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COUNTY WICKLOW ARTS CENTRE

April – June 2025





VISUAL ARTS | EXHIBITION

**Judy Carroll Deeley – Mine Lands:
Glendalough & Glendasan**
Running until 10 May
Free admission

[More
Info](#)

Judy Carroll Deeley's exhibition continues her exploration of post-extractive landscapes and the legacy of industrial activity on the land.

Through her oil paintings and drawings, Carroll Deeley explores the juxtaposition of the historical, religious, and industrial heritage of the Glendalough and Glendasan valleys, painting what she terms 'popular scenes', where the evidence of the area's mining past coexists with our preconception of Wild Wicklow.

See pg. 7 for details about an off-site exhibition event, Mine Lands Walk at Glendalough.

This exhibition is open 11am - 4pm Monday to Saturday and later on performance evenings.



STORYTELLING

YARN Story Circle

Wednesday 2 April | 7pm
Pay What You Can from €3
Venue: Bray Town Hall (Upstairs)

[Book Here](#)

Join us for a relaxed storytelling circle with a guest teller, Dougie Mackay. He will launch our monthly storytelling story circle & then open to the floor. No pressure to tell – listeners welcome! There will be a cup of tea and a biscuit for everyone. The YARN Story Circle will take place on the first Wednesday of the month from February to June & then in September & October.



COMEDY

Jason Byrne – No Show

Thursday 3 April | 8pm
€28

SOLD OUT

In 1935 Erwin Schrodinger placed comedian Jason Byrne in a venue with an audience and closed the doors. Was there a show or NO SHOW. For those outside without tickets there was simultaneously a show and NO SHOW. Don't be outside. Get a ticket and watch the master of comic creativity and audience interaction create a show from NO SHOW.



MUSIC

ConTempo Quartet

Wednesday 2 April | 8pm
€23/21

[Book Here](#)

The celebrated ConTempo Quartet plays two of the chamber music greats, Mozart's moody D minor quartet and the second of Beethoven's 'Rasoumovsky' quartets including its famously contemplative slow movement. A quartet by Rhona Clarke completes a varied and rewarding programme.



TAKE PART

Fridayfest

Fridays | 11am – 12.30pm
Free, no booking required

[More Info](#)

Artist Elida Maiques brings a weekly drawing gathering to Mermaid every Friday. This is a fun, relaxed session, where everybody is welcome. It is not a class, but an opportunity to draw, chat or even write in a friendly environment. There will be some art materials available, but feel free to bring your favourite pens and pencils and those who say they cannot draw are the most welcome of all!



MUSIC

Neil Ó Lochlainn's Imram

Friday 4 April | 8pm
€22/20

[Book Here](#)

An innovative and ground breaking setting of Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill's Imram poems by composer Neil Ó Lochlainn featuring Eithne Ní Chatháin (Inni-K) with influences from Irish traditional music and sean-nós singing to jazz and contemporary classical music. The musicians are some of the most highly regarded young musicians in Ireland today.



TAKE PART | VISUAL ARTS | OFF-SITE

Mine Lands Walk at Glendalough

Sunday 6 April | 12pm – 2pm
Free, booking required

[Book Here](#)

Historian Dr Sharron Schwartz and geologist Dr Martin Critchley lead this fascinating guided walk of the former mining site at Glendalough, the subject of artist Judy Carroll Deeley's current exhibition at Mermaid, Mine Lands: Glendalough & Glendasan. This walk is suitable for walkers with some experience and will cover around 5.4km. Meet at Glendalough Upper Lake Car Park. See website for full details.



MUSIC

The Blooze Brothers

Saturday 5 April | 8pm
€25

[Book Here](#)

Grab your hat, sunglasses and dancing shoes as our 11 piece band pay tribute to the Blues Brothers, hear all the movie hits plus the best Soul, R&B and Rock 'n Roll. Whether you love the movie or just love great music, this is a night not to be missed!



FILM – Cert: 15A

A Real Pain

Monday 7 April | 8pm
€10/8

[Book Here](#)

89mins | English with Open Captions

After the death of their beloved grandmother, a Holocaust survivor, mismatched cousins David and Benji travel to her family home in Poland to honour her. Previously close, they have drifted apart due to the responsibilities and disappointments of adult life. The trip forces them to confront their own resentments and personal demons, with both humour and raw emotion.



LOCAL ARTS

Bray Musical Society:
Legally Blonde the Musical
Wed 9 – Sat 12 April | 7.30pm
€25/22

[Book Here](#)

Bray Musical Society is proud to present the hit musical, Legally Blonde. Based on the 2001 film, join us for this upbeat musical as Elle navigates her way through Harvard Law School, unexpected relationships, and totally tragic hair!



