



CELEBRATING  
20 YEARS  
2006 – 2026

Programme of Events

01-04  
2026

**Solstice Arts Centre**  
[solsticeartscentre.ie](http://solsticeartscentre.ie)

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# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS: BRILLIANT TOGETHER

**When Solstice first opened its doors in 2006, it marked a significant milestone for Meath — the county's first purpose-built arts centre.**

At the time, there was ambition, certainly, and a deep belief in the value of the arts, but no one could have predicted just how central this place would become to cultural life in the region. Two decades on, Solstice is not just an arts centre — it is a hub of connection, conversation, and creativity, welcoming 135,000 visitors and creating 450 events a year!

Over the years, we've welcomed thousands of artists and audiences through our doors — from schoolchildren discovering theatre for the first time to seasoned performers and visual artists making bold, career-defining work. We've told stories rooted in this land and community, while also opening our windows to the wider world, always seeking dialogue between the local and the global.

We are deeply proud of what we've achieved: the performances that have lingered in memory, the exhibitions that have challenged and inspired, the workshops and engagement programmes that have ignited imaginations and fostered new talent. But none of this happens in isolation. The journey of Solstice has always been a collaborative one.

To our dedicated team — thank you for your passion, creativity, and unwavering commitment. To the artists who have trusted us with their work, thank you for your courage and brilliance. To our funders, Meath County Council and the Arts Council, local partners, and supporters, thank you for believing in the transformative power of the arts. And to our audiences — from across Meath and beyond — thank you for walking this path with us.

As we look to the future, we carry with us the lessons and the energy of the last twenty years. There is still so much to do, to explore, to imagine. Solstice remains committed to providing a space where those possibilities can come to life.

**Belinda Quirke, Director,  
Solstice Arts Centre, Swift Cultural Centre**

**Fiona Lawless, Chairperson,  
Solstice Arts Centre, Swift Cultural Centre**

# Solstice Arts Centre

Navan, Co. Meath



Opening reception:  
Sat 17 Jan, 2:30pm

All are welcome, no  
booking required

Sat 17 Jan – Sat 14 Mar

## TRACING ECHOES

### Mark Francis

Mark Francis creates powerful paintings charged with movement, sound and rhythm, by combining intense sequences of colour that compete within tightly gridded structures. His meticulous handling of paint generates both a sense of order and a restless energy. There is an agitation in his work – a pulse, a vibration – as if the forms and colours are trying to break free, bleed into one another, or shift beyond their boundaries. Francis's longstanding engagement with science provides rich territory for his work, making striking imagery out of the invisible and the imagined. Whilst the feats of technology inform Francis's work, the true marvel remains within the unknown beyond our reach, where the questions are often more interesting than the answers.

For this exhibition Mark Francis presents new paintings, charcoal drawings, and a new Solstice Commission, *Listening Field*, the first moving image work by the artist.

*Entering into the world of moving image has become a new way for me to translate the motion and sound I see and hear within my work. The way each sequence in a painting has a rhythm, how each band reverberates, and how each hue holds more information than we could ever imagine.*

This new work will feature as part of Francis' representation of the Republic of San Marino at the 61st Venice Biennale.

Francis is a Northern Irish painter who works and lives in London. He has exhibited across the United Kingdom and worldwide, including at Hugh Lane Municipal Gallery Dublin, Milton Keynes Gallery, City Art Gallery Manchester, and the Royal Academy in the renowned Saatchi exhibition, *Sensation*. His work appears in numerous collections, including the Tate Gallery, IMMA Ireland, and Arts Council England.



