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COUNTY WICKLOW ARTS CENTRE

October – December 2025



DANCE | THEATRE

[Book Here ↓](#)

Dances Like a Bomb

Tue 30 Sept & Wed 1 Oct | 8pm
€22/20

[Book
Here](#)

Dances Like A Bomb is a reclaiming of the ageing body by multi-award-winning dance innovators Junk Ensemble, performed by leading dance artists Finola Cronin (Pina Bausch's Tanztheater Wuppertal) and Luc Dunberry (Sascha Waltz & Guests). Celebrating the strength and beauty of mature bodies and challenging the cult of youth, the performers are heroic, vulnerable, comedic, acerbic, and completely themselves.



STORYTELLING | OFF SITE

[Book Here ↓](#)

YARN Story Circle

Wednesday 1 October | 7pm
Pay What You Can from €3
Venue: Bray Town Hall (upstairs)

[Book
Here](#)

Join us for a relaxed storytelling circle. Guest storyteller Ailsa Dixon (Scotland) will start off our storytelling circle, & then open to the floor, listeners welcome, no pressure to tell. There will be tea & biscuits for everyone. The YARN Story Circle takes place on the first Wednesday of the month from February to June, and then in September and October, before culminating in a Story Swap at the YARN Storytelling Festival in November.



MUSIC

Book Here ↓

The Fureys

Thursday 2 October | 8pm
€37

[Book Here](#)

Legends of Irish music & song, The Fureys, renowned for their hit songs I Will Love You, When You Were Sweet 16, The Green Fields of France, The Old Man, Red Rose Café, From Clare to Here, Her Father Didn't Like me Anyway, Leaving Nancy and Steal Away take to our stage as part of their farewell tour. They will also play on Thursday 23 October, see page 14.



TAKE PART | CHILDREN

Book Here ↓

Raise Your Spear

Saturday 4 October | 12 – 2pm
€20

[Book Here](#)

For Ages: 13+ years

Join artist and writer Dani Gill for a writing and making workshop based on the themes of identity and allyship. Participants will customise their own spear with ribbon, tape, words and accessories, as well as take part in writing and discussion about who we are, how we see ourselves, and how we see each other.



CEOL

Ticéid ↓

Maighread agus Tríona Ní Dhomhnaill

Dé hAoine 3 Deireadh Fómhair | 8pm
€22/20

[Book Here](#)

Le Tacaíocht ón An tOireachtas. Is de theaghlach iomráiteach ceoltóirí as Rann na FeirsteTír Chonaill, iad na deirfiúracha Maighread & Tríona Ní Dhomhnaill. Tháinig an stór saibhir amhránaíochta traidisiúnta a léiríonn siad go nádúrtha anuas chucu ó ghluin go glúin. Is ócáidí dochreidte, corraitheacha iad a gcuid ceolchoirmeacha beo. Beidh an tOifigeach Taibhealaíon Chúige Laighean, ag eagrú seisiún eolais agus teacht le chéile ag 6.30 roimh ré.



MUSIC

Book Now ↓

MUNDY

Saturday 4 October | 8pm
€27

[Book Here](#)

Beloved Irish singer-songwriter Mundy brings his heartfelt, folk-infused sound to Mermaid. From busking in Dublin to topping the charts with hits like Gin & Tonic Sky, Life's A Cinch and To You I Bestow, his career spans nine acclaimed albums. Mundy's soulful voice and warm humour promises an unforgettable music night out.



SOUND ART

TLG #5: Guardian Angel (1880) with Sven Anderson
 Sunday 5 October | 2 – 4pm
 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.



FILM – Cert: PG | DOCUMENTARY

The Last Journey
 Thursday 9 October | 8pm
 €10/8
 95mins | Swedish/French*

[Book Here](#)

A former French teacher, 80-year-old Lars seems to have completely lost any spark for life. In an attempt to snap his father out of this slump, son Filip (a well-known TV star in Sweden) surprises Lars with a road trip to the south of France, & the chance to revisit the places where the family spent many happy holidays. The resulting journey is one filled with love, humour and heartbreak – a must see documentary! *With English subtitles.



