

WHAT'S ON
NOV-DEC 2025



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

Philosophy for Children

FAMILY DAY WORKSHOP



Sat 01 Nov, 12pm & 1.30pm

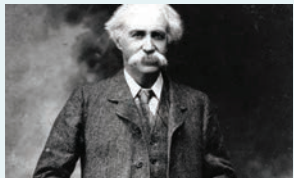
Age: 4-9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Think and wonder about artist Bridget Flannery's abstract landscapes with your children in our gallery. We will encourage exciting and important conversations about big ideas, while awakening your imagination. This way of thinking helps us practice our ability to express ourselves. It's also fun and there will be some colouring too!

The Songs & Poems of Percy French

MUSIC



Tue 04 Nov, 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 €132,000 for a variety of charities, this night will be in aid of SPIRASI, helping torture victims/survivors heal, rebuild and thrive.

An Afternoon with the Fingal Mummies

COMMUNITY THEATRE



Sat 01 Nov, 4pm

Tickets: €5

Join the Fingal Mummies for an afternoon of traditional Irish storytelling, through song, dance and music this Halloween. They have been performing Fingal's Mummies plays for the last 42 years and also showcase Ireland's other masking traditions such as Vizards, Biddy Boys and Strawboys.

Deaf / Sorda

CINEMA



Wed 05 Nov, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In Spanish with English Subtitles
Ángela, a deaf woman, and Héctor, her hearing partner, are very excited when Ángela becomes pregnant. However, the question of whether their baby will be deaf or hearing causes tension between the couple. After a complicated intense labour, their daughter Ona is born and she can hear. Ángela has to come to terms with raising a daughter who may not share her experience of the world.

The Songs of Bob Dylan, Neil Young & Van Morrison

MUSIC



Sat 01 Nov, 8pm

Tickets: €25

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.

The Piano Man

MUSIC



Thu 06 Nov, 8pm

Tickets: €29

This spectacular live show will transport you into the legendary worlds of two of the greatest music icons of all time: Elton John and Billy Joel. John Forde and The 52nd Street Band deliver a powerful and energetic performance, captivating audiences with their authentic renditions of timeless classic hits, including 'Rocket Man', 'My Life', 'Your Song', 'Uptown Girl', 'New York State Of Mind' and of course 'Piano Man'.

Emma Doran - Emmaculate

COMEDY



Fri 07 Nov, 7.30pm

Tickets: €28

There's no such thing as a perfect family, but Emma Doran wouldn't want one anyway. The many trials and tribulations of Emma's blended family are laid bare in this witty, rambunctious show. Strap in for a night to remember, jam-packed with razor-sharp observations, riotous on-stage antics and gossip mongering, from the smash hit Irish comedian, best-selling author and viral online star.

McCartney All the Best

MUSIC



Thu 13 Nov, 8pm

Tickets: €28

Join Fran King on this remarkable tribute journey through the musical legacy of legendary Beatle, Sir Paul McCartney. Whether you cherish his Beatles era, his Wings accomplishments, or his remarkable solo and beyond endeavors, prepare to be enthralled as the stage comes alive with timeless hits like 'Hey Jude', 'Get Back', 'All My Loving', 'Can't Buy Me Love', 'Live and Let Die' and many more.

Weekend De Adio

THEATRE



Sat 08 Nov, 7pm

Tickets: €35

The return of Dan Tudor to Draiocht's stage, as both director and actor of the new premiere 'Weekend De Adio', guarantees a wonderful night's entertainment. Accompanied by a brilliant team of actors, the vibrant director promises us a comedy masterpiece, where romantic adventures, unexpected twists, and the authenticity of the performances will delight. Language: Romanian.

It's Wine O'Clock

THEATRE



Fri 14 Nov, 8pm

Tickets: €24 / €22 conc

Naughty Norma Sheahan is newly divorced and believes 50 is the new 30. Her three teenagers told her to get a life and get a fella, as they managed her 'glow-up' from badger to MILF. The braver, bolder Norma now invites you on her journey as she gives a blow-by-blow account of her tinder sexcapades. So pull on your sparkly spanx and gather the glitzy gals for this over 18s event.

ABBA Forever

MUSIC



Tue 11-Wed 12 Nov, 8pm

Tickets: €30 / €28 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.

