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April – June 2026





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Elida Maiques – A Playful River Running until Sat 2 May

Free admission, all welcome

See website for supporting events | 11am - 4pm Mon – Sat

Maiques' interactive installation acts as a temporary studio, hosting a durational drawing experiment inviting participants to join the artist in creating a monumental drawing using hand-made inks. See website for when you can join Elida in the gallery.



Aine Stapleton: When Life is Silent Tuesday 31 March | 8pm

€15/12

90mins + Q&A

The film explores modern dance pioneers Mary Wigman & Rudolf Laban, & artists who gathered at the utopian colony Monte Verità in Switzerland in the early 1900s. Drawing on Wigman's biography, it reinterprets their artistic, philosophical, & social experiments.



YARN Story Circle

Wednesday 1 April | 7pm

Pay What You Can from €5

Venue: Town Hall, Bray (Upstairs)

Join us for a relaxed storytelling circle. Our guest storyteller is Daniel Downey, he will start off our storytelling circle, & then open to the floor, listeners welcome, no pressure to tell. There will be tea and biscuits for everyone.



East Coast Dance Arts: Live

Wednesday 1 April | 7pm

€16/11

ECDA: Live is the final night of our week-long dance/film festival, which will provide dance lovers with a great experience of live dance, original choreography, local & international dancers & film too. This show celebrates dance & is a must see.



Bray Musical Society: We Will Rock You

Wed 8 – Sat 11 Apr | 7.30pm + Sat 11 Apr | 2.30pm

€25/22

Feel the power of Queen's greatest hits in We Will Rock You! A high-energy, feel-good musical packed with iconic songs, humour, rebellion and heart. Get ready to stomp, clap, and rock the house!

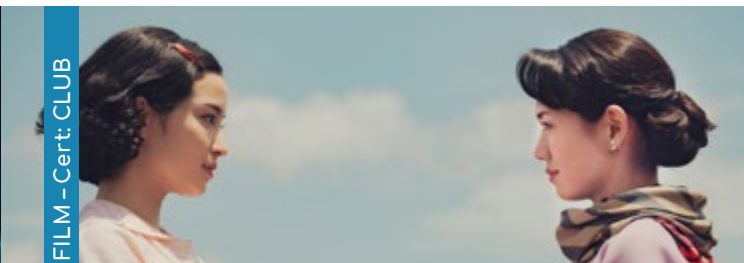


Brokentalkers: Bellow

Friday 3 April | 8pm

€22/20

Bellow tells the extraordinary real-life story of one of Ireland's foremost accordionists, Danny O'Mahony, a man who has dedicated his life to the preservation of traditional Irish music and to the mastery of his craft.



A Pale View of Hills

Monday 13 April | 8pm

€12/10

123mins | Language: Japanese with English subtitles

Part of the Japanese Film Festival '26. 1980s England. Aspiring journalist Niki plans a book about her mother Etsuko's postwar experiences in Nagasaki. As Etsuko reluctantly revisits memories, hidden truths emerge. A moving meditation on loss & memory.



Love Me Tender

Monday 6 April | 8pm

€12/10

134mins | Language: French with English subtitles

Clémence & husband Laurent are separated, sharing custody of their son, Paul. When Clémence tells Laurent that she has begun having romantic relationships with women, he cuts off all communication with her & seeks full custody of Paul.



Square One Theatre Group: Juno and the Paycock

Tuesday 14 – Saturday 18 April | 7.30pm

€23/21 | €17 Tuesday Preview

Set in a Dublin tenement during the Irish Civil War, Juno and the Paycock follows the Boyle family as hope, hardship and humour collide, revealing resilience, responsibility and the human cost of poverty amid political and social upheaval.



