WHAT'S ON
NOV–DEC 2026

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

The Lost Children of Tuam

CINEMA

Wed 04 Nov, 7.30pm
Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc
In English with Open Captions
History enthusiast Catherine Corless, whilst researching the Bon Secours Mother and Baby Home in Tuam, uncovers the devastating possibility that as many as 796 children had been buried in unmarked graves on the property. The discovery began a campaign for justice for both victims and survivors of the home that has had a lasting impact on Ireland today.

Foil Arms & Hog - Work in Progress

COMEDY

Thu 05 - Fri 06 Nov, 8pm
Tickets: €25
Comedy trio Foil Arms & Hog, bring their latest sketch ideas to human trials. Side effects may include laughter, tears and in rare cases prolonged awkward silences. With over 1 billion views for their sketches online and sell out shows across the world, Foil Arms & Hog are Ireland's most successful ever comedy trio. DoomDah.

Family Day: A Giant Colour Map

FAMILY

Sat 07 Nov, 12.30pm & 2pm
Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential
Age: 4-9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins
Create a colourful world of memories, favourite places, family stories and histories. Using bold colours, shapes, symbols and marks, we'll build individual maps before combining them into one giant artwork made by everyone together. A fun, hands-on workshop celebrating creativity, collaboration and the joy of making.

The Addams Family

MUSICAL THEATRE

Tue 10 - Sat 14 Nov, 7.30pm
Tickets: €25
Coolmine Musical Society presents this wickedly funny musical, packed with laughter, heart and plenty of surprises. Meet the iconic members of the Addams Family including Wednesday, Morticia and Uncle Fester. As their eccentricities collide with the normalcy of the Beineke family, it leads to a hilarious colliding of cultures, values and unexpected adventures.

ABBA Forever

MUSIC

Tue 17 - Wed 18 Nov, 8pm
Tickets: €32 / €30 conc
It's always party time when ABBA are about, but when it's the Winter Show, then that's a real excuse for a party! This happy sing-a-long tribute celebrates with a loud and proud fanfare! The show blends ABBA's greatest hits with seasonal flourishes, adding up to a joyful, high-energy evening of music and nostalgia.

Anton Jablokov - Heart & Fire

MUSIC

Thu 19 Nov, 8pm
Tickets €34 / €31 conc
Internationally acclaimed violinist Anton Jablokov, joined by pianist Adam Ilyas Kuruc presents a breathtaking concert that crosses borders, cultures and traditions. From the haunting melodies of Ireland to the warmth of the Mediterranean and the fiery spirit of Eastern European folk traditions, Heart & Fire celebrates music's unique power to connect people across generations and cultures.

Shirley Valentine

THEATRE

Fri 20 - Sat 21 Nov, 8pm
Tickets: €24 / €22 conc

Treat yourself to an evening of laughter and triumph, as Norma Sheahan, one of Ireland's leading dramatic actors, breathes new life into Willy Russell's effervescent and iconic character Shirley Valentine, who is trapped in a dreary marriage and humdrum life, until she gets invited on vacation to Greece.

Just an Illusion

CINEMA

Wed 25 Nov, 7.30pm
Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc
Language: In French with English Subtitles

It's 1985. Vincent, almost 13, lives in the suburbs of Paris, caught between an older brother who brushes him off and parents who never stop arguing. No longer a kid but not quite an adult, Vincent fumbles through life's big questions: identity, friendship, family, first crushes ... and why adults don't seem to have things figured out either.

Michael English

MUSIC

Thu 26 Nov, 8pm
Tickets: €32.50

Fans can look forward to an unforgettable evening of music and entertainment as Michael and his superb band present an all-new show filled with his biggest hits. One of the biggest names on the Irish music scene, Michael English continues to sell out theatres and concert venues with live shows that are renowned for their energy, musicianship, and connection with audiences, ensuring that every night is a true celebration of music.

