WINTER - SPRING 2020

THE CIVIC
You’ll find more details about all our shows in this programme and on our website:
www.civictheatre.ie
MUSIC
GEORGE MURPHY
Presented by Pat Egan Management
At only 33 years of age, George Murphy has lived an entire life in music. Steeped in the tradition and folklore of Ireland’s greatest folk legends, George shot to fame overnight as a contestant of You’re a Star and a number one album produced by Phil Coulter, his brilliant version of Raglan Road was matched only by the great Luke Kelly. Lost his way for a few years touring the States, but brought very much to life again as a brilliant balladeer when he joined The High Kings. Now starring in his own right, his ‘New Beginnings’ tour is now on the road.

JAN Sat 11th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 120 mins. One interval
Tickets: €23
MEAL DEAL: €41 ticket + 2 course meal.
Limited tickets available

DRAMA
WEEKEND WARRIOR
Presented by Rise Productions
Written & Performed by Tony Doyle
Directed by Aonghus Óg McAnally
Wayne drinks, does drugs and gets into fights but it’s grand because he doesn’t get arrested or bring trouble to the door. Once he sorts out what he wants to do with his life and learns how to do all the things his Da can, like hang a shelf, change a tyre or screw in a light bulb in under ten minutes, he’ll be fine.

JAN Thu 2nd – Sat 4th // 8.15pm
Matinee Sun 5th // 3.15pm
Studio Theatre
Duration: 60 mins. No interval
Tickets: €16 & €14 concession. Preview Thu 2nd & Matinee Sun 5th €12

THE CIVIC SESSIONS
JAN Sun 5th - Join us for a post-show discussion to explore issues raised in the play.

Presented in association with The Civic as part of First Fortnight 2020 Mental Health, Art & Culture Festival.
For more see firstfortnight.ie
Age Suitability 15+

‘Masterfully tells the story of a young lad who feels lost. A humorous and gut wrenching tale, which expertly offers a glimpse into a story that is not often shared.’ MEG.IE

‘The most exciting vocal find in Ireland’. PHIL COULTER

Betelnut Cafe
Offering tasty breakfast, lunch, pre-theatre menu & full bar service.
Bookings 01 4624626

FIRST FORTNIGHT
THE ART OF MENTAL HEALTH
‘When I look back on my adolescence, there are a few experiences that I consider to have truly shaped me as an individual, there is no doubt that Tenderfoot is among these.’
DECLAN MOORE

DRAMA
TENDERFOOT
Presented by The Civic
Tenderfoot is The Civic’s apprentice theatre programme for transition year students in South County Dublin. Tenderfoot’s apprenticeship ethos means that our Tenderfeet learn about theatre by making theatre. During the programme our young people are introduced to all aspects of theatre - writing, set design/film for theatre, music composition & sound design, costume design, stage management and acting - under the guidance of working theatre professionals. The original plays in this programme, written by 15/16 year old playwrights, provide a unique glimpse into the world as it is for young people.

JAN Thu 23rd - Fri 24th // 12pm
Sat 25th // 2pm and 7pm
Main Space
Duration: 120 min. One interval
Tickets: €10 & €5 concession, schools €5

DRAMA
BLACKWATER BABBLE
Written by Ronan Fitzgibbon
Were you ever at a singsong? Did it go late? Were the doors locked? Did you sing? Blackwater Babble is the story of a man who has spent years trying to work out what makes a good session. Every maudlin ballad that killed the night and every table-thumper that saved it! This sell-out show invites its audience to head down the river with our scribbler and his younger self while they pick through the songs, fights, memories and obsessions that shaped his life. It is an exploration of regret and memory, masculinity and purpose, set against the changing face of the Irish pub.

JAN Tue 28th - Thu 30th // 8.15pm
Studio Theatre
Duration: 70 mins. No interval
Tickets: €16 & €14 concession.
Preview Thu 28th €12.