FILM – Cert: 15A

[Book Here](#) ↓

Materialists
 Monday 6 October | 8pm
 €10/8
 116mins | English with Open Captions

[Book Here](#)

Lucy is a successful New York City matchmaker. Though dealing in matters of the heart, Lucy herself remains detached, believing love can be measured by status, wealth, and looks. But her ideology is challenged when two very different men – John, her struggling actor ex-boyfriend, and Harry, a wealthy client – upend her life, forcing her to reconsider what really matters.



CULINARY ARTS

Wicklow Food History – A Multisensory Event
 Friday 10 October | 7.30pm
 €36 Drinks & Snacks | €21 Snacks Only

[Book Here](#)

Join Críoch Café for their first culinary arts event at Mermaid, in collaboration with Wicklow Naturally. Enjoy a journey through Irish food history with chef, writer, restaurateur, painter, playwright & author Dr. JP McMahon, along with guests - chef, film maker & Críoch owner, Tadhg Byrne & PHD researcher in Food Tourism, Kate O'Hora. There will be some special tastings of County Wicklow food & optional drinks pairings.

THE SHAKING BOG - WHERE ART & NATURE MEET

Riverscapes

A creative exploration of place, heritage and nature

THE SHAKING BOG/RIVERSCAPES

Leaf Notes

Sat 11 & Sun 12 October

See website for full details

[Book Here](#)

The Shaking Bog presents Leaf Notes, a programme to celebrate the culmination of the Riverscapes project. Events will include the premiere of a new film by Alan Gilsenan, poetry from the recent Windham-Campbell prize winner Anthony Vahni Capildeo, a conversation with acclaimed Wicklow born author Claire Keegan & a very special acoustic evening with Glen Hansard.



TAKE PART | OFF SITE

The Roundwood Series #3

Saturday 11 Oct | 11am – 3pm

€28/23

Venue: Roundwood Parish Hall

[Book Here](#)

Join us in Roundwood to celebrate Samhain with a workshop led by Elida Maiques & Malú Colorín. This is the third session of the 4-part Roundwood Series: A Celebration of the Seasons. Take a mindful walk to observe and gather leaves. After a short lunch break, we will use the leaves to do eco printing and produce greeting cards! Suitable for all, under 12s to be accompanied by an adult participant.



VISUAL ARTS

Tracks #2

Sunday 12 October | 12.30pm

Free, booking required

[Book Here](#)

Working with video and photographic material from 2024's wheel painting event in Baltinglass, artist Eoin O'Malley's TRACKS #2 will launch with a reception, short video screening, slide show of images and a wheelpainting performance in Mermaid's auditorium.



FILM – Cert: 15A

Sorry, Baby

Monday 13 October | 8pm

€10/8

103mins | English with Open Captions

[Book Here](#)

When old roommates Agnes and Lydie reunite for a short break, it's a joyous occasion for the two best friends. Lydie is also one of the only people Agnes can speak to about a past trauma - that she was sexually assaulted by a former mentor. Years on, Agnes is still living with the complex emotional consequences of that assault.



MUSIC

Maïa Nunes in Concert -
Lake Burst, a live performance
Wednesday 15 October | 8pm
€20

[Book
Here](#)

Lake Burst live performance features a new body of experimental music by local artist Maïa Nunes and offers a glimpse into her personal journey of transformation and healing by lake-water. This sonic passage - performed by voice, woodwind, double bass, percussion and drums - will immerse and move you, taking you down into otherworldly depths to emerge with fresh eyes.



COMEDY

**Anne Gildea - Futher
Adventures in Womaning**
Friday 17 October | 8pm
€22

[Book
Here](#)

From Anne Gildea, the woman who taught you How to Get The Menopause and Enjoy It, comes a brand new show, Further Adventures in WOMANING. And what an hilarious adventure it's going to be!



COMEDY

**Solve-Along-A-
Murder-She-Wrote**
Thursday 16 October | 8pm
€23

**SOLD
OUT**

Cult hit event Solve-Along-A-Murder-She-Wrote is back in Bray - it's a unique and hilarious night featuring games, prizes and audience participation.



EXHIBITION | CHILDREN

Puffin Rock Habitats
Sat 18 Oct - Sat 3 Jan | 11am - 4pm
Free Admission

[More
Info](#)

Puffin Rock Habitats is an exploratory exhibition for young children and families led by the beloved Oona and Baba who introduce you to the rich diversity of plants and animals on Puffin Rock, and the intricate relationships within and between each habitat. Contact the Box Office for school and group bookings.



