

WHAT'S ON MAR-APR 2026

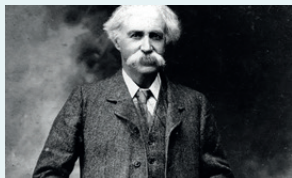


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Space for the Arts – Space for Magic – Space for You

The Songs & Poems of Percy French

MUSIC



Tue 03 Mar, 8pm

Tickets: €20

Featuring all-time favourites 'Are ye right there Michael?', 'The Darling Girl from Clare', 'To The West', 'The Four Farrellys' and 'Abdul Abulbul Amir' (Percy's first successful song), we look forward to hearing you sing along! Having already raised over €140,000 for a variety of charities, this night will be in aid of CASA.

Grease - School Edition

MUSICAL



Tue 10–Thu 12 Mar, 7.30pm

Tickets: €15 / €12 conc

Bursting with energy, catchy songs, iconic characters, and plenty of 1950s flair, this much-loved production of the musical *Grease* showcases the incredible talent, hard work, and creativity of Hartstown Community School's Transition Year students. Presented by arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide.

Legends of the 60s Show

MUSIC



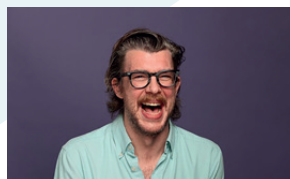
Thu 05–Fri 06 Mar, 8pm

Tickets: €28

Join a multi award-winning all-star cast of musicians and singers for the ultimate feelgood factor, transporting you hand clapping, swinging and singing back to that magical golden decade that was the 1960s. Performing over 40 iconic hit songs and tributes to icons like Elvis, The Beatles, The Monkeys, The Rolling Stones, Tom Jones, Cliff Richard and The Beach Boys.

Tony Cantwell – You Cry Weird

COMEDY



Fri 13 Mar, 8pm

Tickets: €28

Tony Cantwell has cried for some wild reasons over the years. A TV show about dogs. A drunken run on a treadmill. Getting caught in the nip at school. They're all part of the chaos that unfolds in this brand new show, full of wildly personal stories, surreal perspectives and more tangents than a bronzed men's beach. From the star of Last One Laughing and co-host of the Young Hot Guys podcast.

A Ballet Gala

DANCE



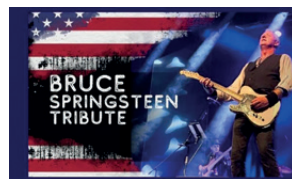
Sat 07 Mar, 6pm

Tickets: €16

Celebrating the debut year of the Aoife Brogan School of Ballet, proudly established in November 2024. As a Royal Academy of Dance school, they are dedicated to nurturing strong technique, creativity, and a lifelong love of dance. This special performance showcases the talent and hard work of students, from graceful beginners to confident young dancers.

Glory Days – The Spirit of Springsteen

MUSIC



Sat 14 Mar, 8pm

Tickets: €25

Loved for their high-energy performances and authentic sound, Glory Days have built a nationwide following and glowing reviews wherever they play. Expect all the passion, storytelling, and big-hearted anthems that make The Boss legendary and that unmistakable connection between band and audience that turns every show into a celebration. It promises to be a night full of pure Springsteen spirit.

Hamnet

CINEMA

Wed 18 Mar, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

Language: English Language with Open Captions

From Academy Award winning writer/director Chloé Zhao, and based on the 2020 novel by Maggie O'Farrell, comes HAMNET, the powerful story of love and loss that inspired the creation of Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece, Hamlet. This historical 16th century English drama reimagines the family



life of William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes Hathaway and the tragic death of their 11 year old son Hamnet to plague, which ultimately inspired Shakespeare's most famous play.

Natural Women

MUSIC

Thu 19 Mar, 8pm

Tickets: €30 / €28 conc

Irish rock veterans Leslie Dowdall and Flo McSweeney unite onstage for the first time in Natural Women, a heartfelt tribute to Linda Ronstadt and Carole King. With an all star band and rich visual projections, the show celebrates the timeless songs that defined the 1970s, including 'Up on the Roof', 'You're No Good', 'I Feel the Earth Move', and 'It's Too Late', performed with warmth, authenticity, and joy.