Phil Coulter - Gold & Silver Days

MUSIC

Fri 27 Nov, 8pm
Tickets: €40

Phil Coulter fans will relax in the glow of nostalgia as they hear piano favourites from his Tranquillity Series, alongside his classic songs, like 'Puppet on a String' and 'Scorn Not His Simplicity', as well as songs by Elvis Presley and the Bay City Rollers. With Special Guests Geraldine Branagan & Brendan Monaghan.

The Songs of Bob Dylan, Neil Young & Van Morrison

MUSIC

Sat 28 Nov, 8pm
Tickets: €26.50

Step back in time and experience the magic of three of music's greatest legends; Neil Young, Bob Dylan and Van Morrison, performed by the fantastic Muddy River Band. This talented group of musicians bring to life the unforgettable melodies, poignant lyrics, and electrifying performances that have echoed through the lives of generations of music lovers.

Arthur Christmas

CINEMA FOR SCHOOLS

Wed 02 Dec, 12 noon
Tickets: €7.50 adults / €5 children / teachers free
Cert: G / Dur 97 mins
In English with Open Captions

How CAN Santa deliver billions of presents to the whole world in just one night? With an army of one million combat-style Field Elves and a vast, state-of-the-art control centre under the ice of the North Pole!

Joyeux Noel

CINEMA

Wed 02 Dec, 7.30pm
Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc
In French, German & English with English Subtitles
Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas) tells the true-life story of the spontaneous Christmas Eve truce declared by Scottish, French and German troops in the trenches of World War I in 1914. Enemies leave their weapons behind for one night as they band together in brotherhood and forget about the brutalities of war.

Romeo & Juliet

DANCE

Fri 04 Dec, 7.30pm
Sat 05 Dec 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Tickets: €30 / €28 conc / €18 (under 16s)
Inspired by Shakespeare's legendary tale of star-crossed lovers, Romeo & Juliet is a gripping story of passion, defiance, and fate. Set to Prokofiev's powerful and soaring score, this stunning production blends exquisite choreography with raw emotion, sweeping audiences into a story where every glance, every movement, and every moment plunges our two young lovers into a whirlwind of desire, danger and heartbreak.

A Christmas Country With the Stars

MUSIC

Mon 07 Dec, 8pm
Tickets: €32
Taking to the stage are the Queen of Country Philomena Begley, the accordion maestro Brendan Shine, Mick Flavin, Declan Nerney and Cavan's Kathy Durkin, all backed by the outstanding Keltic Storm Band. This high-energy production blends the very best of country classics with much-loved Christmas favourites.

Blanchardstown Brass Band Bicentenary Celebration

MUSIC

Wed 09 Dec, 8pm
Tickets: Free | Pre-booking Essential
Join Blanchardstown Brass Band to celebrate their bicentenary in this free concert celebration, supported by Fingal County Council. The concert will include a selection of festive music and will feature the premiere of a new specially commissioned composition entitled "Blanchardstown Bicentennial Suite". Enjoy original commemoration video footage as well as Special Guest soloist Jenny McCabe.

The Songs and Stories of Joni Mitchell

MUSIC

Thu 10 Dec, 8pm
Tickets €22 / €19 conc

Join the Shadows and Light Band as they perform songs from the huge Joni repertoire, including classics from the landmark Blue album, along with some of the lesser-known numbers like 'Hejira', 'Secret Place' and 'Hissing of Summer Lawns'.

This hypnotic performance of the lyrics and life of Joni is truly special, bringing you Joan Anderson, the poet, artist and mother. If you like Joni, you will love this.

How to Catch A Star

SCHOOL & FAMILY

Fri 11 Dec 10am & 12 noon
Sat 12 Dec 12 noon
Tickets: €7.50 adults / €5 children
Teachers free
Dur: 45 mins / Ages 4+

Once there was a boy who was always looking up. He dreamt of having a star as a friend. This is the story of his adventure. Based on the beloved book by award-winning Irish author Oliver Jeffers, Branar are proud to present How to Catch a Star. This adaptation combines puppetry by Cillian O Donnachadha and Neasa

Ní Chuanaigh with stunning puppets by Suse Reibisch. With a magical original score by Colm Mac Con Iomaire and directed by Marc Mac Lochlainn. Branar's signature storytelling creates a show which reminds us all to follow our dreams. Non-verbal show.

