

# April to August

 riverbank  
arts centre



# YOUR VISIT

## OPENING HOURS

**Monday to Friday:** 9:30am-5pm

Box Office is closed for lunch: 2-2.30pm

**Saturday:** 10am-4pm

Opens 1 hour before shows

## HOW TO BOOK

**Book Online:** [www.riverbank.ie](http://www.riverbank.ie)

**Phone:** 045 448327

## GALLERIES

We have two dedicated gallery spaces for our visual art exhibitions.

**McKenna Gallery** is located on the lower level, which is accessible by both stairs and lift.

**Children's Gallery** is on the ground floor level adjacent to the café space.

As part of our visual arts programme we host a number of artist talks. All our visual arts events are free of charge, including the artist talks.

## GET IN TOUCH

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**Email:** [boxoffice@riverbank.ie](mailto:boxoffice@riverbank.ie)

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## PARKING

There is on-street parking which is paid parking from 9.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday inclusive. Parking outside of these hours is free.

More information at [riverbank.ie/our-location](http://riverbank.ie/our-location)

## CAFÉ

The Strand Café is open Monday - Saturday, 9am-4pm and one hour before events.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Riverbank Arts Centre aims to make our patrons' visit as enjoyable as possible.

The building is accessible via a ramp to the right of the building.

Our lower levels including McKenna Gallery and Auditorium are accessible via lift.

## FUNDING

Riverbank Arts Centre is funded by Kildare County Council and The Arts Council.

Our cinema screenings are in association with AccessCinema, IFI and DIFF.

## SOCIAL

*Keep up to date with everything we do across*



## WELCOME TO 2024!

We are delighted to bring you our Spring & Summer programme of visual arts, music, theatre, comedy, cinema, family events and schools' events. We have many highlights for music fans this season including one of Europe's leading jazz saxophonists, **Linda Fredriksson** (p.32) as part of a Music Network tour and the return of several much-loved artists including **Ye Vagabonds, Jack L and Eleanor McEvoy**.

For those who want to experience something entirely new, there's a dance performance on a working farm - **Stepping the Land** (p.18); immersive group choreography to a radio play - **Pan Pan's Cascando** (p.19); and an eclectic musical journey for babies aged 0-12 months - **NightLight** (p.34).

Palestinian poet **Rafeef Ziadah** brings her powerful spoken word performance, **Let It Be A Tale** (p.14) to us in May, chronicling exile, defiance, and survival - an event not to be missed.

**June Fest** brings lots of joy and fabulous yarnbombing to Newbridge each summer - we hope you can join us and some of the wonderful local artists bringing theatre, music and laughter to our stage.

We hope you enjoy the thrill of a live performance or some striking visual art at Riverbank this season.

Caroline, Alex, Theresa, Helen and the Riverbank team



### MEET THE COVER ILLUSTRATOR

**Fiyin Oluokun** is a visual artist residing in Newbridge Co. Kildare. Their primary focus is exploring aspects of identity, culture, upbringing, family, and environment, with a vibrant and often humorous approach. Fiyin's medium of choice is collage, using found images, newspapers, photographs, original drawings with poetry often as an overlay to provide context.

Visit [instagram.com/fiyinpng/](https://www.instagram.com/fiyinpng/) to see more of Fiyin's work.

# AT A GLANCE

## APRIL

<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Fighting Words	Mon 8th	10:30am	Free	p.45
<b>CINEMA</b>	Next Goal Wins	Mon 8th	8pm	€7/€9/€5	
<b>VISUAL ART</b>	Bullet Points: What, Who and Why We Commemorate	13/04-25/05		Free	p.8
<b>VISUAL ART</b>	Seashells by Greg Sinclair	13/04-29/06		Free	p.9
<b>POP UP EXHIBITION</b>	Life in Newbridge	16/04-27/04		Free	p.10
<b>COMEDY</b>	Jarlath Regan - Yer Man	11/04-12/04	8pm	€28	
<b>MUSIC</b>	Sharon Shannon	Sat 13th April	8pm	€31	
<b>EARLY YEARS</b>	Music & Sensory Play with Catherine Hartnett	Wed 17th	10:30am	€10	p.10
<b>LOCAL ARTS</b>	Newbridge Drama Group Presents Blithe Spirit	17/04-20/04	8pm	€18/€12	p.11
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	Sketchbook Club with Kate Escolin	Thurs 18th	7pm	PWYC	p.11
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Fighting Words	Mon 22nd	10:30am	Free	p.45
<b>CINEMA</b>	The Taste of Things	Mon 22nd	8pm	€7/€9/€5	p.12
<b>LOCAL ARTS</b>	The Odd Theatre Company Presents Hamlet	25/04-27/04	7:30pm	€20/€15	p.12
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	Intro to Comics Workshop with Kate Escolin	Sat 27th	10:30am	€10	p.13
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Fighting Words	Mon 29th	10:30am	Free	p.45
<b>CINEMA</b>	American Fiction	Mon 29th	8pm	€7/€9/€5	p.13

## MAY

<b>POETRY-MUSIC</b>	Let It Be A Tale - Rafeef Ziadah	Wed 1st	8pm	€20/€18	p.14
<b>LITERATURE</b>	European Poetry Festival	Thurs 2nd	7:30pm	Free	p.14
<b>MUSIC</b>	Jack Lukeman	Fri 3rd	8pm	€28	p.15
<b>THEATRE</b>	Fred and Alice	Sat 4th	8pm	€16/€14	p.15
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Kildare Youth Theatre Presents King Lear	08/05-09/05	11am	€5	p.45
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	Digital Illustration with Procreate Workshop	Wed 8th	7pm	€10	p.16
<b>YOUTH THEATRE</b>	Kildare Youth Theatre Presents King Lear	08/05-09/05	7pm	€10/€5	p.16
	8th Irish Military Seminar	10/05-11/05	Various	Free	p.17
<b>DANCE</b>	Stepping the Land	11/05-12/05	Various	Free	p.18
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Fighting Words	Mon 13th	10:30am	Free	p.45
<b>CINEMA</b>	The Zone of Interest	Mon 13th	8pm	€7/€9/€5	p.18
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Ger Carey	Tues 14th	11am	€11	
<b>EARLY YEARS</b>	Music & Sensory Play with Catherine Hartnett	Wed 15th	10:30am	€10	p.10
<b>SPECIAL SCREENING</b>	The Need to GROW	Wed 15th	8pm	€7/€9/€5	p.19
<b>THEATRE</b>	Pan Pan's Cascando by Samuel Beckett	Thurs 16th	various	€10	p.19
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Seashells Workshop with Gregg Sinclair	Fri 17th	10:30am	Free	p.43
<b>AUDIO THEATRE</b>	Sightless Cinema	Fri 17th	8pm	€9/€5	p.20
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	Crazy Crafts and Whimsical Words - Family Workshop with Greg Sinclair	Sat 18th	10:30am	Free	p.20
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	National Drawing Day Drop-in Workshop	Sat 18th	10:30am	Free	p.21
<b>LOCAL ARTS</b>	Ballymore Eustace Concert Band	Sat 18th	8pm	€15/€12	p.21
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Fighting Words	Mon 20th	10:30am	Free	p.45
<b>CINEMA</b>	Priscilla	Mon 20th	8pm	€7/€9/€5	p.22
<b>MUSIC</b>	Brigid, Gobnait & Sheela-na-Gig with Edel Meade	Wed 22nd	8pm	€12/€10	p.22
<b>COMEDY</b>	Emma Doran - DILEMMA	Thurs 23rd	8pm	€25	p.23
<b>THEATRE</b>	Paddy Cullivan's I Can't Believe It's Not Ireland	Fri 24th	8pm	€18	p.23
<b>FAMILY CINEMA</b>	Double Bill: The Smeds and the Smoos & Superworm	Sat 25th	2pm	€4	p.24
<b>MUSIC</b>	The Illegals with Niamh Kavanagh	Sat 25th	8pm	€25	p.24
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Fighting Words	Mon 27th	10:30am	Free	p.43
<b>CINEMA</b>	Banel & Adama	Mon 27th	8pm	€7/€9/€5	p.25
<b>LOCAL ARTS</b>	June Fest - School's Out for Summer	Tues 28th	7pm	€10	p.25
<b>LOCAL ARTS</b>	Riff Raff Drama Group Presents Secret Dilemma	30/05-01/06	8pm	€15/€12	p.27
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Galaxy of Occupations	30/05-31/05		€100	p.44