Anything Goes

MUSICAL THEATRE



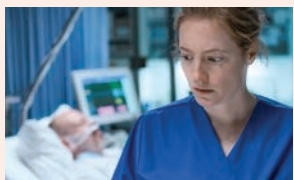
Tue 18-Sat 22 Nov, 7.30pm

Tickets: €25

Coolmine Musical Society is delighted to be taking to the stage with Cole Porter's 'Anything Goes'. When the S.S. American heads out to sea, etiquette and convention head out the portholes as two unlikely pairs set off on the course to true love ... proving that sometimes destiny needs a little help from a crew of singing sailors, a comical disguise and some good old-fashioned blackmail.

Late Shift

CINEMA



Wed 26 Nov, 7.30pm
 Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc
 German with English Subtitles
 Floria, a nurse, works with unwavering dedication in an understaffed hospital ward. But today, her shift turns into a nerve-racking race against time. This is a tense, grounded and compassionate look at the reality of modern nursing, which also serves as a passionate plea for all staff and patients to receive the resources and support they deserve.

The 4 of Us Acoustic Show

MUSIC



Sat 29 Nov, 8pm
 Tickets: €30
 Known for their distinctive sound that seamlessly blends rock, folk and pop influences, The 4 of Us has produced a string of hits that have become anthems for fans across generations. Brothers Brendan & Declan Murphy will perform the highlights of their award-winning career, including 'Mary', 'Washington Down' and 'She Hits Me', along with new material from their latest, acclaimed album, 'Crescent Nights'.

Michael English

MUSIC



Thu 27 Nov, 8pm
 Tickets: €30
 Michael English remains one of Ireland's best loved entertainers. His irresistible shows appeal to young and old leaving audiences unanimous in their love and admiration for one of Ireland's greatest talents. Join Michael with his newest concert show, as he brings you on a musical journey of Ireland's most loved country and Irish songs.

Phil Coulter – Tranquility by Candlelight

MUSIC



Tue 02 Dec, 8pm
 Tickets: €40
 The release of the album 'Classic Tranquility' in 1983 was a milestone in Irish music and in the career of its creator Phil Coulter. It became a phenomenon, leading to millions of record sales and international tours. Now, more than 40 years later, in a new and updated production, 'Tranquility by Candlelight' returns to the stage and guarantees an evening of familiar and best loved melodies in a magical setting.

The Legend of Luke Kelly

MUSIC



Fri 28 Nov, 8pm
 Tickets: €28
 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.

The Marching Band

CINEMA



Wed 03 Dec, 7.30pm
 Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc
 French with English Subtitles
 This delightful French comedy-drama is as funny as it is heartwarming. Thibaut, a successful conductor, is diagnosed with leukaemia and needing a bone marrow transplant, finds out he was actually adopted as a child – and that he has a secret biological brother, café worker Jimmy. They meet and discover a shared passion for music and Jimmy introduces Thibaut to his workplace marching band.

Cinderella Ballet Ireland

DANCE



Fri 05 Dec, 7.30pm
Sat 06 Dec, 2.30pm & 7.30pm
 Tickets: €28 / €26 conc / €18 (under 16s)
 Set in the grandeur of New York in the 1950's, this powerful story of resilience, romance and self-discovery is a timeless tale that never loses its resonance. Highlighting themes of identity and self-worth, hope, optimism, and the power of dreams, this production of Cinderella will be remembered long after the curtain calls.

A Dublin Gospel Christmas

MUSIC



Sat 13 Dec, 3pm & 7.30pm
 Tickets: 3pm - €18 / 7.30pm - €27 / €20 conc
 Christmas with Dublin Gospel Choir has become a holiday tradition for so many people in Ireland. This special performance blends Christmas classics, gospel music and soulful arrangements by their Musical Director Orla Gargan, creating a joyful and heartwarming atmosphere that celebrates the holiday season. Immerse yourself into the spirit of Christmas through their uplifting music this season.

Very Merry Mono Print

FAMILY DAY WORKSHOP



Sat 06 Dec, 1pm & 2.30pm
 Age: 4-9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins
 Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential
 Celebrate the festive season creating one-of-a-kind monoprints. We'll take inspiration from the abstract works in our gallery, using their shapes, colours and textures to spark ideas for festive cards. Whether you're making a gift or a seasonal greeting, your creation needs no experience, just your imagination and a sense of exploration.

Falling, Crunching, Swirling

TODDLER WORKSHOPS



Mon 15-Tue 16 Dec, 10.10am
 Dur: 50 mins
 Tickets: €5 Per Child (1 adult free)
 Age range: 16 mths-3 yrs
 Enjoy music and movement with your little one in this joyful workshop designed especially for toddlers and their grown-ups. Set in a calming and comforting environment, dancer Jess Rowell will guide you through an exploration of movement, colour, and rhythm, with sensory-rich experiences that encourage bonding, creativity and playful expression.

