday
4th
November

Wednesday
2nd
December
2pm

Film

Silver Screenings

Membership
€25
SS Season!

Kerry Film Festival

...a matinee screening giving the young and the young at heart an opportunity to experience a slice of quality cinema with a nice cup of tea! **The Silver Screening Club** shows film classics.

We promise something for everyone and encourage you to come along. Find out more about the film line up and pick up a brochure at the screenings or ring Kerry Film Festival on 066 7192234 for details.

Thursday
24th
September

Saturday
26th
September

Les Miserables

Family/Musical

LOST Youth

Show 8pm • Tickets €17/15

Fam of 3: €45, Fam of 4: €60, Fam of 5: €75

Lost Youth presents the School Edition of the longest running show in musical theatre history. *Les Miserables* was premiered in Paris in 1980, the English-language version, directed by Sir Cameron Macintosh, opened at the Barbican Centre in London in 1985. The rest is history. Nominated for twelve tony awards and winner of eight, it was adapted for the big screen in 2012, winning best actress for Anne Hathaway. This production is directed and designed by Grainne O' Carroll and musically directed by Anna Connolly.

Matinee: Sat 26th at 2.30pm • €14/12
Schools Matinee: Thu 24th & Fri 25th at 10.30am. €9 for Group of 10+

Wednesday
30th
September

Drama

Vernon God Little

Decadent Theatre Company

4!

Show 8pm • Tickets €19/€16

Vernon Little lives in a flea-bitten Texan town, "the barbeque sauce capital of the state", where his best friend has just massacred sixteen of his classmates. The town wants vengeance and turns its sights on the innocent Vernon who is arrested from the start of the story. Vernon hits the road and flees to Mexico pursued by a media circus of outlandish proportions. *Age 15+ contains strong language.*

Children

Puss In Boots

Lyngo Theatre

Shows 10.30am & 12.15pm - Tickets €6

Would you trust a talking cat? You never know, he might turn you from a pauper to a prince just like the hero of this story, brought to vivid life by Patrick Lynch from CBeebies.

Using smoke and mirrors and hidden trapdoors he'll show how this sure-footed feline fools both the King and the Ogre to put his master at the top. A host of puppets, a working windmill and an avalanche of fruit and nuts await you in this classic furry tail!

LYNGO is a UK based children's theatre company whose shows have delighted children and adults for over 10 years with their unique mix of fun and beautiful imagery. Suitable for Age 5 to 8 year olds.

Saturday
3rd
October



Music

Moondance: The Van Morrison Project

Ré-Dhamhsa: Tionscadal Van Morrison

Saturday
3rd
October



Show 8pm · Tickets €20/€16

From the pulsing rhythm and blues of 'Gloria' to the sweet, breezy folk rock of 'Tupelo Honey' Van Morrison's music is marked by its emotional drive. **Moondance** features exquisite Irish language versions of Morrison's songs, translated by poets **Cathal Póirtéir** and **Gabriel Rosenstock**, performed by **Liam Ó Maonlaí**, **Hilary Bow**, and **The Brad Pitt Light Orchestra** with stunning screen projections by **Margaret Lonergan**.

Aithnítear ceol Van Morrison ar an gcomáint mhothúchánach atá laistiar de, rithim agus gormacha, abair, san amhrán preabach Gloria, agus an ceol gaspal eacstaiseach in Full Force Gale. Is é atá sa tionscadal seo **Moondance** ná leaganacha gleoite Gaelige d'amhráin Van Morrison ó **Cathal Póirtéir** agus **Gabriel Rosenstock**. Is iad na hoifidigh a chuirfidh inár láthair iad ná **Liam Ó Maonlaí**, **Hilary Bow** agus **The Brad Pitt Light Orchestra**.



Wednesday
7th
October

Children

Bláth/The Flower

Branar in association with Buladh Bos Children's Festival & Roscommon Arts Centre

Show 10am & 12noon • Tickets €6

Bláth / The Flower is set in a world that has decided colour and plants are no longer needed. A boy finds a magical book and sees flowers for the first time. He then discovers a packet of flower seeds and must learn how to bring the flower to life. Bláth is based on The Flower by John Light and Lisa Evans. Designed by the artist Maeve Clancy with music by Colm Mac Con Iomaire, Bláth is a non-verbal show that will enchant audiences as they enter a world made entirely of paper – unforgettable! Suitable for 6+. Supported by the Arts Council.



Drama

The Dubliner's Dilemma

Wednesday
7th
October

Adapted and performed
by DECLAN GORMAN



Show 8pm • Tickets €15/€12

James Joyce is one of the world's best known literary figures. How did this unknown Irishman emerge from obscurity to achieve international renown? It might never have happened, had it not been for an Englishman with a troubled conscience. Declan Gorman's acclaimed performance brings the stories and controversies of Joyce's remarkable first book Dubliners to vivid life. Directed by Gerard Lee.

Drama

Charolais

Bigger Picture Projects

Thursday
8th
October

4!

Show 8pm • Tickets €16/€13

Written and performed by Noni Stapleton
Directed by Bairbre Ní Chaoimh

Charolais is an age old tale of female rivalry with a new twist: the other woman is a cow - a purebred Charolais heifer. Siobhan's boyfriend, devotes considerable attention to his prize heifer at the expense of his very pregnant girlfriend. Siobhan has developed a homicidal jealousy for this Charolais and is feeling equally murderous towards her snobbish soon-to-be mother in law. A dark comedy of love and longing: rarely in Irish theatre are the challenges of farming life and the joy of sex expressed so frankly or with such charm.