Family Day: Christmas Constellations

FAMILY

Sat 12 Dec, 12.30pm & 2pm
Tickets: Free | Pre-Booking Essential
Age: 4-9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins

Create your own festive winter constellations and stars in this hands-on family workshop. Perhaps combine it with a visit to the theatre show 'How to Catch a Star' by Branar. A fun and creative experience for families, full of imagination, making and seasonal star sparkle.

Mission Santa: Crack the Christmas Code!

Draíocht and Mobile Music School
PRIMARY SCHOOL & FAMILY

Schools Shows: Tue 15 - Fri 18 Dec, 10.15am & 12 noon
Family Shows: Fri 18 Dec 4pm & 5.30pm

Tickets: €8 adults / €5 children / teachers free
Age: 5+ / Families
Dur: 50 mins

Sing, solve, and see if you're on Santa's List! Uh-oh! Christmas is nearly here, but there's one big problem... Nobody can get through to Santa! His secret Christmas Code has been hidden, and only the children in the audience can help find it. Join our incredible live band on a fun-filled festive adventure packed with Christmas hits, clues, challenges, laughter, and surprises.

If we succeed, we'll make a live call straight to the North Pole and ask Santa the most important question of all...Are we on the **THE** List this year? With brilliant live music, huge sing-alongs, festive fun, and plenty of chances to join in. Can you crack the code? Can we call Santa? And will everyone make THE List? There's only one way to find out!

School Bookings Directly with Box Office,
Tuesday – Friday 01-885 2622

Family Bookings Online www.draiocht.ie

Family Day: Elf Prints and Patterns

FAMILY

Sat 19 Dec, 12.30pm & 2pm
Tickets: Free | Pre-Booking Essential
Age: 4-9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins

Get creative this Christmas in this fun mono-printing workshop, where children can experiment with inks and printing techniques to make their own festive elf artworks.

From colourful elf hats to snowy imperfect patterns and designs, why not wear your Christmas jumper, grab a roller, explore printing and experiment with us.

A Dublin Gospel Christmas

MUSIC

Sat 19 Dec, 3pm & 7.30pm
Tickets: 3pm: €20 | 7.30pm: €28 / €22 conc

Christmas with Dublin Gospel Choir has become a holiday tradition for so many people. Creating a joyful and heartwarming atmosphere that celebrates the holiday season, this Christmas show features gospel

renditions of traditional carols, as well as popular holiday songs with a gorgeous Dublin Gospel Choir twist, all delivered with the choir's signature rich harmonies and energy.

COMING SOON

Snow White The Panto

PANTO

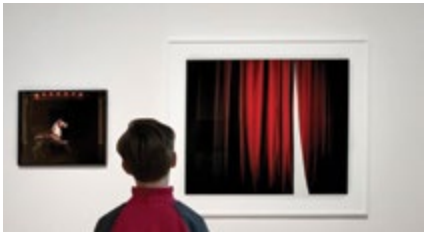
Thu 07 - Sun 24 Jan 2027
Tickets: €32 / €30 conc / Sensory Panto €30

Step into a world of magic, laughter and spectacle as Coolmine Panto Group brings the timeless fairytale of Snow White to life on stage. Join Snow White on this magical adventure filled with laughter, music and mischief! With a wicked Queen plotting trouble, a handsome Prince, lovable friends and plenty of audience participation,

this fun-packed family pantomime brings the classic fairy tale to life with dazzling costumes, catchy songs and festive magic for all ages.
Full list of shows and times on www.draiocht.ie

Primary School Guided Tours

Nov: 02, 09, 16 | Dec: 01, 07, 08
10.15am-11.45am | Dur: 90 mins
Tickets: Free | Pre-booking Essential
Capacity: 8-28 pupils + 2 teachers



These tours will allow your pupils to explore Draíocht's spaces and encourage them to voice their opinion about the art in our gallery, see backstage, and introduce them to the idea of a civic space and what that means for our community. This season explore the photography of Sharon Murphy.

