

Townhall Arts Centre Event Guide

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By Phone

Box Office (049) 438 0494

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CHILDREN'S THEATRE



Grey Matter By Paul Curley

Wed 2nd April | 10:30am, & 12:15pm | €7

A scientist. A parrot. A lifelong friendship. Grey Matter explores the joyful relationship between a boy and his pet (African Grey) parrot as they journey through life together, experiencing the highs, the lows, and everything in between.

Performer and writer Paul Curley in collaboration with designer and puppet-maker Ger Clancy bring this captivating play for young audiences to life, asking us to consider who we are, and how we get to know ourselves. Directed by Bjarne Sandborg of Teater Refleksion (Denmark) and Ian Cameron (Scotland) along with designers Sarah Jane Shiels, Ciara Fleming and composer Denis Clohessy, Grey Matter promises to be a treat for audiences young and old.

Suitable for ages 8yrs +
Running time 45 mins.

MUSIC



Marcus Magee (Unplugged & Solo)

Sat 5th April | 8pm | €18

Marcus Magee hailing from Kill, Cootehill, Co Cavan is set to perform an acoustic solo version of his album "*Rising from the Hollaw*". Marcus and his band "The Hollaw Men" successfully launched their debut album in April of last year, playing in venues like The Sugar Club, Whelan's Main Venue, Róisín Dubh and the big top tent at the incredible Cavan Arts Festival.

Marcus is excited to be back playing in the Townhall Arts Centre for this unique solo show. This intimate performance will offer audiences a raw, stripped-back version of his tracks, providing an exclusive insight into the creative process behind the songs. It's a chance to experience the songs in their most authentic form.

Special guest is Marcus's good friend Martin Nielsen from Denmark who is going to open the show with a hand pan instrumental set.





Cavan Arts Festival in Association with Cavan Arts present Still Impressions A Print Exhibition by Stephen Johnston

Thurs 10th April | 7pm | Free

Stephen Johnston was born in 1987 in Co. Antrim, Ireland. In 2010, he graduated from the University of Ulster in Belfast with a BA in Fine and Applied Arts.

After graduating, Johnston had his first major solo show, *Perceptions*, at Art Tank in Belfast, Northern Ireland (2011). He has enjoyed early success in his career, winning various awards including the De Veres Art Award, the Towry Award for best from Northern Ireland at the NOAC, and the KPMG Young Artist Award. Johnston paints full-time from his studio in Ireland. He

has exhibited work in Belfast, Dublin, and London, including at the Saatchi Gallery. He also exhibits in Paris and Brisbane, Australia. Additionally, Johnston frequently participates in international open academy exhibitions, competitions, and group shows.

Johnston's work is held in numerous private art collections around the world. He has received the SIAP Award and had his work acquired publicly by the Northern Ireland Arts Council. Johnston has also completed a portrait commission for Queens University, currently hanging in the 'great hall' as part of their esteemed collection.



MUSIC



Nights On Broadway - The Bee Gees Story

Sat 12th April | 8pm | €29

'Nights on Broadway' presents a tribute to the Bee Gees through their catalogue of hits over four decades from the 60's to the 90's.

The full live band blend the classic hits, acoustic medleys and dance floor fillers which define the show. This is a totally live concert experience which prides itself on musical and vocal authenticity, while the accompanying costume changes compliment the show to give audiences a truly original feeling. As well as their live theatre performances, the band have appeared on RTE TV, TV3 and TG4. Whether you favour the golden era of the 60's, the dance floor hits of the 70's, the comeback hits of the 80's and 90's or the string of hits they wrote for various artists along the way, this show has something to entertain everyone from the novice to the most discerning fan.

MUSIC



Sarah McQuaid

Fri 25th April | 8pm | €15

"One of the most instantly recognisable voices in current music." —Trust The Doc

Sarah McQuaid's lush, chocolatey voice combines with her engaging personality, "subtle mastery onstage" (*Huffington Post*) and "brilliant musicianship" (*fRoots*) on acoustic and electric guitars, piano and (*occasionally*) drum to create a truly immersive experience.

