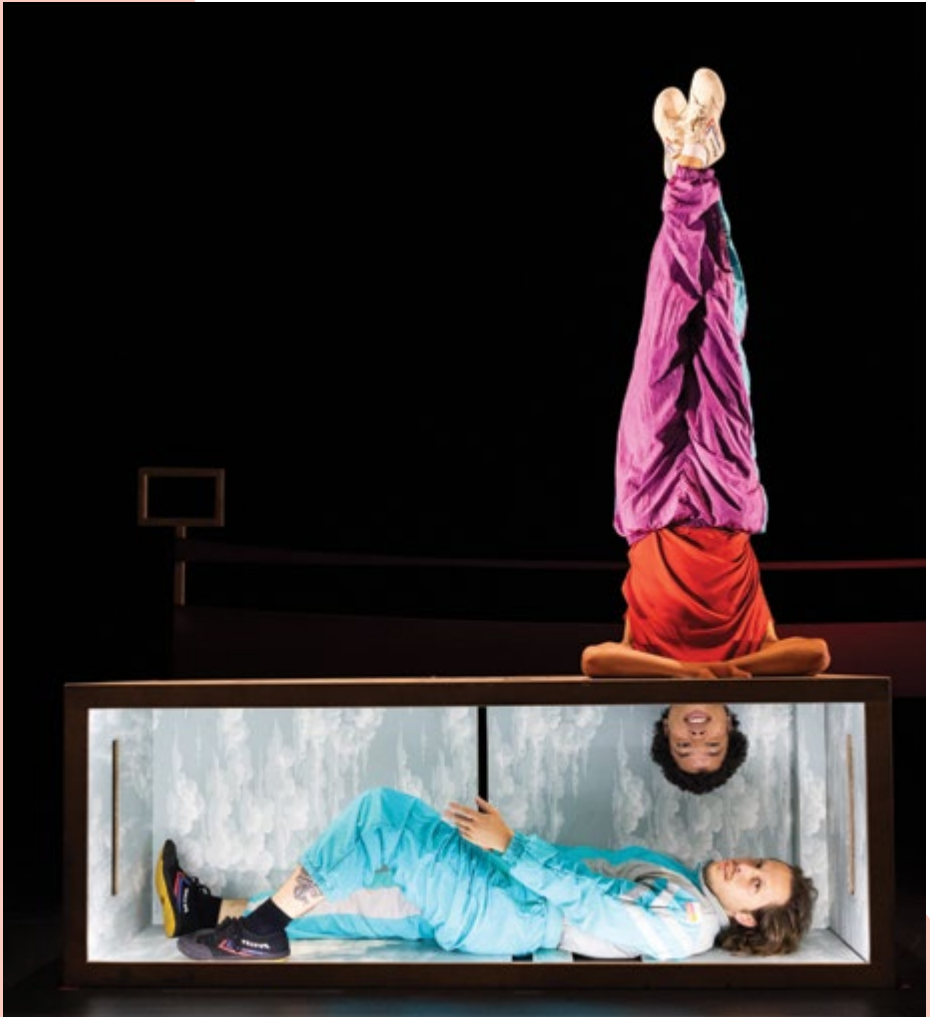


WHAT'S ON SEP-OCT 2026



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

The Christophers

CINEMA



Wed 09 Sep, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In English with Open Captions

Reclusive artist Julian (Ian McKellen) lives in isolation. His estranged children recruit Lori (Michaela Coel), a talented painter and occasional forger, to pose as his assistant to gain access to a legendary unfinished series. Their scheme aims to secure an inheritance, sparking deception, humour and unexpected complications. Cert 15A.

Family Day: Colour and Stick

FAMILY EVENT



Sat 12 Sep, 12.30pm & 2pm

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Age: 4-9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins

For the final day of our specially commissioned children's exhibition Colourings by Lucy Hill, come along and enjoy both the exhibition and response space. Discover, explore, colour, stick, cut and play in your own time and in your own way with our artists.

