

SOLS
TICE

CELEBRATING
20 YEARS
2006 – 2026

Programme of Events

05-08
2026

Solstice Arts Centre
solsticeartscentre.ie

May

| | | | |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------|-----|
| Sat 11 Apr – Sat 6 Jun | Boy Dancer | Visual Arts/Exhibition | 4-5 |
| Sat 2 & Sun 3 May | Navan School of Ballet: Sleeping Beauty | Ballet/Family | 26 |
| Wed 6 May & Wed 3 Jun | Meath Move: Open Practice | Dance | 21 |
| Wed 6 May | A Quiet Love | Film | 14 |
| Thu 7 May | Reading Between the Lines | Visual Arts/Workshop | 10 |
| Fri 8 May | The Irish Guitar Quartet | Music | 24 |
| Sat 9 May | Pravaham: A Tale of Two Traditions | Dance | 21 |
| Sun 10 May | Neil Delamere: Reinventing the Neil | Comedy | 22 |
| Wed 13 May | Hamnet | Film | 14 |
| Fri 15 May | The Highwaymen Reincarnated | Music | 24 |
| Sat 16 May | Take Me to the River: Dalgan Park | Community | 12 |
| Sat 16 May | Celine Byrne: Songs of Inspiration & Hope | Music | 24 |
| Wed 20 May | Blue Moon | Film | 15 |
| Thu 21 May | A Day in the Life | Film | 15 |
| Fri 22 May | The Song Cycle | Film | 15 |
| Wed 27 May | IFI Local Films for Local People: A Meath Miscellany | Film | 16 |
| Sat 30 May | Navan Arch 40th Anniversary Variety Show | Variety | 22 |

June

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|-----|
| Wed 3 Jun | Saipan | Film | 16 |
| Fri 5 Jun | Leslie & Flo: Natural Women | Music | 25 |
| Sat 6 Jun | Legends of American Country Show | Music | 25 |
| Sun 7 Jun | The Ultimate Bubble Show | Family | 26 |
| Wed 10 Jun | The Voice of Hind Rajab | Film | 17 |
| Sun 14 Jun | Take Me to the River: Teltown House | Community | 11 |
| Sat 13 & Sun 14 Jun | Elite: All That Jazz | Family | 27 |
| Mon 15 Jun | Navan Pride: Wicked For Good | Film | 20 |
| Tue 16 Jun | Navan Pride: Breaking Down Barriers | Talk | 20 |
| Wed 17 & Thu 18 Jun | St. Oliver Plunkett NS: Rock Bottom | Family/Musical | 27 |
| Sat 20 Jun – Sat 29 Aug | The Future is Open | Visual Arts/ Exhibition | 6-7 |

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----|
| Sat 20 Jun | Navan Community Singers: Just Sing | Music | 25 |
| Sun 21 Jun | FitKid Showcase | Family | 28 |
| Tue 23 Jun – Fri 28 Aug | Group Gallery Tours using Visual Thinking Strategies | Learning & Engagement/ Schools | 8 |
| Wed 24 Jun – Wed 26 Aug | Sensory Connections | Learning & Engagement | 8 |
| Wed 24 Jun | No Other Choice | Film | 17 |
| Fri 26 Jun – Fri 28 Aug | Azure: Dementia-Inclusive Gallery Tours | Learning & Engagement | 9 |
| Sat 27 June – Sat 29 Aug | Creative Corner | Learning & Engagement | 9 |

July

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|----|
| Wed 1 – Fri 3 Jul | Artistic Explorers Summer Camp | Summer Camp/ Visual Arts | 10 |
| Wed 1 Jul | H is for Hawk | Film | 17 |
| Thu 2 Jul | James Joyce's Dubliners: Counterparts & A Little Cloud | Theatre | 23 |
| Mon 6 – Fri 10 Jul | Navan School of Ballet Summer Camp | Summer Camp | 28 |
| Wed 8 Jul | My Father's Shadow | Film | 18 |
| Wed 15 Jul | The Secret Agent | Film | 18 |
| Wed 22 Jul | If I Had Legs I'd Kick You | Film | 18 |
| Sat 25 Jul | Hello Human | Visual Arts/Workshop | 11 |
| Sun 26 Jul | Take Me to the River: Girley Bog | Community | 11 |
| Wed 29 Jul | The President's Cake | Film | 19 |

