



SOLSTICE

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09-12
2025

Solstice Arts Centre
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Opening reception:
Sat 6 Sept, 2:30pm

All are welcome,
no booking required

Sat 6 Sept – Sat 25 Oct | Free

OF PERAS AND APEIRON: *ends and infinity*

Gerard Caris, Neil Clements, Channa Horwitz, Ronnie Hughes, Roy Johnston, Grace McMurray, Dannielle Tegeder, Suzanne Treister

Curated by Francis Halsall and Belinda Quirke

The first appearance of the Greek term *Apeiron* is attributed to Anaximander of Miletus (sixth century BCE) combining the term “a” (without) and Peras (finite). *Of Peras and Apeiron* explores numerical, geometrical and methodical art making systems by artists who are both incessantly freed by the potential of infinity whilst being bound by limits. Halsall/Quirke correlate inherent systematic processes of art practice within this group exhibition and reveal approaches that are mathematical and rational, fictional and personal whilst exploring the deep creativity of systems made by humans and other agents.

***Anthropocene*, an exhibition of work by artist David Thomas Smith, will run concurrently in our Café Gallery alongside *Of Peras and Apeiron* in our Level 3 Gallery. Visit our website to find out more.**

Accompanying Events

Gallery Tours using Visual Thinking Strategies for adults, teens, primary & secondary school groups

Various dates/times, free, booking required, more on pg. 8

Sensory Connections for groups with additional needs

Wednesdays throughout exhibition, 10am (60mins), €5, more on pg. 9

Creative Corner for families

Saturdays throughout exhibition, 11am–1pm, free, no booking req., more on pg. 9

Azure Tours for people living with dementia

Last Friday of each month throughout exhibition, 11am (90mins), free, booking required, more on pg. 9

More events including workshops for adults as well as primary and post-primary school groups accompany this exhibition. Please visit our website for more information.

Grace McMurray,
Is it love or ovulation,
fabric patchwork,
106x124cm (pg.5)



Opening reception &
announcement of winner:
Sat 15 Nov, 2:30pm

All are welcome,
no booking required

Sat 15 Nov – Sat 20 Dec | Free

SURVEYOR 2025

Curated by Patrick Murphy

Inviting artists living in or from County Meath or County Louth to submit works of all disciplines, Solstice Arts Centre, in collaboration with North East Network, is delighted to announce the fourteenth SURVEYOR open exhibition. Supporting, valuing, and encouraging artists in the development of their practices and creative careers, the exhibition presents an overview of contemporary visual arts practice throughout the two counties.

This year, Solstice partners with fellow North East Network members, Droichead Arts Centre in Drogheda, and An Táin Arts Centre in Dundalk, in a unique extension of its annual selected survey of local professional arts practice.

SURVEYOR 2025 will simultaneously open at Solstice Arts Centre, Droichead Arts Centre, and An Táin Arts Centre, showcasing the work of artists from the northeast of the country. Artists living in or from Co. Meath or Co. Louth are welcome to apply to any of the three participating venues, though they must choose just one venue when ultimately submitting their work. There will be a visual arts award of €2,000 selected by each curator in each arts centre.

This year, Patrick Murphy, Director of the Royal Hibernian Academy of Arts, will select the work at Solstice Arts Centre. Solstice will continue its Solstice Visual Arts Award of €2,000 and is pleased to announce, on the eve of its 20th birthday year, the establishment of two new awards for Meath artists: **Meath County Council Arts Office Going Solo Award 2025** to the value of €2,000, and the **Newgrange Gold Award**, also to the value of €2,000.



Winner of Solstice Visual Arts
Award 2024: Carol O'Connor,
*Lacrimosa, lament for a dying
field 1* (pg.6), *Lacrimosa, lament
for a dying field 2* (pg. 7),
2024, mixed media on canvas,
20x25cm each



Call Out For Submissions

Online submission
deadline: Fri 10 October,
5pm

Drop off date to Solstice
for adjudication of artwork:
Sat 1 Nov, between
11am – 4pm

Collection of unselected
artworks: Sat 8 Nov,
between 11am – 4pm

For more details or
to apply, please visit
our website.

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Tours continue throughout exhibitions | Free

GALLERY TOURS USING VISUAL THINKING STRATEGIES (VTS)

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) is an inquiry-based method of visual processing—looking, describing, and discussing what we see in a work of art. It is about listening to others, responding, and expanding thoughts and new possibilities revealed within group engagement. VTS improves oral and visual literacy, problem solving and collaborative interactions among peers.

Guided by Deirdre, our learning & engagement co-ordinator. For queries and bookings please email:
deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 11am (60mins)

GROUP GALLERY TOURS

Bring your group upstairs to the gallery and explore some of the artworks in our current exhibition. Use VTS to discuss and build a deeper understanding of the artwork. This is an opportunity to focus and reflect on multiple perspectives, enhancing engagement and enjoyment of learning through art.

Tuesdays–Fridays | Various times (60mins)

PRIMARY SCHOOL GALLERY TOURS

Look, listen, and respond to artworks in our gallery spaces. Encouraging peer-to-peer discussion, this is an opportunity for children and teachers to learn about the artists and their work, inspiring you to create artworks back in the classroom!

