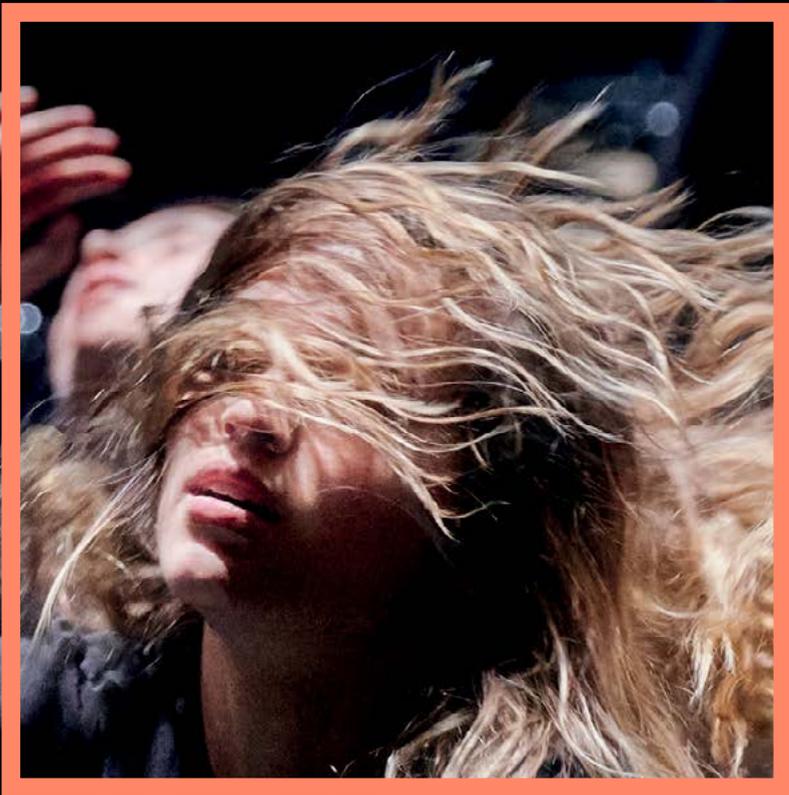


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AN GRIANÁN THEATRE

Winter/Spring
2022/23



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We promise you that if you buy tickets for any show at An Grianán Theatre that you can get a full refund if you can't go.*

*Offer applies to any show to take place before June 2023. To ensure a full refund you need to let a member of the box office staff know before the show takes place, by phone or in person. No refunds can be given after a show has taken place.

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN!

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The doors are open, the lights are on, the bar is open! We're delighted to be back and welcoming everyone to An Grianán once again. We're doing everything we can to ensure your visit to An Grianán is as enjoyable and safe as before. We are lucky in that we have such a spacious and airy building, and our auditorium has a sophisticated air handling unit that ensures good circulation of clean air. There are also numerous exits from the auditorium that mean you don't have to move through the main populated areas, if you'd like to exit straight out of the auditorium please ask a member of staff to show you.

For those who do want to sit and chat afterwards in the bar, our bar staff will be delighted to serve you.



BOOKING TICKETS

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You can book online, by phone or in-person. There is a €1 booking fee per ticket. These booking fees are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged for credit. All our online bookings are powered by our partner organisation Ticketsolve.

BOX OFFICE OPENING HOURS for in-person and telephone bookings:

Our current Box Office Hours for in-person and telephone bookings are 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday, and from two hours before show time, so if the show is at 8pm on Saturday, the box office will open at 6pm. You can book online 24/7.

E-TICKETS

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We are now using electronic tickets. When you book you will get a link to an electronic ticket. This can be presented on your phone for scanning on arrival at the venue. Alternatively you can choose to download and print your ticket at home. Just be sure to have the QR code clearly visible for scanning.

ACCESSIBILITY

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We want everyone to be able to come and enjoy An Grianán. We provide dedicated wheelchair spaces, accessible toilets, a lift, a loop system for hearing aids, early entry, and welcome guide/assistance dogs. We are always striving to improve our accessibility infrastructure.