A Christmas Country with the Stars

MUSIC



Mon 08 Dec, 8pm
 Tickets: €33
 Join five of Ireland's top stars all in one super show. Including the legendary queen of country music Philomena Begley, the wee man from Drumlish Declan Nerney, the gentle giant of country music Mick Flavin, the accordion maestro from Roscommon Brendan Shine and the blue jean country queen from Cavan Kathy Durkin. Not to mention the fabulous Celtic Storm Band.

Die Hard

CINEMA



Tue 16 Dec, 7.30pm
 Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc
 Bruce Willis is John McClane, a New York cop who flies to L.A. on Christmas Eve to visit his wife at a party in her company's lavish high-rise. Plans change once a group of terrorists, led by Hans Gruber (Alan Rickman), seize the building and take everyone hostage. McClane slips away and becomes the only chance anyone has in this heart-stopping action thriller from 1988.

Gallery Explore Bag

Bridget's Sticks & Stones

10am-4pm Daily | Nov-Dec
Dur: Approx 30 mins
Borrow From Box Office

We invite you to discover our gallery in a whole new way. The late Bridget Flannery was endlessly curious about the natural world around her. Our exhibition of her work 'Unquiet Layers' is about her adventures exploring that world. Created by Dr. Lucy Elvis in collaboration with philosophers from CURO and AIRE, our new Gallery Explore Bags



invite you to engage with Bridget Flannery's abstract landscapes through playful activities and thoughtful questions. Each bag is filled with intriguing objects and creative prompts to spark conversation and exploration, with hands-on curiosity-driven activities designed especially for families.

Focus On: Abstract Art & Landscapes

Exploring the Exhibition 'Unquiet Layers'
Workshops for Primary & Secondary Schools



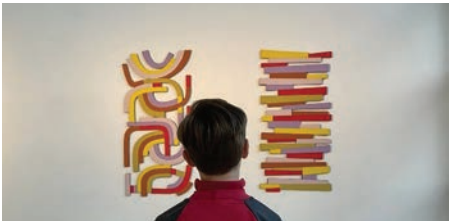
After exploring the exhibition 'Unquiet Layers' by Bridget Flannery, young people will take part in a hands-on workshop with Draíocht Artists, where they will explore thoughts and ideas, as well as utilise a number of different techniques to explore the creation of original abstract art works of their own. This is a wonderful opportunity to experiment with colours, lines and textures in new ways. Limited to 1 class per school but other classes are welcome to be part of a waiting list.

Colours & Textures

PRIMARY SCHOOL GUIDED TOURS

24 & 28 Nov | 01, 03 & 08 Dec
10.15am-11.45am | Dur: 90 mins
Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential
Age: Primary School Pupils
Capacity: 08-28 pupils + 2 teachers

Visit Draíocht's Gallery, Theatre and backstage spaces - 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 the inner workings of an arts centre, and introduce them to the idea of a civic space and what that means for our community.



During November & December, pupils will visit 'Unquiet Layers' by artist Bridget Flannery and explore the many interesting elements of her arts practice and paintings, which investigate colour, form, tone and texture and represent the artist's exploration, curiosity and investigation of the world around her.



MONSTERS

A Dance Show for D15 Primary Schools

Mon 03-Fri 21 November

Age Range: Senior Infants - 4th Class
Location: D15 Primary Schools
Cost: Free
Times: 2 shows available per school per day,
10am & 11.15am

Dur: 40 mins per show plus free dance workshop
Capacity: Max 80 children per show (+ class teachers)
Booking through Box Office 01-8852622

Join us on an enchanting journey where imagination meets reality in MONSTERS, a captivating dance performance for children. Through lively choreography and vibrant storytelling, this piece explores the world of monsters, fables and fears. Can humans and monsters learn to overcome their fears and dance together in harmony? Filled with humour, heart and a sprinkle of magic, MONSTERS teaches us that friendship can be found in the most unexpected places.

Matt Szczerek began his Dance Residency in Draíocht in January 2024. MONSTERS has been devised and created with input, feedback and discussion from children from junior infants to 6th class across 10 primary schools in Dublin 15, over 2 years.

Commissioned by Draíocht, with support from The Arts Council and Fingal County Council.

Book now: Tell us your preferred date and age of your class group, and confirm you have a gym or library space, access to power, and a small room for dancers to change.