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### Accompanying Events

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

Various dates/times, free, booking required, more on pg. 10

**Sensory Connections – for children & adult groups with additional needs**

Wednesdays throughout exhibition, 10am (60mins), €5, more on pg. 11

**Creative Corner – for families**

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

**Azure Tours – for people living with dementia**

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

**Artistic Explorers: Seeing the Unseen – mid-term camp, ages 8-12**

Wed 18 – Fri 20 Feb, 10am – 1pm each day, €60 (3 days), more on pg. 30

**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.**

Opening reception: Sat 11 Apr, 2:30pm

All are welcome, no booking required

Sat 11 Apr – Sat 6 Jun

## BOY DANCER

Annemarie Ní Chuireann and Niamh McCann

Boy Dancer is a new exhibition emerging from the first collaboration between poet Annemarie Ní Chuireann and visual artist Niamh McCann. Solstice commissioned poem by Ní Chuireann, Boy Dancer weaves together Ní Chuireann's text, with image, and installation by McCann, exploring themes of memory and loss. Boy Dancer acts as a textual wake in response to the loss of Ní Chuireann's stepbrother. Her poetic practice interlaces Irish language, mythology, and folklore with personal narrative and symbolic fauna. McCann's visual response embraces the lyrical qualities of the poem, drawing on imagery of birds and beasts as seers, omens, and witnesses—resounding McCann's allegorical and personal collaborative practice.

The exhibition includes drawings, wall paintings, and expanded conceptual works developed in response to Boy Dancer, offering a powerful meditation on grief and transformation.

*The starlings come, pushing  
like an oar, pushing. Things happened.  
Things that never should have happened.*

This is Solstice's second commissioned work with Annemarie Ní Chuireann, the first being The Foundling Crib, which was included in her debut publication The Poison Glen (Gallery Press). Solstice has previously worked with Niamh McCann on Just Left of Copernicus (2012) and Someone Decides Hawk or Dove (2023), the latter a recipient of the ART:2023 Decade of Centenaries Open Call Award, supported by the Arts Council and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.



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Tours continue throughout visual art 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](mailto:deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie)**

Booking required

Tuesdays &amp; 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 available (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 available (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](mailto: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 30 Jan, 27 Feb, 24 Apr & 29 May | 11am (90mins)

## 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.

Free

Booking required

**For more information or to book please contact Deirdre: [deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie](mailto:deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie)**



Season Bundle

Wed 7 Jan | 7:30pm | €8

English | UK | 123mins |  
2025 | Cert: PG |  
Dir: Simon Curtis

## DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE

FILM

The cinematic return of the global phenomenon follows the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s. When Mary finds herself at the centre of a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the entire household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace change as the staff prepares for a new chapter with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.

**Film Season Bundle:** Book 4 or more films for €6.50 each



Wed 14 Jan | 7:30pm | €8

## I SWEAR

### FILM

Funny and heartfelt, *I Swear* follows the true story of Tourette Syndrome campaigner John Davidson's journey with Tourette's through his troubled teens and early adulthood, having been diagnosed at 15 years old in 1980s Britain - a time when the condition was little known and entirely misunderstood. Initially alienated from his peers and his family, Davidson perseveres in his attempt to live a 'normal' life against the odds, finding some unlikely champions along the way.



Season Bundle

Wed 21 Jan | 7:30pm | €8

## YOUNG MOTHERS

### FILM

Jessica, Perla, Julie, Ariane, and Naima are housed in a shelter for young mothers. The intersecting lives of these five teenagers hoping for a better life for themselves and their babies forms the subject of this beautiful and poetic film from the Dardennes. This is direct and profoundly emotional cinema from the two great masters of social realist cinema.

French (English subtitles) |  
France, Belgium | 106mins |  
2025 | Cert: CLUB | Dir:  
Jean-Pierre Dardenne & Luc  
Dardenne



Wed 4 Feb | 7:30pm | €8

## SORRY, BABY

### FILM

When old roommates Agnes and Lydie reunite for a short break, it's a joyous occasion for the two. Lydie is also one of the only people Agnes can speak to about a past trauma - that she was sexually assaulted by a former mentor. Blending heartache, humour, and healing, this is a stunning debut from director/writer/actor Eva Victor. An authentic, bitingly funny drama.

Season Bundle

English | USA | 104mins |  
2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Eva  
Victor



Season Bundle

Wed 11 Feb | 7:30pm | €8

## GIRLS & BOYS

### FILM

On Halloween night in Dublin, rugby player Jace meets aspiring filmmaker Charlie at a college party. Despite seemingly occupying opposite worlds – Charlie is trans, her friends queer and artistic, while Jace keeps company with a fraternity of rugby teammates – the two hit it off. They soon find themselves wandering the streets of Dublin, trying to put their own secrets and insecurities on hold as they reminisce on the past and dream of the future.