Bewley's 'Little Gem Award' - Tiger Dublin Fringe 2014

"Noni Stapleton's hilarious take on rural life ... full of wisdom and tenderness, and...a fair sprinkling of compassion and forgiveness..."
- Emer O'Kelly, *The Sunday Independent*



Children

Paper World

Mimirichi

Saturday
10th
October

Show 3pm · Tickets €10
Family of 4: €32

Ukrainian, Unique and Utterly Bonkers!

Come and experience the pure joy that is Mimirichi - fast-paced physical comedy, hilarious slapstick and THE BIGGEST PAPER FIGHT IN IRELAND! This troupe of artistes from Kiev will amaze you! Mind-blowingly original origami and physical horseplay meet quick-fire mime and downright silliness in this show which is guaranteed to thrill the whole family.

"The things they can do with paper are quite incredible: mice, men and even horses. It's origami large scale. The children in the audience loved the fast-paced farce and slapsticks, while the adults wallowed delighted in the preposterousness of it all. Please go and see this, especially if you have children. Even if you don't, it's guaranteed entertainment on a paper plate." THE SCOTSMAN

Strollers Touring Network

Star Of The Sea

Drama

a MOONFISH THEATRE and AN TAIBHDHEARC production

Wednesday
14th
October

Show 8pm · Tickets €19/€16

A gripping story of revenge and forgiveness. In 1847 the famine-ship Star of the Sea sets sail for New York. Among the passengers are those with secrets to hide - a silent maidservant, a ruined landlord, and an infamous murderer...

Using Moonfish's signature bi-lingual style, the journey comes to life as six performers blend projection, physicality, live sound effects and music to conjure the worlds of the characters on a bare stage.

Based on the best-selling novel by Joseph O'Connor, and a sell-out hit of the Galway International Arts Festival 2014, this new piece of Irish theatre is unmissable.

"A lesson in theatre magic..." - *Irish Daily Mail*

Accessible to non-Irish speakers.
Léirithe i meascán idir Gaeilge agus Béarla.



Music

Harvest

The Vanbrugh Quartet

Saturday
17th
October

4!

Show 8pm · Tickets €16/€13

Ireland's longest established string quartet, the Vanbrugh Quartet is internationally recognised for its beauty of sound, clarity of texture and integrity of interpretation within an unusually wide range of repertoire. The Harvest Tour has as its programme: Mozart K.387 in G major; Shostakovich String Quartet No.8 in C minor; Tchaikovsky String Quartet No.3 in Eb minor.

"First-class playing." - BBC Music Magazine

Sponsored by Bord na Móna

Gregory Ellis (violin)
Keith Pascoe (violin)
Simon Aspell (viola)
Christopher Marwood (cello)

The New Triangle

Music

Featuring John Sheahan, Damien Dempsey & Declan O'Rourke

Show 8pm · Tickets €26

In 2013, John Sheahan remarked that "after 50 years I have decided it's time to put a lid on the 'The Dubliners', but I think you'll all agree that with Damien and Declan, the future is in good hands."

Little did they all know that the three would soon be planning to embark on a journey as a group in their own right. They bring together the last surviving original member of Ireland's greatest folk group, with two of Ireland's finest contemporary voices and song-writing forces. The repertoire draws on a wealth of new material by all three, along with some of the greatest Irish songs that ironically influenced the two youngest from an early age.

Sunday
18th
October



Lecture

How a Grain of Sand Rewrote our Ocean's History

Thursday
22nd
October

Talk 7pm · Tickets €8/€5

Prof. Wheeler reveals how little we know about our own planet. By presenting seabed imagery from Irish cold-water coral habitats and submarine canyons, Prof. Wheeler reveals a beautiful and enigmatic environment waiting to be discovered. The talk explains how one grain of sand from the deep ocean rewrote our understanding of European ice age. If so much can be explained from just one grain of sand, think what we could discover if only we bothered to look.

Professor Wheeler is an ocean explorer and Professor of Geology at University College Cork.

Dance

Friday
23rd
October

Cotaí Dearga

Ciotóg

Show 8pm · Tickets €10

Ciotóg presents a double-bill , Cotaí Dearga & The Area, choreographed by Ríonach Ní Néill

Dotted across Paul Henry's landscapes are the scarlet splashes of the 'cotaí dearga', the traditional red skirts of the West of Ireland. Who were the women who wore them? **Cotaí Dearga** explores the iconography of the cotaí dearga, and discovers an invented history for them. **The Area** is a funny and poignant short film that follows the Macushla Dance Club for over 50s from Dublin's north inner city charting their relationship with their city. *Choreographed by Ríonach Ní Néill, co-directed with Joe Lee, winner of the 2015 Jameson Dublin Film Festival Critics Circle Award.*

Photo credit: Paul Kinsella and Ríonach Ní Néill

Children

Snow Child

Tutti Frutti and York Theatre Royal

Shows 12pm & 3pm · Tickets €6

By Emma Reeves

This is a magical story about family, love and the power of dreams.

