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## **SIAMSA TIRE ANNOUNCES EVENT LINE-UP FOR FEBRUARY TO APRIL**

For anyone looking for an escape from the weather and the financial gloom, **Siamsa Tíre** has announced an event-filled programme of entertainment for the coming months. Drama, music, comedy and dance all feature in this packed schedule with something for everybody to choose from.

Value for money is the order of the day at Siamsa, with a range of special deals and ticket offers available. You can choose from **Music, Drama or Dance Season Tickets** with a great selection of events in your favourite artform or you can mix it up and opt for a **Ticket Bundle**: book any five events from ten selected events across the season for €50.

The highlight of this season's programme is undoubtedly a visit from the legendary **Julian Lloyd Webber** who will give a concert in Siamsa on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. Other musical highlights include a concert by **Eddi Reader** of Fairground Attraction fame and **Opera Theatre Company's** production of **Don Pasquale** which is given a contemporary slant with greedy bankers and intrigue abounding.

There is a marked focus on Dance in this season's schedule particularly given **Catherine Young's** tenure as **Dancer in Residence** at Siamsa where she will be partnering up with the **Kerry Local Sports Partnership** to offer a **Dance Xchange** programme – just one part of a hectic schedule of dance events. **Banxy**, a Hip Hop expert will be traveling over from the UK to deliver workshops to schools and experienced dancers in March. **Ballet Theatre UK** bring their own interpretation of **Cinderella** at the end of February, the **National Dance Company of Wales** presents two new commissioned pieces on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and finally, **Breandán de Gallaí**, an ex-member of the Riverdance troupe, stages **Nochtú** on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April.

Drama is always a key element of Siamsa Tíre's spring programme, and this year is no exception. Pat Kinevane, returns to the stage with a double bill: **Forgotten** – one of the best pieces of theatre to have graced the Siamsa stage followed by **Silent** a more recent work, both produced by **Fishamble Theatre Company**. Fishamble are back at

the end of April with **The Pride of Parnell Street** by acclaimed playwright, Sebastian Barry.

Local talent always features strongly in any season at Siamsa Tíre: **Kerry School of Music, Tralee Musical Society** and **Group Theatre** as well as an evening with **Rinceoirí na Ríochta** in March are all part of the line-up on stage in the coming months. **Group Theatre** present **September '82** written by Kerryman, Mike O Halloran and **Tralee Musical Society** will be staging the first Amateur Production of **Michael Collins. The Young Artists Series** in association with Kerry School of Music continues throughout the season, with three new artists lined-up to display their talents.

The Visual Arts programme includes **Another Little Land** (continues until March 19<sup>th</sup>) by Laura Byrne and Laura Fitzgerald which invites members of the public to create their own house to add to the magical landscape created by the two artists. **Choreography for Blackboards**, a combination of installation and performance art in association with Daghdha Dance, opens on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

Full details of all the events and activities at Siamsa Tíre are available in the current copy of the Siamsa Tíre Event Guide (available from our Box Office as well as throughout the county) and on our newly revamped website – [www.siamsatire.com](http://www.siamsatire.com) Updates and special offers will also be posted on the Siamsa Tíre Facebook and Twitter pages.

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