# AT A GLANCE

## JUNE

<b>VISUAL ART</b>	Cast - an exhibition by Kildare Art Collective	01/06-29/06	Free	p.28	
<b>JUNE FEST</b>	Summer Sessions with Your Host Frankie Lane	Sun 2nd	8pm	€10	p.27
<b>LOCAL ARTS</b>	Crooked House & Newbridge Women's Shed Present Mills	Thurs 6th	8pm	Free	p.29
<b>MUSIC</b>	The Classic Beatles - Magical Mystery Tour	Fri 7th	8pm	€25	p.29
<b>JUNE FEST</b>	Women of Words - a Day of Writing Instinct and Inspiration	Sat 8th	11:30am	Various	p.31
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Fighting Words	Mon 10th	10:30	Free	p.43
<b>PRIDE SCREENING</b>	All of Us Strangers	Mon 10th	8pm	€7/€9/€5	p.30
<b>EARLY YEARS</b>	Music & Sensory Play with Catherine Harnett	Wed 12th	10:30am	€10	p.10
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	Simple Plaster Casting with Holly Delaney	Wed 12th	7pm	€10	p.30
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Fall & Float	Thurs 13th	10am & 12pm	€6	p.44
<b>CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG</b>	Fighting Words Workshop	Sat 15th	10:30am	Free	p.32
<b>CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG</b>	Pstryk!	Sat 15th	2pm & 3pm	Free	p.32
<b>MUSIC</b>	Music Network Presents Linda Fredriksson	Sat 15th	8pm	€18/€15	p.33
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Fighting Words	Mon 17th	10:30am	Free	p.43
<b>CINEMA</b>	That They May Face the Rising Sun	Mon 17th	8pm	€7/€9/€5	p.33
<b>EARLY YEARS</b>	NightLight	18/06-19/06	Various	€10	p.34
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	Sketchbook Club with Kate Escolin	Thurs 20th	7pm	PWYC	p.12
<b>LOCAL ARTS</b>	The Pension Plan	Thurs 20th	8pm	€20/€18	p.34
<b>FAMILY CINEMA</b>	Migration	Sat 22nd	2pm	€4	p.35
<b>MUSIC</b>	Eleanor McEvoy	Sat 22nd	8pm	€22/€20	p.35
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Fighting Words	Mon 24th	10:30am	Free	p.43
<b>CINEMA</b>	Perfect Days	Mon 24th	8pm	€7/€9/€5	p.36
<b>MUSIC</b>	Ye Vagabonds	Wed 26th	8pm	€26	p.36
<b>YOUTH THEATRE</b>	Griese Youth Theatre - Double Bill	28/06-29/06	7pm	€12/€8	p.37
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	Simple Plaster Casting Workshop with Holly Delaney	Sat 29th	10:30am	€10	p.37

## JULY

<b>WORKSHOP</b>	The Creative Summer Camp with Kate & Marta	01/07-05/07	10am-2pm	€130	p.38
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	Creative Writing Summer Camp with Emma-Jane Leeson	08/07-12/07	10am-2pm	€130	p.38
<b>VISUAL ART</b>	Near Faraway Places	11/07-03/08		Free	p.39
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	BrickFlicks Stop Motion Animation Summer Camp	15/07-19/07	10am-2pm	€130	p.40
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	Workshop with Brianna Hurley	Wed 17th	10:30am	€10	p.40
<b>SPECIAL SCREENING</b>	The Water Boys	Wed 17th	1pm	Free	p.41

## AUGUST

<b>LOCAL ARTS</b>	Route 66 Big Band	Sat 31st	8pm	€22/€20	p.41
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# OUR OTHER WORK

## MUSIC GENERATION YOUNG MUSICIANS JAZZ HUB

Riverbank Arts Centre is thrilled to host the Music Generation Kildare's Teen Spirit Jazz Hub, which encourages young musicians to come together and share their performance music skills exploring jazz repertoire.

We are looking forward to broadening this partnership with Music Generation Kildare and jointly plan exciting performance projects by the young musicians in the jazz programme, as well as programmes in school settings in the coming months and years.

Music Generation Kildare is managed by Kildare Local Music Education Partnership, led by Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board in partnership with Kildare County Council. Music Generation is co-funded nationally by U2, The Ireland Funds and the Department of Education.



Photo by Neil Harrison

## ANNA NEWELL

We are delighted to partner with Anna Newell this year to bring her wonderful touring work to young audiences across the country. **Sweet Dreams are Made of This**, performed inside a dreamy blue tent and featuring gorgeous live harmony singing, is touring from Feb-May, including to local schools St Anne's Special National School and Scoil Na Naomh Uilig. We are a member of the Network for Extraordinary Audiences, founded by Anna, which comprises ten venues committed to programming and developing high quality arts experiences for underserved audiences - as the network states, **extraordinary audiences deserve extraordinary art.**

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Our artist in residence Dan Colley's productions *Lost Lear* and *A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings* continue to tour internationally - London, Auckland, Wellington and many more cities and festivals. In July this year, we are thrilled to welcome Dan and his collaborators back to Riverbank to create a brand new work, 'Tlon, Uqbar, Orbis Tertius', an adaptation for the stage of a short story by Argentinian writer Jorge Louis Borges. This new play development is supported by a Theatre Project Award from The Arts Council.



Photo by Patricio Cassinoni

# OUR OTHER WORK



## FIGHTING WORDS

Riverbank Arts Centre is the Kildare partner of Fighting Words and provides creative writing workshops for primary and secondary level students, free of charge. Fighting Words enables children and young adults to discover and harness the power of their own imaginations and creative writing skills. This season we are delighted to offer not only schools' workshops but also a free public workshop as part of Cruinniú na nÓg 2024! See page X for details.

## PHILIPPA DONNELLAN

Dance artist-in-residence Philippa Donnellan's **STEPPING THE LAND** residency, which included three public taster workshops, will culminate in a special performance on a farm in Kildare this May! Philippa's residency explores our relationship to the land and natural world. **STEPPING THE LAND** is supported by The Arts Council, Kildare County Council Arts Service and Riverbank Arts Centre.

For more information about **STEPPING THE LAND** and how to book tickets please see p.18.



*Photo credit: Anthony Griffin*



## JOY! - INTERGENERATIONAL WORKSHOPS WITH NIAMH LAWLOR

Riverbank Arts Centre is delighted to work with Púca Puppets director and puppeteer Niamh Lawlor on a new intergenerational project for children and adults. Using simple movement and puppetry, the participants will explore the theme of Joy and its expression through colour, gesture and movement. These workshops are part of research & development for Púca's exciting new intergenerational piece **JOY!** in collaboration with Junk Ensemble and composer Denis Clohessy scheduled for 2025.



KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL DECADE OF COMMEMORATIONS

## BULLET POINTS: WHO, WHAT, HOW WE COMMEMORATE

**McKenna Gallery**

**Saturday 13th April–Saturday 25th May**

**Monday-Friday 9:30m-5pm | Saturday 10am-4pm**

**Admission Free**



Following a decade of commemorations in Co. Kildare, it is pertinent to examine how we commemorate; how we connect to events in our past; and what value there is in representation and re-enactment.

The Decade of Commemorations Programme (2013–2023) provided opportunities to imagine the everyday experience of ordinary people living in extraordinary times, alongside the main protagonists in this complex period of Irish history.

While we strive to understand events accurately and to separate fact from myth, as the generations pass there is, in our remembering, also a forgetting. The absence of scars on the landscape signifies an erasure of physical traces. Our pursuit of historical knowledge can go beyond the intellect - an ability to use our imaginations is often required to bring to life the stories that persist.

From ancient ogham to digital archives, the ways in which our history is recorded and transmitted can shape our understanding of the past. How can we ensure we use sources in a meaningful way? Representations of the past may not always be wholly authentic but they can still evoke an emotional authenticity.

Curated by Paula Barrett, featuring a selection of artworks supported by Kildare County Council's Decade of Commemorations Committee and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the Decade of Centenaries 2012-23 initiative.

Official opening Saturday 13th April, 6pm – all welcome



Comhairle Contae Chill Dara  
**Kildare County Council**



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,  
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meia  
Department of Tourism, Culture,  
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media





## SEASHELLS BY GREG SINCLAIR

**Children's Gallery**

**Saturday 13th April – Saturday 29th June**

**Monday-Friday 9:30am-5pm | Saturday 10am-4pm**

**Admission Free**



**Seashells**, an intriguing exhibition by Greg Sinclair, invites viewers on a linguistic voyage through the whimsical world of tongue twisters. At the heart of this captivating display is a short video where Greg embarks on a linguistic adventure, reciting tongue twisters in various languages from Arabic to Urdu. With each repetition, Greg's playful exploration of phonetics and articulation offers a delightful blend of entertainment and celebration of language.

The exhibition will feature costumes and props from the film as well as exclusive snippets of the creative and production processes, allowing visitors to fully immerse themselves in Greg's unique and colourful world as the film plays on loop.

Greg will host family workshops on Saturday 18th May, see p.20 for more details.

NEWBRIDGE IS PART OF  
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Drawing by Maksim Prontkelevic

## POP UP EXHIBITION

### LIFE IN NEWBRIDGE

**All entries will be displayed in the Riverbank Arts Centre from Tuesday 16th April to Saturday 27th April.**

To capture children's views about living in Newbridge, and to inform the preparation of a new local area plan for the town, Kildare County Council's Planning Department hosted an Art Competition titled 'Life in Newbridge'. An open call was made to all schools in the town for children to express their artistic impression of any aspect of life in present day Newbridge.

The Local Area Plan team were delighted to receive 192 entries, in which many themes were illustrated as being important to young people, including family, friends, home, school, play, shopping, nature and the environment. These themes will be considered in the upcoming Draft Newbridge Local Area Plan 2025 – 2031.

## Music & Sensory

### Play



## EARLY YEARS

### MUSIC & SENSORY PLAY

WITH CATHERINE HARTNETT

**Wednesday 17th April, 10:30am**

**Wednesday 15th May, 10:30am**

**Wednesday 12th June, 10:30am**

**€10 (toddler & adult)**

Music and sensory play session for toddlers aged 1 to 3 years and their adults, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Toddlers will be given the opportunity to learn through music, movement and play, and explore different textures and sounds. This class led by music teacher Catherine Hartnett promotes adult-child interaction as well as interactions between children. Dance, sing, listen, learn and play with musical instruments, scarves, mirrors, parachutes and more!

Catherine Hartnett is a music teacher with experience of working with children of all ages.

**Duration: 60 minutes**

## LOCAL ARTS



NEWBRIDGE DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

**BLITHE SPIRIT**

BY NOEL COWARD

**Wednesday 17th – Saturday 20th April, 8pm****Tickets €18/€15**

Newbridge Drama Group are delighted to present Noel Coward's **Blithe Spirit**.

Written during the dark War years of 1941, Coward's classic comedy of high spirits, glorious satire and sophisticated banter is one of his best-loved plays.

When an eccentric medium inadvertently conjures up the ghostly first wife of happily married novelist Charles, all hell breaks loose as the dearly departed discovers a lingering affection for her widower and an acute dislike for her replacement. Moments of high farce fuse with Coward's trademark wit in a play of sparkling wit and deliciously droll humour.