Tuesdays–Fridays | Various times (90mins)

SECONDARY SCHOOL GALLERY TOURS

Broaden creative thinking through oral and visual literacy by exploring two contrasting exhibitions this autumn/winter. Using VTS and cross-curricular links, these sessions support the Junior and Senior Cycle, placing students at the centre of the learning process. Senior Cycle students will receive specific information that embraces the three strands—Research, Create and Respond, with particular focus on Content Area 3: Today's World.



All age groups with additional needs

Wednesdays throughout exhibition | 10am (60mins) | €5

SENSORY CONNECTIONS

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

This relaxed gallery tour and short workshop is designed for small groups with additional needs. It will follow a slow pace of engagement, tailored to individual needs. Exploring the artworks in the gallery, participants can engage in a multi-disciplinary, sensory activity that connects to the exhibition in the gallery. Guidance from teachers and carers may be sought prior to the session and the gallery will be closed to the public for the duration of your visit. **For more information or to book please contact Deirdre:** deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie

Saturdays throughout exhibitions | 11am–1pm | Free

CREATIVE CORNER

FAMILIES

Explore our Creative Corner in the gallery. Children and their adults are encouraged to create and engage in fun, interactive activities that respond to the exhibition. This is a free, drop in and out service—parents/guardians must stay with children at all times.



No booking required

For families



Fri 26 Sept, 28 Nov & 19 Dec | 11am (90mins) | Free

AZURE: DEMENTIA-INCLUSIVE GALLERY TOURS

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

Join us for guided exhibition tours designed to support people living with dementia and their family, friends, or professional carers. Engaging at a relaxed pace, these social tours are followed by complimentary tea/coffee in Solstice Café.

Each tour comprises of small groups of up to 8 people. We are flexible in our planning, so please get in touch if these dates or times do not suit you.

For more information or to book please contact Deirdre: deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie

Booking required



All events free | Booking essential

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

COMMUNITY

Take Me to the River is a discursive public engagement programme immersing our communities in the life of our rivers through creative responses with artistic, scientific and ecological expertise. Take Me to the River 2025 continues into our Autumn/Winter programme immersing our communities in the life and habitats of the Nanny and Boyne rivers.

Adults & teens (16+)

Location: River Nanny from Staffordstown towards Kentstown

Sun 28 Sept | 9:30am – 2pm | Free

AGRICULTURE_HABITAT_REWILD

WORKSHOP

Guided by scientist Colas Chervier, forager & herbalist Jenny Boylan, and Cineál, follow the Nanny River as it meanders through farmlands from Staffordstown towards Kentstown. Identifying wild flora, fungi and riverside trees, exchange traditional, modern and herbal uses for foraged plant life, and learn methods of collecting and preserving them safely and sustainably.

All ages

Location: Swift Cultural Centre, Trim

Fri 17 Oct | 7pm | Free

TRIM YOUTH THEATRE: SHADOWS OF THE PAST

THEATRE

Trim Youth Theatre invite you to their first site specific outdoor show. Embracing Take Me to the River, journey to the Boyne with characters from Irish mythology, and immerse yourself in a sense of play, re-imagining the town's magic, emanating from the mythical waters.

Under the director Stephen Cromwell, and playwright Cáit Moloney, the plot and stories are devised entirely by the young actors, putting their creative stamp on this interpretive take on stair na gaeilge; a promenade show mixed with fierce battles, epic heroes, an angry fisherman, eery shadows, and a very clever fish.

This event begins in Swift Cultural Centre and follows the characters on a short walk to the Boyne River.



Location: Solstice Arts
Centre, Navan

Mon 10 Nov | 6pm | Free

SCHOOL OF LOOKING: THE BEND IN THE BOYNE

PRESENTATION

Celebrating their activities at the mythological location of Linn Féic, near Rossnaree on the banks of the Boyne River, connect with artists Anne Cleary and Denis Connolly (aka School of Looking) for an evening at Solstice in November. Sharing their project CATCHMENTS 2025 - The Bend in the Boyne, watch a short film shot at this ancient site, see artistic creations by participants of Down Syndrome Louth/Meath in response to riverside biodiversity, and experience poetry readings and written word lead by historian Anthony Murphy.

Location: Near Oldbridge,
Co. Meath

Nov (Date TBD) | Free

PLAINS_RESILIENCE_PLANT

WORKSHOP

Taking place in November 2025 with Boyne Rivers Trust, details of this event will be available from our website. Between land and river, this site-specific engagement in the last remaining c.16ha of native floodplain woodlands near Oldbridge, Co. Meath focuses on the urgent need to act in the preservation and expansion of our riparian habitats.

Please visit our website for further details and booking information on all Take Me to the River events.

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MEATH FILM
FESTIVAL

Sat 13 & Sun 14 Sept | Various Events

MEATH FILM FESTIVAL 2025

FILM

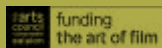
Join Meath Film Collective at Solstice Arts Centre this September for an unforgettable weekend of cinema, creativity, and culture as part of Meath Film Festival 2025.

A vibrant festival celebrating storytelling through film, enjoy an exciting lineup including:

- Feature Films & Short Film Programmes – with special guests and Q&A sessions
- Workshops – designed to inform, inspire, and ignite your creative spark
- 60 Second Film Competition – spotlighting emerging young filmmakers from across Ireland

Whether you're an industry pro, a film student, or just a passionate viewer, there's something here for you. Learn from experts, connect with fellow film lovers, and explore the magic of cinema in a welcoming, inspiring atmosphere.

