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*Siamsa Tíre*

Home to the National Folk Theatre of Ireland

Irish Music, Song and Dance

**FESTIVAL OF FOLK**

**May - September 2018**



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# National Folk Theatre of Ireland

2018 celebrates **50 years** of bringing together the people of Kerry and visitors from all over the world to enjoy the best of Irish culture – music, song and dance. Come and join us for a performance in our wonderful theatre in Tralee, in beautiful County Kerry, looking out over the Slieve Mish Mountains and the Dingle peninsula on the Wild Atlantic Way!

Siamsa Tíre protects, develops and explores Irish culture and traditions, who we are, where we come from and who we are going to be. Thousands of visitors have enjoyed our performances of Irish music, song and dance as a highlight of their trip to Ireland. There is an energy, a wildness, a passion about these performances, using the best of traditional arts, which come together to create a memorable and emotional experience for our visitors.

So, check out our reviews on Trip Advisor, see some fabulous footwork and clips of the performances on our website – **www.siamsatire.com** and then come and visit us.

CELEBRATING **50** YEARS  
IRISH CULTURE THROUGH THE ARTS

Darbietungen traditioneller irischer Kultur - lebhaft, erfrischend, voller Magie.

Tausende von Besuchern, die hierher nach Kerry kamen, bezeichneten die Darbietungen des Nationalen Folkloretheatres in Tralee als ein absolutes Highlight ihrer Reise nach Irland. Die Aufführungen sind eine Mischung von traditionellem irischem Tanz, Gesang und Livemusik, die sich als Schauspiel zu einem auch emotional unvergesslichen Erlebnis verbinden. Ganz unabhängig davon, woher die Besucher kommen oder welche Sprache sie sprechen: Diese Geschichten werden von Menschen aus aller Welt erlebt und genossen.

Im Mittelpunkt der Spielzeit 2018 stehen Aufführungen von Fadó Fadó, Oileán, Anam, Turas und An Ghaoth Aniar. Wir würden uns sehr freuen, Sie zu einem unvergesslichen und lange nachhallenden Abend traditioneller irischer Kultur in unserem wunderschönen Theater in Tralee in der Grafschaft Kerry begrüßen zu dürfen!

La culture traditionnelle Irlandaise sur scène, nouveau, riche et magique.

Des milliers de visiteurs ont désignés les spectacles du Théâtre Folklorique National à Tralee dans le comté de Kerry, comme leur meilleur souvenir de leur voyage en Irlande. Les spectacles sont exécutés à travers un mélange de danses traditionnelles Irlandaise, de chants, de musiques en direct, de mimes et scènes théâtrales qui fusionnent pour créer une expérience mémorable et émotionnelle pour tous les spectateurs.

La saison 2018 présente les spectacles de Fadó Fadó, Oileán, Anam, Turas et An Ghaoth Aniar. Nous espérons que vous nous rejoindrez dans notre splendide théâtre à Tralee, dans le comté de Kerry, pour une soirée de culture traditionnelle Irlandaise dont les souvenir resteront longtemps après avoir quitté notre Ile...

Cultura irlandesa tradicional puesta en escena - fresca, rica y mágica.

Miles de visitantes al Kerry han elegido una representación del teatro nacional folklórico como punto culminante de un viaje en Irlanda. Las representaciones incluyen una mezcla de baile irlandés tradicional, de canciones, de música y mímica. Esta combinación crea una experiencia inolvidable para los visitantes. Muchas personas de culturas y lenguas diferentes pueden disfrutar de estas historias.

El ciclo de 2018 incluye las representaciones de Fadó Fadó, Oileán, Anam, Turas y An Ghaoth Aniar. Esperamos que ustedes puedan disfrutar de una noche de cultura irlandesa tradicional en nuestro hermoso teatro. Su recuerdo sera inolvidable.

Brengt in haar voorstellingen de Ierse traditionele cultuur tot leven, vernieuwend, inspirerend en boordevol magie.

Reeds duizenden buitenlandse vakantiegangers hebben de voorstellingen van het Nationale Folklore Theatre bezocht en als hoogtepunt van hun Ierse reis ervaren. De voorstellingen van de Siamsa Tíre worden allen uitgevoerd door middel van traditionele dans, zang en muziek. Bezoekers getuigen vaak van een emotionele ervaring: een herkenning van tradities, waarden en vooral ook gemeenschapszin.

Voor het seizoen 2018 brengt de Siamsa Tíre de voorstellingen Fadó Fadó, Oileán, Anam, Turas en An Ghaoth Aniar twee zeer populaire en bekroonde producties. Wij nodigen u uit om een avond vol Ierse traditie en cultuur bij te wonen in onze prachtige schouwburg in Tralee, graafschap Kerry. We beloven u een avond om nooit te vergeten...



# Fadó Fadó

In Times Gone By

Presented by Siamsa Tíre,  
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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.