To discuss a booking, or to make us aware of any other needs you may have to come to the theatre please contact us on marketing@angrianan.com or by phone on 0 074 9120777.

We have recently purchased a new assistive listening system for the auditorium Sennheiser Mobile Connect which operates via an app using a smartphone and headphones. This should be operational for events from November on.

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Dramacast



Two key moments from *Macbeth*, *Philadelphia*, *Here I Come!* and *Romeo and Juliet* were rehearsed, performed and filmed on the stage of An Grianán. The films are available on our website at angrianan.com.

DramaCast is just what students and teachers need: the ways key scenes in these plays are presented make the characters and ideas real in a way that no classroom can truly do. They bring us into the worlds of these stories.

DramaCast emerged as a silver lining from a pandemic that closed theatres, leaving artists out of work and prevented students from attending plays and participating in school productions.

DramaCast was a highlight of our lockdown projects: a free online digital study aid for second level, Junior Cert and Leaving Cert students that will be an invaluable resource for many years to come.

The project was a collaboration between An Grianán Theatre and Workhouse Theatre Company, with Iarla McGowan as Director, and St Eunan's College English Teacher Michael Kelly as Creative Director, and was filmed by An Grianán's technical staff, under the supervision of Director of Photography, Karen Quinn of ATU Donegal.

Online accessibility allows students to engage with prescribed plays. DramaCast can be viewed repeatedly, allowing students to mine every nuance of the pivotal scenes in relation to character, relationships, themes and language, and allowing DramaCast to be used by teachers in the classroom and by students as they study at home.

Professional actors Patrick McBrearty, Megan Armitage, Troy Devaney, Aoife Lennon and Diarmuid Doherty breathe new life into canonical characters, allowing students a fresh perspective to complement existing film productions. The films offer modern and cutting edge reimaginings of Shakespeare in Hiberno-English explicitly for students, and also for the enjoyment of drama enthusiasts everywhere.

Free Online Resource



Co-produced by Dublin Theatre Festival, Sadler's Wells, London and New Zealand Festival of the Arts with support from NOMAD and NASC Touring Network.

MÁM

Michael Keegan-Dolan and Teač Dańsa have created another mythic yet timely production that acknowledges how life's opposing tensions and contradictions can on occasion come together and find resolution.

MÁM follows on from the stunning of Swan Lake/ Loch na hEala which was performed in An Grianán in 2018. It is a meeting place between soloist and ensemble, classical and traditional, the local and universal. It brings together the virtuoso, Irish traditional concertina player Cormac Begley, the European classical, contemporary collective, st a r g a z e, a young girl and twelve international dancers from the Teač Dańsa company.

The show was nominated for an Olivier Award for Best New Dance Production in 2020 and was nominated for two UK National Dance Awards in 2021.

Teač Dańsa's distinct approach to creating MÁM has been documented by film-maker Pat Collins in his film The Dance (2021).

NB: not suitable for under 8s. This production contains haze, smoke effects, loud sounds, cigarettes and strobe lighting.

Running time: 90 minutes, no interval

***** The Observer ***** The Financial Times ***** The Irish Times

Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 November at 8pm

Michael Keegan-Dolan/Teač Dańsa

Tickets: €30/€25, 4 for €100. Discounts available for groups of 10+

Dance/Music

Fri 18 November at 8pm

Pádraig Rynne and Tara Breen with Jim Murray

Tickets: €18/€15

Music

Embark on an odyssey of wonder, joyfulness and upbeat music as three talented and creative folk musicians shape melodies from past and present into something dynamic and irresistible. The trio were awarded the Irish Traditional Album of the Year for their 2021 release *Nasc* by the American Celtic Listener Supported Radio Music Awards for 2022. When three high profile names such as Tara Breen, Pádraig Rynne, and Jim Murray come together, you can be sure of the highest quality music.



