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# ANGRIANÁN THEATRE

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THEATRE

# 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 5pm 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.



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- 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**

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**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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Fri 6 September at 8pm

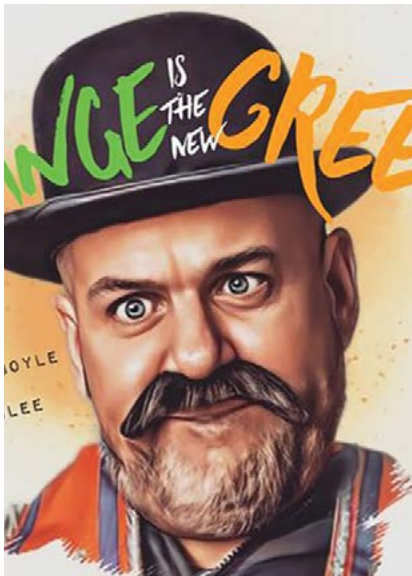
## Serena Terry: All Tied Up

Tickets: €22

**Comedy**

After the incredible success of her first UK and Ireland tour, Mammy Banter's Serena Terry is back on the road in 2024 with a brand new show. 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+**



Sat 7 September at 8pm

## Orange is the New Green

Tickets: €22, 4 for €80

**Comedy**

The hilarious look at the life of Ireland's only Catholic Orangeman! Starring Ronan Boyle, Strabanter & The Boiler Room Comedy Club, Orange is the New Green catches up with Liam just as he is wrestling with his new identity, shining a comic spotlight on the challenges he faces and the reaction from his fellow Strabanimals. Boasting a cocktail of characters including the Parish Priest, the Orange Lodge Grand Master, the Nosey Neighbour, the local IRA unit and many more, it's chock full of references to 1980s culture and the stigmas and stereotypes of a small border town.

**Recommended age 16+**

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.



**NB: Suitable for ages 16+.**

Sat 14 September at 8pm

## Rory's Stories: Keep 'Er Lit

Tickets: €29

**Comedy**

Rory O'Connor 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 stories 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!

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

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

Tickets: €12 (admits 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.**



Fri 20 September from 7.30pm

## Culture Night: Culture Connects!

### FREE EVENT

We celebrate creativity and community with this evening of new theatre, songs, music and dance. From 8.30pm to 10.30pm we'll host a cabaret in our foyer with our MC DJ Future Moyo featuring African Male Voices, Indian cultural dancers, African songs and an Ukrainian Choir. This year will include an exciting debut performance from artists engaged on the Artist/Mentor programme delivered by Donegal Arts Service in partnership with An Grianán Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and ATU Letterkenny. Emerging artists will get the opportunity to collaborate with professional theatre makers, writers and visual artists to stage their work. There will also be a free ukulele workshop with Tracy Friel from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.



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 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.

Thu 26 Sept at 8pm

## The Marian Hotel: Sole Purpose Productions

Tickets: €20/€15

**Drama**

**It's 1979, Kitty is pregnant. She is on her own, not by choice. She arrives in a mother and baby home. Nothing could have prepared her for this. The young women hold each other up with sharp, dark humour against the backdrop of the war in the North of Ireland. Where do the babies go? No one talks about it, no one dares.**

The Marian Hotel is based on Caitriona Cunningham's lived experience of being in Marianvale Mother and Baby home in Newry. Developed over a year with Dramaturg Emily DeDakis and a cast of stellar local actors, it is a searing portrayal of a dark time in Irish history, set to a 70s/80s soundtrack. The magnificent cast lead by Aoibh Johnson (just returned from Edinburgh Fringe with the acclaimed *The Daughters of Róisín*) will take you on a journey that is mesmerising and intensely moving. There has been no inquiry as yet in the North of Ireland. This play is a call to all impacted to come forward and raise their voices so that they may never again be silenced and shamed for being human.



Supported by Arts Council NI Commissioning Programme, Heritage Fund, Foyle Foundation



Fri 27 September at 8pm

## The Ultimate Classic Rock Show

Tickets: €35

**Music**

Dust off your air guitars as the Ultimate Classic Rock Show returns after last year's sold out show for another evening of 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, with stunning accuracy and high energy, accompanied by an incredible light and projection show. 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!



Sat 28 September at 8pm

## David O'Doherty: Tiny Piano Man

Tickets: €25

**Comedy**

Our favourite dishevelled prince of €10 eBay keyboards returns with his latest stand up show Tiny Piano Man - expect laughter, song and occasionally getting up from a chair. It's gonna be a big one.