The Bob Dylan Roadshow

MUSIC



Thu 10 Sep, 8pm

Tickets: €23 / €20 conc

The Bob Dylan Roadshow is a spectacular live music experience celebrating the legendary songs of Bob Dylan. This outstanding five-piece band takes audiences on a captivating journey through the remarkable career of one of music's greatest icons. Expect to hear all the classic hits you know and love, that showcase the depth and brilliance of Dylan's songwriting legacy.

Absolute Eagles

MUSIC



Sat 12 Sep, 8pm

Tickets: €30

Absolute Eagles are Europe's premier tribute to American rock band The Eagles and play all the classic hits guaranteed to entertain the entire audience. They flawlessly emulate the legendary Country Rock group, recreating their iconic sound with astonishing precision, playing all the hits from 1972 right up to the modern day classics.

The Love Hungry Farmer

THEATRE



Fri 11 Sep, 8pm

Tickets: €22 / €20 conc

John Bosco McLaine, a lifelong romantic and unapologetic optimist, sets out to find a wife despite his inexperience, poor odds, and constant - if unhelpful - community advice. In a place where women are scarce and opinions plentiful, he follows his heart in a hopeful, often hilarious quest for companionship. Seamus O'Rourke's performance brings this wistful, blundering character to life.

Red Hurley in Concert

MUSIC



Wed 16 Sep, 8pm

Tickets: €30 / €28 conc

One of the finest performers Ireland has ever produced, Red Hurley's signature rich powerful voice, relaxed charm and energetic stage shows have captured the hearts of audiences everywhere. Performances throughout Europe and the United States have firmly established him as a truly exceptional entertainer. Joining Red are Special Guests Mary Byrne and The Eugene McCarthy Band featuring Karen Black.

Eddi Reader & Alan Kelly Gang

MUSIC



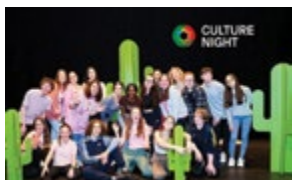
Thu 17 Sep, 8pm

Tickets: €32

Brimming with powerful instrumentals, captivating songs and buoyant harmonies, this is a fluid union of Irish and Scottish traditions from a collective of true masters, friends and long-time collaborators. The Alan Kelly Gang's innovative perspective and trademark mix of strong dynamics and driving rhythms complements Eddi Reader's thrilling performance and evocative story telling.

Youth Theatre Culture

CULTURE NIGHT WORKSHOP



Fri 18 Sep, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Age: 14-18 yrs | Dur: 60 mins

Have you ever wanted to dip your toe into the Youth Theatre workshop waters - well now you can. Join D15 Youth Theatre members and facilitators on Culture Night and let them introduce you to Youth Theatre Culture in this fun and relaxed workshop. And if you enjoy this, then come along to Youth Theatre Auditions on the 4th of October.

Shorts for Wee Ones

CULTURE NIGHT CINEMA



Fri 18 Sep, 4.30pm

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Age: 3-7 yrs | Dur: 45 mins

This collection of short films for our youngest viewers is sure to delight and amuse. We've gathered a variety of stories and styles from around the world for you to enjoy. These magical tales will delight children age 3+ and are a colourful introduction to the cinema experience as well as moving image literacy, perfect for those at the start of their engagement with film.

500 Miles

CULTURE NIGHT CINEMA



Fri 18 Sep, 7.30pm

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Age: 12+ | Dur: 102 mins

In English with Open Captions

Teenager Finn and his younger brother Charlie decide to run away and make the trip from their English home to their grandfather's home on the west coast of Ireland, a risky and emotional journey for them both. Based on Mark Lowery's book, and starring Bill Lowery, Maisie Williams and Clare Dunne. Cert 12A.

Shorts for Families

CULTURE NIGHT CINEMA



Fri 18 Sep, 6pm

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Age: 8-12 yrs | Dur: 61 mins

Colourful, imaginative, intriguing, amusing, moving ... this collection of short films for those aged eight and above is all of that and much more. Curated especially for ages 8 and up, these short films are some of the best examples from around the world.

