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BOOKING TICKETS

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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.



WE'VE LISTENED TO YOUR FEEDBACK

Your response to our surveys has overwhelmingly said that you want any booking or additional fees to be part of the ticket price, rather than as an add on.

So that's what we've done, the price you see is the price you'll pay!

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

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, an assistive listening 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 074 91 20777.

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Culture Night



Friday 22 September at 7pm
Free Event

7pm

The Adventures of the Exotic Dr. Proctor

Join Orson Sterritt and his magic horsebox on our plaza for this open air show. Follow the magical doctor as he tries to create his camp so that he can continue his adventures while exploring the exotic land that he has arrived in. Suitable for all ages, this is a fun family show with a twist of magic and a hint of circus. Come along and explore with the doctor and see what can go wrong while creating his campsite!

This production is a recipient of a bursary award from An Grianán Theatre's Make Some Noise scheme.

8.30pm to 10.30pm

Camp Cabaret

With Leeann Toland, George Houston and others

For one Culture Night only, this 22nd September the Camp Cabaret pitches its tent at An Grianán Theatre, brought to you by our Young Curators. Come along for a night around the metaphorical campfire featuring very literal s'mores and fresh new music, comedy, dance and literature. Featuring musician George Houston, comedian Leeann Toland and many more as some of Donegal's hottest new camp counsellors.

Recommended ages 16 +.

FREE EVENT - takes place at An Grianán Plaza in front of the theatre.

Running time: 45 minutes

FREE EVENT - takes place in An Grianán bar.

Sat 9 September at 8pm

Tom Crean — Antarctic Explorer

Tickets: €25/€20

Drama

The 20th Anniversary production of the show, which has now played to over a quarter of a million people and continues to draw and entertain audiences from around the world.

Writer and actor Aidan Dooley takes his audience on one incredible journey in the shoes of this courageous Irish hero. Experience the thrill and excitement of his expeditions told with charm, warmth and humour.

“This magnetic revelation of a fascinating character, simply compels a standing ovation.”

Gerry Colgan – The Irish Times

Running time: approx 2 hours including interval



Sat 23 September at 2pm

Roar Dinosaur Experience

Tickets: €15

Family

Join us for an exhilarating, interactive dinosaur show that will transport you back in time. Witness these magnificent creatures come to life before your eyes from incubation through to adulthood as dinosaurs roar, stomp, and interact with the audience. Brace yourself for a thrilling journey filled with educational insights and heart-pounding excitement.

Running time: approx 1 hour

Sun 24 & Mon 25 September at 8pm

Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme

An Amharclann Ghaoth Dobhair & Waterside Theatre co-production

Tickets: €17

Schools Matinee: Mon 25 September at 10:30am.

School Groups €7

Drama

Experience the raw power of war, honour and brotherhood in Frank McGuinness's classic play. Set against the backdrop of World War I, it delves deep into the hearts and minds of eight young soldiers, bound together by their shared heritage and duty.

Critics have hailed Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme as a tour de force of theatre. With its unforgettable characters, evocative staging, and a script that resonates long after the final curtain falls, this play is a must-see for theatre enthusiasts and history buffs alike.



NB: some adult themes, not suitable for young children

Supported by the International Fund for Ireland.



Running time: 50 minutes

Recommended ages 6+

Thur 28 September, 11am/Fri 29 September, 11am & 7pm/
Sat 30 September, 11am

When the Moon Spun Round

Tickets: €12, under 18s/school groups €8

Thursday morning and Friday morning are school shows. The Friday evening and the Saturday morning are public shows.

Family/Schools

“It was the cats who noticed it first; the moon had spun round. And with a great and mischievous smile, the moon asked for a new dance for all.”

An aerial performance entwined with Irish folk music that will leave audiences of all ages enthralled. Ireland's leading circus company Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Theatre have teamed up with the traditional music company Ceol Connected to co-create a magical new show for young audiences, inspired by the poetry and stories of WB Yeats.

Come on an imaginative journey where aerial performers dance and toss like the waves of the sea; where a fiddler soars high; where the moon delights with its beauty and where darkness falls to reveal a new dance for all.

