



Siamsa Tíre

The National Folk Theatre of Ireland

Event Guide CLÁR IMEACHTAÍ
January – August 2022



Current Covid Procedures

We are committed to the safety and comfort of our patrons, artists, and venue staff and we are constantly monitoring and updating our policies in line with government guidelines.

Please ensure to carefully read the policies in place for each production and event before purchasing your ticket(s).

Before attending the performance, you will be sent a pre-show email with specific performance and venue information. Please read this carefully to ensure you know what to expect when you attend and follow the guidance you are given.



Our Covid procedures are correct at time of going to print but are subject to government revisions during the current pandemic. Please visit www.gov.ie for all up-to-date public health requirements and recommendations.



- Patrons over the age of 13 must wear a mask for the duration of their visit on the premises.
- Until restrictions lift, proof of immunity is required to attend events.
- If you, or any member of your party, experience symptoms of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to an event or have been advised to restrict movements as a close contact, we ask that you/they do not attend. Please contact the Box Office by phone or email and we will provide a refund.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while we implement these new procedures, and we very much look forward to warmly welcoming you back to live events.



Gift Vouchers

Give the gift of live entertainment...

Give special moments to your friends, family or business with a Siamsa Tíre Gift Voucher. Treat your friends, family or colleagues to a night at the theatre when you purchase a gift voucher for Siamsa Tíre that can be used to buy tickets for all of our shows.

It has never been easier to purchase gift vouchers. Simply visit our website, call into our Box Office or call us on (066) 7123055 to purchase your voucher and we will be happy to send you the gift vouchers for any monetary amount you require.

The Bar at Siamsa Tíre

Under current Government restrictions, our theatre bar is closed. Once restrictions lift, you will be able to pre-purchase your drinks as part of your booking process or order on arrival as normal. For selected performances you can bring your drink into the auditorium in our new shatter-proof glasses, Pre-Order your interval drinks and afterwards enjoy the relaxing ambience of the foyer with a post-show drink of your choice.

Thank you to all our Patrons

Siamsa Tíre's €1 Development Levy was introduced in 2010 and is included in your ticket price. The levy is just one of a number of ways to support the theatre so that we can provide you with an exciting programme of events as well as investing in improvements and refurbishments to update facilities to make your visit more enjoyable.

Special Offers

Make your theatre experience an occasion with our special offers. We work with local partners to provide special offers that include lunch or dinner options and or accommodation. To find out more, subscribe to Siamsa Tíre emails by clicking the 'Sign up for Siamsa emails' button on our website, and join our online community! By signing up, you'll get early notice of events, exclusive special offers, access to exciting online performances, and more.

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Season Tickets

Music Season Ticket €37.50

4 In A Bar (15th Jan)

Amy Dickson, Sonoko Miriam Welde,
Simon Mulligan (4th March)

Dark Island (30th April)

A 25% saving on full price tickets

Drama Season Ticket €44.80

Fight Night (12th Feb)

Crowman (3rd March)

The Man In The Woman's Shoes (9th April)

A 20% saving on full price tickets



Sun 2nd – Tues 4th January
2.30pm & 7pm daily

Cinderella – Christmas Panto

Presented by Oliver Hurley Productions

Tickets: €18/€17
Family of 4: €66
Family of 5: €80

With perennial favourites, Buttons, the wicked stepmother and the ugly sisters this is a pantomime with characters galore. Oliver Hurley is renowned for high quality, professional pantomimes that are among the most spectacular in the land, so this promises to be a tremendous treat for all the family! It's a show full of laughter and magic – don't miss it. We recommend this production for children of all ages from 5 – 95! Oh yes we do...



Sat 15th January: 8pm

4 IN A BAR

Presented by KenDu Music

Tickets: €16/14, Groups 10+: €12

Duration: 1hr

Award-winning 4 IN A BAR is one of Ireland's most loved vocal ensembles. Eoin, Tristan, Paul and Shane – proud holders of the IABS

International Male Voice Quartet Award (and five-time Gold Medal winners) – combine a passion for close harmony singing. 4 in a Bar has released two vocal harmony albums, both featuring arrangements by Eoin Conway. Join this award winning four-part vocal harmony ensemble to ring in the New Year with period pieces from Renaissance Spain, Baroque Germany, the UK & Ireland!

**Thurs 20th – Sat 22nd January:
8pm Nightly
Matinee Fri 21st January: 12pm**

The Importance of Being Earnest

By Oscar Wilde

**Presented by Mercy Mounthawk
Secondary School**

Tickets: €15, Matinee €12

Mercy Mounthawk is delighted to return to Siamsa Tíre with *The Importance of Being Earnest*, one of the most enduringly popular comic dramas, written by Dubliner Oscar Wilde. Featuring many memorable characters such as the formidable Lady Bracknell; this production is sure to delight and entertain all ages.



Sun 23rd January: 8pm

Declan Nerney in Concert

With Special Guests

**Louise Morrissey and John Hogan
JMG Music Group**

Tickets: €25

With a super career that has spanned over 4 decades at the top of Irish Country Music Declan Nerney has many accolades along the way and scoring countless hits with his catalogue of trademark songs. Join Declan and his super live band with special guests for a nostalgic night of music, song and laughter when they take to the stage as part of their national tour.





Fri 28th January: 8.30pm

Trad Connections featuring Fuinneamh in Concert

Tickets: €16/14/10

Fuinneamh, a traditional Irish band who bring infectious energy to every performance. These talented individuals are multi-instrumentalists and hail from the west Limerick and North Kerry region. The sheer energy that Fuinneamh generate at each gig is testimony to their musical ability and creativity and with the addition of beautiful vocals a guaranteed exhilarating performance is to be expected.



Thurs 3rd February: 8pm

Fred Cooke & Julie Jay – Getting Out For The Night

Presented by Lisa Richards Agency

Tickets: €15

Age Suitability: 16+

New parents and Kerry's most famous comedy couple Fred Cooke and Julie Jay discuss their status as Tik Tok lockdown legends and their experience teaching intimacy skills on the set of Normal People.