Further Adventures in WOMANING

COMEDY



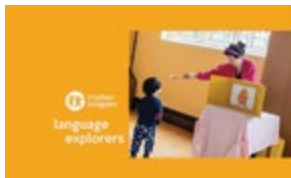
Sat 19 Sep, 8pm

Tickets: €20

Anne Gildea, the woman who taught you 'How to Get The Menopause and Enjoy It', explores new terrain in the world of the feminine - from the mammy, to Housewives of The Year; from ripped influencer grannies pumping iron on Insta to the chiffon scarf test; and from Angel Delight to Ozempic! Anne weaves a pant-wetting path through a changing half century of womanly stuff.

Language Explorers Workshop

FAMILY EVENT



Sat 19, 26 Sep | 03, 10, 17, 24 Oct
10.30am-11.30am

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential
Age 3-6 yrs & families

In collaboration with Mother Tongues, join artist Paola Invernizzi as we step into the magical world of storytelling, art making, and lively conversation as children explore ideas and invent characters. While the workshops will be guided in English, we encourage families to embrace their home languages.

Jarlath Regan: Gas Man

COMEDY



Fri 25 Sep, 8pm

Tickets: €32

Ireland's favourite comedian/Mammy translator, Jarlath Regan, returns to the stage with a brand new show. Packed to the gills with his unique brand of spot on observational standup material and ridiculous stories, if you like your comedy smart, sharp, warm and searingly funny, then this is the show for you.

A Private Life

CINEMA



Wed 23 Sep, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In French with English Subtitles
Lilian Steiner (Jodie Foster), a highly regarded American psychiatrist living in Paris, becomes unsettled by the mysterious death of her patient, Paula. Certain that Paula's death was no accident, Lilian embarks on her own investigation, uncovering a web of secrets. Director Rebecca Zlotowski delivers an intelligent and captivating thriller. Cert 15A.

A Very Musical Evening

MUSIC



Thu 24 Sep, 8pm

Tickets: €30

Platinum Events is delighted to present this powerful live concert celebrating the greatest songs from musical theatre and film. Starring Irish cinematic tenor Alan Fitzsimons, alongside soprano Rachel Goode, accompanied by live grand piano and string musicians, the setlist includes favourites such as Bring Him Home, All I Ask of You, Defying Gravity and other iconic songs from Broadway and the movies.

D15 Youth Theatre Auditions

YOUTH ARTS



Sun 04 Oct, 11am-1pm

Group auditions will be held for those aged between 14-18 years who wish to become members of D15 Youth Theatre. No former training or experience is required. Just an interest in theatre and a willingness to try new things. D15YT runs on Tuesday evenings, 7pm-9pm, during school term times, starting in October. Apply Online www.draiocht.ie. Further information from sarah@draiocht.ie

Virginia Woolf's Night & Day

CINEMA



Wed 07 Oct, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In English with Open Captions

Based on Virginia Woolf's witty novel, *Night & Day* follows independent astronomer Katharine Hilbery as she resists the conventions of romance and marriage. This light-hearted, modern comedy offers a fresh take on love and ambition, featuring standout performances from Haley Bennett, Elyas M'Barek, Jennifer Saunders, Lily Allen, Jack Whitehall and Timothy Spall. Cert 12A.



Without Distinction of Sex by Veronica Coburn

Presented as part of Dublin Theatre Festival 2026

Produced by Once Off Productions

THEATRE

Wed 30 Sep 8pm | Preview | €20

Thu 01 Oct 8pm | Opening Night | €25 / €23 conc

Fri 02 Oct 8pm | €25 / €23 conc

Sat 03 Oct 3pm | €25 / €23 conc

Sat 03 Oct 8pm* | €25 / €23 conc

In 1922, Ireland's first Constitution promised liberty "without distinction of sex". Fifteen years later, Bunreacht na hÉireann betrayed that promise. Article 41 reduced women to domestic and reproductive roles, erasing unmarried, queer, trans and non-conforming lives while legitimising a culture of exclusion and silence that has suffocated generations of Irish women. This legacy still shapes Ireland today. Blending spoken text, choral song, dance by sean nós and contemporary dancer Sibéal Davitt, an original score/sound

design by Sinéad Diskin and the voice of a powerful virtual chorus, Veronica Coburn creates an urgent theatrical reckoning with gender, power and the unfinished fight for equality.