Directed by Caroline Malone

## WORKSHOP

**SKETCHBOOK CLUB**

WITH KATE ESCOLIN

**Thursday 18th April, 23rd May, 20th June, 7pm****Pay What You Can – Free/€5/€10**

**Sketchbook Club** is a monthly event that encourages fun and playful art-making whilst also building a community of new, old, professional or hobby artists! The goal is to provide a cheap (or free) safe space to create art in a relaxed environment.

Make some art, make a friend, or just unwind on a Thursday evening. All art materials are provided but feel free to bring your own sketchbook.

Kate Escolin is an artist whose illustration work consists of soft rounded forms paired with bright colour palettes and playful line art. Her comics focus on human connection and navigating the world around her, with an emphasis on showing emotional honesty.

**AGES  
16+**

## CINEMA



## THE TASTE OF THINGS

Monday 22nd April, 8pm

Tickets €7 (early bird) / €9 (on door) / €5 (student)

1880s France. For over 20 years skilled cook Eugénie (Binoche) has worked for gourmet chef Dodin (Magimel), with the two living under the same roof. As they reach middle-age, they can no longer deny that their professional relationship and shared passion for cooking has become something more. But Eugénie wants to keep her independence, and refuses Dodin's numerous marriage proposals. He decides to convince her to change her mind, by finally cooking a meal just for her...

This latest film from French-Vietnamese director Trần (Oscar-nominated *The Scent of Green Papaya*) is both a culinary and romantic delight. With guidance from French chef Pierre Gagnaire, Trần captures the culinary artistry that produce the delicious dishes we see on-screen in exquisite detail.

Directed by Trần Anh Hùng | 134 mins | Cert 12A  
French with English subtitles

## LOCAL ARTS

THE ODD THEATRE COMPANY

## HAMLET



BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

THE ODD THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

## HAMLET

Thursday 25th – Saturday 27th April, 7:30pm

Tickets €20/€15

The Odd Theatre Company is delighted to present William Shakespeare's **Hamlet**, widely regarded as one of the greatest plays ever written. For over 400 years this epic tale of deceit, love and revenge has enraptured audiences and has perhaps done more than any of his works to earn Shakespeare his place as the preeminent playwright of the English language.

When Hamlet confronts the ghost of his father on the battlements of Elsinore Castle, the young Prince of Denmark discovers the terrible truth behind the king's death. As Hamlet pursues justice, he learns there is "Something rotten in the state of Denmark".

Performed by one of Kildare's leading theatre groups, **Hamlet** offers audiences one of the most gripping experiences available on stage.

**AGES  
8-12**

## INTRO TO COMIC MAKING WORKSHOP

### WORKSHOP

#### INTRO TO COMIC MAKING WORKSHOP

WITH KATE ESCOLIN

**Saturday 27th April, 10:30am**

**Tickets €10**

An introduction into comic making for new comic artists!

Encouraging kids to write is no easy feat but comics are one of the best mediums for storytelling. In this 90-minute workshop they will learn the key basics on how to create their own comic strip! From page layouts and panels, speech bubbles and dialogue and more!

Suitable for 8-12 year olds.  
All materials provided!

### CINEMA

#### AMERICAN FICTION

**Monday 29th April, 8pm**

**Tickets €7 (early bird) / €9 (on door) / €5 (student)**

Monk is a respected novelist and English literature professor. However, when his latest book fails to attract publishers because it is not "Black enough", the frustrated writer pens a new novel under a pseudonym, whose story includes every Black stereotype he can think of! But the plan backfires when the book is immediately snapped up by a major publisher, and Monk finds that he has unintentionally created a literary success by trading on the very cultural stereotypes he despises.

Cord Jefferson's directorial debut, which earned him an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay, is a smart and hilarious satire, which has proved to be a firm favourite with audiences.

Directed by Cord Jefferson | 117 minutes | Cert  
15A | English language

**SCAN TO SEE MORE  
CINEMA LISTINGS**





## POETRY/MUSIC

## LET IT BE A TALE

Wednesday 1 May, 8pm  
 Tickets €20/€18

*a spoken word performance by Rafeef Ziadah with live music by Phil Monsour, in memory of Palestinian poet and educator Refaat Alareer.*

Palestinian poet and spoken word artist Rafeef Ziadah brings her powerful catalogue of poetry to the stage featuring selections from her latest album *Three Generations* and earlier works from *We Teach Life*. With original musical compositions by Phil Monsour, this sequence of interconnected poems serves as a poignant and personal tribute to Palestine, chronicling Al-Nakba, exile, defiance, and survival. **Let it Be a Tale** is a dedicated ode to Palestinian youth who still fly kites in the face of F16 bombers, who still remember the names of their villages in Palestine and still hear the sound of doves over Gaza.



## LITERATURE

## EUROPEAN POETRY FESTIVAL

Thursday 2nd May, 7:30pm  
 Free event, booking advised

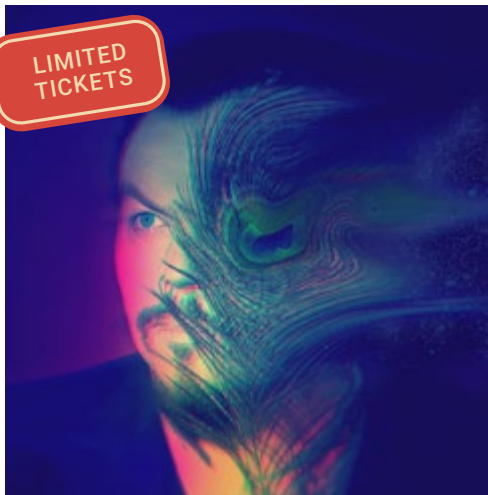
A special event offering a unique approach to poetry in performance: 5 poets/artists based in Ireland and 5 visiting poets/artists from the rest of Europe pair up to produce brand new, specially commissioned collaborative works to premiere on the night.

Representing a legacy of poet Christodoulos Makris' spell as Writer in Residence at Maynooth University and Kildare Arts & Libraries service, this is his third programming partnership with European Poetry Festival to be presented at Riverbank Arts Centre.

Full line up to be announced closer to the date.

Curated by Christodoulos Makris and European Poetry Festival director, SJ Fowler.

This event is made possible through generous funding from Kildare County Council Arts Service, and it is additionally sponsored by selected European state agencies.

LIMITED  
TICKETS

## MUSIC

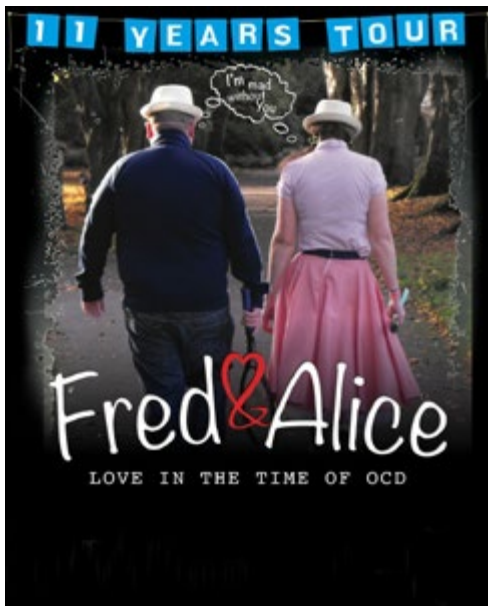
## JACK LUKEMAN

Friday 3rd May, 8pm

Tickets €28

**Jack Lukeman**, fondly referred to as Jack L by his fans, returns to Riverbank after the smashing success of his latest album *Echo On*. Anticipation is soaring as audiences eagerly await the unforgettable experience promised by this tour. Expect nothing short of a mesmerizing kaleidoscope of performances, each infused with the electrifying energy and unfiltered passion that define the Kildare native's musical genius.

Get ready to be swept away by the magic of Jack Lukeman live on stage, as he brings his unparalleled artistry to Riverbank.



## THEATRE

## FRED &amp; ALICE

Friday 4th May, 8pm

Tickets €16/€14

**Fred & Alice** is a quirky love story about two amazing mischievous characters who meet in a home. It wasn't really a home but Fred always called it a home because that was where he lived, and if you are not living at home then where are you? It was love at first sight for Alice. Fred didn't talk to her again for years but then eventually Fred got used to her and it was love at first sight for him too.

From their days in care, to independent living, Fred and Alice negotiate the perils and pitfalls of life and love. Together they create a fantastical world which spills over into a madcap reality when they decide to move in together.

Written by John Sheehy. Performed by Ciaran Bermingham and Cora Fenton

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## WORKSHOP

### DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION

WITH PROCREATE WORKSHOP

**Wednesday 8th May, 7pm**

**Tickets €10**

Bring your imagination to life with digital illustration!

Led by Kate Escolin, this is a comprehensive guide on everything you need to know to get started with Procreate. Get to know your tools and all the cool features on Procreate to start your digital art journey off on the right foot!

#### Requirements

- An iPad, preferably a newer one (iPad Pro, iPad Mini, iPad Air)
- An Apple Pencil
- The Procreate application from the App store
- Basic familiarity with iPad use would be useful

Duration: 2 hours

## YOUTH THEATRE

KILDARE YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS

### KING LEAR

**Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th May, 7pm**

**Tickets €10/€5**

The government of one of the most powerful nations in the world is on the edge of collapse. An autocrat, driven by vanity, pride, and losing his grip on reality, charts a path which will have consequences for generations to come. Unwilling to heed those brave enough to speak the truth, his power soon falls to ambitious and avaricious political insiders.

Lost in the fray are two young voices calling for those in control to look beyond themselves and see the damage they are wreaking.

