



National Arts Festival for young People by young people

Lasta
2025

9th - 12th October

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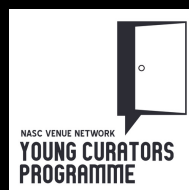
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Siamsa Tíre



By Young People for Young People

Now in its fourth year, the national LASTA young curators festival is a testament to collaboration, engagement and community. Started in 2020 by Backstage Theatre, the programme has blossomed to include seven venues nationwide and an expanding programme of exciting, multidisciplinary work. The spark that fuels the project is faith in the next generation of audience members, artists and programmers. It is this trust and desire to connect from the network that encourages a belief in performance and participatory practice, and cultivates the elevation of contemporary sentiments as they emerge.

In this wide-ranging programme of work, you are called to spectate, participate, and listen to a broad and exciting range of voices. Boasting theatre, music, film, visual art (and more!), the programme is a showcase of what we want to hear in our venues, and want to share with our communities.

Under the guidance of theatre artist Maisie Lee, we are thrilled to share an auditorium, a moment, and a festival with you. Ambitious and expansive, it speaks to the value we place on holding space, creating forum, and opening up to the possibilities of what new voices can add to the conversation.

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A note from our Young Curators...



*Moreblessing Chigwedere (Young Curator),
Angela Ryan-Whyte (CEO Siamsa Tíre)
& Jane Carmody (Young Curator)*

We're excited to welcome you to LASTA Festival 2025. This year's programme is packed with performances, workshops, exhibitions, & events that reflect the energy & creativity of young people today. We've got a range of exciting acts lined up across the weekend from **Carpet Muncher**, an electrifying performance of drag & spoken word to **Junior Brother**, a brilliant folk musician from Kerry.

Our Sustainable Fashion Show is another standout event that we hope you won't miss, an expressive & thoughtful celebration of eco-conscious creativity from emerging Irish designers.

There's something happening all weekend from a hands-on DJ workshop & a creative writing session to an upcycled fashion workshop & visual art exhibitions.

Do pop in for our networking event, clothes swap or coffee networking morning.

Thanks to everyone who supported us this year especially **Maisie Lee** & all the team at Siamsa Tíre. We can't wait to see you at LASTA 2025 for an exciting weekend of creativity, connection, & fun!

Jane & Moreblessing

FILM

CALLING ALL YOUNG FILMMAKERS

Lasta
Short Film
Programme
2025

Do you have a short film that you want screened? As a part of the National Lasta Festival 2025, our young curators are programming a selection of short films to be screened during the nationwide festival in October 2025. There will be in person events in a number of the Lasta venues, as well as an online screening at the end of the month.

Lasta is looking to promote films made by filmmakers between the ages of 18 – 30 from or living on the island of Ireland. We will accept all genres of short film, documentaries, animation, student film, music video, dance film, experimental films, Irish language films and other languages. Submissions can be as short as you wish but no longer than 15 minutes in length.

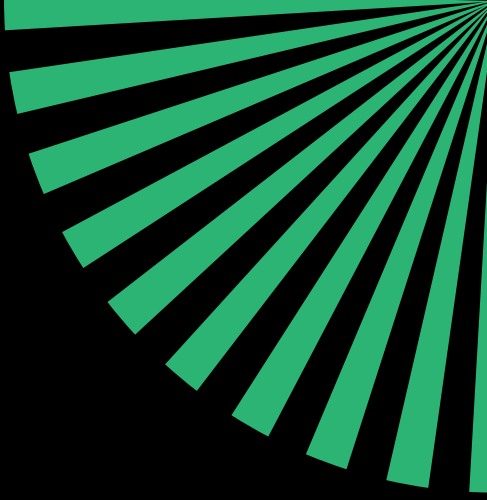
The deadline to submit is the 28th of August 2025.

