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AN GRIANÁN THEATRE

Spring/Summer
2024



Welcome to An Grianán Theatre

Booking Tickets

You can book online any time. If you would like to talk to a member of our box office team the box office is open for in-person and phone enquiries from 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and for two hours before show time, so if a show is at 8pm on a Saturday, the box office will open at 6pm.

Online: www.angrianan.com

Phone: 074 912 0777

E-Tickets

As part of our environmental commitment, we use electronic tickets at An Grianán Theatre. When you book you will be emailed a link to an e-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.

Concessions

We offer discounts on some shows - concessions are available for under 18s, over 65s, students, registered disabled and those in receipt of unemployment benefit. Proof of eligibility and ID required. Where a family of four ticket is available it covers 1 adult and 3 under 18s or 2 adults and 2 under 18s. A 10% discount for groups of 10+ is available for most shows. Some exceptions apply.

Refunds & exchanges

We do not refund tickets unless a show is cancelled by the venue. You can return tickets in exchange for a gift voucher, minus the €2 per ticket booking fee, if you give us notice, in person or by phone, at least 24 hours before the start of the show. We regret that it is not possible to deal with ticket returns by email or over social media.

Late Comers

Late Admission cannot be guaranteed and can only occur if there is a suitable break in the performance. Please aim to arrive 20 mins before the advertised time and please allow adequate time for traffic and parking.

Accessibility

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.



NB: if you require space for a wheelchair please book directly with the box office on 074 9120777 as wheelchair bays are not available to book online.

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 boxoffice@angrianan.com or by phone on 074 9120777.

Other Conditions of Sale

- The management of An Grianán Theatre Management CLG reserves the right to refuse admission.
- Management reserves the right to alter the cast of a production due to unforeseen circumstances, or to make other essential changes to the programme.
- For safety reasons, buggies or carrycots are not permitted in the auditorium.
- Smoking and use of electronic cigarettes is prohibited within the theatre building
- Cameras or recording devices are not permitted in the auditorium.
- Hot beverages are not allowed in the auditorium.
- NB: Mobile phones and pagers must be switched off during performances.

Dignity At Work

An Grianán Theatre is owned by Donegal County Council and managed by An Grianán Theatre Management CLG. We are committed to working to maintain a workplace environment that encourages and supports the right to dignity at work. All who work for An Grianán Theatre, its customers, clients and business contacts, are expected to respect the right of each individual to dignity in their working life and have a duty and responsibility to uphold this Dignity At Work.

These terms and conditions are in place for your safety and comfort and that of others. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support, and we hope you enjoy your visit.

Coffee House and Bar

Our café is open for coffee, tea, toasties and treats. We use New Kid Coffee and Belle's Kitchen's Sourdough bread. Opening hours are 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday. A full bar service is available on evenings when we have a performance. To beat the queues we recommend purchasing your interval drinks in advance.

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Sat 20 April at 8pm

Bruised Orange: John Prine Tribute Band

Tickets: €27

Music

Bruised Orange is Ireland's premier tribute band to the late, great star of folk and country music John Prine. Boasting some of Ireland's most experienced musicians, this 5 piece band is made up of Michael 'Mike Mack' McGarry (Rhythm Guitar & Vocals), Anthony Toby Cregan (Lead Guitar, Vocals), Derek Matthews (Bass & Vocals) Steve Milne (Keyboards) and Shay Carry (Percussion). Each member brings a unique set of talents and abilities to the group which provides for a unique live John Prine experience.



Wed 24 at 8pm, Thu 25 April at 11am and 2pm

Nothing Gold Can Stay: St Eunan's College

Tickets: Adults €12, students €5

Drama

Step into the tumultuous world of 1960s Oklahoma with this electrifying stage adaptation of S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*. From the rumble between Greasers and Socs to the poignant moments of camaraderie and sacrifice, this production brings this classic coming-of-age story to life.

