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SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2022 ÍONTAS ARTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Warmest Greetings to all our friends and newcomers, and after a very turbulent two years, we are very pleased to welcome you all to a much anticipated and exciting new season of music and entertainment here at Íontas Theatre.

Our forth coming season has something for everyone with the very best in Theatre, Comedy, Music, Visual Arts, local productions, family events, community activities and workshops. Check out the following pages and our website www.iontascastleblayney.ie for more details. None of our programmes would be possible without the ongoing support of Somhairle and all his team at Monaghan County Council, as well as Creative Ireland, Creative Monaghan and Pobal. We would like to thank them for everything they continue to do.

We have seen the musicians and artists come out in great force over the past few months to offer up their very best to us, and we are glad to be able to once again host them here on our stage. We have excellent local and regional music acts, like Tenors Inc. Starling Blue, Pilgrim St. and Phelim Drew, who will regale us with songs and stories from his father's time in the Dubliners. We are also delighted to be hosting MozART Group, one of the biggest comedy & classical music acts in Europe, who are travelling to us from Poland on their First ever trip to Ireland.

We have a wealth of Drama and entertainment on the line up, such as the premier of local man Joe Hanratty's The Manager. We have a selection of acts from across the border, Orange is the New Green, and Death by Design to name a few, as well as returning acts, such as Seamus O'Rourke, Conal Gallen and the much regarded Icarus Collective.

A Special Tribute

We would like to pay special tribute to a dear friend of Íontas who we lost earlier this year.

Aidan McQuillan was not only a stalwart in many ongoing projects here in Íontas, but for all the Arts in Monaghan and beyond. Thank you Aidan for all the adventures, both on the stage and off, and for everything you have done for Íontas and the many people who use it. You and your kind deeds will never be forgotten. May you Rest in Peace.

Aidan's drama group, the Castleblayney players, are holding a night in his honour in our foyer on Wednesday the 14th of September at 7pm. Everyone who wishes to attend is welcome.

Our Community Artist in Residence, Orlagh Meegan-Gallagher has carried on her incredible work "Memory of Water 3" in various local nursing homes and day care facilities, and we are proud that she is curating Íontas Gallery's first ever satellite exhibitions, which will launch in Ballybay and Carrickmascross this October, adding to the diverse selection of visual arts we have lined up this year.

We have had a busy few months developing new projects. We are very proud to stand by Ceol Connected and It's Songtales Bandwagon, which toured locally to crèches and schools, delivering music and fun to everyone. We also look forward to Ceol Connected bringing Lullaby Leaf, and their Tradoodle festival later in the year. Other festivals in our programme include the Samhain Storytelling Festival coming this Halloween, with exciting workshops, shows, and yarn-spinning evenings for people of all ages. We are also delighted to announce that we will host Castleblayney's first One-Act Festival this November.

In my first season as Arts Co-ordinator, I look forward to bringing a varied and engaging selection of events to our programme, a new season of films with our BF@Í film club, ongoing creative workshops, and a growing variety of theatrical spectacles to the people of Castleblayney and beyond. On behalf of Darren and all the team here at Íontas, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing patronage, and as well to everyone who volunteers, contributes and shares in the Íontas Story. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.



David Maine
Íontas Arts Coordinator &
The Arts & Events team at Íontas



ÍONTAS

ARTS &
COMMUNITY
CENTRE



MEETING ROOMS

The ideal event space with 6 fully equipped meeting rooms



CONFERENCE

Accommodating up to 308 people
Car Parking 280 spaces



EVENT CO-ORDINATOR

Our professional team and technical support take care of you



RECEPTION AREAS

Converse in our Café, Bar, Gallery or Foyer. Outdoor space available



OCCASIONS

Communions, Confirmations, Christmas Parties, Staff Parties, Birthdays, Family Parties & Family Events

Íontas Arts & Community Centre - home to everyone.

Whether you are attending one of the performances at our renowned Íontas Theatre or attending dance class, getting creative in our arts room, catching an exhibition in our gallery space, attending music practice, rehearsals or an afterschool club, learning to cook or using the centre to study after school - everyone is welcome. We are a Conference Centre and are also home to the Gallery Café, Íontas Crèche, and Íontas Day Care. We are proud to facilitate other tenants that also do invaluable work for the community including Castleblayney Library, Blayney Blades, Castleblayney Trust, Muckno Community Employment, Golden Translations, Monaghan Sports Partnership and Castleblayney Community Gardens.

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COMEDY

HOLLYWOOD PLAYERS PRESENTS

DEATH BY DESIGN

Date: Fri 9th Sep

Time: 8pm

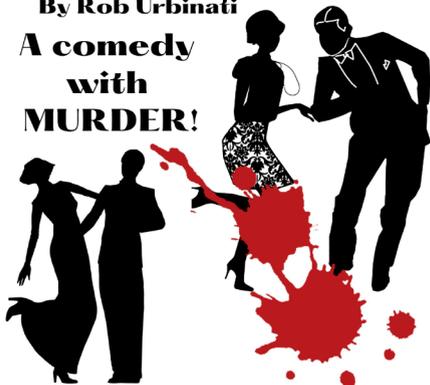
Tickets: €15/€12/€8

In this hilarious murder-mystery comedy full of larger-than-life characters and brilliant one liners, the banter and wit of Noel Coward meets the intrigue and plotting of Agatha Christie. It's 1932 and actress Sorel Bennet and her playwright husband Edward return to their country manor from London. Guests arrive unexpectedly holding long-held secrets, emotions run high and a murder occurs- but who has done it and why? It's up to Bridgit the maid to solve this dastardly crime!

The Hollywood Players present

DEATH BY DESIGN

By Rob Urbinati

A comedy
with
MURDER!