Sat 19 November at 8pm

Dirty Dusting

Tickets: €28

Drama

After two sellout nationwide tours, the hit comedy play *Dirty Dusting* comes to Letterkenny. Round up your friends for a hilarious night out starring X Factor's Mary Byrne alongside Pop Singer and *Dancing With The Stars* Champion Jake Carter. Be shocked, delighted and amused by the only chat-line girls with dusters, attitude and their very own bus passes. Pure theatrical Viagra? It probably is for those who might just need the real thing!

"The funniest show you will see this year!" Daily Ireland

NB: suitable ages 16+

Don Pasquale

Irish National Opera



Sat 26 November at 8pm

Tickets: €30/€27

The Irish National Opera have raised Opera standards in Ireland to new heights.

Don Pasquale is Donizetti's most sparkling operatic comedy. Don Pasquale, a grumpy old bachelor. Ernesto, his good-looking young heir. And Norina, an attractive young widow. This unorthodox love triangle yields a hilarious and touching masterpiece that takes a riotously entertaining slant on a threat of disinheritance, a mock marriage, and a spendthrift wife who believes husbands should be seen and not heard. Don Pasquale is directed by Edwina Casey, with set and costume design by Annemarie Woods

and lighting design by Paul Keogan.

Bass Graeme Danby sings the title role, with tenor Patrick Kabongo as his nephew Ernesto and soprano Kelli-Ann Masterson as Norina. Don Pasquale features the Irish National Opera orchestra.

Calendar Girls The Musical

Written by Tim Firth and
Gary Barlow



Tues 29 November to Sat 3 December

Letterkenny Music and Drama Group

Tickets: €22/€20

Calendar Girls The Musical is based on the 2003 film and play Calendar Girls, which is in turn based on the true story that launched a global phenomenon, a million copycat calendars, a record breaking movie, stage play and this musical.

The LMDG produced the play Calendar Girls in 2012 and 2013 with huge success, packing the houses each night and raising thousands of Euro for local cancer charities. They hope to do the same with this musical version. Quirky, poignant, hilarious, and packed with unforgettable songs, don't miss it.

Recommended ages 12+. Contains some strong language and nudity.

Sat 3 December 10am to 4pm

Christmas Craft Fair

Free Admission

Once again we have the very best Craft and Art Fair you're likely to attend this year, and entry is free! There are items to suit every pocket from as little as a few euro right up to that special present for that very special person in your life. Stallholders are carefully selected to provide a range of the best locally produced pottery and ceramics, textiles, batiks, fashion, jewellery, art prints and more from the finest designer, makers and artists in the North West, in a lovely atmosphere.

Come and spend a while browsing and enjoy a warming hot chocolate, tea, coffee and seasonal snacks in our cafe.



Tues 6 December at 8pm

Nutcracker Sweeties: Ballet Ireland

Tickets: €27/€22, family of four €70, under 18s €15

Dance

This holiday season, the curtain rises on Ballet Ireland's Nutcracker Sweeties, a re-telling of one of the world's favourite Christmas ballets. It's a magical Christmas Eve. Ciara and her brother Fionn are on a shopping trip to a famous department store in Dublin. They wander off from their parents and the magic of Nutcracker and Christmas begins... Choreographed by Morgann Runacre-Temple, this exciting production of the festive classic, performed by a cast of world-class dancers, will appeal to audiences of all ages with its fairy-tale magic, beautiful costumes and a re-imagined Tchaikovsky score. A tale of wondrous adventure that combines to form one of the most delectable Christmas confections imaginable.