Star of 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown (Channel 4), Live At The Apollo (BBC) and Along For the Ride with David O'Doherty (Channel 4).

**"Rarely a moment when the audience isn't buckled over in laughter"**

– Time Out



**NB: Suitable ages 16+**



Thu 3 October at 8pm

## Dr David Coleman: Helping Children and Teenagers Cope with Anxiety

Tickets: €27

**Talks**

Anxiety is a normal and important part of our lives. We need to be able to get anxious to keep safe, but sometimes teenagers and children can get so anxious that it prevents them from doing regular things in their everyday lives. In this presentation, David will focus on understanding how anxiety affects children, teenagers and families and will give concrete and practical tips for how to help children deal with the stresses and pressures in their lives.

**The presentation, which will be approximately 1 hour long, will be followed by Q&A session with the audience.**

**NB: Suitable ages 18+**

Fri 4 October at 8pm

## On Our Way to Lisbon: Isosceles Theatre Co

Tickets: €20/€15

**Drama**

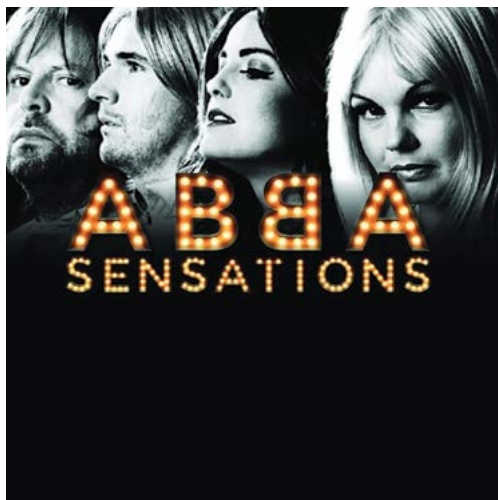
**Glasgow Celtic's 1967 European Cup win is one of the great sporting legends of all time.**

This amazing feat has been turned into a spectacular two-man play by Patrick Prior which sees two fans recreate the epic campaign by Jock Stein's young team who swept aside the best that Europe had to offer. The two actors, Pat Abernethy and Dave Marsden, play everyone - players, crowds, commentators, managers, in a masterpiece of story-telling, including some hilarious slow-motion sequences. The glory of the famous victory is set against the drab reality of their Glasgow existence... was Celtic's victory the best moment of their lives? Over the last few years, the play has thrilled audiences in Scotland, Ireland, England and Las Vegas, gathering rave reviews, awards and standing ovations.



**Running time: 65 minutes.**

**NB: Not recommended for under 10s.**



Sat 5 October at 8pm

## ABBA Sensations

Tickets: €27

**Music**

A Super Trouper entertaining night is 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, Mamma Mia, Waterloo, Thank You For The Music, Take A Chance On Me, SOS and many more.**

Thu 10 October at 8pm

## An Evening with Wee Daniel:

Aoife Sweeney O'Connor

Tickets: €10

**Drama**

**Experience the magic of Daniel O'Donnell live in concert... almost!**

Join Aoife for an absurdist autobiographical cabaret as they celebrate quare identity, growing up in Donegal, and their unironic obsession with wee Daniel. From their first meeting with Daniel as a baby, to a surprise appearance at their mother's funeral.

This is not a piss take, it's a rapturous love letter to the rural queer non-binary experience, to mummies and to our Daniel.

You'll laugh, you'll cry, and g'wan, you'll have a cup of tea.

**Developed at FRINGE LAB. Supported by An Grianán Theatre and Stoke Improv.**



Fri 11 October at 8pm

## Conal Gallen in: After Ours

Tickets: €30

**Drama**

Conal Gallen and his son Rory have done it again with another rip-roaring, outrageously funny comedy play. AFTER OURS is the hilarious story of how the infamous Bridie Murphy (played by Conal Gallen), and her hapless husband Willie, have inherited their very own pub. Not only do they not have a clue what they are doing, they enlist the help of their equally clueless best friend Betty Head and her dim-witted son, Dick to help bring the pub into the 21st century. What could possibly go wrong?! This show will have you in stitches from start to finish! Spare underwear is highly recommended!

**NB: Suitable ages 16+**

# Aurora

## – A Modern Myth by Dominic Montague

Prime Cut Productions

**Thu 17 October at 8pm**

Tickets: €20/€15

**Drama**

**“You can’t collaborate with a tree. We don’t care about the tree. Well. Isn’t that just the heart of the matter...”**

Cass is on a mission to save her friend. They’ve been close since childhood and she’s the type to do anything for her mates, even when the mate in question is a tree.