Críoch Café Presents: Music & Brunch

Sunday 19 April | 12pm & 2pm
€38

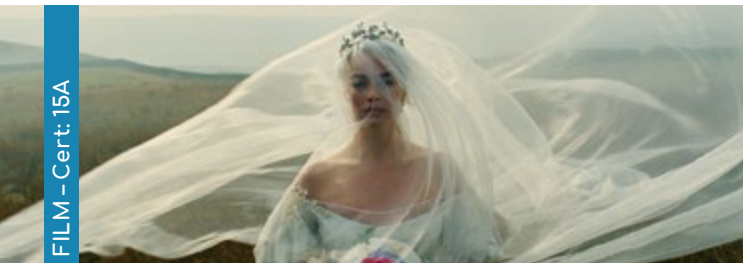
Join Críoch Café for a delicious 4-course fine dining meal inspired by brunch classics. Chef & owner Tadgh Byrne will guide you through each dish & its provenance, accompanied by live music in a lovely, welcoming setting.



Ragas for the Soul – A Sarod Concert with Sougata

Sunday 19 April | 8pm
€22/20

Join us for Ragas for the Soul, a captivating sarod concert by Sougata Roy Chowdhury, accompanied by tabla player Rupak Pandt. Immerse yourself in the depth, rhythm, and emotion of Indian classical music performed live.



Wuthering Heights

Monday 20 April | 8pm
€12/10

136mins | Language: English with Open Captions

In this fresh, stylish reinvention of Emily Brontë's Wuthering Heights, filmmaker Emerald Fennell casts Margot Robbie as Cathy & Jacob Elordi as Heathcliff, whose forbidden love on the Yorkshire Moors spirals into passion, obsession, & madness.



Mr Sands: A Wrinkle in Time / He Who Gets Slapped

Tue 21 & Wed 22 April | 7.30pm
€20/15

Mr. Sands, Bray's Youth Theatre presents a double bill: A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle and He Who Gets Slapped by Leonid Andreev. A magical adventure followed by a tragic comedy!



Miasma by Colin Murphy

Thursday 23 April | 8pm
€20

Venue: The Town Hall, Bray

A gripping & accessible play about the fight against the cholera pandemic in 1840s-50s London, following the pioneering outsider doctor John Snow as he challenges medical orthodoxy & lays the foundations of modern epidemiology & data science.



Jarlath Regan – Gas Man

Thursday 23 – Saturday 25 April | 8pm
€29

Ireland's favourite comedian/Mammy translator, Jarlath Regan returns to Mermaid's stage with a brand new show. The world knows and loves him for his hilarious daily clips, now it's time for you to see this Gas Man in person!

25th international
BRAY
Jazz
FESTIVAL



(Cuba)
**Roberto Fonseca's
La Gran Diversión**
Sat 2 May | 8pm
€38
Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre



(Wales)
Cerys Hafana
Fri 1 May | 6.30pm
€15
Venue: Town Hall, Bray



(UK)
Poppy Daniels Band
Sat 2 May | 10.30pm
€16
Venue: Frank Duffs, Bray



(USA)
Fred Hersch Trio
Fri 1 May | 8pm
€38
Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre



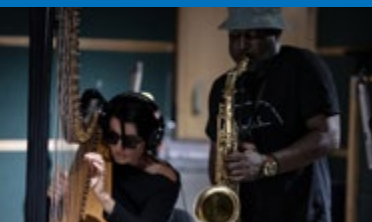
**Genuine Jazz
Orchestra**
Sun 3 May | 2.30pm
€15
Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre



(Ireland)
ZASKA
Fri 1 May | 10.30pm
€16
Venue: Frank Duffs, Bray



(Mongolia)
ENJI
Sun 3 May | 6.30pm
€15
Venue: Town Hall, Bray



(Ukraine/UK)
**Alina Bzhezhinska's
Hip-Harp Collective**
Sat 2 May | 2.30pm
€15
Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre



(USA)
**Eddie Henderson's
Miles Legacy**
Sun 3 May | 8pm
€38
Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre



(France)
**Leila Martial with
Valentin Ceddaldi**
Sat 2 May | 6.30pm
€15
Venue: Town Hall, Bray



Yurodny
Sun 3 May | 10.30pm
€16
Venue: Frank Duffs, Bray

FILM - Cert: TBC



Spilt Milk

Monday 27 April | 8pm

€12/10

91mins | Language: English (No Open Captions)

In inner-city Dublin, 11 year-old Bobby & sidekick Nell channel their TV hero Kojak by launching a detective agency, but the disappearance of his older brother sets their once-playful venture off down a more sinister path.