Please visit our website to see the full programme and breakdown of events.





Wed 10 Sept | 7:30pm | €7.50

BLACK BAG

FILM

When British counterintelligence agent George (Michael Fassbender) is tasked with finding the source of a top-secret software leak, he gathers his colleagues to find the mole, including his wife Kathryn (Cate Blanchett), also a British spy. As he digs deeper, he must decide how much he trusts the person he loves most. A stylish, modern throwback to 70s spy thrillers with an ensemble featuring Fassbender, Blanchett, Pierce Brosnan, and more.

Season Bundle/ Pass Film

English | UK, USA | 94mins |
2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir:
Steven Soderbergh

Film Season Bundle: Book 4 or more films for €6 each

Film Season Pass: Book 8 or more films for €5 each



Season Bundle / Pass Film

Wed 17 Sept | 7:30pm | €7.50

THE SALT PATH

FILM

When Ray (Gillian Anderson) and her husband Moth (Jason Issacs) are forced to relinquish their home after a lengthy legal battle, they set off on the Salt Path, a 630-mile trek along the English coastline, hoping to find solace in nature. Based on Raynor Winn's (now controversial) 2018 memoir, this is a strikingly cinematic tale of love and resilience.

English | UK | 115mins
| 2024 | Cert: 12A | Dir:
Marianne Elliott



Sat 20 Sept | 7pm | Free

THE FOREST MIDWIFE + PANEL DISCUSSION

FILM

A short cinematic documentary following the journey of writer & social entrepreneur Catherine Cleary who bought a barren farm in Corry, Co. Roscommon. This film follows Catherine's mission to create native woodland despite her family's scepticism & resistance from local farmers. In doing so she discovers her life's purpose.

This film will be followed by a short panel discussion featuring Catherine Cleary and the film's director Beta Bajgart.

English | Ireland | 25mins
+ Q&A | 2024 | Cert: CLUB |
Dir: Beta Bajgart



Wed 24 Sept | 7:30pm | €7.50

THE MARCHING BAND

FILM

Renowned conductor Thibaut is diagnosed with leukaemia. In his search for a compatible bone marrow donor, he discovers he was adopted as a child and meets Jimmy, his previously unknown brother. Sharing a passion for music, the two form an unexpected bond in Jimmy's workplace marching band. A box office sensation in France, this film is equal parts funny and heartwarming.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

French (English subtitles)
| France | 103mins | 2024 |
Cert: 12A | Dir: Emmanuel
Courcol



Wed 1 Oct | 7:30pm | €7.50

SANTOSH

FILM

In rural India, 28-year-old Santosh inherits her late husband's job as a police officer. A diligent worker, she's taken under the wing of an older officer while investigating a woman's murder. Revealing disturbing truths about class divides, this richly drawn police-procedural centres an impressively restrained performance from Sahana Goswami in a study on institutional corruption in modern India.

Season Bundle/ Pass Film

Hindi (English subtitles) |
India | 128mins | 2024 | Cert:
15A | Dir: Sandhya Suri

Wed 8 Oct | 7:30pm | €7.50

BEAT THE LOTTO

FILM

Following the introduction of the Lotto in 1980s Ireland, Stefan Klinecicz devised a system he claimed led to more consistent payouts. Ridiculed for his idea, he put together a high-rolling syndicate and set out a plan – to not just gamble on the jackpot, but guarantee a win. Played like a heist movie, this documentary follows the syndicate as they race against time to Beat the Lotto.



Season Bundle / Pass Film

English | Ireland | 81mins
| 2025 | Cert: G | Dir: Ross
Whitaker



Season Bundle / Pass Film

English | Ireland | 89mins |
2024 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Darren
Thornton

Thu 9 Oct | 7:30pm | €7.50

FOUR MOTHERS

FILM

Irish novelist Edward's career has stalled as he cares for his ailing mother Alma. He's kept sane by friends in a similar situation - until they spontaneously decide to abandon him for a Pride festival in the Canaries, leaving him to care for all their mothers alone. Winner of the Audience Award at London Film Festival 2024, this comedy-drama is a delight.



Season Bundle / Pass Film

French, English | France |
98mins | 2024 | Cert: 15A |
Dir: Laura Piani

Wed 15 Oct | 7:30pm | €7.50

JANE AUSTEN WRECKED MY LIFE

FILM

Parisian bookshop assistant Agathe dreams of finishing one of her many stories and finding a love like those in Jane Austen novels. So, when her co-worker surprises her with an invitation to the Jane Austen Writer's Residency in England, she reluctantly takes a leap of faith. This romantic comedy is a smart, breezy exploration of modern love.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

Wed 22 Oct | 7:30pm | €7.50

English | Ireland | 100mins
| 2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir:
Brendan Canty

CHRISTY

FILM

17-year-old Christy is kicked out of his foster home and released into the care of his half-brother Shane. Having tragically lost his mother when he was young, he struggles to settle in, but as the locals slowly reach out to him, he realises he might have finally found home. With moments of pure joy, this is a very Irish ode to the truest sense of community.