Thu 5 October at 8pm

LIVE SCORE: Buster Keaton's Sherlock Jr with Little John Nee & Fionn Robinson

Tickets: €12

Family

This special screening of Buster Keaton's 1924 silent comedy about a projectionist who dreams of being a detective will be accompanied by a live soundtrack commissioned especially for Sound! 2023 and featuring two of our favourite musicians.

Little John Nee and his able assistant Mr. Fionn Robinson, using the very latest in technology including gramophones, electrical musical instruments, modern valve amplification and fashionable synthetic sounds, shall voyage over 100 years back in time in a courageous attempt to collaborate with the flickering ghosts of the early silver screen.

(1924 / USA / 42 mins) Suitable for all the family!



Fri 6 October at 8pm

ABBA Sensations

Tickets: €27

Music

A fun and entertaining night in store with ABBA Sensations, one of the most in demand ABBA tribute bands. They'll recreate the magic and excitement of an ABBA show with beautiful harmonies and vocals, those iconic 70s costumes and hairstyles, and of course, hit after hit after hit. Enjoy all of ABBA's greatest songs including Dancing Queen, Super Trouper, Mamma Mia, Waterloo, Thank You for the Music, Take a Chance on Me, SOS and many more.

Sat 7 October at 8pm

The Unthanks

Tickets: €27

Music

Using the traditional folk music of the North East of England as a starting point, **the Unthanks harmonic vocal style also brings in influences as disparate as Miles Davis, Steve Reich, Sufjan Stevens, Robert Wyatt, Antony & The Johnsons, King Crimson and Tom Waits, earning them a Mercury Music Prize nomination and international acclaim along the way.** Season 3 of BBC's hit drama *The Detectorists* which was inspired by their song *Maggie* brought them to a whole new audience. At the nucleus of a constantly evolving unit are the sisters Rachel and Becky Unthank and the arrangements and writing of composer, pianist, and producer Adrian McNally.

“The honest and heartfelt way in which they deliver their music is a true inspiration to me.” – Martin Hayes



Thu 12 October at 1:15–2pm

Free Event: Donegal Chamber Music Festival Lunchtime Recital

Free event

Join us for the launch of the 8th Donegal Chamber Music Festival with a lunchtime recital in the foyer by the Szabó-Yélamo String Duo, the Artistic Directors of the Festival. Orsolya Szabó-Yélamo, violin and Víctor Yélamo, cello.

Admission to the concert is free, enjoy the wonderful food at the Coffee House – An Grianán Theatre while looking at the festival brochure and listening to live music played by this international duo.

Running time: around 45 mins

Thu 12 October at 7.30pm

Festival Launch Gala: Frances Browne Literary Festival 2023

Tickets: €15/€10

Variety

An evening of poetry, drama and song in celebration of the life and work of Donegal women writers, past and present. Donegal poet Anne-Marie Ní Chuíreann will deliver the key-note speech. Children from the Alice Gildea School of Music will sing “Snowflower”, composed by Philippa Collings and inspired by the hero of Browne’s Granny’s Wonderful Chair. The Frances Browne singers will perform Browne’s famous Songs of our Land, and other songs. Ballybofey native Pauline Holland’s play Strangers to our Own showcases the rich and often hilarious expressions of Ulster. [Full festival programme at www.francesbrowneliteraryfestival.com](https://www.francesbrowneliteraryfestival.com)



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Fri 13 October at 8pm

Declan O'Rourke

Tickets: €34.50

Music

Declan O'Rourke will bring audiences his first new material since the landmark, Paul Weller-produced Arrivals, of 2021, nominated for 'International Album Of The Year,' at the Americana UK awards, alongside classic gems from across his rich and broad career.

“You’re never quite sure what you’ve got until you hold a new song up to the light in front of a waiting gallery of eyes and ears. A diamond or just a piece of glass? It’s exploration and discovery at the same time. But the song does not truly exist until that moment. The risk is that once it’s left your body, you can never take it back!”

– Declan O'Rourke, 2023

Sat 14 October at 8pm

Reginald D Hunter

Tickets: €27

Comedy

In these supercharged socio-political times the challenge is more and more becoming separating what's true and what's real.

Lucille Hunter proudly proclaimed "It's easy to see through sh*t, the hard part is pretending you haven't." Join Reginald D. Hunter for an hour of exploring this phenomena in this progressive work in a pre-next-variant world.

As seen on Live at the Apollo, Have I Got News For You, and 8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.