Paddy – The Life & Times of Paddy Armstrong

THEATRE

Fri 20 Mar, 8pm

Tickets: €20 / €18 conc

Fifty years after his wrongful conviction, at the age of 74, Paddy is facing into his twilight years and wrestling with a thousand turbulent memories. A one-man show, starring Don Wycherley as Paddy, the play is inspired by Paddy Armstrong's memoir 'Life After Life, a Guildford Four Memoir' (2017). Paddy is a testament to the



resilience of the human spirit and the power of forgiveness, reminding us that the privilege of freedom and love, family and everyday life can restore us and mend the scars of even the most savage injustice.

D'ale Carnavalului

THEATRE



Sat 21 Mar, 7pm

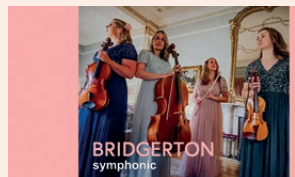
Tickets: €35

Language: Romanian

A whirlwind of romantic mix-ups, jealousy and rivalry explodes into sparkling moments of absurd humour and unexpected twists. With a cast of acclaimed, audience-favorite comedy actors and a director known for turning everything he touches into laughter, 'D'ale Carnavalului' promises a night of irresistible humour and guaranteed entertainment.

Bridgerton Symphonic

MUSIC



Fri 27 Mar, 8pm

Tickets: €27.50

Glas Quartet, known for their mastery in classical and contemporary repertoire, will perform selections from the acclaimed soundtrack of the Netflix sensation. Complimented by mesmerizing visuals inspired by the sumptuous settings and characters of the show, the synchronised interplay of live music, lighting, and visuals promises to transport the audience into the romantic and scandalous world of Bridgerton.

Celebrating 30 Years

MUSIC



Tue 24 Mar, 7.30pm

Tickets: €25

Castleknock Community College is delighted to return to Draíocht to celebrate 30 years of education in Dublin 15. Throughout the years, the College has encouraged students to develop a love of music and to appreciate the joy of performance in an atmosphere of teamwork and enjoyment. This special evening promises to be a wonderful celebration of music and community.

The Legends of American Country Show

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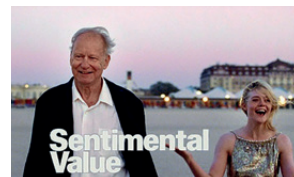
Wed 25–Thu 26 Mar, 8pm

Tickets: €28

It's time for another fantastic night of toe tapping Country nostalgia. Enjoy highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, Tammy Wynette and Kenny Rogers and new tributes to icons Alan Jackson, Shania Twain, Garth Brooks and the new kid on the block Luke Combs, with countless other well-known singalong hit songs in this must-see musical extravaganza.

Sentimental Value

CINEMA



Wed 01 Apr, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In Norwegian with English Subtitles
Sisters Nora and Agnes reunite with their estranged father, the charismatic Gustav (Stellan Skarsgård), a once-renowned director who offers stage actress Nora a role in what he hopes will be his comeback film. When Nora turns it down, she soon discovers he has given her part to an eager young Hollywood star (Elle Fanning). The two sisters must confront family tensions complicated by an unexpected American guest!

Shortt Stuff – Pat & Faye Shortt

COMEDY



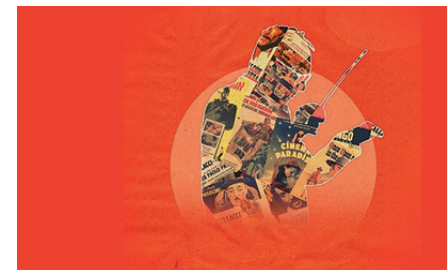
Thu 02 Apr, 8pm

Tickets: €30

Pat Shortt, a veteran of the comedy circuit, and his daughter Faye Shortt, a theatre-trained firecracker with a razor-sharp wit, have built a cult following with their blend of absurd characters and lightning-quick banter. This beloved Irish comedy duo is embarking on a tour of Ireland with their new show 'Shortt Stuff'. The Shortts conjure up a madcap world. Whether skewering small-town politics or turning family feuds into full-blown musical numbers, their shows are as unpredictable as they are unforgettable.

The Ennio Morricone Experience

MUSIC



Sat 11 Apr, 8pm

Tickets: €30

The Ennio Morricone Experience is a tribute to the late maestro of film music who wrote over 400 film compositions in his lifetime, including the scores for audience favourites, 'A Fistful of Dollars', 'The Good the Bad and the Ugly', 'Cinema Paradiso', and 'The Mission'. The ensemble comprises a lineup of acclaimed solo international artists Katy Kelly, Annalisa Monticelli, Francesca De Nardi, Davide Forti and guests.