MUSIC

On The Road Again

Saturday 18 October | 8pm
€31

[Book Here](#)

On The Road Again: An Evening with Fiachna Ó Braoáin, Tom Dunne & Alan Connor promises to be a fun evening of songs and stories as Fiachna Ó Braonáin from Hothouse Flowers, Tom Dunne from Something Happens & Alan Connor hit the road together again in 2025.



FILM - Cert: 15A

Deaf

Monday 20 October | 8pm
€10/8

[Book Here](#)

99mins | Spanish with English subtitles

Ángela, a deaf woman, and Héctor, her hearing partner, are in a loving, solid relationship, using sign language and lip reading to communicate. When Ángela becomes pregnant they are both very excited. However, the question of whether their baby will be deaf or hearing charges an unexplored tension between the couple in this tender, moving and brilliantly acted drama.



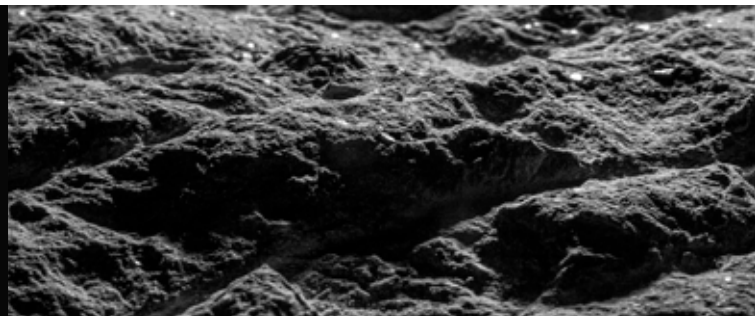
LOCAL ARTS | MUSIC

Bray Concert Band

Sunday 19 October | 7pm
€15

[Book Here](#)

Bray Concert Band present: Unforgettable: A Night at the Theatre Royal for Gerry with Theatre Royal historian Conor Doyle. Expect a nostalgic evening of music, song & footage. Conor, whose godparents were Jimmy O'Dea & Ursula Doyle, presents the story all about Dublin's Theatre Royal. Celebrating the memory of our founder Gerry Stafford, this show reflects his joyous character & his legacy of bringing people together through music.



MULTIDISCIPLINARY | MUSIC | SCULPTURE

Aquifer

Wednesday 22 October | 8pm
€22/2.-0

[Book Here](#)

Wicklow-based stone sculptor Helen O'Connell & pianist Izumi Kimura began a collaborative dialogue in 2024. Through intuitive exchanges, they developed an ongoing conversation between sound & stone. This quickly evolved into the vision of a multidisciplinary live performance that has expanded to include Anthony Kelly, Cora Venus Lunny, Michael Durand & Luke McManus. We invite you to join us in this creative space.



MUSIC

The Fureys

Thursday 23 October | 8pm
€37

[Book Here](#)

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MUSIC

80s Icon Show

Fri 24 & Sat 25 October | 8pm
€29

SOLD OUT

80s Icons is Ireland's first and only touring live theatre show dedicated to celebrating the music and culture of the 1980s. Join us as we transport you back to a time when big shoulder pads, colourful clothes, and a diverse array of music defined a generation. This 7-piece group of professional musicians play all the hits you want to hear so sit back for a show that defines a decade!



TAKE PART

Fridayfest Climate Café With Guest Michelle Hall

Friday 24 Oct | 11am - 12.30pm
Free, booking required

[Book Here](#)

Climate Café evolved from the weekly drop-in drawing sessions Fridayfest, initiated by artist Elida Maiques. Since many of these conversations involve climate & ecology, Mermaid decided to support it with a series of talks and informal meetups. Its loose framework allows alternative methods and research models, each Climate Café has a guest speaker and different activities – expect a lively event!



TAKE PART | CHILDREN

Me + The Moon: Halloween

Sat 25 October | 11.30am & 1pm
Pay What You Can from €3

For Ages: 6 - 12yrs | Duration: 1hr

[Book Here](#)

Me + the Moon Halloween Clay Workshop inspired by Irish folklore and mythology. As the veil between our world and the spirit world is opened, be inspired by the legends and stories that have been told for centuries at Óíche Shamhna. Is it the Pucá, Giants, the Faeries or something else not yet seen?