Wed 7 December at 8pm

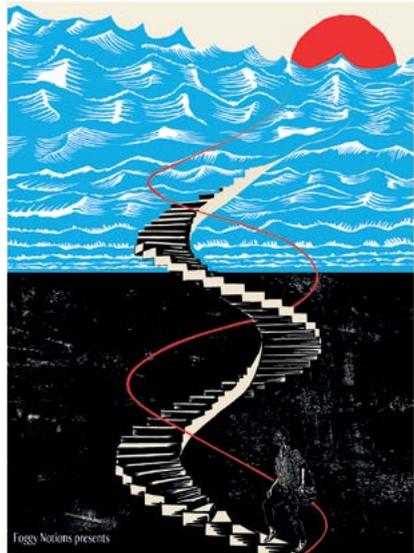
Villagers

Tickets: €31.50

Music

Another musical highlight for An Grianán as Conor O'Brien's Villagers Acoustic Tour 2022 comes to Letterkenny. In 2010 Conor O'Brien arrived in Donegal to record his first album with Tommy McLaughlin in the attic of Tommy's parents' house. Neither of them could have predicted what a huge success it'd be. For this concert Conor will perform new acoustic arrangements of classic Villagers songs from that debut album *Becoming a Jackal*, right the way through to last year's acclaimed fifth studio album, *Fever Dreams*.

Support: Naima Bock.



Thur 8 December at 8pm

Cabaret na Comhairle/Christmas Cheer Concert

Tickets: €8

Variety

The Staff and Elected Members of Donegal County Council are coming together to provide a night of light-hearted entertainment for all. Beidh meascán de shiamsaíocht i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla ann. The programme will include both Irish and English acts of song, dance, comedy, drama, recitation and much more ... all drawn from the talents of the Council's own resources. The Council acknowledges the challenges faced by many in the last number of years and also in more recent times, and hope that this Cabaret will bring staff, members and their families and friends together to bring some Christmas Cheer to all!

'come and support one another – beidh am ar dóigh againn'



Sun 11 December at 5pm

DMEP Christmas Concert

Tickets: €10, under 18s €5, family of four €25

Music

It's an annual sell-out and for good reason! Come along and hear some of Donegal's finest young musicians and singers in action, as well as special guests. On the stage will be the Donegal Youth Orchestra, conducted by Vincent Kennedy (Dublin); the Donegal Youth Choir, conducted by Sara Laughlin; and invited artistes including the New Land Choir, conducted by Future Moyo from Zimbabwe; a concert pianist; an electro-acoustic artist; and much more!



Wed 14 December at 8pm

Christmas with the Rat Pack: Presented by Joe Gallagher Entertainments

Tickets: €28.50/€26.50

Music

Direct from London's Leicester Square Theatre and stopping off in An Grianán Theatre for one night only on 14th December 2022! The acclaimed David Alacey stars as Frank Sinatra alongside Paul Drakeley as Dean Martin and Des Coleman as Sammy Davis Jnr in the original Rat Pack show, now celebrating its 22nd record-breaking year.

Including all the great hits – My Way, Mr. Bojangles, New York New York, Amore, Fly Me To The Moon, and seasonal classics such as Winter Wonderland, Let it Snow, and more!

Joining them on stage is Marilyn Monroe, who will be performing many of the great songs associated with Marilyn including Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend and My Heart Belongs to Daddy.

Constellations: celebrating the best of the Northwest



Fri 16 & Sat 17 December at 8pm

€18/€15, family of four €60

An Grianán is proud to support this special show, bringing together many of our local companies for the first time.

Join us this December for this unique celebration of local talent. Featuring performances from companies including The Letterkenny Music and Drama Group, Workhouse Theatre Company, Pinehill Studios, Zara Holmes Performing Arts Academy, Rainbow Theatre Group, ZoNa Dance Company, Lifford Players Drama

Group and Triumph Performing Arts, this show aims to combine these collective talents in a production where you will be taken on an exciting journey through some of the best scenes in musical theatre, dance and drama. A show that's never been done before, featuring some of the best performers and talent in the Northwest, all joining together in theatrical celebration