FILM - Cert: 15A



The Secret Agent

Monday 4 May | 7pm

€12/10

161mins | Language: Portuguese with English subtitles

Brazil 1977. Former university professor Marcelo is on the run from the country's harsh military dictatorship. He returns to his hometown of Recife, where he hopes to reunite with his young son. But danger is never far away...

TALK



Ken O'Sullivan: Stories from the Sea

Wednesday 29 April | 8pm

€21/17 | €11 Under 16s | €59 Family (2 Adults, 2 Under 16s)

Ken O'Sullivan, underwater cameraman & film-maker brings us on his 25-year journey exploring the North Atlantic ocean & seas around Ireland. From killer whales to dolphins, explore the beauty of the natural world & our connection to it.

STORYTELLING



YARN Story Circle

Wednesday 6 May | 7pm

Pay What You Can from €5

Venue: Town Hall, Bray (Upstairs)

Join us for a relaxed storytelling circle. Our guest storyteller will start off our storytelling circle, & then open to the floor, listeners welcome, no pressure to tell. There will be tea and biscuits for everyone.

TAKE PART



Wicklow Artists Salon

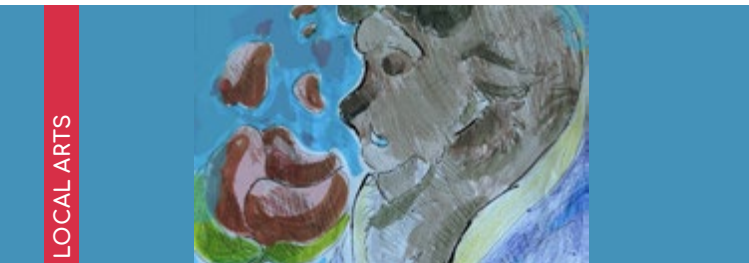
Saturday 2 May | 10am - 1pm

Free, but booking required

Venue: Town Hall, Bray (Upstairs)

Want to bring more spontaneity into your art? In this participatory, playful salon held with Bray Jazz Festival, Irish jazz musicians Ronan & Chris Guilfoyle, & Matthew Jacobson help us learn about creating in the moment. No music experience needed.

LOCAL ARTS



Woodbrook College: Beauty & the Beast

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 May | 7.30pm

€18/13 | €50 (2 Adults, 2 Children)

Woodbrook's TY proudly presents Beauty & the Beast - the classic tale of a young woman imprisoned by a beast. Despite her fears she learns to see beyond the beast's hideous exterior & realise the gentle heart of the true prince within.



**Nell Regan & Cathy Henderson
Thirty-Six Views of the Sugarloaf**

Opening Friday 8 May | 6 – 8pm
Runs Until 18 May | See supporting events below

Joint exhibition & launch of Nell Regan's new poetry collection & prints and works by late artist Cathy Henderson. Funded by The Arts Council and supported Wicklow County Arts Office through the annual Strategic Project Award Scheme.