She has a plan, an industrial strength chain, and... well that’s enough to begin with.

Set in a fictional Irish village following the opening of a new gold mine Aurora: A Modern Myth follows Cass’ protest as she and those around her (human and otherwise) grapple with what comes next for us and the planet we call home.

Utilising cutting edge gaming animation and immersive theatrical visuals this is a genre bending experience where different realities smash together. Brought to you by the multi – award winning Prime Cut Productions this new work by Dominic Montague is sure to be a highlight of An Grianan’s 2024 programme.

Running time: approx 2 hours.

Suitable ages 16+.



Sat 12 October at 8pm

## A Night of One Act Plays:

Letterkenny Music and Drama Group

Tickets: €18/€15

**Drama**

One night, three short plays. Robert Iles' *Towpath* is a poignant comedy with an all-female cast where a lone woman finds herself at the centre of a growing group of strangers. *Cider Park* by Kieran Kelly looks at three friends forced to confront their past while Jimmy Keary's *No Smoke Without Fire* tells the story of a woman who suspects her husband is having an affair.



Sun 20 October at 2pm

## Adventures on Old MacDonald's Farm:

Dream World Promotions

Tickets: €14

**Family**

Join us down on Old MacDonald's Farm for fun, songs and excitement. Friendly Sammy Scarecrow is enjoying his first day on Old MacDonald's Farm and loves meeting all of the colourful characters that live there. When a mystery unfolds on the farm, can you help Scarecrow find out what's going on? With an original script and brand new songs written for this production, along with many singalong favourites, this professionally produced show brought to you by DreamWorld Promotions is a thrill for younger children.

**Suitable ages 1 - 7 years. Running time: 75 minutes including 1 interval.**

# Floating on a Dead Sea:

Catherine Young Dance

Sat 19 October at 8pm

Tickets: €20/€15

Dance

**Floating on a Dead Sea is inspired by Catherine Young's experience visiting Palestine with her dance company in 2017 and again in 2019. This is Young's immersive and visceral reflection on life in the West Bank prior to the 2023/24 war, interweaving dance, film, live music and text.**

Prior to the performance, there will be a screening of *Floating on a Dead Sea* (documentary), created in collaboration with Luca Truffarelli, an intensely powerful film offering a glimpse into life under occupation in Palestine in 2019.

The film was created in 2020, when lockdown threatened the development of the live performance.

**“Irish dance making at its best; political, urgent and intelligent”** - RTÉ Arena

**Floating on a Dead Sea was originally commissioned by the Dublin Dance Festival and premiered at DDF Winter Edition in 2021. Floating on a Dead Sea is presented in association with the Backstage Theatre and funded by the Arts Council Touring Award with the support of Town Hall Theatre Galway.**

**Documentary Screening + Live Performance.**

Wed 30 October at 8pm

Gig for Gaza

Variety

Variety concert featuring music and much more in aid of medical aid for Palestinians. [See angrianan.com](http://See.angrianan.com) for further info.



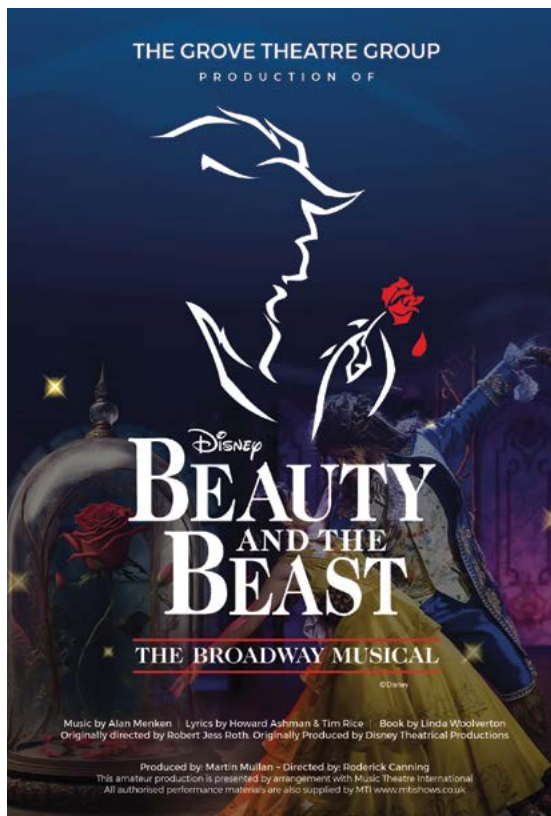
Thu 24 to Sun 27 October. Thu to Sat at 7.30pm.  
Matinees Sat & Sun at 2.30pm