*Complimentary Programme Notes in Irish, French, German, Spanish, Dutch and Italian.*

**KERRY**

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## PERFORMANCES

**May:** 8th - 12th • 14th - 19th • 21st - 26th  
**June:** 18th - 20th • 25th - 29th  
**July:** 2nd - 6th • 23rd - 27th • 30th - 31st  
**August:** 1st - 3rd  
**September:** 3rd - 7th • 10th - 14th • 17th - 20th

Show Time: 8.30pm



# Oileán

## Celebrating the Blasket Islands

Presented by Siamsa Tíre,  
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The Great Blasket Island, located off the coast of West Kerry retains an almost mystical significance for many, both from Ireland and abroad. Oileán celebrates the way of life of the islanders and their spirit of survival, capturing the essence of this island community, their traditions and customs, their wealth of song and story, their love of life and their strong kinship with one another.

Oileán is delivered using all of the strengths of Ireland's traditional arts - dance, music and song, to create an enchanting and spell-binding narrative.

*Complimentary Programme Notes in Irish, French, German, Spanish, Dutch and Italian.*



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## PERFORMANCES

**May:** 28th - 31st  
**June:** 1st - 2nd • 4th - 6th • 11th - 13th  
**July:** 9th - 13th • 16th - 20th  
**August:** 6th - 10th • 13th - 17th

Show Time: 8.30pm





# Anam

Anam returns to the stage at Siamsa Tíre following a successful tour in 2017

Co-commissioned by Dublin Dance Festival and The National Folk Theatre of Ireland, Anam (meaning 'soul') brings together the skills of four world-class step dancers from the US, Canada and Ireland in an exhilarating fusion of styles. Authentic and raw, this percussive dance piece explores the similarities and differences between the dancers, each with their own distinct hard shoe style. It celebrates the dance's essential spirit, yet injects it with fresh energy to create something new.



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Featuring dancers Matthew Olwell, Jonathan Kelliher, Nathan Pilatzke and Jason O'Neill. This uplifting production is performed to live music and song composed by acclaimed Irish musician Fergal Ó Murchú, along with musicians Mikie Smith and Joseph McNulty.

Anam was co-directed by Jonathan Kelliher and Sue-Ellen Chester MacCarthy.

## PERFORMANCES

**June:** 7th - 10th • 14th - 17th • 21st - 24th  
Show Time: 8.30pm



# Turas

## A Breathtaking Journey of Music, Dance and Song

Presented by Siamsa Tíre,  
**The National Folk Theatre of Ireland.**

Turas is a Siamsa Tíre meaning *Journey*, features 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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## PERFORMANCES

**June:** 30th  
**July:** 1st • 7th - 8th • 14th - 15th  
21st - 22nd • 28th - 29th  
**August:** 4th - 5th • 11th - 12th  
**September:** 1st - 2nd • 8th - 9th • 15th - 16th

Show Time: 8.30pm





PREMIERE FOR 50th SEASON

# An Ghaoth Aniar

The Wind from the West

To celebrate 50 years of National Folk Theatre performances a new production will be the highlight of our 2018 season!

*An Ghaoth Aniar* meaning 'the wind from the west', is a new production by the National Folk Theatre of Ireland which will launch in August 2018. This new work will be the cornerstone of this year's Festival of Folk, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first ever summer season performed in 1968. This show is inspired by 'The West' – the west of Ireland has traditionally been a source of inspiration. It is a place of strong traditions and culture, where the Irish language still survives, where the stunning landscape rivals that to be found in any other part of the world. A place where Irish music, song and dance are part of the people and the environment.

Following months of research, the National Folk Theatre has interwoven traditional Irish music, song and dance with traditional and contemporary staging. It has created an atmospheric and lively representation of the west, its myths and folk tales and how the changeable nature of the weather has influenced and shaped the lives and culture of the people in the west



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## PERFORMANCES

**August:** 22nd - 31st

Show Time: 8.30pm





# Festival of Folk 2018

## WORKSHOPS

As part of our Festival of Folk 2018, why not take part in some Irish Folk Culture and learn how to sing an Irish song or dance from the stage repertoire with a member of the professional National Folk Theatre cast.

Adults: €15

[or €6 if purchased with show ticket]

Children : €10

[or €6 if purchased with show ticket]

Special Family package available to include show and workshop

Workshop fee includes tea/coffee for participants. Numbers are limited to 15 per workshop and groups can be accommodated on request throughout the week subject to staff availability.



JUNE - AUGUST

## LEARN AN IRISH SONG

Every Tuesday • 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Come and learn an Irish song from the wonderful repertoire of the National Folk Theatre with one of our performers. Why not buy a ticket for that evening's performance? Then you can sit back & hear that song sung in four part harmony by the members of the National Folk Theatre. (performance tickets are available from the Box Office)



JUNE - AUGUST

## LEARN AN IRISH DANCE

Every Wednesday • 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Nothing too complicated, we promise! Take a class in Irish dance with one of our performers and learn how to step it out in style. Don't forget to wear comfortable clothing and footwear.