**Nature Poetry
Workshop with
Nell Regan**

Wednesday 13 May
11.30am – 1.30pm

Free, but booking required



**Letterpress Taster
Workshop with
Mary Plunkett**

Thursday 14 May
11.30am – 1.30pm

€10



**National Drawing
Day Workshop
with Patricia Burns**

Saturday 16 May
11.30am – 1.30pm

Free, but booking required



**Poetry Reading by
Nell Regan &
Discussion**

Saturday 16 May
2pm – 4pm

Free, but booking required



**Jan Carson & Sarah Moss
in Conversation with Olivia Fitzsimons**

Thursday 7 May | 8pm

€20 | Venue: Assembly Hall, Wicklow Town

Mermaid Arts Centre is delighted to partner with Bridge Street Books to bring an exciting evening of literature to the Assembly Hall, Wicklow Town with renowned authors Jan Carson & Sarah Moss facilitated by Wicklow author Olivia Fitzsimons.



The Quiet Men

Friday 8 May | 8pm

€18/16

Actor Morgan C Jones explores the lives of his actor granduncles, Barry Fitzgerald and Arthur Shields, one who won an Oscar and one who fought in the GPO during the Rising in this intimate solo show.



Junior Musicals: Dancing Queen

Sat 9 & Sun 10 May (Various times, see website)

€24

Junior Musicals excitedly present their summer show Dancing Queen with excerpts from Mamma Mia, The Devil Wears Prada and Les Misérables. Entertainment for all the family, and as always audience participation is a must!



Marty Supreme

Monday 11 May | 8pm

€12/10
150mins | Language: English with Open Captions

New York, 1952. Marty (Timothée Chalamet) dreams of becoming the world's top table tennis player. After a painful defeat at a London tournament, Marty vows to do whatever it takes to defeat his rival Endo in a rematch.



Dun Laoghaire School of Music

Sunday 17 May | 2pm & 4.30pm

€16/14

Dun Laoghaire School of Music is proud to present their annual Summer Variety Concerts. Our concerts feature performances by our very talented students & teachers offering different musical styles right across the board.



Action Arts Stage School

Tue 12 - Sat* 16 May | 7pm

€25 Adult | €18 Child
*Saturday's performance is for Action Arts Teens

Action Arts Stage School is back for yet another end of term show case! Get ready for a night of fun as the incredible students of Action Arts take to the stage.



The President's Cake

Monday 18 May | 8pm

€12/10
105mins | Language: Arabic with English subtitles

1990s. Sanctions against Iraq have resulted in food shortages for most citizens. Despite this, Saddam Hussein requests that every Iraqi must mark his birthday with a cake & 9-year-old Lamia must travel to the city to source the precious ingredients.



The Listening Group: Deep Listening in the Glen with Róisín de Buitléar

Wednesday 13 May | 10.30am - 12.30pm

€10 | Venue: Glen of the Downs Nature Reserve

This workshop in native woodland focuses on deep listening & translating the natural environment of the Glen of the Downs. Participants will be guided through the oak forest to actively explore and identify the layers of this unique ecosystem.



John Scottus: High School Musical

Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 May | 7pm

€20

A high-energy celebration of friendship, dreams and self-belief. Featuring catchy songs, vibrant choreography and youthful talent, this fun-filled production brings East High spirit to life on stage.

COMEDY



Ardal O'Hanlon – Not Himself

Thursday 21 May | 8pm

€31

Oh, it's all there! All the trademarks are in evidence in Ardal's latest show. Beautifully crafted stand-up comedy? Yes. Celebrated use of language? Tick. Lateral thinking, surreal flourishes, sharp observations? Of course.

VISUAL ARTS



Evgeniya Martirosyan 3+5

Exhibition Opening Friday 22 May | 6 – 8pm

Free admission, all welcome

Running until Saturday 18 July | Open: 11am - 4pm Mon – Sat

Cork-based artist Martirosyan presents work exploring themes of propoganda, censorship & the contamination of information. The title references a coded message, substituting the punishable in Russia phrase "Hem bo'uhe" ("No to War"), 3 + 5 letters.

COMEDY



Killian Sundermann – Killian Dollar Baby

Friday 22 May | 8pm

€26

After his sell out UK & Ireland tour in 2025, one of Ireland's most exciting new comedy stars, Killian Sundermann returns with his brand new show. Killian is one of the biggest stars of Irish sketch comedy with a huge online following.

