

WHAT'S ON JAN-FEB 2026



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Space for the Arts – Space for Magic – Space for You



WELCOME

2026 sees Draíocht celebrate our 25th birthday. It has been an exciting 25 years as we work to bring our audiences of all ages a diverse range of high-quality arts experiences. So, whether your interests lie in attending performances, creating work or participating in workshops, we have programmed it, here in your local venue. 50,000 people a year attend events at Draíocht. Many more attend our galleries, use our facilities and drop into us for a coffee at Koffee and Kale. Since 2001, we have welcomed over 1 million visitors! To all of you and to all of the artists and local groups that enable us offer the programmes we do, a very, very, big thank you. It has been our pleasure to work for you and we will continue to offer you the same great range of experiences and facilities in the years to come.

A special thank you must be given to our principal funder, Fingal County Council and to the Arts Council who provide additional funding. Without this public funding, Draíocht would not be able to bring you the range of work we do.

A word of thanks to that group of people from the D15 community who envisioned an arts space to serve this vibrant area. Their commitment and tenacity made Draíocht, a reality. We all owe them a huge debt.

Thank you to those who were members of our Board of Directors over the years. Your time and expertise have been invaluable. And to the current team and those who have worked with us previously, you have contributed so much. My gratitude always.

Our 2026 programme includes all of your favourites, Coolmine Panto Group, Coolmine Musical Society, a full comedy, music, theatre and visual arts programme. Our children and youth arts programme will continue to provide the range of workshops and projects for family and school groups that we know you want. And look out for some special projects too.

Emer McGowan,
Director

Celebrate with us over on **Draíocht's 25th Birthday Portal.**

This dedicated page on our website is where you can win free tickets throughout 2026, send us video greetings or share your special memories of the last 25 years with us. You can also sign up for Ezines and keep in touch with our 25th Birthday Celebration News. Simply scan the QR code, or go to www.draiocht.ie/draiochts-25th-birthday-portal to take part.



Cinderella

PANTO



Fri 02 – Sun 18 Jan

Tickets: €27.50 / €25 conc /
Sensory Panto €25

Coolmine Panto Group presents the magical fairytale of *Cinderella*. Living under the rule of her wicked Stepmother and two comical Ugly Stepsisters, Cinderella dreams of a better life. With the help of her loyal friend Buttons, the hilarious Dame, and her Fairy Godmother's spell, she transforms from rags to riches and attends the royal ball, capturing the Prince's heart. But when midnight strikes, the magic fades, leaving only a slipper. Will the Prince overcome obstacles to find true love? Oh yes, he will!

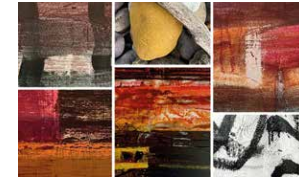
Dates & Times:

Fri 02 Jan: 2pm / Sensory Show
Fri 02 Jan: 7.30pm
Sat 03 Jan: 2pm / 7.30pm
Sun 04 Jan: 1pm / 5.30pm
Thu 08 Jan: 7.30pm
Fri 09 Jan: 7.30pm
Sat 10 Jan: 2pm / 7.30pm
Sun 11 Jan: 1pm / 5.30pm
Thu 15 Jan: 7.30pm
Fri 16 Jan: 7.30pm
Sat 17 Jan: 2pm / 7.30pm
Sun 18 Jan: 2pm

Our Sensory Friendly Panto on 2nd January will have lowered volume, lights on a low level, smaller audience size and the ability to make noise and move around freely during the show if you wish. Full details www.draiocht.ie

Family Day: If A Stone Could Talk

FAMILY DAY WORKSHOP



Sat 10 Jan, 12pm & 2pm

Age: 4-9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

How does it feel to be as old as a stone? Is a stick still part of the tree it grew from? This philosophy and art workshop in our Gallery will encourage exciting and important conversations about big ideas, while awakening our imaginations. This way of thinking helps us express ourselves. It's also fun and there will be some poetry, and bit of drawing too!

Tradfest – Freddie White

MUSIC



Thu 22 Jan, 8pm

Tickets: €25

Freddie White has been a key figure in Ireland's live music scene since the 1970s, co-founding Scullion with Philip King and Sonny Condell. His performances blend new material with classics from a 40-year career, cementing his role as a leading artist in Irish folk and rock music.