Season Bundle

English | USA | 162mins |  
 2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Paul  
 Thomas Anderson

Wed 18 Feb | 7:30pm | €8

## ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER

### FILM

Washed-up revolutionary Bob (Leonardo DiCaprio) exists in a state of paranoia, surviving off-grid with his spirited, self-reliant daughter, Willa (Chase Infiniti). When Colonel Steven J. Lockjaw (Sean Penn) – a nemesis from Bob's past life – resurfaces after 16 years and Willa goes missing, the former radical scrambles to find her.

Director Paul Thomas Anderson has a lot on his mind in this rip-roaring rollercoaster of an American epic, contrasting themes of fascism, community, and revolution against a very personal story of a father reckoning with the world he's brought his daughter into. Darkly funny and packed with memorable characters, this highly acclaimed, of-the-moment thriller demands to be seen on the big screen.

Wed 25 Feb | 7:30pm | €8

## SOULEYMANE'S STORY

### FILM

Set over a tense 48 hours, Guinean asylum seeker Souleymane races through the streets of Paris delivering food as he struggles to make ends meet, all the while awaiting an asylum interview which will decide whether or not he will be granted residency. Steeped in compassion, Souleymane's Story combines the pace of a thriller with the emotional gut punch of a social drama, featuring a star-making central performance from charismatic newcomer Abou Sangaré.



Season Bundle

French, Fulah, Malinké  
 (English subtitles) | France |  
 94mins | 2024 | Cert: CLUB |  
 Dir: Boris Lojkine



Season Bundle

English | USA | 120mins |  
 2025 | Cert: 12A | Dir: Scott  
 Cooper

Wed 11 Mar | 7:30pm | €8

## SPRINGSTEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE

### FILM

A young musician on the cusp of global superstardom and struggling to reconcile the pressures of success with the ghosts of his past, this biopic chronicles the making of Bruce Springsteen's 1982 album *Nebraska*, which emerged from the same sessions that birthed *Born in the USA*. Recorded on a 4-track recorder in Springsteen's New Jersey bedroom, the album marked a pivotal time in his life and is considered one of his most enduring works.

Wed 18 Mar | 7:30pm | €8

## IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT

### FILM

Vahid, an unassuming mechanic, is suddenly reminded of his time in an Iranian prison when he has a chance encounter with Eghbal, a man he strongly suspects to be his sadistic jailhouse captor. Panicked, Vahid rounds up a few of his fellow ex-prisoners to try and confirm Eghbal's identity. Master filmmaker Jafar Panahi creates a deeply felt moral thriller, where high stakes tension combines with unexpected flurries of humour and thoughtful, sometimes devastating questions regarding persecution and revenge.



Season Bundle

Persian (English subtitles) |  
 Iran, France | 103mins |  
 2025 | Cert: TBD | Dir: Jafar  
 Panahi

Wed 1 Apr | 7:30pm | €8

## THE CHORAL

### FILM

As war rages on the Western Front, Ramsden Choral Society has lost most of its members to the army and decides to recruit local young men to swell their ranks. They also engage a new chorus master, the seemingly untrustworthy Dr. Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes), who has recently returned from a career in Germany. As conscription papers start to arrive, the whole community discovers that making music together is the one thing that might save them.



### Season Bundle

English | UK | 113mins |  
2025 | Cert: 12A | Dir:  
Nicholas Hytner



### Season Bundle

Norwegian, English (English subtitles) | Norway |  
133mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A |  
Dir: Joachim Trier

Wed 15 Apr | 7:30pm | €8

## SENTIMENTAL VALUE

### FILM

Sisters Nora and Agnes reunite with Gustav, their estranged father and a once renowned director, who offers a role to stage actress Nora in what he hopes will be his comeback film. When Nora turns it down, she soon discovers he's given her part to an eager young Hollywood star. Suddenly, the two sisters must navigate their complicated relationship with their father and deal with an American star dropped right into the middle of their complex family dynamics.