Age Guideline 14+

Duration 90 mins (no interval)

*Irish Sign Language interpreted performance 03 Oct, 8pm

An Evening with Fiachna Ó Braonáin, Tom Dunne & Alan Connor

MUSIC



Thu 08 Oct, 8pm

Tickets: €32 / €30 conc

Fiachna Ó Braonáin (founding member of Hothouse Flowers) and Tom Dunne (lead singer of Something Happens) have joined forces with Alan Connor (pianist with *The Late Late Show* House Band and long-time member of Sharon Shannon's band) to form a unique trio. Expect an evening of stories and shared memories, unforgettable songs and harmonies, jaw-dropping musical moments, guitar, low whistle, and charm, laughter, tears, and maybe even a sing-along.

David O'Doherty - Highway to the David Zone

COMEDY



Sat 10 Oct, 8pm

Tickets: €28

A new opus from the hairy Enya, the Ryanair Bublú, the nine volt battery powered Beethoven. Talking, songs, talking during songs, talking while walking around - it's got the lot. Star of '8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown' (Channel 4), 'Live At The Apollo' (BBC) and host of the 'What Did You Do Yesterday?' podcast.

"An unexpected, cathartic set that leaves the audience in tears of laughter."

- The Irish Times ★★★★★

The Piano Man - Elton John & Billy Joel: A Live Celebration

MUSIC



Fri 09 Oct, 8pm

Tickets: €30

'The Piano Man' is a spectacular live show that will transport you into the legendary worlds of two of the greatest music icons of all time: Elton John and Billy Joel, undeniably two of the most influential artists in history. John Forde and The 52nd Street Band deliver a powerful and energetic performance of timeless classic hits, including 'Rocket Man', 'My Life', 'Your Song', 'Uptown Girl', 'Crocodile Rock', 'New York State Of Mind' and of course 'The Piano Man'.

Ardal O'Hanlon - Not Himself

COMEDY



Wed 14 Oct, 8pm

Tickets: €30

Despite his best attempts over many decades to put the world to rights, it is still a colossal mess. And so, Ardal has no choice but to go out on the road again. Like the good comedy doctor he is, he fearlessly diagnoses the various pathologies and neuroses that are currently ravaging humanity. Disclaimer: No solutions provided.

The Viewfinder Bag

FAMILY EVENT



From 15 Oct, 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.

Family Day: Circus Tents & Carousels

FAMILY



Sat 17 Oct, 12.30pm & 2pm

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Age: 4-9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins

Explore Sharon Murphy's exhibition 'Mise en Abyme' and be inspired to design and draw your own circus tent carousels using pastels and pencils, with Artist Sarah Ward.

The Songs and Stories of Joni Mitchell

MUSIC



Thu 15 Oct, 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.

Robert Mizzell's Nashville Songbook

MUSIC



Fri 16 Oct, 8pm

Tickets: €30

The Nashville Songbook Tour brings together the finest voices in Irish country music to celebrate the timeless hits straight out of Music City. With toe-tapping classics, heartfelt ballads, and wonderful harmonies, this an unforgettable evening of live music, stories, and southern soul and a must-see show for every country fan. With guests Kelan Browne & Stacey Breen.

Prins în ... Plasă

THEATRE



Sat 17 Oct, 7pm

Tickets: €39 | Language: Romanian

Comedy drama 'Trapped in a Net' Directed by Dan Tudor, features an acclaimed cast, including Alexandra Velnicu, Tudorel Filimon, Dan Tudor, Corina Danila, Gratiela Teohari Duban, Afrodita Androne, and Gabriel Coveșeanu, all of whom are very much loved by comedy audiences. Witness an intense evening of comedy where a wife catches her husband in the company of a mysterious young lady.

Nino

CINEMA



Wed 21 Oct, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In French with English Subtitles

Featuring Théodore Pellerin in an award-winning role, *Nino* follows a young Parisian confronting a life-changing cancer diagnosis just before his 29th birthday. With treatment imminent, he spends a transformative weekend reconnecting with friends and family, reflecting on his future and rediscovering himself in a heartfelt life-affirming journey of resilience, growth, hope, and renewal. Cert 15A.