Fri 4th February: 7pm
& Sat 5th February: 5pm

The Academy of Dance Annual Show

Tickets: €18/15

The Academy of Dance is delighted to return to Siamsa Tire with its latest production. Join us for two spectacular performances of Classical Ballet, Tap, Lyrical, Contemporary & Modern Jazz performed by their talented group of Dancers. It's a great way to start the New Year and it's a performance not to be missed!



Sun 6th February: 1pm & 3pm

Bosco's Garden Hansel and Gretel

Presented by Paula Lambert Puppet Theatre

Tickets: €12.50, Family of 4: €40

Age Suitability: 3+ and Families

Bosco is Bosco. Not a boy, not a girl – just a Bosco: a cheeky, lovely, funny, slightly cracked, irrepressible, eternal five-year-old who lives in a box and who loves nothing more than to just be Bosco and meet all the boys and girls.

Enjoy the enchanted story of Hansel and Gretel where a silly witch tries to capture Hansel and Gretel, but they prove too clever for her. With its brilliant array of characters, there's lots of fun and excitement to be had through this completely interactive live experience filled with the magic of Puppet Theatre.

Sat 12th February: 8pm

Fight Night

By Gavin Kostick 10th Anniversary Tour

Tickets: €20/18 Age Suitability: 14+

Failed amateur boxer Dan Coyle Jr is making a comeback. ONE CHANCE. ONE SHOT. FIGHT NIGHT. NO EXCUSES.

Winner of Best Actor and Bewley's Little Gem awards at Dublin Fringe and nominated Best New Play at the Irish Times Theatre Awards, Aonghus Óg McAnally returns with his smash hit solo show Fight Night by Gavin Kostick for a 10th Anniversary nationwide tour. A gripping journey charting the comeback of Dan Coyle Jr, a failed amateur boxer living in the shadows of his overbearing father and his brother's Olympic success. After years out of the ring, the birth of his own son reignites his competitive fire, and he takes the first tentative steps on his road to redemption. This fast-paced and engaging solo performance combines intense physicality with a deeply emotional storytelling experience that will leave audiences both exhausted and exhilarated.



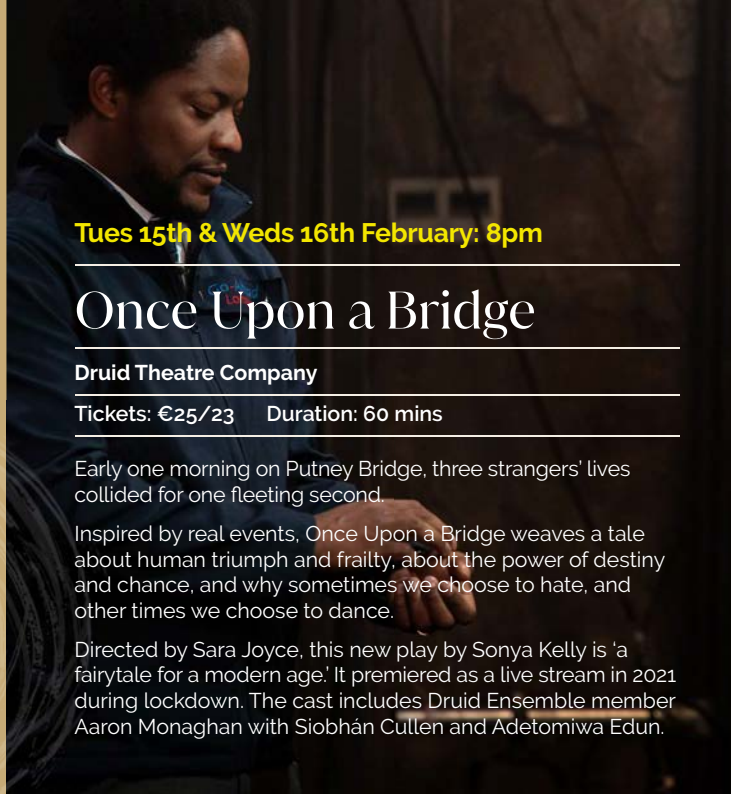


Sun 13th February:
1pm & 5pm

Born to Dance

Tickets: €16

Kerry School of Music Dance Academy celebrates thirty-five years of dance education in Kerry. Today's performance features the students of RAD/ISTD accredited teacher Tara Dore who teaches in Tralee, Killarney, Listowel and Dingle.



Tues 15th & Weds 16th February: 8pm

Once Upon a Bridge

Druid Theatre Company

Tickets: €25/23 Duration: 60 mins

Early one morning on Putney Bridge, three strangers' lives collided for one fleeting second.

Inspired by real events, *Once Upon a Bridge* weaves a tale about human triumph and frailty, about the power of destiny and chance, and why sometimes we choose to hate, and other times we choose to dance.

Directed by Sara Joyce, this new play by Sonya Kelly is 'a fairytale for a modern age.' It premiered as a live stream in 2021 during lockdown. The cast includes Druid Ensemble member Aaron Monaghan with Siobhán Cullen and Adetomiwa Edun.



Sat 19th February: 8pm

Eddi Reader

40 years Live Tour

Tickets: €30

Eddi Reader is perhaps Scotland's greatest living female voice. In 2022, she celebrates her 40th year on stage with a '40 Years Live' concert tour. The '40 Years Live' tour promises to be something special, as with any Eddi Reader show, the magic is being made in the moment, no two performances are ever the same.

Sun 20th February: 8pm

Legends of American Country Show

JMG Music Group

Tickets: €25

Legends of American Country returns for another fantastic night of toe tapping Country classics and will showcase highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline and Kenny Rogers and many more with countless well-known hit songs in this must-see musical extravaganza. The show features 4 fantastic singers who are accompanied by a superb live band of musicians with that authentic western sound that will transport you all the way to Nashville and back in one night. One thing is for sure if it's Country music you like then this is the only show in town!