LOCAL THEATRE

Square One Theatre:
Present Laughter
Tue 15 – Sat 19 April | 7.30pm
€21/19 | €15 Tuesday Preview

[Book Here](#)

Present Laughter is a comedic play by Noël Coward that offers a witty and satirical look at fame, relationships, and self-obsession. The story revolves around Garry Essendine, a charismatic and self-absorbed middle-aged actor at the height of his career. Set in 1939, the action takes place in Garry's elegant London flat, where the chaos of his personal and professional life unfolds over the course of a few days.



FILM – Cert: TBC

Cottontail
Monday 14 April | 8pm
€10/8
95mins | Japanese with English subtitles.

[Book Here](#)

Following the death of his wife Akiko, devastated Kenzaburo is presented with a letter from her requesting that her ashes be scattered at Lake Windermere in England, a place that held precious memories from her childhood. Kenzaburo reluctantly agrees that his estranged son Toshi may accompany him to the other side of the world to fulfil Akiko's final wish.



TAKE PART | CHILDREN

Paper Collage & Construction
Sat 19 April | 11.30am & 1pm
Pay What You Can from €3
Duration: 1 hour | Suitable For: 4 – 12 yrs

[Book Here](#)

Join Me + The Moon at Mermaid for two workshops to explore collage and paper construction. Using colour and shape we will create collages that grow and jump from your page!



DANCE

East Coast Dance Arts: Live

Sunday 20 April | 7pm
€16/11 | €7 (Dance Student)

[Book Here](#)

East Coast Dance Arts (ECDA), formerly Wicklow ScreenDance Laboratory continues to bring new, exciting and original live dance performance in a variety of genres to Mermaid. Our 'Live' this year will feature dance works by both Irish and International Dance Artists: emerging and established, in the field of dance.



LOCAL ARTS

Mr Sands Youth Theatre: The Summer I Howled

Wed 23 April | 3pm & 8pm
€15/10

[Book Here](#)

The Summer I Howled by Rachel Bublitz. At Camp Gray Pine, friends old and new gather for a summer to remember. Rumours of werewolves, witches and fairies stalking the woods are spreading... or are they really rumours? Bray's Youth Theatre presents the European Premiere of Award-Winning playwright Rachel Bublitz's Horror Comedy about growing up, making new friends... and turning into a werewolf.



FILM - Cert: CLUB

Vermiglio

Monday 21 April | 8pm
€10/8

119mins | Italian with English subtitles

[Book Here](#)

1944. Towards the end of WWII in Vermiglio - a high, remote mountain village in the Italian Alps - the arrival of Pietro, a deserted soldier, disrupts the dynamics of the local teacher's family, changing them forever. Told in four chapters, each set in a different season, Maura Delpero's film is powerful and stunningly beautiful - a story of women, war and family.



MUSIC

Redmond O'Toole: Classical Guitar Recital

Thursday 24 April | 8pm
€21

[Book Here](#)

Bray native Redmond O'Toole makes a welcome return to Mermaid with a concert exploring some of the most sublime and beautiful music of the late twentieth century. Redmond will debut an entirely new programme celebrating the work of some of the greatest composers of our time including Arvo Pärt, Philip Glass and John Cage.



TALK

**Seán Ronayne:
Nature Boy**
Friday 25 April | 8pm
€16

**SOLD
OUT**

How do we protect something we do not love or understand? Ornithologist and wildlife sound-recordist, Seán Ronayne will bring you on a beautiful adventure through Irish birds, sharing their sounds, stories, and struggles. At once inspiring and cautionary, Seán's journey illustrates the beauty and importance of sound, what listening can tell us about the state of our natural world, and how it can also heal and nourish the soul.



MUSIC

Legend of Luke Kelly
Saturday 26 April | 8pm
€31

[Book
Here](#)

Created and performed by the renowned Dublin singer and multi-instrumentalist Chris Kavanagh, this show with multi-vision background throughout brings the audience on a journey through Luke's music and has received rave reviews in Ireland and abroad.



TAKE PART

**Introduction to
Casual Lettering**
Sat 26 April | 11.30am – 4pm
€50 | Suitable For: 16+ years

[Book
Here](#)

Sign painting workshop with Laura Nelson. Introduction to the basics of signpainting, focusing on the Casual Lettering style and alphabet. Laura Nelson is a signwriter, multimedia artist, curator and organiser based in the North of Ireland. Laura's work revives the traditional art of sign-painting and often humorously references both nostalgia and better times to come.



FILM – Cert: TBC

When Autumn Falls
Monday 28 April | 8pm
€10/8

[Book
Here](#)

103mins | French with English subtitles

Michelle and her close friend Marie-Claude are enjoying a peaceful and simple life after both retiring from Paris to a rural Burgundy village. But an upsetting visit from Michelle's daughter Valerie, and the release of Marie-Claude's son Vincent from prison lead to a series of events that reveal past deeds and will change the lives of the two friends forever.