August

| | | | |
|------------------------|---|-----------|----|
| Wed 5 Aug | The Love That Remains | Film | 19 |
| Wed 12 Aug | The Testament of Ann Lee | Film | 19 |
| Fri 21 & Sat 22 Aug | St. Mary's Musical Society: Summer Cabaret | Musical | 23 |
| Sun 23 Aug | Take Me to the River: Picnic in the Park | Community | 13 |

| | | | |
|--|--|-----------------|----|
| | Life Drawing, Silver Swans, Sightless Cinema, Speech & Drama Classes, Act Out Youth Theatre | Regular Classes | 29 |
| | Information & Booking | | 31 |

Accompanying Events

Reading Between the Lines – workshop for adults / ages 16+

Thu 7 May, 7pm (90mins), free, booking required, more on pg. 10

For details on further events that accompany this exhibition, please visit our website.



Sat 11 Apr – Sat 6 Jun

BOY DANCER

Annemarie Ní Churreáin and Niamh McCann

Boy Dancer is a new book and exhibition commissioned by Solstice Arts Centre, emerging from the first collaboration between poet Annemarie Ní Churreáin and visual artist Niamh McCann. Boy Dancer interweaves a series of poems by Ní Churreáin with line drawings and installation by McCann, exploring grief, ritual, and transformation. Boy Dancer unfolds as a textual wake - an act of keeping vigil, remembering, and celebrating in response to the loss of Ní Churreáin's foster brother. Her poetry practice, often concerned with cultures of silence and care in Ireland, is deeply rooted by her interests in place, native language, and folklore. McCann's visual response embraces the lyrical and mythical qualities of the poems, drawing on imagery of birds and beasts as seers, omens, and witnesses - resounding McCann's allegorical and personal collaborative practice.

As a response to Boy Dancer, the exhibition includes drawings, wall paintings, a sound installation and a sculptural work titled 'Turn Again'.

*What if I steeped bilberries in a vein of water?
What if I boiled the pink heart of a foxglove?
What if I could swim to the end of your sleep
and pull you back with a leaf of birch?
What if I could draw a lucky caul
over your newborn face?*

This is Solstice's second commissioned work with Annemarie Ní Churreáin, the first being *The Foundling Crib*, which was included in her second poetry collection, *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.



**CELEBRATING
20 YEARS
2006 – 2026**

Opening reception: Sat
20 Jun, 2:30pm

All are welcome, no
booking required

Sat 20 Jun – Sat 29 Aug

THE FUTURE IS OPEN

Bassam Al-Sabah, George Bolster, Alan Butler, Cecilia Dannell, Willie Doherty, Rachel Doolin, Mark Garry, Hammerheads (Marie Farrington, Sibyl Montague, Laura Ní Fhlaibhín, Liliane Puthod), Elaine Hoey, Patrick Hough, Bernadette Kiely, Barbara Knežević, Niamh McCann, Eleanor McCaughey, Lucy McKenna, Isabel Nolan, Sinéad Ní Mhaonaigh, Emily Waszak, Grace Weir.

The Future is Open marks the 20th anniversary of Solstice Arts Centre, and its continued commitment to showcasing and commissioning contemporary Irish artists.

The Future is Open is a celebration of future possibilities. Taking its title from the last sentence spoken by theoretical physicist Professor Fay Dowker in Grace Weir's film 'Time Tries All Things', this exhibition brings together a selection of previously exhibited artists, whose work explores expansive theories of space, time, and the cosmos, embracing ancient and technological ciphers of prophetic divination as a means for understanding the human experience in the post-human era of AI and global climate crises. Alternative environments and future realities are presented through a cross-section of photography, film, sculptural installation, and painting.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a weekly film programme every Saturday afternoon and will feature moving-image work from Patrick Hough, Barbara Knežević, and Grace Weir among others.

Further details can be found on our website.