Running time: 60 minutes

Fri 26 April at 8pm

Margaret by Shaun Byrne: Ballyshannon Drama Society

Tickets: €17

Drama

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is in the last days of her life in the Ritz Hotel, suffering from dementia. The play explores her troubled relationships: with the Irish, the miners, her children, the public, her male colleagues and the fallout from The Falklands War; as past demons, guilts and successes return to torment, flatter and deceive her. This highly acclaimed drama has qualified for the upcoming Ulster Drama Finals and the All Ireland Drama Finals. With Rachel O'Connor as Margaret and Shaun Byrne as the ghost of her husband Denis.

Running time: 125 minutes (including one interval).

NB: Some strong language, sensitive political themes.



Sat 27 April at 8pm

Jack Lukeman

Tickets: €30

Music

Jack Lukeman, aka Jack L, is one of Ireland's most enigmatic and magnificent performers. With a career spanning 25 years, fans can always expect a spectacular live performance.

Support act: Dessie Gallagher

"A mixture of all the great voices of the 20th century"

– The Guardian *****

L'Olimpiade

Irish National Opera

Tues 30 April at 7.30pm

Tickets: €32/€29, under 18s €12

Opera



Old partners, new partners, and a happy ending

Four young people, one an Olympic champion. Tangled relationships. Forbidden love, twice over. An unsuccessful assassination. An execution avoided. And a royal father who has to accept his children as they are.

INO continues its award-winning exploration of Vivaldi's operas with the work which started the 20th-century revival of the composer's works for the stage.

L'Olimpiade brims with opportunities for all seven characters, showing their personalities and feelings through arias that range from the explosive and almost instrumentally virtuosic, to the slow exploration of more tender thoughts.

L'OLIMPIADE Open Foyer

In the Open Foyer Series, Irish National Opera collaborates with local communities during its national tours. Here at An Grianán participants from HSE's Mental Health Service, Create-a-link, have created paintings inspired by the story of L'Olimpiade which will be on display in our foyer.

Sung in Italian with English surtitles.

Running time: 3 hours with interval.

[Join the conversation online with #INOlipmiade](#)

A co-production with the Royal Opera House and Nouvel Opéra Fribourg, in partnership with the Irish Baroque Orchestra.

Fri 3 May at 8pm

3 Bucks Left

Tickets: €26.50

Comedy

Join Cowboy Lavin, the biggest (and only) TikTok star of his generation, as he shares his hilarious stories about growing up in Castletown and life on the road. Cowboy will be accompanied by fellow Hardy Bucks legend Frenchtoast O'Toole, who may or may not be back on the drink. Crude, lofty, self-deprecating introspection, coupled with rowdy philosophies, and not for the faint of heart.



NB: Suitable for ages 18+.



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Sat 4 May at 8pm

Paddy McDonnell

Tickets: €20

Comedy

Following on from two sold-out shows at the Waterfront Hall and a sold-out tour across the UK and Ireland, Paddy McDonnell, one of Ireland's best storytellers, brings his new show to An Grianán. Whether giggling on his home turf of West Belfast or taking his hilarious tales of everyday life around the country, Paddy has won over audiences with his uncompromising, insightful material.

Sat 11 May at 2pm

Roar Dinosaur Experience

Tickets: €15

Family

The Roar Dinosaurs come rumbling back to An Grianán this May and promise to take you and your family on a Jurassic adventure like no other! 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.

- **Baby Dino petting zoo where visitors can pet, feed & learn about different species!**
- **Visitors will get to meet 3 large (5 metre) beasts guided by an experienced ranger!**
- **Photo opportunity in the dinosaur enclosure photo booth for a reminder of THE BEST DAY EVER!**



Women on the Verge of HRT: GBL Productions

WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF HRT

Thu 16 May at 8pm

Tickets: €27

Drama

A Northern Ireland comedy classic, *Women on the Verge of HRT* is the story of two middle-aged Belfast women, Vera and Anna who head off to Donegal on a weekend away for the annual concert by their super-star idol, Daniel O'Donnell.

They get much more than they bargained for! Feisty, racy, painful, and hilarious in all the right places, *Women On The Verge of HRT* sees terrific performances from some of Northern Ireland's most popular actors.

Will leave you in hot flushes!

Written by Marie Jones (Stones in His Pockets, A Night in November and Dancing Shoes: The George Best Story).