The first snow falls and a lonely couple yearn for a child of their own. They build a small figure from the ice and snow, and wish very, very hard... until the strength of their longing brings the magical snow child to life before their eyes! She's a girl like no other. As she dances and talks with the animals, she brings joy, fun and laughter to the whole village. But it's not easy, bringing up a wild daughter of the blizzards and the wind. As the seasons turn, and winter gives way to spring and summer, will the Snow Child and her parents find their "happily ever after"?

Music is by Ollie Birch, movement by Joanne Bernard, design by Kate Bunce. This promises to be a wonderland of poignant, inventive storytelling to enchant children and families. For children aged 4-8 years and their families.

Saturday
24th
October



Film

Kerry Film Festival

Saturday
24th
October

Kerry Film Festival will present 2 films on Saturday 24th October.

The annual **Family Gala Screening** this year is presented in partnership with Tralee International Circus Festival and takes place at 5pm. Supported by Tralee Chamber Alliance.

There will also be a **Festival Feature** screening at 8.30 pm.

World premiere
of a new play
made especially
for children aged
4+ and families.



Children

Me Too!

Wednesday
28th
October

Barnstorm Theatre Company

Shows 12noon & 3pm · Tickets €6

By Sarah Argent. Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, "What? You too? I thought I was the only one." - C.S. Lewis

Two strangers meet for the first time. Like snowflakes, from a distance they appear the same but, look closely - they're different, unique. Their need to find ways to engage, co-operate, play, becomes an unexpected and creative adventure. Poetic, musical, energetic, poignant and mischievously humorous, **Me Too!** explores notions of 'fitting in'; of being 'not the same'.

My Name is Saoirse

Drama

Thursday
29th
October

Sunday's Child Theatre

Show 8pm · Tickets €14/€11

Written and performed by Eva O'Connor. Directed by Hildegard Ryan

Saoirse lives with her Da and big brother Brendan. Her best friend is Siobhán, who has a glorious fountain of ginger hair and a whisper like a foghorn. Saoirse prefers running through fields to chasing after boys, but her best friend has other ideas. After a night out Saoirse discovers she is pregnant and is forced to set out on a journey that will take her away from her home and the carefree adolescence she once knew. A tender and moving coming of age story set in rural Ireland in 1987 that follows an ordinary, extraordinary 15 year old growing up in conservative Catholic Ireland.

"... striking a mesmerising balance between touching and funny (...) A captivating performance." - Three Weeks *****

Argus Angel Award - Brighton Fringe 2015

First Fortnight Award - Dublin Fringe 2014

NSDF Commendation for Best New Writing - Edinburgh Fringe 2014

Friday
30th
October

Literature

Noel King: Book Launch

6pm · Free Event

SONS

by Noel King

Launched by
Graham Allen
Professor of Modern
English, UCC



Music

The Whistling Girl

Honor Heffernan & Trevor Knight

Friday
30th
October

Show 8pm · Tickets €18/€15

This is a new show featuring music inspired by the poetry of the great Dorothy Parker - a darkly sardonic body of work in which Parker's poetry is transported into the 21st century and given a sonic face-lift fusing 'dirty'-cabaret, electronic-vaudeville, rock and jazz, and original recordings of Parker's voice.

A band of top Irish musicians including Garvan Gallagher (bass), Tom Jamieson (drums), Ed Deane (electric guitar) and Trevor Knight (keyboards), will be fronted by vocalist and actress, Honor Heffernan.

Variety

That's Entertainment

Tralee Musical Society

Wednesday
4th
November
to
Saturday
7th
November

Show 8pm · Tickets €18/16 · Family of 4: €55

Tralee Musical Society presents its much loved Variety Show, That's Entertainment 2015. Over the past 30 years, Tralee Musical Society has enthralled local audiences with its feast of music, song, dance and comedy performed by the one of Ireland's leading musical societies. This year's production will feature excerpts from The Beatles, Olly Murs, The Sound of Music, and Memphis The Musical performed by an all-star cast of singers and dancers and some hilarious comedy.



Sunday
8th
November

Dance

The Academy Of Dance

Annual Performance

Show 4pm · Tickets €15/13

Under the direction of Clarissa Michaux, the Academy of Dance is delighted to present their annual production at Siamsa Tíre. Join us for a performance of ballet, tap and jazz, and don't miss out on what promises to be another great production from the Students of The Academy of Dance after a busy year of great dancing success.





Monday
9th
November

Priming The Cannon -
Abbey Theatre on Tour

Drama/Children

Me Michael

Abbey Touring Initiative for Primary Schools

Shows 10am & 12noon · Tickets €8

The play introduces the children to an engaging young boy who lives in an unconventional situation, protected by a passionate mother and several idiosyncratic aunts. Me, Michael explores the magic and the pathos of an imaginative child growing up without a father in 1930s Donegal. By sharing his family story of the strong women and absent men that shape his life, Michael finds a new strength in dealing with prejudice. Full information available on-line on www.siamsatire.com.



Drama

How To Keep An Alien

Rough Magic

Wednesday
11th
November



Show 8pm · Tickets €17/€15

How to Keep an Alien: A story about falling in love and proving it to the government.

Sonya Kelly (The Wheelchair on my Face) is back with a tearfully funny, tender memoir about securing an Irish visa for her Australian partner Kate. They met. They fell in love. Now all they have to do is prove it to the government. Join her madcap odyssey from the stony townlands of Offaly to the leafy depths of the Queensland bush.