Wed 29 Oct | 7:30pm | €7.50

DEAF

FILM

Ángela, a deaf woman, is expecting a baby with her hearing partner, Héctor. The pregnancy brings her fears about motherhood to the surface, particularly her concerns about how she will communicate with her daughter. When the baby arrives, it disrupts the couple's relationship and forces Ángela to confront the challenges of raising a child in a world that isn't built for her.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

Spanish (English subtitles) |
Spain | 99mins | 2025 | Cert:
TBD | Dir: Eva Libertad



Thu 30 Oct | 11:30am & 2pm | €5

THE CORPSE BRIDE (20TH ANNIVERSARY)

FILM

English | USA, UK |
77mins | 2005 | Cert:
PG | Dir: Tim Burton &
Mike Johnson

From Tim Burton, creator of The Nightmare Before Christmas, this stop-motion gothic fantasy follows Victor, a shy groom-to-be who escapes into the woods to practice his wedding vows. Unfortunately, he does this over the grave of deceased (yet lively) bride Emily, who then drags him away on a haunted honeymoon. A visually imaginative and whimsically macabre adventure.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

Irish, English | Ireland, UK |
103mins | 2024 | Cert: 15A |
Dir: Aislinn Clarke

Thu 30 Oct | 7:30pm | €7.50

FRÉWAKA

FILM

Barely grieving the recent death of her mother, Siobhán takes a job as a live-in carer for older woman Peig. Upon arriving at her rural home, superstitious Peig warns her of something sinister – there's evil lurking in the house. Just in time for Halloween, this Irish-language folk horror mixes aspects of Irish history and folklore in an eerie slow-burn chiller.

Wed 5 Nov | 7:30pm | €7.50

LATE SHIFT

FILM

Surgical nurse Floria clocks in to a busy but understaffed ward. At first, she manages to juggle the needs and demands of her patients and their families, but as the evening wears on, the pressure begins to build, and a simple but potentially grave error soon pushes her over the edge. A tense, grounded, and compassionate look at the reality of modern nursing.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

German (English subtitles)
| Switzerland, Germany |
92mins | 2025 | Cert: TBD |
Dir: Petra Biondina Volpe



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

English | UK | 100mins |
2025 | Cert: PG | Dir: James
Griffiths

Wed 12 Nov | 7:30pm | €7.50

THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND

FILM

Herb (Tom Basden) made his name in a folk music duo with former partner Nell (Carey Mulligan). Now a struggling solo artist, Herb accepts an offer from millionaire Charles (Tim Key) to perform a private gig on a remote island. However, Charles has also invited Nell - forcing Herb into an unwanted reunion. A perfect mix of humour and brilliant character work, this film is a total charmer.



Fri 12 Sept | 8pm | €32

THE HIGHWAYMEN REINCARNATED

MUSIC

Experience an electrifying tribute to country music legends Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, and Kris Kristofferson in The Highwaymen Reincarnated. This explosive two-and-a-half-hour performance features a stellar nine-piece Irish band, cinematic visuals, & faithful renditions of the supergroup's greatest hits.

Sat 27 Sept | 8pm | €20/€18

CELLO POWER

MUSIC

Featuring award-winning cellists Ailbhe McDonagh and Katie Tertell, this cello duo brings a fresh and dynamic approach to classical and contemporary music, blending their exceptional technical skill and virtuosic style into an unforgettable live experience. All reimagined for two cellos, the pair will be playing music from well-known film composers including John Williams, Ennio Morricone and more, with pieces from the likes of Indiana Jones, Harry Potter, The Mission, and James Bond.



Thu 2 Oct | 8pm | €20/€18

DAVE REDMOND: ALL IN MOTION

MUSIC

One of Ireland's leading jazz bassists Dave Redmond has assembled an all-star cast for a performance of his band's debut album, All in Motion. Joined by George Colligan, one of the world's leading jazz pianists, Stéphane Mercier, one of the most in-demand saxophonists on the European scene, and coupled with Darren Beckett's dynamic drumming, this exciting ensemble create a captivating sonic landscape that transcends traditional jazz boundaries.



Fri 10 Oct | 8pm | €35

TOMMY FLEMING IN CONCERT – ACOUSTIC SHOW

MUSIC

Fluent and flawless, honest and emotive, Tommy Fleming's unique voice has touched the hearts of many across the globe. Whether it is his famous arrangement of 'Danny Boy' or his latest release of 'Sweet Sixteen', Tommy delivers each song with a finesse that casts its magic over a spellbound audience. A unique talent sings a night of Irish & contemporary classics.



Sat 11 Oct | 8pm | €27.50

AFTER DARK: BRIDGERTON SYMPHONIC

MUSIC

Renowned for their innovative and immersive musical experiences, Glas Quartet enchant audiences with Bridgerton Symphonic, a captivating blend of live music from the hit Netflix series Bridgerton. Enhanced by atmospheric lighting and stunning visuals, this After Dark show invites audiences to step into the regal world of the Bridgerton family and their enthralling escapades.