CIRCUS



Bealtaine Festival: Won't Be Told

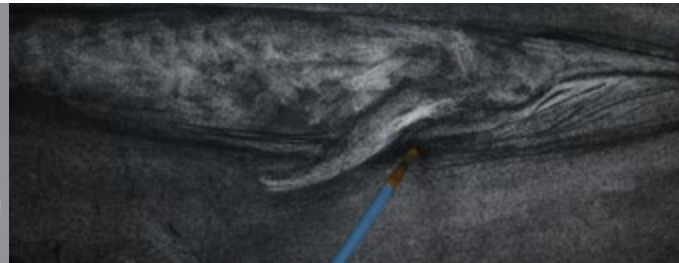
Saturday 23 May | 2 – 2.30pm

Free, no booking required

Venue: The plaza outside Mermaid

Ken & Tina of Tumble Circus unleash Won't Be Told, a fierce burst of acrobatics, absurd juggling, & hysterical comedy, refusing to fade quietly into the night. Presented in association with Age & Opportunity as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

TAKE PART



Monotype Printmaking

Saturday 23 May | 11am – 4pm

€65

Venue: Roundwood Parish Hall | Suitable For: Adults

Led by artist David Begley, participants will develop their own approach to this spontaneous, painterly medium, creating several monotype prints. This workshop is suitable for professional artists as well as beginners. Materials supplied.

MUSIC



The Muddy River Band

Saturday 23 May | 8pm

€26

Step back in time and experience the magic of three of music's greatest legends; Neil Young, Bob Dylan & Van Morrison. This talented group of musicians bring to life the unforgettable melodies, poignant lyrics, and electrifying performances.



FAMILY

Adventures on Old Mac Donald's Farm Sunday 24 May | 1pm & 3pm

€14

Suitable For: 2 - 7 years

Join us on Old MacDonald's Farm for fun, songs & excitement. Friendly Scarecrow is enjoying his first day on the farm & loves meeting all of the colourful characters that live there. Watch as a mystery unfolds on the farm.



TAKE PART

Bealtaine Festival: Creative Writing & Wellness Workshop

Wednesday 27 May | 11.30am - 1.30pm

€13 | Suitable For: Adults (People in retirement 60+ yrs)

Led by Grace Kelley, in this session, participants will choose two pieces to read followed by a discussion and prompts using poetry, prose, and art to inspire the participants to write. Presented as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



FILM - Cert: 12A

My Father's Shadow

Monday 25 May | 8pm

€12/10

94mins | Nigerian Pidgin & Yoruba with English subtitles

Nigerian brothers Remi & Akin are surprised when their often-absent father Folarin arrives home & takes them to Lagos for the day, to collect a long-overdue salary. The trip soon becomes a monumental journey of discovery for the brothers.



MUSIC

Chien Buggle: Classical Guitar Recital

Thursday 28 May | 8pm

€18/16

Audiences can expect a vibrant guitar journey from Brazilian classics, by Aníbal Augusto Sardinha & Jorge Morel to evocative works by Francisco Tárrega & Leo Brouwer—blending lyrical romance, rhythmic samba flair, and dazzling virtuosity.



THEATRE

Patient: Soilder + Q&A

Tuesday 26 May | 8pm

€20/18

Hilarious and heartbreaking, Patient:Soldier exposes the chaos, courage, and absurd humanity at the frontline of a system pushed to its limits.



TAKE PART

Fridayfest Climate Café with Guest Roisin Markham

Friday 29 May | 11am - 12.30pm

Free, but booking required

Climate Café is a series of talks and informal meetups stemming from Fridayfest. May's Climate Café is guest speaker Roisin Markham - expect a lively event!