This amateur production of "Death by Design" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

MUSIC

THE DREW HOUSE BAND

Remembering Ronnie
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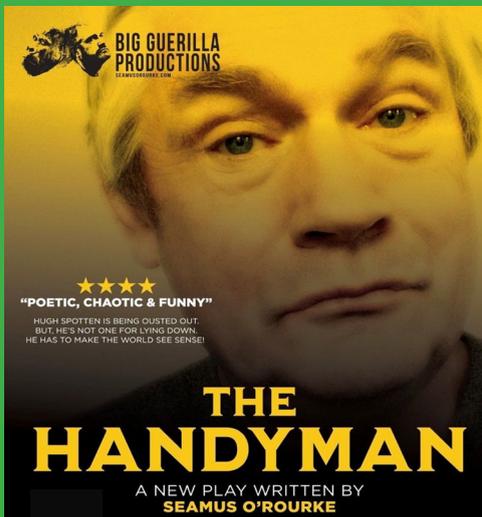
Date: Sat 10th Sep

Time: 8pm | Tickets: €24

Growing up I was always struck by the electricity generated by a concert given by The Dubliners. Looking back I can see clearly that the group was exceptional not only because of the individual strength of the performers but that combined they were a force of nature. That energy and excitement coupled with the unbridled joy of a Dubliner's audience made for a nights entertainment that felt more like a party in full swing where the hosts and guests were in perfect harmony.

With the upcoming shows I'll be telling a few yarns and singing some of the songs made famous by Ronnie, Luke, Barney, Ciaran and John. Joined by Anto Drennan on guitar and Ger Kiely on electric guitar the night will be made by a mix of folk and other musical influences that will go towards creating a performance that hopefully the audience can enjoy as much as we will.

THEATRE



BIG GUERRILLA PRESENTS

THE HANDYMAN

Date: Fri 23rd Sep

Time: 8pm | **Tickets:** €20/€18

Poetic, chaotic & funny. Hugh Spotten is being ousted out, but he's not one for lying down. He has to make the world see sense! In this mix of Rhyme and Reason, O'Rourke manages to re-immers himself in the fun of theatre and storytelling.

In this brand new one-man-show, Seamus O'Rourke's most recent creation, Hugh Spotten pulls asunder, his rural Irish life. He was the man who got things done - Caretaker, Tea Maker and Grave-Digger (with his own crow-bar). But now, that's all about to be taken away.

COMEDY



SINGULAR ARTISITS PRESENTS

RORY'S STORIES

Date: Sat 24th Sep

Time: 8pm | **Tickets:** €26

This show is for Over 16's Only

Join Rory for an intimate evening of comedy and honest conversations with some well-known friends, as he brings his live show across Ireland.

The evening will be a culmination of everything Rory is known for; from his trademark lockdown stories with 3 kids to his arse hanging out on RTE's Hell Week and of course, conversations with special guests to both motivate and inspire those in attendance. There might even be a few sing songs - a must for any proper Irish night out!

So come join Rory for a night of laughter, inspiration and joy that will leave guests on their feet cheering for more.

For more information check out rorysstories.ie



FILM

BLAYNEY FILM @ ÍONTAS PRESENTS

HIVE

Date: Wed 28th Sep**Time:** 7.30pm**Tickets:** €7 / €25 for Membership (4x films Season Ticket)

This powerful drama is based on the true story of Fahrrije Hoti whose husband has been missing since the war in Kosovo.

In her patriarchal village, Fahrrije struggles with the burden of grief as well as the challenges of providing for her family. Seeing an opportunity she pulls the widows in her community together to launch a business selling a local food product.

Against the backdrop of civil unrest and lingering misogyny, Fahrrije and the women of her village join in a struggle to find hope in the face of an uncertain future but their will to begin living independently is met with hostility.

Sundance triple award winner HIVE is the debut feature film from writer/director Blerita Basholli.

84 mins (2021) 12A

access > CINEMA



COMEDY

ORANGE IS THE NEW GREEN

Date: Fri 30th Sep**Time:** 8pm | **Tickets:** €18

Orange is the New Green is a new comedy play written by Strabane natives Ronan Boyle & Niall Blee with a hilarious look at the life of Ireland's only Catholic Orangeman.

The play catches up with Liam just when he is wrestling with his new identity, and shines a spotlight on the challenges he faces, as well as the reaction from his local community in Strabane.

Starring Strabane based comedian Ronan Boyle (Strabanter & The Boiler Room comedy club), this show is sure to have audiences side splitting laughter as well as identifying with 1980's culture, the stereotypes and the stigma in smalltown Norn Iron.

With a cocktail of characters including the parish priest, an Orange Lodge Grand Master, the nosey neighbour, the local unit of the IRA and many more, this will be a feast of laughter whilst opening up the discussion...

Are we really that different after all?