Sat 7 January at 8pm

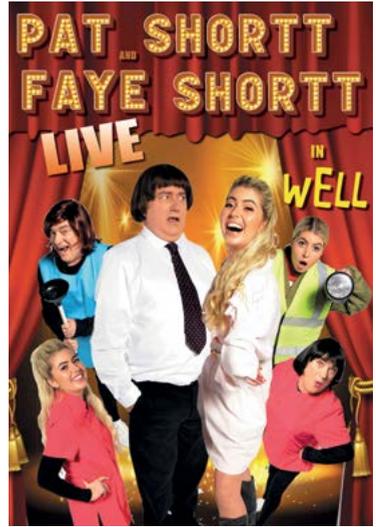
Well by Pat and Faye Shortt

Tickets: €30

Comedy

Two Shortts for the price of one! Since collaborating, this comic father and daughter duo have written and performed two hilarious online shows The Wellness hour with Paaah and Sile and Pat Shortt's Comedy Heads. This live show follows the unfortunate demise of Dad and Daughter Country and Irish music duo as they attempt to ascend the heights of their local music scene by playing a gig in the town's hotel. It showcases the extraordinary comedy talents of this funny pairing and their exceptional ability to bring humour to the most everyday situation with an array of superbly funny characters.

Running time: 120 minutes (including interval).



Sat 14 January at 8pm

Mack Fleetwood: Presented by Joe Gallagher Entertainments

Tickets: €26

Music

Europe's premier tribute to the supergroup Fleetwood Mac takes you on a magical musical journey from the Peter Green blues era to the multi-platinum selling band that still tours today. Mack Fleetwood bewitch their audience with authentic renditions of all your favourite classic Fleetwood Mac hits. Their love of the material and musical prowess shines through each song.

Jimmy's Winnin' Matches



Thur 19 to Sat 21 January at 8pm

An Grianán Productions

Tickets: €18/15

Croke Park, September 2012. As Donegal take to the field for their All Ireland final against Mayo, their first in twenty years, Danielle "Dodo" O'Donnell watches behind the goals in Hill 16.

In one moment, her life changes forever. As the ball is kicked high into the square, her life flashes before her eyes as she recalls the highs and lows that came with supporting her county for over twenty years. Louise Conaghan portrays each of the colourful characters

she encounters along the way as she relives the heartbreaks and triumphs, the love and loss. Jimmy's Winnin' Matches is a brand new uplifting and heartwarming play that celebrates what it means to come from Donegal through the eyes of one GAA fan.

Written by Kieran Kelly

The title of the play is used by Kind Permission of Rory Gallagher, and taken from his song Jimmy's Winning Matches by Rory and The Island.



Letterkenny Trad Week is a collaboration between An Grianán Theatre and The Regional Cultural Centre which takes place each January, a full list of shows will be available from both angrianan.com and regionalculturalcentre.com

Fri 27 January at 8pm

Nua Aimsire

Tickets: €15/€12

A special concert featuring some of Ireland's most exciting emerging Traditional music acts. Landless are Lily Power, Meabh Meir, Ruth Clinton and Sinead Lynch. Formed in 2013 and based in Dublin and Belfast, they sing unaccompanied traditional songs in four-part harmony. They will be joined in this concert by Branwen, from Twin Headed Wolf, who released her debut solo album, Hunted and Haunted, in 2019. She is also a performance artist, storyteller, puppeteer and writer of surreal visual plays and she threads these strands together in her unique live performances.

Sat 28 January at 8pm

Clann Mac Ruairi and Trú

Tickets: €20

Clann Mhic Ruairí is a Donegal family group, made up of siblings Tony (singer), Aodh (singer/guitar), Sean (singer), Dónall (singer/percussion) and Tony's daughter Megan (piano and singer). As a family they were raised on the Gaelic songs and stories of the Rann na Feirste Gaeltacht. Clann Mhic Ruairí have now taken up the torch in the hope of conserving and promoting this rich musical culture which lies at the core of their being. Supporting Clann Mhic Ruairí on the night will be Northern Irish trio, TRÚ. Dónal Kearney, Zach Trouton and Michael Mormecha are artists in their own right, but their collective chemistry brings their music and storytelling to another level.

Fri 3 February at 8pm

The Seeger Sessions Revival

Tickets: €20

Music

The Seeger Sessions Revival. A 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'. Made up of Fiddle, Banjo, Accordion, Steel Guitar, Whistle, a thumping rhythm section, a superb 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.



Sat 4 February at 8pm

Neil Delamere

Tickets: €25, buy four for €90

Comedy

Neil Delamere is back with a brand new show, Delamerium.