In a contemporary "Shakespeare-meets-Succession" approach, Kildare Youth Theatre has built an ensemble production that seeks to centre the voices Lear himself ignores – the generation which will be left to carry on.

Directed by John O' Hagan and assisted by Carmen Ortiz Victorino.



Image Credit: Alec Delaney





## 8<sup>TH</sup> IRISH MILITARY SEMINAR

**Friday 10th & Saturday 11th May**  
**Free events, booking essential.**

The Irish Military Seminar returns with the launch of *The Colour of Kildare 1913-1923* and an exciting programme of lectures with renowned authors and historians. All events free of charge but booking is essential.

On Friday join us for the launch of a ground-breaking colourised photo book set during Co. Kildare's revolutionary period: *The Colour of Kildare 1913-1923* by James Durney, Mario Corrigan and John O'Byrne, which will take place in Riverbank Arts Centre foyer.

A highlight of the annual seminar is an event focusing on the Defence Forces, which this year features a presentation by journalist Ralph Riegel, author of *Missing in Action: The 50-year search for Ireland's lost soldier*. Former and serving members of the Defence Forces are especially welcome.

Full programme will be available soon on <https://www.kildare.ie/ehistory/>



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OUTDOOR



## DANCE - OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE

### STEPPING THE LAND

**Saturday 11th May, 6pm**

**Sunday 12th May, 3pm**

**Free event, advanced booking only**

Co-directed by Choreographer Philippa Donnellan and Theatre Artist Ruth Lehane

A culmination to Philippa's Kildare Dance Residency 2023 - 2024, this fresh mud-and-wellies dance theatre performance digs into our fragile connection to the natural world. Created with members of the local community and performed on a farm in south Kildare, it is a glimpse into stories of the land and habitats living and lost. A performance that dances both indoors and out, **STEPPING THE LAND** brings our feet back to earth with a flourish.

This Kildare Dance Artist in Residence 2023-24 is developed in partnership with Kildare County Council Arts Service and Riverbank Arts Centre and funded by the Arts Council/DAR Award.

## CINEMA

### THE ZONE OF INTEREST

**Monday 13th May, 8pm**

**Tickets €7 (early bird) / €9 (on door) / €5 (student)**



In the grounds of Auschwitz, commandant Rudolf Höss and his family live in luxury. As unspeakable atrocities unfold in the concentration camp, the family members go about their lives - willfully ignoring the ever-present sounds of terrible things happening just over their garden wall.

**The Zone of Interest** is a deeply unsettling, masterfully directed cinematic study of the banality of evil. Loosely based on the novel by Martin Amis, Glazer's film refuses to show the audience the atrocities of the Holocaust. Instead, we're kept at a devastating, chilling remove - artfully enhanced by pristine camerawork, extraordinary sound design and an eerie, bone-shaking score from Mica Levi.

**Academy Award Winner – Best International Feature & Best Sound**

Directed by Jonathan Glazer | 105 mins | Cert 12 | German/Polish/Yiddish with English subtitles



## SPECIAL SCREENING

### THE NEED TO GROW

**Wednesday 15th May, 8pm**

**Tickets €7 (early bird) / €9 (on door) / €5 (student)**

In a race against the end of farmable soil, three individuals fight for change in the industry of agricultural food production, calling for a revolution. **The Need to GROW** delivers alarming evidence on the importance of healthy soil – revealing not only the potential of localised food production working with nature, but our opportunity as individuals to help regenerate our planet's dying soils and participate in the restoration of the Earth.

Join us for this story of solutions, followed by a panel discussion hosted by the Local Market Hub.

Directed by Ryan Wirick & Rob Herring | 96 minutes | Cert TBC | English language



Image credit: Tristram Kenton

## OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE

### PAN PAN'S CASCANDO

BY SAMUEL BECKETT

**Thursday 16th May, 6pm, 7:15pm, & 8:30pm**

**Tickets €10**

Accompany Samuel Beckett's curious figures into an uncertain future. Attired in dark cloaks and given headphones, audiences are guided through a rhythmic, immersive, group choreographical experience.

Pan Pan brings visceral energy to **Cascando**, Beckett's 1963 radio play, transforming it into an absorbing experience in which the audience is part of the spectacle. Featuring the melodic voices of Andrew Bennett and Daniel Reardon, **Cascando** poetically pits words against music. This deeply riveting yet broken tale of a man hopelessly trying to finish a story is directed by Gavin Quinn, designed by Aedin Cosgrove with sound design and music by Jimmy Eadie.

*Duration 30 mins. Please arrive 15 minutes before the performance starts, latecomers cannot be accommodated. This is an outdoor performance, please wear appropriate clothing!*



## AUDIO THEATRE

### SIGHTLESS CINEMA

**Friday 17th May, 7:30pm**  
**Tickets €9/€5**

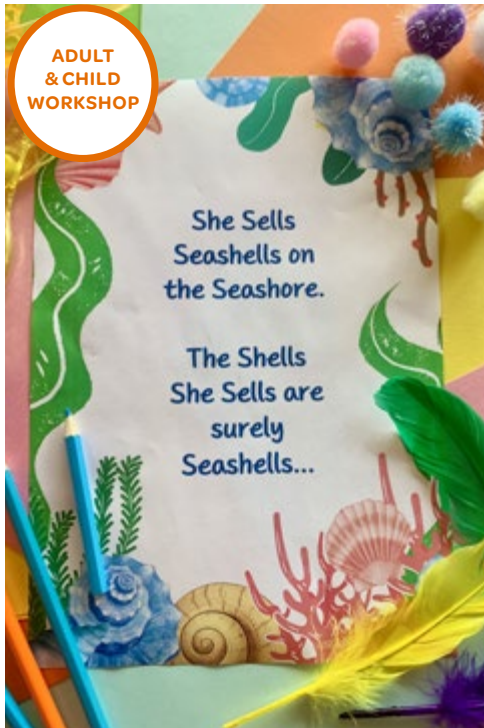
- audio plays in the dark-

by Sightless Cinema with Ciarán Taylor

*Sightless Cinema - an evening of audio plays in the dark* is a fun-filled programme of short surround sound audio plays, where all the pictures are in your head! Optional blindfolds are provided for an immersive sound experience.

Featuring a surprising and entertaining mix of high drama and low comedy, the evening ends with a chance to meet some of the cast of the Sightless Cinema project, which is created by people with sight loss from three counties in collaboration with theatre director Ciarán Taylor.

Sightless Cinema is supported by Rethink Ireland, South Dublin, Meath and Laois County Council Arts Offices, with Vision Ireland.



## FAMILY WORKSHOP

### CRAZY CRAFTS AND WHIMSICAL WORDS

FAMILY WORKSHOP WITH GREG SINCLAIR

**Saturday 18th May, 10:30am & 1pm**  
**Tickets €10 (adult & child)**

Join us for this fun-filled workshop!

'Seashells' creator Greg Sinclair invites you and your family for 90mins of creativity and connection - where channeling your silliness is a must. The workshop is participatory, engaging and fun for children and adults alike.

Together families will view the 'Seashells' film, gathering inspiration from the exquisite costumes and ticklish tongue twisters. Then through a series of fun games and group activities, participants will be supported to create their own. Expect to leave with some whacky creations and original tongue twisters to share with your friends!

The workshop will include crafting activities to create your own costume and sketch your own tongue-twister poster. With a fun group activity to write an original tongue-twister together!

Duration: 90 mins



## WORKSHOP

### NATIONAL DRAWING DAY

DROP-IN WORKSHOP WITH GRÁINNE BATH ENRIGHT

**Saturday 18th May, 10:30am-1:30pm**

**Free event, no booking necessary**

Join artist Gráinne Bath Enright on National Drawing Day as she hosts a free drop-in workshop which aims to inspire and encourage creative spirits of all ages! Gráinne will provide tips on the essentials, such as how to simplify shapes and develop various drawing and sketching techniques. Gráinne's workshop aims to inspire you to take in the world around you by exploring pattern, shape, texture and mark-making to help develop your own personal style.



## LOCAL ARTS

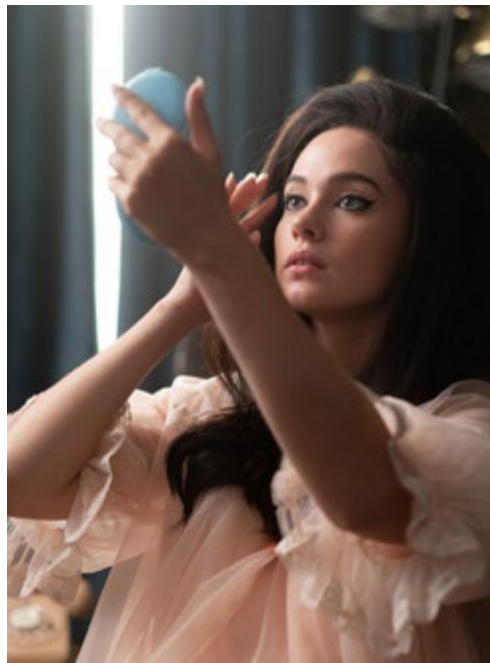
### BALLYMORE EUSTACE CONCERT BAND

**Saturday 18th May, 8pm**

**Tickets €15/€12**

Experience an exciting evening of music with the Ballymore Eustace Concert Band, as they showcase a diverse repertoire ranging from movie scores to marches, classical pieces to rock/pop hits, all arranged for wind band. From Sousa's iconic marches to Neil Diamond's soulful tunes and *The Incredibles'* thrilling soundtrack, the performance promises something for every musical taste. Join us for an unforgettable journey through captivating melodies and exhilarating rhythms, celebrating the rich tapestry of musical genres. Whether you're a fan of classical masterpieces or modern hits, this concert guarantees to delight. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in a musical adventure of unforgettable performances.