Sun 19 Oct | 8pm | €28

LEGENDS OF THE 60S SHOW

MUSIC

Join a multi award-winning all-star cast of musicians for the show with the ultimate feelgood factor, transporting you back to that magical decade that was the 60s. Performing tributes to icons like Elvis, The Beatles, The Monkeys, The Rolling Stones, Roy Orbison, Tom Jones, Cliff Richard, and The Beach Boys to name but a small few, experience over 40 iconic hit songs never to be forgotten!



Thu 16 Oct | 8pm | €30

YE VAGABONDS

MUSIC

Spending their early years playing music around their hometown of Carlow before moving to Dublin city, brothers Brian and Diarmuid Mac Gloinn quickly became a staple of the live folk music scene in Ireland. Playing under the name Ye Vagabonds, they have gained international acclaim in the years since and opened for major acts including Patti Smith, Hozier, Phoebe Bridgers, Dermot Kennedy, Vampire Weekend, and more. With an new album around the corner, don't miss this incredible folk duo.





Tue 21 Oct | 8pm | €30

NAVAN ROTARY CLUB: THE MUSIC OF CINEMA WITH MARK CAHILL

MUSIC

Join Mark Cahill from The Ivory Sessions with special guests for the ultimate tribute to the greatest movie soundtracks of all time! Presented by the Rotary Club of Navan, all ticket proceeds from this concert will be in aid of Rotary supported projects throughout Meath.

Sat 1 Nov | 7:30pm | €12.50

NAVAN SILVER BAND AND MURLEY SILVER BAND IN CONCERT

MUSIC

Musical director Kevin Teers conducts Navan Silver Band alongside Murley Silver Band from County Tyrone in this joint concert from two of Ireland's leading brass bands.



Sat 15 Nov | 8pm | €40

PHIL COULTER: TRANQUILITY BY CANDLELIGHT

MUSIC

The 1983 release of the album *Classic Tranquility* was a milestone in Irish music and the career of Phil Coulter. Music fans were charmed by the fresh arrangements of timeless melodies, Irish classics, and inspirational favourites. Now, more than 40 years since its arrival, *Tranquility* makes a return to the stage in a new and updated production, surrounded by the glow of candlelight.





Sun 16 Nov | 8pm | €28

THE SONGS OF PERCY FRENCH – SWEEP DOWN TO THE SEA

MUSIC

Prepare to be swept away by the enchanting melodies, poignant poetry, and timeless humour of Percy French in Sweep Down to the Sea – a spectacular celebration of one of Ireland's most beloved cultural icons. This unmissable show brings together three extraordinary artists; Ultan Conlon, a masterful singer songwriter; Eleanor Shanley, one of Ireland's most cherished vocalists; and Jimmy Higgins, a dynamic and versatile musician; each with a legacy of performing alongside legends.

Fri 21 Nov | 8pm | €29

THE PIANO MAN: ELTON JOHN AND BILLY JOEL – A LIVE CELEBRATION

MUSIC

The Piano Man is a spectacular live show that will transport you into the legendary worlds of two of the greatest music icons of all time: Elton John and Billy Joel. John Forde and The 52nd Street Band captivate audiences with their authentic renditions of timeless classic hits, including Rocket Man, Your Song, Uptown Girl, and of course, Piano Man.



Sat 22 Nov | 7:30pm | €20 / €15



KILMESSAN CHOIR: A VILLAGE SINGS

MUSIC

In a beautiful country village, a diverse group of neighbours and friends discover the power of harmony both musically and personally. As they prepare for a long-awaited community concert, laughter and unexpected friendships unfold. Heartwarming and uplifting, A Village Sings is a celebration of unity, resilience and the magic that happens when voices and hearts come together.



Sun 30 Nov | 8pm | €25

OISÍN LEECH + SPECIAL GUESTS

MUSIC

Following recent solo performances at Glastonbury 2025 and the Royal Albert Hall in London, and the critical success of his 2024 album *Cold Sea*, the rising path of Meath songwriter Oisín Leech is something to behold. Continuing his special annual concert tradition at Solstice that began over a decade ago with The Lost Brothers, Oisín returns this year with an exceptional band and very special guests.



Tue 16 Dec | 8pm | €26 / €24

EIMEAR QUINN: SONGS OF WINTER DREAMING

MUSIC

Join us for a magical evening of ethereal music as Eimear Quinn returns to Solstice for a special winter concert. Known for her crystal-clear soprano and captivating, soulful presence, Eimear will bring her unique blend of traditional, Celtic and classical sounds with seasonal treasures and contemporary melodies to transcend the winter's night.

Wed 17 Dec | 8pm | €30 / €28 (groups of 6 or more)

ABBA FOREVER: THE CHRISTMAS SHOW

MUSIC

It's always party time with ABBA, but when it's the Christmas Show, then that's a real excuse for a party! This happy sing-a-long extravaganza celebrates with a loud and proud fanfare, and some stunning audio visuals of ABBA's seminal moments. It will lift your spirits!

It's the perfect way to start your Christmas celebrations, so come along and join the biggest party in town.



Sun 21 & Mon 22 Dec | 8pm | €30 / €27

THE IVORY SESSIONS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL WITH MARK CAHILL & GUESTS

MUSIC

Back by popular demand, Mark Cahill & Guests return to Solstice for two unmissable nights! Mark takes the stage once again joined by an incredible line-up of Ireland's finest vocal talents, powerful choirs, and a sensational live band. Each night features a different cast, offering two uniquely captivating performances that promise to entertain. You don't want to miss this!





