

WHAT'S ON NOV-DEC 2023



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



The ladder is always there

Shell/Ter Artists Collective (S/TAC) with
10 Emerging Artists

Shell/Ter Artists Collective (S/TAC): Diana Copperwhite, Allyson Keehan, Niamh McGuinne, Sharon Murphy, Geraldine O'Neill in association with ten emerging artists - both invited and selected through Open Call - including Karen Ebbs, Mary Martin, Fiach McGuinne, SORCHA McNamara, Catherine Ward.

This exhibition presents new works in drawing, painting and expanded forms across a range of media, which take inspiration from, or, are embedded in, painting. The main focus of this exhibition is

Curated by the S/TAC Collective
Fri 08 Dec 2023 - Sat 03 Feb 2024
Ground and First Floor Galleries

to highlight the role of the Collective as a shelter for emerging artists, aligning with Draíocht's strategic commitment to support young, early career artists. The Shell/Ter Artist Collective explores the concept of shelter from emotional, psychological, philosophical perspectives and seeks to provide a dynamic space for artists whose work resonates with or delves into the theme of shelter.



Artist in Residence Justine McDonnell

Fingal County Council and Draíocht welcomes Fingal visual artist Justine McDonnell to Draíocht's Artists Studio for a 4 month paid Studio Residency. McDonnell received her B.A in Fine Art from TU Dublin (2015) and a Masters in Fine Art from the University of Ulster (2017). Working in live performance, photography, text and sound

installation her practice explores the physicality and the politics of the female voice. Performing using her own voice, she interweaves historical, fictional and autobiographical narratives in the construction of new scripted scores. During the residency at Draíocht, McDonnell will be developing and composing a new sound installation alongside a live performance and photographic series.

www.mcdonnelljustine.com

Meet the Author Alan Nolan



Wed 22 Nov, 10.30am-11.30am
Tickets Free / Age: 3rd-5th class
Join Alan Nolan as he brings you on a thrilling tour of 1850s Dublin: meet Molly Malone and young Bram Stoker, the heroes of Alan's new book Double Trouble at the Dead Zoo. Take part in the Double Trouble Creature Quiz and learn how to draw the oddest Dead Zoo animal of all, Captain Lamprey's creepy croc! This event is free but booking is essential through Draíocht's Box Office on 01-885 2622.

THINKTANK Project



Invitation to Participate
D15 Primary School Classes
with Opinions

Throughout 2024 we will begin our THINKTANK Project. We aim to go into every school in Dublin 15 and ask pupils about what they think about us and why. What do they think an arts centre is for? This will take the form of a fun 60 minute theatre craft-based workshop with Eimear Morrissey. If you teach a class group from 1st class upwards, who you think have opinions, get in touch with sarah@draiocht.ie and we will come and hear them out!

Print a Claus School Workshops



Mon 04-Tue 05 Dec, 10am & 12.15pm
Tickets €50 Per Class
Age: 3rd-6th class / Dur: 90 mins
Red nosed reindeers, classic Christmas trees, festive elves ... printing is a magic process that every pupil can enjoy. Using print inks and cappa boards, artist Sarah Ward will show your pupils the skill of creating marks, using rollers, printing inks and using Draíocht's printing press. Booking through Draíocht's Box Office on 01-885 2622.

A Creative Creche Project



Invitation to Participate
Calling D15 Early Years Providers
Dance artist Jess Rowell will visit early years children and educators from 2 local crèche services through a series of explorative workshops in early 2024. Together they will creatively explore movement and music that interests the children, encouraging curiosity and imagination. If you are a crèche in Dublin 15 and are interested in getting involved in a future creative crèche programme please get in touch with sarah@draiocht.ie by end of November 2023.

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 about these projects on www.draiocht.ie

Draíocht is delighted to deliver NEST



NEST is a visionary, artistically ambitious project that will see 24 stories inspired by Dublin 15's children & young people, brought to life through collaboration with 24 leading multi-disciplinary artists, to produce 24 new contemporary works. Led by Artistic Director, Veronica Coburn, NEST's 24 new works will be performed in homes and schools across D15, and as part of a festival for children in March 2024. NEST is funded by ART: 2023, a Decade of Centenaries Collaboration between The Arts Council & the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media.