## Beauty and the Beast: Grove Theatre Group

Tickets: €19

**Musical**

Step into the magical world of Broadway classic Disney's Beauty and the Beast as the Grove Theatre Group brings this much-loved family musical to An Grianán for the first time. Filled with favourite songs and loveable characters, Beauty and the Beast will be a enchanting show for all the family.



Thu 31 October at 12pm

## Jackula: Brilliant Promotions

Tickets: €12

**Family**

A spooky treat for Halloween! Being a vampire sucks, but being Dracula's younger brother is driving Jackula batty. Join Jackula on a spooktacular quest to step out of his older brother's shadow and become the world's first fun vampire. Laugh as Jackula makes his pet ghost dance. Gasp as Jackula balances a stack of five glasses of water on his face. Smile as children help him perform spellbinding tricks. An inspirational tale of being true to oneself and following your dreams. Enjoy magic, juggling, and tricks that entertain the whole family.

**Running time: 80 minutes.**

**Suitable ages 4 to 12 and their families.**

**Come along in costume to be in with a chance of winning a ShopLK voucher for €100.**

Fri 1 to Sun 3 November

## Letterkenny One Act Festival

**Drama**

Over three days 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 each. For more details and the full line up please check [angrianan.com](http://angrianan.com) closer to the date.



Fri 8 November at 8pm

## Mack Fleetwood

Tickets: €29

**Music**

Europe's premier tribute to the supergroup Fleetwood Mac Returns to An Grianán Theatre after yet another sellout show. Mack Fleetwood will bring you on a memorable musical journey from the Peter Green blues era to the multi-platinum selling band that still tour today.

Wed 13 November at 8pm

## Phil Coulter

Tickets: €40

**Music**

"I don't let the old man in", explains Phil Coulter, quoting his hero Clint Eastwood on how, at 82, he's keeping his pedal to the metal with a brand new autumn tour. In his new show LEGACY he takes a fresh look back into 60 years at the top of his game – so much music, so many songs, so many new stories, distilled into two hours of vintage gold. Bringing their own special magic to the proceeding are his special guests George Hutton and Geraldine Branagan, proven favourites with Phil's fans.





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Thu 14 November at 8pm

## Deirdre O'Kane: O'Kaning It

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Tickets: €28

**Comedy**

Comedic fireball Deirdre O'Kane is mad for road, mercilessly mining hilarity from the human condition. Will she conquer the chaos or revel in it? Tame the mayhem or "O'Kane it"? Either way you're in for a night of relentless laughs fuelled by warped personal insight.




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Fri 15 November at 8pm

## Robert Mizzell's Nashville Songbook

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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!




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Sun 24 November at 8pm

## Sounding the Peninsula: Inishowen Trad Choir and Guests

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Tickets: €22/€17

**Music**

The Inishowen Peninsula is home to a rich and enduring tradition of unaccompanied singing, with songs carried for generations through individual singers & families. 'Sounding the Peninsula' pays tribute to these singers, and the collectors who have documented their legacy, in a unique evening of traditional song arranged for solo voice and the Inishowen Trad Choir (under the direction of the Henry Girls' Lorna McLaughlin). They'll be joined by special guests Nell Ní Chróinín (TG4 Singer of the Year), Niall Hanna (TG4 Singer of the Year), Rita Gallagher (TG4 Singer of the Year) and John Francis Flynn (RTÉ Radio 1 Folk Awards Best Folk Singer). Each singer will perform songs sung and collected in Inishowen, specially arranged by Gerry Cullen (The Voice Squad), Ruth Clinton (Landless), Neil Burns, and Joleen McLaughlin (The Henry Girls).



**This project is funded by the Arts Council of Ireland and Donegal County Council.**

# An Grianán 25th Anniversary



12 years in planning, 18 months in building, the dream of having a theatre in Letterkenny finally became a reality in October 1999. This year we celebrate 25 years of entertaining the North West with a special gala concert and exhibition as well as a performance from CoisCéim Dance Theatre, who were one of the first companies to perform on our stage. The theme of generations will run throughout the events and will pay homage to the generations of talent and audiences that have been, and to look forward to what's still to come.