Thurs 24th February: 8pm

Keep the Faith, Keep the Folk

National Folk Theatre work in progress

Duration: 50 mins

Tickets: FREE (booking required)

Siamsa's folk theatre artists, Joanne Barry and Anne O'Donnell, will present a work in progress, 'Keep the faith, keep the folk', exploring their relationship and their work as folk artists, from childhood training with the company to current full-time professional practice, informed by decades of close working relationships, shared experiences and passions.

Fri 25th February: 8pm

Trad Connections featuring Danny O'Mahony & Steve Cooney in Concert

Tickets: €20/16/12

Danny O'Mahony a renowned traditional musician from Ballyduff in North County Kerry joins forces with the equally renowned Steve Cooney, born in Melbourne Australia and came to Ireland in 1980. This concert promises to be one of the highlights in the traditional music calendar in 2022. A wonderful night of music and story is guaranteed with two of Ireland's finest musicians sharing the one stage.



Sat 26th February: 8pm

Strolling Through Ulysses!

Presented by Robert Gogan

Tickets: €15/13

Age Suitability: 16+

Strolling Through Ulysses! is a one-man show that tells the fun-filled story of Bloomsday – June 16th 1904 – the iconic day around which James Joyce's Ulysses is based. Written and performed by Robert Gogan, Strolling Through Ulysses! guides you through the curious events and quirky characters of Ulysses, in a humorous, and entertaining manner. Bawdy, irreverent and great fun!





Sun 27th February: 3pm

Joe the Magician – Live

Children's Magic and Illusion Show

Tickets: €15, Family of 4: €50

Age Suitability: 4+

Duration: 70 mins

Direct from his long running show 'abraKIDabra' on RTÉjr and his new show 'Dizzy Deliveries' airing in 2022... it's Joe the Magician! This comedy spectacular magic and illusion show is not to be missed. Forget everything you know about children's entertainment, this show re-invents it! A brilliant afternoon's entertainment for all the family.

"Quicker than the eye. Joe Daly is Ireland's leading children's magician" The Irish Times

Joe will incorporate the use of 'Lámh signs' in segments of the show.

Thurs 3rd March: 8pm

Crowman

Jon Kenny

Tickets: €20

Age Suitability: 16+

Duration: 95 mins

"Crowman" is Dan Lonergan's account of the hilarious characters that inhabit his life on a daily basis and a love story that never was. By turns poignant and comic, Kenny carries the audience on a roller-coaster ride from his childhood to middle-age, from the hurling pitch to the pub and from one uproariously funny character to the other. It is about lost love and the sense of belonging and not belonging to a small community. Most of all it is about the humanity and decency of the local characters found in every rural village and town in Ireland. As Dan himself surmises, 'Some people never had the dance that I had and some people never hear the music.'





Fri 4th March: 8pm

Amy Dickson, Sonoko Miriam Welde, Simon Mulligan

Presented by Music Network

Tickets: €16/14

Amy Dickson saxophone
Sonoko Miriam Welde violin
Simon Mulligan piano

Discover the extraordinary sonic beauty of this trio featuring twice Grammy-nominated saxophonist Amy Dickson, violinist Sonoko Miriam Welde and pianist Simon Mulligan.

Performing together for the first time on this Music Network tour, this trio of extraordinary musicians have selected a programme that showcases both their virtuosity and ability to creatively arrange much-loved music for their unusual combination of instruments.

Listen and enjoy, as metal, wood and string alchemize in the hands of these highly accomplished musicians, to produce an extraordinary musical soundscape of breath-taking beauty.

Sat 5th March: 11am

Science Magic

Donal Vaughan

Tickets: €8, Family of 4: €28

Age Suitability: 6+ Duration: 1hr

Triple award-winning Irish comedian & scientist, Donal Vaughan, brings his hugely popular science, comedy, magic family show back to Siamsa Tire. Always exciting and sometimes very messy, learn about science and laugh your pants off while you do. And the best part is all the tricks can be performed by you when you go home.

5*** Adelaide Fringe**

"Completely engaging with belly laughs included, it's an unmissable show"
The Advertiser



Sun 6th March: 8pm

Declan O'Rourke

Arrivals Irish Tour 2022

Tickets: €32

Declan O'Rourke is an artist known as a consummate performer who captivates audiences time and time again the world over whether commanding the stage alone with a guitar and a microphone, accompanied by a 50-piece orchestra, or surrounded by a band. Having performed extensively in the US, Europe and Australia, O'Rourke's growing status is one of a significant global artist.



Weds 9th – Fri 11th March:
8pm

Barndance – A Comedy by John Fraher

Presented by Zyber Theatre, Tralee

Tickets: €19/17 Age Suitability: 16+

Barney Kelly, a shy bachelor farmer, lives with his father and a maiden aunt. On the completion of a new barn, Barney is persuaded, unwillingly, to go to into town that night to celebrate the event. In the course of the day and night that follows, the back stories of the characters involved are revealed with both humour and pathos.
Contains strong language

Sat 12th March: 8pm

Neil Delamere – Liminal

Presented by Lisa Richards Agency

Tickets: €25

Neil Delamere, star of BBC's The Blame Game, Fighting Talk and the Newsquiz, hits the road again with his riotous new stand-up show, Liminal. Expect an evening perhaps best described as Schrodinger's chat as our wisecracking comedic hero struggles to figure out this strange new world.

*"One lean, mean, comedy, killing machine. *****" The Herald*

"A wryly brilliant live performer." The Sunday Times

*"You'll be hard pressed to find a more gifted comic. *****" The Scotsman*



Sun 13th March: 3pm & 8pm

3 Hail Marys

Presented by Crokey Hill Club

By Tommy Marren

Tickets: €25/22

After spending 10 years together in the nursing home it's time for Mary O'Toole, Mary O'Neill and Mary O' Brien to bid farewell to one another. As it's their last day together they decide to celebrate it in style! From nostalgia to comedy and even a few sing-songs it's going to be one hell of a hooley!!! This rip-roaring Irish comedy is written by Tommy Marren – writer of 'It's the Real McCoy' and 'Nobody's Talking to Me' – and is a must-see!!