VISUAL ART

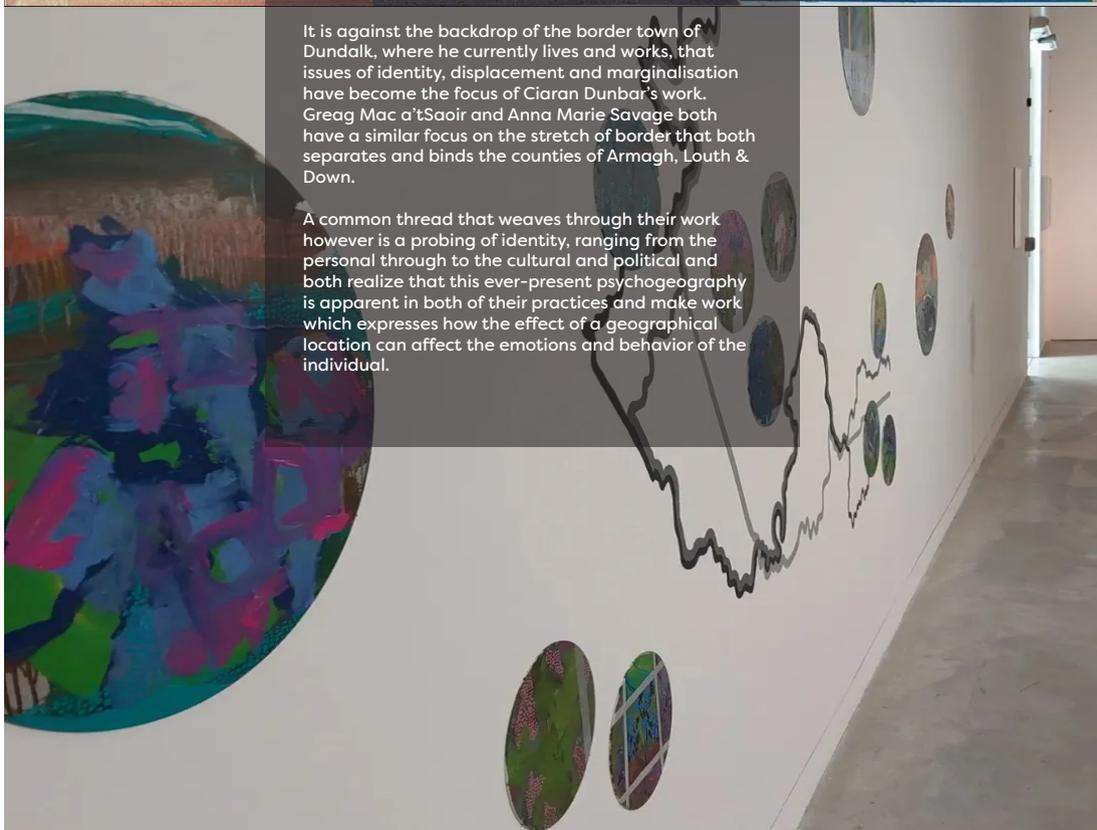
THREE VIEWS OF A BORDER

RUNS FROM: 12th Aug to 25th Oct

This exhibition brings together work by Greag Mac a'tSaoir and Anna Marie Savage both of whom grew up in the border town of Newry in the 1970s and 1980s and Ciaran Dunbar, born in Dundalk in 1982 to parents originally from the north of Ireland. Their practices span painting, photography, sculpture and installation.

It is against the backdrop of the border town of Dundalk, where he currently lives and works, that issues of identity, displacement and marginalisation have become the focus of Ciaran Dunbar's work. Greag Mac a'tSaoir and Anna Marie Savage both have a similar focus on the stretch of border that both separates and binds the counties of Armagh, Louth & Down.

A common thread that weaves through their work however is a probing of identity, ranging from the personal through to the cultural and political and both realize that this ever-present psychogeography is apparent in both of their practices and make work which expresses how the effect of a geographical location can affect the emotions and behavior of the individual.



CULTURE NIGHT

CULTURE NIGHT - CASTLEBLAYNEY WALKING TOUR

DATE: Fri 23rd Sep | Tickets: FREE EVENT

Join us as we discover the secrets, stories and history of this fantastic town, on an interactive family – friendly guided tour of Castleblayney.

On the tour, you'll hear some of the anecdotes and legends that helped to shape the town as it stands today. Explore the streets, guided by an expert on the town, and meet some famous people from the past, hear some songs and stories, and even a little poetry & artwork, performed by local artists along the way.

From the beautiful banks of Muckno, to the Famine Gardens of St.Mary's, even those who have spent a lifetime here will learn loads about the town we call home, and the interesting people who called it home in days past. There's Myths, Music, and Magic to be found among the incredible buildings and historical sites that Blayney has to offer.

Come and Celebrate Castleblayney's Culture on Friday 23rd September, 6pm. Meeting at Hope Castle Gates. The Tour will Last approx. 1hr30, no booking required. Suitable for explorers of all ages – Everyone Welcome!!! Proudly Presented by Íontas Theatre & Monaghan CoCo.



STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

SAMHAIN STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

RUNS: 25th Oct - 3rd Nov

This Halloween, Íontas is proud to present its first Samhain Storytelling Festival, which will have something for every member of the family. We will kick off with an evening of storytelling with Francie McCarron, Monaghan's Storyteller in Residence, along with special guests, where everyone is welcome to come along and listen to the stories and free to throw in their own if they should so wish.

We have some exciting workshops for both adults & kids, from Faeries & Folklore Storyteller Helena Byrne, who will also host an evening of storytelling. We will have the Armagh Rhymers, who will perform, host workshops, and work with local schools to produce a piece of work. The Castleblayney Players will perform an evening of One-Act pieces, and we are proud to announce that the critically acclaimed Rebecca Vaughn will perform her Halloween solo show FEMALE GOTHIC as part of our programme. Keep an eye out for our programme details!!!



MUSIC



TENORS INC.

Date: Sat 1st Oct

Time: 8pm

Tickets: €24.50/€21.50

An Evening of Great Popular Tunes.

Presented by Three Tenors and a Concert Pianist, whose collective experience and talents will dazzle you.

Between them, these skilled musicians have appeared in Opera Houses, Concert Halls, with recordings and broadcasts worldwide: Carnegie Hall, Royal Opera Covent Garden, BBC Proms, International Eucharistic Congress, Singing for Royalty, Popes, Presidents and Celebrity Admirers!

You're sure to recognise some of the songs on offer, all arranged specially for this concert: Go Lassie Go, Bring him Home, Nessun Dorma, Ripples in the Rockpool, You'll Never Walk Alone.

Treat Yourself to a Top Evening's Entertainment - You Won't Regret it!!!

THEATRE



CAISLEÁN THEATRE CO. PRESENTS

THE MANAGER

BY JOE HANRATTY

Date: Fri 7th & Sat 8th Oct

Time: 8pm | **Tickets:** €15/€13

After a poor Campaign, St. Maeldoid's, or "The Saints", are facing relegation for the first time in the club's long history, under manager Steven Boyle.