### MERCHANDISE PRICE LIST

Souvenir Brochure	€6.00
Mini Bodhráns	€20.00
Baseball Hats	€8.00
CDs*	€20.00
Posters	€5.00
T-Shirts	€12.50
Post Cards	€1.20
Full Size Bodhráns	€55.00
Siamsa Badges	€2.00
Hurleys	€12.00

\* inc €5 postage



## Bring A Souvenir Home

Purchase souvenirs at the Siamsa Tíre Box Office or you can shop from home - visit our website [www.siamsatire.com](http://www.siamsatire.com) – Book Online or email [boxoffice@siamsatire.com](mailto:boxoffice@siamsatire.com) and we will POST IT HOME (delivery charge applicable). Items include CDs, Postcards, Badges, Bodráns, Stationary Sets, Hurleys and more.

## VISUAL ARTS

# 50 BLIAIN AG FÁS

Siamsa Tíre, The National Folk Theatre of Ireland at 50



Friday  
**25<sup>th</sup>**  
May

to

Saturday  
**15<sup>th</sup>**  
September

50 years ago, the first performance by the National Folk Theatre was presented to an audience in Balloonagh School in Tralee. We take a look back at some of the productions which have formed part of our repertoire in the years since that inaugural staging.

'50 Bliain ag Fás' gives an insight into how the performances and staging have changed over the years, and also an overview of the range of National Folk Theatre productions which have featured in the repertoire during those five decades.



## VISUAL ARTS

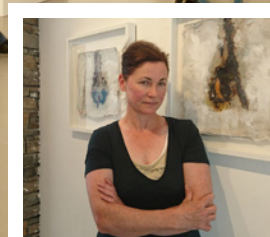
# ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

JUNE to  
SEPTEMBER



Siamsa Tíre, home to The National Folk Theatre of Ireland, is seeking proposals from visual artists to undertake a residency in its theatre building in Tralee from the 25th June to 16th September 2018. The selected artist will be invited to engage with the National Folk Theatre's performing company and to creatively interrogate and reflect the company and its place in Kerry cultural life. This residency follows on from Karen Hendy's very successful residency in Siamsa Tíre in 2017.

There will be a level of public engagement as part of the residency, the details of which will be mutually agreed with the successful candidate. The chosen artist will be invited to use part of the gallery spaces as working studios and will also have access to office space. A fee of €3,500 will be provided, along with a materials stipend of €500. The closing date for applications is **Friday 18th of May**. Full details are available on [www.siamsatire.com](http://www.siamsatire.com), or by emailing [generalmanager@siamsatire.com](mailto:generalmanager@siamsatire.com)







We are all beginning to better understand the ways in which our actions impact the environment. Whether through our carbon footprint, our impact on the world's rich biodiversity, the pollution of air, soil and water - we all have an impact and each of us has a role to play in mitigating that impact. Reflecting this growing desire to protect what is precious for future generations, Siamsa Tíre is working to achieve certification as a Green Theatre, thereby reducing the impact of our activities on the environment and looking forward to creating a more sustainable future.

The first step of this policy is increased energy efficiency and a reduced dependency on fossil fuels. With generous funding from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and our core funder, the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, we have converted from an oil fired heating system to an Air to Water Heat Pump system; we have installed 40 photovoltaic panels on the roof of the building, we have replaced all of the building lighting and some of the stage lighting with LED lights. We have also insulated the building where possible.

Further details are available on our website.

## Greening Siamsa

This is only the beginning of our Greening Siamsa initiative. Staff teams are now developing green policies across waste and water management, biodiversity, transport and travel, and procurement. We will keep you updated along the way and hope that you can join us on this journey!

### We would like to thank the following for their support:

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), the Department of Culture, Heritage & The Gaeltacht, SE Systems, Kerry Sustainable Energy Co-operative Ltd (KSEC), Transition Kerry, Tralee Tidy Towns and Kerry County Council.





## ENJOY AN IRISH COFFEE ON US

Present or quote this Siamsa Irish Coffee voucher **when booking your tickets** for any National Folk Theatre performance and you'll receive a complimentary Siamsa Irish Coffee to enjoy at the interval.

*What a treat!*



## Pre-Show Meal Deals



Enjoy a great night out in Tralee with a visit to one of the local restaurants and avail of their pre-theatre dining options!

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KIRBY'S BROGUE INN - Rock Street (066) 7181998  
FINNEGANS - Denny Street (066) 7181400  
THE ASHE HOTEL - Maine St. (066) 710 6300

## Our Location TRALEE



# Siamsa Tíre

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