The Man In The Woman's Shoes

THEATRE



Fri 10 Apr, 8pm

Tickets: €22 / €20 conc

Just outside of town, cobbler Pat Farnon lives on his own, contentedly aging in the cottage in which he was reared. Join him as he walks the five miles into his "metropolis," populated with no-necked water diviners, sporting savants, loudmouths, and preachers. It is a beautifully observed piece, utterly simple and widely praised. The show is funny, tender and at times downright daft. Written and performed by Mikel Murfi.

"Astonishing acting ..." — New York Times

LIMITLESS

MUSICAL THEATRE



Wed 15–Fri 17 Apr, 7pm | Sat 18 Apr, 1.30pm & 7pm

Tickets: €22

The Award Winning Cecilian Theatre Arts celebrate 25 years performing in Draíocht with **LIMITLESS!**, a vibrant, family-friendly showcase of song, dance and comedy. Featuring highlights from 'Wicked', 'Oliver!', 'Mary Poppins', 'Tina Turner The Musical', plus K Pop, Rock, lyrical pieces and classic movie and chart hits, the show promises energy and variety. This year's show welcomes back award-winning performer Bronwyn Andrews and popular compère Seamús Sullivan for an uplifting, action packed celebration for all ages.

A Quiet Love + Q&A

CINEMA



Wed 22 Apr, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

Irish & British sign language, English Subtitles

This moving documentary follows three couples navigating love, identity, and Deaf/hearing experiences. John and Agnes reflect on life as a mixed religion Deaf couple during the Troubles. Michelle and Kathy share their same-sex relationship, IVF journey, and parenting hearing and Deaf daughters. Deaf boxer Seán and his hearing partner Deyanna confront a life-altering decision. Followed by a Q&A with the producers (ISL interpreted).

Neil Delamere – Reinventing The Neil

COMEDY



Thu 23 Apr, 8pm

Tickets: €30

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?

"One lean, mean, comedy killing machine."
— The Herald ★★★★★

Tom Cole – Songs that Shaped the World

MUSIC



Fri 24 Apr, 8pm

Tickets: €27 / €26 conc

If you love the great timeless songs and music of crooners such as Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett and the likes, then you must experience an evening with Tom Cole Jr. Join the voice of Sunshine 106.8 Radio, accompanied by the Shane O'Connor Quartet for a journey down memory lane as they celebrate the songs, music and singers from the golden age of swing, big band and the great American song book.

Paddy Casey

MUSIC



Sat 25 Apr, 8pm

Tickets: €25

Paddy Casey has been a leading figure in Irish music since his multi-platinum debut 'Amen (So Be It)'. He has toured globally with acts like R.E.M., Blondie, and Tracy Chapman, while selling out major Irish venues and sharing stages with U2, Pearl Jam, and Bob Dylan. His early music featured on shows like 'Dawson's Creek', and his follow-up album 'Living' became one of Ireland's best-selling records.

FAMILIES, YOUNG PEOPLE & SCHOOLS

Gallery Explore Bag

SELF LED EXPLORATION



Sat 14 Mar–Sat 02 May, 10am–4pm

Tickets: Free | No Booking Required | Drop In
Draiocht's Foyer & Galleries | Age: 5–9 yrs

Discover the gallery in a whole new way. Inspired by our current exhibition, which features a range of art forms and mediums by 26 artists, the Gallery Explore Bags are filled with creative prompts designed to spark conversation, imagination, and discovery. Join creator and artist Sarah Ward on the 14th of March, from 12pm–2pm, as she shows families how to use the explore bags, or pop in independently for self-led exploration.

Family Day: Meet, Think, Talk, Draw

WORKSHOP



Sat 21 Mar, 1pm–2.30pm

Tickets: Free | No Booking Required | Drop In
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Celebrate with and meet artists Tom Climent and Deirdre O'Reilly at the official launch of Draiocht's newly commissioned artworks by them, as part of our project 'Your Walls'. These beautiful new artworks will start life in Draiocht's foyer and will then travel to Dublin 15 schools. Philosopher Dr. Lucy Elvis will also be on hand to help you explore these new works and respond with your own creations. Drop in and think, talk and draw with us!

Gallery Pal

EASTER FAMILY SESSIONS



Wed 01–Thu 02, Tue 07–Thu 09 Apr, 12pm–2.30pm

Tickets: Free | No Booking Required | Drop In
Draiocht's Foyer & Galleries | Age: 5–9 yrs
Explore Draiocht's self-led Family Resources this Easter with artist Sarah Ward, the perfect Gallery Pal. We've been working hard to create new and exciting ways for you to explore our building with a range of self-led resources for families. Sarah Ward will be here to help. You can try our Dreamers Space Trail Guide, or Gallery Explore Bags, or Your Walls Gallery Pack. Just drop in, take your time, and enjoy exploring together.