Born in Spain, raised in Chicago, holding dual Irish and American citizenship and now settled in rural England, she brings the eclecticism of her background to her "captivating, unorthodox songwriting" (*PopMatters*) and choice of material, spanning genres and defying categorisation.

All this is abundantly demonstrated by her new live album and video series *The St Buryan Sessions* — but needs to be savoured in person to be fully appreciated.



MUSIC



Dee Armstrong

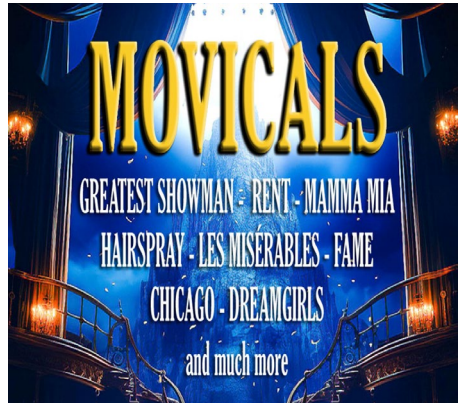
Sat 26th April | 8pm | €25

Dee Armstrong is a self-taught multi-instrumentalist, composer, and a vibrant force in Irish music for over three decades. Best known as a member of the iconic band Kíla since 1991, she brings an electrifying energy to every performance, showcasing her mastery of the fiddle, viola, hammered dulcimer, banjo, bodhrán, and tuned percussion.

Coming from a deeply musical family, Dee has inherited a legacy that resonates through generations. Her children — Tiggy, Diarmuid, Lughaidh, and Rosie Armstrong — continue this family tradition. Notably, Diarmuid and Lughaidh also feature on her upcoming solo album, contributing their talents on the 5-string banjo and guitar, respectively.

Special guests on the night are Robbie and Rita Perry.

MUSICAL



Movicals

Fri 2nd May | 8pm | €30

A movie musical extravaganza like no other, so get ready to be swept off your feet with MOVICALS - the ultimate lights, camera, action experience!

Prepare to be transported to a world where the magic of the stage meets the glamour of the big screen. You'll be taken on a journey through some of the most iconic movie musicals of the last 50 years. From the heart-wrenching drama of Les Misérables, to the infectious beats of Fame to the irresistible charm of Mamma Mia - this show has it all and more!

Sit back and enjoy this spectacular evening of entertainment, with a tribute to the movies and musicals that you all love.



COMEDY



Wine O'Clock with Norma Sheahan Directed by Michael Scott

Sat 3rd May | 8pm | €25

Life is a costume party, so pull on your sparkly Spanx, gather the glitzy gals, and pop your cork!

Naughty Norma is newly divorced, horny as hell and believes 50 is the new 30.

Her three teenagers tell her to "get a life and get a fella", as they take over her 'glow-up' from Badger to MILF.

The braver, bolder Norma has dived off the cliff and hopes to grow wings on the way down. She invites you on her journey as she gives a blow-by-blow account of her Tinder Sexcapades.

Norma unleashed promises to manifest a Man-Fest for everyone in the audience, as she jizzes up your sex-life with man, woman or DIY gadget.

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A CTD: City Theatre Dublin Production

MUSIC



Music Capital presents An Intimate Concert With Award-Winning Songwriter Don Mescall

Fri 9th May | 8pm | €30

As a songwriter, Don Mescall's songs have featured on albums with sales of over 22 million worldwide and have received more than 18 million hits on YouTube and also in excess of 30 million streams on Spotify. His songs have been recorded by artists including US Country superstars Rascal Flatts, Brett Eldridge, Lonestar, Neal McCoy, Backstreet Boys, Geri Halliwell, Sharon Corr, Ronan Keating, Celtic Thunder, American Idol's Clay Aiken and American Idol Theo Thams (Phantom of the Opera star, Ramin Karimloo), Aslan, Frances Black, Brian Kennedy, Christy Dignam, French Canadian recording artist Garou, Shane Filan & Nicky Byrne (Westlife), Boyzone, triple platinum French artist Marina Kaye, the legendary Richie Havens (Woodstock), Cliff Richard, Lulu, Eleanor Shanley, Grant & Forsyth, The High Kings, and many many more...