MUSIC
ABSOLUTE EAGLES
Presented by lekmk Promotions
Following a sold out debut show here at The Civic, The Absolute Eagles are delighted to return in January 2020. The Absolute Eagles are Europe’s premier tribute to the American rock band. They will play all the classic hits guaranteed to entertain the entire audience. Join us as we take a trip down memory lane and shuffle through some of the world’s best known and loved songs from The Eagles extensive back catalogue.

JAN Thu 30th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 100 mins. One interval
Tickets: €26
MEAL DEAL: €44 ticket + 2 course meal.
Limited tickets available
DANCE2CONNECT FESTIVAL

JAN Fri 31st - FEB Sun 2nd

Dance2Connect is a 3 day Urban Dance festival at The Civic, comprising of an evening of Dance Theatre (Friday), Dance ‘Battles’ (Saturday) and Workshops with Internationally acclaimed artists (Sunday). The festival is the first of its kind on Irish shores and aims to grow in a similar direction to Breaking Convention (UK). With an emphasis on creating a platform for emerging choreographers, intergenerational exchange, inclusively, the festival establishes a new ‘way in’ to creativity and artistic processes for a generation of young people in South Dublin County and beyond. It’s the third edition of Dance2Connect Dublin and we are excited to make this one even more special!

THEATRE NIGHT

An opportunity for urban dance artists to present work that may be experimental, cross -disciplinary and unconventional for street dance form. Theatre night is where the true character of each performer emerges and where they get to be vulnerable, performing work that is politically, socially and personally relevant. We have selected 7 short pieces by Irish and international artists to present at 2020 edition of Dance2Connect festival: Human Collective (IRL), Jamaal Drisc (UK), Jason & Ali G (NL), B Girl Maolisa (FR) and 3 more artists picked through Dance Ireland Call Out for emerging artists.

JAN Fri 31st // 7:30pm - 9pm
Tickets: €10

BATTLES

Hip Hop Battle where style, rivalry and community exist and evolve. Dancers push the boundaries of their art form using movement, gestures and energy to challenge, communicate and celebrate the culture of street dance. The most athletic and skilled dancers will face each other and the top 8 selected from all participants and have a chance to win cash prizes!!

FEB Sat 1st // 1pm - 10pm
Tickets: €12 (spectator) €10 (participant)
Categories: Breaking, Hip-Hop, Popping, Krump, Under 16s All Style.
€200 euro cash prize per category.

WORKSHOPS

FEB Sun 2nd
12pm - 1.30pm Popping with Tesko
1.30pm - 3pm Krump with Jamsy
3pm - 4.30pm Hip-Hop with Ice

futureformalities
4.30pm - 6pm Breaking with Jamaal Drisc
€20 for 1 workshop, €60 for 4

For tickets, workshop info and bundle deals see our website civictheatre.ie
CONTACT: 01 4627477 / d2cfestival@gmail.com
@D2cfestival #dance2connect #d2cfestival
FULL WEEKEND PACKAGE €70

THE INDEPENDENT

MUSIC

REELING IN THE SHOW BAND YEARS
Presented by Tommy Swarbrick

The Ronan Collins Showband Show ‘Reeling In the Showband Years’ has been a smash hit for the past 10 years, and we are delighted to say it returns once again to The Civic to celebrate it’s amazing 11th year touring. Featuring Red Hurley, Linda Martin, Ronan Collins, Shaun O’Dowd, Keith and Lorraine, The Conquerors Showband and much more! Bringing you back in time to this magical musical period. It will send you home with great memories of a wonderful and never to be repeated time in Irish popular music.

FEB Wed 5th - Thu 6th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 120 mins. One interval
Tickets: €33
MEAL DEAL: €50 ticket + 2 course meal.
Limited tickets available

DRAMA

MAURA LAVERTY - THIS IS YOUR LIFE
Presented by The Curious Ensemble

Maura Laverty, the multi-talented broadcaster, cookery expert, agony aunt and controversial writer, who was a household name in Ireland for three decades, is about to be spirited back from the dead to face a live and online audience on a surreal TV show ‘This was Your Life.’ She will cook recipes from her iconic cookbook, ‘Full And Plenty’, and talk about her rollercoaster life. The host will get her to reveal some of her darker secrets and the price she paid for her success.