Fri 19 Sept | Free

CULTURE NIGHT 2025

ARTS

An annual public event which takes place every year in September, Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir celebrates culture, creativity, and the arts, and seeks to actively promote the belief that this rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people's lives, today and every day.



To see the full line-up of events at Solstice for Culture Night 2025, please visit our website



Booking required

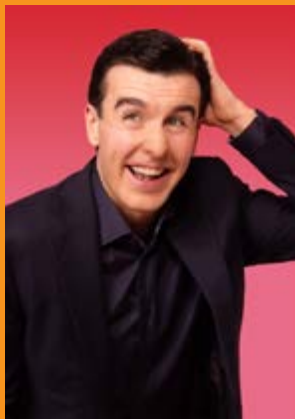
Ages 7+

Fri 19 Sept | 7pm | Free

CAUTIONARY TALES

OPERA / FAMILY

Cautionary Tales is a wickedly funny and delightfully naughty opera for families and children – the perfect way to switch off and tune in together. Based on Hilaire Belloc's classic poems, this fast-paced and clever production offers a brilliant live theatre experience that entertains while delivering just the right dose of mischief and message. Whether you're young or young at heart, this is one family opera outing that's as smart as it is fun.



Fri 26 Sept | 8pm | €25

AL PORTER: ALGORITHM

COMEDY

Following his sold-out tour in 2023/24, Al's back with his unique brand of exciting, energetic, and fun-loving comedy. Why does Instagram think he needs to get assessed? Can you learn to love renting in a house share? Can his parents deal with empty nest syndrome? Why is his brother the golden child? And much more!

"Gloriously upbeat! No self-pity... Irrepressible stand up storytelling" – Chortle ★★★★★

Sun 5 Oct | 8pm | €35

DYLAN MORAN: DOLLA HO

COMEDY

BAFTA and Perrier award-winning comedian Dylan Moran is bringing his brand-new stand-up show 'DOLLA HO' to Solstice with choice servings of his thoughts on everything and anything - delivered with his trademark poetic panache.

Throughout the summer of 2024, Dylan traversed the highways and byways of Ireland for a 'Work in Progress Wander' which saw him craft hours of new material throughout 50 shows in 35 towns, giving fans a front row seat to his creative process in its unpredictable form. The fruits of these flights of fancy have now been distilled into a brand-new hour of stand-up from one of Ireland's comedy heroes.



Sun 30 Nov & Sun 7 Dec | 7:30pm | €60

FAULTY TOWERS: THE DINING EXPERIENCE

COMEDY

Chaos greets audiences as soon as they walk through the door! In this fully immersive experience, the audience become diners in the infamous 'Faulty' restaurant and are served a 3-course meal by Basil, Sybil, and Manuel. This globetrotting show is truly legendary, selling out at the Edinburgh Fringe and Sydney Opera House, so be warned: early booking is essential!

Sun 30 Nov (location:
Newgrange Hotel, Navan)
| Sun 7 Dec (location:
Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim)

MEATH MOVE: OPEN PRACTICE

DANCE

Selma Daniel invites artists of all disciplines who are interested in movement. Open Practice is a series of improvised sessions open to professional artists across all art forms, with an aim to inspire and build an arts network within Meath. Artists are invited to bring a selection of materials from their practice, and dancers can bring a movement task. Artists will be offered time and space to reflect and/or work on their personal projects. Open Practice will be led by Selma and a guest dance artist.



Thu 25 Sept | 8pm | €39

BETWEEN DOG & WOLF: AN EVENING OF STORY WITH TOMMY TIERNAN AND MARTIN SHAW

STORYTELLING

Storytelling is a way of talking about the stranger side of life. Tiernan and Martin Shaw are setting out on adventure and inviting you to come with them. Not stand-up, not literary recital, this is a kind of dreaming with your eyes open. It's a world where you get lost on the way home from the fair, or a cow becomes a hill, or a woman has a fox tail hidden under her skirt. All of this is happening all the time, and Tiernan and Shaw are bringing the tales to prove it.



Fri 3 & Sat 4 Oct | 8pm | €26 / €24

3 HAIL MARYS

THEATRE / COMEDY

From the writer of 'Matches and Old Flames' and 'It's the Real McCoy', Tommy Marren's acclaimed Irish comedy play '3 Hail Marys' returns to the stage. Set in a nursing home in the west of Ireland that's partially closing due to renovations, the three Marys spend their final afternoon together recalling their life stories to each other. Dealing with themes of dementia and growing old, their stories are delivered with humour and laced with nostalgia, music, and dance.



Thu 23 Oct | 7pm | €20 / €15

THE PALESTINIAN CIRCUS: SARAB

THEATRE

Sarab, which is the Arabic word for mirage, is a 55-minute work originally created in 2017 which uses contemporary circus theatre to highlight the difficulties faced by refugees around the world. The show has since toured the world to critical acclaim, and the Palestinian performers, here in Ireland for the first time, use circus-theatre to reflect on their collective history, and the repetition of it for millions around the world.