Mon 23 – Wed 25 Feb

**IFI SCHOOLS****FILM**

The following screenings are presented in association with IFI Schools. Accompanying Study Guides for all films can be found at [ifi.ie/studyguides](http://ifi.ie/studyguides)



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Spanish (English subtitles) |  
Argentina, Spain | Drama |  
87mins | 2023 | IFI Age Rec:  
15+ | Dir: María Zanetti

Mon 23 Feb | 9:20am | €5 per student

## **SENIOR SPANISH: GERMANY / ALEMANIA**

**FILM**

16-year-old Lola is offered the chance to study abroad in Germany and is eager for a taste of independence. However, her home life is complicated by her older sister's mental health, and her family are hesitant to let her leave. A gripping Spanish-language coming-of-age drama.

Mon 23 Feb | 12pm | €5 per student

## **JUNIOR SPANISH: JUMP! / ¡SALTA!**

**FILM**

Brothers Teo and Óscar become separated when Teo disappears down a mysterious wormhole in 1989. When he reappears exactly the same, 33 years later, he must work together with his now-older brother to find the right wormhole to send him back and find their mother. A terrific sci-fi romp through time.



Spanish (English subtitles) |  
Spain | Sci-fi/Comedy |  
85mins | 2023 | IFI Age Rec:  
12+ | Dir: Olga Osorio



German (English subtitles) |  
Germany | Drama | 113mins |  
2024 | IFI Age Rec: 15+ | Dir:  
Natja Brunckhorst

Tue 24 Feb | 9:20am | €5 per student

## **SENIOR GERMAN: TWO TO ONE / ZWEI UN EINS**

**FILM**

When a family in East Germany discovers millions worth of soon-to-be-destroyed currency during the 1990s' reunification era, they plot to use as much as they can before it becomes worthless. The comical heist unites and divides the closeknit socialist community, now under pressure to spend, spend, spend.

Tue 24 Feb | 12pm | €5 per student

## JUNIOR GERMAN: WINNERS / SIEGER SEIN

### FILM

Eleven-year-old Mona has just arrived in Berlin from Syria. She doesn't speak any German, but she loves football and joins the school team, where morale is at an all-time low and her teammates aren't particularly welcoming. A tale of teamwork and making friends in new unfamiliar places. Contains strong language.



German (English subtitles) | Germany | Drama | 119mins | 2024 | IFI Age Rec: 12+ | Dir: Soleen Yusef



Wed 25 Feb | 9:20am | €5 per student

## SENIOR FRENCH: THE MARCHING BAND / EN FANFARE

### FILM

When prestigious orchestra conductor Thibaut discovers he is adopted following a cancer diagnosis, he connects with his biological brother Jimmy. The seemingly juxtaposed brothers find their connection through Jimmy's marching brass band. A heartwarming and comedic tale of community marching brass band.

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

Wed 25 Feb | 12pm | €5 per student

## JUNIOR FRENCH: SAVAGES / SAUVAGES

### FILM

With the tropical forest under threat of deforestation from logging companies, Kéria, Selaï and their rescued baby orangutan Oshi decide to take a stand to save the rainforest and protect its indigenous population. A stunning new animation from *My Life as a Courgette* director Claude Barras.



French (English subtitles) | Switzerland, France, Belgium | Animation | 87mins | 2024 | IFCO: PG | Dir: Claude Barras

Sat 10 Jan | 8pm | €30

## MARY COUGHLAN

### MUSIC

Mary Coughlan's career in music has been one hell-of-a-ride. Often described as the greatest female vocalist that Ireland has ever produced, Coughlan proudly stands alongside some of the world's most iconic jazz singers. She is unique in blending whisky-blurred, smoke-seared, husky notes with the laconic wit of Billie Holiday and Peggy Lee. Yet Mary delivers it all in a delicious and unapologetic Irish drawl: sceptical, rueful, mournful and melting and ardent for love.



Fri 23 Jan | 8pm | €31

## REMEMBERING JOE – THE ANNUAL JOE DOLAN TOUR

### MUSIC

The Dolan family are proud to present the highly anticipated return of the Annual Joe Dolan Tour, marking his legacy and life with their show Remembering Joe. Joe's brother Ben, who shared the stage with his younger brother for 47 fun-filled years, will highlight Joe's successful singing career. He will be joined on stage by Joe's niece Sandra, nephews Adrian and Ray, with singer Karen Carroll and members of Joe's original backing band. A nostalgic evening of hit after hit.