FEB Sat 8th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 75 mins. No interval
Tickets: €19 & €17 concession
BOOK EARLY: Tickets €15 Limited to the first 50 tickets
DRAMA

A HOLY SHOW
Presented by Verdant Productions
Written by Janet Moran
Cast: Roseanna Purcell and Mark Fitzgerald

‘A Holy Show’ is a new comedy based on the 1981 hijacking of an Aer Lingus plane by an ex-Trappist monk with a bottle of water as his weapon, the Pope as his nemesis, and a burning desire to know The Third Secret of Fatima. Following on from the success at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2019 and Dublin Fringe in 2018 ‘A Holy Show’ takes us back to 1981 and brings us on board the ill-fated Aer Lingus flight EI 164 from Dublin to London. The show follows the passengers and crew as this most Irish of hijackings unfolds. ‘A Holy Show’ marks Janet’s solo writing and directing debut. Based on the incredible story of the hijacking, the show throws light on Ireland’s relationship with religious faith through warmth and humour.

FEB Tue 11th - Wed 12th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 75 mins. No interval
Tickets: €22 & €20 concession.
MEAL DEAL: €38 ticket + 2 course meal.
Limited tickets available
BOOK EARLY: Tickets €18 *Limited to the first 50 tickets per show

Supported by The Arts Council

DRAMA

TWO MINUTES
Presented by Tick Tock Productions
Written by Breda McCann
Cast: Wayne Leitch and Breda McCann
Directed by Audrey Devereux

Billy and Trisha each have one thing on their minds: Billy’s just mad for football and Trisha just wants two blue lines. How much pressure can one couple take? What happens if it doesn’t work out? Can Barry White save the day? One thing is for certain: two minutes can feel like a lifetime when your clock is ticking! ‘Two Minutes’ is a brand new comedy, premiering in our studio this February by debut writer Breda McCann.

FEB Tue 11th - Sat 15th // 8.15pm
Studio Theatre
Duration: 60 mins. No interval
Tickets: €16 & €14 concession.
Preview Tue 11th, €12

Age Suitability 18+
Photography Billy Cahill

COMEDY

RÖBERT KOLTAI - 75 YEARS
Presented by Peter Zsifkovics

An evening of comedy and music with Röbert Koltai a Hungarian actor, film director and screenwriter. He has appeared in over 90 films since 1967. He appeared in the 1976 film ‘Man Without a Name’, which was entered into the 26th Berlin International Film Festival, where it won the Silver Bear for an outstanding single achievement.

FEB Fri 14th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 90 mins. No interval
Tickets: *€30
Please note this show is presented in Hungarian

*Tickets are sold directly via ticketino.com
The Civic’s First Play in 1999 was ‘Howie The Rookie’ by Mark O’Rowe.

An early spring night, 1999. The expectancy is electric. 300 people champ excitedly at the bit waiting to be the first in through the doors to our resplendent new main auditorium. My predecessor Brid Dukes and Billy Colman, Director of South Dublin County Council, after many years of planning, fund raising and build are ready to welcome The Civic’s first patrons. They flooded in to share in what was to be a landmark double day; the official opening of The Civic and the premiere of a contemporary Irish classic, written and produced here in Tallaght; Mark O’Rowe’s ‘Howie the Rookie’. For as long as we stand, our birthday and Mark’s ‘powerful, poignant and pulverisingly funny’ masterpiece will be inextricably linked as an energetic expression of what The Civic will always stand for - a pride in place, an earthy, direct relationship with its audience and risk taking a plenty. That’s why it is so fitting that 21 years later we present a new production as our coming of age celebration. For some things last the test of time. For we’re still standing tall and proud - and so is Marks’ genius.

Michael Barker-Caven
Artistic Director
The Civic

Mark O’Rowe’s brutally and beautifully poetic modern classic ‘Howie The Rookie’ receives a searing revival from Glass Mask.

Featuring two of Ireland’s most exciting actors, Rex Ryan and Stephen Jones, O’Rowe’s dual monologues will take us on an adventure of two individuals fighting for survival and meaning against a Dublin City pulsing with violence and ablaze with danger.