TAKE PART | CHILDREN

Introduction to Circus

Sunday 26 Oct | 1pm & 3pm

Free, booking required

For Ages: 1 - 2pm: 9 - 15yrs & 3 - 4pm: 16yrs+

[Book Here](#)

Don't miss this action-packed Introduction to Circus workshop by the Palestinian Circus, touring in Ireland with their show Sarab. Try your hand at juggling, diablo, flowersticks, spinning plates, and maybe even a bit of acroclimbing!



CIRCUS

Sarab

by the Palestinian Circus

Wednesday 29 October | 8pm

€20/18 | €64 (2 Adults, 2 Concessions)

[Book Here](#)

Suitable for 14+ yrs. Sarab, which is the Arabic word for mirage was originally created in 2017 which uses contemporary circus theatre to highlight the difficulties faced by refugees around the world. The show has since toured the world to critical acclaim, & the Palestinian performers, here in Ireland for the first time, use circus-theatre to reflect on their collective history, & the repetition of it for millions around the world.



FILM - Cert: 15A

Hallow Road

Monday 27 October | 8pm

€10/8

80mins | English with Open Captions

[Book Here](#)

Two parents receive a panicked late-night call from their 18-year-old daughter, who has just accidentally hit a pedestrian. They jump in their car, racing to get there before anyone else stumbles across the scene. As they drive, disturbing revelations threaten to tear the family apart as they soon realise they might not be the only ones driving down Hallow Road.



COMEDY

Bernard O'Shea -

Desperate House Husband

Thursday 30 October | 8pm

€25

[Book Here](#)

Bernard O'Shea, the 'Desperate House Husband' invites you on a hilarious escapade into the stay-at-home parenting world. Brace yourself for comical tales of domestic appliances with sinister intentions, yearning for a peaceful night's rest, and even covert playground reconnaissance operations. It's a laugh-out-loud journey through the trials and tribulations of modern family life!



COMEDY

Pat & Faye Shortt – Shortt Stuff

Friday 31 October | 8pm
€31

[Book Here](#)

Hilarious and outrageously madcap Father-Daughter Duo Pat and Faye Shortt are taking sketch comedy by storm. Bringing belly laughs and brilliantly bonkers characters to stages across Ireland and beyond, The Shortt's – an irreverent and endearing Irish father-daughter sketch comedy act – are redefining what it means to be a comedic double act.



FILM – Cert: 15A

Night of the Living Dead

Saturday 1 November | 8pm
€10/8

[Book Here](#)

103mins | English, no Open Captions

A small group of Pennsylvanians barricade themselves in an old farmhouse to remain safe from a horde of flesh-eating zombies that are ravaging the Northeast of the United States. Cinephiles and horror fans will absolutely love this extremely special cinematic experience of seeing this classic horror on the big screen! This is a rare full HD scan of an authentic 35mm copy.



FILM – Cert: Club

House on a Haunted Hill

Saturday 1 November | 5.30pm
€10/8

[Book Here](#)

75mins | English, no Open Captions

A millionaire offers \$10,000 to five people who agree to be locked in a large, spooky, rented mansion overnight with him and his wife. Join us for this spooktacular screening of Vincent Price's chilling horror classic, The House on Haunted Hill!



FILM – Cert: 16

Hidden

Monday 3 November | 8pm
€10/8

[Book Here](#)

118mins | French with English subtitles

Affluent Parisian couple Anne and Georges start receiving mysterious videotapes of their own home. Under surveillance by persons unknown, the couple fear for the safety of their 12-year-old son. As the tapes continue to arrive, Georges suspects a figure from his past may be responsible - but confronting that person means revisiting dark secrets and transgressions.



LOCAL THEATRE

Square One Theatre Group: The Snapper

Tue 4 – Fri 7 Nov | 7.30pm &
Sat 8 | 2.30 & 7.30pm | €22/20 | €15*

[Book
Here](#)

Following the Rabbitte family as they come to terms with eldest daughter Sharon's unplanned pregnancy, "The Snapper" offers slices of life from Northside Dublin in the 1980s. And so much more. Beneath Doyle's earthy and recognisable Dublin humour, deeper interrogations are taking place giving substance to the hilarity. Questions of family, community, friendship, and gender dominate, informing much of the laughter. *€15 Tuesday only.