Cavan Arts Festival

15th – 18th May 2025

MAY 2025



Cavan Arts Festival - Celebrating 8 Years!

Thurs 15th – Sun 18th May

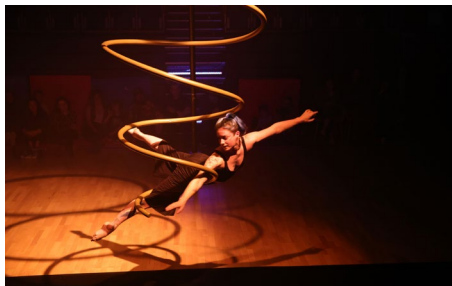
Cavan Arts Festival is back for its 8th year! Proudly shortlisted for Best Irish Festival 2024, as part of the The LAMA All-Ireland Community and Council Awards. The following events are brought to you in association with

Townhall Arts Centre and Cavan Arts Festival.

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PERFORMANCE



**Cavan Arts Festival presents
Imeall//Llaemi By
Fanzini Productions**

Thurs 15th May | 7:30pm | €10

Imeall//Llaemi (Irish for boundary or edge) is a unique performance where the audience is free to come and go at their own leisure. Live improvised music, dance and circus such as juggling, aerial hoop and acro-dance merge together to create a very special and atmospheric mix. Presented by 7 of Ireland's best performance and circus artists including well-known Cavan musician and vocalist Liam McCabe.

Developed by award-winning circus leaders Fanzini Productions.

Suitable for ages 10 years upwards.

Funded by the Arts Council of Ireland. In partnership with Promenade through their Arts Council funded Creative Production Supports scheme.

Running Time: 2 hours 30 min

PERFORMANCE



**Cavan Arts Festival presents
Slips Inside By
Company Okidok**

Fri 16th May | 6:30pm | €10

Join acclaimed duo Okidok from Belgium for a very special evening, expect the cream of acrobatics, the foie gras of mime, the lords of dance, an hour of laughter without words!

Okidok introduces audiences to friends Billy and Piotre, who have dream bodies... celebrity bodies! Muscular, elegant, skillful, facetious and well aware of all their incredible qualities, they embark on a great demonstration of their talent in its purest form, trying to outdo each other at any opportunity!

They delight audiences with their inconceivable skits and impressive physical routines. A ball falls from the sky, a door opens into the great beyond; the unusual and the inventive meet at every turn, you will never predict what they will do next.

Running Time: 1 hour 15 min



MUSIC



Soft Launch With Support From Dirty Marmalade

Fri 16th May | 8:30pm | €20

Having given Cavan audiences a taste of their magic last year, and fresh from their travels around the globe, Soft Launch cap their Irish tour with an intimate headline show at the Townhall Arts Centre.

Soft Launch have made serious waves over the past year, releasing four singles – 'Cartwheels', 'Piano Hands', 'In My Bed' and 'Milkshakes'.

Josh and the band are excited to be returning to Cavan, *"if last year is anything to go by then you're in for a treat. Get on your dancing shoes and fill your pockets with change, cause you're gonna clap your hands, stomp your feet!"*

Supporting Soft Launch is **Dirty Marmalade** who are busy writing and releasing tracks in their own inimitable style. A politely strange, eclectic blend of class that isn't averse to a bit of scandal!

Their debut album 'Hills of Breifne' tells the story of their origins in Cavan, a personal commentary on modern social dysfunction in rural Ireland.

THEATRE



Cavan Arts Festival & Townhall Arts Centre presents The Blindboy Podcast

Sun 18th May | 8pm | €32

Townhall Arts Centre and Cavan Arts Festival proudly presents best-selling Irish writer and podcaster Blindboy. The Blindboy podcast has now exceeded 80 million listeners globally. Described in the New York times as "a cultural phenomenon" his inimitable podcast teases at the boundaries of literature and spoken word. With The Guardian noting that he has "Changed podcast culture forever"

His live podcasts sell out worldwide, from Toronto to Brisbane to Londons Hammersmith Appolo. Outspoken, informed and empathetic, Blindboy engages his audience with an acerbic wit.