COMEDY

Al Porter: ALGORITHM

Friday 29 May | 8pm

€28

Following up his sold-out tour in 2025, Al's back with ALGORITHM where his unique brand of exciting, energetic and fun loving comedy meets his most relatable stories ever.



FILM - Cert: 15A

Is This Thing On?

Monday 1 June | 8pm

€12/10

121mins | Language: English with Open Captions

As a marriage unravels, Alex faces a mid-life crisis & divorce, seeking new purpose in stand up comedy. Meanwhile, his wife Tess rediscovers herself, and confronts sacrifices made for their family, forcing them to navigate co-parenting & identities.



MUSIC

Glas Quartet: Bridgerton Symphonic

Saturday 30 May | 8pm

€28.50

Enjoy selections from the acclaimed Bridgerton soundtrack, complemented by evocative visuals. The synchronised interplay of live music, lighting, and imagery will transport audiences into the show's romantic world.



STORYTELLING

YARN Story Circle

Wednesday 3 June | 7pm

Pay What You Can from €5

Venue: Town Hall, Bray (Upstairs)

Join us for a relaxed storytelling circle. Our guest storyteller will start off our storytelling circle, & then open to the floor, listeners welcome, no pressure to tell. There will be tea and biscuits for everyone.



LOCAL ARTS

Catherine Casey School of Dance: Beauty & the Beast

Monday 1 June | 1pm & 5pm

€18

Be our guest - join our spellbinding tale of a courageous young woman, & a prince trapped by pride. This enchanting ballet of Beauty & the Beast with sweeping choreography & evocative soundtrack bring you a fairytale like no other.



LOCAL ARTS

Voices of Bray Community Choir: Sounds of Summer

Fri 5 & Sat 6 June | 8pm

€25

Enjoy an uplifting evening of songs from Queen, The Beatles, Take That & many more, plus a selection of familiar songs from the musicals. There's something for everyone to enjoy. Proceeds in aid of CALI (Care + Learn Ireland).



TAKE PART

Cruinniú na nÓg 2026: Raise Your Spear Saturday 6 June | 12 – 2pm

Free, but booking required
Suitable For: 13 – 18 yrs

Join artist & writer Dani Gill for a writing & making workshop based on the themes of identity & allyship. Participants will customise their own spear, take part in writing & discussions about who we are, how we see ourselves, & how we see each other.



FILM – Cert: 12A

Báite Monday 8 June | 8pm

€12/10
94mins | Language: Irish with English subtitles

Co. Galway, 1975. As Glanaphuca prepares for a busy fishing weekend, a woman's body is found in the lake. Dublin detective Frank Ryan works with barwoman Peggy to investigate, uncovering troubling secrets beneath the village's quiet surface.



FAMILY

BabyLovesMusic Tue 9 & Wed 10 June | 10.30am, 11.45am & 1pm

€15 (1 Adult & 1 Baby) | €20 (2 Adults & 1 Baby)

BabyLovesMusic is an informal concert for babies and their carers. Featuring four award-winning musicians with musical arrangements by Malachy Robinson, of the Irish Chamber Orchestra.



LOCAL ARTS

Lakers Sports & Social Showcase Thursday 11 & Friday 12 June | 7.30pm

€15/10

Dive into an unforgettable evening at the Lakers Sports & Social Annual Showcase! Our talented members from music, singing, drama, and dance unite for a spectacular celebration of creativity, passion, and performance. Join us



TAKE PART

Krazy Kaleidoscopes Saturday 13 June | 11.30am – 1pm

€13
Suitable For: 8 – 10 yrs

Have you ever been hypnotised by a colourful & enchanting kaleidoscope? This is your chance to make your own kaleidoscope while learning about the science of reflected light and how our eyes see colour, led by Selene Murphy.



MUSIC

Mary Coughlan Saturday 13 June | 8pm

€31.50

Coming off the back of an incredible, sold-out performance at the Galway International Arts Festival and Olympia Theatre, the legendary jazz & blues singer returns to Mermaid!