COMEDY

Gearóid Farrelly: Gearóid Rage

Wednesday 30 April | 8pm
€25

[Book
Here](#)

Gearóid Farrelly follows his mammoth Glamour Hammer tour with a hilarious new stand up show touching on the many, many, MANY things that make his blood boil.



24th International
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BRAY JAZZ FESTIVAL – Venue: Mermaid

Nubya Garcia (UK)

Friday 2 May | 8pm
€35

[Book
Here](#)

Opening: Christine Tobin & Phil Robson

Nubya Garcia is one of the major international stars to emerge from the UK's current urban jazz boom. A Mercury Prize nominee, she's a generational talent who has also won a Parliamentary Jazz Award & been named artist of the year by both Sky Arts & Jazz FM, amongst others. A tenor saxophonist, Garcia's recent album 'Odyssey' earned a Rolling Stone album of the year listing in 2024.



BRAY JAZZ FESTIVAL – Venue: Town Hall

Mieko Miyasaki & Franck Wolf (Japan/France)

Friday 2 May | 6.30pm
€15

[Book
Here](#)

Mieko Miyasaki and Franck Wolf form a rare and original duo, their music blending the elegant charm of the 'koto,' a half tube zither that is Japan's national instrument, with the melodic lines of Wolf's clarinet and saxophone. Miyazaki is recognised globally as one of the masters of the koto. She has performed at numerous international events, while her compositions have been voted amongst the most beautiful koto.



BRAY JAZZ FESTIVAL – Venue: Mermaid

ZASKA (Ireland)

Saturday 3 May | 2.30pm
€15

[Book
Here](#)

Max Zaska is a guitarist, songwriter, & producer best known for his feel-good blend of modern funk, neo-soul, & indie jazz. With his band, ZASKA, he brings his original songs to life with a verve & enthusiasm that is infectious. Bray-born & now living in the midlands, his live work & recordings over the past decade have featured a dizzying array of Irish artists, ranging from Hozier, Wyvern Lingo, Loah, Tolu Kakay & Denise Chaila.



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Norman & Corrie (Scotland)
Saturday 3 May | 6.30pm
€15

[Book Here](#)

Shetland islander Norman Wilmore and Glaswegian Corrie Dick daringly blend the old and new with their reimagining of the airs and rich musical heritage of Scotland's northernmost isles. They combine drum kit and saxophone, with organ foot pedals, sampled field recordings and earthy, cutting-edge electronics to breathe new life into instrumentals that range from haunting spirituals to raucous ceili stumps.



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Nabou Claerhout & Lynn Cassiers (Belgium)
Sunday 4 May | 2.30pm
€15

[Book Here](#)

Nabou Claerhout is a rising star of on the European jazz scene. One of the most innovative and prolific trombone players in Europe, she is at the vanguard of a burgeoning jazz scene in the Benelux countries, her duo project with singer and soundscaper Lynn Cassiers is a captivating combination of jazz, electronics and ambient music that reaches from the ethereal to intense, and back again.



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BRAY JAZZ FESTIVAL – Venue: Mermaid

Vijay Iyer (USA)
Saturday 3 May | 8pm
€35

[Book Here](#)

Opening: Ronan Guilfoyle's Bemusement

A three-times Grammy Award nominee and four-times 'Downbeat Magazine Jazz Artist of the Year' winner, New York based composer and pianist Vijay Iyer is revered across multiple musical communities, and has produced a consistently innovative body of work over three decades that has earned him a place as one of the leading contemporary music-makers of his generation. The Irish Times: "Heady, visceral jazz."



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BRAY JAZZ FESTIVAL – Venue: Town Hall

Steinar Raknes (Norway)
Sunday 4 May | 6.30pm
€15

[Book Here](#)

Steinar Raknes is a Norwegian bassist, vocalist & songwriter who has worked with artists as rich & varied as Chick Corea, Michael Brecker & Bobby McFerrin. A double bass virtuoso, playing both pizzicato & arco, he is known for his captivating solo presentations. Raknes has a broad musical palate, & his work encompasses contemporary jazz, Sami folk music of northern Scandinavian, American roots, blues & Americana.



BRAY JAZZ FESTIVAL – Venue: Mermaid

Verner Pohjola Quartet (FIN)

Sunday 4 May | 8pm

€35

Opening: Francesco Turrisi Trio (Italy/IRL)

[Book Here](#)

A series of stand-out albums over the past decade have marked Finnish trumpeter Verner Pohjola out as one of the major new talents in contemporary Scandinavian jazz. A dazzling player with a commanding individual sound, his compositions are strong, bold & find hooky melodies that stick in your mind. Pohjola's 2015 release 'Bullhorn' was named by Jazzwise Magazine as 'among the truly finest jazz albums of recent times.'