## SPECIAL EVENT

Sat 23 November at 8pm

## 25th Anniversary Gala Concert

**We celebrate our 25th anniversary with this very special gala concert.**

An Grianán has always been a collaborative hub for the arts community in the North West and this concert will be a celebration of this.

Among the groups performing will be the Letterkenny Musical Society, the Letterkenny Music and Drama Group, and the Letterkenny Pantomime Society.

**There will also be some very special guests including Clannad legend Moya Brennan, Little John Nee and the Henry Girls, with more to be announced.**

## DANCE

Thu 7 November at 8pm

**The Piece With the Drum by David Bolger: CoisCéim Dance Theatre**

Tickets: €20/€15



**We are delighted to welcome back CoisCéim Dance Theatre, who were one of the very first companies to perform on our stage back in October 1999. To mark the occasion this performance will be preceded by a complimentary drinks reception from 7pm for all ticket holders and will be followed by live music in the foyer from the Szabó-Yélamo String Duo.**

We vibrate, we vibrate, hearts pumping, rhythm jumping,  
Drumming up the earth's vibrations,  
Infusing our heartbeat, our breath...

Pulsating with theatrical magic, THE PIECE WITH THE DRUMS is a driving dance narrative between dancer and percussion. Directed and choreographed by David Bolger, with music, beats and everything in between by pioneering Jazz percussionist Conor Guilfoyle, this exhilarating work is a colourful exploration of relationships, spirituality, and our connection to rhythm, life and the cosmos.

**Don't miss this evening of humour and swift sharp dancing from a cast of exceptional artists.**

## EXHIBITION

From Sat 2 November

**The Story of An Grianán Theatre**

FREE ADMISSION

**An exhibition of memories and memorabilia marking 25 years of An Grianán.**

Curated by Harriet Purkis, this exhibition tells the story of the theatre in a series of chapters that will lead the viewer through our rich history of drama, dance, comedy, music and so much more.

As well as photographs and video, the exhibition will feature posters, props and costumes from past productions.



# A Christmas Carol: Being a Ghost Story of Christmas

Dyad Productions

Wed 27 November at 8pm

Tickets: €20/€15

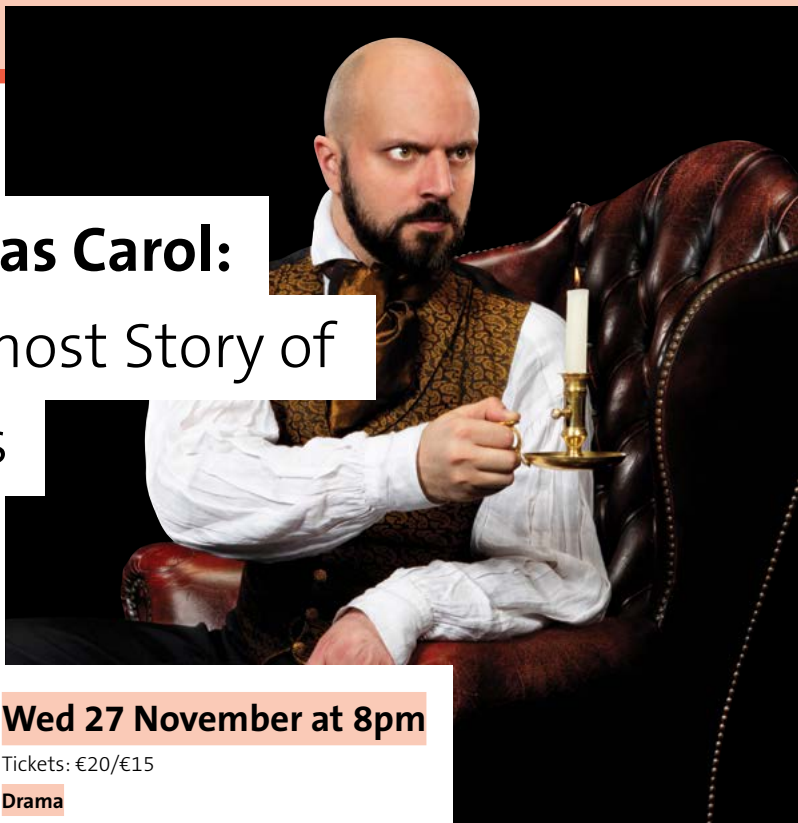
Drama

It's Christmas Eve, and the miserly misanthrope, Ebenezer Scrooge, is about to have a ghostly night he'll never forget. Draw near for an evening of mistletoe and merriment in the company of Marley, Fezziwig, and Cratchit et al to discover the true meaning of Christmas: tenderness for the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future.