The Legend of Luke Kelly

MUSIC



Thu 22 Oct, 8pm

Tickets: €30 / €28 conc

The Legend of Luke Kelly is an authentic show celebrating the life and songs of Ireland's most iconic and greatest folk singer. Created and performed by the renowned singer songwriter Chris Kavanagh, accompanied by a live band, the show is a journey through Luke's music that has received rave reviews in venues all over Ireland.

Sinéad Culbert - I'm No Wonder Woman

COMEDY



Fri 23 Oct, 8pm

Tickets: €22

In her brand new stand up show, join one half of comedy duo DirtBirds, Sinéad Culbert, as she explores the extreme dangers of growing up in the 80s, the pitfalls of parenting, the myths about marriage and the genuine joy of not giving a shit!

McCartney All the Best

MUSIC



Sat 24 Oct, 8pm

Tickets: €30 / €28 conc

Join Fran King for a captivating tribute to the extraordinary music of Sir Paul McCartney. Celebrating his iconic career with The Beatles, Wings and as a solo artist, this vibrant show brings timeless classics to life, including *Hey Jude*, *Get Back*, *All My Loving*, *Can't Buy Me Love* and *Live and Let Die*, alongside many more beloved hits.

Dr David Coleman - Ready for Anything

TALK



Tue 27 - Wed 28 Oct, 8pm

Tickets: €30

Today's children and teenagers are growing up in a world that feels faster, louder and more pressurised than ever. Academic demands, social media pressures and every day challenges can overwhelm them. While we cannot control the wind, we can adjust the sails. Learn from David how you can help them discover that they can survive adversity, and thrive afterwards. Includes post show Q&A.

The Ghost Story Gathering

THEATRE



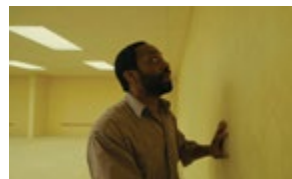
Thu 29 Oct, 8pm

Tickets: €12 / €10 conc

Join us for 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?

Backrooms

CINEMA



Fri 30 Oct, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In English with Open Captions
Clark (Chiwetel Ejiofor), a furniture store owner struggling with a failing marriage and business, discovers a hidden passage to the eerie, endless "backrooms" beneath his shop. When he vanishes, his therapist Mary ventures into the mysterious labyrinth to find him, uncovering unsettling secrets in this tense supernatural thriller. Cert 15A.

Crow's Books Cá Cá Cá

FAMILY EVENT

Wed 28 - Thu 29 Oct

10.30am Age 3-5 yrs | 12.30pm Age 6-8 yrs

Tickets: €5 children plus 1 adult free

Dur: 45 mins

Long ago, crows circled high over campfires, listening to the stories of humans being carried in the air. Created by artist Paula Mongey and harpist Mary Louise O'Donnell, Crow's Books is a sensory storytelling experience rooted in Irish folklore, where



stories are felt, seen and heard through live harp music, shadow play and movement. Children are invited to mix their own natural inks and make their very own Crow's Book, so come dressed for the occasion.

Helium Creative Arts Halloween Camp

FAMILY EVENT

Wed 28 - Fri 30 Oct

Tickets: Free

Helium's creative arts camp comes to Blanchardstown this autumn, offering three days of free arts workshops for children aged 8-12 years living with a lifelong health condition. Led by professional artists, children explore their creativity through hands-on making, connect with others



who understand their experience, and leave with new skills, new friends, and a lot of fun memories. Facilitated by Helium, a national charity working with children across Ireland's hospitals and communities.

Visit <https://helium.ie/book-a-workshop/> for further details.

Spine Tingling Podcasting Workshop

FAMILY EVENT

Fri 30 Oct, 11am-3pm

Tickets: €10 Per Child | Age 9-12 yrs

Step into the spooky world of storytelling in this Halloween-themed podcasting workshop for ages 9-12 years, from our partners in CreateSchool. Create creepy characters, dream up mysterious sound effects, and record your own spine-tingling



podcast. From ghostly tales to monster mysteries, you'll learn how to use your voice, music, and sound to bring your scary story to life. No experience needed - just bring your imagination and get ready for some frightfully fun creativity!