STORYTELLING

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FILM – Cert: 12A

A Complete Unknown

Monday 5 May | 8pm

€10/8

140mins | English with Open Captions

[Book Here](#)

Timothée Chalamet stars and sings as Bob Dylan in the story of the musician's rise to fame as a folk singer who topped the charts in the early 1960s. Thrust into the spotlight and heralded as the saviour of American folk, Dylan's creative temperament saw him push artistic boundaries, culminating in a groundbreaking, controversial performance that reverberated worldwide.

WOODBROOK COLLEGE PRESENTS

THE ADDAMS FAMILY



LOCAL ARTS

Woodbrook College: The Addams Family

Wed 7 & Thur 8 May | 7.30pm

€16/14

[Book Here](#)

Woodbrook College proudly presents The Addams Family musical - a weird, wacky spooktacular show of music, dancing and laughs. When daughter of the house Wednesday Addams decides to get married this ghoulish American family goes into overdrive. You'll feel like a long-lost relative at a very awkward family dinner - after all, when you're an Addams you do what Addams do!



WICKLOW ARTISTS SALON

Connecting
Conversing
Collaborating

MUSIC

Ceol Ársa Cláirsí - Irish Harp Music of the 17th & 18th Centuries
Friday 9 May | 8pm
€22/20

[Book Here](#)

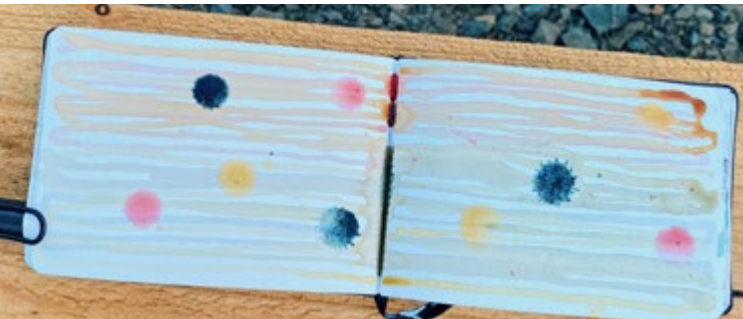
Experience the haunting music of the ancient harpers performed by some of Ireland's leading musicians in Irish and Early Music with accompanying evocative projections from artists Helen Barry and Cormac O'Connor. Cormac Breatnach – Susato Whistles; Steve Cooney – Guitars; Aisling Ennis – Irish Harp; Malachy Robinson - Viola da Gamba; Eamon Sweeney - Early Guitars/Bandora/Lute.

TAKE PART | OFF SITE

Wicklow Artists Salon #12
Saturday 10 May
Free, booking essential
Venue: Signal Arts Centre, Bray

[Book Here](#)

We are thrilled to have artist Lian Bell facilitating this special Saturday afternoon salon which will begin at Signal Arts Centre in Bray & end with the Wicklow Artists Salon standing everyone a drink in The Harbour Bar. In between, there will be walking, art making & art-sharing. The event is free but booking is necessary for what promises to be a very enjoyable, inspiring day. See website for full details.



TAKE PART | OFF SITE

The Roundwood Series #1
Saturday 10 May | 11am – 3pm
€28/23
Venue: Roundwood Community Hall

[Book Here](#)

Join us in Roundwood to celebrate Bealtaine with a workshop led by Elida Maiques & Malú Colorín. This is the first session of a 4-part Roundwood Series: A Celebration of the Seasons. Take a mindful walk to gather flowers & observe butterflies. After a short lunch break, inks will be made from the flowers gathered to create playful butterfly prints! Suitable for all, under 12s to be accompanied by an adult participant.



LOCAL ARTS

Junior Musicals Theatre School Presents Defying Gravity
Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 May
€22

[Book Here](#)

Join our cast from Junior Musicals as they take you on a magical journey in Musical Theatre, dance and drama. Enjoy excerpts from Wicked, Mary Poppins and other west end shows. There is something for everyone in this exciting variety show. A performance not to be missed with music by our JM band and fun audience participation. See website for full details.



FILM – Cert: TBC

I'm Still Here

Monday 12 May | 8pm

€10/8

137mins | Portuguese with English subtitles

[Book Here](#)

BRAZIL, 1971. Brazil faces the tightening grip of a military dictatorship. Eunice Paiva, a mother of five children, is forced to reinvent herself after her family suffers a violent and arbitrary act by the government. I'm Still Here is based on Marcelo Rubens Paiva's biographical book and tells the true story that helped reconstruct an important part of Brazil's hidden history.



ACTION ARTS

Stage School
Est. 2001

LOCAL ARTS

Action Arts Teens

Saturday 17 May | 7pm

€22 | €16 Child

€72 (2 Adults, 2 Children)

[Book Here](#)

Join the students of Action Arts Teens for night of theatre that's sure to excite and entertain. These amazing young theatre makers will be showcasing their talents through theatre pieces they wrote and devised, as well as some scenes from well known plays, poems, and perhaps a song or two! Expect to laugh, cry, and everything in-between. Don't miss the fun, book now to avoid disappointment.