We're delighted to welcome Blindboy to Cavan, this special event will close the 8th edition of the festival and will be a memorable evening for all there.

"One of the most gifted writers of his generation" *The Irish Times.*





A Meeting Of Melodies - Two Choirs One Unforgettable Sound

Thurs 29th May | 8pm | €22 / €18

The Community Voices Choir

The Community Voices Choir is Cavan based under the directorship of Claire Crehan. They started in Mullahoran in 2022 and expanded to a Belturbet Branch in 2023. They welcome all voices and believe in the power of community singing to help transform lives and the world! Recent performances include the Townhall Arts Centre as part of Eimear Crehan's Grá Mór tour, Cavan Arts Festival and a concert with Cavan soprano, Eileen Coyle, in December 2024

Cavan Rugby Club Choir

Cavan Rugby Club Choir was formed in 2008 and is currently under the directorship of Eileen Tackney. The original aim of the Choir was to support local charities, and this remains the main focus to the present day. The Choir loves to perform and entertain, and our repertoire reflects this. The Choir's motto is "I don't sing because I am happy I am happy because I sing",



MUSIC

**Onóir****Sat 31st May | 8pm | €30**

Contemporary Irish folk group Onóir formed in 2020, when Donegal musicians; Tom McHugh, Declan Gaughan, Deane Connaghan, and Diarmaid McGee, joined forces to create a contemporary version of the famous Irish folk ballad; "The Auld Triangle", the video went on to be seen by over 3 million people worldwide.

Onoir are getting ready to blow your mind... This is a night not to be missed. As they put their unique stamp on the timeless ballads and folk songs that we all love. But be prepared for a few pleasant surprises as they delve into americana, heart rending soul and a little bit of country. In addition to top quality vocals there's going to be some fun and laughter along the way.

EXHIBITION


Cavan Arts And Townhall Arts Centre Present: Ejectments
An Exhibition Of Paintings By Dymphna Headen

Official Opening **Sat 31st May 3pm** by musician Liam Ó Maonlaí | Free

Dymphna Headen became interested in workhouses and the Famine while serving on a committee to preserve one of the last remaining workhouses at Bawnboy, in County Cavan.

During famine times, thousands of people were evicted from their homes when they could not pay their taxes under the Poor Laws. These evictions were termed "ejectments" at the time. Some of those evicted died in ditches, while others emigrated or were forced into the Poorhouse. Dymphna's work in this exhibition depicts the conditions in the Poorhouse or Workhouse, where many of these individuals had to go. The interiors of Bawnboy Workhouse in County Cavan inspire the artworks.

Exhibition runs until Thursday, July 10th, 2025.

Open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday – 11am to 4pm Saturday

Or by appointment.





Bone Machine - Play The Music Of Tom Waits

Fri 13th June | 8pm | €25

Bone Machine are a band of internationally renowned touring and recording musicians that perform a rebrand, melancholic, and punk jazz set of Tom Wait songs. The band comprises Jack Healy on vocals and social strategy, Conor Brady on guitars and sonic sculpting, Julyo D'Agostino on bass and positive vibes and Des Harrington on drums and rhythmic karma, Dario Rodighiero on keys and spirituality.

A night out with BONE MACHINE will reinforce your belief in the songs of Tom Waits. From Martha to Downtown Train this band bring the heart, atmosphere and sweat to performances brimming with a ramshackle sophistication and honesty as well as the Waitsian monologues and funny anecdotes that Mr Waits is universally celebrated for.





Border Biennale 2025

Summer Exhibition in Townhall Auditorium
July - Aug

Curated by Rita Duffy and Joe Keenan.

This initiative will showcase ten artists from local, national, and international backgrounds. It will concentrate on borders and their significance within our society. The initiative draws inspiration from the inaugural Border Biennale, held at Townhall Arts Centre in Cavan in 2023, which highlighted the work of five contemporary artists from Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Building on this foundation, our current project aims to extend the exhibition to various towns and villages along the border. This will further explore these themes, culminating in an exhibition at the Townhall Arts Centre Gallery and Theatre.

This project is backed by PEACEPLUS, Cavan Arts, and the Townhall Arts Centre.



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