Fri 24 Oct | 7pm | €18 / €16

NATURE BOY WITH SEÁN RONAYNE

TALK

Ornithologist Seán Ronayne from Cobh, Co. Cork is on a mission to record the sound of every bird species in Ireland – that's nearly 200 birds. In this sound-packed, illustrative talk, Seán will bring you on a beautiful journey through Irish birds, sharing their sounds, stories and struggles. Expect laughter, expect tears, and expect the unexpected. Not to be missed – you will never look at the world around you in the same way again.



Sat 8 Nov | 7:30pm | €12 / €10

SIGHTLESS CINEMA: DOG'S LIFE – AN EVENING OF AUDIO PLAYS IN THE DARK

THEATRE

Dog's Life is a programme of audio shorts in collaboration with Sightless Cinema Network. The immersive surround sound audio plays are a feast for the imagination – because all the pictures are in your head. Optional blindfolds are provided to help bring into the world of Sightless Cinema. The evening will also feature some live audio dramas performed on stage by members of the Sightless Cinema Network from three counties. In its eleventh successful year, Sightless Cinema is a collaborative arts project for people with sight loss to devise and produce audio theatre.

Sightless Cinema Meath is supported by Meath County Council Arts Office and Creative Ireland, in partnership with Solstice Arts Centre and Vision Ireland. Sightless Cinema Network is supported by Rethink Ireland.



Thu 13 Nov | 8:30pm | €21.50

MANCHÁN MAGAN: ARÁN & IM

THEATRE / TALK

Manchán Magan bakes sourdough bread for 75 minutes while offering insights into the wonders of the Irish language – exploring potent words of landscape, terms of intuition and insight, and the many phrases that bring to life the mysterious glory of our natural world. The show is a celebration of language, land and local Irish food, with freshly baked bread for the audience to spread with butter they churn themselves. (Knowledge of Irish is not required.)

TWO & ONE PRODUCTIONS: THE FLOWERS OF MAY

THEATRE

David and Lisa's dreams of parenthood are turned upside down when their young son, Conor, is diagnosed with autism. This funny and heartfelt play invites audiences into the deeply personal world of a family navigating the realities of raising a child with a hidden disability. Both moving and unexpectedly humorous, *The Flowers of May* tackles the emotional highs and lows, the social stigmas, and the resilience that defines modern parenting.



Thu 27 – Sat 29 Nov | 7:30pm | €18 | Ages 16+

NAVAN THEATRE GROUP: AN EVENING OF 4 ONE-ACT PLAYS

THEATRE

Four pieces of theatre that explore some of life's most important relationships and what causes us to act the way we do. Expect lots of humour but poignant moments too. The line-up each night will include *The Haunting of the Shay Spillane Players* by Peter McGann, *Pillow Talk* by Peter Tolan, *Bloody Yesterday* by Deirdre Kinahan and *Even Numbers* by Tony Domaille.



Thu 9 Oct | 10am | €5 per pupil | Ages 5+

LYNGO THEATRE: THE LITTLE PRINCE

SCHOOLS / THEATRE

Little Prince is here to remind us that real truth is invisible to the eyes in Lyngo's new collaboration with Norwich Puppet Theatre. Through mesmerising puppetry and beautiful original music, the boy who fell to earth teaches his friend the Aviator about love, life and real happiness in this stage adaptation of one of the best-selling children's books of all time.





Sun 12 Oct | 3pm | €16 / €56 (family of 4)

IMPULSE GYMNASTICS: FIT KID AND ACRO FREE COMPETITORS' SHOWCASE

FAMILY

Thirty-eight local girls qualified for the Fit Kid and Acro Free Dance European Championships. These fantastic young athletes and dancers from Impulse Gymnastics Club will perform their competition routines at this showcase. Impulse Gymnastics invite everyone who wants to see them before they fly to Hungary to represent Ireland in November.

Sat 25 Oct | 11am | €14 / €10

THE ULTIMATE BUBBLE SHOW

FAMILY

Ray Bubbles, international bubbleologist and Guinness World Record holder, is on a mission to master the art of bubble-making and create the ultimate square bubble! This show promises a whirlwind of excitement as Ray uses various gases to craft stunning bubble sculptures and magical displays. Prepare to be amazed as Ray creates a volcano bubble, a soap bubble carousel, a bubble ghost, and even a tornado inside a bubble. The performance is suitable for children and adults with additional needs.



Wed 19 Nov | 7pm | €16 / €14 (under 18)



COLÁISTE RÍOGA: SHRIEK

FAMILY / THEATRE

An unlikely hero, no one loves Fiona the way Shriek does—but how can he show her that? With enemies determined to tear them apart, can he prove his worth and win the chance for their happily ever after? This original school musical, written by the talented TY students at Coláiste Ríoga, is inspired by the story of Shrek 2. Join them on a captivating journey through the tale of Shriek, hilariously narrated by none other than the 'Ugly Sisters' themselves!



Evenings Thu – Sat:
7:30pm

Evening Sun (1st week
only): 7:30pm

Matinees Sat & Sun:
2:30pm

Thu 4–Sun 7 Dec | Thu 11–Sun 14 Dec | €20 / €70 (family of 4)

ST. MARY'S MUSICAL SOCIETY: CINDERELLA THE PANTO

PANTOMIME

Step into a world of enchantment and wonder this winter with Cinderella, the spellbinding panto adventure! Join us as we go from rags to riches with the help of some magic, music, and a little bit of mischief. Packed with laughter, wonder, and heart, Cinderella is a timeless festive delight for all ages. Don't wait until the clock strikes twelve, get your tickets today!