Ebenezer lives in us all, and this glorious tale reminds us how not to give in to the Scrooge within.

Dickens' festive, immortal tale of redemption and compassion is brought to life by the award winning Dyad Productions (Austen's Women, Female Gothic). Taking inspiration from Dickens' original performances of his own work and utilising the brilliant narrator of the novel to bring the story to life, this solo piece is performed by Andrew Margerison (Frantic Assembly's Fatherland, Macbeth), and directed by Rebecca Vaughan.

\*\*\*\*\* 'Intelligently adapted, beautifully performed... entrancing' - British Theatre Guide



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Fri 29 November at 8pm

## Essentially Cher

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Tickets: €29.50

### Music

Trisha McCluney, star of BBC1's I Can See Your Voice, is ESSENTIALLY CHER and quite simply the closest to the iconic Goddess of Pop you will find. She'll be joined by her six piece band for their first gig at An Grianán. From the moment she takes to the stage in her customised black catsuit, leather jacket and mass of black curly hair, to how she matches Cher's vocals, mannerisms and stage presence, get ready to Turn back Time with Trisha for the most authentic and exciting Cher experience!



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Sat 30 November at 8pm

## Brendan Quinn

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Tickets: €29.50

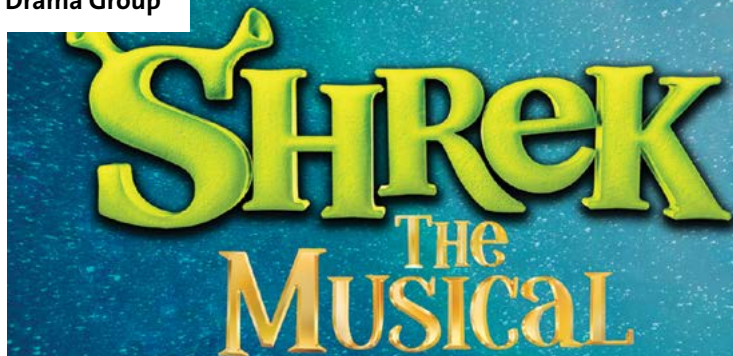
### Music

Country legend Brendan Quinn marks his 60 year journey in the music industry with this special concert where he'll be joined by a live band and numerous musical contemporaries as his special guests. The starry lineup includes Philomena Begley, James Quinn, Steve Cooney and Dermot Byrne. Join us for this extraordinary night to commemorate 60 years of musical memories in the presence of what many consider to be one of the most iconic figures in the Irish music industry.

**It's a celebration you won't want to miss!**

# Shrek the Musical:

Letterkenny Music and Drama Group



**Tue 3 to Sat 7 December at 7.30pm,  
matinee Sat at 2.30pm**

Tickets: Tues to Thu €25/€22, Fri/Sat €25. Matinee €25/€22,  
family of four €75.

**Musical**

**Join the Letterkenny Music and Drama Group as they bring the beloved tale of Shrek to life.**

Follow the adventures of everyone's favourite ogre as he sets off on a quest to rescue Princess Fiona with the help of his wisecracking sidekick Donkey and a band of unforgettable, quirky fairytale creatures. With toe-tapping music, hilarious wit, dazzling choreography, and heartwarming moments, Shrek the Musical will be a magical experience for the whole family.

Tues 10 December at 7.30pm

## Cabaret na Comhairle: Christmas Cheer Concert

Tickets: €10

**Variety**

The Staff, Elected Members, Family and Friends of Donegal County Council will 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. There will also be a 'Surprise Act' on the night. A collection will be made for a local charity. 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, Health & Wellbeing & DCC Staff Social Club.**



Wed 11 December at 10:30am

## Caith Amach É: High Rock Productions

Tickets: €14

**Schools**

High Rock Productions presents Caith Amach É, a smash hit comedy based on the Leaving Cert Irish Oral picture sequences. It's a fast-paced, physical, comic sketch show covering each of the 20 sraith pictiúir for the 2024 Leaving Cert Irish Oral Examination. It's accessible to students of all levels.