Expect the usual hilarious stories, wry observations and quick-witted improvisation as our comedy hero tries to make sense of the world around him.

“No TV camera could accurately measure the lightning speed of Delamere’s wit”- The Irish Times

Fri 10 February at 8pm

The Barber of Seville: Ulster Touring Opera

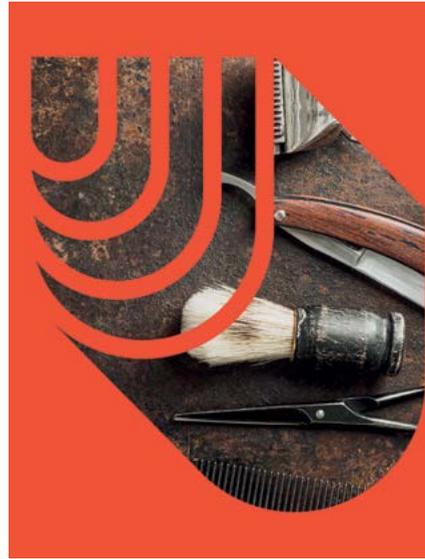
Tickets: €20/€17

Opera

Bribery, deception and disguise!

The production will be sung in English in Amanda Holden's beloved translation. With vocal fireworks, scheming lovers and one very busy barber, Rossini's comic opera is bursting with fun, mischief and the world's best tunes.

Figaro, town barber and jack-of-all-trades, is going to need all his wiles to outwit old Dr Bartolo. Mezzo-soprano Sinéad O'Kelly sings Rosina in an international cast featuring South African baritone Njabulo Madlala as the industrious barber and Jack Roberts as the lovestruck Count. Belfast baritone Malachy Frame has the role of Basilio and Spanish soprano Lorena Paz Nieto takes on the fiery role of Berta.



Sat 11 February at 8pm

Patrick Feeney The Country and Gospel Show

Tickets: €25

Music

Patrick Feeney was born to sing and from the tender age of four he wanted to be on stage with his father who played in a local band. His phenomenal success, especially over the past few years, is summed up in three words from the title of Patrick's first album, back in 2003 ... Thanks to You. He still lives by the motto that it's thanks to you, the fans, that he is such a success today. Patrick, who is a regular guest on TV and Radio, is known nationally for his remarkable tenor voice. He has won many prestigious awards over the years and is a versatile performer. Come along and join him for a night of Country and Gospel.

Fri 17 February at 8pm

Danti Dan: A Livin' Dred production, presented in association with Townhall Cavan and Ramor Theatre

Tickets: €15/€12

Drama

Described by critics as one of the greatest Irish plays of the past few decades, *Danti-Dan* is a theatrical gem.

"Listen girl, this is the kind of place that if you lost your virginity, somebody would find it and bring it home to your mother"

In the middle of nowhere outside Cork city, during the interminable summer of 1970, a motley gang hang out on a short stretch of road.

Dan is a busy 14-year-old cowboy, innocent Dolores and wily Cactus' hormones are absolutely raging, while Ber is hoping you can't get pregnant if you were standing up...

By the end of the summer, their lives will have changed forever.



Gina Moxley's *Danti-Dan* is the shamelessly funny tale of the sexual-awakening of five innocent youngsters in a small dead-end town. Bursting with hormones-in-bloom, sentimental nostalgia and brash young cynicism, *Danti-Dan* is an hilarious exploration of puberty blues, and a sharp-shock teenage comedy with tragic undertones.

Directed by award-winning actor Aaron Monaghan, Livin' Dred reunites the creative team behind the recent sell-out success of Tarry Flynn, to bring Gina Moxley's persistently funny, sharp-tongued and tragic Danti-Dan back to life for a major Irish tour.