Mellow Monsters & Friendly Fiends

FAMILY EVENT



Thu 02-Fri 03 Nov, 11am & 2pm

Tickets €5 per child

Age Range: 7-11 yrs / Dur: 60 mins

Had enough of Hallowe'en? Fed up with phantoms and sick of spooks? Do you find evil simply exhausting? Join author and illustrator Alan Nolan as he talks about his favourite FRIENDLY fiends and freaks - from Sully to Stitch, and from the Gruffalo to Fungus the Bogeyman. Learn how to draw a huge, giant, menacing-yet-marvellous ... MONSTER!

KING by Pat Kinevane

THEATRE



Fri 03-Sat 04 Nov, 8pm

Tickets €20 / €18 conc

KING tells the story of Luther, a man from Cork named in honour of his Granny Bee Baw's hero, Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Luther only leaves his apartment for essential journeys, and to perform as an Elvis impersonator. The play explores prejudice, privilege and resilience, as Luther struggles to live life to the full. Fishamble and Pat Kinevane, under the direction of Jim Culleton, and with music by Denis Clohessy, return with this very special fifth solo play.

Smudged Spacescapes Family Day

FAMILY EVENT



Sat 04 Nov, 12.30pm & 1.45pm

Tickets Free / Book in Advance

Age Range: 4-9 yrs / Dur: 60 mins

Smudge, colour, rub and blend. Using chalks, we will create an imperfect landscape that is not of this world. With our artists on hand, allow your imagination to roam free as you wonder about real or imagined spacescapes that are beyond the blue.

The Lyric's The Thing

MUSIC



Fri 10 Nov, 8pm

Tickets €25

Accompanied by Graham Murphy, Paul Harrington will be performing a selection of songs from the popular radio series "The Lyric's The Thing". Spend the evening exploring the stories behind some of the most popular songs in music history. Having set the stage with an explanation of the lyrics, Paul takes the song, makes it his own and wows the audience.

Seussical The Musical

MUSICAL



Tue 14-Fri 17 Nov, 8pm

Sat 18 Nov, 2.30pm & 8pm

Tickets €25 / €22 conc

Coolmine Musical Society is delighted to present Seussical - The Musical. Based on the Dr Seuss books, this show lovingly brings to life many of his characters. Join the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, and Jojo, as they work to save Whoville, a city located within a speck of dust! In this fantastical, magical, musical for all the family, the powers of friendship, loyalty, and community emerge triumphant.

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret

CINEMA



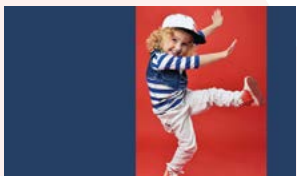
Wed 22 Nov, 7.30pm

Tickets €7.50 / €6 conc / €5 children

This long-overdue film adaptation of Judy Blume's beloved 1970 novel, Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret is a coming-of-age comedy-drama about one young girl's experiences of becoming a teenager and her parents' messy but always well-intentioned efforts to do the best for their family. Refreshingly honest and humorous, this is a delightful film that'll appeal to teenagers and adults alike. Starring Rachel McAdams, Abby Ryder Fortson, Elle Graham, Benny Safdie, and Kathy Bates.

Jump in the Puddle

FAMILY EVENT



Tue 07 Nov & Tue 12 Dec

10.20am & 11.30am

Tickets €5 per child (1 adult free)

Age Range: 2-4 yrs / Dur: 50 mins

Discover the joy of storytelling with your child in this interactive story and theatre-based workshop that will encourage your child to make believe and engage their full body and not just their ears in this playful action-based workshop.

Past Lives

CINEMA



Wed 08 Nov, 7.30pm

Tickets €7.50 / €6 conc

Nora and Hae Sung, classmates at a primary school in Seoul, have their deep friendship ended abruptly when Nora's family emigrates to Canada. Two decades later, they meet in New York and over one week address notions of chance and circumstance and the choices people make that create a life. Past Lives is an authentically beautiful romantic debut feature from playwright Celine Song. It subtly addresses the tension between a life longed for and the life lived.