Family Day: Rotation Stations

WORKSHOP



Sat 25 Apr, 12pm & 1.30pm | Dur: 60 mins

Tickets: Free | Advance Booking Required
Age: 4–9 yrs

This fun art experience will encourage you and your child to think about the process of art making, as well as the end product. We'll introduce you to the idea of mixed media artworks, as you make your way around our various workstations, each with different art materials, like watercolour paints, stencils, rulers, and ink and stamps. No need to overthink, just make and move! Please dress for mess. Not designed for groups.

Áine Gallagher – For the Love of Milseáin

SECONDARY SCHOOL SHOW

Wed 04 Mar, 11am

Age: 5th & 6th Yr Students | Dur: 60 mins

Tickets: Free **SOLD OUT**

Presented in association with Fingal Libraries, celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge, 'For the Love of Milseáin' is a bilingual comedy show that promises to tickle the Irish out of you. Áine, 'the queen of offbeat', uses her 'divinely awkward' style of comedy to create a really fun experience, that offers a new, exciting



approach to speaking and learning Irish. Áine masterfully weaves bilingual storytelling with her quirky, deadpan humour to navigate mistake making, mug cake baking and her obsession with Lionel Richie to inspire a nation to let go of their fears and speak Irish.

Up In The Clouds

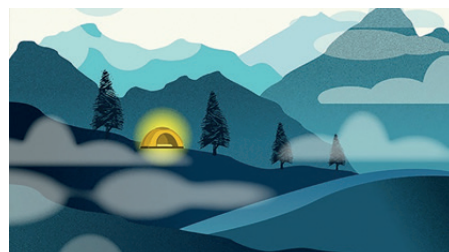
SENSORY FRIENDLY SHOWS

Wed 25–Fri 27 Mar

Schools/Services / Show times variable

Public Show: Thu 26 Mar, 4pm

Up In The Clouds is a chilled-out adventure for children and young people with complex/profound needs, presented by Anna Newell Theatre Adventures. Performed inside a dreamy white tent to just 3 audience members at a time, Up In The Clouds drifts its audience off to a gentle magical place full of exquisite live harmony singing, air and space and gentle



object play, with the shows designed so that the performers can respond to each individual child/young person. If you and your children are interested in attending in Draíocht, please contact Sarah Beirne on 01-809 8029 or sarah@draiocht.ie directly.

Grace by Jody O'Neill

PRIMARY SCHOOL SHOWS

Wed 29 Apr, 10am & 12 noon

Age: 8+ | Dur: 65 mins

Tickets: €5 children / teachers free

Grace, written by Jody O'Neill, tells the story of a girl who has a relationship with her father where no words are needed. In fact, Grace doesn't use words to speak at all. When her father dies suddenly, Grace needs to find a new way to communicate. This exciting production – now on a national tour – explores the



universal themes of grief and communication as Grace and her father invite you into the multisensory landscape of Grace's world. Produced by Once Off Productions, in association with Graffiti Theatre Company.

Primary School Guided Tours



05, 13, 20, 23 Mar

10.15am–11.45am

Tickets: Free | Dur: 90 mins

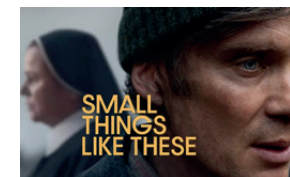
Age: Pre-school & Primary Pupils Visit Draíocht's exhibitions, theatre spaces and backstage – maybe sing a song on our stage. These tours will allow your pupils to explore the building and encourage them to voice their opinion about the art in our gallery, to see backstage, and introduce them to the idea of a civic space and what that means for our community. Booking through Box Office 01-8852622.

Leaving Cert Art Appreciation



Draíocht's Galleries provide an excellent opportunity for Leaving Cert students to engage with a local gallery and professional artists. Our Leaving Cert Gallery Guide 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.

Small Things Like These SCHOOL SCREENING



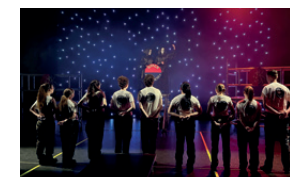
Wed 22 Apr, 10.30am

Tickets: €5 students / teachers free

Dur: 1 hr 36 mins | Age: 13+

Based on Claire Keegan's novel, 'Small Things Like These' explores one man's efforts to confront the culture of silence and complicity in Catholic Ireland. Starring Cillian Murphy in his first leading role since his Oscar-winning turn in 'Oppenheimer', the film also features Emily Watson as the local convent's powerful Mother Superior. Adapted for screen by Enda Walsh. Box Office: 01-885 2622.