Running Time: 2hrs 10mins (includes interval)

NB: Recommended for ages 16+

SOUND! Festival



Thu 2 May – Sun 5 May

Sound! is a weekend-long event that celebrates the art of music and sound in film, via a series of film screenings, live performances, workshops and interactive events. Curated by Derek O'Connor (RTÉ), Stephen McCauley (BBC) and Jeremy Howard (RCC), Sound! is presented by the Regional Cultural Centre in association with An Grianán Theatre.

[See regionalculturalcentre.com/sound2024](https://www.regionalculturalcentre.com/sound2024) for more detailed listings information.

7.30pm

Thu 2 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

Ryuichi Sakamoto - Opus

Tickets: €7

9pm

Fri 3 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

The Passion of Joan of Arc with live musical accompaniment

Tickets: €12

1pm

Sat 4 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

Family Screening and Talk: Birdsong

Tickets: €5

2pm

Sat 4 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

Build + Perform Workshop with Ed Devane

Tickets: €7

2.30pm

Sat 4 May (An Grianán Theatre)

Workshop: Sounds like Star Wars - The Sound Design of a Galaxy Far Far Away

Tickets: €12 (Adult and Child ticket)

4pm

Sat 4 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

Family Matinee: The Boy and the Heron

Tickets: €5

5pm

Sat 4 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

Workshop: Composing for Film with Lankum's Ian Lynch

Tickets: €5

7pm

Sat 4 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

Evening screening: All You Need is Death

Tickets: €5

10pm

Sat 4 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

Late Night Screening: Stop Making Sense

Tickets: €5

1pm

Sun 5 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

The Sunday Gathering with Sinead Gleeson:

Hagstone and the Sounds of Folk Horror

Tickets: €5

4pm

Sun 5 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

Family Event: The Kid, with live musical accompaniment from Saint Sister's Gemma Doherty

Tickets: €10/€6

8pm

Sun 5 May (An Grianán Theatre)

The Strand Cinema: Phil Kieran with the Ulster Orchestra

Tickets: €25/€20

10pm

Sun 5 May (Regional Cultural Centre)

Closing event: DJ Dano's Sound and Vision 2.0

Tickets: €10



SOUND!
SOUNDTRACK FILM FESTIVAL

Sat 4 May at 2.30pm

Sounds like Star Wars: The Sound Design of a Galaxy Far Far Away

Tickets: €12

(covers admission for one adult and one child)

Workshop

Join filmmaker, actor, and YouTuber John D Ruddy as he explores the vast sound design of Star Wars, breaking down scenes, discovering some very surprising origins of the iconic sound effects, and indeed learning about the man who started it all, Ben Burtt. The workshop will also involve an interactive recording session where we record our own soundscape to some legendary scenes from the Star Wars saga.



Duration: 90 minutes Suitable for children ages 8+ **NB: Children must be accompanied by an adult.**



The Strand Cinema

Phil Kieran and the Ulster Orchestra

The Strand Cinema is a live audio-visual performance of music by Northern Irish DJ and music producer Phil Kieran. Members of the Ulster Orchestra will accompany the electronic composer in this one-off silver screen experience. Artists from across the worlds of film, animation, architecture, computer science and dance have interpreted the music into onscreen visualisations that explore the balance between nature and technology.

Composed in tribute to the Strand Cinema in Belfast, the music seamlessly traverses the worlds of contemporary classical to beautifully elevated dance music with a recognisably cinematic influence.

The Strand Cinema: Phil Kieran and the Ulster Orchestra

Sun 5 May at 8pm

Tickets: €25/€20

Music

Sat 18 May at 8pm

Greatest 80s Show

Tickets: €29.50

Music

This high-energy show features all of your favourite hits from the decade of neon and big hair, including songs from iconic artists like Duran Duran, a-ha and Spandau Ballet to name just a few. Take a nostalgic journey through the decade, with memorable performances of classic songs such as 'In the Air Tonight', 'Never Gonna Give You Up' and 'Together in Electric Dreams'.