It's a tricky business coming from opposite ends of the earth. It takes an Olympian will and the heart of whale, but above all else, paperwork. It takes a hell of a lot of paperwork.

***** "Exquisite" - The Irish Times
WINNER Best Production (Tiger Dublin Fringe 2014)



Water On Mars

8.30pm · €15/13
Family of 4: €40

A new circus show with six hands and thousands of catches: 100 rings are thrown, 21 balls are juggled and 15 clubs spin. Features three fab award winning jugglers: Tony Pezzo, Wes Peden and Patrik Elmnert.

Friday
13th
November

Circus Siamsa

2pm & 5.30pm · €12
Family of 3: €30 · Family of 4: €40

For the good people of Tralee and beyond, Fanzini Productions bring the stars of contemporary circus and street performance, to the stage to thrill, delight and amaze you!

Saturday
14th
November

Festival Club

Fels Point Hotel · 10:30pm · €8

A bespoke festival club full of pop-up performances, amazing music, and some wonderful surprises!

Friday
13th
November

Children's Circus Workshops

Fels Point Hotel · 11am & 12noon · €5

Learn how to juggle, spin plates, to the hula hoop and throw the Diablo.

Saturday
14th
November & Sunday
15th
November

Sunday
15th
November



Music

St John's Pipe Band

Show 8pm · Tickets €11

Tralee Pipes and Drums (St. Johns Pipe Band) celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year having won the world championship in 2014 and with the Drum Corps coming third in the world at the championships in Glasgow. To put on record their wonderful achievements to date, the band is recording a CD of their music which will be launched tonight. The concert will highlight the quality and versatility of the band in playing all types of music on the bagpipes and will show why the band are regarded as one of the best in the world.

A Romantic Voice

Music



Wednesday
18th
November

Classical Links



Show 8pm · Tickets €16/€13

Sorpano **Sylvia O'Brien**, cellist **Christopher Marwood** and pianist **Michael McHale** come together to perform 'A Romanic Voice'. The programme will include works by Messiaen, Berlioz, de Falla, Andre Previn; Fauré's Cello Sonata in D minor Op.109 and solo piano works by Phillip Hammond and Schubert **Sylvia O'Brien** has Europe wide success in opera, oratorio and as soloist with orchestras in a wide range of repertoire. **Christopher Marwood** is cellist of the Vanbrugh Quartet and co-founder of the West Cork Chamber Music Festival. **Michael McHale** has given debut recitals in the NCH, London's Wigmore Hall and in Washington DC as well as soloing with a number of major orchestras.

Padraig Potts' Guide To Walking

Drama

Thursday
19th
November **4!**

Big Guerilla Productions



Show 8pm · Tickets €16/€13

Written and performed by Seamus O'Rourke
Directed by Charlie McGuinness

The play follows the life of Padraig Potts McKeirnan, who has a habit of just eating whatever is on his plate... metaphorically that is... from growing up near the tiny rural village of Drumnamee, County Leitrim in the 70's and 80's to falling in love with Silvia Lang, a perfect protestant girl... to marrying Mary Tague, the priest's housekeeper, who he never really liked... to getting rid of Mary Tague and her mother, who he claims invented vinegar... and eventually to the realisation that the world isn't as big as he first thought.

This is a story full of nostalgia, innocence, Olympic standard sex and Holy Water salad dressing... funny and tender, performed by Seamus O'Rourke and beautifully directed by Charlie McGuinness.

Love, lies and infidelity.
Opera Theatre Company is delighted
to present an opera double bill.



Opera

Susanna's Secret and The Human Voice

Opera Theatre Company

Show 8pm · Tickets €25/€22

Soprano Rachel Croash and baritone Rory Musgrave perform in Wolf-Ferrari's *Susanna's Secret*; an uproarious comedy opera built on marital misunderstanding. Kim Sheehan, soprano, stars in Poulenc's *The Human Voice* (*La Voix humaine*); a deep and moving depiction of the aftermath of a relationship. The two pieces explore the themes of love, lies and loss: in the stylish and sophisticated *Susanna's Secret* when a man smells cigarette smoke from his wife's clothes he suspects she is having an affair, and strives to discover her secret; in *The Human Voice* a young woman is driven to the point of desperation as she tries to connect with her ex-lover over the telephone.

Tom Creed directs, Andrew Synnott conducts the OTC touring chamber ensemble for *Susanna's Secret* and plays piano accompaniment for *The Human Voice*. These two short operas are a perfect opportunity for opera lovers to enjoy classic 20th century works and for newcomers to discover opera for the first time.

Friday
20th
November

Saturday
21st
November

Music

Phil Coulter

The 50th Anniversary Concert

Show 8pm · Tickets €26/€23.50

Up in that Pantheon inhabited by the biggest selling recording artistes of all time in Ireland, rubbing shoulders with Bono and the Boys, you might be surprised to bump into Phil Coulter. He has performed with everyone from James Galway and the London Symphony Orchestra to Nanci Griffith and The Blue Moon Orchestra, not to mention Henry Mancini, Elmer Bernstein and Quincy Jones. For this, his 50th Anniversary concert tour, Phil will perform new arrangements of all his well-known songs and will be joined by his guest vocalist, and wife, Geraldine Branagan.