"Stand-up comedy's coolest customer"—The Telegraph

Age Recommendation: 18+, strong language/content



Thu 19 October at 8pm

Medicine House: Martin Shaw

Tickets: €22

Spoken Word

Martin Shaw is an award winning storyteller, writer and mythologist. He has toured internationally numerous times and created the Oral Tradition and Mythic Life courses at Stanford University. His most recent book *Bardskull* was Book of the Day in The Guardian,

The Sunday Times describing it as "rich & transgressive."

Stories are a kind of medicine, and each night Shaw decides which remedy to administer. Over an evening Shaw moves through electrifying renditions of fairy tales, Irish myths and accounts of his own life, including four years living in a tent exploring the last outposts of the Celtic landscape. Hilarious, moving and improvisational.

"a Seanchaí, an interloper from the Medieval"

—The Irish Times

Fri 20 and Sat 21 October at 7pm & 9pm

Blue Thunder by Padraic Walsh

A Cathal Cleary Theatre and Kelly Phelan co-production

Tickets: €20

Drama

This is the Irish Premiere of Blue Thunder, the winner of the Vault Festival London Innovation Award 2019. Funny, frightening and deeply moving, Padraic Walsh's award-winning play examines what happens when the people who should be there for you have nothing left to give.

It's 3 am in small-town Ireland. The nightclub is closed. The chipper is chaotic. And down a dark, quiet side-street, exhausted taxi-driver Brian is sitting in his minibus, finished work. But then his two drunk sons call, demanding a lift home. It soon becomes clear that one of the lads has a plan to do something horrendous, something unforgivable, tonight. Can his father and his brother stop him or is he about to destroy his life?



***Please note: This show takes place in a minibus which will be parked beside the theatre. Each performance has a capacity of 12 people and lasts for 50 minutes.**



Running time: 75 mins including interval

Suitable ages 1 to 9.

Sun 22 October at 2pm

Born to be Wild

Dreamworld Promotions

Tickets: €14

Family

The new and exciting Jungle themed kids show to keep your little cheeky chimps entertained!

Join us on our adventure through the Jungle with Henrietta, a clever young Hippo who is always asking "Why?" She is joined by Eddie Elephant, Gilbert Giraffe and Deborah Zebra along the way. An action-packed stage show with audience participation, games, riddles, and sing-along songs.



The show will be produced and directed by Marie Uí Thaidhg and Úna Ní Bhriain with choreography by Andrea Emmett.
Ná cailligí amach ar oíche den scoth!

Tue 24 and Wed 25 October at 8pm

'Siansa Samhna le Coláiste Ailigh'

Tickets: €15, students €12,
family of four €50

Variety

This bilingual show will include a variety of songs from Musical Theatre classics, old and new, including La La Land, Come From Away, Rent, Mamma Mia and many more. There will also be some intermittent drama to add variety.

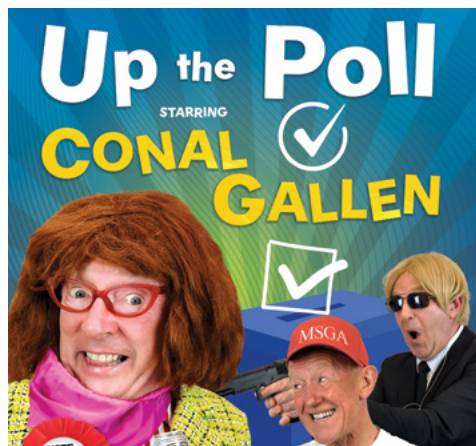
Fri 27 October at 8pm

Conal Gallen's Up The Poll

Tickets: €30

Drama

Conal Gallen and his writing partner and son, Rory, have just written their 7th comedy play, and it'll have audiences in stitches. Bridie Murphy is a lovable battle axe, living in Shitholey with her husband, Willie. But when election time comes around, things start to liven up. Father Big Mad Mickey O'Reilly, Betty Head and her son, Dick, all become involved.



Past **WHERE IS MY MIND** guests have included Deepak Chopra, Moby, Edith Eger, Adam Clayton (U2), Dan Harris, Jameela Jamil, Simon Neil (Biffy Clyro), Prof Andrew Hubermann, Dr Chris Ryan, Ruby Wax, Professor Luke O'Neill, and Sharon Salzberg.