Sat 31 Jan | 8pm | €20/€18

## TRÚ

### MUSIC

Following an international tour of the USA, Canada, and Switzerland, TRÚ bring their unique mix of traditional Gaelic folk music, sean nós, and Americana ballads to Solstice. Their name a reference to a mythological trio of poet-musicians in ancient Ulster, TRÚ explore the intersection between traditional folk material, original songwriting styles, and contemporary production techniques, and have been compared to Clannad, the Beatles, and “The Beach Boys on whiskey” (RTE).

Fri 6 Feb | 8pm | €27.50

## ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER & BEYOND

### MUSIC

Musical theatre lovers can rejoice with this exciting concert performed by acclaimed Irish artists. The show offers a vibrant journey through an iconic and emotionally powerful repertoire anchored by the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber (Phantom of the Opera, Evita, Cats) and complemented by selections from Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein (West Side Story), Stephen Schwartz (Wicked), and other modern classics.





Sat 14 Feb | 8pm | €35

## PILGRIMS – PAUL NOONAN & BRIAN CROSBY

### MUSIC

Following a brief tour in early 2025, current and former Bell X1 bandmates Paul Noonan and Brian Crosby reunite as PILGRIMS. Collaborating for the first time in 16 years since Brian's departure from Bell X1, the long-time friends will perform brand-new material from their upcoming album featuring intimate and atmospheric piano music, as well as a mix of songs from across their previous projects. Not to be missed.

Fri 20 Feb | 8pm | €30

## LUKE THOMAS AND THE SWING CATS – KINGS OF SWING TOUR

### MUSIC

The best in the business are back with a brand-new show celebrating 100 years of swing music! Featuring all your favourite swing and big band songs like Sing Sing Sing, Puttin On The Ritz, Fly Me To The Moon plus many more. As seen on The Late Late Show, Ireland AM, The Today Show, The Six O'Clock Show and every major radio station in the country, catch Ireland's King Of Swing and his band when they come to town this spring.



Thu 26 Feb | 8pm | €32.50

## DEREK RYAN: LIVE IN CONCERT

### MUSIC

Firmly established as one of the most gifted and enduring singer-songwriters in Irish country music, Derek Ryan is renowned for his catchy lyrics, infectious melodies, and captivating stage presence. From packed theatres to major festival stages, his performances showcase his dedication to crafting songs that resonate across generations. With a new concert tour for 2026, Derek hopes to continue forging a genuine bond with his audience.



Fri 27 Feb | 8pm | €20 / €18

## ALAW – MUSIC FROM WALES AND BEYOND

### MUSIC

ALAW – the Welsh word for melody – is a trio of outstanding musicians breathing new life into the rich folk traditions of Wales. Featuring Nia Lynn (Indian harmonium, tabwrdd, vocals), Dylan Fowler (guitar), and Patrick Rimes (violin, viola), ALAW weaves together intricate arrangements, powerful musicianship, and heartfelt storytelling, crafting a sound that's at once timeless and refreshingly original – full of passion, precision, and unmistakable Welsh soul.

Sat 28 Feb | 8pm | €32

## REELING IN THE SHOWBAND YEARS

### MUSIC

Now in its 16th year, smash hit show Reeling in the Showband Years comes to Solstice Arts Centre, and what a line-up it is in 2026! RTÉ's Ronan Collins is the host, singing renowned tributes to Joe Dolan, Eurovision, Dickie Rock, and much more. He'll be joined with performances by Gina from The Champions, sister/brother duo Keith and Lorraine McDonald, Shaun O'Dowd of Ding-A-Ling fame, Dave Lawlor, and The Conquerors Showband.





Sat 7 Mar | 8pm | €27.50

## WHEN IRELAND ROCKED

### MUSIC

Marking the huge musical revolution in Ireland of the late 60's, 70's, and 80's, and the birth of a new sound, experience how a new generation of electric guitar driven music inspired so many and paved the way for those who followed. Featuring the virtuoso guitar and fiddle skills of Pat McManus formerly of Mamas Boys and Celtus, one of Ireland's last living true rock guitarists and traditional music legends. Also featuring the outstanding vocals of Cormac Nesson of The Answer fame and a supporting cast drawn from some of Ireland's finest musicians.