ACTION ARTS

Stage School
Est. 2001

LOCAL ARTS

Action Arts Stage School

Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 May | 7pm

€22 | €16 Child

€72 (2 Adults, 2 Children)

[Book Here](#)

Join the incredible students of Action Arts Stage School as they take the stage in our annual end of term showcase! Expect fun twists on well known tales, singing, dancing, poetry and more. Don't miss the fun, book now to avoid disappointment.

**National
Drawing
Day 2025**

Saturday 17th May

TAKE PART

3D Drawing with Laura Kelly

Sat 17 May | 11.30am – 1.30pm

Free, booking essential

[Book Here](#)

To celebrate National Drawing Day 2025, join artist Laura Kelly for this drawing workshop with a difference, using torn, cut, scrunched and folded paper to create three dimensional drawings. In this free family-friendly class, Kelly will demonstrate how she uses paper in her artistic practice and share the techniques she uses to make sculptural sketches. Open to all.



LOCAL ARTS

Dun Laoghaire School of Music
Present Summer Music Concerts
Sunday 18 May | 2pm & 4.30pm
€16/14

[Book
Here](#)

Our summer concerts feature performances by our very talented students and teachers offering different music styles right across the board. We promise an afternoon of pure musical delight for everyone.

TAKE PART | BEALTAINE FESTIVAL

Singing For Wellness &
Fun With Joan Dempsey
Tue 20 May | 11.30am – 1.30pm
€10

[Book
Here](#)

In a fun and relaxed atmosphere, this workshop will explore wellness through singing. It is a well-established fact that singing & breathing together is good for our bodies, minds & hearts, creating an instant “community of music”. Joan will lead you through songs & rounds & activities that will make the most of your voice & leave you feeling uplifted & refreshed. No pressure, no need to read music, just bring a positive attitude!



FILM – Cert: 12A

Nickel Boys
Monday 19 May | 8pm
€10/8

[Book
Here](#)

140mins | English with Open Captions

Florida, the 1960s. African-American teenager Elwood is sent to the Nickel Academy reform school after being falsely accused of car theft. There, he meets and befriends fellow inmate Turner. Together, the boys try to endure the abuses inflicted upon them by the school's cruel officials. The two teenagers' shared experiences create a bond that will have ramifications for decades.



THEATRE | MUSIC | DANCE

Chronically Hopeful
Friday 23 May | 8pm
Free, booking essential
ISL Interpreted

[Book
Here](#)

What does it mean to live with an unseen disability? Step into the world of Chronically Hopeful, a raw & deeply personal work-in-progress by Musici Ireland. Through live music, dance, & spoken word, this intimate performance sheds light on resilience, identity, & hope in the face of daily challenges. Witness the creative process unfold & join us for a post-show discussion. Your presence makes these voices heard.



VISUAL ARTS | EXHIBITION

Kian Benson Bailes

Opening Sat 24 May | 2 – 4pm

Free admission, all welcome

Runs until Saturday 12 July

[More Info](#)

Originally commissioned by Project Arts Centre in 2023, this evolving iteration of Kian Benson Bailes' Culchie boy, I love you / Grá mo chroí thú, mo chábóigin féin is comprised of sculpture, digital & material collage, musical instruments, ceramics, textiles, woodwork, & live sculptural sound elements. This exciting work references Irish folklore, mythology, & craft traditions in an exuberant expression of rural queer experience.



LOCAL ARTS

The Dance Academy Presents Peter Pan

Saturday 24 May | 3pm & 6pm

€19/14 | €59 (2 Adults, 2 Children)

[Book Here](#)

The Dance Academy are delighted to present Peter Pan! Showcasing dancers aged 3-18 who are looking forward to showing off their ballet and modern dance skills, your local Royal Academy of Dance school can't wait to see you there!

THE LISTENING GROUP



SOUND ART

TLG #5: Guardian Angel (1880) with Sven Anderson

Sunday 25 May | 2pm

Free, booking essential

[Book Here](#)

For 'Guardian Angel (1880)', artist Sven Anderson revisits a body of work developed through the projects 'Collection' & 'This Voice' (produced for Solstice Arts Centre in 2022). This event will include short listening sessions, group readings, & discussions about the objects, references, & narratives united through these projects. An unreleased component of 'Collection' will be installed at Mermaid for extended listening.



FILM | BEALTAINE FESTIVAL

May Film Tour – Bealtaine Festival

Monday 26 May | 5pm

[Book Here](#)

We are delighted that the May Film Tour, organised by access>CINEMA & the Irish Film Institute (IFI) to coincide with the Bealtaine Festival comes to Mermaid. This year, cinema lovers from access CINEMA venues & IFI's Wild Strawberries are together programming the tour. Brigid O'Brien Mermaid's representative will work with other volunteers to select titles for this year's tour. Keep an eye on our website for film details.