## CINEMA



## PRISCILLA

**Monday 20th May, 8pm**

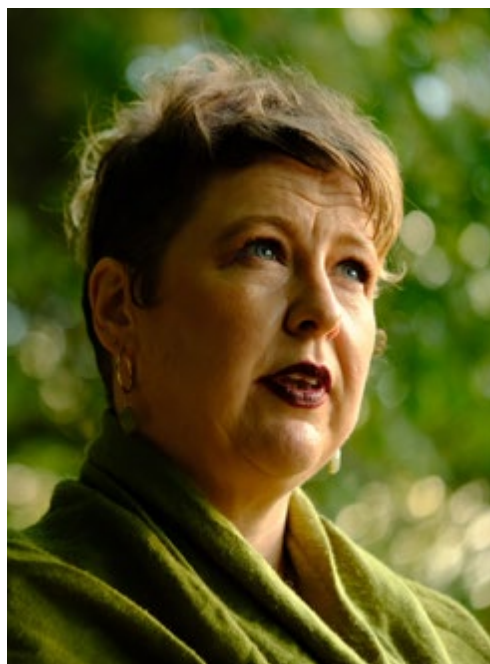
**Tickets €7 (early bird) / €9 (on door) / €5 (student)**

When teenager Priscilla Beaulieu meets rock-and-roll star Elvis Presley at a party on a German army base in 1959, the two form a deep connection. Allies in loneliness, they become best friends. As their long courtship grows into a turbulent marriage, **Priscilla** - portrayed with extraordinary poise and strength by Cailee Spaeny - experiences isolation and betrayal by Elvis (Jacob Elordi) as the pressures of fame cause his behaviour to become more erratic.

Based on the memoir *Elvis and Me*, Priscilla is a portrait of the whirlwind romance and relationship of Priscilla and Elvis Presley. Sofia Coppola brings her customary visual style to bear on this humanistic portrait of a young woman growing inside a gilded cage.

Directed by Sofia Coppola | 112 mins | Cert 12A  
English language

## MUSIC



**BRIGID, GOBNAIT &  
SHEELA-NA-GIG  
WITH EDEL MEADE**

**Wednesday 22nd May, 8pm**  
**€12/€10**

Edel Meade from Co. Tipperary is one of Ireland's leading performers, noted for her stunning voice and mesmerising live performances. Join her for a very special solo concert performance weaving together a beautiful selection of music, stories and songs related to Brigid, Gobnait and Sheela-na-gig, drawing from Irish folklore and mythology and premiering a brand-new original song composed specially for this Brigid 1500 event.

During the creative process behind her critically acclaimed album *Brigids and Patricias*, Edel was inspired by the legacy of Brigid and saw this as the ideal time to shed light on some of the other pre-Christian goddesses and aspects of the divine feminine in Ireland.

*This event is supported by Kildare County Council and the Brigid 1500 Programme.*

## COMEDY


 VERY LIMITED  
TICKETS

## EMMA DORAN – DILEMMA

**Thursday 23rd May, 8pm**  
**Tickets €25**

It's the post-apocalyptic world. There's only one contraceptive pill left. Do you give it to your 20-year-old daughter or keep it for yourself? Is it better to be a 40-year-old grandmother or a 40-year-old new Mum. These are the dilemmas facing Emma Doran aged 39 and 7/8's, even though the most obvious outcome is neither. If turning 40 is the start of something new, what is it the end of? ... ah here, where's me vape?

Emma Doran is one of the most exciting stand-ups to emerge from these shores in years. She's crammed so much into the last 20 years of her life that she is now officially the voice of 3 generations.

"You'd be Mad to Miss Her".  
*Evening Standard.*

"Pleasing Streak of Wickedness"  
*The Guardian.*

## THEATRE

**PADDY CULLIVAN'S**  
**I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT IRELAND**
**Friday 24th May, 8pm**  
**Tickets €18**

Imagine this. It's 2032. The people have spoken on both sides of the border and Ireland is a brand new 32-county country. There's a new flag. A new anthem. There's even a new capital! As Unionists holiday in the south, discovering the imperial joys of 'Royal' Dublin - southerners discover the ancient landscape of Ulster beyond the retail outlets of Newry and Titanic Belfast. Magical things happen when you create a new country - where EVERYTHING is on the table - and it's exciting.

Leave all your preconceptions at the door. It's not a United Ireland. It's not an 'agreed' Ireland. It's not 'shared' - nor is it 'new'. It's simply- 'I can't believe it's not Ireland!' But first...we have to get there....





## FAMILY CINEMA

### Double Bill

## THE SMEDS AND THE SMOOS SUPERWORM

Saturday 25th May, 2pm

Tickets €4

### The Smeds and The Smoos

On a faraway planet, Janet and Bill meet in the Wurlpular Wood and fall in love. Their families, the Smeds and the Smoos, cannot accept the match after generations of division. But when the two run away to elope, the warring families have no choice but to overcome their differences and work together to find the young Smoo, and the young Smed.

Directed by Samantha Cutler & Daniel Snaddon  
26 mins | Cert G | English language

### Superworm

Superworm is a long, strong worm with amazing skills and a big heart, who keeps on saving the day. However, things start to go wrong when he gets too full of himself and starts to ignore his friends and is captured by the evil Wizard Lizard.

Directed by Jac Hamman & Sarah Scrimgeour | 25 mins  
| Cert G | English language



## MUSIC

## THE ILLEGALS

WITH NIAMH KAVANAGH

Saturday 25th May, 8pm

Tickets €25

Widely regarded as one of the best live tribute acts in the country, **The Illegals** are into their 25th year with their ever-popular, classic-rock revue. Led by Niamh Kavanagh, she of the mesmerizing voice and mischievous spirit, **The Illegals** will take you on a journey for three hours of soulful harmonies, exciting riffs, blistering guitars and unforgettable songs.

Audiences really love **The Illegals** live – an entertaining night of vocal harmony, superb musicianship and great fun - served up by a band at the top of its game.

The best of two legendary bands in one night? It's almost too good to be true!





## CINEMA

**BANEL & ADAMA****Monday 27th May, 8pm****Tickets €7 (early bird) / €9 (on door) / €5 (student)**

Banel and Adama are two young, passionate lovers living in a remote village in northern Senegal and, for them, nothing else in the world exists. When they decide they want to live away from their families and Adama declines his birth right position of village leader, chaos ensues as drought strikes their community – a perceived judgement for breaking from tradition.

Director Ramata-Toulaye Sy's astonishing debut film follows the fated lovers in their quest to carve a life for themselves set against a backdrop of suspicion and folklore as village locals correlate their behaviour and the drought befalling their region.

This atmospheric exploration of love, obsession and madness is visually stunning, with bursts of colour weaving with magic realism.

Directed by Ramata-Toulaye Sy | 87 mins | Cert CLUB | French / Pulaar with English subtitles



## JUNE FEST

**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER****Tuesday 28th May, 7pm****Tickets €10**

For one night only, the great musical talent from Newbridge's secondary schools come together to kick off June Fest 2024!

Join us for student band performances that cover all genres in this exciting new addition to the community arts festival.



**'24 June Fest**  
Celebrating Community

The festival that celebrates community, creativity and culture is back this summer with music, drama, literature, history, photography, art and more!

Head to Riverbank for School's out for Summer (p.25) featuring music from young bands, Summer Time with Frankie Lane (p.27), a new play from Riff Raff Drama Group Secret Dilemma (p.27) and Women Of Words (p.31) - a whole day packed with inspiration for budding writers.

Newbridge Town Hall will be the venue for the annual Quiz Night, an exciting new two-day Newbridge Festival of Dance and Comic Con. Meanwhile Newbridge library will host a morning of shared memories with 'Memory Lane'.

A community outreach project, 'Who Is Newbridge?' by Crooked House Theatre will take place in Newbridge Town Hall, along with a photography exhibition by South Kildare Photography Club which seeks to explore what Newbridge means to the people that live in the town.

Fun in the Linear Park includes Duck Racing on the Liffey (with Music Generation), Bark in the Park - the KWWSPCA's annual dog festival, Pilates and Yoga classes and the Kildare Yarn Bombers woolly installation, 'Mad As A Box Of Frogs'.

Other major events include the Family Fun Day, Club 66 (a disco for over 65's), Horse Fest at the Curragh Racecourse and Irish National Stud.

Details can be found on the June Fest Newbridge Facebook page/Instagram.

## LOCAL ARTS

# Secret Dilemma



RIFF RAFF DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

## SECRET DILEMMA

Thursday 30th May – Saturday 1st June, 8pm

Tickets €15/€12

It's Grace's wedding day, and everyone is ready... except Grace.

Her mother Alice has insisted on a garden wedding at the family home, but things don't go according to plan, with the caterers ruining the cuisine, the band leaving, and a very familiar photographer showing up, not to mention a substitute parish priest.

A host of unusual characters arrive adding confusion and mayhem with secrets and ulterior motives exposed in this hilarious two act comedy. 'Will Grace ever tie the knot, or has she too got a... Secret Dilemma?'

With a fabulous cast of eight characters, **Secret Dilemma** is set in current time, with moments of sincere romance, intriguing dialogue, and slap stick comedy from start to finish.

Written and Directed by Dave Tiernan.

## JUNE FEST

## SUMMER TIME

WITH YOUR HOST FRANKIE LANE

Sunday 2nd June, 8pm

Tickets €10

Join musician Frankie Lane as he hosts June Fest's **Summer Sessions**, featuring a host of local artists who will entertain you with an evening of music, drama, poetry and song.

All funds raised on the night will go to Newbridge Day Centre and Meals on Wheels.