Fri 20 Mar | 8pm | €30

## PILGRIM ST

### MUSIC

Pilgrim St return to the stage following an 18-month sabbatical that's only deepened their roots and sharpened their sound. Hailing from Co. Meath and forged in the vibrant folk scene of Navan, this seven-piece powerhouse has built a reputation as one of Ireland's hardest-working and most revered bands. Deeply steeped in Appalachian bluegrass and old-time country, Pilgrim St also weave in folk traditions from Ireland and beyond. Drawing inspiration from Hank Williams, Woody Guthrie, Bruce Springsteen's Seeger Sessions, and Irish folk legends like The Pogues and The Saw Doctors, their sound is both authentic and electrifying.



Sat 21 Mar | 8pm | €29.50

## ROCK RISING: THE SUPREME CLASSIC ROCK SHOW

### MUSIC

Rock Rising returns to the Solstice Arts Centre in 2026 with the Supreme Classic Rock Show. Following action packed shows in 2024 and 2023, they look forward to bringing back the same high octane classic nostalgia feeling once again for another night in Navan. Don't miss out!



Fri 3 Apr | 3pm & 8pm | €45

## PETER ANDRE IN THE VERY BEST OF FRANKIE VALLI AND THE FOUR SEASONS

### MUSIC

Starring Peter Andre, this is a spectacular celebration of timeless music from one of the biggest selling groups of all time. This nostalgic musical journey pays tribute to the career of those four boys from Jersey, who started singing under a streetlamp but soon went on to become one of the most recognised groups in history. Featuring a supporting cast of incredible performers from smash-hit, award winning West End musicals, you will leave on a 'high' and be guaranteed to be saying 'Oh, What A Night!'

Wed 8 Apr | 8pm | €32

## A NIGHT WITH THE COUNTRY STARS

### MUSIC

Back by popular demand, A Night with the Country Stars is set to return for another evening of toe-tapping Irish country magic. The fantastic line-up includes the Louisiana man Robert Mizzell; the wee man from Drumlish, Declan Nerney; the energetic Laois man Shawn Cuddy; the blue jean country queen from Cavan, Kathy Durkin; and the mighty man from Mayo, Gerry Guthrie. Accompanied by award-winning band Keltic Storm, each star will perform their trademark hit songs, making this a show you won't want to miss.



Sat 7 Feb &amp; Sun 12 Apr | 8pm | €28

## EMMA DORAN: EMMACULATE

### COMEDY

Smash hit Irish comedian, best-selling author, podcast host, and viral online star Emma Doran hits the road once again with her brand-new stand-up show *Emmaculate*. The many trials and tribulations of Emma's blended family are laid bare, womanhood examined, and relationships put to the test in this witty, rambunctious show from one of Ireland's most beloved stand-ups. Strap in for a night to remember, jam-packed with razor-sharp observations, riotous on-stage antics, and conspiratorial gossipmongering.



Thu 12 Feb | 8pm | €30

## JASON BYRNE: HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

### COMEDY

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's probably Jason Byrne with his head in the f\*\*king clouds again. Join "The Outright King of Live Comedy" on his daily commute between having his feet firmly on the ground and his head up in the air. There's enough crap going on in the world so why not stick your head in the clouds with Jason for a couple of hours.



Sun 8 Mar &amp; Sun 10 May | 8pm | €30

## NEIL DELAMERE: REINVENTING THE NEIL

**COMEDY**

Our comedic adventurer returns with a brand-new standup show, packed to the brim with tall tales and hilarious stories. Join the star of the Blame Game, Live at the Apollo, QI and Celebrity Chase as he ponders the eternal question: If it ain't broke, should he fix it?



Sat 14 Mar | 8pm | €35

## JARLATH REGAN: GAS MAN

**COMEDY**

The world knows and loves him for his hilarious daily clips, now it's time for you to see this Gas Man in person. Jarlath Regan's brand new 2026 standup comedy show is packed to the gills with his unique brand of spot on observational standup material and ridiculous stories. Following millions of views and a sell-out world tour, Jarlath is making good on his promise to bring his audience a brand spanking new show every single year.