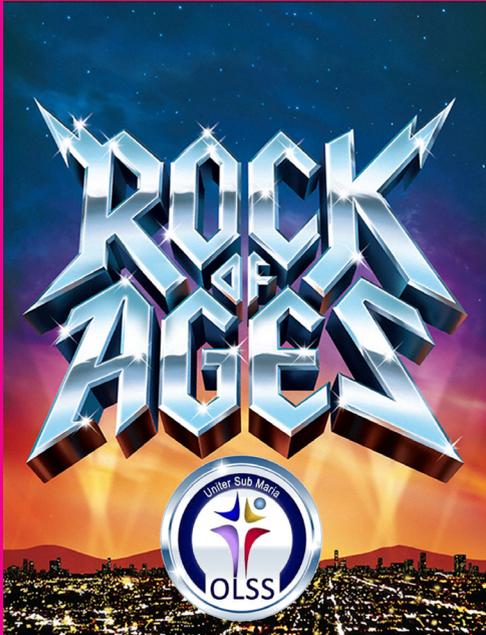
Caisleán Theatre Company are proud to present, The premier production of THE MANAGER by local playwright and GAA historian, Joe Hanratty.

Miraculously scraping into the final, a series of events are set in motion, which will test Relationships, Ambition and Loyalty to the full, as the Saints fight their way to the final, which they MUST win to survive.

Proudly Supported by Íontas Theatre, Monaghan Co.Co. & Creative Ireland.

“ IT'S THERE FOR THE TAKING!!! “

MUSICAL



OUR LADY'S PRESENTS

ROCK OF AGES THE MUSICAL

Date: Tues 11th to Thurs 13th Oct**Time:** 8pm**Tickets:** Info Available Soon

After a 3 year Break due to Covid, Our Lady's Secondary School is proud to present...

ROCK OF AGES!!!!!! - Featuring our Transition Year & 5th Year Students.

Rock of Ages is a jukebox musical built around classic Rock songs from the 1980's, especially from the famous "Glam Metal" bands of that decade. The Musical features songs from Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, Steve Perry, Poison, and Europe... Among other well known Rock Bands.

MUSIC



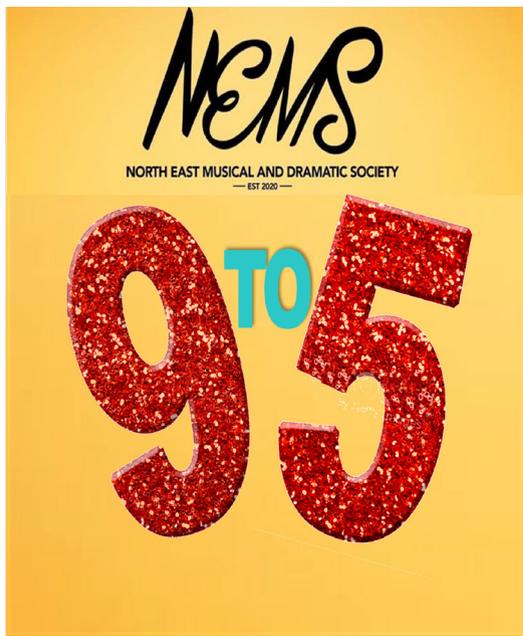
PILGRIM ST.

Date: Fri 14th Oct**Time:** 8pm | **Tickets:** €23

Strongly influenced by Bluegrass, Old Time Country and Folk Music, fused with traditional folk songs from this side of the Atlantic, Pilgrim St bring a warm and lively atmosphere to their music and have garnered a glowing word of mouth endorsement from venues around the country with their powerhouse live performances. Drawing from fellow luminaries such as Hank Williams, Woody Guthrie, The Pogues and Bruce Springsteen's Seeger Sessions outfit, Pilgrim St are about to bring their infectious melodies, harmonies and songs to iontas.

With a setlist made up of covers and their own original songs they have graced the stages of Electric Picnic and Vicar street plus toured all over the country. They are about to embark on a Nationwide tour and are looking forward to getting back playing to live audiences again. With the launch of their debut album "Ash Into Gold Dust" in 2021 during the COVID Pandemic, it is only now that they can tour the album and also play some new originals, written in lockdown.

MUSICAL



NORTH EAST MUSICAL AND
DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

9 TO 5

THE MUSICAL

Date: Tues 18th to Sat 22nd
Time: 8pm | **Tickets:** €19 Opening
night/€21 Remaining shows

9 to 5 The Musical, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie.

Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic.

Pushed to the boiling point, three female co-workers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy – giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains “otherwise engaged,” the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down. Hey, a girl can scheme, can't she?

MUSIC



MOZART GROUP

Date: Sun 23rd Oct
Time: 8pm | **Tickets:** €29

MozART group - Mozart is Still Alive!

“We exist despite the sober formality of great concert halls, despite the boredom of classical musicians’ life, despite fanatic lovers of classical music, despite fans of rock, rap or pop who are afraid of classical music. We treat our Muse with a humorous irony and we’re sure, she will have nothing against it!”

All four gentlemen of the MozART group have been playing together since 1995, and are well educated instrumentalists who graduated from prestigious Academies of Music in Warsaw and Łódź, but they decided to play classical music in a humorous way. The MozART group created a worldwide unique musical cabaret, where the music, not the words are the source of joy and laughter.

One of the biggest, funniest and most acclaimed comedy and classical music acts in the world. Iontas are proud to welcome MozART group on their first trip to Ireland.