A Rehearsed Reading

In Light Of Salt Rings They Drew

Sunday
22nd
November

by Kerry playwright Sadhbh Moriarty

*Winner of the 2015 Eamon Keane Full Length
Play Award at Listowel Writers' Week.*

Show 7pm · Free Event

Reluctantly resident in St. Elmo's Care Centre, and with her daughter in the running for a Best Supporting Actress award, Maisie struggles to balance the eccentricity of the patients and staff with her own harrowing anticipation. As the award ceremony draws nearer, nicotine cravings, apprehension and scrapbooks dominate Maisie's surroundings as the ghosts of memories she would rather forget start to re-emerge.

Sadhbh Moriarty made her directorial debut in 2014 with *The Deepest Goldfish*, and receiving a nomination for Best Original Writing at the 2014 ISDA festival in Belfast. Sadhbh holds a BA in Music and English from UCC. The reading will be followed by a Q & A session enabling the audience to discuss the play and playwrighting process with the author, director and cast.

Drama

The Unlucky Cabin Boy

Guna Nua Theatre

in association with Verdant Productions

Wednesday
25th
November

Show 8pm · Tickets €20/€17

By Mike Finn

The Unlucky Cabin Boy tells the true story of the wreck of the Francis Spaight and the terrible acts of desperation that took place on board. This chilling tale of hardship, sacrifice, and the will to survive is brought to life by the compositions of the Brad Pitt Light Orchestra.

Produced by the award-winning theatre company Guna Nua and directed by Limerickman Paul Meade, *The Unlucky Cabin Boy* was a highlight of Limerick City of Culture 2014.

"one of the most
unique theatrical
experiences this writer
has witnessed..."

- Limerick Leader



Thursday
26th
November

Music

Dermot Byrne

With Steve Cooney & Trevor Hutchinson

Show 8pm · Tickets €16/13

Dermot Byrne is one of Ireland's finest traditional accordion players. For many years a member of Altan, Dermot has worked with musicians such as Donal Lunny, Steve Cooney, Stephane Grapelli, and Frankie Gavin bringing the beauty of traditional Irish music to audiences all over the world. For this concert, Dermot will be joined by Australian-born guitarist, bassist, producer and didgeridoo player Steve Cooney on guitar and legendary Trevor Hutchinson (ex Waterboys) on bass. Both have impeccable traditional music credentials with extensive experience alongside the greats of Irish traditional music.



Friday
27th &
November

Saturday
28th
November

Drama

A Queen's Speech

The Group Theatre Tralee

Show 8pm · Tickets €16

Directed by Joe O'Brien. In 2010 Mike O'Halloran delighted audiences with Kerry football inspired play, September '82. Now he's back with **A Queen's Speech**, a wonderful mix of comedy and drama set in a village pub with an onsite barbershop.

It's 2011 and Ireland is about to be lifted from the gloom of recession by a State visit by Queen Elizabeth II. Jimmy, a quirky local barber, really gets into the spirit of the occasion. Two kind local women share his excitement, indulge his idiosyncrasies, and encourage his dreams. But his idyllic life is threatened by the business aspirations of the conniving pub owner, Declan. Will an innocent triumph over a shady dealer?



Beowulf: The Blockbuster

Drama

Written and Performed by Bryan Burroughs

Show 8pm · Tickets €16/13

A father's final chance to connect with his son.

This gripping, funny and poignant "tour-de-force" reminds us that life is not about how we die, but how we live. This one-man stage phenomenon is a physical and vibrant show with an utterly compelling and charismatic performance from award-winning actor, and one of Ireland's most skilled performers, Bryan Burroughs.

The only production in the 2014 Edinburgh Festival Fringe to receive six five star reviews, **Beowulf: The Blockbuster** combines humour, empathy and raw emotion to give genuine goosebumps.

Presented by Pat Moylan, Beowulf: The Blockbuster was first presented in September 2013 at the Dublin Fringe Festival as part of the 'Show in a Bag', an artists' development initiative of Dublin Fringe Festival, Fishamble: The New Play Company and Irish Theatre Institute to resource theatre makers and actors.

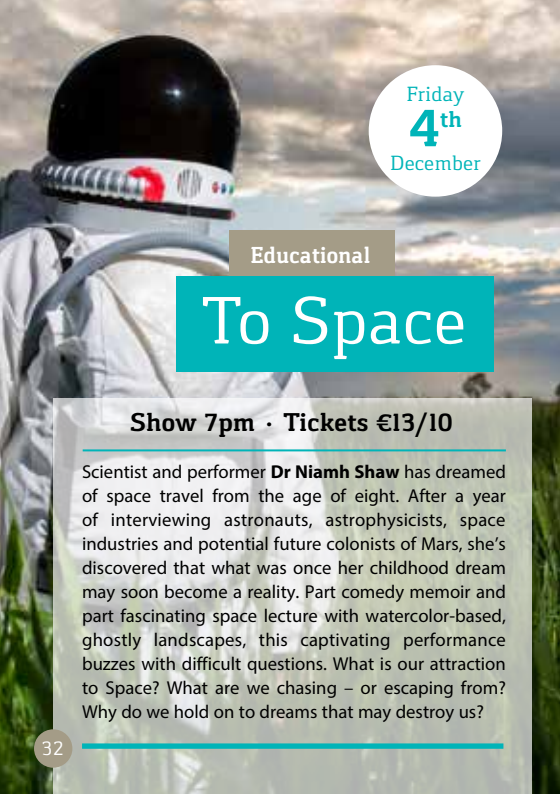


Thursday
3rd
December



"No props, gimmicks or special effects
- just **BRILLIANT THEATRE.**"