Irish  
National  
Opera

Tue 17 Feb | 7:30pm | €30 / €27

## IRISH NATIONAL OPERA: THE CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN

OPERA

Seen through the eyes of a young fox, *The Cunning Little Vixen* opens with a chance encounter that results in her capture. Through her courage and resilience, the Vixen manages to outwit her captors, and escapes to untamed freedom in the forest. Janáček's opera is no fairy tale, but rather a reflection on the cycle of life. His evocative score weaves rich folk melodies with playful humour, capturing the sounds of nature's eternal rhythm and its wild, irrepressible spirit.

Wed 11 Mar | 11am | Free, no booking required

## MEATH WOMEN'S REFUGE: RESILIENCE & HOPE

CONVERSATION

To mark International Women's Day, join us for a conversation with Roisin O'Donnell, author of the bestselling novel 'Nesting', hosted by Elaine Keogh. Meath Women's Refuge & Support Services are hosting this special event to mark the organisations rebrand and a chance to reflect on the opportunities in Co. Meath to tackle persistently high levels of domestic abuse. Looking forward, stories of resilience and change pave the way for a future full of hope.

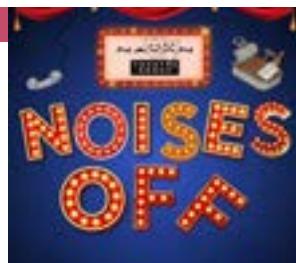


Wed 25 – Sun 29 Mar | 8pm (Wed-Sat) / 3pm (Sun)

## NAVAN THEATRE GROUP: NOISES OFF BY MICHAEL FRAYN

### THEATRE

A delightful farce that showcases the chaos of live theatre with on-stage mishaps and off-stage drama. Think slamming doors, falling trousers and, of course, flying sardines! Will they even make it to the curtain call? Directed by Nigel Ryan.



€22 / €18 (matinee)

€15 (opening night)

Ages 12+

Tue 21 – Sun 26 Apr | 7:30pm (Tue-Sat) / 6:30pm (Sun) | €24

## ST. MARY'S MUSICAL SOCIETY: SISTER ACT

### MUSICAL

After witnessing a mob murder, aspiring disco singer Deloris Van Cartier finds herself in protective custody in a struggling convent. Initially reluctant, Deloris uses her musical talents to transform their choir and saves the convent from shutting down - but will her efforts expose her location to the mobsters who are hunting her? Based on the 1992 film of the same name, Sister Act is filled with powerful songs inspired by Gospel, Motown, soul and disco. This truly is a must-see show bound to lift your spirit and your dancing feet!



Wed 28 – Fri 30 Jan | 7:30pm | €20 / €18 (under 16)

## LORETO ST. MICHAEL'S: SHREK

### MUSICAL

St. Michael's Transition Year transport audiences from Shrek's murky swamp to Princess Fiona's towering, dragon-guarded prison in this hilarious production. Join unlikely hero Shrek and his loyal, wisecracking friend Donkey as they embark on their quest. With spectacular costumes, dynamic choreography, and fabulous songs like "I'm a Believer," this Tony Award-winning musical is an irreverently fun treat for the whole family that proves beauty is truly in the eye of the ogre. Don't miss this dazzling display of student talent!



Wed 18 – Fri 20 Feb | 10am-1pm each day | €60 | Ages 8-12

## ARTISTIC EXPLORERS: SEEING THE UNSEEN

### MID-TERM CAMP

Surrounded by Mark Francis' striking artworks in our exhibition Tracing Echoes, dive into a world of colour and movement. Combing physical, visual and sensory exercises travel on an artistic journey of scale and process. Exploring micro and macro in the natural and man-made world, experiment with drawing, line and pattern to make sound and motion visible.





Sun 22 Feb, 3:30pm | Sat 11 Apr, 6:30pm | €30 / €40 (VIP)

## K-POP SUPERSLAYERS LIVE!

### MUSIC

Get ready for the ultimate K-Pop experience — a full-scale live show bursting with energy, style, and sound inspired by KPOP Demon Hunters. Featuring songs from BTS, TXT, HUNTR/X, KATSEYE, SAJABOYS, JUNGKOOK, and BLACKPINK, this high-octane production fuses live vocals, explosive choreography, stunning costumes, and cutting-edge special effects to recreate the magic of a Seoul arena concert.