Sat 28 October

Niall Breslin: Where is My Mind?

Tickets: €27

Podcast live!

WHERE IS MY MIND? is a podcast about how we can better take on the beauty and the beast that is the human mind in the head-melty chaos of the modern world. Hosted by Niall "Bressie" Breslin, one of Ireland's most formidable and inspiring mental health advocates. Niall holds an MSc in mindfulness-based intervention. He is also a bestselling author, musician, philanthropist and former professional athlete.

WHERE IS MY MIND? is an incredible live show laced with creativity and fascinating conversations. Niall engages in generative in-depth explorations with exciting guests to reveal the unvarnished truth of, and hope for, the human condition.

Thu 2 November at 11am and 2pm

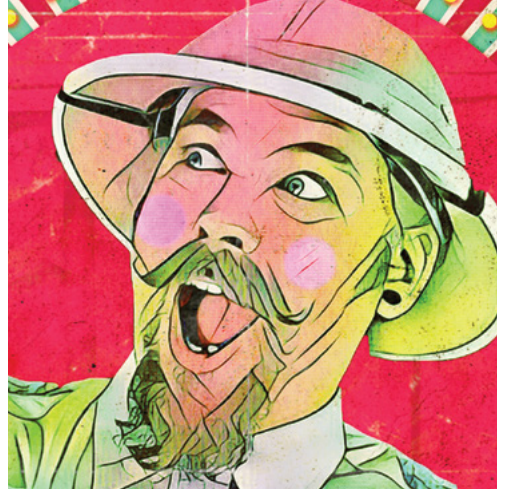
The Adventures of the Exotic Dr. Proctor

Tickets: €8, 4 for €30

Family

Join Orson Sterritt for his all new indoor show, it's a fun filled story of an intrepid explorer who travels through different worlds in his magic Horsebox. Follow the magical doctor as he tries to create his camp so that he can continue his adventures while exploring the exotic land that he has arrived in. Suitable for all ages, this is a family show with a twist of magic and a hint of circus.

This production was a recipient of a bursary award from An Grianán Theatre's Make Some Noise scheme.



Running time: 40 minutes



Fri 3 to Sun 5 November

Letterkenny One Act Festival

Ticket Prices: €12 per show.

€25 for Friend's Membership which entitles the member to one ticket for each show.

Drama

Over the weekend The Letterkenny One Act Festival will host some of the best amateur theatre companies from around the country. The plays will last from 30 mins to 50 mins.

For more details and the full line up please check angrianan.com closer to the date.

Wed 8 November at 8pm

Robert Mizzell's Nashville Song Book

Tickets: €27

Music

Country star Robert Mizzell and special guest Noreen Rabbette take you on a musical and visual journey spanning fifty years of Country Music history.

Featuring all of your favourite country songs in one special extravaganza.



Sat 11 November at 8pm

Mack Fleetwood

Tickets: €28.50

Music

After last year's sold out show, Mack Fleetwood are back! Europe's premier tribute to the supergroup Fleetwood Mac will bring you on a musical journey from the Peter Green blues era to the multi-platinum selling band that still tours today. Their love of the material and musical prowess shines through each song.

Book early to ensure your tickets.

Sun 12 November at 3pm

It's Magic! Joe the Magician

Tickets: €17

Family

It's Joe from RTÉjr's 'abraKIDabra' and 'Dizzy Deliveries'. Featuring all new impossible magic and illusion that will have children of all ages roaring laughing one minute and in complete awe the next. An audience member will levitate live on stage, someone could win all of Joe's money...or his sock, and a risky stunt that could end up with Joe getting soaked! Oh, and did we mention the live robot who thinks he's Joe the Magician? That's just for starters! **Advance booking is advised**

as Joe's last show here sold out.



Tues 14 & Wed 15 November at 7.30pm

Loreto Secondary School Concert

Tickets: €12, students/under 18s €10

Variety



Thur 16 November at 8pm

Phil Coulter

Tickets: €37

Music

Four Score and Then... Having clocked up a major milestone last year, some commentators may have assumed that his “Phil Coulter at Eighty” national tour was a last hurrah for his followers. Wrong! It was definitely not Time to Say Goodbye. After more than five decades at the very top of his game Phil has achieved the status of legend in the music business. He’s delighted to also welcome back Geraldine Branagan and George Hutton. As the man said, fashions may fade but quality is timeless.