FILM – Cert: 15A



Sirat

Monday 15 June | 8pm

€12/10

114mins | Language: Spanish & French with English subtitles

Luis & his son Esteban arrive at an illegal desert rave in Morocco searching for missing daughter Mar. When they find nothing, they follow traveling clubbers to another rave in Mauritania—a journey that will change their lives forever.

TAKE PART

WRITING WORKSHOP

What Makes a Good Story

Saturday 20 June | 11.30am – 1pm

€13

Suitable For: 7 – 13 yrs

Led by children's author Marian Brennan. We will go through basic story structure & what makes a great story. We will discuss how to take readers into a different world, character development and creating suspense.

MUSIC



Don Baker: My Story

Thursday 18 June | 8pm

€31

Don tours his One-Man Show, My Story, with more stories, more songs and of course more harmonica! This legendary performer and consummate entertainer has engaged, enchanted and charmed audiences for almost 60 years!

THEATRE



My Real Life with Garrett Lombard

Saturday 20 June | 8pm

€26

A comedic and moving play about love and life. Wexford man Noel, diagnosed with MS, records a final message to be read at his own funeral. Noel spends his final hours re-living highs and lows of the past forty years.

THEATRE



Fishamble: FORGOTTEN

Friday 19 June | 8pm

€22/20

'Has no one a skitter o' dignity left?' A unique collage of Kabuki dance & Irish storytelling, starring Pat Kinevane. It is a captivating portrayal of four elderly characters living in retirement homes around Ireland.

FILM – Cert: 15A



Twinless

Monday 22 June | 8pm

€12/10

100mins | Language: English with Open Captions

After meeting in a twin bereavement support group, Roman (Dylan O'Brien) and Dennis (James Sweeney) develop an unlikely bond. They soon become inseparable, but old wounds reopen.



Joan Davis & Jessie Keenan present
Offering
Wednesday 24 June | 8pm
€15/12

As a culmination of over fifty years of working with dance, the environment and theatre, this film is the final offering in this important body of research. This screening will be followed by a Q&A.



Music Network:
Shuteen Erdenebaatar Quartet
Thursday 25 June | 8pm
€22/20

This hard-swinging yet deeply sensitive ensemble is led by award-winning pianist and composer Shuteen Erdenebaatar, hailed by Jazzwise as "one of the most exciting young talents in jazz".



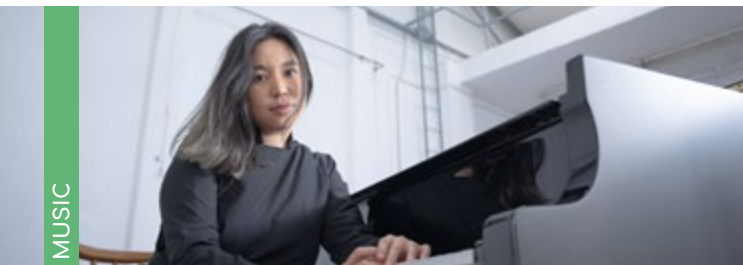
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Friday 26 June | 8pm
€29

Acting the Devil explores the funny side of modern fitness culture, the quiet truth of a long-term, childless relationship. A funny, heartfelt hour about chasing success while staying true to the people who shaped you.



Plotting and Planning
Saturday 27 June | 11.30am - 1pm
€13
Suitable For: 7 - 13 yrs

Led by children's author Marion Brennan. We will go through plotting and planning. We will also work on the 'hook' for your book and the all important first page!



Captain Splash
Saturday 27 June | 12pm
€12 | €40 Family of 4
Suitable For: 2 - 7 years

Set sail for fun and imagination. Come see sword magic, a naughty narwhal, and the Bermuda Triangle of Terror. Everyone joins the crew and leaves with a bit of magic. Fun for the whole family. Arrrrrrr you ready?!



