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At a Glance

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July		
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MUSIC BEING MADE



The Seeger Sessions Revival

Fri 5th April | Time: 8pm | Tickets €27.50

"Not music being written but music being made" – Bruce Springsteen

The Seeger Sessions Revival – The 13-piece band 'reviving' the spirit, energy and musical exuberance that was Bruce Springsteen's Seeger Sessions album and live shows. This diverse group of talented musicians deliver a high energy 2 hour-long on-stage celebration with hits including 'Old Dan Tucker', 'Jesse James' and 'American Land' to name just a few. Made up of Fiddle, Banjo, Accordion, Steel Guitar, Whistle, a thumping rhythm section, a superb virtuosic 4-piece Brass section and strong group vocal harmonies.

Sit back and enjoy an evening of Traditional American Folk songs consisting of a Jambalaya of Bluegrass, Folk, Country, Dixieland, Gospel, Rock 'N' Roll and Rhythm & Blues

ALL THINGS KITSCH



Cavan Arts Festival In Association With Cavan Arts & Townhall Arts Centre present Far Away & Close To Home An Exhibition by Enda Burke

Cavan Arts Festival Official Launch Thurs 11th April | 6pm

Enda Burke is a photographer based in Galway. Enda's practice entails building elaborate vintage sets and concocting narratives with family and friends in them. With a particular emphasis on Nostalgia, Colours, humour, and all things kitsch.

His work has been featured in The Guardian, Rolling Stone Magazine, TED talks, The Observer UK, and a host of International publications. Enda's work has been recently shortlisted for the Sony World Photo Awards, The Zurich Portrait Award at the National Gallery. His series "Homebound with his Parents" was the recipient winner of the international Bartur Photo Prize, Profi foto "Best of new Talent award" 2022, Lens Culture Home 21' IMA Next "Story" Shortlisted. He recently had a solo exhibition at the Galway International Arts Festival

Artist statement:

"Enda is drawn to the strange monotony associated with home life, exploring humour, nostalgia, kitsch design, and colour. He is interested in portraying how small transient details of colour and play can become marvels in monotonous settings."



IMMERSIVE EMOTIONAL JOURNEYS



Grá Mór Tour: Eimear Live In Cavan

Sun 14th April | 8pm | €20

Join renowned Irish artist Eimear Crehan as part of her mesmerising 'Grá Mór' tour across Ireland, where her extraordinary ability to captivate audiences turns theatres into vibrant hubs of emotion and connection. Eimear's voice, weaving a tapestry of deep feelings, enchants and moves her audience, transcending ordinary performances.

Unique to this tour is her collaboration with choirs, blending communal choral power with her intimate solo artistry, creating an ethereal, unified concert experience. Eimear's live shows are more than just vocal displays; they are immersive emotional journeys, where each song tells a story, and every performance becomes a shared exploration of human feelings.

Support for this gig comes from a collaboration between two Community Voices Choirs that are based in Belturbet and Mullahoran. Both choirs are under the direction of composer, director and musician Claire Crehan who will be double jobbing on the night as Eimear's sister and pianist. These groups meet weekly to sing with a vision of community, fun and friendship. They sing a mixed repertoire of stunning in-house arrangements and are so excited to be part of this tour. This 50-member strong group are excited to perform for you - this is their first professional show, and they promise to bring that exciting new energy as well as lots of heart, joy, and connection

Join Eimear with support from the Community Voices Choirs for a night of music magic!

THERAPY NEEDED



Cavan Institute Theatre Performance Students Present:

"My Therapist Needs Therapy"!

Wed 17th April | 8pm | €10

Get ready for a laugh-out-loud comedy experience like no other with "My Therapist Needs Therapy"! Meet Dr Zen, a therapist whose calm demeanour and tranquil nature make him the perfect candidate to help others navigate life's chaos. But there's just one problem – his clients are more like forces of nature themselves! From a schedule of wacky clients to a gossip obsessed cleaner, Dr Zen finds his personal life exposed at work!

Luckily for Dr Zen, amidst the absurdity of his clientele, relies on his trusty plant 'Emerald' to keep him grounded.