Thu 23 & Fri 24 May at 8pm

John Bishop

SOLD OUT

Comedy

After two years spent TV presenting, stage acting, podcast hosting, dog walking and decorating the spare room, John is getting back to the thing he loves most; standing on stage and making people laugh. We're delighted to welcome him to An Grianán for two sold-out nights.

Sat 25 May

Africa Day

FREE EVENT

Africa Day celebrates the richness of African cultures and the contribution of people of African descent to Irish life. This family friendly event takes over An Grianán Theatre's plaza for the afternoon with lots of activities to enjoy including music, food, games, arts and crafts and much more. See our website closer to the date for further information. Presented by Donegal County Council and Donegal Intercultural Platform.



The Night Joe Dolan's Car Broke Down

Glenaduff Productions



Sat 25 May at 8pm

Tickets: €30

Drama

Comes to Donegal following sell-out runs at The Olympia Theatre and around the country.

Imagine being stranded with the legendary Joe Dolan in a rural pub in Cavan on the night his car breaks down. That's just the sort of fantasy scenario that's imagined in Padraic McIntyre's hit comedy.

Set on a stormy St. Stephen's Night, people are gathering to celebrate the 60th birthday party of the Horse Munley. As the storm worsens and people head home, a knock on the door brings the night's entertainment to a whole new level. As the play unfolds so too do personal secrets, the music, and the craic!

Running time: approximately 2 hours including interval.

Lasta Young Curators Festival



Fri 7 June – Sat 8 June

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A festival for young people by young people.

Presented by An Grianán Theatre's Young Curators:

Ciara Doherty, Clodagh McIvor and Ultan Pringle.

Fri 7 June

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1pm

Traditional Music and Toasties;

A Lunchtime Gig. Come and join us to kick off the festival with a relaxing Summer vibe, a bite of lunch & some traditional music excellence.

Sat 8 June

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1pm

Culture, Cake & Coffee: A Lunchtime Dance, Poetry and Performance Experience. Grab a coffee, a luxurious carrot cake and come and join us for some vibey lunchtime poetry, dance and literary excellence.

4pm

Sip n Paint: Prosecco And Painting Anyone? Drag Queens, pastel paints and prosecco? What's not to love? Come & paint & have the craic before joining us for our final event of the festival.



Fri 7 June at 8pm

The Hipnotic Dream with Junk Drawer & Scol

Tickets: €10

Founded on the premise of throwing shit at the wall and seeing what sticks - Scol exist between the veils of their influences, and have been accused of sounding like "beep-boppy-computer-funk-trad, with solos jumping between electric guitars and tin whistles...a trippy spinning wheel of time; of sounds old and new".

Incorporating the imprint of Krautrock, post-punk, and psychedelia, Belfast's Junk Drawer features four multi-instrumentalists & vocalists fluid in their roles. They're driven by the inevitable harmony and discordance that comes from the sibling creative rivalry at the helm, and remain one of the most dynamic, exciting bands you're likely to catch live.

Sat 8 June 7.30pm

A Very Big Gorgeous Theatre Evening featuring Aoife Sweeney O'Connor, Scaredy Fat and more

Tickets: €15/€12



An Evening with Wee Daniel

Local writer and actor Aoife Sweeney O'Connor presents a work in progress performance of their uproariously funny new play, An Evening with Wee Daniel.

This one person show explores growing up queer in Dungloe, grief and an unironic love of Daniel O'Donnell. A stalwart of the Irish comedy scene, Aoife has performed at every major Irish club and festival, and they are the co-creator of the popular Crash Comedy Club.

Scaredy Fat

Scaredy's working the late shift at the cinema. Tonight's schedule? Horror movie sexual awakenings of yesteryear. Lost in steamy recollections of Jesse Walsh dancing, Carrie and Tommy at the prom and the sinful duo of Ryan Philippe and Freddie Prinze Jr., Scaredy should be in ecstasy but evil horror host Count Calories keeps cutting in on the fun. It's finally time for Scaredy to face their fears and stop being such a big Scaredy Fat.