FEB Sat 15th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 90 mins. One interval
Tickets: €19 & €17 concession
MEAL DEAL: €35 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available
BOOK EARLY: Tickets €15 *Limited to the first 50 tickets

Age Suitability 16+
Contains strong language
FAMILY

THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A FLY

Presented by The People’s Theatre Company (UK)
The 45th Anniversary Production
Written by Steven Lee

‘There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly. I don’t know why she swallowed a fly...’ But The People’s Theatre Company do!

And now you can too as they use an amazing blend of live action, puppetry and animation to bring one of the world’s best loved nursery rhymes to life just in time to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Pam Adams’ best-selling book!

This magical show has been written especially for grown-ups to enjoy with their children, so come and relive the delights of this most charming of tales complete with a feast of sing along songs, colourful animal characters and heart-warming family fun.

It’s the perfect treat for anyone aged 2 to 102!

The songs in the show including ‘If You’re Happy and You know It’, ‘Incy Wincy Spider’ and many more are available to sing along to on The People’s Theatre Company’s website at www.ptc.org.uk so why not have a listen and join in when you visit The Civic!

FEB Wed 19th // 2:30pm
Main Space
Duration: 65 mins. No interval
Tickets: €8 adult, Children €6, €24 Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children)

MUSIC

‘A GÁLVÖLGYI’
Presented by Stage in London

Join us at The Civic as we welcome legendary artist and special guest Janos Gálvölgyi. The play ‘A Gálvölgyi’ is inspired by his own life is a fantastic mix of original video footage, music and lots of humour.

“I was born on 26th May under Gemini constellation. The births of this constellation are said to be characterized by duality. Joy and sorrow, recognition and misunderstanding, popularity and unpopularity, adoration and hate, successes and mistakes, and also failures, memories, contemporaries, role models, 50 years on television and on stage. That would be my story... If anyone is interested...” Janos Galvolgyi

FEB Fri 21st // 7:30pm
Main Space
Duration: 100 mins. No interval
Tickets: £25*

Please note this show is presented in Hungarian
*Tickets are sold directly via stageinlondon.com, please contact stageinlondon.com for their policies on refunds and exchanges.
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MARY COUGHLAN
Presented by MPI Productions

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FEB Fri 28th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 90 mins. One interval
Tickets: €26
MEAL DEAL: €44 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available

DRAMA
TAKE OFF YOUR CORNFLAKES
Created by Rose Henderson and Pat Nolan
Produced by Anna Fox

Tom and Trish have just celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. But what happens when Tom wakes up with a strange woman beside him and she tells him he’s her wife? And what does Trish do when she realises the person she loves is losing his mind? Inspired by Rose’s Dad, Jack, who had Alzheimer’s but couldn’t remember he had cancer, ‘Take Off Your Cornflakes’ is a tender, funny, heart-warming portrait of marriage with the best ‘Dad Jokes’ you’ve ever heard.

FEB Tue 25th - Weds 26th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 75 mins. No interval
Tickets: €19 & €17 concession
BOOK EARLY: Tickets €15 * Limited to first 50 tickets.
MEAL DEAL: €35 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available

‘Mary’s live performances have to be seen to be believed.’ NME

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**COMEDY GIGS AT THE CIVIC**

**JASON BYRNE - WRECKED BUT READY**

Jason Byrne has had a hard year. But he doesn’t want to talk about that. He’s wrecked but ready. Ready for a laugh. This show is a celebration. A celebration of triumph over adversity. A celebration of the fact that everybody’d got their own crap going on and they don’t need to listen to someone else moaning about their problems. So, leave your worries at the door and find out why ‘The Times’ described Jason as ‘The Outright King of Live Comedy’.

**FEB Thu 20th // 8pm Main Space**
**Tickets: €24**
**MEAL DEAL: €42 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available**

**JOE ROONEY - SHUT YOUR CAKE HOLE**

Joe Rooney (Father Ted’s Father Damo) brings his Edinburgh Fringe show on tour with an evening of stand-up and music. The intensity he puts into his singing and character acting is on another level. His act rolls along smoothly and nothing felt forced. ‘Shut Your Cakehole’ is an enjoyable romp with songs, great stand-up and excellent storytelling, full of gags.