Fri 18th March: 8pm

Walls Talk

**Presented by Ériu Dance Company featuring
Gina Boreham and Breandán de Gallai**

Tickets: €15

Created by former Riverdance principal dancer Breandán de Gallai, Walls Talk marries songs from the jazz and blues golden era sung by Gina Boreham with dance and text. A show about memory captured in the things around us. This deeply moving show transports us to another plane where all our stories co-exist. "De Gallai's dancing is wonderfully beguiling" Irish Independent

Supported by Arts Council of Ireland.



Sun 20th March: 1pm & 3pm

Wunderground

Tickets: €12 (Adults), €8 (Children)

Age Suitability: 3+

WUNDERGROUND is an unforgettable musical adventure for children that combines mesmerising original music and song, captivating puppetry, and the epic adventures of Badger and Rabbit as they embark on a daring quest to save their home.

Far beneath the big oak tree, another world awaits. It's the Wunderground, and a new night has just begun. Badger has woken up from his slumber, and is about to go on his usual rounds. Rabbit has returned from her daily adventures to the Woverground. Something however, is not quite right. The earth has become unusually dry, and the tree and its many inhabitants are beginning to get very thirsty!



WUNDEGROUND is Ceol Connected's newest gig theatre production for young audiences (ages 3+). Co-produced with the National Concert Hall in association with Pavilion Theatre. Supported by Draiocht Arts Centre and funded by the Arts Council.



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Fri 25th March: 8pm

Trad Connections featuring Paudie O'Connor & Aoife Ní Chaoimh in Concert

Tickets: €16/14/10

Paudie O'Connor is an accordion player from Sliabh Luachra Kerry and his wife Aoife Ní Chaoimh is a fiddle player from Tralee Co. Kerry. They both share a passion for slides and polkas and this is evident in their playing as they have grown up surrounded by the rich musical heritage that is in abundance in the Sliabh Luachra area. Nowhere are their symbiotic relationships more explicit than in the music of Sliabh Luachra, where dance music (largely polkas and slides) reigns supreme.



Sat 26th March: 3pm & 8pm

Halcyon Days

Written by Deirdre Kinahan
Presented by Directions Out
Theatre Company

Tickets: €20/18/16

Patricia has a zest for life and for men when she is thrust together with Sean who is languishing in a nursing home. They form a funny and spiky relationship but is friendship the most important thing?

Don't miss this humorous, charming and touching play from one of Ireland's leading playwrights, starring Una Crawford (Fair City) and directed by Joe Devlin.

"High degree of humour ensures there are many smiles... a gem and one of Kinahan's finest works".
No More Workhorse

"The play gives voice and emotion... to a fine, emotionally astute, and elegant writer".
Irish Independent



Fri 1st April: 8pm

Shane Clifford – Aw, Class

Presented by Lisa Richards

Tickets: €15

Tralee man Shane Clifford has built a name for himself on the comedy scene in Dublin and has finally plucked up the courage to return to his home town to tell hilarious jokes about class, mental health and Frubes.

"The best comedian in Ireland, hands down" Blindboy Boatclub (Rubberbandits)





Sun 3rd April: 5pm

Born to Dance

Tickets: €16

Kerry School of Music Dance Academy celebrates thirty-five years of dance education in Kerry. Today's performance features the students of RAD accredited teacher Colette Maguire Jensen who teaches in Tralee and Killarney.

Weds 6th – Fri 8th April: 7.30pm

Matilda the Musical JR.

Presented by Shannon Star Entertainment Ltd
in association with **Bryan Carr School of Performing Arts**
Book by Dennis Kelly / Music and Lyrics by Tim Minchin

Tickets: €14/12, Family of 4: €50

The children are rising up. Join the revolt in the Broadway Junior adaptation of the Olivier Award-Winning hit!

Rebellion is nigh in Matilda JR., a gleefully witty ode to the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! This story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have audiences rooting for the "revolting children" who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson.

Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, Matilda JR. is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.

This is a 60 minute performance of Matilda JR. and Act 2 will see the students present extracts from other Musicals.



Sat 9th April: 8pm

The Man In The Woman's Shoes

By Mikel Murfi

Tickets: €20/18

Set in October 1978 – Pope John Paul the First is not long dead, autumn is closing in and Pat Farnon has 'some business' to do in town.

The Man In The Woman's Shoes follows Pat Farnon as he walks the five miles from his wee white cottage to town and back again and the marvels that he meets along the way. It's a charming encounter – an ageing man with a boundless enthusiasm for life.



Superbly performed by Mikel Murphy, this hilariously funny, tender and at times downright daft story will leave you uplifted and in love with life again.

"Astonishing acting...." New York Times

"A miniature masterpiece" Times of London

"Extraordinary physical performance...sharp observational comedy" Sunday Times

GHOST

THE MUSICAL



Tues 12th – Sun 17th April: 8pm

Ghost: The Musical

Tralee Musical Society

Tickets: €21/€19

Adapted from the hit 1990 romantic fantasy thriller film, the plot of Ghost The Musical centres on lovers, Sam and Molly, who are attacked as they are returning to their apartment. When Sam

dies he becomes caught between the real world and the next. Molly is in danger and Sam cannot leave her. A medium, Oda Mae Brown helps Sam to get in touch with Molly to warn her.

This visual stage spectacle is a poignant romance that builds comedy, suspense, and deeply felt emotion to an ethereal climax that you will never forget.

Easter Workshop Series

Tues 19th April

Adult Seasonal Flower Arranging

With Maura's Cottage Flowers

Get creative this Easter with Maura Sheehy of Maura's Cottage Flowers – award-winning artisan flower farmer and florist based just outside Tralee.