FILM – Cert: 12A

The Last Dance

Monday 26 May | 8pm

€10/8

126mins | Cantonese with English subtitles

[Book Here](#)

Master Man is a serious-minded Taoist priest dealing with his family's many trials and tribulations. He becomes an unlikely business partner with Dominic, an entrepreneur whose wedding planning firm has recently collapsed. Master Man's stubbornness and Dominic's embarrassing blunders lead to a tense start for their partnership. However, both men soon discover they have much to learn from each other.



THEATRE

Malaprop presents: HOTHOUSE

Fri 30 & Sat 31 May | 8pm

€20/18

[Book Here](#)

Malaprop Theatre presents their award-winning production, HOTHOUSE. A fast-paced, poignant story of love, loss, & legacy set on an Arctic cruise ship that takes you on a journey to bid farewell to the ice caps. Sail through an intergenerational tale complete with horny songbirds, a mad captain, & wanting to change, but not knowing how. Malaprop are an Associate Company of Field:Arts. Funded by The Arts Council.



MUSIC

Eduardo Martín & Ahmed Dickinson

Wednesday 28 May | 8pm

€25

[Book Here](#)

The Bridge is Cuba's most internationally acclaimed guitar duo. Like many other Cubans or Caribbean, they enjoy a natural sense of rhythm. The guitar is their favoured instrument, which idiomatically conveys all the melodic and rhythmic intricacies of South-America's cultural diversity.



TAKE PART

Monotype Printmaking With Artist David Begley

Sat 31 May | 11.30am – 4pm

€65 | Suitable For: Adults

[Book Here](#)

A monotype is a unique, one of a kind, handmade print, created by drawing or painting an image onto a plate & transferring this to paper. In this workshop participants will develop their own approach to this spontaneous, painterly medium, creating several monotype prints & explore monochrome mark-making exercises, work with wipe-out & direct painting to make prints.

Sleeping Beauty

LOCAL ARTS

Catherine Casey School of Dance Presents: Sleeping Beauty
Monday 2 June | 12pm & 4pm
€17/13

[Book Here](#)

Join our dancers as Aurora and her friends battle the sinister curse cast by Carabosse. Can true love's spell break the dark magic and restore peace to the kingdom? Featuring dancers from all our classes, from our Mini movers, right through to our Elevate division dancers, this fun, family friendly show is a joyful expression of dance, music & movement. See website for full details.



STORYTELLING

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Wednesday 4 June | 7pm
Pay What You Can from €3
Venue: Bray Town Hall (Upstairs)

[Book Here](#)

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FILM – Cert: 16

The Brutalist
Monday 2 June | 7pm
€10/8
215mins + 15mins interval | Language*

[Book Here](#)

1947. Holocaust survivor & accomplished architect László Tóth leaves Hungary for America, hoping his family will soon be able to follow. In Philadelphia, László's cousin offers him a job designing furniture. When the pair accept a job renovating a wealthy industrialist's home, it sparks a series of events that sees László embark on a years-long odyssey to build his masterpiece. *English & Hungarian with English subtitles.



LOCAL ARTS

Voices of Bray: Songs on a Summer's Evening
Thur 5 – Sat 7 June | 8pm
€20

[Book Here](#)

Voices of Bray Community Choir invites you to 'Songs on a Summer's Evening!' The choir will perform an exciting & uplifting programme which has something for everyone, with music from Coldplay, Toto, Billy Joel, The Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel, Joni Mitchell, The Carpenters, Eric Whitacre & many more, as well as a selection of songs from the musicals. Proceeds from this year's concerts are in aid of Ark Housing Association.



TAKE PART | CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG

Intro to Comics Workshop

Sat 7 June | 11.30am – 1pm

Free, booking essential

Suitable For: 9 – 11 years

[Book Here](#)

Intro to Comics with Kate Escolin. Come along & take part in Ireland's annual National Day of Creativity for children & young people, Cruinniú na nÓg. Encouraging kids to write is no easy feat but comics are one of the best mediums for storytelling. In this workshop they will learn about the key basics on how to create their own comic strip! From page layouts and panels, speech bubbles, dialogue & more!



TAKE PART | CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG

Beautiful Beautiful Bugs!

Saturday 7 June | 2 – 4pm

Drop-in, no booking required

Suitable For: 4+ years

[More Info](#)

Beautiful Beautiful Bugs! with Paul Timoney. Come along & take part in Ireland's annual National Day of Creativity for children & young people, Cruinniú na nÓg. Create a Beautiful Beautiful Bug of your very own. There will be big bugs & tiny bugs & flying bugs & fleas. Paul is a bug builder with decades of experience attaching pipe cleaners & sticky eyes to cartons using sticky tape and string. So relax, create & have fun!