Choreographer: Matt Szczerek
in collaboration with Alessio Motta
Music by Jack Foster

WhistleBlast's Winter Wonderland

MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS



Wed 10 Dec, 10.15am & 12.15pm

Tickets: €5 children / 2 teachers free per class of 20+

Age Range: All Ages | Dur: 60 mins

Book early for this joyous hour of festive fun, which will include lots of favourites from Tchaikovsky to the Snowman, a sing along WhistleBlast Christmas Tale and other seasonal songs! Bell ringing and percussion is encouraged with an audience participation concert finale. Performed by a gang of fun loving musicians including Conor Linehan, piano; Ken Edge, saxes and clarinets; Oonagh Keogh, violin; and Mary Curran, French horn, this concert is suitable for primary and secondary schools.

Wonka

CINEMA FOR SCHOOLS



Fri 12 Dec, 10.15am & 12.15pm (Sensory)

Tickets: €7.50 adults / €5 children / 2 teachers free

per class of 20+ | Age Range: PG | Dur: 116 mins

Based on the extraordinary character at the centre of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl's most iconic children's book and one of the best-selling children's books of all time, 'Wonka' tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today. Our Sensory Friendly Screening at 12.15pm will have lowered volume, lights on a low level, smaller audience size and the ability to make noise and move around freely during the screening if you wish.

Elf

CINEMA FOR SCHOOLS



Thu 11 Dec, 10.15am & 12.15pm

Tickets: €7.50 adults / €5 children / 2 teachers free

per class of 20+ | Age Range: PG | Dur: 97 mins

A human baby raised as an elf. A city where no one remembers the true meaning of Christmas. Will Ferrell stars as Buddy, a human raised in the North Pole to be an elf. After wreaking havoc in the elf community due to his size, Buddy heads to New York City to find his place in the world, and track down his father. But life in the big city is not all sugarplums and candy canes. Can Buddy save Christmas before it's too late?

Falling Crunching Swirling

SENSORY ASD DANCE WORKSHOP



Mon 15-Tue 16 Dec, 11.10am-12pm

Tickets: €45 per class group

(accompanying teachers free)

Designed especially for children in pre-school and primary school ASD Units with mild to complex needs, the immersive, interactive and responsive nature of these workshops encourages participants to engage and explore in their own unique way. Set in a calming and comforting environment dancer Jess Rowell will guide you in an exciting exploration of movement, colour and rhythm. Please note: These sessions are only suitable for pre-school and primary school sensory units. Booking through Box Office 01-8852622.

Secondary School Film Screenings

February, March, April 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 Senior Cycle Students, or film screenings supporting the Junior and Senior certificate exams or a film screening that links in with



projects that your classes are currently working on. 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.

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 Mark Rogers and Kevin Murphy, in this fun, innovative dance project, where the dancers love to dance and move to music, and also have an intellectual disability. Find out more on www.draiocht.ie

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 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



Unquiet Layers – Selected Works of Bridget Flannery

Wed 15 October 2025 – 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 artists' 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 to 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 around her.

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.

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



James McLoughlin

September – December 2025

Fingal County Council and Draíocht welcomes Fingal visual artist James McLoughlin to Draíocht's Artists Studio for a 4 month paid Studio Residency this Winter.

James McLoughlin is an artist and printmaker born and raised in Baldoyle, Dublin, moving to live and work in London in his teens before returning to Ireland in 2015. In 2019 he completed a University Certificate in Visual Arts Practices at NCAD and in 2023, he graduated with a first-class BA Honour's degree from NCAD in Fine Art, having work purchased by the Office of Public Works, he received the graduate residency award at Damn Fine Print.

James has exhibited nationally, throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland and has been published by the Visual Artists Ireland News Sheet. In 2023 James continued developing his practice with an MFA in Fine Art at TUS Limerick School of Art and Design and graduated in 2025 and where he also attended a residency at Limerick Printmakers.

02-18 Jan	Cinderella the Panto
22 Jan	Tradfest – Freddie White
23 Jan	Tradfest – Altan
24 Jan	Emma Doran – Emmaculate
29-30 Jan	Reeling in the Showband Years
05-07 Feb	Jason Byrne – Head in the Clouds
13 Feb	Ghost Story Gathering
14 Feb	Foster & Allen
18 Feb	Declan Nerney in Concert
19 Feb	Neil Delamere – Reinventing The Neil
20 Feb	Sharon Shannon
05-06 Mar	Legends of the 60s Show
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
23 Apr	Neil Delamere – Reinventing The Neil
19 May	The Summer Country Show

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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