Accompanying Events

Gallery Tours using Visual Thinking Strategies

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

Sensory Connections – for children & adult groups with additional needs

Wednesdays throughout exhibition, 10am (60mins), €5, more on pg. 8

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

Artistic Explorers Summer Camp – for ages 8-12

Wed 1 – Fri 3 Jul, 10am – 1pm daily, €60, more on pg. 10

Hello Human with Elaine Hoey – workshop for adults / ages 16+

Sat 25 Jul, 10am – 2pm, €15/€10, more on pg. 11

For details on further events that accompany this exhibition, please visit our website.



CELEBRATING
20 YEARS
2006 – 2026



Tuesdays & Thursdays throughout Exhibition | 11am (60 mins)

GROUP GALLERY TOURS USING VISUAL THINKING STRATEGIES (VTS)

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

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.

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

Free

Booking required

Groups of 5+

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



All age groups with additional needs

Saturdays throughout Exhibition | 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, self-guided, drop in and out service – parents/guardians must stay with children at all times.



No booking required

For families



Free

Booking required

Fri 26 Jun, 31 Jul & 28 Aug | 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.

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

Thu 7 May | 7pm (90mins) | Adults & teens 16+

READING BETWEEN THE LINES

WORKSHOP

An evening of reflection and response to works by poet Annemarie Ní Churraéin and visual artist Niamh McCann. Join Bóann Writers Group for a relaxed evening of reflection and shared musings, through the rich storytelling, symbolic language, and imagery evoked by the exhibition 'Boy Dancer'.



Image: Boy Dancer (acorn becoming air), Niamh McCann, 2026

Free

Booking required



Wed 1 – Fri 3 Jul | 10am – 1pm each day | €60

Ages 8-12

ARTISTIC EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP

Inspired by a wide range of artworks in Solstice Gallery this summer, our Artistic Explorers will travel through space and time. Imagining new futures through drawing and mixed media, personal connections and aspirations of our future world will inform our creative journey. Dress for a little mess!

Please share any additional needs or requirements with our facilitator Deirdre before booking:
deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie

10-11



Sat 25 Jul | 10am – 2pm | €15 / €10 (student)

Adults & teens 16+

HELLO HUMAN

WORKSHOP

“Hello World” is the first line of code every programmer usually learns to write in HTML, a small act of announcement. Here I am.

Image: Parasocial Alchemy, Elaine Hoey, 2026

Encouraging creative responses using new media art practices that are both technical and personal, exhibiting artist Elaine Hoey will guide you in building your own personal app, a Chrome browser extension, that interrupts prolonged AI chatbot use. A basic introduction to HTML, 3D scanning techniques, and reflective narrative writing, capture and write or record a short message to your future self, a reminder that you have a body, a voice, a life outside ‘the machine’. Your personal app then becomes an interruption, playing back at any moment of AI chatbot overuse. Installed on your personal computer, your face, your own words will appear as a reminder, a functioning artwork you built, periodically reconnecting you back with reality.

No previous artistic or programming experience required. Participants must bring their own Windows PC/laptop (not Mac) with Google Chrome Browser and their mobile phone.

SUPPORTED BY



All events are free | booking required

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

COMMUNITY

Take Me to the River is a collaborative, visual, and sensory response to the waterways and landscapes that shape our lives in County Meath. Inviting communities to explore their relationship with place, it acts as a catalyst for environmental awareness and meaningful public engagement through the arts. Bringing together multiple perspectives and creative disciplines, it explores the deep historical, cultural, ecological, and economic connections that bind us to our local environments. Dynamic partnerships and exchanges, combined with the power of artistic and cultural expression explore riverside habitats, landscapes, flora, and fauna, while supporting those taking positive, nature-based actions, advocating for the protection and restoration of our ecosystems and the strengthening of ecological resilience.

This site-specific programme of events for 2026 prompts reflection and learning through activities such as listening, drawing, foraging, and shared moments of river-life exploration. Encouraging us to slow down and observe, these experiences are enriched by conversations around sustainable cohabitation with nature and how communities and ecosystems can thrive together.

Take Me to the River 2026 Events

RIVER_SYSTEMS_MAGNIFY

Sat 16 May | Dalgan Park

ASSEMBLY_BREATH_RESONANCE

Sun 14 Jun | Teltown House

ANCIENT_RHYTHM_CONNECT

Sun 26 Jul | Girley Bog

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sun 23 Aug | Brú na Bóinne National Park

See our website for further details.