**"I couldn't recommend this show highly enough. It gave inspiration and self-confidence to students as they prepare for the oral exam."** - Darren Breathnach, Colaiste Pobail Castelknock

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Thu 12 December at 8pm

## Mary Coughlan

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Tickets: €32

### Music

It's hard to believe that 4 decades have passed since Mary Coughlan went into the studio to record her debut album 'Tired and Emotional'. That album led to appearances on The Late Late Show, a hit single with 'Delaney's Gone Back On The Wine', and led to Mary establishing her position as the First Lady of Jazz and Blues in Ireland. Heavily inspired by Billie Holiday and Bessie Smith, she also embraces rock, folk, and chanson (Edith Piaf) influences in her work.

**"Mary is a living link between Billie Holliday and Amy Winehouse"** - Uncut




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Fri 13 December at 8pm

## Draíocht na hÓige Folk Orchestra and An Teach Ceoil's Winter Showcase

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Tickets: €17

### Music

This special event features performances by talented young musicians, with special guests Grainne Gavigan, Donegal Youth Choir and many more. Experience a diverse program of traditional, classical and contemporary pieces, showcasing the hard work and dedication of the young people of Donegal. Celebrate the joy of music and community spirit as we come together to warm the long winter night with unforgettable melodies.



Sat 14 December at 8pm

## Anne Gildea:

### How to Get the Menopause and Enjoy It

Tickets: €22

**Comedy**

Anne Gildea brings her fabulous, informative, laugh-out-loud hit show back to An Grianán for ONE LAST TIME! How to Get the Menopause and Enjoy It is your indispensable and very, very funny guide to the menopause.

**Suitable ages 16+.**

**Running time: 2 hours 15 mins including one interval.**



Sun 15 December at 5pm

## DMEP Christmas Concert

**Family**

A festive concert featuring the Donegal Youth Orchestra and special guests. Come along and hear some of Donegal's finest young musicians and singers in action. Presented by Donegal Music Education Partnership, the music service of Donegal Education and Training Board.

Fri 20 December at 6.30pm

## Santa's Supershow Live: Fairytale Theatre

Tickets: €17/€14, Family of Four €53

**Family**

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa's SuperShow is coming to town this winter! Join in with Santa Claus and his favourite friends, as they save Christmas! Sing alongside Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, Elf and Santa Claus, with lots of Christmas classics. It's all about Christmas in this fun filled 40 minute spectacular! After the show, everyone will get to meet and greet Santa Claus in person. Be sure to come away with a memorable photo of your child with Santa and friends.

**This production is perfect for children aged  
2-6 years old.**



Sat 21 December at 8pm

## The Hits of Michael Bublé: James Huish and Band

Tickets: €29

**Music**

Get planning your Christmas night out now and prepare to book your tickets for the best Bublé Tribute in Town! James Huish and his band are one of the UK's leading swing bands, having sold out large theatres and performed in some of the most exotic locations worldwide for large corporate events. With their unique blend of swing, jazz, and pop, they have captivated audiences across the globe. James Huish's smooth vocals and the band's impeccable musicianship make for an unforgettable live experience singing all the hits of Michael Bublé.



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Sat 28 December at 8pm

## Declan Nerney

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Tickets: €27

**Music**

Join country music legend Declan Nerney and his live band with very special guests John McNicholl and John Hogan for a nostalgic night of music, song and laughter on the 2024 Where's the Party nationwide concert tour.



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Sun 29 December at 8pm

## The Legends of American Country Show

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Tickets: €27

**Music**

Now seen by over 350,000 fans live and watched by millions on TV, Europe's No.1 multi-award-winning show The Legends of American Country comes to An Grianán for a fantastic night of toe-tapping Country nostalgia! This packed show features highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline, Charley Pride, Tammy Wynette and Kenny Rogers and new tributes to icons Hank Williams, Alan Jackson, Glen Campbell, Garth Brooks and Jim Reeves with countless other well-known singalong hit songs in this must-see musical extravaganza.

**"Pure raw Country at its best"** – CMT

## Other Events

Mon 23 Sept to Sat 26 Oct

### Maria Gasol

Exhibition open daily Mon to Fri 9.30am to 4.45pm



In this exhibition, Maria Gasol explores the inner world of children through both memories of being a child and observing her own children. She will also be presenting pieces around her personal experience of motherhood. The works are primarily paintings and drawings, but will also include collage and installation. They've been created over the last few years, with some of them originating from an Ealáin na Gaeltachta artist bursary. Originally from Barcelona, Maria now lives in Donegal.