BLAYNEY FILM @ ÍONTAS PRESENTS

ALI AND AVA

Date: Wed 26th Oct

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: €7 / €25 for Membership (4x films Season Ticket)

Ali (Adeel Akhtar) is a friendly British Pakistani working-class landlord and music enthusiast, who is trying to keep the fact that he has become estranged from his wife secret from the rest of his family. When Ali meets Ava (Claire Rushbrook), an Irish-born teacher and single mother of five, the two hit it off immediately. Their friendship quickly develops into a romance that takes them both by surprise.

Featuring heartfelt, authentic performances from leads Akhtar and Rushbrook, as well as an eclectic soundtrack, this Bradford-set film from acclaimed UK writer-director Clio Barnard (*The Selfish Giant*) is a warm, charming exploration of a midlife love affair.

94mins (UK) 2021 15A



VISUAL ARTS

BEYOND IMPERMANENCE

RUNS FROM: 26th Oct to 10th Jan 2023

Website: emmasheridan.com

Emma's practice inquires the idea of the outside world being a reflection of our inner world through abstract painting. Through this medium she expresses the unplanned rhythms of it all. Each piece begins at source with documentation from a starting point she has reacted to in life, often times nature. These initial drawings then go through a process of distillation each step uncovering the ethereal sense of the object through pattern, shape and colour. These can then be interpreted by the viewer not by what they are but how they are imagined.

Emma's early career began in fashion design and illustration and the experiences working in these fields continue to inform her work. Part of NCAD alumni with a 1st class honours she worked in London for many years and now focuses her creative time on her artistic practice.



THEATRE

ICARUS PRESENTS

THE LESSON

Date: Fri 28th Oct**Time:** 8pm | **Tickets:** €20/€18

After its UK tour, Icarus' blistering and award-winning production of Eugene Ionesco's classic dark comedy Comes to Castleblayney.

'In this world of ours, Mademoiselle, one can never be sure of anything.'

A mild-mannered professor takes on a new pupil, and swiftly descends into tyranny, becoming bent on her destruction; a comically surreal exposé about power, knowledge and those who hoard both.

All performances are enhanced by a bold projection design that features an exciting new Creative Captioning technology, supported by Arts Council England, ensuring that every performance is accessible for deaf and hard of hearing audiences as well as enhancing the creative story.



THEATRE

DYAD PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

FEMALE GOTHIC

Date: Sat 29th Oct**Time:** 8pm | **Tickets:** €20/€18

From the award-winning creators of *I, Elizabeth*, *Christmas Gothic*, *Dalloway*, *Austen's Women*, and *A Room of One's Own*.

In the dark between life and death, a haunted woman tells strange and terrifying tales; eerie stories, dusty and forgotten. Until now.

It's the Hallowe'en season, so come along and be thrilled by three lost gothic spine-tinglers from the great Victorian female writers.

Winner of the Three Weeks Editors Award. This dark celebration of female gothic is adapted and performed by Rebecca Vaughan. Proudly presented by Iontas Theatre as part of our Samhain storytelling festival.

AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

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FILM	The Hive BF@í	Wed 28th	7.30pm	6
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CULTURE	Castleblayney Walking Tour	Fri 23rd	6pm	8

OCTOBER

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MUSIC	Pilgrim St.	Fri 14th	8pm	10
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MUSIC	Mozart	Sun 23rd	8pm	11
FILM	Ali and Ava BF@í	Wed 26th	7.30pm	12
VISUAL ARTS	Beyond Impermanence	26th Oct-10th Jan	All Day	12
THEATRE	The Lesson	Fri 28th	8pm	13
THEATRE	Female Gothic	Sat 29th	8pm	13
VISUAL ARTS	Samhain Storytelling Festival	25th Oct-3rd Nov	All Day	8

NOVEMBER

MUSIC	Tumbling Paddies	Fri 4th	8pm	16
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DRAMA FEST	Castleblayney One-Act Drama Festival	Fri 18th-Sun 20th	Time Varies	18
MUSIC	Susan McCann	Tues 22nd	8pm	19
FILM	The White Ribbon BF@í	Wed 23rd	7.30pm	19
COMEDY	Knot Again - Conal Gallen	Fri 25th	8pm	20
COMEDY	Borderline - Patrick Kielty	Sat 26th	8pm	21

DECEMBER

MUSIC	Counting down to Christmas	Thurs 1st	8pm	22
COMEDY	The Real McCoy	Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd	8pm	22

AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER

MUSIC	Jimmy Buckley	Fri 9th	8pm	23
FILM	Jour De Fete BF@Í	Wed 14th	7.30pm	23
MUSIC	A Starling Blue Christmas	Thurs 15th&Fri 16th	8pm	24

PLEASE NOTE DOORS OPEN 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE TIME UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

Please check out our website and Facebook pages for additional events and activities

These may be included in our programme as the season progresses.
Masks are no longer mandatory.

Seating Plan

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J	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	J
I	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	I
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STAGE

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TUMBLING PADDIES



Date: Fri 4th Nov

Time: 8pm

Tickets: €21

Based in County Fermanagh, The Tumbling Paddies are one of the fastest growing young Irish Folk/Country bands in recent times!!

The band consists of six strong musicians, all of whom are extremely competent in their own individual instruments, but also developed a great interest in creating new music.

The band has released 14 original songs, which they co write with their manager, award winning songwriter Andy Cox. They have massive tours lined up for next year all across America, Dubai, Europe as well as Ireland.

This young band will please every taste in music, from old folk songs to modern trad and country, as well as a few of their own original music numbers, so it's for sure a night not to be missed!!!

FAMILY



DINO EXPERIENCE & THE LOST KEY

Date: Sat 5th Nov

Time: 2pm & 5pm | **Tickets:** €11

While on a Nature Hike, Mélanie & Dan Dan find themselves accidentally transported back to a time when Dinosaurs still roamed, roared, and Ruled the Earth!