Free

Booking required

Sun 23 Aug | 11am – 4pm | All ages

PICNIC IN THE PARK AT BRÚ NA BÓINNE NATIONAL PARK

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

A day of hands-on exploration, community gathering and connection for all ages on this monumental Boyne Valley site, Picnic in the Park 2026 recognises nature as a living archive, containing stories of human relationships with the environment across generations. Celebrating interconnections between biodiversity, archaeology, and Irish culture, join traditional craftspeople, artists, ecologists, and local historians. Engage in seasonal customs, traditions, and art making, while experiencing our natural, built, and archaeological heritage linked to the River Boyne along its northern banks. Touring locations across the park, hear lived experiences and knowledge of this cultural landscape, engaging with shared histories to imagine environmental sustainability. Through interactive storytelling and making, participants will become Nature Guardians, exploring creativity, imagination, and our relationship with the natural world for future generations.

Taking place on Water Heritage Day, during National Heritage Week, Picnic in the Park offers space and time to learn, reflect, and be inspired. Forming part of Solstice Arts Centre's 20th birthday celebrations, collectively respond with care, and creativity, honouring the preservation of our new National Park and its exceptional cultural and historical significance.

Wed 6 May | 7:30pm | €8

A QUIET LOVE

FILM

A Quiet Love captures the remarkable love stories of three Deaf couples through Irish Sign Language: a decades-long forbidden romance across a religious divide, a same-sex couple navigating parenthood with Deaf and hearing children, and a Deaf boxer and his hearing partner facing a life-altering choice. Ireland's first feature film in Irish Sign Language, this is a cinematic celebration of resilience, connection, and enduring love.



Season Bundle

Irish Sign Language,
English (English subtitles)
| Ireland | 95mins |
2025 | Cert: 12A |
Dir: Garry Keane

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



Season Bundle

Wed 13 May | 7:30pm | €8

English | UK, USA |
125mins | 2025 | Cert: 12A
| Dir: Chloé Zhao

HAMNET

FILM

In late 16th-century England, Agnes (Oscar-winner Jessie Buckley), a healer sensitive to the world around her, builds a home with William (Paul Mescal), a local tutor and aspiring playwright. As their lives fracture, they are tested by distance, silence, and grief. From writer/director Chloé Zhao (Nomadland), Hamnet tells the powerful story of love and loss that inspired the creation of William Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece, Hamlet.

Wed 20 May | 7:30pm | €8

BLUE MOON

FILM

On the evening of March 31, 1943, legendary Broadway lyricist Lorenz Hart (Ethan Hawke) confronts his shattered self-confidence in Sardi's bar as his former collaborator Richard Rodgers (Andrew Scott) celebrates the opening night of his ground-breaking hit musical "Oklahoma!". Hawke re-teams with director, and his own longtime collaborator, Richard Linklater (Boyhood) to give a career defining performance as the sardonic and deeply sad Hart in this witty yet tender drama that recalls the glamour of golden-age Hollywood classics.



Season Bundle

English | USA, Ireland |
100mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A |
Dir: Richard Linklater

Thu 21 May | 7:30pm | Free, booking required

A DAY IN THE LIFE

FILM

Presented by HSE Soilse, A Day in the Life is a raw and unflinching documentary following a group of men and women as they stage an immersive play about overcoming their battles with addiction and fighting their way to recovery.



English | Ireland | 50mins
| 2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir:
Frankie King

Fri 22 May | 7:30pm | €8

THE SONG CYCLE + Q&A

FILM

In this documentary, veteran rocker Nick Kelly (The Fat Lady Sings) sets out to cycle from his home in Dublin to Glastonbury, carrying his guitar, tent, and all other necessities on his bicycle while playing shows in towns along the way. Initially inspired by environmental concerns, Kelly's journey turns out to be about other forms of sustainability too.



Season Bundle

English | Ireland | 85mins |
2024 | Cert: 12A | Dir: Nick
Kelly

This screening will be followed by a Q&A
with director/musician Nick Kelly.