**FEB Thu 27th // 8pm Main Space**
**Tickets: €17.50**
**MEAL DEAL: €35.50 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available**

**THE LAUGHTER LOUNGE ON TOUR**

We’ve been in the comedy business a long, long, LONG time and for 21 years, we’ve only delivered our premier brand of comedy to the good folks of Dublin town….. But, we want to make the whole of Ireland laugh so guess what? We’re going on tour! Yep, we’ll be bringing Laughter Lounge vibes to Tallaght! Come see the Laughter Lounge’s most requested acts – Eric Lalor, John Colleary and Gar Murran for one craic’in night out! Smell that? That’s the sweet scent of comedy in the air…..and we can’t wait!

**MAR Fri 6th // 8pm Main Space**
**Tickets: €21 & €19 concession**
**MEAL DEAL: €37 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available**

**DANNY O’BRIEN - REFORMER**

Following a complete sell-out in The Civic in 2018 with his show ‘Lock-In’, the award-winning Wicklow performer brings his brand-new hilarious hour of stand-up to where self-destruction and self-discovery meet! This show had a hugely successful sell-out run of shows at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival, The Galway International Arts Festival, Wexford Spiegeltent Festival and a host of International and European dates. Danny is now back on the road and bringing his biggest and best tour show to date to Tallaght!

**FEB Sat 29th // 8pm Main Space**
**Tickets: €18**
**MEAL DEAL: €36 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available**

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**Duration: 75 mins. No interval**
**Tickets: €16 & €13 concession.**

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**DRAMA**

**QUEEN OF TECHNICOLOR**

*THE STORY OF MAUREEN O’HARA*

*Presented by Elaine O’Dwyer*

This one-woman show marks the centenary of legendary Irish actress Maureen O’ Hara. Star of Hollywood’s Golden Age, O’ Hara played roles that often mirrored her true persona as a tough and courageous woman. A frontrunner of the #Timesup movement, O’ Hara stood up against Hollywood’s studio bosses and steered clear of the casting couch - “I wasn’t a whore. I was unwilling to make that kind of sacrifice to get a part in a movie.” Portraying over twenty characters in this tour de force performance, O’ Dwyer takes you on an intimate journey with Maureen, revealing the person she was behind the limelight.

**MAR Thu 12th // 8pm**

Main Space

Duration: 110 mins. One interval

Tickets: €18 & €16 concession

**MEAL DEAL:** €34 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available

**MUSIC**

**I’M STILL STANDING - THE MUSIC OF ELTON JOHN**

*Presented by Wayne Whelan Productions*

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**MAR Sat 14th // 8pm**

Main Space

Duration: 95 mins. One interval

Tickets: €26

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**FAMILY**

**I AM BABA**

Created by Anna Newell and presented in association with The Civic

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**MAR Wed 18th - Thu 19th // 10am & 11 am, 12:30pm**

Studio Theatre

Duration: 20 minutes followed by up to 20 minutes of freeplay time

Tickets: €10 (for 1 adult + 1 baby)

Age suitability: 0-12 months

An International Early Childhood Arts Commission from the 4 Dublin Local Authorities. This national tour was funded by the Arts Council.

**MUSIC**

**ROUTE 66**

*Presented by Route 66*

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**MAR Sat 7th // 8pm**

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*Presented by Wayne Whelan Productions*

A musical celebration of the legendary 50 year career of Sir Elton John. Featuring all of his greatest hits performed by the outstanding Joel Buckingham and backed by an amazing live band, this show takes you through an incredible legacy of great songs and music and features all the hits including ‘Crocodile Rock’, ‘Rocket Man’, ‘Candle in the Wind’, ‘Don’t Go Breaking My Heart’, ‘Sacrifice’, ‘Daniel’ and ‘The Circle of Life’.