Join us for a light-hearted, improvised inspired show! Brought to you by Cavan Institute Theatre Students who would like to remove the stigma around Therapy and highlight the challenging elements that therapists face in their role. The students have improvised various ideas and characters to create an animated, cliché, and innocent plot for the sheer enjoyment of their audience.

The show will be followed by a Live Music Gig brought by the Music Production Students



DOUGAL'S DILEMMA



Dougal's Dilemma

Fri 26th April | 8pm | €15

"Dougal's Dilemma" is a hilarious 2 Act comedy set in the sitting room of the Parochial House on Craggy Island during Easter.

Ted has banned Dougal from roller skating due to several accidents, so Dougal has decided to take up music. He always fancied himself playing in a band so he's learning the banjo - Ted usually loves Easter time but he doesn't know how he's going to tell Bishop Brennan that the Parish is nearly bankrupt due to Jack's antics, especially as he's on thin ice with the bishop at the best of times. This problem fades into insignificance when Dougal drops a bombshell.....

Written and directed by Mary Keogh.
Presented by the Ballintemple Variety Troupe

COMMUNITY GAMES



County Cavan Community Games Dance & Drama Final

Sun 28th April | 3-6pm | Free

It's the County Cavan Community Games Talent finals on April 28th at 6pm.

"Join our talented young people for an evening of music, song, dance and a few laughs too as we hold our County Final to see who will represent Cavan at the National Finals".



ELECTRIC ATMOSPHERE



The 4 Of Us - Live

Sat 4th May | 8pm | €27

The Murphy brothers make a welcome return, following a major UK and Irish tour with folk legends Fairport Convention, and as special guests of Robert Plant's latest band Saving Grace.

Interspersed by Brendan Murphy's often hilarious stories and musings on the band's three decades in music, the set list features all the old hits, such as Mary, Drag My Bad Name Down and Sunlight, as well as tracks from their recent critically acclaimed album, Sugar Island.

The success of this most recent album (hailed by Hot Press magazine as 'excellent') - along with the band's award-winning back catalogue and inclusion in prestigious lists such as TV3's Top Ten Irish Bands of All Time and Today FM's Top Five Irish Singles - has led to a string of sold-out live performances and rave reviews.

'Never before have I been to a gig where the atmosphere has been so electric' Irish News
The song choices hit home, delight the crowd, and serve as a timely reminder just how many good songs in the tank they have. There is a remarkable freshness and vitality to their songbook. - Irish Independent

HITS FROM THE MOVIES



Cavan Sinfonia Orchestra

Thurs 9th - Fri 10th May | 8pm | €18 €16

Cavan Sinfonia Orchestra are thrilled to perform 'Hits from the Movies' at Townhall Theatre Cavan. They will take you on an enthralling adventure playing movie clips which will include classics from Scent of a Woman, Eyes Wide Shut, Shawshank Redemption, The Mission, and Toy Story.



SPOTLIGHT

Townhall Theatre Presents:

THE MURDER OF MICHAEL COLLINS

Written And Performed By Patrick Cullivan

Fri 3rd May | Time: 8pm | Tickets €20 €18

Historical Entertainer Paddy Cullivan brings you the incredible story of the death of Ireland's first Commander-in-Chief. An audio-visual spectacular featuring hundreds of images, shocking new research and incredible songs, Paddy dares to unravel the secrets and lies around what happened that fateful day in Béal na mBlath, 22nd August 1922.

Did Michael Collins have a secret son in London? Was he really going to keep to the Anglo-Irish Treaty or was he planning to resume the war? If the anti-treaty side shot him, why did the Free State instigate a massive cover-up? How can one of the most important men in Irish history have no autopsy report, no investigation, inquest or even a death cert? And who really shot Michael Collins? Why is there such reticence from certain quarters - to this day - to find out the truth?

No less complex or mysterious than the death of JFK and with as many twists and turns, 'The Murder of Michael Collins' is a fascinating rollercoaster ride that will change your perceptions of Irish history forever...

A huge hit online, Paddy has brought this mind-blowing solo show to the stage - here are just some of the reviews...