Wed 27 May | 7:30pm | €8

IFI LOCAL FILMS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE: A MEATH MISCELLANY

FILM

IFI Local Films for Local People brings rarely seen archival films out of the vaults back to the counties where they were made. This delightfully varied programme includes a lavish US dramatisation of St. Patrick's trial at Tara; the All-Ireland Football Final from 1949 when Meath won a close victory over Cavan; a kaleidoscopic range of Butlins holiday makers captured by amateur and professional filmmakers; and stories from Gael Linn's Amharc Éireann newsreel (1956 – '64) – the opening of a bubble gum factory at Kílcock, new housing estates in Trim, masses on the Hill of Slane, and a Fleadh Rince at Oldcastle.

Season Bundle

English, Irish | Ireland |
70mins | Cert: CLUB | Dir:
Various



Wed 3 Jun | 7:30pm | €8

SAIPAN

FILM

Set during the lead up to the 2002 FIFA World Cup, experience the infamous confrontation between Irish captain Roy Keane (Éanna Hardwicke) and team manager Mick McCarthy (Steve Coogan) that ultimately led to Keane forfeiting his place in the squad at the team's preparation base in Saipan. Gripping the sporting world at the time, this tense and often hilarious account of one of football's most famous fallings-out asks one simple question: whose side are you on?

Season Bundle

English | Ireland, UK |
91mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A |
Dir: Lisa Barros D'Sa, Glenn
Leyburn



Wed 10 Jun | 7:30pm | €8

THE VOICE OF HIND RAJAB

FILM

In January 2024, Red Crescent volunteers received an emergency call. A 5-year-old girl was trapped in a car under fire in Gaza. Her name was Hind Rajab. Based on true events and making use of real emergency calls, director Kaouther Ben Hania crafts a devastating portrait of the dangerous rescue mission to save Hind's life.

Season Bundle

Arabic (English subtitles)
| Tunisia, France, USA |
89mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A |
Dir: Kaouther Ben Hania



Wed 24 Jun | 7:30pm | €8

NO OTHER CHOICE

FILM

Fired from his job of 25 years at a paper mill, Man-su vows to find himself new employment and restore the balance of his happy family life. But as financial burdens stack up and the job market in paper manufacturing shrinks, Man-su decides he must eliminate the competition – by any means necessary. Stylish and darkly funny, this thriller is a scathing satire of capitalism and the modern working world.

Season Bundle

Korean (English subtitles)
| South Korea, France |
139mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A |
Dir: Park Chan-wook



Wed 1 Jul | 7:30pm | €8

H IS FOR HAWK

FILM

Following the sudden death of her father (Brendan Gleeson), Helen (Claire Foy) loses herself in memories of their time birding and exploring the natural world together, and decides to adopt a wild goshawk named Mabel. But as she teaches Mabel to hunt and fly free, Helen discovers how deeply she has neglected her own life. What begins as an act of endurance transforms into an intimate journey of healing.

Season Bundle

English | UK, Singapore,
USA | 115mins | 2025 |
Cert: 12A | Dir: Philippa
Lowthorpe



Wed 8 Jul | 7:30pm | €8

MY FATHER'S SHADOW

FILM

Two young brothers explore Lagos with their estranged father during the 1993 Nigerian election crisis, witnessing both the city's magnitude and their father's daily struggles as political unrest threatens their journey home. A poetic, tender portrait of father-son bonds that reveals the profound depths of what families leave unspoken.

Season Bundle

English, Yoruba (English subtitles) | UK, Nigeria, Ireland | 94mins | 2025 | Cert: 12A | Dir: Akinola Davies Jr



Wed 15 Jul | 7:30pm | €8

THE SECRET AGENT

FILM

Brazil, 1977. On the run, Marcelo travels to Recife during Carnival to see his son but soon realizes the city is not the safe haven he was expecting. Winner of Best Director and Best Actor at Cannes Film Festival in 2025, The Secret Agent contrasts high-energy 70s conspiracy thriller paranoia against the sobering reality of Brazil's military dictatorship and how its effects still echo through to the modern day.

Season Bundle

Portuguese, German, English (English subtitles) | Brazil, France, Netherlands, Germany | 161mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Kleber Mendonça Filho



Wed 22 Jul | 7:30pm | €8

IF I HAD LEGS I'D KICK YOU

FILM

Psychotherapist Linda is stretched thin between needy clients, an absent husband, an increasingly hostile relationship with her own therapist, and caring for her sick daughter at all hours of the day. So, when her apartment is flooded, forcing her to move into a motel for the foreseeable future, she has far exceeded her breaking point. Rose Byrne gives a powerhouse performance as a woman whose life is crashing down around her in real-time.