## CAST

A GROUP EXHIBITION BY KILDARE ART COLLECTIVE

**McKenna Gallery**

**Saturday 1st – Saturday 29th June**

**Monday-Friday 9:30am-5pm | Saturday 10am-4pm**

**Admission Free**

*What information do you need to cast a shadow?  
In the absence of sunlight is it time to cast a vote?  
Can you create a cast using just a long piece of string?  
Can you catch a fish by casting it in a starring role?*

**Cast** features the work of Kildare Art Collective members exploring the multiple meanings of 'cast', whether it's casting away, casting a shadow, a doubt, a line or a glance. These works encompass an enchantment of interpretations in form, texture and expression and every piece casts a spell. This exhibition includes an array of media such as print, textile, photography, paintings and sculpture.

Join us as we cast as crew on this exploration!

Official opening Saturday 1st June, 6pm – all welcome!

To coincide with this exhibition Holly Delaney will host two simple casting workshops, one for adults (p.30) and one for children and their adults (p.37)



## LOCAL ARTS

CROOKED HOUSE & NEWBRIDGE WOMEN'S SHED PRESENT  
MILIS

Thursday 6th June, 8pm

Free event, booking advised

**Milis** means sweet as Gaeilge. This performance was devised by the women of Newbridge Women's Shed group collaborating with Crooked House over the past several weeks. They met once a week and created scenes, images, dialogue and episodes that explore several themes of importance to the women. There will be a lot of celebration of women's lives and insight into their experiences. The workshops were facilitated by Peter Hussey and a talented team of international artists supported by the European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+ programmes. They are Ricard Garcia Ganem, Yakup Bas, Pauline Sartori and Roberta Morella.



## MUSIC

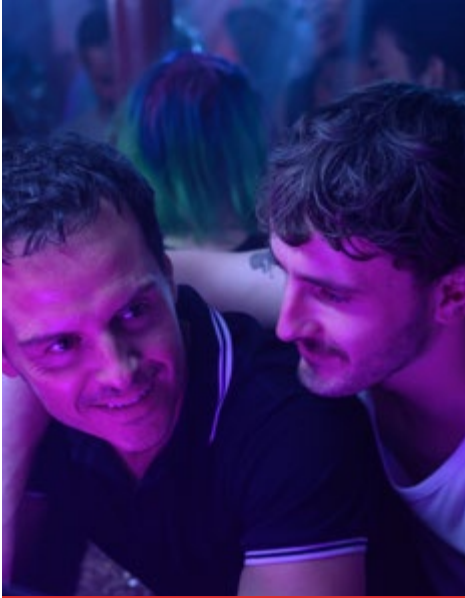
THE CLASSIC BEATLES -  
MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR 2024

Friday 7th June, 8pm

Tickets €25

Widely recognised as one of the best Beatle Tributes in the world, **The Classic Beatles Magical Mystery Tour 2024** is sure to satiate even the most hardened of Beatle fans. A whole new set from Moptop to Rooftop with all the hits, and some new deeper cuts never before performed live. With multiple costume changes and cheeky banter, catch **The Classic Beatles** at the top of their game for a great night's entertainment. Fan favourites in the set include: *In My Life*, *Nowhere Man*, *Rain*, *Tomorrow Never Knows*, *A Day In The Life*, *Your Mother Should Know* and loads more incredible songs.

Relive the sights and sounds of the Sixties in a stunning 2hr show stuffed with the best songs ever written.



## PRIDE SCREENING

### ALL OF US STRANGERS

**Monday 10th June, 8pm**

**Tickets €7 (early bird) / €9 (on door) / €5 (student)**

Screenwriter Adam lives alone in a near-empty tower block. His secluded life is interrupted by an unexpected reunion with his parents - both of whom died decades earlier. Back at the tower block, he meets a neighbour Harry, and they begin a passionate romantic relationship. Adam's past, present and imagined lives intertwine as his grip on reality loosens.

Irish stars Andrew Scott and Paul Mescal have won deserved plaudits for their emotionally candid performances in the latest feature from Andrew Haigh (*Weekend, 45 Years*). Based on Taichi Yamada's acclaimed novel *Strangers*, **All of Us Strangers** is a ghost story with a difference. This is a deeply moving film about lost souls seeking solace, with Haigh's storytelling both heart-breaking and romantic.

Directed by Andrew Haigh | 105 mins | Cert 16  
English language



**ADULT  
WORKSHOP**

## WORKSHOP

### SIMPLE PLASTER CASTING WORKSHOP WITH HOLLY DELANEY

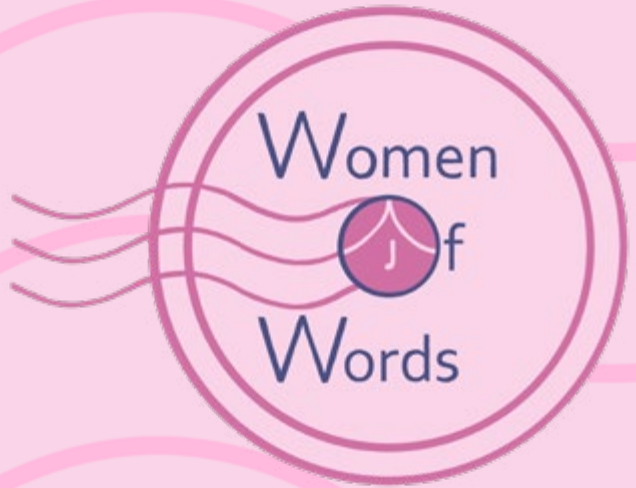
**Wednesday 12th June, 7pm**

**Tickets €10**

Join visual artist Holly Delaney for her casting workshop as part of June Fest. The workshop is especially designed for adults and runs alongside the exhibition 'Cast' by Kildare Art Collective, of which Holly is a member.

This hands-on workshop will shed light on the simple process of casting small objects. Participants will be introduced to this creative method in a fun way and will go home with a casted creation of their own.

Participants are asked to bring a few small solid 3D objects to cast - which they don't mind getting a little dirty! And wear old clothes if you can, as this is a messy workshop.



# WOMEN OF WORDS

## A DAY OF WRITING INSTINCT AND INSPIRATION

**Saturday 8th June**

**11:30am – Writing Workshop with Fíona Scarlett - €10**

**1:30pm – Networking Lunch - PWYC Free/€5/€10**

**3pm – Miriam Mulcahy in Conversation with Olivia Fitzsimons - PWYC Free/€5/€10**

**Women of Words** is an exciting new event that celebrates the literary contributions of women in Kildare, providing a platform for writing groups to converge and discuss their creative endeavors and the hurdles they face in the writing process.

Renowned author Fíona Scarlett (*Boys Don't Cry*) will host a two-hour writing workshop from 11:30am to 1:30pm. This workshop will focus on the invaluable skill of trusting one's gut instinct in writing and examine why it holds such significance in the creative process.

Following the workshop, there will be a networking lunch scheduled from 1:30pm to 3pm, providing attendees with an opportunity to connect and exchange ideas. All are welcome; however, space is limited, and advanced booking is required to secure a place.

At 3pm, the afternoon session will feature a captivating conversation between Newbridge author Miriam Mulcahy, (*This is My Sea*) and acclaimed author Olivia Fitzsimons (*The Quiet Whispers Never Stop*). They will delve into the various inspirations that fuel their writing endeavors and explore the diverse array of sources that contribute to their creativity.

**Women of Words** is funded by the Kildare County Council's Brigid 1500 Programme.



## Cruinniú na nÓg 2024

A day of free creativity for children and young people. Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people.



### FIGHTING WORDS

10:30am

Fighting Words Kildare are running a **FREE** creative workshop for children aged 8-12 in celebration of Cruinniú na nÓg. This workshop is open to young writers and artists who would like a space to explore their own ideas and storytelling! We will work together as a group to write a story before inviting the writers and artists to take some time to delve into their own creativity. This workshop will be about tapping into our imaginations, with the help and listening ears of Fighting Words volunteer mentors.



### PSTRYK!

**Newbridge Town Hall**

**2pm (3-6 years)**

**3pm (7-10 years)**

Pstryk! is an interactive musical experience designed for children aged 3-6 years. Featuring live music this vibrant workshop will explore Polish and Irish folklore tunes, creative movement, spontaneous music creation, and a lot of fun!

Led by Kasia Eliaz with Rafal Szydowski on violin and Maciej Blizinski on double bass you will get to explore a cacophony of music and movement!

This is an event for the whole family (children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the workshop).

Funded by Creative Ireland and Kildare County Council.





## MUSIC

MUSIC NETWORK PRESENTS  
**LINDA FREDRIKSSON**

**Saturday 15th June, 8pm**

**Tickets €18/€15**

Fredriksson has already garnered wide-spread recognition as a flamboyant improviser and versatile musician. Considered one of Europe's leading jazz saxophonists, they have blazed their own musical trail, daring to step outside of the genre in a way that is uniquely personal.

This extraordinary work is at its heart a singer-songwriter album performed by an instrumental jazz band. Compellingly beautiful and haunting, *Juniper* has charmed audiences lucky enough to hear Linda and their band in concert.

Described as an album full of wonders and carefully crafted secrets ready to be discovered, join us to experience this stunning work live this June.



## CINEMA

**THAT THEY MAY FACE  
 THE RISING SUN**

**Monday 17th June, 8pm**

**Tickets €7 (early bird) / €9 (on door) / €5 (student)**

Ireland, the 1970s. Joe and Kate Ruttledge return from London to live in a small rural community. They quickly become close friends with many of the older men and women living in the area. Over the course of a year, Joe and Kate grapple with major life decisions, while also witnessing their neighbours' moments of joy, disappointment, conflict and loss. Based on John McGahern's final novel and directed by acclaimed filmmaker Pat Collins (*Song of Granite*), **That They May Face the Rising Sun** is a beautifully bittersweet portrait of a very particular time and place. It's a perfectly observed slice of life - full of humour and warmth, while also tenderly reflecting on the people and traditions that Ireland has lost.