NB: suitable for ages 16+. Strong language/content

With art installations, short instalment podcasts and much much more to be announced.
[See angrianan.com for further updates.](http://angrianan.com)

Chronicles of Long Kesh

GBL Productions



Fri 14 June at 8pm

Tickets: €27

Drama

The hilarious, painful and shocking story of Northern Ireland's infamous prison — Long Kesh — is told through the eyes of prison officers, Republicans and Loyalists, a rich assortment of patriots, chancers, leaders, wives, escapers and hypochondriacs

A huge crowd-pleaser, full of 1960's Mo-Town songs and wild, irreverent humour, this is the inside story of The Troubles.

"A must-see!" — Sunday Times

Running Time: 2hrs 10mins (includes interval)

NB: Recommended for ages 16+

Thu 13 June at 8pm

Enya Martin

Tickets: €27

Comedy

“Enya Is A Comedic Machine” – Joanne McNally

Following her sold-out show at Vicar Street, Enya Martin brings her new show Is It Just Me to An Grianán. Regarded as one of the best live stand-up comedians in Ireland, selling out multiple shows in multiple venues, Enya’s career took off when she started sharing short comedy videos on her Facebook page Giz A Laugh. Her comedy is fuelled and sparked by her very keen observations of life in her native Clondalkin in Dublin. Her show is upbeat, lively and just simply hilarious.



NB: Suitable for ages 18+



Sat 15 June at 3pm and 7pm

Fusion Donegal Dance Showcase

Tickets: €15, Family of Four €55

Family

Fusion Dance Donegal take to the stage with their fun packed, versatile showcase of dance, high energy and spirited entertainment. Dancers ranging from ages 5 to 30 will have you dancing the night away with their high energy, passion and performances. Come along for a family treat, you will not regret it!

Fri 28 & Sat 29 June at 7pm, Saturday matinee at 2pm

Wonderland: ZoNa Dance Company

Tickets: €18, Family of Four €60. Matinee: €14

Family

Wonderland promises a spellbinding journey through Lewis Carroll’s beloved tale. Through captivating choreography, stunning costumes, and an evocative soundscape, the dancers will bring to life the iconic characters of Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat, and many more. This reimagined classic will weave together elements of ballet, contemporary, and jazz dance, creating a visually stunning and thrilling experience for audiences of all ages.



Fri 5 & Sat 6 July at 8pm

Onóir

SOLD OUT

Music

The unstoppable Onóir return to An Grianán after a triumphant nationwide tour. Tom McHugh from Inver, Frosses native Declan Gaughan, Mountcharles' Dean James and Diarmaid McGee from Ballintra make up Onóir - a quartet that went viral during lockdown with their powerful rendition of the The Auld Triangle.



Wed 31 July at 2pm

The Ultimate Bubble Show: Paris Bubbles

Tickets: €12

Family

Experience the best in soap bubble entertainment! International Bubbleologist and Guinness World Record Holder Ray is back as he continues his quest to create the ultimate bubble. Watch in amazement as Ray creates volcano bubbles, a soap bubble carousel, a bubble ghost and even a tornado inside a bubble. This is a fast-paced show full of high energy and surprises as Ray uses different gases to create incredible bubble sculptures, effects and magical displays.

Running time: 60 mins

Earagail Arts Festival



Events at An Grianán

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Earagail Arts Festival is Donegal's premier summer festival on the Wild Atlantic Way and features 16 days of music, theatre, visual arts, film, literature, circus & carnival from 13 to 28 July 2024.

[See eaf.ie](http://eaf.ie) for more details.

Thu 11 to Sat 13 July at 8pm

Boyfriends by Ultan Pringle: LemonSoap Productions

Drama Tickets: €16/€12

Following a three-month affair between two anonymous men, *Boyfriends* charts the ups and downs and roundabouts of a modern situationship. As they swing through four million one hundred and ninety one thousand possibilities of what they might mean to one another, through time, sex, Madonna songs, nightclubs, period dramas and calorie counting, *Boyfriends* asks us to ponder on that age old question: what the f*ck is romance anyway?