The Bob Dylan Roadshow

MUSIC



Thu 09 Nov, 8pm

Tickets €18

The Bob Dylan Roadshow is a live music extravaganza celebrating the music of the iconic Bob Dylan. Delving deep into his catalogue of timeless songs, this professional five-piece band will take you through a two hour set of reworked versions of all of Dylan's hits as well as some rarities. Having received rave reviews up & down the country, be sure not to miss The Bob Dylan Roadshow when it comes to Draíocht for the first time.

Lost Lear

THEATRE



Sat 25 Nov, 8pm

Tickets €18 / €16 conc

All at once fast paced and thought-provoking, Lost Lear lands us into the world of Joy, a woman with dementia, who is being cared for through a method where people live inside an old memory. Following the national and international tour of 'A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings', Dan Colley and his company have turned their sights on a very (very) loose adaptation of King Lear, examining the self and that part of us that's inaccessible to others.

Phil Coulter - Four Score and Then

MUSIC



Tue 28 Nov, 8pm

Tickets €35

After 55 years at the top of his game, Phil has achieved the status of legend in the music business, but his enthusiasm and energy have never waned. He loves his audiences and has happily jumped straight back into planning another show and a new tour, with fresh collections of memories and melodies. Audiences can look forward to Phil's glamorous and ever popular wife, Geraldine Branagan, and rising star and young turk, George Hutton.

Crazy World

THEATRE



Thu 30 Nov - Fri 01 Dec, 8pm

Tickets Free

Sinéad and her daughter Aoife live in a vulnerable part of town besieged by economic deprivation, drug abuse, teenage bullying and a rising crime rate. While both mother and daughter endure the hardship of living under such dire circumstances, privately, they struggle to understand a world that is complex and insensitive. Crazy World was developed through a workshop/ collaborative process with the Artist in Residence at Draíocht, Kunle Animashaun PhD, and the ladies of the Clonee Women's Shed, Dublin 15.

PLAYground Orchestra Christmas Singalong

MUSIC



Fri 01 & Sun 03 Dec, 4pm & 6pm
Tickets €10

We are thrilled to reunite our 29-piece impressive orchestra for a fun and extravagant family concert, as part of Draiocht's Christmas Celebrations. Featuring singer Susan McFadden and MC Mark Rogers, this family themed concert includes orchestral medleys and lots of songs you'll instantly recognise to get you in the Christmas spirit! And to help you sing along, there'll even be a big screen with all of the lyrics.

Twisted Christmas Cards

FAMILY EVENT



Wed 06, 13 & 20 Dec, 3.30pm
Tickets €5 per child

Age Range: 8-12 yrs / Dur: 60 mins
Not everybody likes Plum Puddings, Candy Canes and Santa Hats - some of us prefer Scum Puddings, Zombie Brains and Smelly Rats! Join author and illustrator Alan Nolan as he explores the dark side of the festering, sorry, festive season and helps you create your own Twisted Christmas Card! Have a Very Happy Twistmas!

It's a Wonderful Life

CINEMA



Wed 06 Dec, 7.30pm
Tickets €7.50 / €6 conc / €5 children

Frank Capra's heart-warming masterpiece has been embraced as a cherished holiday tradition by families around the world! George Bailey (James Stewart) sets aside his dreams of world travel to run his father's small community bank. When a costly mistake pushes George to the brink of despair, a visit from a kindly angel (Henry Travers) will show George how the life of one good man can change the world forever.

ABBA Forever Christmas Show

MUSIC



Tue 12 - Wed 13 Dec, 8pm
Tickets €30 / €28 conc / €5 children

It's always party time when ABBA are about, but when it's the Christmas Show, then that's a real excuse for a party! This happy sing-a-long tribute celebrates with a loud and proud fanfare! It's the perfect way to start your Christmas celebrations! So, MAMMA MIA, here we go again! My My How can we resist you! Brought to you by Tommy Swarbrigg promotions.

Coolmine Christmas Gala Concert

MUSIC



Thu 14 Dec, 8pm
Tickets €16 / €14 conc

Blanchardstown Brass Band is delighted to present their Annual Christmas Concert in aid of Coolmine Therapeutic Community. The Band will perform a wide range of Christmas classics and traditional carols in an evening that will celebrate the true spirit of Christmas. The concert will also feature some special guests who will join the band on stage to mark the 50th Anniversary of Coolmine Therapeutic Community, a charity that helps people overcome addiction and supports recovery.