**MAR Sat 14th // 8pm**

Main Space

Duration: 95 mins. One interval

Tickets: €26

**MEAL DEAL:** €44 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available

‘A really entertaining show, the Route 66 Band were superb in every sense of the word’. AUDIENCE MEMBER

**FAMILY**

**I AM BABA**

Created by Anna Newell and presented in association with The Civic

*I AM BABA* is a theatre adventure for babies created by internationally renowned theatre director Anna Newell and award-winning composer David Goodall whose shows for early years have been seen on five continents. *I AM BABA* is a magical adventure of song, lights and textures for babies aged 0-12 months. It’s a show about identity, agency and personhood. For babies.

**MAR Wed 18th - Thu 19th // 10am & 11 am, 12:30pm**

Studio Theatre

Duration: 20 minutes followed by up to 20 minutes of freeplay time

Tickets: €10 (for 1 adult + 1 baby)

Age suitability: 0-12 months

An International Early Childhood Arts Commission from the 4 Dublin Local Authorities. This national tour was funded by the Arts Council.
MUSIC
LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY
Presented by JMG Music Group

Now seen by over 300,000 fans live ‘The Legends of American Country’ returns for another fantastic night of toe-tapping country classics. The 2020 tour will showcase highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline and Kenny Rogers and new tributes to icons Hank Williams, Charley Pride, Glen Campbell, Tammy Wynette and Jim Reeves with countless other well-known hit songs in this must see musical extravaganza. One things for sure if it’s country music you like then this is the only show in town!

MAR Fri 20th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 120 mins. One interval
Tickets: €26
MEAL DEAL: €44 ticket + 2 course meal.
Limited tickets available

‘Fantastic show of nostalgic country at its best with superb vocalists and musicians.’ HOT COUNTRY TV

MUSIC
THE STORY OF CONNIE FRANCIS & BOBBY DARIN
Presented by The Great Singalong Songbook
Written & directed by Cathal MacCabe

From her first big hit, ‘Who’s Sorry Now’? Connie Francis dominated the American charts in the 50’s and 60’s. Huge hits like ‘Stupid Cupid’, ‘Lipstick on your Collar’, ‘Everybody’s Somebody’s Fool’ and ‘Carolina Moon’ followed and Hollywood movies beckoned. ‘Who’s Sorry Now?’ tells the story of Connie’s amazing career and her doomed love affair with singer Bobby Darin. An afternoon of singing you simply cannot afford to miss!

MAR Sun 22nd // 3pm
Main Space
Duration: 150 mins. One interval
Tickets: €19

‘A hot-button play... superb performances... wonderful theatrical thrill’
INDEPENDENT

‘Dramatic equivalent of the Rubik’s Cube’
SUNDAY TIMES

‘The drama spins upon a gripping premise... clever meditation on ethics and art’
SUNDAY BUSINESS POST ★★★★

‘Engagingly performed’
IRISH TIMES

DRAMA
HEATHER
Presented by Pageant Wagon Theatre Co.

A reclusive writer.
A massive bestseller.
A dark secret.

What are you willing to forget?
What are you willing to forgive?

A reclusive children’s writer becomes wildly successful. Her books are treasured across the country. But when a troubling narrative starts to unfold, we find ourselves asking: what matters more, the storyteller or the story? Heather is a short, sharp play about language, prejudice and the power of stories.

Thomas Eccleshare is a writer, performer and theatre-maker, trained at the Jaques Lecoq School. As a playwright he has won the Verity Bargate Award, and while Soho’s Pearson Playwright in Residence he won the Catherine Johnson Award. He writes regularly for TV and film, and was also the recipient of the inaugural JJ BAFTA Screenwriting Bursary. He is currently developing Heather for TV.

MAR Tue 24th - Sat 28th // 8.15pm
Studio Theatre
Duration: 60 mins. No interval
Tickets: €16 & €14 concession
BOOK EARLY. Tickets €12* Limited to first 20 tickets, Tue & Wed only.
DRAMA
HALCYON DAYS
Presented by Directions Out Theatre Company
Written by Deirdre Kinahan
Directed by Joe Devlin
Starring Bryan Murray & Una Crawford

Patricia has a zest for life and 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 and touching play. Deirdre Kinahan is one of Ireland’s leading playwrights with recent hits such as ‘Rathmines Road’, ‘The Unmanageable Sisters’ and the internationally renowned ‘Moment’. An evening of theatre that will charm you. Not to be missed!