Join them, and madcap Paleontologist, Prof. Barry Onyx, as they travel through a world which time forgot. Accompany our intrepid trio, in their laugh out loud exploits, as they dodge and duck Pteranodons, observe hordes of prehistoric beasts, and are hounded by an angry Tyrannosaurus Rex... Who has a big bone to pick with them!!

Dino Experience & the Lost Key is the perfect show for Dinosaur Fans of all ages... Featuring realistic Dinosaurs, including a 13ft Animatronic T-Rex, A large Dinosaur Battle, and Live reptiles!!!!

This Exciting, Educational and Fun-Filled adventure is not to be missed!!!!

FAMILY



RISING STARS

Date: Thurs 10th to Sat 12th Nov

Time: 7pm | **Tickets:** €17

Rising stars are delighted to be returning to the stage to showcase a variety of dance, singing & drama throughout the night!!!

From hip hop, musicals, comedy, contemporary & pop, this show has something for everyone to enjoy.

FAMILY



TRADODDLE FESTIVAL FAMILY DAY

Date: Sun 13th Nov

For all information and tickets go to www.tradoodle.ie

Tradoodle Festival is back! Come along to Tradoodle Family Day on Sunday 13th November where you can expect lots of fun for all the family.

Tradoodle Festival Family Day will transform Ionatas Theatre spaces from top to bottom. Children will enjoy workshops in music, song, dance, puppetry, storytelling, creative arts, crafts, as well as sessions & our family concert extravaganza.

Limited capacity at all events so booking is essential

Tradoodle Festival is Co. Monaghan's traditional arts festival for children presented by Ceol Connected in association with Monaghan Council Council, Creative Monaghan, Music Generation Cavan Monaghan and local partners. Funded by the Arts Council.

FAMILY

LULLABY LEAF

Date: Tues 15th to Thurs 17th Nov

Time: 10am, 12pm & 2.30pm daily

To Book: Email david@iontascastleblayney.ie

FREE EVENT

Lullaby Leaf is a captivating, fun-filled, and immersive theatre experience created by Ceol Connected for young children with Down Syndrome and their guardian/carer.

What is it like to live on a giant leaf? Prepare for whooshing winds, gigantic raindrops, busy bugs, and bursts of colourful canopy in this joyful multi-sensory performance. With the gentle unfurling of a leaf, a soothing sensory world is brought to life through music and song, light, smell, movement, and touch.

Supported by Creative Ireland regions Monaghan, Cavan, Louth and Meath, Music Generation Cavan/Monaghan, Baboró International Arts Festival for Children (with support from Bank of Ireland Begin Together Arts Fund). Lullaby Leaf at Íontas is presented as part of Tradoodle Festival Monaghan.

DRAMA FESTIVAL

CASTLEBLAYNEY ONE-ACT DRAMA FESTIVAL



RUNS FROM:

Fri 18th to Sun 20th

Castleblayney Drama Festival is delighted to bring you a new ONE-ACT FESTIVAL.

It will be a whirlwind weekend of short plays, old and new, performed by a variety of amateur drama groups from around the country. This Festival of drama will be part of the All-Ireland One-Act Circuit. Nightly shows times vary, watch out for details on the various media platforms.

MUSIC



Date: Tues 22nd Nov
Time: 8pm | **Tickets:** €26
www.susanmccann.com

Ireland's First Lady Of Country Music, Susan McCann brings her very special "String Of Diamonds" Concert Tour to Castleblayney!! It is sure to be a wonderful night of music and entertainment with Susan, as she takes a trip down memory lane performing along with her live band.

Susan's special guest for this tour will be her granddaughter, Sinead, who will be joining Susan on stage and performing some special duets including the hugely popular "Grandpa Tell 'Bout The Good Old Days". Also joining Susan on stage will be her husband of over 50 years, Denis Heaney, playing accordion who has been her manager and mentor for all those years.

There is no stopping Susan, who is a household name in Irish Country Music and even after over 40 years in showbusiness she continues to diversify, forge new career paths, win awards and gain even greater admiration for her talents from fans and music industry chiefs, both at home and abroad.

BRYAN BUCKLEY PROMOTIONS PRESENTS

SUSAN MCCANN

FILM



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BLAYNEY FILM @ ÍONTAS PRESENTS

THE WHITE RIBBON

Date: Wed 23rd Nov
Time: 7.30pm
Tickets: €7 / €25 for Membership (4x films Season Ticket)

The story of the children and teenagers of a choir run by the village schoolteacher, and their families: the baron, the steward, the pastor, the doctor, the midwife, the tenant farmers. Strange accidents occur and gradually take on the character of a punishment ritual... Who is behind it all?

The schoolteacher observes, investigates and little by little discovers the incredible truth. Are we being asked to consider whether these events heralded something that would explode years later with the rise of Nazi Germany? Did these events contain the germs of the tragedies that followed?

Acclaimed auteur Michael Haneke (Hidden, Funny Games) returns to his classic themes of guilt, denial and violence in this haunting and provocative feature which was awarded the Palme d'Or at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival. - Distributors notes.

144 mins (Germany) 2009 15A



COMEDY

THE HILARIOUS NEW PLAY!

Knot Again

Starring
Conal Gallen
Save the Date...



LITTLE ROUND RECORDS PRESENTS

KNOT AGAIN CONAL GALLEN

Date: Fri 25th Nov

Time: 8pm

Tickets: €28.50

Are you ready for the wedding of the year? It's the hilarious brand new Comedy play, written by Conal Gallen and his son Rory. Bridie and Willie Murphy are renewing their wedding vows! Fr. Big Mad Micky O'Reilly, Betty Head and her son, Dick all make a welcome return, along with some new and old guests! Nothing goes as planned, As Bridie convinces her hapless husband Willie to renew their wedding vows in the hope that she will get a whole new kitchen! The comedy and confusion will keep you in stitches!

Early booking is strongly advised.