Flipbook Animation

WORKSHOP



Sat 17 Jan, 11am & 1.30pm

Age: 8-13 yrs | Dur: 90 mins

Tickets: €5 Per Child

Led by award-winning Speak Broccoli, experts in stop-motion and flipbook art, this hands-on session includes live demos, simple drawing guides, and fun activities. All materials are provided, and each child leaves with a personalized flipbook—an inspiring introduction to hand-drawn animation and a perfect way to spark imagination for the year ahead!

Tradfest – Altan

MUSIC



Fri 23 Jan, 8pm

Tickets: €30

Altan, founded by Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh and Frankie Kennedy in the 1980s, has led traditional Irish music for nearly 40 years. Known for lively dance tunes and soulful songs, they've earned global acclaim, an Irish postal stamp, and Donegal County Council honours. With award-winning recordings and new member Clare Friel, Altan continues to share authentic Irish culture worldwide.

Emma Doran – Emmaculate

COMEDY



Sat 24 Jan, 8pm

Tickets: €28 **SOLD OUT**

Emma Doran, smash-hit Irish comedian, best-selling author, and podcast host, hilariously explores the chaos of her blended family with sharp observations and riotous antics. Known from RTÉ, Prime Video, and her popular podcasts, Emma also penned the 2024 bestseller *Mad, Isn't It?*, cementing her status as one of Ireland's most beloved comedic voices.

The Kitchen Brigade

CINEMA



Wed 04 Feb, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc / €5 (under 18s) | Language: French with English Subtitles
Cathy, a rigid 40-year-old sous-chef, dreams of opening her own fine-dining restaurant but faces financial ruin. Reluctantly, she takes a job in a shelter's cafeteria for young migrants. Initially resistant, Cathy's culinary talent transforms lives while she learns resilience and empathy. *The Kitchen Brigade*, directed by Louis-Julien Petit, blends humour and humanism.

The Choral

CINEMA



Wed 28 Jan, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc / €5 (under 18s)

In English with Open Captions
Set in 1916 during World War I, Ramsden's Choral Society struggles after losing men to the front. Determined to continue, they recruit local youths and hire Dr. Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes), a driven chorus master with a mysterious past. As conscription looms, music becomes the community's refuge.

Jason Byrne - Head In The Clouds

COMEDY



Thu 05 – Sat 07 Feb, 8pm

Tickets: €28 / €26 conc

Jason Byrne returns with a hilarious new show inviting audiences to escape life's chaos and join him in his whimsical world. Expect sharp wit, surreal musings, and plenty of laughs as Jason navigates between reality and daydreams. Tonight's forecast? Cloudy skies with a guaranteed storm of fluffy comedic mayhem - an unforgettable night of fun and escapism.

Reeling in the Showband Years

MUSIC



Thu 29 – Fri 30 Jan, 8pm

Tickets: €33

Step back into Ireland's Showband era with Ronan Collins performing tributes to Joe Dolan, Dickie Rock, and Eurovision hits. Joining him are Gina from the Champions, Keith and Lorraine McDonald, The Conquerors Showband, and 70s stars Shaun O'Dowd and Dave Lawlor. The show concludes with an all-cast salute, delivering a nostalgic medley that celebrates this magical era.

Family Day - Dreamer's Space

FAMILY WORKSHOP



Sat 07 Feb, 1pm-3.30pm

Drop In | No Booking Required

Join artist Corrina Askin for the launch of Draíocht's Dreamer's Space and new Trail Guide. Explore your creative side by meeting, making, and discovering charming characters throughout the building. Pick up a self-led trail guide in the foyer and enjoy at your own pace. Designed for children aged 5–9 and their families, but everyone is welcome to experience this imaginative adventure.

Blue Moon

CINEMA



Wed 11 Feb, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In English with Open Captions
Ethan Hawke stars as Lorenz Hart in Richard Linklater's reflective drama set on Oklahoma's 1943 opening night. At Sardi's bar, Hart wrestles with insecurities while Rodgers celebrates success. Featuring Andrew Scott, Margaret Qualley, and Bobby Cannavale, the film blends humour and melancholy, exploring art, love, and friendship with poignant depth.

Foster & Allen

MUSIC



Sat 14 Feb, 8pm

Tickets: €35

Foster & Allen celebrate 50 years with a concert packed with their greatest hits, including "Bunch of Thyme," "Old Flames," "Maggie," and more. Fans will enjoy medleys from chart-topping albums and new tracks from *We'll Meet Again*, featuring classics like "Grace" and "The Cliffs of Dooneen." Still going strong, the duo promises an unforgettable live experience for audiences worldwide.