Sat 28 Feb | 11am | €12 / €40 (family of 4)

## LITTLE FOLK: ON THE ROAD

### MUSIC

Calling all your rock toddlers, little boppers and cool kids! Kyle's back with his wildly popular family concert for young children. Perfectly suited for 2–7-year-olds and their adults, it's a foot stomping, hand clapping, and jumping good time. Featuring his award-winning children's music, it's super fun for the whole family, and each child gets a little musical goody bag to use during the show and take home.





Wed 4 – Fri 6 Mar | 7:30pm | €18 / €14

## EUREKA SECONDARY SCHOOL: THE WEDDING SINGER

### MUSICAL

Robbie Hart is a charismatic wedding singer who is left at the altar by his fiancée. He forms a connection with Julia, a waitress who is also engaged, but their feelings grow as they realize they might be better suited for each other than their original partners. The musical, based on the 1998 film, is known for its 80s setting, catchy music, energetic dancing & comedic tone.

Fri 10 Apr | 8pm | €10 / €8

## ACT OUT YOUTH THEATRE: RESOLUTIONS

### THEATRE

Act Out Youth Theatre present an evening of quality live theatre that showcases the creativity & imagination of Meath's most exciting young talent. Sit back & enjoy theatrical works created, developed, written, and performed by these gifted young theatre-makers from the Navan & Dunshaughlin companies.



Thu 30 Apr &amp; Fri 1 May | 7pm | €18 / €13 student

## COLÁISTE NA MÍ: POPSTARS – THE 90S MUSICAL

### MUSICAL

It's the hilarious musical from the team that brought you Back to the 80's, packed with pop hits from artists such as THE SPICE GIRLS, BACKSTREET BOYS, N\*SYNC, BRITNEY SPEARS, and more. Mark is in love with Shannon, who dumps him for stardom when she learns that pop-band impresario Simon Austin is the judge at the State Talent Show. Mark's band buddies rally around him, and soon a plan for revenge is hatched to snatch the Talent Show title from Shannon...

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3 Feb – 10 Mar

€80 (6 weeks)

Adults/students

**Tuesdays 3 Feb – 10 Mar | 7pm – 9pm**

## **LIFE DRAWING WITH ARTIST CAIT MOLONEY**

These relaxed sessions are an opportunity to flex your life drawing skills and improve your drawing practice. Engage at your own pace and focus on different elements of 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.

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€54 (block of 6)

€10 per class

**Wednesdays from 7 Jan | 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.

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Free

**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. Creative Director Ciarán Taylor works with the participants to explore, devise, perform, record and present radio drama. The project is funded by Meath County Council Arts Office & Creative Ireland.

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Booking: Pure Imagination  
Drama@gmail.com

**Mondays (as per school calendar) | 4pm – 5pm**

## **CHILDREN'S SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES WITH PURE IMAGINATION DRAMA**

Classes are led by professional LSMD-registered teacher Fiona and are designed to spark creativity, imagination, and joy. Students will be enabled to create, devise, produce, direct, and perform their own stories within a supportive, immersive workshop setting.

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Bookings:  
087 237 9893  
ActOutMeath@gmail.com

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

## **ACT OUT YOUTH THEATRE @ SOLSTICE**

Act Out was 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 to learn more about theatre and performance through fun and 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](http://solsticeartscentre.ie)**

Tickets can be purchased in person, over the phone, or online at [www.solsticeartscentre.ie](http://www.solsticeartscentre.ie)

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

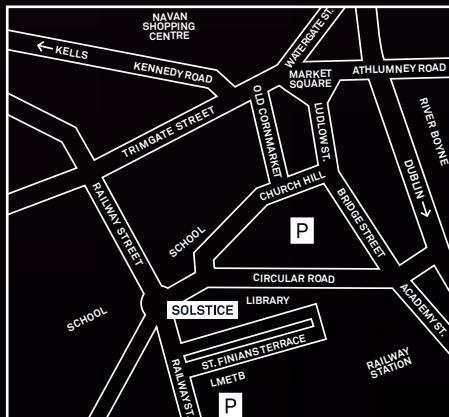
Please contact box office at time of booking if you have any special requirements.

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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