Running time: 120 mins

NB: suitable ages 15+. Contains strong language, adult themes



Sat 18 February at 11am

Little Folk - On the Road: Kyle Riley

Tickets: €10

Family

Little Folk - On the Road is a fun family concert perfectly suited for 2-7 year olds and their adults. Kyle has been writing and performing children's music for over 10 years, touring Ireland and abroad. *Little Folk* features his award winning original children's music, catchy kids tunes and some proper sing-along songs. It's a foot stomping, hand clapping and jumping good time. The fun doesn't stop when the show ends, each child gets a little musical goody bag so they can join in during the show and take the music home with them. Bring your rock toddlers, your little boppers, and cool kids to Kyle's one of a kind family concert.

Recommended ages 2-7 years and their families

Approx running time:
60 mins

Sat 4 March at 8pm

KING by Pat Kinevane

Tickets: €22/20

Drama: Fishamble the New Play Company

KING tells the story of Luther, a man from Cork named in honour of his Granny Bee Baw's hero, Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Luther only leaves his apartment for essential journeys, and to perform as an Elvis impersonator. The play explores prejudice, privilege, and isolation, as Luther struggles to live life to the full.

Fishamble and Pat Kinevane have previously collaborated on FORGOTTEN, SILENT, UNDERNEATH, and BEFORE, which have won major international awards including Olivier, Fringe First, Herald Archangel, Adelaide Fringe, and Helen Hayes awards. They have been called BRILLIANT (Irish Times), EXTRAORDINARY (New York Times), STUNNING (Scotsman), DAZZLING (Guardian), and MESMERISING (Sydney Morning Herald).

NB: recommended ages 14+, strong language.



Tues 7 to Sat 11 March

Kinky Boots

Tickets: Tues to Thur €22/20, Fri & Sat €22

Musical: Letterkenny Musical Society

Kinky Boots is the big-hearted musical extravaganza that won six Tonys including Best Musical. Kinky Boots features a joyous, Tony-winning score by pop icon Cyndi Lauper, and a hilarious, uplifting storyline which follows loveable characters who will remain with you long after the show.

Charlie Price has reluctantly inherited his father's shoe factory, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. Trying to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola, a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. As they work to turn the factory around, this unlikely pair find that they have more in common than they realised... and discover that when you change your mind, you can change your whole world.

With elaborate costumes, exhilarating choreography and a heartfelt story, Kinky Boots will have you dancing in the aisles and discovering why, sometimes, the best way to fit in... is to stand out.

Kinky Boots age warning
12 + some adult content.

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Druid

Image courtesy of Ste Murray

The Last Return

Druid Theatre

Not all good things come to those who wait.

One final night. One last chance. Five people queue for a ticket to the hottest show in town. All they must do is simply wait in line. But what in life is ever simple?

Who will triumph, who will fail, and who will walk away with... *The Last Return*?

A new play by acclaimed playwright Sonya Kelly (*Once Upon a Bridge*, *Furniture*), *The Last Return* is a thrilling comedy about conflict, peace and the pursuit of territory at any cost.

Sara Joyce (*Once Upon a Bridge*) directs a cast that includes Anna Healy, Bosco Hogan, Rebecca O'Mara and Naima Swaleh.

Druid's world premiere production of *The Last Return* opened at Galway International Arts Festival 2022 and then played Edinburgh Festival Fringe (where it won a Fringe First Award) and Dublin Theatre Festival. In Spring 2023, *The Last Return* embarks on an 8-venue tour of Ireland.

Content warning: Please note that this production contains adult themes, strong language, strobe lighting and depictions of violence to others

Running time: 1 hour 30 minutes (no interval)

**** The Times **** What's On Stage **** The Arts Desk
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Tues 21 & Wed 22 February at 8pm

Tickets: €25/20, 4 for €90

Drama



An Grianán Supports

An Grianán isn't just about the shows on the stage, we also do a lot of work developing and nurturing performers, actors, dancers, writers and directors.

Our second IMC Jazz Navigator Residency takes place this November and the recipient this year is the Ukrainian artist Olesya Zdorovetska. As a solo artist and collaborator she crosses the fields of improvised, jazz, Afro-Caribbean, contemporary classical and experimental music, and regularly composes for film and theatre. Olesya is a founder of the Ukrainian-Irish Cultural Platform and co-curator with Christodoulos Makris of Phonica, an experimental music and poetry platform in Dublin.