The Bee Gees Story

MUSIC



Thu 12 Feb, 8pm

Tickets: €30

Nights On Broadway – The Bee Gees Story is a spectacular live tribute spanning four decades of Bee Gees hits, from the 60s to the 90s. Featuring a six-piece band, the show recreates their iconic harmonies with musical authenticity, blending classic hits, acoustic medleys, and songs written for other artists. Back by popular demand, it delivers the ultimate Bee Gees concert experience.

Declan Nerney & Band

MUSIC



Wed 18 Feb, 8pm

Tickets: €27

Irish country music legend Declan Nerney, recently inducted into the Irish Country Music Hall of Fame, celebrates over four decades of hits and heartfelt storytelling. From his breakthrough "The Marquee in Drumlish" to classics like "Stop the World" and "Anna from Fermanagh," Nerney remains a beloved performer. Join Declan, his band, and special guests John McNicholl and Louise Morrissey.

Ghost Story Gathering

STORYTELLING



Fri 13 Feb, 8pm

Tickets: €12 / €10 conc

Join a special storytelling event celebrating the supernatural, where three writers and two performers unveil chilling new ghost stories. Before the show, attendees can craft their own spooky tales, with a chance to have them read on stage. Step into the shadows for an evening of bone-freezing narratives and eerie creativity. Are you brave enough?

Neil Delamere - Reinventing The Neil

COMEDY



Thu 19 Feb, 8pm

Tickets: €30 **SOLD OUT**

Our comedic adventurer returns with a brand new standup show, packed to the brim of tall tales and hilarious stories. Join the star of the Blame Game, Live at the Apollo, QI and Celebrity Chase as he ponders the eternal question, if it ain't broke should he fix it?

Sharon Shannon

MUSIC

Fri 20 Feb, 8pm

Tickets €30

In June 1989, Sharon Shannon was whisked to Glastonbury with The Waterboys while preparing her debut album. In the 30+ years that have elapsed since then, she's released 10 studio albums, 5 live albums, and earned numerous awards, including the Meteor Lifetime Achievement Award.



Known for collaborations with stars like Willie Nelson and Bono, Sharon's hits include 'The Galway Girl' with Steve Earle, 'It's Christmastime Again' with Wallis Bird and 'Go Tell the Devil' with Imelda May. Her 2023 compilation *Now and Then* celebrates three decades at the forefront of Irish music.

Story of a Day | Scéal Lae

THEATRE FOR CHILDREN

Sat 21 Feb, 3pm

Age: 4+ yrs | Dur: 45 mins

Tickets: €7.50 adults / €5 children

I'm awake I think. But what was it that woke me? That tap tap on the window, that sliver of sun on the wall, my cold foot? Or did my dream wake me? So begins a music filled story of one child's day that turns the ordinary into extraordinary with live music, vibrant storytelling and vivid animation.



Story of a Day – Scéal Lae is a live performance commissioned by Branar in a collaboration between Branar and MusicConnects. Words and illustrations by renowned children's author Mary Murphy and original score by award winning composer Tom Lane.
Language: English

The Little Mermaid

MUSICAL THEATRE

Wed 25 – Fri 27 Feb 7.30pm /

Sat 28 Feb 2pm & 7.30pm

Tickets €17 adults / €12 children (under 18s)

Take a journey 'Under the Sea' with the children from Sacred Heart of Jesus National School, Huntstown, in this colourful retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen fairytale which is sure to delight all ages. Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa Musical Society is proud to



present Disney's The Little Mermaid, their 8th production to date, brought to you by a cast of children from 4th, 5th and 6th classes under the direction of Ms. Louise Hudson. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.

YOUTH ARTS – SCHOOLS & FAMILIES



Other Worlds by Jess Rowell

SENSORY DANCE

Mon 09 – Wed 11 Feb, 10.30am & 12.30pm

Age: 12-18 yrs | Dur: 50 mins

Tickets €10 per young person + 1 carer

Schools Performances

Capacity 12 young people + their carers

9th Feb, 10.30am & 12.30pm

10th Feb, 10.30am & 12.30pm

11th Feb, 10.30am

Day Service Performance

Capacity 16 young people + 4 key workers

11th Feb, 12.30pm

Booking directly through Box Office

tel 01-885 2622 (Tue to Fri only)

Get ready for this epic other-worldly adventure as we embark on a quest through curious worlds, transporting us into new dimensions. Courageous characters, intriguing instruments, spectacular sights, scents, and textures weave together to create an unforgettable sensory-rich, theatrical experience. Join us on a music and movement adventure on the way to our final destination ... the Cosmic Dance Party, a celebration in our very own utopia! Other Worlds by Jess Rowell Dance is an immersive dance and live music performance designed specifically for teenagers with additional needs. This production features a cast of both disabled and non-disabled dancers accompanied by a live musician.