Draíocht has a number of Access Places available across its programme. If you would like to nominate someone to participate who may not have the fee, please contact Sarah on 01-8098029 or sarah@draiocht.ie in confidence. Draíocht is committed, within its resources, to access to the arts for all.

Excitedly Resting by Órla Kelly



Wed 16 – Fri 18 Sep, 10.30am

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential
For Primary School ASD Units

Explore Órla Kelly's new exhibition examining how tactile materials, texture and sensory experiences can foster meaningful engagement with art for autistic young people, sensory seekers and their families. Through playful textiles, thoughtfully selected materials and a carefully designed environment, visitors are encouraged to interact with the work comfortably and at their own pace.

Primary School Guided Tours



Oct 05, 06, 08, 12, 13, 14, 19

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.

FLIP by Mónica Muñoz



Thu 15 – Fri 16 Oct, 10am & 12 noon

Tickets: €5 children | Teachers Free

Age guideline: 4+ | Jnr Infants-5th
Class | Dur: 40 mins

Welcome to FLIP ... a whirling, twirling, tumbling virtuoso dance performance for young audiences that follows the journey of two characters as they move from isolation to community. It is a charming show that offers a one-of-a-kind portrayal of diversity, alternately humorous and profound.

Eclipse Insights

For D15 Secondary Schools



**Wed 07 Oct,
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.

Taster Dance Workshops

For D15 Secondary Schools



Oct/Nov: Working in collaboration with Dublin Youth Dance Company (DYDC), Draíocht is delighted to offer five Dublin 15 secondary schools, free contemporary dance workshops for their students this season. These workshops will introduce contemporary dance to your students in a fun and accessible way in your own school environment. For more information and to apply please contact sarah@draiocht.ie or 01 8098029.

Spoken Word Project

For D15 Secondary Schools



This Autumn, Draíocht will begin an exciting new project to create a series of professional short live theatre pieces for secondary-cycle students for performance in their school. The first piece will be developed by spoken word artist Colm Keegan, working directly with a group of secondary-school students through a collaborative, creative process. If your school is interested in participating, please email Sarah at sarah@draiocht.ie



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.

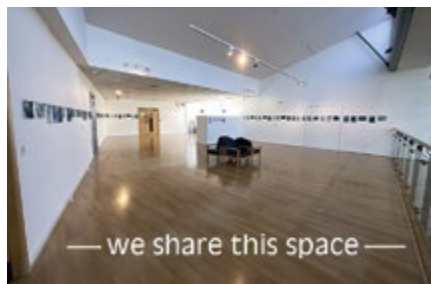
Mise en Abyme was originally commissioned by Nora Hickey M'Sichili, Director Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris, where it premiered in 2024. In association with Photo Museum Ireland and Golden Thread Gallery, Belfast, the exhibition toured in Ireland in 2025.

We Share This Space

Fri 23 Oct 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.

10-14 Nov	The Addams Family – Coolmine Musical
17-18 Nov	ABBA Forever
19 Nov	Anton Jablovskiy – Heart & Fire
20-21 Nov	Shirley Valentine
26 Nov	Michael English
27 Nov	Phil Coulter – Gold & Silver Days
04-05 Dec	Romeo & Juliet – Ballet Ireland
07 Dec	A Christmas Country with the Stars
07-24 Jan	Snow White The Panto
28 Jan	Foster & Allen – Golden Greats Tour
11 Feb	The Very Curious Céilí
16-17 Feb	Reeling in the Showband Years
18 Feb	Neil Delamere – Neil's On Wheels
19 Feb	Mary Coughlan
26 Feb	Andrew Lloyd Webber & Beyond
03-04 Mar	Legends of the 60s Show
06 Mar	Chris Kent – That's All I Need Now!
25 Mar	Shane Daniel Byrne – Baby This Time
31 Mar-01 Apr	Nashville Live Tribute Show

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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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.

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