★★★★★

'Mesmerising stuff - a complicated story, brilliantly told.' - Ronan McGreevy (Irish Times)

★★★★★

'Agatha Christie meets Monty Python - a century-year-old mystery with the best form of comedy; tinged with unpalatable truth' - Oliver Callan

★★★★★

'Begging for the live stage - superb job' - Erskine Childers

★★★★★

'This is worth watching for the tune about mediocre Irish political leaders through the ages alone! 'Safe Pair of Hands' - instant classic.' - Tadhg Hickey (online political comedy genius)

★★★★★

'In awe of the research you have done, the way you have put the story together and presented it.' - Mags Amond (Trinity College School of Education)

Paddy Cullivan's
THE MURDER OF
**MICHAEL
COLLINS**



LIFE • DEATH • LEGACY

ICONIC COUNTRY FIGURES



The Highway Men

Sat 11th May | 8pm | €32

The show is an energetic performance with exiting cinematic visual and lighting which relives the decade that brought together four of the most iconic 'country' figures - Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, and Kris Kristofferson.

Between 1985 and 1995, the group recorded three major label albums as 'The Highwaymen', pioneering the outlaw country subgenre.

The four lead men are part of a 9-piece band with some of Ireland's most talented musicians.

CELEBRATING 7 YEARS



Cavan Arts Festival

Thurs 16th - 19th May

Cavan Arts Festival celebrates its 7th year with a brilliant programme over 4 days & nights of music, dance, contemporary circus, comedy, theatre and more.

A weekend of wild & wonderful arts & cultural experiences.

The Big Top Tent will rise in Con Smith Park for the weekend, magical musical experiences will bring us late into the night at The Town Hall Theatre and as ever a few life-changing artistic experiences thrown in at mysterious locations around town for good measure.

Join us as we bring some of the best artists in Ireland today together for one wild, inspiring weekend in Cavan.

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COMEDY CLOWN SHOW



Cavan Arts Festival presents: **Professor Plunger** by Fanzini Productions

Thurs 16th & 17th May | 10am | €5

Professor Plunger is the type of genius you don't want to also be your hairdresser. Or do you? The Professor is ready to show off his greatest invention, which may or may not be his hair. He has toured the world making audiences weep with laughter across the globe.

An inventive, original, sweet & funny show featuring dancing, hair, plungers and a one-man bell orchestra among other things.

Professor Plunger is a non-verbal comedy clown show using the international language of comedy and music.

Fanzini Productions is a contemporary street arts & circus company founded and run by Con Horgan. Creating new work & performing since 1997, Fanzinis are fluent Irish speakers who regularly perform in Irish. Fanzini Productions are a leading voice in street arts and circus in Ireland, touring their shows to great critical acclaim and a lot of laughter and awe nationally & internationally.

"These guys are clever, surreal & not just a little bit silly" – The Irish Times

Suitable for all ages. Schools / group rates available,
contact cavanartsfestival@gmail.com

A MAN, A STICK, AND A TELEVISION



Cavan Arts Festival presents: **Stickman** by Darragh Mc Loughlin

Thurs 16th May | 8pm | €10

Stickman is a performance which features: a man, a stick, and a television. The man balances the stick on various, and sometimes awkward, parts of his body thereby setting himself and the stick in motion. If the man has an agenda, he keeps it to himself. The stick gets moved around and balanced by the man and seems to not have much to say on the matter. The television lurks in the background and throughout the performance comments and puts titles on whatever the man and stick are doing, thus dictating what the audience sees. The audience sit on their seats and try to keep up with the ever-changing rules of play.

The T.V calls them 'WATCHERS'.

Stickman is a meta narrative which explores the concepts of meaning and agency.

Ingenious, highly skilled, hilarious & thought provoking, this is physical theatre like you've never seen it before.