MAR Weds 25th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 70 mins. No interval
Tickets: €19 & €17 concession.
BOOK EARLY: Tickets €15 * Limited to first 50 tickets.
MEAL DEAL: €44 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available

MUSIC
SOME SONGS & STORIES WITH
CHRISTY DIGNAM & JOE JEWEL
Presented by Darren Moran

Aslan’s extraordinary singer and frontman Christy Dignam and his lifelong friend and co-founder of Aslan, songwriter/guitarist Joe Jewell perform together in this intimate acoustic show featuring the main hit songs of Aslan; ‘Crazy World’ and ‘This Is’. They will perform some very special cover songs that inspired them throughout their career. Christy and Joe relate many great stories of the origin of the songs, and tales of their good and bad times on the road. ‘Some Songs and Stories’ is a truly beautiful musical acoustic experience.

MAR Thu 26th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 180 mins. One interval
Tickets: €26
MEAL DEAL: €44 ticket + 2 course meal. Limited tickets available

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**MUSIC**

**ALL FOR ME GROG**
**THE SONGS & STORIES OF THE DUBLINERS**
*Presented by Marty Walsh*

The show brings you the music and songs of Ireland’s most successful folk band—The Dubliners. Presented by five top-rated folk musicians and singers who are deeply honoured to become the bearers of the torch which has been borne with such power and dignity over the past decades by The Dubliners. The original line-up of Ronnie Drew, Luke Kelly, Barney McKenna, Ciaran Burke and John Sheehan is brought to life with the exact same instrumentation, songs and close as you will get vocals, bringing to the stage a show in sound and appearance of uncanny accuracy of the internationally renowned Dubliners.

**APR Thu 2nd // 8pm**
**Main Space**
**Duration:** 120 mins. One interval
**Tickets:** €21 & €19 concession
**MEAL DEAL:** €37 ticket + 2 course meal.
**Limited tickets available**

‘From the moment the band struck up ‘Whiskey in the Jar’ you knew it was going to be a good night... and it was.'

**MUNSTER EXPRESS**

**MUSIC**

**SLIPPERY WHEN WET TRIBUTE TO BON JOVI**
*Presented by Gavin Doyle/ Slippery When Wet*

Slippery When Wet are widely recognised as Ireland’s foremost Bon Jovi Tribute band, playing all the hits including, ‘Livin’ on a Prayer’, ‘It’s My Life’, ‘Always’ and ‘Wanted Dead or Alive’. The band is comprised of five members who are all fine musicians in their own right, having toured with some celebrated rock bands that gigged in the RDS and SFX with Magnum, Status Quo and they have performed in New York’s famous CBGB’s with Skid Row.

**APR Fri 3rd // 8pm**
**Main Space**
**Duration:** 120 mins. One interval
**Tickets:** €19.50 & €17.50 concession
**MEAL DEAL:** €35.50 ticket + 2 course meal.
**Limited tickets available**

**FAMILY**

**BINGO WINGS**
*Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Theatre*

A ripping yarn about love, luck and bingo that takes you on a flight of fantasy. The masters of aerial spectacle present a stunning new show suitable for everyone from 8 to 98 years old. It’s 1974, and Bingo Fever has hit the town of Ballydawn, where everyone dreams of scooping the huge Snowball jackpot. But when star-crossed lovers Jimmy and Moya try to rig the game, fate, family and a giant storm get in the way. Will destiny keep them apart, or will their lucky number finally come up? Bingo Wings is a story about luck and love that takes you on a flight of fantasy that’s funny, moving and spectacular.

This exciting new Fidget Feet production, blending circus, aerial dance and theatre, is delivered by an award-winning team; director Jo Mangan, choreographer Chantal McCormick, playwright Tom Swift and composer Jym Daly.