Maura manages her flower farm sustainably and offers a bespoke service creating flower arrangements that are unique and distinctive, with an eye for colour and attention to detail, her flowers are scented, natural and always reflect the seasons.

Maura loves to share the joy of gardening and flower arranging with as many people as



possible and is very keen to share eco-friendly methods which is in line with the ethos in Siamsa Tíre. You'll go home with your creation along with skills to continue to create for the seasons ahead.

Times: 11am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 3.30pm

Cost: €40

Capacity: 8

All materials will be supplied



Easter Workshop Series

Weds 20th April

Spring Showers

With Artist Caoimhe Dunne

Make a mobile inspired by the spring weather – April showers bring may flowers!

Celebrate the Easter Season with creative workshops and get those little hands busy creating and learning new skills.

Parent and toddler (2 – 5yr olds)

Times: 10.30am – 12pm

Cost: €20 Capacity: 10 parents + child

Workshops for 5 – 10 yr olds

Times: 1pm & 3pm

Cost: €15 Capacity: 12 per workshop

Thurs 21st April

Easter Pottery Workshop

Tralee Pottery Club

Take hold of your senses and join Tralee Pottery Club for a fun filled workshop with clay! This Pottery Throwing Experience is Perfect for all abilities, this experience provides an introduction to pottery throwing, while you create your own pottery to be proud of. Children will experience throwing a pot on the pottery wheel and get to take it home. It is so important that children retain a connection to the physical arts in an increasingly digital age, so look no further and join us for some messy fun!

**Parent and toddler workshop
(age 2 – 5 yr olds)**

Times: 10am – 11am

Cost: €25

6 – 9 yr olds at 12.30pm – 1.30pm

10 – teens at 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Cost: €20 (10% discount for siblings)

Capacity: 15 per workshop

Fri 22nd April

The Engineering Easter Bunny

With Designer Minds

Join Designer Minds and become an Engineering Easter Bunny. The island-based town has been cut off after a huge storm destroyed the bridge, but you need to get the Easter eggs to the townspeople. Time to put on your Engineering hat, and imagine, design and build your emergency delivery solutions!

Times: 10.30am, 12pm & 1.30pm

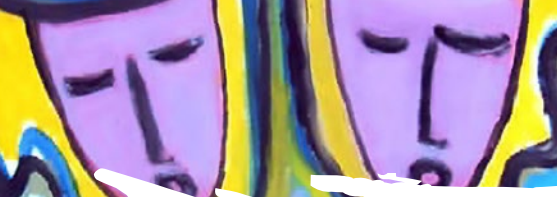
Cost: €15

Capacity: 12

Age: 7 – 12 yr olds

Duration: 1hr





Sat 23rd & Sun 24th April: 7pm

Curtain Call

Presented by Jackie O'Mahoney
School of Performing Arts

Tickets: €18/15

Jackie O'Mahoney School of Performing Arts is proud to present its end of year musical extravaganza. This production is exploding with musical excerpts from the very popular Hamilton, In the Heights, Matilda, Mamma Mia, Annie, Billy Elliott and much much more. A variety show for all the family performed by our upcoming future stars that will ensure to have you singing along in your seats.

Thurs 28th April: 8pm

Silent

Written by Pat Kinevane
Presented by Fishamble Theatre Company

Tickets: €23/20

"Hopeless, helpless, in-the-way person"
SILENT is the touching and challenging story of homeless McGoldrig, who once had splendid things. But he has lost it all – including his mind. He now dives into the wonderful wounds of his past through the romantic world of Rudolph Valentino. Dare to laugh at despair and gasp at redemption in this brave, bleak, beautiful production for which Fishamble and Pat Kinevane won an Olivier Award in 2016.

Sat 30th April: 8pm

Dark Island

Album Launch

Dublin Guitar Quartet & Laura Sheeran

Tickets: €18/16

Dark Island was developed under Siamsa Tire's Associate Artist Scheme by composer and Dublin Guitar Quartet founder Brian Bolger,

in collaboration with another Siamsa Tire Associate Artist, musician and film-maker Laura Sheeran.

With an emphasis on the Sean Nós tradition, Dark Island is a new 50-minute album that draws from Irish traditional sources to create a unique work for voice, string quartet, bass, flute, piano and guitar.

Including music for voice with ensemble accompaniment, pure instrumental arrangements, original compositions and poetry settings this ensemble debut performance and show premiere will be an unforgettable date in the musical calendar.

Fri 6th May: 7.30pm
& Sat 7th May: 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Back to the Music

Oliver Hurley School of Musical Theatre

Tickets: €16/14,
Family of 4: €56, Family of 5: €70

Following on from the successful Christmas Panto "Cinderella" the award-winning director Oliver Hurley presents a variety of musical theatre excerpts. This production is full of dynamic dance routines and beautiful musical numbers performed by some of the best up-and-coming young performers around. A show for all the family.



Fri 3rd June: 8pm

Trad Connections

Tickets: Ranging in price from €10 - €20

Music Network Commissioned Concert

Siamsa Tíre is delighted to be part of a new cross-cultural commissioning project in partnership with Music Network, Linenhall Arts Centre, Lime Tree Theatre | Belltable and Droichead Arts Centre.

Siamsa Tíre's creative partnership will present a new commission by a leading Irish musician in collaboration with a musician from another

musical culture in concert in summer 2022. The performance will also feature music from both cultures and an exciting line-up of guest musicians. We're looking forward to sharing more details of this exciting new project with you soon! Keep an eye on our website and social media channels to find out more.

Trad Connections Concerts

8pm on last Friday of each month

The National Folk Theatre of Ireland is working with traditional and folk artists from Kerry and across Ireland to bring an exciting programme of concerts once a month throughout the year. Concerts will take place on the last Friday of every month on the Siamsa Tíre stage. Upcoming artists will be announced on our social media and website.