In August we were glad to be able to once again have our Actor's Studio: Brian Friel Week with tutor Sean Donegan and the sixteen participants had a great week where they learnt a lot and grew as actors. Also in August we had an Intensive week for our youth theatre preparing them for the work ahead for their show A Vampire Story at the start of November.

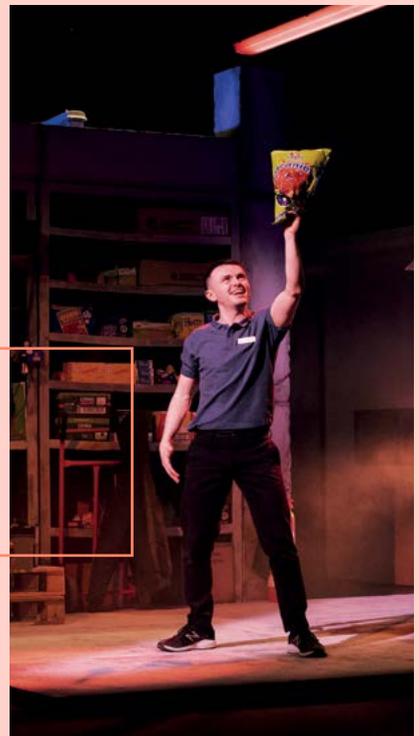
In September Brian Gillespie, who grew up in Newtowncunningham, and trained in dance and choreography in London and Chicago, spent time here working on his practice as a recipient of the North West Dance Residency, as part of our partnership with Galway Dance Project.

In October we presented shows by Anna Newell in the Little Angels School in Letterkenny as part of The Network for Extraordinary Audiences programme which will continue in 2023.

One of our most successful projects of the past few years has been Patrick Quinn's play REVVED, set during the Donegal Rally. REVVED will be playing in Belfast this November, at the Lyric Theatre, playing from 17th to the 20th November. Once again he will be fully supported by An Grianán for these shows.

As part of the Abbey Theatre's highly successful production of Translations here at the end of August the Abbey facilitated a writing workshop attended by ten local writers, led by Jesse Weaver, the Abbey's New Work Associate.

Our two young curators Ailis Cross-Gorman and Fergal Lonergan are coming to the end of their second year with us, but they still have one event in the planning stage for this year so watch out for that! We will be recruiting two new young curators in the New Year.





On Display until Christmas 2022

The Bridge of Tears/Droichead na nDeor

Opening hours 11am to 3pm Mon to Fri

An immersive exhibition sharing the experiences of people who have made Donegal their home, and those who have left to find new homes.

Enter the space between hope and experience, listen to the waves as they rock the small boat where you and your fellow travellers sit, waiting to glimpse the far shore. Look around at the photographs and memories of the immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who have made Donegal their own new home. Experience the resonances of Ireland's own stories of emigration away from this island to other far shores.

Devised and curated by Eve Li, The Bridge of Tears is an immersive experience, with stories, photographs and recipes shared by those who have made Donegal their home, as well as from those who have left Ireland to find a life somewhere new. In sharing these stories, we hope to learn about each other, create connections and build lasting relationships.

Please contact Eve for additional information and group visits by schools and community groups by email at communitytheatreprojectdonegal@gmail.com.

CAFE

Eatery Café



Open Mon to Fri
9.30am–3.30pm

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Come and see our fantastic new decor and furniture. Now The Eatery is even more comfortable for those coffee dates, lunch and tasty treats! All our ingredients are bought fresh every morning by Chef Connor himself. Whatever your taste, our menu has something for you, including Vegetarian and Vegan options.

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Located in Letterkenny, Co Donegal, An Grianán Theatre is an integral part of the county's thriving cultural life and a flagship venue in the North West of Ireland.

We give local audiences and visitors the opportunity to enjoy the very best local, national and international arts and entertainment events including drama, comedy, music, dance and much more.

The theatre is open to the public all day and one can avail of the excellent café and bar, view art exhibitions or, of course, attend a show.

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