

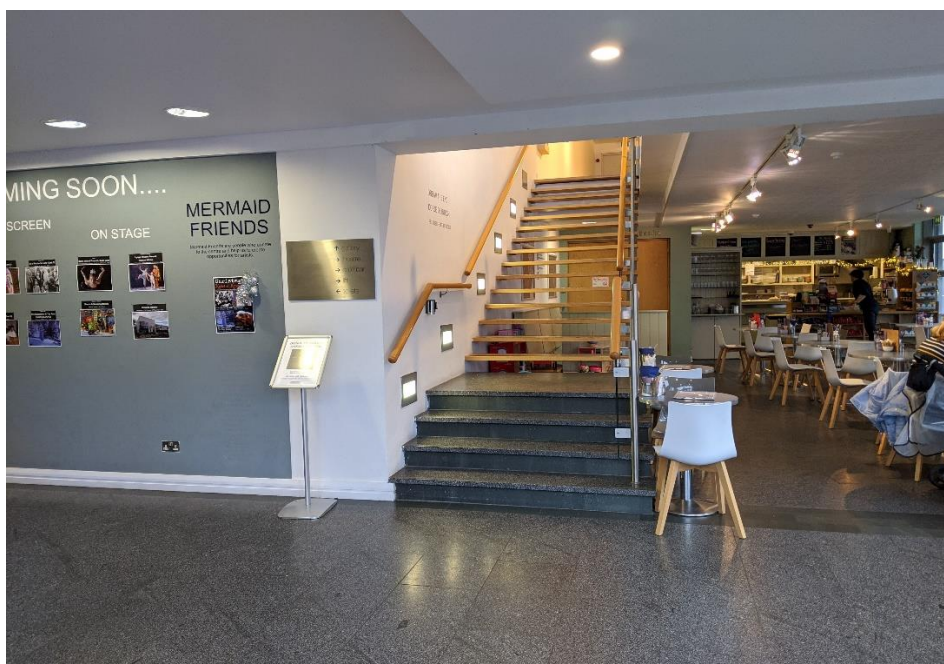


Welcome to Mermaid Arts Centre

This autism friendly guide will help you prepare for your visit to Mermaid. We have some images and information, so you know what to expect when you arrive. For our relaxed performances/screenings we will reduce the sound and lighting levels. We will also make sure not to let the theatre get too dark so audience members can walk in and out if they need to. A quiet area will also be allocated, as well as providing sensory boxes at Box Office.

Mermaid is located at Bray's Civic Centre, just off Bray Main Street next to Bank of Ireland.
Address: Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow, A98 N5P1
Ph: 01 272 4030

Entrance/Foyer:



Box Office:

Our Box Office is located in the main foyer area in Mermaid. Tickets for all shows can be purchased here, as well as information about Mermaid and upcoming events. Tickets should be collected from the Box Office at least 15 minutes in advance of the performance, using the name that it was booked under.

Opening hours: Monday – Saturday 10am-6pm and until 8pm on performance nights.

We have sensory boxes located at Box Office which contain noise cancelling headphones, earplugs and fun toys you can play with during the performance. Just ask a member of staff at Box Office and they will be happy to show you. You are also welcome to bring your own favourite toy from home as well.



Stephanie & Grace will greet you at Box Office, give you your ticket to the performance and be able to help with any queries or questions.



Stephanie
Box Office & Front of House Manager



Grace
Box Office Assistant

Food & Drink:

Mermaid Arts Centre is home to the Betelnut Café. The relaxed and comfortable Betelnut Café is open for breakfast, lunch or just a coffee. Drinks are available pre-show and during intervals. The delicious menu is available for take away or eating in.

Opening Hours: Open 8am - 6pm Monday to Saturday and for pre-show and interval drinks. Closed Sundays except for performances.



Bathrooms (located beside Box Office)



Our Theatre Space

The ushers will open the theatre doors approximately 20 minutes before a performance is due to begin. To enter the theatre you will need to give your ticket to the usher at the door. Once you have taken your seat, the performance will begin. The lights will go down and there may be clapping which is the audience's way of letting the actors know they have enjoyed the performance. If at any point you need to step out and take a break you can do so by exiting through the main entrance door or through the back of the auditorium (which leads you to our gallery space).

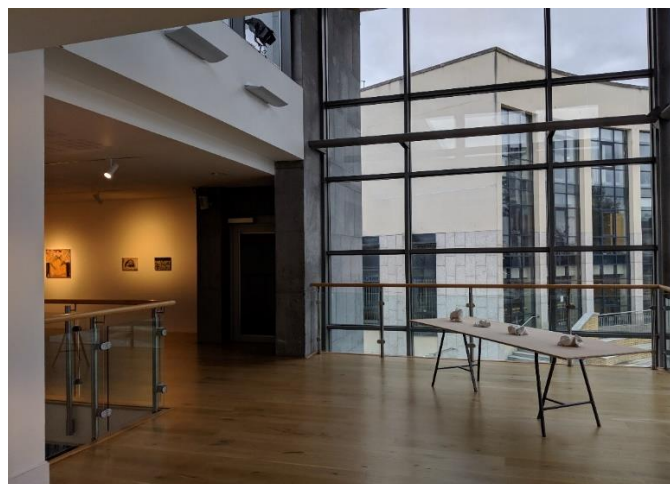


Our Green Room

Here you will find a quiet area to relax in for as long as you need.



Our Gallery Space:



Getting Here:

By Car

Take the N11 coming from Dublin or County Wicklow and exit at Bray. Continue to Bray town centre. Turn in off the Main Street beside the Bank of Ireland. On weekdays during the day the only option for parking is the pay & display private car-park immediately on your left hand side when you turn in off the Main Street. Free underground parking is available for the duration of evening and weekend shows. To access this, upon turning in from the Main Street, follow the road around to the right directly behind the Civic Offices building. The underground car park is on your left hand side halfway down this road.

Public Transport

From Dublin numbers 145 & 155 all travel to Bray (www.dublinbus.ie)

Regular trains and darts travel from Dublin city centre to Bray station. Mermaid is just a 10 minute walk from there (www.irishrail.ie)

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Mermaid Arts Centre is a fully accessible venue. If you are planning a visit to Mermaid and have special requirements, please contact our Box Office for assistance and information and we will be happy to help. Call us on 01-2724030 or email info@mermaidartscentre.ie

We look forward to welcoming you to Mermaid and hope you enjoy your time with us.