Sat 21 Sept 2.30pm to 4pm

### Picnics Against Apartheid

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Join Amnesty Letterkenny for a picnic in solidarity with Palestine. [NB: this is an open air event on our front plaza.](#)

Sat 16 Nov from 1pm

### Diwali 2024 Celebration

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Featuring Indian food and cultural performances. [See letterkennyindians.ie](http://letterkennyindians.ie) for further information.

Sat 30 November 10am to 4pm

### Christmas Craft and Art Fair

FREE ADMISSION

Our annual Christmas Craft Fair features some of the finest designers, makers and artists in the North West. Come and spend a while browsing and enjoy a warming hot chocolate or New Kid coffee and seasonal snacks in our cafe.

**Coming soon** - 2025 highlights now open for booking:

**Gearóid Farrelly:** Gearóid Rage

**Neil Delamere:** Achilles Neil

**Dermot Whelan:** Busy and Wrecked!

**Chris Kent:** Offline

**Colin Murphy:** Murphy Beaucoup

**Fledermaus** by Irish National Opera

**Eddi Reader**

**An Evening with Liverpool Legends**

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by the Letterkenny Musical Society

**Colin Murphy:** Murphy Beaucoup

**Still Game:** An Evening with Paul Riley

**Anne Gildea:** Further Adventures In Womaning



## What's on!

# An Grianán Supports:

**Our young curators programme will continue into 2025 with a fresh batch of recruits**

— Kyle Harvey, Eoghan Roarty and Aimee Tourish

The Young Curators programme is aimed at young people ages 18–25, who are interested in a career in arts and event management, and who have a passion for delivering quality live entertainment experiences. We're looking forward to seeing what kind of exciting new programming our new trio are going to deliver for our audiences.

**We were delighted with the reception *Boyfriends* received both here and in Dublin, enjoying full houses and excellent reviews. A *LemonSoap* production, *Boyfriends* was written by our writer-in-residence Ultan Pringle and supported by An Grianán and Dublin's Project Arts Centre.**

Ultan is also part of the Artist/Mentor programme, currently being delivered by Donegal Arts Service in partnership with An Grianán, the Regional Cultural Centre and ATU Letterkenny. This programme teams emerging artists up with professional theatre makers, writers and visual artists - they'll be showcasing their work at September's Culture Night. Patricia McBride, Director of An Grianán, commented "Culture Night gives us a platform to mount new work in development and build on our outreach work by reaching out to communities that experience social exclusion or disadvantage".

## **6 Weeks to Sundance**

Development work continues on new play *6 Weeks to Sundance*, with writers Oisín Kearney and Michael Patrick of *My Left Nut*, *The Alternative* and *The Border Game*. A comedy about the Battle of Pettigo, we are aiming to produce it in 2025.

## **Lisdoon Nirvana**

Another play we are working on is *Lisdoon Nirvana* by Donegal actor Frankie McCafferty. Inspired by his youthful misadventures in *Lisdoonvarna*, the play will be directed by Peter Gowan. You can catch the premiere at An Grianán this February.

## Workshops



**New term starts 11 and 12 September.**

### An Grianán Youth Theatre

An Grianán Youth Theatre is An Grianán Theatre's resident youth theatre and offers weekly classes for children and young people ages 7 to 18. Classes are centred on learning through creative play and offer an inventive and fun mix of drama games and acting exercises. All with the added bonus of learning theatre skills and stagecraft in a professional theatre environment with access to highly trained facilitators, technical crew and equipment.

[See angrianan.com for further information.](http://angrianan.com)

**Mon 5 to Fri 8 November**

### Eire 32: Pop Songwriting Workshop

Join us for a fun, week-long pop songwriting camp, "Eire 32," open to everyone! You'll team up with your neighbours and community to create a pop song that reflects the unique stories, concerns, and dreams of your local area. Led by award-winning writer and performer Xnthyony and a team of pop song producers. Whether you're a seasoned musician or a complete beginner, this workshop is all about coming together to write and produce a song. You could write about anything—from local life to personal experiences.

Closing date for applications: 24 September. NB: over 16s only.



### Gift Vouchers

**A ticket to year round arts and entertainment**

Our vouchers come packaged in a luxurious gift wallet or you can choose a digital version and have it delivered by email on a date of your choosing. Perfect for last minute gifting! Vouchers can be purchased for any amount and remain valid for five years from date of purchase.

**Did you know? We also accept ShopLK vouchers at our box office.**

# 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](mailto: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.

An Grianán Theatre is a registered charity, No 13046

We would like to thank these companies and organisations for their generous support



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