Bealtaine Festival

The festival of Bealtaine sees the turn of the tide towards summer rejuvenation once more. Hearth fires are quenched when Winter ebbs away. The world is cleansed and waves of new growth gather momentum as life around us becomes awash with a powerful new energy.

This is the commencement of our annual Festival of Folk when Siamsa Tire's cast regroup to channel their abundant energies into our in-house productions and the building bustles with vitality and summer visitors to our wild Atlantic coastline.

Having come from a time of isolation, we want to re-engage and re-connect with our community and audiences, especially the older generation for whom Covid-19 and the pandemic has been particularly difficult.

Throughout the month of May, we will run a series of activities and events aimed at re-connecting young and old as we celebrate the return of summer.



Events and activities include:

'Family Folk Time': Intergenerational Folk Session

'Family Folk Time' is a 30-minute Zoom and in-person 'intergenerational folk session' where children and their extended family, particularly senior relatives, are encouraged to come together for some quality bonding time through song, dance and music. The sessions aim to foster a sense of togetherness through folk theatre, promote fun and enjoyment and provide opportunities for intergenerational exchange, and encourage more older people to participate in the arts.

Trad Connections Concert

Siamsa Tire's Bealtaine celebrations will incorporate a Trad Connections concert, to acknowledge the connection of music through the generations and the importance of music passed down and transmitted. These musicians will also share their work through workshops to all ages as part of Bealtaine celebrations.

Cas Amhrán: Choral singing classes & performances for Active Retired

We invite older members of our community to come back into our theatre celebrating their fortitude and endurance during the pandemic, as well as acknowledging our interconnectedness and the importance of social support during these tough times, through the medium of choral singing and song.

NFT Training Academy Classes

Live Auditions June 2022

Siamsa Tíre, the National Folk Theatre of Ireland, is delighted to hold auditions within the theatre in June 2022.

Kerry children between the ages of seven and twelve are invited to in-person auditions for a place on Siamsa Tíre's National Folk Theatre Training Scheme 2022-2023.

The auditions will take place on the following dates over two weekends in June at Siamsa Tíre:

Friday 10th & Saturday 11th (10am – 2pm)
and

Friday 17th & Saturday 18th (10am – 2pm)

All children will need to have an Irish

dancing step prepared and a song (Irish or English). Children will also be required to do an ear test during the audition.

Auditions must be booked through the box office in advance (no walk ups) on 066 7123055.

Children from the age of seven are trained in drama, dance and song in the unique Siamsa style, with a view to becoming members of the Community Cast at Siamsa Tíre.

Classes take place weekly from September to May, with fees due on registration.

Contact Siamsa Tíre on (066) 7123055 to make an appointment for your audition.



NFT Training Academy Classes

Tues 10th May: 6pm

Glégeal

NFT Academy Youth Ensemble: Academy End of year performance

Tickets: FREE

Duration: 40-50 mins

A series of devised performances from the youth ensemble of the National Folk Theatre Training Academy students. In lieu of last year's midsummer end of year performance, 'Litha', the training academy students will now present a series of short performances inspired by the idea of Bealtaine, highlighting the theme of young and old artistic and creative voices coming together at this time of year. The students along with

their tutors, will research and devise six pieces throughout the academic year and present them on stage in the theatre. We hope to encourage and give our students the opportunity to connect with the older generation of their communities and families, sharing traditions, customs and superstitions, allowing for an authentic opportunity to talk about and transmit our oral and living traditions.



Sharing the Tradition

Sustaining and passing on our tradition is what Siamsa Tíre, The National Folk Theatre of Ireland is all about, so from 2022 we are expanding our training academy classes, to include online and in-person classes in Music, Song, Dance and Drama, to a wide variety of ages and experience.

Sharing The Tradition (Online Classes)

Online Adults – Traditional, North Kerry Dance

Adults 16 and over – basic to intermediate level – Some experience required

Series 1: January 20th

Term of 4 classes from
Thursday January 20th – 7Pm to 8pm

Series 2: February 24th

Term of 4 classes from
Thursday February 4th – 7Pm to 8pm

Cost: €50 for term of 4 (1 Hour)

Sharing The Tradition (Online Classes)

Online (On Demand) Children

Children aged 7 to 12 – learn some basic tunes, songs, and dance

Series 1: January 31st

Term of 4 classes (on demand) from January 31st

Series 2: February 28th

Term of 4 classes (on demand) from February 28th

**Cost: €5 per 30-minute class –
choice of Music, Song, and Dance**

Folk Skills (In Person Classes)

Folk Skills Classes

3 Age levels – 7 to 11 / 12 to 15 / 16 to 24

Classes include Dance, Singing and Drama
Basic to intermediate level –
Some experience required

Series 1: January 28th

Term of 4 classes
from Friday January 28th – 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Series 2: March 4th

Term of 4 classes
from Friday March 4th – 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Cost: Choice of 1, 2 or 3 classes

**1 Class – €7.50 X 4 = €30
per term of 4 (40-minute Classes)**

**2 Classes – €12.50 X 4 = €50
per term of 4 (2 X 40-minute classes)**

**3 Classes – €15 X 4 = €60
per term of 4 (3 X 40-minute classes)**

Sharing The Tradition (In Person Classes)

Adult Music and Dance Classes

Adults 16 and over –
Some experience required

Series 1: February 7th

Term of 4 classes from
Monday February 7th – 7.00 to 8.00pm

Series 2: March 21st

Term of 4 classes from
Monday March 21st – 7.00 to 8.00pm

Cost: €50 for term of 4 (1 Hour)



Festival of Folk 2022

National Folk Theatre of Ireland

Join us for this year's Festival of Folk with sensational music, beautiful lyrical songs & top-class Irish Dance from May to September, with evening performances at 8.30pm. There's so much to enjoy during our annual festival – from performances and workshops to exhibitions in our gallery spaces. For over 50 years, Ireland's leading performers of Irish music, song and dance, have captivated audiences with their authentic depiction of our traditional culture. With a range of different live shows to choose from,

you are guaranteed a memorable and emotional visitor experience at Ireland's National Folk Theatre. Be prepared to tap your feet and clap along as we celebrate Ireland's remarkable cultural heritage in the comfort of our award-winning venue. You can also truly connect with our cultural traditions by visiting our gallery, enjoy guided tours and workshops with our professional cast, and get backstage to see where the magic happens!