**APR Thurs 16th - Fri 17th // 7pm**
**Main Space**
**Duration:** 60 mins. No interval
**Tickets:** €18 & €16 concession
**MEAL DEAL:** €34 ticket + 2 course meal.
**Limited tickets available**
**BOOK EARLY: Tickets €14 *Limited to the first 50 tickets per show**
**Age Suitability 8+**
MUSIC
DEAN FRIEDMAN
Presented by Concerts Inc.

Hailed by critics and fans alike as one of the finest songwriters of his generation, Dean Friedman has achieved legendary, pop-icon status for chart-topping hits, ‘Ariel’, ‘Lucky Stars’, ‘Lydia’, ‘McDonald’s Girl’ and more. A consummate entertainer, Friedman will be performing songs from throughout his four-decade career, including familiar, radio hits and fan favourites. Invite family and friends and join Friedman for an evening of powerful, poignant and hilarious songs about the ordinary and extraordinary lives we share.

APR Sat 18th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 110 mins. One interval
Tickets: €29

MEAL DEAL: €47 ticket + 2 course meal.
Limited tickets available

V.E.P. (Very Enthusiastic Person) Package: €59 Attend soundcheck, meet & greet plus photo-op

COUNCIL ROCK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND
Presented by Celtic Horizon Tours

Council Rock South Band (Pennsylvania, USA) is delighted to perform at The Civic alongside the Tallaght Marching Band. Council Rock South Band performs regularly for the High School’s American football games and performs in competition against other high school bands along the east coast. The Tallaght Marching Band was established in 1977 and has members from Tallaght and the surrounding areas. There are 80 members in the ranging in age from 6 up. The concert will feature selections from Concert Bands, Winter Guard and Marching Band. Council Rock South Marching Band is under the direction of John Burns while Tallaght Marching Band is conducted by Brian Douglas.

APR Mon 6th // 7:30pm
Main Space
Duration: 90 mins. One interval
Tickets: €10 & €5 concession

DRAMA
SEPARATE BEDS
Presented by The Glen Theatre Drama Group, Banteer

A hilarious comedy set in the lounge in the home of Arthur Marshall where on the eve of his only daughter’s wedding his estranged wife arrives after an absence of three years, with some very unexpected results.

APR Thu 30th // 8pm
Main Space
Duration: 105 mins. One interval
Tickets: €19 & €17 concession

MEAL DEAL: €35 ticket + 2 course meal.
Limited tickets available

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Community at The Civic...
The Civic is committed to contributing to the vibrancy of our community with an array of local, multicultural, youth and family events. Take a look at some of these events sprinkled throughout the season.

WEST SIDE STORY
SCHOOLS EDITION
Presented by St. Mark’s Community School, Tallaght
JAN Tues 28th – Wed 29th // 7:30pm
Main Space

PLATINUM DREAMS
Presented by Dream Dance Academy
MAR Sun 15th // 7:30pm, matinee 3pm
Main Space

TIME TO DANCE
Presented by Emer O’Hanlon School of Dance
APR Mon 20th – Sat 25th // 7:30pm,
matinée Sat 25th // 2:30pm
Main Space

AROUND THE WORLD
Presented by Ruth Shine School of Dance
MAR Fri 27th // 7:30pm
MAR Sat 28th & Sun 29th // 12pm, 4pm & 7pm
Main Space

A CELEBRATION OF RECOVERY PART 2
Presented by Tallaght Rehab Project
APR Mon 27th// 1pm & 7:30pm
Main Space

THE RESISTABLE RISE OF ARTURO UI
Presented by Liberties College Performance Course, Bull Alley
FEB Tue 25th - Sat 29th // 7:30pm
Studio Theatre
Duration: 120 mins. One interval
Tickets: €11 & €8 concession

FLAKED
Presented by Technological University Dublin (Tallaght Campus)
The play is a satirical allegory of the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party in Germany prior to World War II. It chronicles the rise of Arturo Ui, a fictional 1930s Chicago mobster, and his attempts to control the cauliflower racket by ruthlessly disposing of the opposition.
APR Thu 16th - Sat 18th // 8:15pm
Studio Theatre
Duration: 120 mins. One interval
Tickets: €12 & €10 concession

For more info see www.civictheatre.ie
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