Season Bundle

English | USA | 113mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Mary Bronstein

18-19



Wed 29 Jul | 7:30pm | €8

THE PRESIDENT'S CAKE

FILM

In 1990s Iraq, 9-year-old Lamia is chosen to bake a cake for her school classmates to celebrate Saddam Hussein's birthday. With little money to her name, she scrambles through the city streets to find ingredients for this compulsory task while facing potential punishment if she fails.

Season Bundle

Arabic (English subtitles) | Iraq, Qatar, USA | 105mins | 2025 | Cert: 12A | Dir: Hasan Hadi



Wed 5 Aug | 7:30pm | €8

THE LOVE THAT REMAINS

FILM

Anna and Magnús live with their three children and charismatic sheepdog in the quiet grandeur of the Icelandic countryside. Capturing a year in their life as fractures in their marriage come to the surface, the film follows the couple as they try to make sense of their life together, portraying the bittersweet essence of their shared memories through playful and heartfelt moments amidst the majestic backdrop of the changing seasons.

Season Bundle

Icelandic (English subtitles) | Iceland, Denmark, France, Finland, Sweden | 109mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Hlynur Pálmason



Wed 12 Aug | 7:30pm | €8

THE TESTAMENT OF ANN LEE

FILM

The extraordinary true legend of Ann Lee, founder of the devotional Christian sect known as the Shakers. Amanda Seyfried stars as the Shaker's irrepressible leader, who preached gender and social equality and was revered by her followers. The Testament of Ann Lee captures the ecstasy and agony of her quest to build a utopia, featuring more than a dozen traditional Shaker hymns reimagined as rapturous movements.

Season Bundle

English | UK, USA | 137mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Mona Fastvold



Mon 15 Jun | 7:30pm | €8

Season Bundle

English | USA | 114mins | 2025 | Cert: PG | Dir: Jon M. Chu

NAVAN PRIDE: WICKED FOR GOOD

FILM

The global cinematic sensation now reaches its epic, electrifying, emotional conclusion. As a young girl from Kansas crashes into their lives and sets in motion a story we know all too well, Elphaba, now the Wicked Witch of the West, and Glinda, who has become a glamorous symbol of “Goodness” under the rule of the Wizard, must come together one final time if they are really to change themselves, and all of Oz, for good.



Tue 16 Jun | 7:30pm | Free, booking required

NAVAN PRIDE: BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

TALK

Breaking Down Barriers returns to Solstice for a meaningful panel discussion on Living Authentically: Courage in Our Community. Featuring a variety of incredible guest speakers in the past, this year’s event promises to be no different.

This event is supported by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality through the LGBTIQ+ Community Services Fund 2025.

Wed 6 May & Wed 3 Jun | 11am | Free, booking required

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.



Sat 9 May | 5pm | €12 / €40 (family of 4)

PRAVAHAM: A TALE OF TWO TRADITIONS

DANCE

Experience the lyrical grace of Mohiniyattam in a unique performance that presents two celebrated styles of this classical dance form. Meaning “flow”, Pravaaham features two solo presentations by Kalamandalam Divya Sunilkumar and Parvathi Jayaram, each highlighting a distinct tradition. Divya’s performance will showcase the Kalamandalam style, renowned for its timeless and structured tradition. Parvathi will present the Padmashri Bharati Shivaji style, known for its musical approach inspired by the Sopanam style, reflecting the vision of the late Kavalam Narayana Panicker.





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 30 May | 7:30pm | €15

NAVAN ARCH 40TH ANNIVERSARY VARIETY SHOW

VARIETY

Navan Arch celebrate their 40th anniversary with the return of their much-loved variety show. More than 70 of their members will take to the stage to showcase incredible talents in dancing, singing, and acting. A vibrant social and sports club for people with intellectual disabilities, Navan Arch's shows have brought joyful tears and lifted countless hearts over the years — and this year will be no exception.