NB: suitable for ages 16+

Presented by LemonSoap Productions in association with An Grianán Theatre and Project Arts Centre

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Written by Ultan Pringle

Directed by Joy Nesbitt

Starring Emmanuel Okoye and Ultan Pringle

Set design by Choy-Ping Ni Chléirigh-Ng 吳彩萍

Sound Design by HK Ní Shioradáin

Lighting Design by Owen Clarke

Costume Design by Toni Bailey

Assistant Director Praise Titus

Stage Management by Ross Smith

Production Management by Molly McAvoy

Assistant Producer Dave Kelly

Producer Lisa Nally



Tue 16 July at 8pm

Muireann Bradley

Tickets: €20

Music

The Donegal finger-picking guitarist and singer, who rose to fame following her show-stopping appearance on Jools Holland's Annual Hootenanny on New Year's Eve 2023 performs at An Grianáin as part of the Earagail Arts Festival. The Ballybofey native, who primarily performs country, ragtime and Piedmont-style blues from the 1920s and 1930s, released her debut album On I Kept These Old Blues to wide acclaim in December 2023.



Sat 20 July at 8pm

West Ocean String Quartet: 25th Anniversary Concert

Tickets: €25/€20

Music

The West Ocean String Quartet are Seamus McGuire & Niamh Crowley, violins, Kenneth Rice, viola and Neil Martin, cello. In 1999, The West Ocean String Quartet set sail on what has become an endlessly fascinating journey of experimentation

and collaboration, of seeking out other ways, of finding their own voice. Along the way they have shared stages and studios with some of the very finest – Christy Moore, Liam O'Flynn, Stephen Rea, Maighread Ní Dhomhnaill, Matt Molloy, Iarla Ó Lionáird, Brian Kennedy, Cathal Ó Searcaigh and Eimear Quinn.

To mark their 25th anniversary they will be joined by some very special guests for this celebratory concert. Already confirmed are Maighread Ní Dhomhnaill and Jack Warnock with more to be announced.

Irish Aerial Dance Fest 2024

For two weeks every summer the Irish Aerial Dance Fest welcomes performers from all over the world to take part in masterclasses, workshops and performances in aerial dance. Now in its 15th year, the festival is run by Fidget Feet Aerial Dance in conjunction with An Grianán Theatre and Donegal County Council. [Find out more at irishaerialdancefest.com](http://irishaerialdancefest.com).



Wed 24 July at 8pm

'In the Fire' by Holly Treddenick: Femmes du Feu Creations

Tickets: €10

Memories, trauma, self-discovery, ageing, and love are sparked with In The Fire as circus performer Holly Treddenick pays tribute to her father's experience as a firefighter. What starts with a firefighter's coat, pants, and boots explodes into a multidisciplinary aerial and dance show that captures the evolution of a father/daughter relationship and pays homage to everyone who has lost someone or something to the fire. We acknowledge the support of the Canada Council for the Arts.

Running time: 60 minutes **NB: not suitable for younger children.**

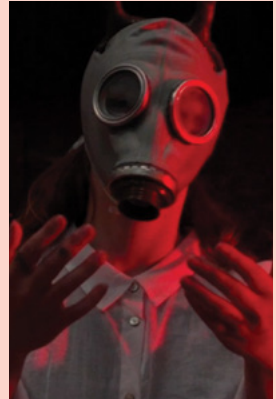
Fri 26 July at 8pm

Jumpstart Double Bill: 'MAKOSH' by Polina Shapkina and
'One Hundred Thousand Years' by Ashton

Tickets €10 or 2 for €15

In Makosh, a tentative battle plays out between the protagonist PSYCHE who is faced with the challenge of incorporating the deepest parts of herself – this hidden and dark unconscious represented by a second dancer: SHADOW. ORDER is embodied by the third performer. One Hundred Thousand Years is a joyful exploration of time and nature, using vertical dance, theatre and multi-sensory installation. Inspired by the natural environments of the West Coast of Ireland.

The JumpStart Consortium is Earagail Arts Festival, Cairde Sligo Arts Festival, Fidget Feet's Irish Aerial Dance Festival and the ISACS Network



Sat 27 July at 7pm

Emma Insley Cabaret Night

Tickets €10 or 2 for €15

The Emma Insley Cabaret celebrates 15 years of the Irish Aerial Dance Festival with this curated selection of performances from aerial dancers participating in the festival. The winners of the Emma Insley Aerial Creation Fund will also perform.