FILM – Cert: 12A

Sunflowers

Monday 10 Nov | 5.30pm & 8pm
€10/8

81mins | English, No Open Captions

[Book
Here](#)

When Catherine's husband dies suddenly, it is not long before the depth of his debt becomes clear and the bank begins threatening repossession of the family farm. Meanwhile, a chance encounter with an old friend prompts Catherine to rediscover her long-suppressed passion for art. One particularly inspiring painting drives her to reimagine the failing farm as a sunflower business.

YARN

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

8 – 18 November 2025

Family Storytelling with Sinéad O'Brien

Saturday 8 November | 11am – 12pm | Free
Venue: Ballywaltrim Library | For: 5+ yrs

Slow Stiches: Sewing as a Mindful Practice with Ciara Brehony

Saturday 8 November | 1pm – 4pm | €25
Venue: Bray Town Hall (Upstairs) | For: Adults

Killruddery Family Tales with Zakia Elyoubi

Saturday 8 November | 2pm – 3pm | Free
Venue: Shoot Room, Killruddery | For: 5+ yrs

Sinéad O'Brien: No One is Coming

Saturday 8 November | 8pm | €15
Venue: Bray Town Hall (Upstairs) | For: 16+ yrs

Boom Chicka Boom Storytelling Workshop with Liz Weir

Sunday 9 November | 11am – 1pm | €20
Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre | For: 8 – 14 yrs

Singing Workshop with Inni-K

Sunday 9 November | 2.30pm – 4pm | €18
Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre | For: 16+ yrs

Inni-K: Album Launch Live

Sunday 9 November | 8pm | €22/20
Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre | For: 16+ yrs



Daniel Morden (Wales) presents: Folk Horror

Tuesday 11 November | 8pm | €15

Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre | For: 16+ yrs

Fireside Tales

Wednesday 12 November | 8pm | Free

Venue: Glenmalure Lodge | For: Adults

Catherine Brophy presents: A Fortunate Life

Wednesday 12 November | 8pm | €15

Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre | For: 16+ yrs

An Evening of Stories with Candlelit Tales

Thursday 13 November | 8pm | Free

Venue: Lynhams of Laragh | For: Adults

Bray Maritime History: Celebrating a Century on the Waves

Thursday 13 Nov | 8pm | €20 Adult | €12 Child

Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre

There's Something About the Hares: A WhatsApp Ghost Story

Thur 13 - Sat 15 Nov | Various Times | €5

Venue: Through WhatsApp | For: 15+ yrs

Tales Along the Road

Friday 14 Nov | 11am | Free (booking required)

Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre | For: All welcome

YARN Residency Finalé with Joe Brennan & Zakia Elyoubi

Friday 14 November | 8pm | €15

Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre | For: 14+ yrs

Family Storytelling with Baden Prince

Saturday 15 November | 11am – 12pm | Free

Venue: Bray Library, Eglinton Rd. | For: 5+ yrs

An Improvisation Workshop with Órla Mc Govern

Saturday 15 November | 11am – 2pm | €30

Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre | For: Adults

Killruddery Family Tales with John Row

Saturday 15 November | 2pm – 3pm | Free

Venue: Shoot Room, Killruddery | For: 5+ yrs

The Snug Storytelling Sessions with Macdara Yeates & Wynton Moore

Saturday 15 November | 2pm | €20

Venue: Wicklow Wolf Brewery | For: Adults

The Snug Storytelling Sessions with Moth & Butterfly & Daniel Galvin

Saturday 15 November | 5pm | €20

Venue: Wicklow Wolf Brewery | For: 16+ yrs



3Bcome Taller: Breaking Barriers John Row, Danni Cullen & Baden Prince

Saturday 15 November | 8pm | €15

Venue: **Mermaid Arts Centre** | For: **Adults**

A Wolf Shall Devour the Sun

Saturday 15 November | 8 – 9pm | €12

Venue: **Courthouse Arts Centre, Tinahely** | For: **8+**

The Speks

Sunday 16 November | 2pm & 4pm | €11

Venue: **Mermaid Arts Centre** | For: **2+ yrs**

Harbour Bar Tales with Baden Prince

Sunday 16 November | 2 – 3pm | Free

Venue: **Harbour Bar, Bray** | For: **Adults**

Festival Story Circle Swap

Sunday 16 November | 3.30pm | Free

Venue: **Harbour Bar, Bray** | For: **Adults**

The Snug Storytelling Sessions with Hearth Fire Sessions

Sunday 16 November | 4pm | €20

Venue: **Wicklow Wolf Brewery** | For: **Adults**

Little Bray Writers Group presents: Stepping Stones

Tuesday 18 Nov | 8pm | Free (booking required)

Venue: **Mermaid Arts Centre** | For: **Adults**



FILM – Cert: 12A

Late Shift

Monday 17 November | 8pm

€10/8

92mins | German with English subtitles

[Book
Here](#)

Surgical nurse Floria clocks in for a late shift in a busy but understaffed ward. At first, she manages to juggle the needs and demands of her patients and their families. But as the evening wears on, the pressure begins to get to Floria. A simple but potentially grave error soon pushes her over the edge.



THEATRE

The Flowers of May

Wednesday 19 November | 8pm

€20/18

[Book
Here](#)

The Flowers of May is a heartfelt stage play inspired by the true experiences of two parents raising a child with autism. Performed by Matthew McMahon and Eileen Gomez, the piece blends humour, vulnerability, and raw honesty to explore the emotional complexity of parenthood, love, and resilience. It offers an intimate look into the shared journey of parenting a neurodivergent child in a world still learning to understand difference.



LOCAL

**Bray Chamber
Endeavour Awards 2025**
Thursday 20 November | 8pm*

See website for full details.

[Book
Here](#)

The Awards recognise and celebrate individuals and community groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the town. They promote business and celebrate community activism, recognising and rewarding the normal, ordinary people who do extraordinary things. *The awards ceremony starts with a pre show drinks reception at 7.15pm, show starts at 8pm sharp.



COMEDY

**Emma Doran –
Emmaculate**
Friday 21 November | 8pm
€28

**SOLD
OUT**

Smash hit Irish comedian, best-selling author, podcast host and viral online star Emma Doran hits the road once again taking her brand-new stand-up show Emmaculate across the UK and Ireland in 2025/26. Emma returns to Mermaid with Emmaculate on Friday 13 February 2026 as part of Bray Comedy Festival.



FILM – Cert: G | CHILDREN

**The Magic Reindeer
Saving Santa's Sleigh**
Saturday 22 November | 2.30pm
€6 | 85mins | English

[Book
Here](#)

Christmas is on the horizon, & it looks like it's going to be the best one yet for Niko the Reindeer as he sets off to fulfil his biggest dream - taking his place next to his father on Santa's Flying Forces. However, he faces unexpected competition from Stella, a mysterious new challenger. Then one night Santa's sleigh is stolen! Now it's down to Niko, joined by friends old & new, to venture to the frozen North on a daring mission to save the holidays.



COMEDY

Des Bishop – Lately
Sunday 23 November | 8pm
€30

[Book
Here](#)

Des Bishop is back with his new show Lately. The world has changed, Ireland has changed and Des's life has changed... A LOT. Lately is a hilarious, in your face standup show that talks about all this and more as Des tried to make sense of all the changes in his life and all our lives.



FILM – Cert: 12A

The Marching Band

Monday 24 November | 8pm
€10/8

103mins | French with English subtitles

[Book
Here](#)

Thibaut is a successful conductor, recently diagnosed with leukaemia. The search for a bone marrow donor leads to the revelation that he was adopted as a child - and that he has a secret brother, cafeteria worker Jimmy. They meet and discover a shared passion for music, and soon form a strong bond via an unexpected collaboration with Jimmy's workplace band.



LOCAL ARTS

Loreto Dalkey Present Legally Blonde

Wed 26 – Fri 28 Nov | 7.30pm

See website for full details

[Book
Here](#)

Join Loreto Abbey Dalkey as their Transition Year Students take to the stage at Mermaid with their annual school musical. This years production is Legally Blonde - an entertaining night guaranteed!