For more info, T&Cs & to submit your entry, visit <https://filmfreeway.com/Lasta>

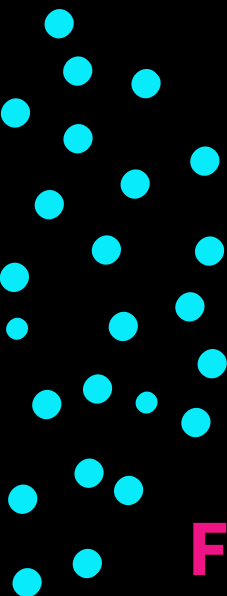


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LASTA Festival Schedule + Booking Info



THURS 9TH OCT

Art Exhibition Opening / 4pm

Carpet Muncher / 7:30pm

FRI 10TH OCT

Art Exhibition / All Day

DJ Workshop / 3:30pm

Junior Brother / 7:30pm

SAT 11TH OCT

Art Exhibition / All Day

Upcycling Workshop / 11am

Creative Networking / 1pm

Clothes Swap / 2pm

Fashion Showcase / 7:30pm

SUN 12TH OCT

Art Exhibition / All Day

Careers & Conversations / 11am

Young Writers Workshop / 1pm

Short Film Screening / 5pm

**To book, please visit www.siamsatire.com
or contact our box office on 066-7123055**



Exhibition Opening

Join us for the official launch of our AR Visual Arts Exhibition curated by **Jane Carmody** and Yarnbombing Showcase curated by **Moreblessing Chigwedere**, and the official opening of this year's LASTA festival!

Meet the artists behind these exciting works, and hear them speak about their creative process, ideas, and inspirations. Enjoy a live saxophone performance from musician **Tembey** as part of the evening's celebrations.

Expect an evening of art, conversation, and creativity to kick off the festival, the perfect launch for a weekend celebrating creativity in all its forms. Both exhibitions will be open and on display throughout the entire festival weekend.

9TH OCT || 4PM || FREE ENTRY

ALL AGES

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Art Exhibition

Yarn Bombing

As part of the LASTA Festival, the exterior of Siamsa Tíre will be transformed by a vibrant yarnbombing installation, handcrafted by a Dublin collective of crocheters and knitters.

Bursting with colour and creativity, this playful outdoor exhibition invites passers-by to see familiar spaces in a whole new way.

After the festival, all yarn pieces will be thoughtfully repurposed, ensuring the project leaves behind a sustainable legacy as well as a smile!

Curated by our Young Curator
Moreblessing Chigwedere.

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AR Exhibition

Beyond The Frame

An immersive Augmented Reality (AR) experience that reimagines how we engage with visual art.

Using your phone or tablet, unlock digital layers that bring static works to life, transforming the gallery space into an interactive, ever-evolving environment.

Featuring exciting new work from emerging artists ***Stella De Burca, Leona Kennedy, Sarah Zimmerman, Daniel Connolly, and Elia De Leon.*** Presented in partnership with **MTU**. A playful and futuristic twist on the traditional gallery experience.

Curated by our Young Curator ***Jane Carmody.***

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Performance

Carpet Muncher

A solo Spoken Word drag performance celebrating queer resistance, presented by **Jo Morrigan Black**.

Carpet Muncher brings the 'Mothman' to life, using vibrant surrealist costuming to explore themes of queer alienation, metamorphosis, cross-border solidarity and homoerotic hot-hub encounters.

Face the pest in your closet. Is it hungry for light? More creature than human?

Join this intimate, frenzied call to celebrate the unknowable within us all.

9TH OCT || 7:30PM || €12/€10 +BF
16YRS+ || 1HR
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Workshop

DJ Workshop

Ever wanted to try your hand at mixing tracks and setting the vibe?

Join our hands-on DJ Workshop and learn the basics of DJing from a pro.

No experience needed, just bring your curiosity and love of music!

Presented by Limerick-based DJ **Ashton Wagner** who has played numerous gigs to packed dance floors, in this workshop Ashton will share the basic and practical skills needed for DJing.

10TH OCT || 3:30PM || €5 +BF

14YRS+ || 2HRS

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Music

Junior Brother

Experience the unique sound of acclaimed Kerry artist **Junior Brother** in an intimate live performance. Known for his poetic lyrics and powerful voice, this is a gig not to be missed.

Carefully pushing the boundaries of what modern Irish folk can look and sound like, Junior Brother is an idiosyncratic, challenging, and richly lyrical singer/songwriter.

His much-anticipated third album, *The End*, is officially announced and due to arrive on September 5th via Strap Originals, a label forged with love by **Pete Doherty of The Libertines**.

10TH OCT || 7:30PM || €15 +BF

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Workshop

Upcycling Workshop

Turn Old into Gold! Join us for a hands-on upcycling workshop presented by **Emma Carmody**.

You'll learn how to transform old clothing and materials, perfect for crafty types, sustainability lovers, and anyone looking to refresh their wardrobe. No experience needed.

Bring your old or worn clothes, or scrap fabrics, we'll show you how to breathe new life into them using simple techniques, creativity, and a touch of DIY magic.