Thu 2 Jul | 7:30pm | €20

JAMES JOYCE'S DUBLINERS: COUNTERPARTS & A LITTLE CLOUD

THEATRE

Adapting Joyce's short stories to the stage, these two plays from Volta Theatre Company are vivid 'slices of life' of early 20th century Dublin. In *Counterparts*, an ungainly, bad-tempered law clerk is determined to have a heavy night's drinking. In *A Little Cloud*, a sensitive soul is embittered by a meeting with an old university friend back from London. Performed by actors Jim Roche and Liam Hourican and featuring live period music, these stories are at once funny and tragic, relatable and disturbing, and populated with an array of colourful characters. An exquisite, intimate study of Joyce's Dublin and its lives of quiet desperation.

Fri 21 & Sat 22 Aug | 7:30pm | €20 / €75 (family of 4)



ST. MARY'S MUSICAL SOCIETY: RIVALS CABARET

THEATRE

St. Mary's Musical Society present *Rivals*, a cabaret featuring duets, dance offs, and the very best of frenemies from the world of musical theatre.



Fri 8 May | 8pm | €25 / €15

THE IRISH GUITAR QUARTET

MUSIC

Comprised of Ireland's most talented and versatile classical guitarists, Jerry Creedon, David Keating, and Aengus Kirakowski are joined by new member Redmond O'Toole on the 8-string Brahms guitar in a great programme of music for 4 guitars. Having garnered international acclaim as soloists, The Irish Guitar Quartet is one of Ireland's premier instrumental ensembles. Their programme of Latin, Far East, Folk, and American Classics transports listeners around the world in a single concert experience.



Fri 15 May | 8pm | €30

THE HIGHWAYMEN REINCARNATED

MUSIC

The Highwaymen Reincarnated is a powerful tribute to country legends Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, and Kris Kristofferson. Featuring a stellar nine-piece Irish band, cinematic visuals, and explosive lighting, this two-and-a-half-hour show brings the outlaw country era to life. With standout performances by Micheál McGarry, Mike Mack, Aiden McCluskey, and David Cassidy, backed by some of Ireland's finest musicians, it's a must-see celebration of the supergroup's greatest hits.



Sat 16 May | 8pm | €28

CELINE BYRNE: SONGS OF INSPIRATION & HOPE

MUSIC

Performing in Solstice for the first time, Celine will be accompanied by David Munro on piano, Nicole Hudson on violin, and Siobhán Lynch on cello, performing popular songs from stage and screen for one night only. Songs include "Climb Every Mountain", "I'll Walk with God", Bette Midler's "The Rose", "O Mio Babbino Caro", and "Dream the Impossible Dream", to name but a few.



Fri 5 Jun | 8pm | €30 / €27

LESLIE & FLO: NATURAL WOMEN

MUSIC

After decades of friendship, eighties rock icons Leslie Dowdall and Flo McSweeney are finally sharing the stage for the first time with their new show Natural Women. Backed by an all-star band, this uplifting performance pays homage to two of music's greatest female voices Linda Ronstadt and Carole King. Expect unforgettable classics such as *Up on the Roof*, *You're No Good*, *I Feel the Earth Move* and *It's Too Late*.



Sat 6 Jun | 8pm | €30

LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY

MUSIC

The hit show returns for another boot-stomping, heart-thumping journey through country music. Showcasing highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, and Kenny Rogers alongside new tributes to icons Shania Twain, Garth Brooks, new kid on the block Luke Combs, and many more! Don't miss this must-see musical extravaganza.



Sat 20 Jun | 7:30pm | €22.50

NAVAN COMMUNITY SINGERS: JUST SING

MUSIC

Join Navan Community Singers and friends as they celebrate their landmark 10th Anniversary with a concert extravaganza, featuring a selection of favourites from their extensive repertoire.

Sat 2 May, 6:30pm | Sun 3 May, 12:30pm & 6:30pm | €16 / €14 / €55 (family of 4)

NAVAN SCHOOL OF BALLET: SLEEPING BEAUTY

BALLET

Step into an enchanted world where fairies bless a newborn princess, a wicked curse threatens her future, and the power of true love awakens hope. Navan School of Ballet's production of Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty brings this timeless tale to life with sweeping music, vibrant characters, wonderful costumes, and unforgettable storytelling.