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Festival of Folk Special Offers

There's always a welcome for locals at Siamsa Tíre. That's why we're setting aside 20 tickets to every Festival of Folk performance for Kerry residents at the discounted rate of €15.

We want to ensure that our local community can enjoy the festival with their friends and family, particularly the younger generations who may have missed out on the chance of experiencing our Folk Theatre performances due to Covid19 restrictions.

Tickets are exclusively available to those who are already on Siamsa Tíre's mailing list and those who show proof of address when they purchase tickets in person. They are non-transferrable and limited to six per person.

These local rate tickets can be reserved at any time in advance of the festival and buyers will be notified of the exact performance dates available when the season schedule is announced in spring 2022.



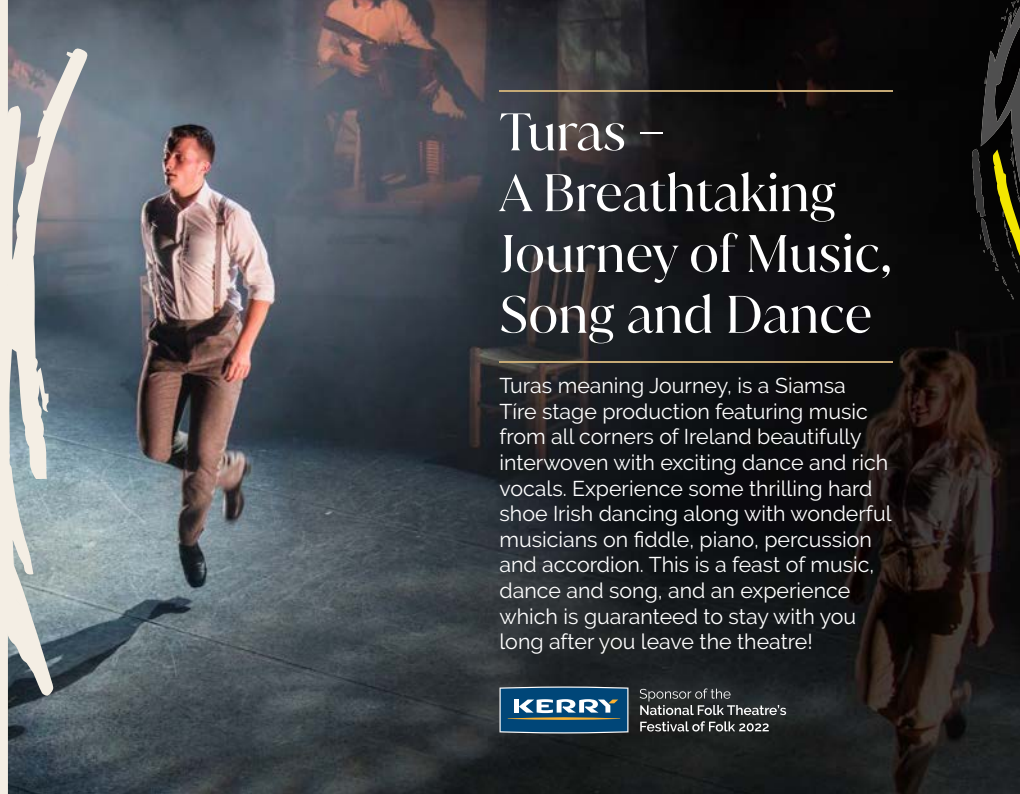
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for updated schedule and subscribe to our
mailing list for updates on upcoming events.

From 1st February – 30th October

Sounds Like Folk

Siamsa Tíre, The National Folk Theatre of Ireland

A second series of 'Sounds like Folk' conversations returns and will see the National Folk Theatre look outward to our communities, old and new, to examine the notion and the power in 'gathering together' over the course of 16 episodes. Our podcast began during lockdown in 2021, and as we move forward from a time of disconnection, we look to the reasons and driving force behind 'why we do what we do', to communicate, share, connect and to feel part of something. The Celtic Calendar, upon which the NFT's annual programme is based, provides a rich source of inspiration for our 'folk conversations' and using this as a framework, we will engage and mark the important dates in this year-round well of stories, imagery and mystery, where we speak with a variety of guests and examine their own relationship with folk; including theatre maker Jo Mangan and choreographer Fearghus Ó Conchúir, among others. Visit our website or Soundcloud for podcast links.



Turas – A Breathtaking Journey of Music, Song and Dance

Turas meaning Journey, is a Siamsa Tíre stage production featuring music from all corners of Ireland beautifully interwoven with exciting dance and rich vocals. Experience some thrilling hard shoe Irish dancing along with wonderful musicians on fiddle, piano, percussion and accordion. This is a feast of music, dance and song, and an experience which is guaranteed to stay with you long after you leave the theatre!



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Fadó, Fadó – In Times Gone By

Fadó Fadó, dramatises a whole year's cycle of living and working the land. Through lively singing, music, dancing and mime, Fadó Fadó celebrates the joys and sorrows of a typical family living in rural Ireland 100 years ago.

An Ghaoth Aniar – The Wind from the West

A celebration of the west coast of Ireland, its traditions, its culture and its people. The Atlantic coast is one of the most beautiful areas in the world. An Ghaoth Aniar brings the wildness and beauty of this to life in the unique Siamsa style. From the tradition of fishing its waters, the magic of the bog lands, the Sligo fiddle with the North Kerry Dance style, to dancing in the rain, this show will enrich your visit to the west coast of Ireland. This spectacular 50th anniversary production, which premiered in 2018 to great success, combines traditional folk, music, song and dance with contemporary staging and projection.