Now that you have learned new skills, don't miss our Clothes Swap which takes place @2pm!

11TH OCT || 11AM || €5 +BF

16YRS+ || 2HRS

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Networking

Creative Networking

Grab a coffee and join us for a relaxed, friendly meet-up for creatives across all disciplines.

Whether you're a student, emerging artist, or just figuring things out, this is a space to connect, chat, share ideas, and meet potential collaborators.

Free but booking is required due to limited capacity.

11TH OCT || 1PM || FREE
ALL AGES || 1HR
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THRIFTING CLOTHES SWAP

Swap to shop - reduce waste, have fun
and leave with an oldie but a goldie!



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Clothes Swap

Swap to shop reduce waste, have fun, and leave with an oldie but a goodie!

Bring your pre-loved clothes and swap them for something new-to-you!

A fun and sustainable way to refresh your wardrobe while meeting like-minded fashion lovers.

Free but registration is required due to limited capacity.

For all info, FAQs, and to register your spot, visit:

www.siamsatire.com/events

11TH OCT || 2PM || FREE

ALL AGES || 2 HRS

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Fashion
Show

Threadz 4 Tomorrow

Step into the future of fashion at LASTA's Sustainable Fashion Showcase, a curated runway event spotlighting the next wave of designers making style sustainable.

From upcycled streetwear to eco-luxe statements, discover innovative, ethical fashion that doesn't compromise on creativity.

Showcasing emerging talents including ***Cosima Augustin, Sophie Brunkard, Emma Carmody, Lucy Kennedy and Connor O'Brien.***

This high-energy show features a live DJ set, a dynamic catwalk show, a performance by Kerry musician ***Tembey*** and a Q&A on sustainability in fashion.

11TH OCT || 7:30PM || €15 +BF

ALL AGES || 1.5 HRS

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Workshop

Fighting Words

Get ready to dive into a world of storytelling, creativity, and endless possibilities!

Fighting Words offers exciting workshops using both Irish and English that turn writing into a fun adventure.

Whether you're dreaming up new characters, inventing magical lands, or telling stories only you can imagine, this workshop is all about using your voice and having fun while doing it. Come join us and discover how powerful and awesome your words can be!

Presented by ***Ola Majekodunmi.***

12TH OCT || 1PM || €5 +BF

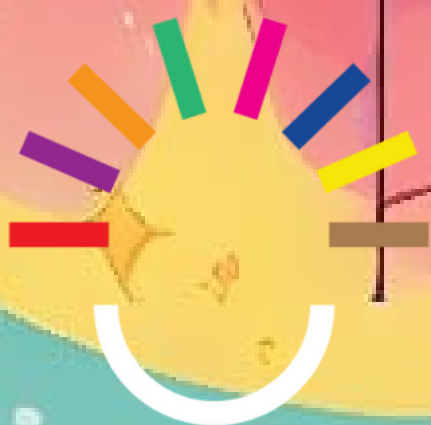
11YRS+ || 2HRS

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YOUNG WRITER WORKSHOP



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Talk

Careers & Conversations

Honest insights from young creatives working in different areas of the arts. This panel is for anyone curious about turning creativity into a career with real talk about the highs, lows, and everything in between.

We welcome our panel of young professionals: **Lily Boyle** – Arts Promotion & Sales Manager at TU Dublin, **Sarah Zimmerman** – 3D Artist at No Ghost Productions, London, **Praise Titus** – Theatre director and screenwriter, and **Leanne Hanafin** – Radio presenter at 98FM Dublin.

Free but booking is required due to limited capacity. This event will be of particular interest to secondary school students.

12TH OCT || 11AM || FREE

ALL AGES || 1HR

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Film

Short Film Screening

Discover a fresh wave of cinematic talent with a special screening of short films selected from entries to the LASTA Film Programme.

This showcase highlights a selection of winning short films and standout work by young filmmakers, offering unique perspectives, bold storytelling, and creative vision.

The perfect way to close out the weekend.

Free event but booking is required.

12TH OCT || 5PM || FREE

DURATION 1HR

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The LASTA Festival venues are Backstage Theatre (Longford), Dunamaise Arts Centre (Portlaoise), glór (Ennis), An Grianán Theatre (Letterkenny), Lime Tree Theatre (Limerick), Siamsa Tíre (Tralee) and Town Hall Theatre (Galway).



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