National Theatre Live:
The Playboy Of The Western World
Saturday 27 June | 8pm
€16/14

Filed live on stage at the National Theatre. Nicola Coughlan joins Eanna Hardwicke & Siobhán McSweeney in John Millington Synge's darkly funny & riveting play. Pegeen's life is shaken when a young man claims he's murdered his father.



LOCAL ARTS

Studio X Summer Showcase

Sunday 28 June | 3pm & 7pm

€22/17 | €70 Family of 4

Studio X Summer Showcase 2026 is our end of year dance show, and the highlight of everything we've worked towards all year! We have a cast of 4 to 20 year olds who bring the stage alive with high-energy routines, bold moves, and upbeat vibes.



MUSIC

Linda Ronstadt
Tribute
Sat 4 July | 8pm
€28



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Camile O'Sullivan:
Loveletter
9 & 10 July | 8pm
€32



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The Tasters

Monday 29 June | 8pm

€12/10

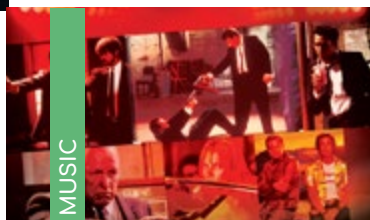
123mins | Language: German with English subtitles

Based on true story of Margot Wölk, this gripping 2025 historical drama follows Rosa, who flees bombed-out Berlin only to be conscripted as a Nazi food taster, forced to eat foods destined for Hitler to check if they've been poisoned.



MUSIC

The Classic Beatles
Revolver & More
17 & 18 July | 8pm
€31



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The Tarantinos
Sat 25 July | 8pm
€25



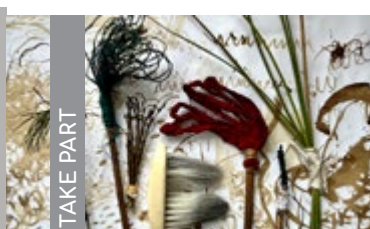
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Lunfardia

Friday 3 July | 8pm

€22/20

Lunfardia bring a vibrant evening of Latin American songs, blending soulful vocals, guitar, violin, bass, accordion & percussion. Following their warmly received reunion at Mermaid in 2025, they return with irresistible rhythms & infectious energy.



TAKE PART

Joanna Kidney:
Experimental Drawing
from Nature & Senses
Sat 10 Oct
10.30am - 4.30pm
€45
Venue: Roundwood Parish Hall



COMEDY

Keep It Tight Podcast
Emma Doran &
Deirdre O'Kane
Fri 18 Dec | 8pm
€31



COUNTY WICKLOW ARTS CENTRE

Box Office & Gallery Opening Hours

- Monday – Saturday: 11am – 4pm, & until show-time on performance evenings.
- Sunday & Bank Holidays: Open 1 hour before the event. Please note, phone lines close 30mins before events.

Críoch Café Opening Hours

- Monday to Friday: 8am – 4pm & Saturday: 10am – 4pm. With a theatre bar service on performance evenings.

Booking Tickets

- Phone Box Office: 01 272 4030
- Online: mermaidartscentre.ie
- In Person: Visit Box Office during opening hours. Please note, tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded.

Accessible Seating

Wheelchair and accessible seating is located in the front row on the ground floor. Please contact the Box Office team to book, as these seats cannot be booked online.

E-tickets

Show your e-ticket QR code on your phone at the auditorium door – no printing needed. If you have any issues, contact the Box Office. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early. Latecomers will not be admitted until there's a suitable break.

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FREE underground parking for all evening & weekend events (entrance straight ahead and on the left after turning in off Main St.). The overground car park in front of Mermaid is pay-and-display with 24/7 clamping & is not affiliated with us.

Gift Vouchers

Give the gift of a great night out! Buy vouchers online to print at home, or visit/call the Box Office. Available in any amount with no expiry date, and valid for all Mermaid events!

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