Join us for a performance filled with wonder, beauty, and the joy of live theatre as students showcase their talent in this classic fairy tale masterpiece.



Sun 7 Jun | 2pm | €14 / €12 (under 12) / €50 (family of 4)

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.



Sat 13 & Sun 14 Jun | 1:30pm & 6:30pm | €17 / €15

ELITE: ALL THAT JAZZ

FAMILY

ELITE School of Performing Arts present their annual end of year show featuring segments from the musicals Chicago, Aladdin, Dear Evan Hansen, and songs from Disney's Descendants movies. This is a family friendly show packed with entertainment for everyone!



Wed 17 & Thu 18 Jun | 7:30pm | €10

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT NS: ROCK BOTTOM

MUSICAL

Rock Bottom is the prehistorical, hysterical rock musical following ordinary Stone Age family The Cobblestones. When cave boy inventor Bobby Cobblestone hatches his first great idea and is whisked away to work for the beautiful Lady Lava, he soon discovers she hides a dark secret that will shake Rock Bottom to its foundations. Experience terrific toe-tapping songs to get you rocking like a rolling stone and a puntastic script as sharp as a flint brought to you by the sixth-class students of St Oliver Plunkett Primary School.



Sun 21 Jun | 11am, 2pm & 5pm | €16 / €56 (family of 4)

FITKID SHOWCASE

FAMILY

Impulse Gymnastics present their talented athletes from the age of five all the way to competition level. This exciting event celebrates the beauty of dance, acrobatics, and gymnastics, and the audience will also have the chance to enjoy special performances by European Champions. Support these amazing local gymnasts as they showcase their talent, dedication, and passion on stage.

Mon 6 – Fri 10 Jul | Camp 1: €40/€35 for 2nd sibling | Camps 2-4: €70/€65 for 2nd sibling

NAVAN SCHOOL OF BALLET SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP

Navan School of Ballet Summer Camp has been designed to inspire budding ballerinas of all ages. It includes preparing choreography and working on a performance for parents at the end of the week, designing sets, choosing costumes, and more. Each year the camp gets more and more popular, so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment!



CAMP 1

Ages 3 – 4 years, 9:45am – 10:45am daily

CAMP 2

Ages 5 – 8 years, 11am – 1pm daily

CAMP 3

Ages 9 – 12 years, 11:05am – 1pm daily

CAMP 4

Over 12 years (must have ballet experience), 2pm – 4pm daily

Adults/students

Starting from September | See website for further details

LIFE DRAWING IN THE GALLERY

These self-guided, 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. Not suitable for beginners. Participants are asked to bring their own drawing materials of choice. Chairs, drawing boards and light refreshments will be provided.

€54 (block of 6)
€10 per class

Wednesdays | 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.

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.

Booking: [Pure Imagination Drama@gmail.com](mailto:PureImaginationDrama@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.

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.

Solstice Gallery reopens on Friday 20 June for the launch of The Future is Open. See page 6.

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.

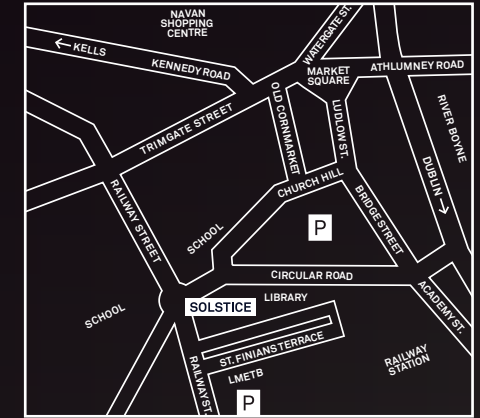
The auditorium has six wheelchair spaces in row X, which is level access from the foyer. Backstage is also fully accessible for performers with accessibility requirements.

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

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.



Stay in Touch

For the latest news, updates and new event announcements, sign up to our email list and follow us on social media @solsticearts

Contact Us

Meath Arts Centre Company DAC Ltd. trading as Solstice Arts Centre.

Railway St, Navan, Meath, Ireland, C15 KWP1

Registered in Ireland No. 387393 Charity No. CHY 97588

Supported by