Fri 2 & Sat 3 August at 8pm

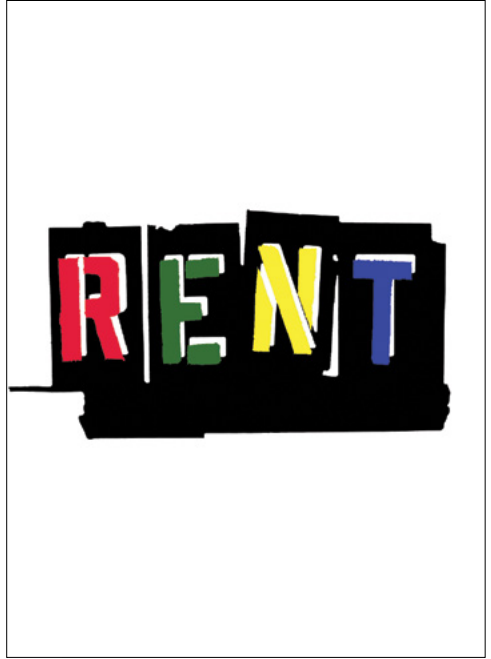
Rent: Letterkenny Music and Drama Group

Tickets: €24/€22

Musical

As part of Letterkenny Pride the LMDG presents the pop cultural phenomenon Rent. Based loosely on Puccini's La Boheme, Rent follows a year in the life of a group of impoverished young artists, musicians, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS in the late 1980s. Rent is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today.

NB: Recommended for ages 15+.
Strong language, mature themes.



Sat 3 August

Letterkenny Pride

FREE EVENT

Last year was historical. This year it's a Letterkenny tradition. Yes! Letterkenny Pride is back for its second outing. Here at An Grianán we'll have an afternoon of fun for all ages including the Pride parade. [Check our website closer to the time for more information.](#)

Fri 30 August at 8pm

Ireland: The Show

Tickets: €32

Variety

Now seen by a live audience of over 250000 to nightly standing ovations and rave reviews! Featuring an all-star Irish cast of the Emerald Isle's most talented award-winning performers including Gary Gamble, Ritchie Remo, Elaine Boyle, Keltic Storm, and the Gael Force Irish dancers with their high energy jigs and reels! This unmissable production will take you on a journey through the decades of a globally loved culture and will showcase songs from the legendary Dubliners, Makem and Clancy and The Pogues to name but a few. If it's all things Irish you like, then this is certainly the show for you.



Fri 6 September at 8pm

Serena Terry

SOLD OUT

Comedy

After the incredible success of her first stand up UK and Ireland tour, Serena Terry is going back on the road in 2024 with a brand new show and even bigger venues. Serena will take audiences through the trials and tribulations of being a working mum, how she's coping with a new career, mental health, marriage and perimenopause.

NB: Suitable for ages 18+

Thu 12 September at 8pm

A Night at the Opry

Tickets: €32

Music

Starring Johnny Brady, Claudia Buckley and John Hogan.

Enjoy a fantastic evening with three of Ireland's biggest and best Country stars, as they present some of the most well known songs of Country Music. Sing along with iconic hits from Don Williams, Johnny Cash, Tammy Wynette, John Denver, Hank Williams, Jim Reeves, Vince Gill and many more. With a few stories and some fun moments, come along, sit back and sing along to your favourite Country Music hit songs, with Ireland's brightest and best.



Sat 14 September at 8pm

Rory's Stories: Keep 'Er Lit

Tickets: €29

Comedy

Rory is back on the road with his brand new show, 'Keep 'Er Lit', as he tries to navigate and survive in this ever changing world. He will take you into his home and life with his relatable humour and unique storytelling ability, as he speaks about growing up in simpler times, winging it, and life as a parent to three...even when feeling like a child himself! Rory will share his experiences and thoughts on managing our minds, challenging fear and why it's important to never lose the madness!

NB: Suitable for ages 16+.