Directed by Pat Collins | 111 mins | Cert 12A | English language



## EARLY YEARS

### NIGHTLIGHT

**Tuesday 18th June, 12pm, 1:15pm & 3pm**

**Wednesday 19th June, 10am, 11:15am & 12:30pm**

**Tickets €10 (baby & adult)**

**NightLight** – a new concert from BabyLovesMusic.

BabyLovesMusic create unique concerts for babies.

**NightLight** – inspired by lullabies, sleep, dreams, peace, rest, succour – is an informal concert for babies aged 0-12 months and their carers featuring four award-winning musicians – Tim Doyle, Kate Hearne, Anna Newell, and Eamon Sweeney – with musical arrangements by Malachy Robinson, of the Irish Chamber Orchestra.

An eclectic musical journey with a distinctly Irish feel, **NightLight** features a rich variety of instruments including guitar, double bass, cello, fiddle, uilleann pipes, treble recorder, and lots more.



## LOCAL ARTS

BEEZNEEZ PRESENTS

### THE PENSION PLAN

**Thursday 20th June, 8pm**

**Tickets €20/€18**

Responding to demand, Beeznenez are back on tour with John McDwyer's rip roaring comedy about the bachelor Flanagan brothers who live a life of peaceful contentment on their hillside farm, disturbed only by the persistent efforts of their spinster neighbour, Ann Catherine, to marry either or both of them. Their tranquil existence is disturbed by a visiting stranger who brings news that threatens to turn their world upside down. Salvation may come from an unlikely source but at what price?

The author directs Barry Deignan, Gerry Farrell, Pat Feeley and Valerie Traynor in an evening of madcap fun.



## FAMILY CINEMA

### MIGRATION

**Saturday 22nd June, 2pm**

**Tickets €4**

From the creators of *Despicable Me* comes an adventure-filled new comedy about overcoming your fears and opening yourself up to the world and its opportunities, filled with Illumination's signature subversive humour, authentic heart and unforgettable characters.

The Mallard family embarks on a journey south for the winter to Jamaica via New York City, only for their well-laid plans to go awry, leading to new friends and unknown horizons. Get ready to take a flight on a hilariously funny, feathered family vacation like no other!

Directed by Benjamin Renner & Guylo Homsy | 82 mins  
Cert PG | English language



## MUSIC

### ELEANOR MCEVOY

**Saturday 22nd June, 8pm**

**Tickets €22/€20**

Acclaimed Irish singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Eleanor McEvoy is set to captivate audiences worldwide in 2024 with an exhilarating tour. As anticipation builds for her tour, McEvoy also promises a delightful holiday treat for her fans – a Christmas re-mix of her beloved song *South Anne Street* created by the Grammy Award winning sound engineer and music producer Ciaran Byrne whose credits include Elvis Costello, The Chieftains, Metallica, The Blue Nile and U2.

McEvoy's show promises an unforgettable live experience, showcasing her exceptional talent, heartfelt lyrics and iconic hits. With a career spanning decades and a dedicated global fanbase, Eleanor McEvoy continues to evolve her sound and connect with audiences on a profound level.



CINEMA

PERFECT DAYS

Monday 24th June, 8pm

Tickets €7 (early bird) / €9 (on door) / €5 (student)

Middle-aged Hirayama (a fantastic Kôji Yakusho) leads a modest existence, balancing his work as a Tokyo public toilet caretaker with his love of music, reading and photography. But when a young woman appears on his doorstep, it leads to revelations about Hirayama's past and the simple life he cherishes is disrupted. Wim Wenders' Japan-set latest is a charming, moving gem.

Directed by Wim Wenders | 125 mins | Cert PG  
Japanese with English subtitles



MUSIC

YE VAGABONDS

Wednesday 26th June, 8pm

Tickets

Following a sold out show in October 2022, Ye Vagabonds return to Riverbank!

Brothers Brian and Diarmuid Mac Gloinn grew up playing music together around their hometown of Carlow, a small town in the southeast of Ireland. They released their debut EP *Rose & Briar* on October 7th 2015, and since then have played sold out headline shows in Ireland, France, Switzerland and the UK.

Keep up to date with all our latest news and events by signing up to our e-zine now! Visit [riverbank.ie/e-zine](http://riverbank.ie/e-zine) or scan the QR code now!





ADULT  
& CHILD  
WORKSHOP

## WORKSHOPS

### SIMPLE PLASTER CASTING WORKSHOP WITH HOLLY DELANEY

**Saturday 29th June, 10:30am**

**Tickets €10 (child & adult)**

Join visual artist Holly Delaney for her casting workshop as part of JuneFest. The workshop is especially designed for families and will be fun and interactive for all ages!

The workshop will introduce children and their adults to the simple process of casting small objects. Participants will make their own casts and creations during the workshop, which can be hung on the wall at home.

Please bring a few small solid 3D objects to cast, and that you don't mind getting a little dirty! And wear old clothes if you can, as this is a messy workshop.



## YOUTH THEATRE

### GRIESE YOUTH THEATRE DOUBLE BILL

**Friday 28th & Saturday 29th June, 7pm**

**Tickets €12/€8**

Griese Youth Theatre kickstart their celebration of 25 years of youth arts in Ballitore with two nights of performances on Riverbank's stage. On Friday night there will be a double bill from the 11 to 14-year-old members.

This will be followed by a double bill on Saturday night from their 15 to 19-year-old members and a screening of Griese Youth Theatre's Brigid 1500 Project.

After 25 years you can expect something special!



**AGES:**  
7-12

## SUMMER CAMP

### THE CREATIVE SUMMER CAMP WITH KATE & MARTA

**Monday 1st – Friday 5th July, 10am-2pm**  
**Tickets €130**

Join Kildare artists Kate Escolin and Marta Iwanowska for their Creative Summer Camp!

Participants will learn how to develop ideas from initial sketch to finished artworks. They will explore new projects daily including zine making, comic making, illustration and character design. They will also learn how to create a sense of community through group project work and games.

A creative space where mistakes are welcomed and exploration is encouraged!

Suitable for 7-12 years.

Please bring a packed lunch. We can get messy in the studio so ensure that children arrive suitably attired!



**AGES:**  
7-13

## SUMMER CAMP

### CREATIVE WRITING FOR YOUNG AUTHORS

WITH EMMA-JANE LEESON

**Monday 8th– Friday 12th July, 10am-2pm**  
**Tickets €130**

Join in an exploration of imagination in the creative writing summer camp for young writers aged 7-13 years with author Emma-Jane Leeson. A fun, engaging and supportive environment to imagine and explore different techniques and styles. With lots of fun exercises and modules, this camp will help young writers hone into their unique writing voice and empower them to continue writing into the future.

Please bring a packed lunch every day!



BRIANNA  
HURLEY



THOMAS  
BARRON

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## NEAR FARAWAY PLACES BRIANNA HURLEY AND THOMAS BARRON

CURATED BY DOMINIC THORPE

**McKenna Gallery**

**Thursday 11th July - Friday 2nd August**

**Monday-Friday 9:30am-5pm | Saturday 10am-4pm**

**Admission Free**

**VISUAL  
ARTS**

**Near Faraway Places** is a two-person exhibition which brings together the work of artists Brianna Hurley and Thomas Barron to speak to the idea of 'places' that are both close and distant, familiar and unfamiliar, clear and indecipherable. Both artists are members of the KCAT studio Kilkenny.

Brianna Hurley has shown widely, including at Visual Carlow and Farnleigh House Galleries Dublin and has work in the National Collection at the Crawford Gallery Cork. She combines acrylic paint, pencil and acrylic marker to depict scenarios of peace and conflict on the beautiful imagined planet of Castalia, with its inhabitants often surrounded by lush natural environments with blue flowing rivers and seas, the rich red earth of a hot climate, and beautiful trees frequently coated in masses of white buds.

Thomas Barron has exhibited nationally and internationally for over two decades, including at Kaarisilta Gallery Finland, Gallery Prabelli Luxembourg and Crawford Gallery Cork. Many of his beautifully composed and colourful abstract paintings convey a sense of large building facades with multiple windows, while others invoke aerial views of multi-coloured landscapes. A remarkable equilibrium between formal elements is sought and maintained within Thomas' work, which seem as though speaking to inner states in which balance is made possible and peace can prevail, if even momentarily.



AGES:  
9-12

## SUMMER CAMP

### BRICKFLICKS STOP MOTION ANIMATION CAMP

Monday 15th – Friday 19th July, 10am-2pm  
Tickets €130

At the **BrickFlicks Stop Motion Animation Camp**, learn all the basics of how to animate in stop motion using your favourite LEGO character. Shoot spells, fight superheroes, blast rockets or fall through portals, use your imagination to make your very own movies. With plenty of hands-on learning and simple demonstrations, Createschool will take you on a journey from having a cool idea to making it into an awesome movie. You will learn the different elements of stop motion animation as well as how to create a set, storyboard and plan for your movie, which you will then film, edit, and record. Suitable for 9-12 years. All equipment will be supplied. Please bring a packed lunch each day!



ADULT  
WORKSHOP

## WORKSHOP

### DRAWING AND PAINTING WORKSHOP

WITH BRIANNA HURLEY  
Wednesday 17th July, 10:30am  
Tickets €10

Artist Brianna Hurley will lead a drawing and painting session, focused on themes of 'place'. This is open to all, from beginners upwards. The workshop coincides with the exhibition *Near Faraway Places* (p.39), a two-person exhibition by Brianna Hurley and Thomas Barron exploring the idea of 'places' as being both close and distant, familiar and unfamiliar, clear and indecipherable. Both artists are members of the inclusive KCAT studio Kilkenny. [www.kcat.ie](http://www.kcat.ie)

Duration 90 mins.