- ***** *The Irish Times*



Friday
4th
December

Educational

To Space

Show 7pm · Tickets €13/10

Scientist and performer **Dr Niamh Shaw** has dreamed of space travel from the age of eight. After a year of interviewing astronauts, astrophysicists, space industries and potential future colonists of Mars, she's discovered that what was once her childhood dream may soon become a reality. Part comedy memoir and part fascinating space lecture with watercolor-based, ghostly landscapes, this captivating performance buzzes with difficult questions. What is our attraction to Space? What are we chasing – or escaping from? Why do we hold on to dreams that may destroy us?



Family

Kris Kringle Christmas

Sunday
6th
December

Bryan Carr School of Performing Arts

Show 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Tickets €16/12 · Family of 4: €55

Bryan's Stage School Students present their annual Christmas Musical. A Kris Kringle Musical story of the dreamy jobless shoemaker and son who find themselves wrapped up in a magical curse. Following on from the success of Seussical the Musical, Annie and A Christmas Carol, the students are back to present another wonderful Christmas performance full of the joys of the season with Drama, Dance and Singing scenes to get all the family in the festive mood.



Children

Snow Play

Lyngo Theatre

Wednesday
9th
December

Shows 10am & 12 noon · Tickets €6

What would you do if one year Winter decided to stay and moved into your house? You would have icicles in the kitchen and snow all over your bed! Well that's what happens in our snowy spectacular show where you are guaranteed a white Christmas! When Mr Green comes home to find Mr White in his house, it's the start of a brrrrilliant series of adventures.

Snow Play is a showdown between Winter and Spring over who gets to stay and who has to go away! Suitable for 4+



Music

ABBA Forever

The Christmas Show

Friday
11th
December

Show 8pm · Tickets €20

What a way to kick off your seasonal celebrations! It's always party time when ABBA is about, but when it's the Christmas Show, then that's a real excuse for a party!

This happy sing-a-long tribute, celebrates with a loud and proud fanfare! It's the perfect way to start your Christmas season! Expect a dazzling, fantastic performance including the most iconic hits, Mamma Mia, S.O.S, Money, Money Money, and many MANY more! Get your glad rags on, brush up on the lyrics, don the dancing boots and come to the best party in town!

Ballet

Coppelia

Ballet Ireland

Saturday
12th
Deceber

Show 8pm · Tickets €23/19

Comic chaos unfolds in this witty ballet of magic, mayhem and mistaken identity!

Franz and his reporter fiancée, Hildy, are curious about the beautiful girl, Coppélia. Hildy begins to suspect things are not all that they seem... She and her friends follow the seemingly perfect starlet, arriving at Dr Coppélius laboratories. Inside, they stumble upon a magical and strange world, uncovering secrets that will change them forever!

Setting the much-loved story at a County Fair, choreographer **Morgann Runacre-Temple** (Carmen, Romeo & Juliet), with writer Stella Feehily, have re-interpreted this witty and pertinent ballet inspired by the eternal obsession with youthful perfection. Coppélia will enchant and enthrall audiences of all ages.



Music

Christmas Crooners

Sunday
13th
December

World on Stage

Show 8pm · Tickets €21/19

Featuring many of the seasonal favourites of **Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra**, this fantastic cast of West-End singers is backed by the superb Jazz All-Stars band, performing over 30 Christmas hits including Winter Wonderland, Let it Snow, Little Drummer Boy, White Christmas and many more wonderful Christmas carols including, Deck the Halls, and Silent Night. This brilliant production comes complete with Christmas trees, and is guaranteed to get you in the festive mood, so come and sing along to great songs from Christmas past.



Family

Cassie Leen's School of Dance
& Tralee Performing Academy

SATURDAY DANCE FEVER



Saturday
19th
December

Shows 2pm & 7pm
Tickets €16/12 (ul6's)
Family of 4: €50

In May both schools together presented the world premiere of "Circus" by Tim Landers. Circus played two sell-out performances and featured over 100 young performers. Saturday Dance Fever will be directed by Tim Landers and Cassie Leen, and choreographed by Cassie Leen, Tara Dore and Ciara Powell. This show is a spectacular exploration of the world of dance featuring different styles of dance: hip hop, jazz, modern dance, freestyle, tap, musical theatre dance, ballet, slow and competitive dance, along with some wonderful singing and drama pieces.



Music

Ceiliúradh Na Nollag Celebrating Christmas

National Folk Theatre Choir

Show 8pm · Tickets €15/€12

'Tis the season to be jolly.

Why not jump on your sleigh and join the newly formed National Folk Theatre Choir as they celebrate the season of goodwill. An evening of Christmas carols is a sure-fire way to sprinkle some holiday spirit into the season, and is sure to put you in the festive mood.

The programme will feature a mixture of traditional carols along with some beautiful Irish ones. With special guests and some festive nibbles to start off the evening, there's sure to be a little piece of Christmas to suit everyone's taste.