Running time: 2 hours 15 mins

Sat 18 November at 8pm

The Ultimate Classic Rock Show

Tickets: €35

Music

Dust off your air guitars for an evening of the very best classic rock anthems from legends past and present. Let them take you on a roller coaster journey of classic rock nostalgia, performing hit after hit, live with stunning accuracy and high energy accompanied by an incredible light and projection show, they’re guaranteed to have you on your feet all night. **Over two hours of classic rock anthems from artists including Eric Clapton, Led Zeppelin, Queen, Pink Floyd, Deep Purple, Free, The Eagles and Jimi Hendrix to name but a few!**



Sun 19 November at 2pm

Science Magic: Messy Mayhem

— Donal Vaughan

Tickets: €14

Family

Fun for all the family with award winning Irish comedian and science communicator Donal Vaughan and prepare to enter the magical world of science. Forget Harry Potter, Donal is the real wizard. Donal brings his messier tricks to the stage with cola fountains, exploding potions, a vomiting unicorn and more 'outdoor' tricks. We're not making a mess! We're learning in this family fun show. And the best part? You can do all the tricks at home using everyday household items. You too can become a science wizard and amaze your family and friends.



Running time: 60 mins

Recommended ages 5+



Wed 22 November at 11am

Danser à Lughnasa

Cap in Scena

Free admission

Schools

The Corsican theatre company 'Cap in Scena' are travelling to Donegal to perform their version of Dancing at Lughnasa, in French. In Rogliano, a small village in Corsica perched above the sea, each year Annie, a housekeeper, Osvaldo, a sailor, Laetitia, a postwoman, Sandrine, a bartender and other villagers become actors and together with a professional actor and director they create a play that they perform on stage every summer.

Running time: 1 hour 35 mins, no interval.

Polar Bear and Penguin

Fri 24 and Sat 25 November

Tickets: €12, under 18s/school groups €8

Schools matinees: Fri at 10:15am and 12:15pm

Public shows: Sat at 2pm and 4pm

Schools/Family

Polar Bear & Penguin is a tale of our time, infused with humour, friendship and fish.

The tale of an unlikely encounter between a Polar Bear and a Penguin. Polar opposites meeting for the first time, getting to know one another and learning how to survive in a world that is melting beneath their feet...paws...flippers.

Paul Curley and John Currivan bring this quirky and relevant play for young audiences to life. Award-winning director Ian Cameron joins the team along with designers Ger Clancy and Sarah Jane Shiels and composer Denis Clohessy.

Recommended ages 5+, Running time: 45 mins



All Shook Up



Tue 28 Nov to Sat 2 Dec at 8pm

Letterkenny Music and Drama Group

Tickets: €24/€22

Musical

All Shook Up is an all-American jukebox musical with music from the king himself, Elvis Presley.

Loosely based on Shakespeare's Twelfth Night this hip-swinging, lip-curling musical fantasy will have you jumping out of your blue suede shoes with classic hits such as Heart Break Hotel, Hound Dog, Jailhouse Rock etc.

In a small dull mid-western American town, repressed by their conservative mayor who makes having fun seem illegal, lives Natalie, a young mechanic who is dreaming of love and adventure. When a motorcycle riding roustabout arrives into town, he inspires the town folk to let loose, let their hair down, discover dance and fall in love.

It's going to be hell of a show, so pull on your blue suede shoes and get yourselves All Shook Up!

Wed 6 December at 8pm

Cabaret na Comhairle: Christmas Cheer Concert

Tickets/Táille €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. There will also be a 'Surprise Act' on the night. It is the Council's wish that this Cabaret will bring some Christmas Cheer to staff, members, their families and friends alike.



'Come and support one another – ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann muid'. Rannóg na Gaeilge & Staff Social Club.



Sun 10 December at 5pm

Family Christmas Concert

Donegal Music Education Partnership

Family

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.