Free Workshops:

All show bookings from Dublin 15 groups (with a minimum of 10 young people), will include a pre-performance workshop with the cast in your school or day service the week before the show, 4th–6th Feb. Please enquire at time of booking with Box Office.



Sticks & Stones - Gallery Explore Tour

PRIMARY SCHOOL GUIDED TOURS

06 – 08 Jan & 13 – 15 Jan

10.15am-11.15am / Dur: 60 mins

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Age: Primary School Pupils

Capacity: 8-28 pupils + 2 teachers

During January, pupils can discover the gallery in a whole new way with Bridget's Sticks and Stones - Gallery Explore Bags - a hands-on, curiosity-driven activity designed for children. These bags are filled with intriguing objects - sticks, stones, turf and leaves - and creative prompts to spark conversation and exploration, focusing on the beautiful work in 'Unquiet Layers' an exhibition by artist Bridget Flannery.

Created by Dr. Lucy Elvis in collaboration with philosophers from CURO and AIRE, the Gallery Explore Bags invite you to engage with Bridget's abstract landscapes through playful activities and thoughtful questions.

These gallery only tours (not a full building tour) will encourage your pupils to explore and voice their opinion about the art in our gallery and introduce them to the idea of a civic space and what that means for our community.

Booking directly through Box Office
tel 01-885 2622.

Leaving Cert Art Appreciation

Draíocht's Galleries provide an excellent opportunity for Leaving Cert students to engage with a local gallery and professional artworks. Our Resource Pack is perfect for self-led exploration, with space to make notes, sketches and diagrams. Download from our website or request at



Box Office upon arrival. All you need to bring is a pencil. For Gallery Tours with a class group, please contact sarah@draiocht.ie.

Secondary School Film Screenings

February – May 2026

Invitation to Participate

Draíocht's Youth Arts Department, in collaboration with our partners in the Irish Film Institute and Access Cinema, is interested in hearing from D15 schools who may like a foreign language film screening for Secondary Cycle language students, a screening that supports the Junior or Senior Certificate exams, a screening that links with themes or projects



your class may be working on, or importantly something students want to see on the big screen for the joy of seeing it on a 4K projector. Screenings will be possible in accordance with the availability of the film and our auditorium, and with a minimum number of 100 students, at a cost of €5 per student/teachers free. Please contact sarah@draiocht.ie or 01 809 8029.

JUMP | ¡SALTA!

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCREENING

Wed 04 Feb, 10.30am

Age: 12A | Dur: 85 mins

Tickets: €5 per student (teachers free)

Language: Spanish with English Subtitles

Brothers Teo and Óscar become separated when Teo disappears down a mysterious wormhole in 1989. When he reappears exactly the same, 33 years later, he must work together with his now-older brother to find the right wormhole to send him back and find



their mother. A terrific sci-fi romp through time. Presented by Draíocht in association with IFI Schools. Booking through Draíocht's Box Office 01-885 2622.

Eclipse Insights

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCREENING

Tue 10 Feb, 11.30am-1.30pm

Tickets Free | Dur: 2 hrs

Age: Secondary Cycle Students

Presented by Eclipse Pictures, Ireland's longest established independent film distribution company, enjoy this curated programme of Irish short films, for Secondary Cycle students. The screenings will be followed by a Q&A with film makers and directors, offering an insight



into the world of filmmaking and creativity, and will showcase opportunities available to younger people to work in the Irish film industry. Booking through Draíocht's Box Office 01-885 2622



Unquiet Layers - Selected Works of Bridget Flannery

Until Sat 17 January 2026

Ground & First Floor Galleries

Open Monday – Saturday 10am–6pm | Free Admission

'Unquiet Layers - Selected Works of Bridget Flannery' is a celebration of the artist's process and practice. It brings together a selection of her paintings, notebooks and sketchbooks, enabling the viewer to engage with a range of works inspired by the artist's interests and travels as well as her methodologies.

Flannery's paintings emerged from her deep connection and study of the natural world and from the very different landscapes that she immersed herself in. From her home in Carlow, to Waterford, Wexford, Mayo and further afield in places such as Yamba, New South Wales, Flannery distilled landscape, sky, sea and land while imbuing her abstract works with her feelings and experiences of that place. Using acrylic, pastel, and collage on wood surfaces, the paintings investigate colour, form, tone and texture and represent Flannery's exploration, curiosity and investigation of the world.