Print A Claus Family Day

FAMILY EVENT



Sat 16 Dec, 12pm / 1pm / 2pm
Tickets Free / Book in Advance

Age Range: 4-9 yrs / Dur: 50 mins
Red nosed reindeers, classic Christmas trees, festive elves ... It's not too late to send your Christmas cards - so quickly join us and get printing on our special printing press. Come along, create a card, turn the wheel and see the magic of print come alive before your eyes.

Polar Bear and Penguin

SCHOOL & FAMILY



Thu 07 & Fri 08 Dec / 10.15am & 12.15pm

Sat 09 Dec / 12 noon & 2pm

Age 5+ / Dur: 45 mins

Tickets €7 adults / €5 children

Polar Bear & Penguin is a tale of our time, infused with humour, friendship and fish. This is the story of polar opposite characters meeting for the first time, getting to know one another and learning how to survive in a world that is melting beneath their feet ... paws ... flippers. Paul Curley (THE DIG and Bake!) and John Curivan (The Bockety World of Henry & Bucket), bring this quirky and relevant play for young audiences to life.

Carmen

BALLET



Fri 08 Dec, 8pm

Tickets €27 / €25 conc

/ €18 (under 16s)

Passion, drama and riveting performances unfold in Ballet Ireland's Carmen. Thrilling audiences when first performed, this ballet created for the company follows the story of a young, naive soldier Jose, who is bewitched by the beautiful and fiery gypsy, Carmen. Obsessed and reckless, Jose turns his back on respectable life to be with her. But Carmen, like love, is a bird that cannot be tamed and Jose's desire to possess her eventually destroys them both.

A Christmas Country with the Stars

MUSIC



Mon 11 Dec, 8pm

Tickets €32

Join 5 of Ireland's top Country Music Stars, with the Keltic Storm band, for a festive toe-tapping cracker! The stellar line-up will feature the Queen of Country music Philomena Begley, the accordion maestro from Roscommon Brendan Shine, the wee man from Drumlish Declan Nerney, the gentle giant of country music Mick Flavin and the young sensation from Co. Derry Owen Mac.

A Dublin Gospel Christmas

MUSIC



Sat 16 Dec, 3pm & 8pm

Tickets 3pm: €18 / 8pm: €25 / €23 conc

Dublin Gospel Choir have long been a household name in Ireland - versatile, passionate and vibrant, they uplift and energise with powerful voices and rich harmonies. They have shared the stage with industry heavyweights such as Rod Stewart, John Legend and Kodaline, to name but a few. Now they return to Draiocht with a selection of Christmas favourites.

Elf

CINEMA



Mon 18 Dec, 11.30am & 5pm

Tickets €7.50 adults / €6 conc

/ €5 children

2 Teachers Free per Class

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 track down his father. But life in the big city is not all sugarplums and candy canes. Everyone has forgotten the true meaning of Christmas, and it's up to Buddy to save the day.

Home Alone

CINEMA



Tue 19 Dec, 11.30am & 5pm

Tickets €7.50 adults / €6 conc

/ €5 children

2 Teachers Free per Class

On the evening before his family leave for their Christmas break to Paris, Kevin (Macaulay Culkin) is banished to his room for misbehaving by his mother Kate (Catherine O'Hara). When he wakes the following morning he discovers he is alone in an empty house. Kevin must cope not only with life on his own but also with the threat of two persistent, albeit incompetent, burglars Marv (Daniel Stern) and Harry (Joe Pesci).

04-21 Jan	Freezin The Panto €25 / €22
25-26 Jan	Jason Byrne €26 / €24
27 Jan	Foster & Allen €35
30-31 Jan	Reeling in the Showband Years €32 / €30
22 Feb	Neil Delamere – Neil by Mouth €28
23 Feb	The Mysterious Case of Kitsy Rainey by Mikel Murfi €20 / €18
11-16 Mar	Spréacha Soar Children's Festival
05 Apr	Pat Shortt & Faye Shortt €30
20 Apr	The Music of the Drifters €30
24 Jun	The Summer Country Show €30

Draíocht's resident Café is Koffee & Kale

Open Monday – Saturday 9am-5pm & later on performance nights.

Draíocht's Theatre Bar serves a range of soft 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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