Tues 12 & Thu 14 December at 8pm

Onóir

Sold out

Music

Onóir are a modern Irish male folk group who sing harmony-focused songs and musical arrangements. Formed in August of 2020, when four Donegal-based 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". Onóir are currently touring their theatre show across Ireland, the UK, and abroad, and also recording **their debut album which is scheduled for release soon.**



Fri 8 and Sat 9 December at 7pm. Sat matinee at 2pm

The Nutcracker

ZoNa Dance Company

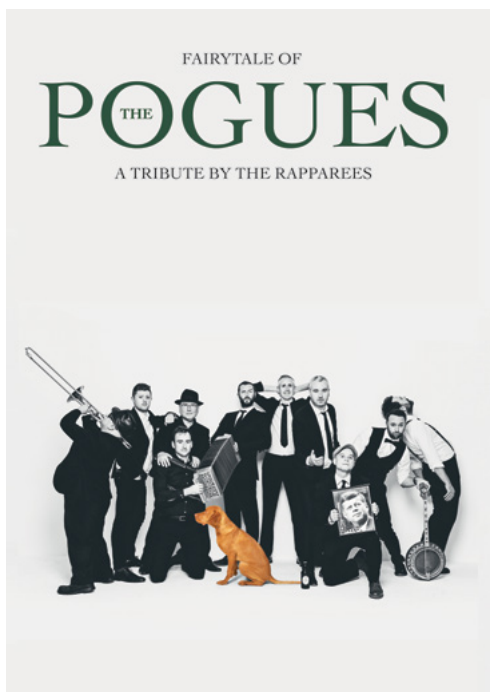
Tickets: €20, family of four €70. Matinee all tickets €14

Family

The Nutcracker is the quintessential holiday family treat. Come experience the magical winter wonderland of toy soldiers, king of the mice, Sugar Plum Fairy, and so much more. This dazzling production is a kaleidoscope of dancers, performing to Tchaikovsky's timeless score. The sensational story transports adults and children alike to the luscious land of sweet for a waltzing treat to create everlasting memories with loved ones.

Zona Dance Company is a school and community of students, teachers and faculty that have a burning passion for all things Dance. They have their own dedicated dance studio in Letterkenny.

See zonadanceco.com for more info. and contact details.



Thu 21 December at 8pm

A Fairytale of the Pogues: A Tribute by the Rapparees

Tickets: €25

Music

The Rapparees bring their festive homage to the Pogues to An Grianan Theatre to kick the Christmas season off with a bang. Being on tour as support to Shane MacGowan & the Popes early on in the life of the Rapparees galvanised their appreciation and understanding of their musical heroes.

Expect to hear all the hits – A Rainy Night in Soho, Streams of Whiskey, Sally MacLennane, If I should Fall from Grace with God, The Body of an American and of course, The Fairytale of New York itself!

The Big Gay Christmas Cabaret



Fri 22 December at 8pm

Tickets: €20, 4 for €70.

Variety

Buckle up your sleigh belts, sprinkle some glitter on your rein-queers and follow the star to MarianMarythe6th's Big Gay Christmas Cabaret.

After the sell out show earlier in the year they're back to Make Donegal Gay Again! Expect live music, comedy, dance and burlesque in an environment where you can let loose and be yourself. Starring The Wild Geeze, Richard Joke, The Doll Named Dan and more to be announced!

**NB: Contains strong language/adult content.
Recommended 18+**

Fri 29 December at 8pm

The Fureys

Tickets: €34.50

Music

The Fureys are one of Ireland's most acclaimed and influential middle of the road, folk and traditional bands. Fureys' classics such as **I Will Love You, When You Were Sweet 16, Red Rose Café, Leaving Nancy, The Old Man, From Clare to Here, The Green Fields of France and Her Father Didn't Like Me Anyway** have become the soundtrack to the lives of fans all over the world.



Sat 30 December at 8pm

Declan Nerney

Tickets: €27

Music

Declan Nerney's career has spanned over 4 decades at the top of Irish Country Music, winning many accolades along the way and scoring countless hits with his catalogue of trademark songs. Join him and his super live band with special guests Owen Mac and John Hogan for a nostalgic night of music, song and laughter.

Sat 6 January 2024 at 8pm

Jarlath Regan

Tickets: €27

Comedy

Ireland's favourite Irishman Abroad blew up across social media in 2023. Now, for the very first time, he brings his brand new stand-up show to An Grianán Theatre.





An Grianán Supports

An Grianán isn't just about the shows on the stage

At An Grianán Theatre we've always supported local artists. Behind the scenes, we are often busy offering practical support and mentoring to local artists, with advice, networking opportunities, finance, technical and marketing support as well as producing and touring work. Here are some of the other things that we've been involved with, away from our stage this year.