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DAVID HULL PROMOTIONS
PRESENTS

PATRICK KIELTY BORDERLINE

Date: Sat 26th Nov

Time: 8pm

Tickets: €30.00

A chance to catch Dundrum's finest as he brings his critically acclaimed BORDERLINE stand up show to Íontas Theatre.

Bittersweet, poignant and laugh out loud funny, BORDERLINE sees Patrick reflect on his personal past and our shared future in first live stand up in over 5 years.

Having already played to sell out audiences across the UK and Ireland earlier this year, this is a strictly limited run. One of the fastest selling shows of 2022.

Book now to avoid disappointment!





COUNTING DOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Date: Thurs 1st Dec

Time: 8pm | **Tickets:** €12/€10

Counting down to Christmas
with The Muckno Singers & Muckno Junior Choir.

A wonderful night of Christmas spirit featuring local adults and children. A crazy countdown to Christmas featuring a nostalgic and comedic comedy tail. A fun and festive show ideal for the whole family, a great start to the Christmas celebrations.

COMEDY



CROKEY HILL PLAYERS
PRESENTS

THE REAL MCCOY

Date: Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd Dec

Time: 8pm

Tickets: €26/€23

Ten years ago 'It's The Real McCoy' hit the stage for the first time and became a phenomenal success across Ireland, the UK and America. Set in rural Ireland in the cottage of Madge Molly it's simply hilarious!

With dozens of funny one-liners and numerous twists and turns. Madge has to contend with nosey neighbours, a gormless postman who wants to marry her only daughter, a priest with a tale of her past and a wayward husband who wants to meet her to explain why he vanished without trace almost 40 years ago!

Experience the confusion and the comedy as 'Its The Real McCoy' plays The Hawkswell Theatre as part of its 10th Anniversary Tour of Ireland. Written and directed by Tommy Marren.

MUSIC

J AND C PROMOTIONS PRESENTS

JIMMY BUCKLEY

Date: Fri 9th Dec

Time: 8pm

Tickets: €26

Jimmy Buckley is without a doubt one of Ireland's best loved and most respected performers. Jimmy has enjoyed many years at the top of his profession and has received numerous awards including the prestigious Entertainer of the year in the RTE music awards and he has also been regularly Lauded at The Prestigious Sunday World Awards.

Jimmy possesses a very rare talent, not only as a phenomenal singer but also as a hilarious mimic of other major stars including Daniel o Donnell, Brendan Shine and Phil Coulter .

This Live Show is bound to be a very special treat for those who enjoy The Authentic Country Music Sound. Jimmy's special Guest on the Night is Sandy Kelly who has really done it all in the Country Music World from recording with Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell and George Hamilton to performing on some of the world's most prestigious stages . Sandy has had many remarkable moments in her lengthy musical career and her live performance is still unique and very special.



FILM

BLAYNEY FILM @ ÍONTAS PRESENTS

JOUR DE FETE

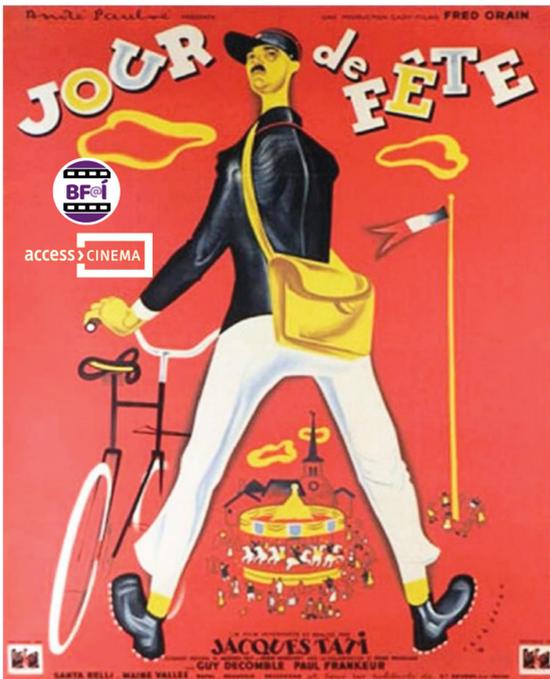
Date: Wed 14th Dec

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: €7 / €25 for Membership (4x films Season Ticket)

Jacques Tati's award-winning feature début - a dazzling blend of satire and slapstick is early evidence of his unique talent. Acclaimed by international critics as an innovative comic masterpiece, Jour de fête is an hilarious exposé of the modern obsession with speed and efficiency, set amidst the rural surroundings of a tiny French village.

70 mins (France) 1949 PG



A STARLING BLUE CHRISTMAS

Date: Thurs 15th & Fri 16th Dec

Time: 8pm | **Tickets:** €21

Starling Blue bring their wonderful Christmas show back to Iontas this year after a one year gap. "A Starling Blue Christmas" has become legendary at this stage with packed out venues and wonderful reviews over the last few years. With Christmas songs from every genre plus some amazing carols sang in their unique Starling Blue way, audiences are for a very special treat again this year. They will be accompanied by special guest musicians on both nights.

Starling Blue are a four piece female powered vocal harmonic group from Carrickmacross with a unique style. Unlike other acts, Starling Blue are not influenced by one particular genre, instead they draw inspiration from many genres of music including Irish Folk, Soft Rock, Pop/Contemporary, Classical, Soul and American Country bringing a warm and lively atmosphere to their musical arrangements throughout their live performances. With infectious melodies, ingenious harmonies and an eclectic style of music they have brought and continue to bring their show to venues all around the country. Starling Blue rearrange well known songs and deliver them in a fresh and modern "Starling Blue Style". Featured songs on their current set list from well known artists like The Cranberries, Johnny Cash, Mary Black, Mumford and Sons, Coldplay and Aretha Franklin, they really do leave no stone unturned. In July 2018 Starling Blue released a single called "Every Breaking Wave" originally penned by the world famous "U2". Cleverly arranged by Starling Blue it is almost unrecognisable from its original recording. They released their debut EP in 2019 and you can get further information on www.starlingbluemusic.com.