Tues 17 & Wed 18 September at 11am, 12pm and 2pm

Anna Newell & Riverbank Arts Centre: An Attempt to Talk with the Beginning of the World

Tickets: €12 (one baby and one adult)

Early years

Created by Ireland's leading babytheatremaker along with a team of award-winning artists, AN ATTEMPT TO TALK WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD is a luminous world full of playful up-close dance, intriguing immersive sound and light and many many ping pong balls!

**An immersive dance show for babies
aged 3–12 months**



GLORY DAYS

Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band

Born In The USA
40th Anniversary Tour

Sat 21 September at 8pm

Glory Days: A Tribute to Bruce Springsteen

Tickets: €29

Music

Rockin' into An Grianán this September is the ultimate Bruce Springsteen tribute band, Glory Days. This incredible 6 piece band embodies the iconic living legend's music and celebrates all his greatest hits, from 'Born in The USA' to more recent releases like 'Letter To You'. 2024 is the 40th anniversary of the release of the album Born In The USA and Glory Days are going to play it from start to finish, as well as many of Springsteen other classic songs.



An Grianán Supports

An Grianán isn't just about the performances you witness on our stage.

Writer in Residence

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This year we have welcomed Ultan Pringle to the team as our Writer in Residence for 2024.

Ultan is a writer, actor and theatre maker from Killybegs. He is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin and a founding member of LemonSoap Productions. His previous work includes the audio drama *Marmalade Row* (2021) with The New Theatre & An Grianán Theatre, the radio series *Fruit* (2023) starring Aidan Gillen, Linda Martin & Kathy Kiera Clarke, and *Pistachio* (2024) with three time Oscar nominee Piper Laurie.

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Theatre productions of his work include *It Is Good We Are Dreaming* (2022) and *Piglet* (2023) with The New Theatre and the upcoming *Boyfriends* (2024) with the Project Arts Centre and An Grianán Theatre. As a writer he wrote on the 24Hr Plays 2024 with the Abbey Theatre.

As An Grianán's Writer In Residence for 2024, Ultan's work will involve engaging with the writing community in County Donegal and the North-West and cultivating a range of supports, services and conversations between those writers and An Grianán. He will support the development of new plays through dramaturgical engagement, creative conversations and funding strategizing. He will also be under commission with An Grianán to work on a new play set in rural Donegal which asks the question of where is our county at now?

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Young Curators Programme

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As well as being our writer in residence, Ultan is one of our Young Curators for 2023/24. Since last autumn Ultan has worked alongside his fellow Young Curators Ciara Doherty and Clodagh McIvor in curating our Lasta Young Curators Festival which will take place this June. They have come up with an exciting and jam-packed few days of theatre, music, film and much more. The Young Curators programme aims to give young people between the ages of 18 and 25 experience in working in the arts, especially those interested in venue and festival management and programming.



Eire 32

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Artist Anthony Keigher will be working in partnership with An Grianán on an ambitious large-scale, community theatre project called Eire 32 which will be exploring the power of democracy, futurism and aims to reimagine what a 'New Ireland' might look like in the year 2032. By engaging with the 32 counties on the island of Ireland, we will explore the unbreakable relationship that exists between modern pop music and the democratic society that produces, consumes and gets inspiration from it. Anthony will be doing a call out for Donegal artists to help develop the project in a week-long workshop at the beginning of July 2024.

6 Weeks to Sundance

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An Grianán will also be supporting writers Oisín Kearney and Michael Patrick of *My Left Nut*, *The Alternative* and *The Border Game*. They will spend two days this summer workshopping their play *6 Weeks to Sundance*, a comedy about the Battle of Pettigo, with a number of local actors including Patrick McBrearty. We aim to develop the script for production in 2025.

We will also be hosting our IMC Navigator Jazz artist residency and the North West Dance Artist Residency again.

An Grianán Youth Theatre

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Our senior youth theatre will present a stage version of classic children's novel *The Secret Garden* at the end of May. This will be the biggest production they've presented since 2020's *Bugsy Malone* and our technical team is working hard at turning our stage into a beautiful garden. We'll be announcing the dates very soon!

Our junior youth theatre will present a *Willy Wonka* inspired piece of immersive theatre for *Cruinniú na nÓg* on Sat 15 June.



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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