DANCE

CRAWLER

Saturday 29 November | 8pm
€22/20

[Book
Here](#)

Fresh off the back of a sold-out run at Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2024 & Irish premiere at Dublin Fringe Festival, Crawler comes to Mermaid. This raw, physical duet from Jessie Thompson & Jason McNamara fuses dance, live drums, & electronic sound. Together, they navigate shifting power dynamics & unearth raw connection, anchoring their world in a shared experience.



FILM – Cert: 15A

Christy

Monday 1 December | 8pm
€10/8

94mins | English with Open Captions

[Book
Here](#)

When 17-year-old Christy is kicked out of his foster home, he is released into the care of his half-brother Shane and back into the community of his childhood. Having tragically lost his mother when he was very young, he has little connection to the community and struggles to settle in. Slowly the locals start to connect with Christy, offering him hope.



THEATRE | CHILDREN

Polar Bear and Penguin

Fri 5 & Sat 6 December

€15/10 | €40 (2 adults, 2 kids)

For Ages: 5+ yrs | Duration: 45mins

[Book Here](#)

The tale of an unlikely encounter between a Polar Bear & a Penguin. This is the story of polar opposite characters meeting for the first time, getting to know one another & learning how to survive in a world that is melting beneath their feet... paws... flippers. Paul Curley & John Currivan bring this quirky & relevant play for young audiences to life. School only performances take place on 3 & 4 Decemeber, contact Box Office for details.



FILM SCREENING | WORK IN PROGRESS

Bea McMahon – Crickets WIP Screening & Q&A

Wednesday 10 Dec | 7.30pm

Free, booking required

[Book Here](#)

This is a screening of a work-in-progress of a potential six-part TV series titled Crickets by visual artist Bea McMahon & a crew of collaborators. Working in the genre of 'cringe tragedy' and improvising script, set, characters, costumes and direction on location in France and Ireland, this event marks an opportunity to delve behind the scenes and hear about the production process from the inside out. In collaboration with Kunstverein Aughrim.



FILM - Cert: CLUB

The Other Way Around

Monday 8 December | 8pm

€10/8

114mins | Spanish with English subtitles

[Book Here](#)

Film director Ale and actor Alex have been together for fourteen years. When they realise that they have fallen out of love and agree to go they separate ways, they decide to celebrate the end of their relationship with a "break-up" party for friends and family. The idea prompts many different reactions, but also helps them face reality.



MUSIC

Around Here, The Birds Plant The Trees

Thursday 11 December | 8pm

€22/20

[Book Here](#)

This piece began with musicians meeting in a field, taking its sights & sounds as a starting point to explore land use, guardianship & governance – & how this all affects the fields' inhabitants. Together with percussionist Willie Stewart, cellist Eimear Reidy, fiddler Tola Custy & viola players Ailbhe Nic Oireachtaigh & Ultan O'Brien, Natalia Beylis invites you to this performance to consider the past, present & possible futures of a single field.



LOCAL ARTS

Junior Musicals: Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
Sat 13 & Sun 14 December
€23 | See website for full details

[Book Here](#)

Join our cast from Junior Musicals as they take you on a magical journey in Musical Theatre, dance & drama. Excerpts from Disney's Aladdin, West End shows & festive singing from our fantastic choir. Our tiny tots will bring home the important message of Christmas with their nativity play. There is something for everyone in this exciting, Christmassy variety show. A performance not to be missed with music by our own JM band.



TAKE PART | CHILDREN

Me + The Moon: Christmas
Sat 13 Dec | 11.30am & 1pm
Pay What You Can from €3
For Ages: 6 - 12yrs | Duration: 1hr

[Book Here](#)

Me + The Moon Christmas Paper Craft and Illustration Workshop. Create your own pop-up christmas scene. Imagine and draw your own ideas, then get creating, cutting and pasting! What will grow from your ideas? We can't wait to see!



FILM – Cert: 12A

The Ballad of Wallis Island
Monday 15 December | 8pm
€10/8
100mins | English with Open Captions

[Book Here](#)

Folk musician Herb McGwyer made his name in a duo with former creative and romantic partner Nell Mortimer. Now a struggling solo artist, Herb accepts a lucrative offer from eccentric lottery winner Charles Heath to perform a private gig on a remote island. But Charles has also invited Nell to play - forcing Herb into an unexpected reunion.