Starling Blue are Liebe Kelly - Vocals, Piano and Flute.
Patrice Doherty- Vocals, Piano and Saxophone.
Louise Steele - Vocals & Piano. Hannah O'Brien - Vocals.



WHY NOT GIVE SOMEONE SPECIAL A

GIFT VOUCHER

Gift Vouchers (€5-€100) are available from Iontas reception and online at www.iontascastleblayney.ie or by calling our box office **042 975400/401**



Blayney Blades

Blayney Blades CLG



NCCWN Blayney Blades is a Women's Group committed to promoting and supporting the Holistic Development of women and their families so that they may develop their own potential and play an active role in their communities.

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- Health & Wellbeing
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- 1 Day Events
- Excercise and Dance Classes
- Monthly Coffee Morning
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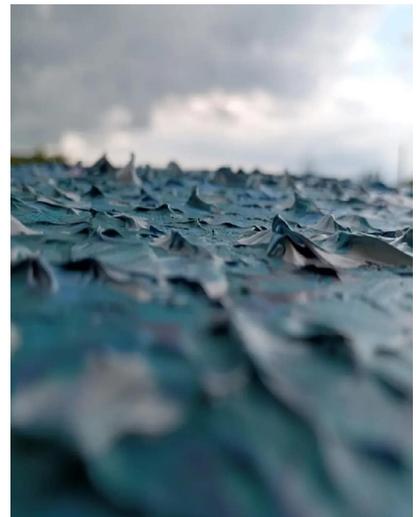


ORLAGH MEEGAN GALLAGHER COMMUNITY ARTIST IN RESIDENCE 2020-2022



Our Community Artist in Residence Orlagh Meegan Gallagher has been working this year with the staff in St. Anne's Nursing Home in Ballybay and The Alzheimer's Society Day Care Centre in Carrickmacross to deliver her art project, A Memory of Water to the residents and day care users. Now in its 3rd year, the art sessions are almost over and Orlagh is planning two satellite exhibitions in Christchurch Hall, Ballybay on the 9th October and Carrickmacross Library on the 19th October where she will exhibit her own work alongside all the wonderful artists who have participated in the project.

Her work will then be gifted to the nursing home and the day care centre for permanent display so that the artists will have a permanent reminder of the project, all themed around the sea, rivers and lakes. This year is particularly special as it is hoped that the artists will be able to attend the openings (due to Covid this was not possible in previous years) and Orlagh is planning very special events for both occasions. The openings will be private in order to protect the artists but both exhibitions will be open to the public for a month afterwards. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information on both exhibitions nearer the time. The project is funded by Creative Ireland & Creative Monaghan



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CREATIVE ART: Creative Writing - One Day Course

Íontas | Sat 24th Sep 2022 | 10am to 5pm | €150

Contact: <https://martinkeaveney.com/creative-writing-one-day-course-castleblayney/>



MUSIC: Muckno Singers. Join and perform!

Weekly Wednesdays 8pm. Monthly directed, weekly self directed.

Contact Tara: 087 9208043

 @muckno.singers2014



MUSIC: Muckno Junior Choir. Join and perform!

Weekly Wednesdays 6.30pm. Monthly directed, weekly self directed.

Contact Tara: 087 9208043

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MUSIC: Brass Instruments with Bernard O'Connor

Weekly Mondays 7pm-9pm

Contact: 086 0462424



MUSIC: Traditional Music Lessons with Francis in association with

Tullycorbet Comhaltas Ceoltoiri | Weekly Fridays 4pm-6pm

Contact: 087 2895396

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DANCE: Line Dancing with Rositta. Come along and enjoy the fun.

All ages groups welcome, No Partner Required. | Weekly Tuesday at 7pm

Contact: 087 6717807



DANCE: Irish Dancing with McMahon School (3+ years)

Weekly Monday at 5pm-6.30pm

Contact: 087 2469606

 @McMDance



YOGA: Yoga with Aimee Harte

Bring harmony between mind and body | Thursday evenings

Contact Aimee: 087 7734963 or book your place at aimeeharteyoga.com



HEALTH & WELLNESS: EMAC Sports Massage & Reflexology with

Jenny. Permanent treatment room in Íontas. By appointment only.

Contact Jenny: 089 2436632

 @jmck2678



SOCIAL: Socialable Souls with Julie

We are a skills development group for children that struggle socially in social and play situations. Each week we tackle different social skills topics. We do all of this through play, prepared resources and structured activities. Our group is for all children aged from 4-12, with or without a diagnosis of a special educational need who would like help to learn appropriate play skills and to form friendship bonds with their peers | Contact Julie: 086 3923468



SPEECH & LANGUAGE: Speech & Drama Classes with Jessica

The aim of the classes are to develop children's communication skills whilst promoting clear, confident and expressive speakers. Children engage in drama activities and 1:1 work with their Drama teacher, each week they will learn a small piece of poetry or theory depending on their grade. There is an exam at the end of the third term with the Ulster Academy of Speech and Drama. Each term is 9 weeks involving making new friends and developing confidence. Contact Jessica: 087 0691741



COMING UP IN 2022



BOOKING INFORMATION:

OPENING HOURS

Mon-Fri 10am-6pm
Show nights 7pm or
1 hour before performance

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Latecomers will be admitted during the first available break in a seated performance where possible.

Please note €1.00 box office admin fee will apply for all tickets sold. This is included as part of the advertised price.

Please notify box office staff on any special requirements or assistance you may need when booking.

A loop system for those with hearing difficulties available at the theatre. Please check with our staff when booking.

Unfortunately, once purchased tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded.

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