D15 Youth Theatre & Create Dance



Draíocht's core youth arts projects continue this season weekly. D15 Youth Theatre's older and newer members, aged 14-18 years, will experiment together with script, voice and stage craft with a focus on performance, with facilitators Eimear Morrissey and Alex Conlon. Our Create Dancers, aged 5-18 years work weekly with their facilitators in this fun, innovative dance project, where the dancers love to dance and move to music, and also have an intellectual disability.

Taster Dance Workshops For Secondary Schools



Invitation to Participate in April 2026

Cost: Free

Working in collaboration with Dublin Youth Dance Company (DYDC), Draíocht is delighted to offer D15 secondary schools 2 free dance workshops for their TY students in their school, introducing contemporary dance in a fun and accessible way. For more information and to apply please contact sarah@draiocht.ie or 01 8098029. With thanks to funding from Fingal Arts Office.

The Toddler Take Over



13–14 May 2026

Join us for Draíocht's 11th Toddler Take Over Adventure in May! Together with our artists, you can celebrate the limitless imagination of the youngest members of our community and the magic that happens when it is combined with the world of artists and the arts. With a range of events, and the addition of a Sensory Toddler Day (13 May), let your toddler take the lead, as we open up our building just for them. Booking opens on Wed 15 April.



SPRING26

Curated by Aisling Prior

Wed 04 Mar–Sat 02 May 2026

Ground & First Floor Galleries

SPRING26 is an exhibition presenting new work from 26 graduate visual artists and early career artists with a Fingal connection, to mark Draíocht's 25th Birthday in 2026.

The aim of the Exhibition is to support and celebrate the work of the selected artists while showcasing the breath of work artists are engaged in, across the Fingal area. The work ranges across video, painting, sculpture, textiles, photography, drawing, print and installation.

The artists were selected following an Open Call, by a panel including: Aisling Prior (Exhibition Curator), Emer McGowan (Director, Draíocht), Sarah O'Neill (Fingal County Council Arts Officer), Rich Gilligan (Artist), and Bassam Issa Al-Sabah (Artist).

Exhibiting Artists:

Maria Atanackovic, Maya Brezing, Lucy Carrick, Matthew Coll, Michael Shane Cox, Alex De Roeck, Aileen Farrell, Chris Forrester, Andrew Grace, Elizabeth Hogan, Uisce Jakubczyk, Sinead Kampff, Paula Leimane, Nathan Lowry, Nicole Manning, Justine McDonnell, James McLoughlin, Sorca O'Farrell, Kerrie O'Leary, Eileen O'Sullivan, Jack Pierce, Eileen Sealy, Annette Treacy, Aoife Ward, Catherine Ward, Diarmuid Woodcock.

This exhibition will be accompanied by a programme of engagement for young people.

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."

Órla Kelly

April-May 2026

We are delighted to welcome artist Órla Kelly to our Artist Studio for the Creative Development of The Toddler Take Over, now in its 11th year!

"The Toddler Take Over has always been a magical and creatively productive time for me, ever since we invented the first one 11 years ago. It might not always be obvious how much background work goes into the Toddler Take Over but the team at Draíocht and the artists they engage with are champions at what they do; bringing together ideas, technical elements,



materials, spaces and playfully gathering people to put things in motion. Draíocht is aptly named; it's just magic to be a part of it!"
- Artist Órla Kelly

07 May	Patient:Soldier
08 May	Shane Daniel Byrne – Who's a Big Boy
09 May	Route 66 Big Band
13–14 May	The Toddler Take Over
19 May	The Summer Country Show
27 May	Icons of the 70s Show
29 May	Killian Sundermann – Killian Dollar Baby
30 May	The Love Hungry Farmer
10 Jun	Think Twice – Celine Dion Tribute Show
12 Jun	Al Porter – Algorithm
25 Jun	Ardal O'Hanlon – Not Himself
19 Sep	Anne Gildea – Further Adventures in Womaning
25 Sep	Jarlath Regan: Gas Man
16 Oct	Robert Mizzell's Nashville Songbook
23 Oct	Sinéad Culbert – I'm No Wonder Woman

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

Find Us Online



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.



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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.

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