MUSIC

Ye Vagabonds
Thursday 18 December | 8pm
€35

[Book Here](#)

Join us as award-winning Ye Vagabonds come to Mermaid! Brothers Brian and Diarmuid Mac Gloinn grew up playing music together around their hometown of Carlow. After moving to Dublin in 2012, they quickly became a staple of the live music and session scene in Ireland, playing their own original songs as well as folk songs from Ireland, Scotland, England and America.



MUSIC

The Bee Gees Story – Nights On Broadway

Friday 19 December | 8pm
€30

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This show presents a tribute to The Bee Gees through their catalogue of hits over 4 decades from the 60s to 90s. This full-live band blends the classic hits, acoustic medleys and killer disco tunes which define the unmistakable and versatile sound of The Bee Gees – a fantastic night out guaranteed!



FILM – Cert: PG

Elf

Monday 22 December | 2.30pm
€6
97mins | English

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A human baby raised as an elf. A city where no one remembers the true meaning of Christmas. Will Ferrell stars as Buddy, a human raised in the North Pole to be an elf. After wreaking havoc in the elf community due to his size, Buddy heads to New York City to find his place in the world, and track down his father. But life in the big city is not all sugarplums and candy canes.



MUSIC

The Hammonds – Songs of Love & Folk

Saturday 20 December | 8pm
€24/22

[Book
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The Hammonds are a musical family from Bray, consisting of siblings Suzanne, Karen and Aoife, and their dad Ray. Expect a cosy evening of haunting harmonies through Cohen's varied songbook, Irish folk songs they grew up singing and some festive surprises!



FILM – Cert: G

It's a Wonderful Life

Monday 22 December | 8pm
€10/8
129mins | English with Open Captions

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The story finds George Bailey (James Stuart) in turmoil, having been framed by his rival, torn between his own desires & aspirations, but struggling to always do the right thing. This inner conflict proves too much for Bailey, who sees suicide as the only option. In classic Hollywood style, Heaven sends a guardian angel to remind him how worthwhile his life has been & to treasure the good times when the going gets tough.



FILM – Cert: G

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Miracle on 34th Street

Tuesday 23 December | 2.30pm

€6

114mins | English

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Kriss Kringle (Richard Attenborough) replaces Cole's intoxicated Father Christmas & becomes a hit with children. But rival Shopper's Express boss Victor Landbergh bribes the drunk Santa to accuse Kriss of assault, landing him in court in a battle over whether Father Christmas is real. Meanwhile, young Susan (Mara Wilson), daughter of Cole's supervisor, makes a heartfelt wish to Kriss – for a house, a father, and a brother.



FILM – Cert: PG

Book Here ↓

Home Alone

Tuesday 23 December | 7pm

€10/8

103mins | English

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All Kevin wants for Christmas is his family to disappear. When he wakes to discover they have accidentally left without him & his wish has come true, he does what any kid would do - he parties! But when he learns two burglars with a Christmas list are in the neighbourhood, he is forced to defend his home with ingenious traps to hold the thieves at bay until his relatives come home.

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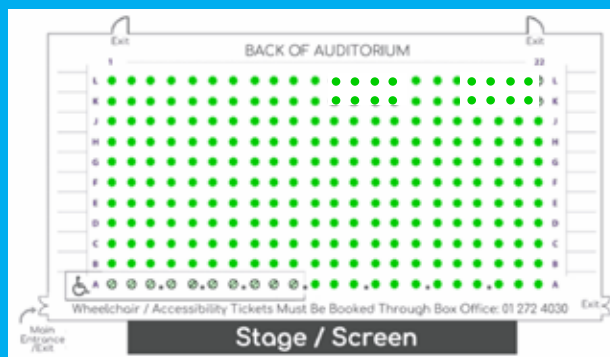
Mermaid is Wicklow's creative engine-room. With a theatre, gallery, cinema, café and a lively programme of events to enjoy and participate in, we're a home for artists and artistic communities to create, connect and make memories.

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.

Críoch Café Opening Hours

- Monday to Friday: 8am – 5pm & Saturday: 9am – 4pm. With a theatre bar service on performance evenings.



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 is 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 these 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

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