Berlin based West Cork native, Darragh McLoughlin is an award winning, internationally acclaimed contemporary circus artist. Read more about his work at squareheadproductions.com



THE GREATEST STAND-UP SHOW EVER



Cavan Arts Festival presents:
Kevin McGahern
Shy Talker

Fri 17th May | 8pm | €15

Kevin is back with his brand-new show Shy Talker. Looking back on the last year of his life the terminally lazy Cavan comedian now realises going on Dancing with The Stars with a 6-week-old baby at home may not have been the smartest idea in the world. Join Kevin for a night of jokes, japes, songs, and stories in what many people are calling “the greatest stand up show ever at that particular time within that specific price range!”

“So F**king Funny!”

- Joanne McNally

“Gas Bastard”

- The Rubberbandits

“Brilliant!”

- Hot Press

“Made me laugh out loud”

- Charlie Brooker

“I’m still laughing”

- The Scotsman

★★★★★

- The List



ALBUM LAUNCH



Cavan Arts Festival presents:
Marcus Magee &
The Hollow Men,
Live Album Launch
The Big Top Tent, Con Smith Park
Sun 19th May | 7:30pm | €20

Following great success in 2023, Marcus Magee & The Hollow Men are delighted to have their Cavan launch night of their debut album “Rising from the Hollow” at the Cavan Arts Festival. The band formed in October 2022 following Marcus receiving his first clear scan after a stage 4 cancer diagnosis. Music has been a big part of the front man’s healing journey, and the health threat propelled him to finally share many years’ worth of original songs with the world.

The band formed to do a one-night show in the Townhall Theatre Cavan which blew up and resulted in multiple sellouts shows in a number of different venues across 2023. One year later and things have evolved - the band have now recorded their debut album.

Marcus shares his full story through a setlist of powerful songs intertwined with stories of hope, fear, love, and self-expression. It is an emotional, funny, and authentic show which has captured the hearts of audiences.

The audience can look forward to being drawn into a captivating world with a genre blend of rock, blues, folk and trad, each song infused with the Hollow Men’s distinctive sound. The band is also very excited to have some special guests join them on the night along with their very own Ben Folkman opening the show with his amazing renditions of funky blues instrumentals and songs. Ben plays bass with the band but is a renowned fingerpicking style guitar player.

Marcus Magee - Vocals & Guitar

Daragh Slacke - Lead Guitar, Mandolin & Banjo

Ben Folkman - Bass & Guitar

Mark Brady - Percussion

Julie Magee Karlshøj - Vocals & Shrutli box

Ronan Brady - Flute & Whistle

GOGGLEBOX ONSPEED



Blood In The Alley Theatre Company Presents:
The Empty Nest

Thur 30th & Fri 31st May | 8pm | Tickets €15

Tony and Sheila are watching television... again. Their children are reared, and their grandchildren are invading their lives. Sheila wants to travel; Tony is determined to stay put. Tony is on a new diet; Sheila could cut you in two with a sharp comment. All that's on the television is sex... and they can't remember when they did it last! Oisín Flores Sweeney's debut play is an hilarious piece of theatre that looks at how couples negotiate life after the kids leave, their dreams, disappointments, longings and uncompromising opinions on everything - Gogglebox on speed!

'The Empty Nest' debuted at Smock Alley as a work-in-progress as part of the Scene + Heard Festival of New Work last year, before embarking on sellout runs at Cork Arts Theatre and The Viking Theatre in Dublin. It now comes to Cavan as part of a national tour in 2024. Directed by Geoff Gould, it stars Irish Times Theatre Award nominee Seamus O'Rourke (Lakelands), alongside established actor and director Joan Sheehy (An Cailín Ciúin).

THE ARTS REVIEW ★★★★★

- 'hugely funny, uncomfortably accurate, and comedically sharp'

THE REVIEWS HUB ★★★★★

- 'This wonderful little comedy is a perfect match of humour and heart'

IRISH INDEPENDENT:

- 'The humanity of this pair is winning and inviting'

NO MORE WORKHORSE

- 'a gentle exploration of a marriage as it continues into its maturity... makes for an enjoyable evening'

EXHIBITION



The Good Room
An Exhibition by Bernadette Doolan

Thurs 13th June - 27th July

Bernadette Doolan's work explores the fragility of the human condition primarily through depicting aspects of childhood. This interest relates to the resilience and strength children own even through their vulnerabilities. It is perspective explored through reflection of her own childhood and an awareness of how socialization modifies our behaviour's. The sense of vulnerability which a child can experience is often where our strengths reside. Her work has been described as having an 'emotional weight with psychological intensity that is not necessarily representing the physical, but one's internal voice'.