Born in Cork in 1959 and graduating from Crawford College of Art & Design in 1981, the late Bridget Flannery (1959-2024) held numerous exhibitions throughout Ireland and Europe including solo exhibitions at the Cross Gallery, Dublin; Fenderesky Gallery, Belfast and the Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin. Her work can be found in numerous public collections including the Office of Public Works / State Art Collection; Crawford Municipal Gallery, Cork; University College Cork; Cork Opera House; IBEC Dublin; Bank of Ireland; Four Seasons Hotel Group; Museum of Fine Art, Latvia and various private collections. Following a short illness the artist sadly passed away in April 2024.

Sinead Kampff

January/February 2026

In January, we welcome Sinéad Kampff, a painter who lives and works in Blanchardstown, to our Artists Studio.

Sinéad graduated with a BA in Fine Art Painting from NCAD in 2022. She works primarily with oil paints and some other multimedia materials, her practice deals with abandonment, loss and navigating the beauty in empty space and what makes up that space. Connecting the sudden loss of a parent to the desertion of space has been her anchor to the work and allows for any questions that arise when visiting these spaces. Why do we abandon space in the first place?



As a painter Kampff has allowed this work to take her to new materials and ways of thinking of painting and making. Sinéad has recently shown work at the Outset Xmas Open (2023), the 194th RHA Annual Exhibition, Dublin Modulars HI-FIVE Compression event at the RHA (2024).

Selena Quilligan

February/March 2026

In mid-February, we welcome Selena Quilligan to our Artists Studio. Selena's work is maximalist and draws inspiration from nostalgia and girlhood to explore the bittersweetness of memory and the vivification of 2D objects.

"The subjects in my work are all people close to me, but I am often the main subject matter. I take the inspiration for the paintings I make from my own life. I try to make everyday, banal activities look more exciting and fun. I explore a variety of materials including screen print, drawings, sewing, and sculpture. My practice utilises the fast pace of mediums like oil pastels



and expanding foam. There is a sense of immediacy and childlike mark making that is used in my work. I also use acrylic paint, ink, glitter, canvas, and stickers. I create *Sel's World* by putting my memories and my life through *Sel's Filter*, which transforms these everyday activities into funky paintings. In *Sel's World* the proportions and scale are more eccentric."

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| 03 Mar | The Songs & Poems of Percy French |
| 05-06 Mar | Legends of the 60s Show |
| 13 Mar | Tony Cantwell |
| 14 Mar | Glory Days – Springsteen Tribute |
| 20 Mar | The Life & Times of Paddy Armstrong |
| 25-26 Mar | The Legends of American Country Show |
| 27 Mar | Bridgerton Symphonic |
| 02 Apr | Shortt Stuff – Pat & Faye Shortt |
| 10 Apr | The Man in the Woman's Shoes |
| 11 Apr | The Ennio Morricone Experience |
| 23 Apr | Neil Delamere – Reinventing The Neil |
| 24 Apr | Tom Cole Jr – Songs that Shaped the World |
| 25 Apr | Paddy Casey |
| 07 May | Patient:Soldier |
| 08 May | Shane Daniel Byrne – Who's a Big Boy |
| 09 May | Route 66 Big Band |
| 19 May | The Summer Country Show |
| 27 May | Icons of the 70s Show |
| 29 May | Killian Sundermann – Killian Dollar Baby |

Culture Pass

Draíocht's CULTURE PASS is especially for young people aged 14-25 years, to give them access to a variety of events in Draíocht at a reduced price. Especially welcome are those who live in the Dublin 15 area or locale, but all are welcome. It's perfect for those who have a budding interest in experiencing live culture events, like theatre, dance, cinema, music or gallery events. Register now!



Draíocht's resident Café is Koffee & Kale

Open Monday – Saturday, 9am – 5pm & later on performance nights. Draíocht's Theatre Bar serves a range of drinks and teas & coffees, half an hour before showtime and during the interval.

Booking Information

Draíocht accepts bookings in person, by phone & online.
Box Office Tel **01 885 2622**

Box Office Opening Hours –
Monday to Saturday,
10am – 6pm
Or 24hrs online at
www.draiocht.ie

A booking fee of €1 per ticket applies online.

Location

Draíocht is located in West Dublin in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, and is part of the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre complex.

Full details on
www.draiocht.ie/your-visit

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