Ón d'Talamh – From the Ground

Drawing inspiration from some of the most iconic pieces from our rich archive, **Ón d'Talamh** pays tribute to the “folk”; the people responsible for carrying our traditions and customs through time.

It examines why we nurture and protect our tradition, our culture, and why passing them on to the next generation is more important than ever.

In both its creative development and production, Ón d'Talamh encapsulates the unique artistic structure and folk ethos of Siamsa Tire as an organisation, where community Cast, academy students and professional artists collaborate to create new artistic work.



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18th March – 19th April

God's First Name is Art

By Henke Heideveld

Born in the Netherlands in 1950, Heideveld started as a professional artist in 1975. He describes his work as a mediation between conceptual art and idea-art. For this exhibition Heideveld has created stunning portraits of Irish friends. In particular friends who inspired him with their work or their friendship. Among them Father Pat Ahern, whom he first met in 1995, and who introduced him to Peadar O Riada and John Moriarty. Heideveld's art is based on contrapositions and oppositions: belief and disbelief, heaven and holocaust, Holland and Ireland, God and Art.



26th April – 20th August

Folk Homecoming Exhibition

Siamsa Tíre celebrates the National Folk Theatre and its role within the community with an exhibition of photographs, video and artefacts of previous shows and members of the National Folk Theatre. The exhibition will give an insight into its repertoire of performances that spans over 50 years since the first staged performance in 1968. This exhibition hopes to engage with the community and showcase the talent and hard work of the National Folk Theatre over the last number of years as it continues to pass on the traditions and skills of the past and present them to a contemporary audience.



Box Office Opening Hours

The box office staff are available by phone Monday–Saturday 10am–6pm

Patrons can book online 24 hrs a day
www.siamsatire.com

Or book in person during the building opening hours – please see opposite.

On the evenings where a performance is scheduled for the theatre, the Box Office will remain open until 7.30pm for general and phone bookings, and until 7.50pm for 'in person' tickets for that night's performance.

Wait lists

Due to Covid restrictions, our seating capacity has been limited. If guidelines change, we have added wait lists to our events so we can offer increased seating capacity to customers on the wait list on a first come first served basis.

Ticket Exchange/Refund

We have made changes to our refund policy for all Covid-19 related issues. If you have purchased tickets and cannot attend a performance or event for reasons related to Covid-19, please contact the Box Office as soon as possible and a refund will be processed.

For reasons unrelated to Covid-19, our normal exchange/refund policy will remain in effect. This policy states that tickets may not be exchanged or refunded after purchase unless the performance has been cancelled.

For sold-out events only, Siamsa Tíre can 'sell on' unwanted tickets on the day of a performance on behalf of the customer. We regret that this service cannot be offered for events that are not sold out. No refunds or exchanges can take place without the physical tickets being returned. Refunds will be made in the event of a cancelled performance to the customer via the same payment method as when the purchase was made.

Latecomers

Latecomers will not be admitted until a suitable break in the performance. Entry not guaranteed.

Wheelchair Users

Wheelchair spaces are available within the building. Please inform the Box office when you book your tickets, and they will be able to advise you on suitable seating.

Hard of Hearing

An induction loop is in operation in the auditorium for patrons with hearing difficulties. People with hearing aids should set them to 'T'.

Change of Advertised Programme

Siamsa Tíre reserves the right to add, withdraw or substitute artists and vary the advertised programme if necessary.

Building Opening Hours

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Friday 24th–28th inclusive	CLOSED
Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th	10am–6pm
Friday 31st (New Year's Eve)	10am–4pm
Saturday 1st	CLOSED
Sunday 2nd–Tuesday 4th	1pm–7pm
Wednesday 5th (Business as usual)	10am–4pm

JANUARY–AUGUST 2022

Monday	10am–4pm
Wednesday–Saturday	10am–4pm
Sunday	5pm–8pm*

CLOSED

Thursday 17th March (St Patrick's Day)
Friday 15th April (Good Friday)
Monday 18th April (Easter Monday)

**Only when a performance is scheduled for that night.*

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JANUARY

2nd – 4th	Cinderella – Christmas Panto
15th	4 In A Bar
20th – 22nd	The Importance Of Being Earnest
23rd	Declan Nerney In Concert
28th	Trad Connections – Fuinneamh

FEBRUARY

3rd	Fred Cooke & Julie Jay
4th & 5th	The Academy Of Dance
6th	Bosco's Garden Hansel and Gretel
12th	Fight Night
13th	Born To Dance
15th & 16th	Once Upon A Bridge
19th	Eddi Reader
20th	Legends Of American Country Show
24th	Keep the Faith, Keep the Folk
25th	Trad Connections – Danny O' Mahony & Steve Cooney
26th	Strolling Through Ulysses!
27th	Joe The Magician – Live

At a Glance

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM

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MARCH

3rd	Crowman
4th	Amy Dickson, Sonoko Miriam Welde & Simon Mulligan
5th	Science Magic
6th	Declan O'Rourke – Arrivals Irish tour 2022
9th – 11th	Barndance – A Comedy
12th	Neil Delamere – Liminal
13th	3 Hail Marys
18th	Walls Talk
20th	Wunderground
25th	Trad Connections – Paudie O'Connor & Aoife Ní Chaoimh
26th	Halcyon Days

APRIL

1st	Shane Clifford – Aw, Class
3rd	Born To Dance
6th – 8th	Matilda the Musical JR.
9th	The Man in the Woman's Shoes
12th – 17th	Ghost: The Musical
19th – 22nd	Easter Workshop Series
23rd & 24th	Curtain Call
28th	Silent
30th	Dark Island Album Launch

MAY

6th & 7th	Back to the Music
*	Turas

JUNE

3rd	Trad Connections
*	Turas
*	Fadó Fadó

JULY

*	Fadó Fadó
*	An Ghaoth Aniar

AUGUST

*	An Ghaoth Aniar
*	Ón d'Talamh

**(Check website/Box Office for
Festival of Folk performances)*



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