In June 2023 Bernadette had a solo exhibition at Source, Tipperary, she was an invited artist to Philadelphia 2022, Youyi, Art Beijing, China (2021), Youyi, Hangzhou, China (2019), Irish artists in Nepal, Katmandu, India (2018), Seen and not heard, Crawford Gallery, Cork (2019), Cairde Visual, Model Arts Centre, Sligo (2019) and Watts Up, Bernardaud Foundation, Limoges, France 2014.



CHECK ME OUT



Verdant Productions & Rob Murphy Present:
Mary Byrne - Check Me Out

Sat 8th June | 8pm | Tickets €25

Verdant Productions & Rob Murphy debut at Townhall Arts Centre with THE SMASH-HIT ONE-WOMAN SHOW MARY BYRNE – CHECK ME OUT, following a sold-out run in The Civic earlier this year. Fiercely honest and deeply moving, Mary takes a reflective look at an eventful life packed with humour, music and nostalgia.

“National Treasure” –Sunday World

Presented By: Rob Murphy & Verdant Productions
Written & Directed By: Rob Murphy
Starring: Mary Byrne

Duration: 120mins.

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Age Suitability: 18+

MUNDY LIVE!



Mundy Live!

Sar 15th June | 8pm | €23

Mundy was born Edmond Enright in the rural town of Birr, County Offaly. In 1993, at the age of 18 Mundy moved to Dublin to take his place on the energetic busking circuit. It was during this period and during heartbreak that Mundy penned some of his greatest hits including, 'Gin & Tonic Sky' & 'Life's A Cinch'. These stirring tracks quickly secured Mundy a place on the roster of Sony's Epic records as well as a publishing deal with Warner Chappell Music. Mundy's first album 'Jelly Legs' was released in October 1996 to critical acclaim and went on to sell 50,000 copies.

However, it was his visceral debut single 'To You I Bestow' that garnered most attention after it was licensed to appear on the soundtrack to Baz Luhrmann's adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Romeo & Juliet'.

This bestselling soundtrack went on to sell 11 million copies and introduced Mundy to the world.

Mundy has since gone on to release a further eight albums creating his own flavour of acoustic, folk-based pop/rock through his own record label 'Camcor Records' which he set up in 2000.

His album Raining Down Arrows went straight into the Irish Charts at number 1, he has enjoyed gold and multi-platinum record sales and has picked up several awards including the Meteor Music award for 'Best Male' and 'Most Downloaded Song' 2 years running for his rousing rendition of 'Galway Girl' featuring Irish traditional musician Sharon Shannon.

Mundy's music has allowed him travel the world supporting some of the greats; Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Lucinda Williams, Emmylou Harris, R.E.M, Oasis, White Stripes, and the Pogues to name a few.

Mundy was invited to perform for perhaps his most prestigious audience to date in the White House for President Barack Obama as part of their St. Patricks Day celebrations.

Mundy certainly has an impressive CV, and he has been touring extensively in Ireland, UK, Europe, North America, Australia, and Asia.

2023 has been very busy indeed and 2024 looks to be the same already.



RIP ROARING COMEDY



Beeznee Theatre Company Presents

The Pension Plan By John McDwyer

Fri 5th July | 8pm | Tickets €18 €16

From the pen of John McDwyer (Unforgiven, Turning Mammy, An Ordinary Man) comes a new, rip, roaring comedy about the bachelor Flanagan brothers who live a life of peaceful contentment on their hillside farm, bothered only the persistent efforts of their spinster neighbour, Ann Catherine, to marry either or both. Their tranquil existence is disturbed by a visiting stranger who brings news that threatens to turn their world upside down. Salvation may come from an unlikely source but at what price? The author directs Barry Deignan, Gerry Farrell, Pat Feeley and Valerie Traynor in an evening of madcap fun. A guaranteed Beeznee 'Good Night Out'.



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