FILM – Cert: 12A

Maria

Monday 9 June | 8pm

€10/8

124mins | English & Greek with subtitles

[Book Here](#)

Continuing his run of acclaimed & original biopics (Spencer, Jackie) in Maria, Pablo Larraín explores who Maria Callas (a captivating Angelina Jolie) really was, away from the fame & tabloid headlines. In her final days, her health failing, we accompany Callas as she wanders around a picturesque Paris recounting the highs & lows of her life to a revering journalist.



LOCAL ARTS

Bray Lakers

Thur 12 & Fri 13 June | 8pm

€15/10

[Book Here](#)

Lakers are back in the Mermaid this June for another fun filled evening. Join us for a celebration of music dancing and laughter and unforgettable memories.



TAKE PART

Bealtaine: The Flow(er)ing Tide

Saturday 14 June | 11am – 3pm
€35

[Book
Here](#)

We will embark on a coastal forage looking for fresh growth of sea spinach, rock samphire, wild garlic & the yellow flowers of May - primrose, gorse, marigolds, daisies. We'll share May Day recipes, herbal medicines & folk traditions through a short writing exercise and share a foraged snack over fire to celebrate the arrival of Bealtaine before returning to the studio at Mermaid to use our floral gifts in the anothype process.



LOCAL ARTS

Aurora: Under a Midsummer Sky

Sunday 15 June | 7.30pm
€25

[Book
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Spend a wonderful evening in the company of Aurora as they treat you to a beautiful programme of choral singing. With a repertoire ranging from serene choral classics to inspired 8-part arrangements of contemporary favourites, Enniskerry-based choir Aurora has delighted audiences at all their sell-out concerts to date. Under the baton of Musical Director, Gloria Smith, this evening promises to be a musical highlight of the Summer.



THEATRE

Falling to Earth – My Summer With Bowie

Saturday 14 June | 8pm
€23/20

[Book
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Scut Kelly feels like an alien in his own hometown — single, loveless, & carer for a Dad who has never shown much care to him. His only solace is the music of Ziggy/ the man who fell to earth with his spiders from Mars. But this summer, fate conspires to grant him face to face time with his idol. Scut faces a new world of possibilities. But can Scut handle this new planet & all its possibilities or will he fall back to earth with a bang.



FILM – Cert: CLUB

The Tasting

Monday 16 June | 8pm
€10/8

[Book
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82mins | French with English subtitles

Jacques is divorced and in his 50s. Not only is his health failing, his wine business is on the brink of bankruptcy. He sees little joy in his future until kind, open-hearted Hortense enters his shop. The scene is now set for a textbook romantic comedy, where two people - complete opposites, both with past heartache - are undeniably drawn to each other.



THEATRE

The Black Wolfe Tone

Tue 17 & Wed 18 June | 8pm

See website for full details.

[Book Here](#)

Presented by Fishamble: The New Play Company & The Irish Repertory Theatre New York. Written by Kwaku Fortune. Directed by Nicola Murphy Dubey. The Black Wolfe Tone is a thrilling new play about identity, raging against the machine, & how young men deal or don't deal, with the darkness. A fast-paced journey that interrogates our culture of silence, the mind, & growing up mixed race in Ireland.



MUSIC

Don Baker: My Story

Saturday 21 June | 8pm

€31

[Book Here](#)

This is Don's first Solo Tour where he will share tales of 55 years On the Road, Life in the Inner City, his love of The Blues and of the Harmonica, Stories of his working with Jim Sheridan, Daniel Day Lewis, Sinead O'Connor and more. Together with the story of his songs on Harmonica and Guitar, this is a tour not to be missed.



FILM - Cert: 12A | DOCUMENTARY

Blue Road: The Edna O'Brien Story

Thursday 19 June | 8pm

€10/8 98mins | English with OC*

[Book Here](#)

Author, playwright & socialite Edna O'Brien reflects upon her life & career with astounding candidacy in Sinéad O'Shea's documentary. Defying Ireland's patriarchal, religious constraints with her sexually frank debut novel, The Country Girls, she became a literary sensation. Vilified in Ireland & escaping an abusive husband, O'Brien was empowered and prolific, a taboo breaker who made a fortune and lost one. *Open Captions



FILM - Cert: CLUB

How To Make Millions Before Grandma Dies

Monday 23 June | 8pm

€10/8 125mins | Thai*

[Book Here](#)

Once a top scholar, M now wastes his days gaming. Hearing how a cousin inherited a fortune having cared for an ailing relative, M becomes his grandmother's carer. She has terminal cancer and he hopes to reap the rewards once she passes away. Despite his usual indifference, M's selfishness begins to dissipate when faced with his grandmother's vulnerability and failing health.*With English subtitles.