Eclipse Insights

For D15 Secondary Schools

Wed 25 Nov, 10.30am-12.30pm
Tickets: Free

Presented by Eclipse Pictures, Ireland's longest established independent film distribution company, enjoy this curated programme of Irish short films, followed by a Q&A with film makers and directors. Offering an insight into the world of filmmaking and creativity, this event will showcase opportunities available to younger people to work in the Irish film industry.

Portfolio Preparation with Andrew Carson

For Secondary Cycle Students and Young People Interested in Art & Design

Thu 26 Nov & 03, 10, 17 Dec, 5-7pm
Tickets: €25

Thinking about applying to art college? Interested in building a portfolio? Or simply looking to develop your skills and confidence in art? Join artist Andrew Carson for a four-week practical art course designed for aspiring art college applicants, portfolio builders, and anyone wishing to develop their creative skills. Through observational drawing, life drawing, still life, photography, and material exploration, participants will build confidence, refine techniques, and develop their artistic voice. Students are encouraged to bring sketchbooks, artwork, and projects for feedback and guidance. The course offers a supportive environment to experiment with new media and deepen understanding of contemporary art practice.

The Viewfinder Bag

FAMILY EVENT

Nov/Dec, 11am-4pm
Drop In | No Tickets Required

Borrow The Viewfinder Bag from our lobby and use the prompts and tools inside the bag to become a photography detective, as you explore the gallery. Search for clues, imagine the stories behind the photographs, and think about the connection between theatre,

performance and the camera. Created to help you understand a bit more about Sharon Murphy's exhibition.

Looking Together

Art & Babies Gallery Tour

FAMILY GALLERY EVENT

Tue 03 Nov & Tue 08 Dec, 10.30am
Dur: 40 mins
Age: Babies under 12 months
Tickets: Free | Pre-booking Essential

A gentle 40-minute gallery experience for parents, carers and non-walking babies, set in the calm surroundings of the Ground Floor Gallery. Through relaxed discussion and observation of selected artworks, participants can enjoy art, conversation and connection in a welcoming, baby-friendly space.

With beanbags, soft music, and room for feeding, cuddling and relaxing, babies are free to be themselves. This supportive session offers a chance to slow down, meet other parents, enjoy art together, and spend quality time with your little one.

Looking Together

Intergenerational Dementia-Friendly Gallery Experience

FAMILY GALLERY EVENT
Fri 13 & Fri 20 Nov, 3.30pm
Dur: 60 mins
Tickets: Free | Pre-booking Essential

A relaxed, dementia-friendly gallery experience for people living with dementia, alongside their children, grandchildren, and carers. Led by a facilitator trained in dementia-inclusive practice, participants will explore artworks through conversation,

observation, and shared discovery. Designed to foster connection across generations, these small-group tours (maximum 8 people) offer meaningful engagement with art in a supportive and accessible setting. We aim to be flexible and accommodating, so please get in touch if the scheduled dates or times do not suit your needs.

DRAÍOCHT GALLERIES

How Art Takes Shape with Artist Sharon Kelly

Invitation to Participate
Primary Schools D15

Cost: Free

Draíocht is inviting a 5th or 6th class group from a Dublin 15 primary school to participate in a unique year-long project with artist Sharon Kelly, creator of Draíocht's Summer Children's Commission 2027. Pupils will meet the artist, receive regular virtual updates from her studios in London, Belfast and Dublin, and help shape the development of the exhibition. Along the way, they will gain insight into contemporary art, commissioning, curation and gallery practice, while learning how artists research, experiment and realise creative ideas. This exciting opportunity allows pupils to contribute directly to a professional gallery exhibition and influence the creative process. Interested teachers should contact Sarah Beirne at sarah@draiocht.ie.