Sunday
13th
December



Pantomime

The Wizard Of Oz

Oliver Hurley Productions

Tuesday
29th
December

Wednesday
30th
December

Saturday
2nd
January

Sunday
3rd
January

Shows 2.30pm & 7.30pm [Sun 3rd 2.30pm only]
Tickets €17 · Family of 4: €62 · Family of 5: €75

Welcome to the most magical pantomime ever! Following on from the success of the 2014 pantomime, ALADDIN, once again Oliver Hurley Productions bring you the most Spectacular Christmas Panto in the Land.

The Wizard of Oz is one of the funniest, glitziest Pantos you will see this Christmas, coupled with Oliver Hurley's renowned reputation for high quality, professional pantomimes that are among the most spectacular in the Land, this is a tremendous treat for all the family you won't want to miss! It's so funny it'll have you rolling in the aisles, with the hysterical pantomime Dame, ensuring that everyone has a great time. We recommend this production for children of all ages, from 5 to 95!



Early Bird Savings on tickets available – Book before Friday 4th December and get your tickets for an amazing €15.



Friday
25th to
September

Saturday
24th
October

A Measure Of Things

Antonio Julio López Castro

The work presented in this exhibition is the result of a number of different projects in which Antonio has worked over the past number of years, but with a common source of interest: the habitat in which we live. His paintings and drawings develop from a mixture of sources: found objects, observational drawing, photographic material, and found imagery.

His work depicts a personal perception of our natural surroundings, observing our relationship with and use of the natural environment; and reflecting on the contradiction between our basic connection to the natural world, and our simultaneous detachment from it.

Holding True Ground

Lisa Fingleton

Friday
30th to
October

Monday
30th
November

*"In these times when geography becomes virtual and developers urbanize the earth, May the farmer continue to hold true ground keeping the intimate knowing of the clay alive" - **For the Farmer**, John O Donoghue*

This is a sumptuous feast of new work by multimedia artist Lisa Fingleton including drawings, found objects, documentary and immersive installations. Working with local growers, the artist cultivates deep-rooted connections between art and farming. Ideas and seeds are germinated, fertilized, pruned and nurtured before harvesting. Fingleton revels in the random, dynamic intersection between humans and nature and is unafraid to challenge perceived natural orders. The artist lives and works on a small farm in North Kerry. www.lisafingleton.com

This exhibition will be officially opened on the Eve of Samhain (The End of Harvest) at 6pm on Friday 30th October with artist Aideen Barry. Everyone is welcome.

Supported by Siamsa Tíre, Create, The Arts Council, Kerry County Council Arts Office and Leader. Please check our website for events and workshops to coincide with this exhibition.

Saturday
12th
December

Saturday
13th
February

Sati

Tralee Art Group

Tralee Art Group, under the tutelage of creative practitioner Rebeka Wall, is delighted to present to you 'Sati' or 'Trempa' which means 'being in the moment' in Sanskrit. A fresh smorgasboard of paintings in oils, acrylic, watercolours and multimedia for your delectation.

Lectures

Art For A New Country Lecture Series

Lectures 7pm · Fee: €5

As part of our Visual Arts programme for 2015-16, *Siamsa Tíre* has invited Art Historian, **Catherine Marshall** to deliver a series of lectures which reflect on the development of Irish Art since the foundation of the state. Catherine Marshall is an art historian, curator, and critical writer. Both lectures will be fully illustrated.

Art For A New Country;
The Visual Arts in Ireland
from 1916 -2016.

This lecture looks at the need for a visual identity to match the transition from a colonised society to an independent state and its subsequent relationships with emerging global frameworks. It will look at issues around visual literacy and infrastructure for the visual arts as a background to the work of such stalwarts as Jack B. Yeats, Louis le Brocqy, Robert Ballagh, Dorothy Cross, Willie Doherty and Kathy Prendergast.

Wednesday
28th
October

Irish Art and the Wider World;
From the Nude on the Late
Late Show to Ryanair

This lecture will look at the interdependence of the visual arts on international critics and collectors for validation, for challenge and development and ultimately, for recognition at home. It will take as its starting point the Irish Pavilion at the New York World's Fair in 1939 and Jack Yeats solo exhibition in the National Gallery in London in 1942 and will look forward to successful Irish exhibitions by Maria Simonds-Gooding in New York, James Coleman at Documenta, Germany and Kathy Prendergast's winning entry to the Venice Biennale.

Wednesday
2nd
December

Workshop

Developing Creative Proposals

with Annette Moloney

Monday
16th
November

10.30am - 5pm · Places 20 - 25
Fee: €10/5 (VAI Members)

Kerry County Arts Office and VAI co-present a workshop for Visual Artists on best practice in writing creative proposals with Annette Moloney. The morning workshop will cover hints and tips; some 'watch-out-fors'; selection processes and selection criteria; supporting documentation, CVs and Biogs.

One-to-one afternoon sessions to discuss and review a recent proposal or forthcoming application. Artists should submit material for feedback in advance. Allocated on a first come first served basis.

Details and Registration:

<http://visualartists.ie/professional-developmentp?ee=201>



Workshop



Visual Artist's Café for Kerry Artists

@ Siamsa Tíre

Friday
4th
December

Join VAI at Siamsa Tíre for one of our ever-popular Show and Tell events involving 8 to 10 local artists presenting their work followed by a brief professional practice session discussing Strategies for Networking Your Practice.