MUSIC

Classic Beatles

Saturday 28 June | 8pm
€28

[Book Here](#)

The Classic Beatles: The 1965 Tour - Featuring the best of HELP! & Rubber Soul. The Classic Beatles, the world's only tribute act endorsed by Sir George Martin are excited to take you there in a 2hr visit to 1965 packed with ground breaking hits, multi media and the historic musical pivot from black and white to colour. It's the perfect night out for the Beatle nut in your life.



FILM - Cert: 12A

Hard Truths

Monday 30 June | 8pm
€10/8

[Book Here](#)

97mins | English with Open Captions

Present-day London. Middle-aged sisters Pansy and Chantal could not be more different. Chantal is cheerful and empathetic. Pansy, on the other hand, is argumentative, hypersensitive and full of anger, with her husband Curtley and grown-up son Moses bearing the brunt of her emotional outbursts. As Mother's Day approaches, things are at breaking point, unless Chantal can somehow help her sister.



LOCAL ARTS

Studio X Summer Showcase

Sunday 29 June | 3.30pm & 7pm
€20/15 | €65 (2 adults, 2 children)

[Book Here](#)

Join us for a burst of energy & excitement at Studio X Bray's end of year Hip Hop Dance Showcase! Featuring dancers aged 4 to 18, this high-energy performance will showcase their best hip hop routines of the year. Experience a vibrant display of colour, rhythm, & fun as our students perform to the latest upbeat tracks. They are sure to entertain you, so clap along & watch our talented dancers light up the stage!



MUSIC | CHILDREN

BabyLovesMusic

Wed 2 & Thur 3 July
10.30am, 11.45am & 1pm

[Book Here](#)

€15 (1 baby* & 1 adult) | 30mins + playtime

BabyLovesMusic is an informal concert for babies aged *0-12 months featuring 4 musicians - Tim Doyle, Kate Hearne, Anna Newell & Eamon Sweeney - with musical arrangements by The Irish Chamber Orchestra's, Malachy Robinson. An eclectic musical journey with a distinctly Irish feel, it features a rich variety of instruments including renaissance guitar, cello, accordion, fiddle, uilleann pipes, treble recorder, & more.

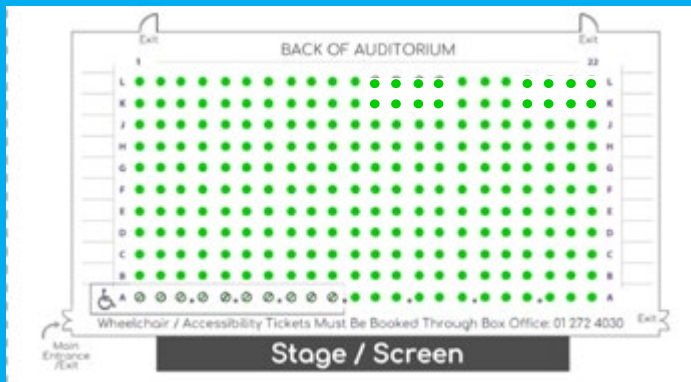
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COUNTY WICKLOW ARTS CENTRE

Mermaid is Wicklow's creative engine-room. With a theatre, gallery, cinema, and a lively programme of events to enjoy and participate in, we're a home for artists and artistic communities to create, connect and make memories.

Box Office & Gallery Opening Hours

- Monday to Saturday: 11am – 4pm, and until the event start time on performance evenings. Please note, Box Office can only take phone calls up to 30 minutes before the event starts.
- Sunday & Bank Holidays: Box Office opens 1 hour prior to the event's start time.



Booking Tickets

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

Accessible Seating

Our wheelchair and accessible seating are located in the front row on the ground floor. Please contact our Box Office team to book accessible seating as it's not possible to book this online.

E-tickets

There's no need to print out your tickets, you can simply show your e-ticket QR code on your phone to our usher at the auditorium door. Contact Box Office if you have any issues with this. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the event starting time. Latecomers will not be admitted until there's a suitable break.

Parking

Mermaid has **FREE underground parking for all evening and weekend events.** (After turning in off the Main St. follow the road straight down & on the left there is the entrance to the underground carpark). There is an overground carpark in front of Mermaid but this is a pay & display carpark with 24/7 clamping in operation and is not associated with Mermaid.

Gift Vouchers

Give the gift of a great night out! Gift vouchers can be purchased online & printed at home, or alternatively, drop into us, or call our Box Office team. They can be made for any amount and have no expiry date. Vouchers can be used to enjoy any event at Mermaid, from cinema to theatre & everything in between!

Keep in Touch

To stay updated on all our events, news, and opportunities, follow us on social media or join our email list. Sign up at mermaidartscentre.ie or contact the Box Office. We send out a monthly newsletter and invitations to exhibition openings.

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