Laura Skehan

Artist in Residence

Sep-Dec 2026

Fingal County Council and Draíocht welcomes Fingal artist Laura Skehan to The Artists Studio, further to its recent Open Call seeking applications from Visual Artists, from or based in Dublin 15/Fingal, for a 4 month paid Studio Residency. Laura is an artist from Blanchardstown working across moving image, sound, photography, and installation. Her research-led practice investigates the interconnected dynamics of ecology, memory, migration, and environmental change, with a particular focus on how these relationships are mediated and represented through public spaces and institutions.

Sharon Murphy - Mise en Abyme

Thu 01 Oct 2026 – Sat 23 Jan 2027
Ground Floor Gallery

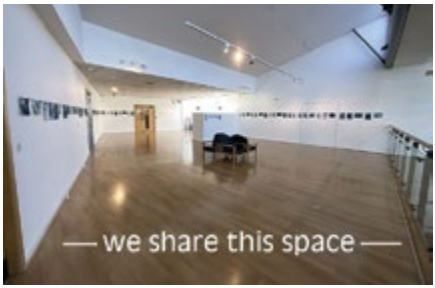
Draíocht is delighted to present Sharon Murphy's *Mise en Abyme*, which focuses on Parisian carousels and theatrical décor during moments of stillness and silence. Drawing on her background in theatre and informed by concepts from psychoanalysis and magic realism in literature, this work highlights Murphy's longstanding interest in staged spaces and the performative in photography. This series marks a significant evolution in Murphy's practice both conceptually and in terms of using the materiality of the photographic images, with an emphasis on the sculptural presence of the work, blurring the boundaries between real and represented space.

Mise en Abyme was originally commissioned by Nora Hickey M'Sichili, Director Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris, where it premiered in 2024. In association with Photo Museum Ireland and Golden Thread Gallery, Belfast, the exhibition toured in Ireland in 2025.

We Share This Space

Fri 20 Nov 2026 - Sat 23 Jan 2027
First Floor Gallery

In September 2026, artist Andrew Carson began a collaborative visual arts project with local secondary school students in The Maker Space at Blanchardstown Library. Working alongside their teachers, students took part in a series of experimental photography workshops, exploring a range of creative image-making techniques and approaches over several weeks, inspired by Sharon Murphy's exhibition *Mise en Abyme* in Draíocht's Ground Floor Gallery.



We Share This Space celebrates this process of exploration and transformation, highlighting the imagination, curiosity and creative voices of a new generation of artists.

COMING SOON

28 Jan	Foster & Allen – Golden Greats Tour
29 Jan	Freddie White
30 Jan	David O'Doherty – Highway to the David Zone
04–06 Jan	Jason Byrne – 30 Years Byrning
11 Feb	The Very Curious Céilí
16–17 Feb	Reeling in the Showband Years
18 Feb	Neil Delamere – Neil's On Wheels
26 Feb	Andrew Lloyd Webber & Beyond
03–04 Mar	Legends of the 60s Show
06 Mar	Chris Kent – That's All I Need Now!
13 Mar	Philo by Peter Sheridan
18 Mar	Jimmy Buckley's Variety Show
19 Mar	The Life & Times of Paddy Armstrong
25 Mar	Shane Daniel Byrne – Baby This Time
31 Mar–01 Apr	Nashville Live Tribute Show
22 Apr	Neil Delamere – Neil's On Wheels
23 Apr	Declan Nerney
24 Apr	Sharon Shannon
28 May	Mary Coughlan
05 Jun	Icons of the 70s Show
24 Jun	Summer Country with the Stars

CAFÉ & BAR

Draíocht's resident Café is Koffee & Kale

Open Monday - Saturday, 9am - 5pm and 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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