We took Anna Newell's lovely show Groove to the Little Angel's School in March. It's a show specially designed for children with complex needs, with harmony singing and a calming colourful immersive video. Our new Young Curators, Ciara Doherty, Clodagh Mclvor and Ultan Pringle started in July and immediately hit the ground running with a trip to the Galway Arts Festival. Their first programmed event is the End of Summer Camp Cabaret on Culture Night so watch out for that!

During Culture Night Orson Sterritt will perform his family friendly show on the plaza, this show was developed by a bursary from An Grianán Theatre. Orson Sterritt will be Artist in Residence with us for ten weeks from 28 August to the 3 November. With support from the technical team he will be adapting his outdoor show for indoors to make it suitable for touring to arts centres throughout the country.

Also in July, members of our Youth Theatre headed to Kilkenny for The National Festival of Youth Theatres, which is the largest gathering of youth theatres in Ireland, and is a fantastic experience where they get to meet and work with young people from youth theatres all over the country, often making lifelong friends. Auditions for the new Youth Theatre term takes place in early September.

In June drummer Conor McAuley was our Improvised Music Company Artist in Residence. He spent time working on his art in the rehearsal room, led workshops and discussions with local performers, and culminated in a performance by mcauley/mckeown/mccullagh, now known as Corás Trio, during the Letterkenny Blues and Roots Festival.

The Writer's Group facilitated by the Abbey Theatre continues monthly, and in June they had a visit from Marina Carr which energised and invigorated them considerably.

We continue to celebrate our diverse cultural community with increased use of the plaza in front of the building. This year we've facilitated its use for Africa Day, The Letterkenny Blues and Roots Festival, the first Letterkenny Pride Parade, the county Council's Social Inclusion Day and the upcoming Amnesty Picnic which takes place in September. We look forward to the scheduled improvements to this space through the Eat Out Initiative and how it will enhance the outdoor activities on offer.

The 14th annual Irish Aerial Dance Fest took place in July, with two performances here and a week-long series of classes and workshops in the Aura. Always a fun week, the standard of the performers gets better each year and we're already looking forward to next year's.

The presentation for the driver's briefing for the Donegal International Rally in June took place the evening before, rather than on the morning of the first day, which meant it took place in a more relaxed atmosphere.

To coincide with the Social Inclusion Week events we had an exhibition of Ukrainian Art, and during the Irish Aerial Dance Fest we had an exhibition of photographs by Aisling Ni Cheallaigh which complimented her performance piece on the stage. During the Earagail Arts festival we had a Tattoo Exhibition curated by Clodagh Mclvor which can also be seen in the upper foyer on Culture Night. There will be an exhibition of paintings by Audrey Henry from 6th November.

Once again we're taking part in the North West Dance Residency project. Dancer Rosie Mullin spent a week in the rehearsal room in August and will return later in the year. Rosie is a contemporary dance artist from Donegal who started her professional training in Northern Ireland in 2013.



Dear Donegal

Audrey Henry Art



Fri 10 Nov to Sat 22 Dec

Opening hours 9.30am–3.30pm Mon to Fri

Audrey's first solo exhibition opens on Friday the 10th Nov 2023.

It is comprised of a series of oil paintings of Donegal landscapes painted throughout the year, featuring the rebirth of spring, summer growth, the cold and decline of autumn and winter. Her process involves taking photos and sketches on

location and then creating the art in her home studio in Ballyraire, Letterkenny.

She shows the seasons through her subtle use of texture and colour, her thick impasto style lends itself to the rugged scenes and natural beauty of her home county.

www.audreyhenryart.com



Sat 2 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.

Coffee House



Open Mon to Fri
9.30am to 3.30pm

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Perfect for meetings, coffee dates and tasty treats in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. **We use New Kid Coffee, and Belle's Kitchen Sourdough Bread for our delicious toasties.** These perfectly compliment our homemade scones, bakes and treats.

The Wellness Café meets here every Thursday morning from 10.30am to 12, all welcome. We'd also welcome enquiries from other groups who'd like to use the space. **Contact Lena on angeatery@gmail.com**



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Fáilte go dtí Amharclann An Ghrianán!

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.

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