## SPECIAL SCREENING

### THE WATER BOYS

**Wednesday 17th July, 1pm**

**Free event, booking necessary**

Jim and Gary have served as the water boys for their local hurling team, Carrickshock Kilkenny, for over 40 years. Both men have cerebral palsy, however they do not allow their condition to stand in the way of their participation in the hurling team that both their fathers played for. This sensitive, intimate and charming documentary explores the daily routines of both men and their unbreakable commitment to their team and their community.

Created by Shane O'Reilly and starring Gary Comerford and Jim Rohan.

Directed by Shane O'Reilly | 26 mins



## LOCAL ARTS

### ROUTE 66 BIG BAND

**Saturday 31st August, 8pm**

**Tickets €22/€20**

**Route 66 Big Band** return to Riverbank Arts Centre to celebrate their 25th Anniversary tour. The sixteen-piece band has captivated audiences all over Leinster with their distinct musical style. Their repertoire spans from timeless 1940's numbers to contemporary hits, all delivered with a vibrant big band flair that promises to ignite the stage. Don't miss the opportunity to experience the magic of Route 66 Big Band live – it's a spectacle that will have you tapping your toes and swaying to the rhythm all night long!

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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## BRING YOUR CLASS TO RIVERBANK!

Riverbank Arts Centre works closely with Irish and International companies, artists and co-producing partners to present work particularly suited to schools, and to students of all abilities. We are happy to welcome 6000 pupils to our venue each year for performances, screenings, gallery tours and workshops.

In September 2023 we (quietly!) launched our new Educational Portal on our website. The Education Portal is your direct link to upcoming school events, educational resources and news. Visit [riverbank.ie/education-portal/](http://riverbank.ie/education-portal/) to find out more!

We continue to offer tours of our exhibitions for primary and post-primary students, and engagement materials for all ages. This season we are offering primary school gallery tours for **Seashells by Greg Sinclair** (p.9). The exhibition is based on a short film of the same name created by Greg, where the artist performs a series of tongue twisters in eight different languages, from Arabic to Urdu.

Róisín Whelan Dance Presents **The Galaxy of Occupations** (p.44) this June. The sky is the limit in this imaginative dance duet which is performed live in your school! Mónica Muñoz Dance returns with **Fall & Float** (p.44) where two dancers create a magical world through the clever manipulation of simple balloons.

For post-primary we are offering TY & LC gallery visits for Kildare Decade of Commemorations exhibition **Bullet Points: Who, What, How We Commemorate** (p.8) Curated by Paula Barret, the exhibition looks at how we commemorate; how we connect to events in our past; and what value there is in representation and re-enactment. In addition to guided tours, we will also be offering educational resources which will be accessible via our Education Portal. Guided gallery tours are free of charge and must be booked in advance.

We have evening performances of The Odd Theatre Presents **Hamlet** (p.12) in April, with a reduced ticket price available for school groups – please get in touch to discuss! Kildare Youth Theatre returns in May with their "Shakespeare-meets-Succession" version of **King Lear** by William Shakespeare (p.45).

If you would like to book any of our events, or if you would like to talk to us about bringing your class to Riverbank please get in contact with Theresa – [theresa@riverbank.ie](mailto:theresa@riverbank.ie)



# SCHOOL EVENTS



## FIGHTING WORDS

**Monday 27th May, 10:30am**

**Monday 10th June, 10:30am**

**Monday 17th June, 10:30am**

**Monday 24th June, 10:30am**

**Free Event, booking essential**

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge is the Kildare Partner of Fighting Words. We present creative writing workshops for primary and secondary schools. Fighting Words Workshops are always free of charge to the participants. These workshops will be conducted in our venue, or in your classroom by an experienced Fighting Words tutor, Pierina Campbell, and supported by 2-3 volunteers from Riverbank's Fighting Words team. The workshop will last 2 hours and we request that the teacher is present throughout. We can also offer Fighting Words workshops as Gaeilge, led by tutor Seirce Mhac Conghaile.



## ARTIST TALK WITH GREG SINCLAIR

**Friday 17th May, 10am**

**Free event, booking necessary**

**ARTIST TALK**

Led by creator and artist Greg Sinclair, this unique talk will offer students an insight into the inspiration, process and creative production of the 'Seashells' film and exhibition. Greg will explore tongue twisters from around the world in a playful and performative way. Inviting students to share tongue twisters of their own...the sillier the better!

The talk will also explore the evolution of the 'Seashells' project and the creative process behind the dazzling costumes featured in the exhibition.

Suitable for 4th-6th Class

# PRIMARY SCHOOLS

# SCHOOL EVENTS

PERFORMED  
AT YOUR  
SCHOOL



## RÓISÍN WHELAN DANCE PRESENTS THE GALAXY OF OCCUPATIONS

Thursday 30th & Friday 31st May  
Tickets €100 per day (2 shows)

LIVE  
PERFORMANCE

*The sky is the limit in this imaginative dance duet for children.*

What do you want to be when you grow up? An Astronaut, A Brain Surgeon, The President!  
With big ambition, anything is possible. Created especially with children in mind **The Galaxy of Occupations** is an exciting, energetic, and exhilarating performance that reaches for the stars.

**The Galaxy of Occupations** is a production by Carlow based choreographer and dance artist Róisín Whelan inspired by a children's poem by author and teacher Aine Murray. Presented in Róisín's signature style of creative narrative contemporary dance with two exceptionally skilled dancers in costumes designed by Claire Smyth and an original sound score by Aoife Kavanagh.



## MÓNICA MUÑOZ DANCE FALL & FLOAT

Thursday 13th June, 10am & 12pm  
Tickets €6 (teachers free)

LIVE  
PERFORMANCE

With playful energy, impressive acrobatics, comic timing and a joyful soundscape, two dancers create a magical world through the clever manipulation of simple balloons. Their imagination seems to know no bounds- resulting in a hypnotic, funny and uplifting performance full of falling, throwing, catching, stumbling, floating... and sometimes maybe even a little bit of flying...

**Duration: 40 mins.**

Suitable for Senior Infants to Fourth Class

# PRIMARY SCHOOLS

# SCHOOL EVENTS



## FIGHTING WORDS

**Monday 8th April, 10:30am**

**Monday 22nd April, 10:30am**

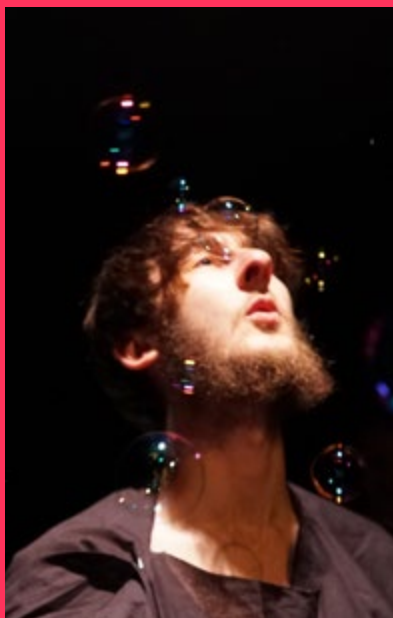
**Monday 29th April, 10:30am**

**Monday 13th May, 10:30am**

**Monday 20th May, 10:30am**

**Free Event, booking essential**

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KILDARE YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS

## KING LEAR BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

**Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th May, 11am**

**Tickets €5 (teachers free)**

**LIVE  
PERFORMANCE**

The government of one of the most powerful nations in the world is on the edge of collapse. An autocrat, driven by vanity, pride, and losing his grip on reality, charts a path which will have consequences for generations to come. Unwilling to heed those brave enough to speak the truth, his power soon falls to ambitious and avaricious political insiders.

Lost in the fray are two young voices calling for those in control to look beyond themselves and see the damage they are wreaking.

In a contemporary "Shakespeare-meets-Succession" approach, Kildare Youth Theatre has built an ensemble production that seeks to centre the voices Lear himself ignores – the generation which will be left to carry on.

Directed by John O' Hagan and assisted by Carmen Ortiz Victorino.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

# COMING NEXT SEASON



## COMEDY

**NEIL DELAMERE**

NEIL BY MOUTH

**Saturday**

**14th September, 8pm**

**Tickets €25**



## MUSIC

**THE ENNIO MORRICONE EXPERIENCE**

**Saturday 19th October, 8pm**

**Tickets €26.50**



## FAMILY

**BRANAR PRESENTS  
BALLAD OF A BANDIT**

**Sunday 20th**

**October, 4pm**

**Tickets €10/€36**

**(family of 4)**



## THEATRE

**FISHAMBLE: THE NEW PLAY  
COMPANY PRESENTS**

**OUTRAGE**

**BY DEIRDRE KINAHAN**

**Thursday 7th**

**November, 8pm**

**Tickets €20/€18**

# ON SALE NOW

OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9AM - 4PM & ONE HOUR BEFORE EVENTS



Join us at The Strand Café as we embrace the return of Summer and look forward to welcoming new and returning customers to our open and friendly space.

Daytime Menu | Children's Menu | Evening Drinks Menu Available

# HIGHLIGHT FROM LAST SEASON



We were thrilled to present two wonderful theatre shows, **Bake!** and **The Dig** by Paul Curley in schools throughout Kildare in February & March this year. Paul toured 'unplugged' versions of these wonderful productions in schools throughout Kildare including Celbridge, Prosperous, Allenwood and Milltown – and some very local schools including St. Mark's and St. Catherine of Siena on the Curragh. More than 1500 children in Kildare North, South, East & West experienced these live performances in their schools. Huge thanks to all the schools and teachers who partnered with us to bring Bake! and The Dig to their school halls and classrooms.

## TEAM

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### NETWORKS

Riverbank Arts Centre is a member of Strollers, Nomad, Shortworks and the Network of Extraordinary Audiences touring networks.

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