Show & Tell

The purpose of Show & Tell is to allow artists to make a short presentation on their practice or projects to an audience of their peers in an informal atmosphere. The format is very simple. Ten artists are given five minutes each to speak about their work over ten slides. These presentations are in a rolling format, which creates a fast-paced atmosphere and eliminates any overly theoretical language. This event is an opportunity to meet fellow artists working in the region and hear about their work.

Registration: <http://visualartists.ie/professional-developmentp/> **Contact:** monica@visualartists.ie

10.30am - 3.30pm
Places 20 - 25
Fee: €10/5 (VAI Members)

Strategies for Networking Your Practice

With contributions from an artist and a social media marketing expert this session aims to explore artists' strategies for developing creative affinities and audiences, locally and beyond, both on and off line.

Hallowe'en Mask Workshops

Children's Workshop

with artist Caoimhe Dunn

Cost €9

As Hallowe'en approaches, it's the time of the year for all that's spooky! Impress your friends this Halloween with your own unique mask by creating one of your own design with artist **Caoimhe Dunn**. Using a range of materials, your creation will be an impressive addition to any Hallowe'en costume!

This workshop is offered at three levels:

Tuesday 27th October
10.30 to 1.00pm
7 to 9 year olds

Wednesday 28th October
10.30am to 1.00pm
10 to 12 year olds

Thursday 29th October
10am to 1.00pm
13 & 14 year olds

Tuesday
27th to
October

Thursday
29th
October



Christmas Card Workshops

With the Happy Artist

Cost €10

Get into the spirit of Christmas at this fun and creative card making workshop with the Happy Artist. You will learn how to make lots of different cards and take home your own creations for your friends and family.

This workshop is offered at three levels:

Saturday 5th December
11.30am to 1.00pm
7 to 9 year olds

Saturday 5th December
2.00pm to 3.30pm
10-12 year olds

Saturday
5th
December



WANT TO ACT ON STAGE?

DEVISE · ACT ENSEMBLE · IMPROVISE · BE INSPIRED
CREATE · EXPRESS YOURSELF · WRITE

Sessions take place in Siamsa Tíre every Saturday from 4-7pm from 10th October with a taster session on Saturday 3rd October - all are welcome! Annual membership is €75 and new members aged 15-20 are welcome!

COME ON, BE RADICAL!

To find out more, call Fran or Catriona on
066 7123055 or email
freeradicalsyoungtheatre@siamsatire.com



Siamsa Tíre

Opening hours

General, Christmas & New Year

September

Monday - Saturday	9am - 6pm
Sunday	5pm - 8pm*

October, November & December

Monday - Saturday	10am - 6pm
Sunday	5pm - 8pm*
24th, 25th, 26th & 27th	Closed
Mon 28th (BH)	12noon to 5pm
Tues 29th & Wed 30th	10am - 6pm
Thurs 31st (New Year's Eve)	10am - 2pm

January

1st - New Year's Day	Closed
From 2nd	10am - 6pm (Business as usual)

*Only when a performance is scheduled for that night

On evenings where a performance is scheduled for the theatre, the Box Office will remain open until 7.30pm for general and phone bookings, and until 7.50pm for 'in person' tickets for that night's performance.

TICKET EXCHANGES/REFUNDS Once purchased, tickets cannot be exchanged or refunds given. Refunds will only be made in the event of a cancelled performance.

LATECOMERS Latecomers will not be admitted until a suitable break in the performance.

WHEELCHAIR USERS Wheelchair spaces are available within the building. Please inform the Box Office when you book your tickets and they will be able to advise you on suitable seating.

HARD OF HEARING An induction loop is in operation in the auditorium for patrons with hearing difficulties. People with hearing aids should set them to 'T'.

CHANGE OF ADVERTISED PROGRAMME Siamsa Tíre reserves the right to add, withdraw or substitute artists and vary the advertised programme if necessary.

At a Glance

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SEPTEMBER

18	Culture Night
24 – 26	Les Miserables
30	Vernon God Little

OCTOBER

3	Puss In Boots
3	Moondance: Ré-Dhamhsa: The Van Morrison Project
7	Bláth
7	The Dubliners' Dilemma
8	Charolais
10	Paper World
14	Star Of The Sea
17	Vanbrugh Quartet
18	The New Triangle
22	How A Grain Of Sand Rewrote Our Ocean's History
23	Cotaí Dearga
24	Snow Child
25	Kerry Film Festival
28	Me Too!

29	My Name Is Saoirse
30	Noel King Booklaunch
30	The Whistling Girl

NOVEMBER

4 – 7	That's Entertainment
8	The Academy of Dance Annual Performance
9	Me Michael
11	How To Live With An Alien
13	National Circus Festival
14	Circus Siamsa
15	St John's Pipe Band
18	A Romantic Voice
19	Padraig Potts' Guide To Walking
20	Susanna's Secret & The Human Voice
21	Phil Coulter - 50th Anniversary Concert
22	In Light Of Salt Rings They Drew
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26	Dermot Byrne, Steve Cooney & Trevor Hutchinson
27 & 28	A Queen's Speech

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JANUARY

2 & 3	The Wizard Of Oz
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