Full Price: €32
Concession: €27
Under 15s: €15
Family of 4: €85

Fri 19 & Sat 20 Dec | 7:30pm

BALLET IRELAND: CINDERELLA

BALLET

Travel back to the grandeur of 1950s New York, where Ella is forging herself a new life after emigrating from her beloved home in Ireland. Dreaming of a better future, Ella finds work in Manhattan's playground for the elite, The Park Plaza Hotel. Upon hearing of a grand ball being held for the birthday of Alexander Vanderbilt, Ella's fate is set in motion. Experience Ballet Ireland's Cinderella like you've never seen before.

16 Sept – 21 Oct
(6 weeks) €80

18 Nov – 16 Dec
(5 weeks) €65

Adults/students

€54 (block of 6)
€10 per class

Free

Bookings:
087 237 9893
ActOutMeath@gmail.com

Tuesdays 16 Sept – 21 Oct | 18 Nov – 16 Dec | 7pm–9pm

LIFE DRAWING WITH ARTIST CÁIT MOLONEY

Guided by artist Cáit Moloney, these relaxed, social sessions are an opportunity to flex your life drawing skills and improve your drawing practice. Over a number of sessions, engage at your own pace, focusing on different elements of drawing the human figure with a variation of models and props.

Artists of all levels are welcome. Participants are asked to bring their own drawing materials of choice. Chairs, drawing boards and light refreshments will be provided.

Wednesdays from 3 Sept | 10am & 11am (60 mins)

SILVER SWANS—OVER 55'S BALLET

Specially designed for older learners, Silver Swans Over 55's ballet classes will help improve your mobility, posture, co-ordination and energy levels. Classes are led by Royal Academy of Dance licensed teacher Michelle Kehoe A.I.S.T.D. who has been teaching ballet for over 25 years.

Fridays | 10am–1pm

SIGHTLESS CINEMA: WORKSHOPS FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED ADULTS

Sightless Cinema aims to empower people with sight loss as artistic collaborators and creators in the medium of audio theatre. The project has proved an excellent platform for personal development and social inclusion, while also raising awareness of sight loss in the broader community. Creative Director Ciarán Taylor works with the participants to explore, devise, perform, record and present a radio drama. The project is funded by Solstice Arts Centre, Meath County Council Arts Office & Creative Ireland.

Tuesdays (as per school calendar) | 6pm–9pm

ACT OUT YOUTH THEATRE @ SOLSTICE

Act Out is a fresh youth theatre company established in 2017 in partnership with Solstice, under the Artistic Direction of Anthony Kinahan. It is a forum for young people of secondary school age in Meath to learn more about theatre & performance through fun & engaging workshops. The company is guided by the students and involves them as active participants in the running of the theatre.



Tuesday to Saturday | 10am–4pm | Free

SOLSTICE GALLERY

With gallery spaces located on our third floor and in our café, Solstice Gallery showcases work from visual artists renowned locally, nationally, and internationally. Free to visit and open five days a week, take a break from the hustle and bustle and explore a variety of exhibitions year-round.

Monday to Saturday | 9am–4pm

SOLSTICE CAFÉ

Solstice runs a relaxed and family-friendly café every Monday to Saturday, open from 9am to 4pm.

Delicious & healthy breakfasts, tasty lunch specials and a variety of cakes, scones, granola bars and protein balls are homemade daily to perfectly compliment your favourite coffee or speciality tea.

Solstice Café welcomes large groups and parents with buggies.



Scan this QR code to sign-up for our online newsletter and keep up with all our latest events.

Tickets

Box Office: 046 909 2300

Website: solsticeartscentre.ie

Tickets can be purchased in person, over the phone, or online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Call our box office on: 046 909 2300 or email: info@solsticeartscentre.ie

Box office opening hours

10am–4pm, Monday to Saturday
and 1 hour before performances.

All card transactions are subject to a €1 booking fee (for in person and phone bookings). All online bookings are subject to a €1 booking fee per ticket.

Refund Policy

Tickets are non-refundable once purchased unless the event is cancelled. If an event was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, you are entitled to either i.) full refund, ii.) credit note, or (if possible) iii.) a rescheduled date.

Access

The Solstice foyer (Box Office, Café and Bar) is fully accessible with a lift to specially adapted toilet facilities and our Level 3 Gallery.

The auditorium has six wheelchair spaces in row X, which is level access from the foyer. Backstage is also fully accessible for performers with accessibility requirements.

Please contact box office at time of booking if you have any special requirements.

There is an Induction Loop system in place for hearing aid users. To use, please turn your device to the 'T' setting.

Guide dogs are welcome at Solstice. Please let the Box Office know when booking your ticket so that we can arrange an aisle seat.

Where to Find Us

Parking is available at the Fairgreen Car Park, off Circular Road or in the old County Council grounds, Railway Street. Please note that you may be required to pay for parking. **PARKING IS PROHIBITED IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA OF ST FINIAN'S TERRACE BESIDE THE CENTRE. PLEASE NOTE THAT GARDAÍ WILL BE ADVISED OF ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS.**



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