

CELEBRATING
20 YEARS
2006 – 2026

SOLSTICE ARTS CENTRE

Programme of Events

09-12
2026

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All are welcome

No booking required

Sat 12 Sep – Sat 24 Oct

THE FIRST FRONTIER WAS THE HORIZON

Rachel Clarke, Kevin Cosgrove, Paul Gaffney, Aileen Hamilton, Penelope Lacey Monaghan, Ben McCabe, Jennifer O' Brien, Lesley Ann O' Connell, Abigail O' Connell, Carol O' Connor, William O' Neill, Eileen O' Sullivan, Hazel O' Sullivan, Annabel Potterton, Joanne Reid, Mette Sofie Roche, Annette Smyth, Charles Tyrrell, Suella Wynne

This group exhibition, as part of the 20th anniversary celebrations of Solstice Arts Centre, highlights the work of many emerging and established contemporary artists originating from County Meath. Each artist has a previous connection to Solstice Arts Centre, and this exhibition demonstrates the multi-disciplinary practices emerging from the region, reflecting the breadth of visual inquiry through a selection of painting, photography and sculptural installation.

Fri 18 Sept, 6pm | All are welcome, no booking required

CULTURE NIGHT 2026: EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Join us for the launch of The First Frontier Was the Horizon as part of Culture Night 2026 celebrations at Solstice Arts Centre. With many of the artists in attendance, this is the perfect time to connect with others and learn more about the exhibiting works.

Visit www.solsticeartscentre.ie to see everything happening at Solstice for Culture Night 2026.



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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. 8

Sensory Connections – for children & adult groups with additional needs

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

Creative Corner – for families

Saturdays throughout exhibitions, 11am – 1pm, free, no booking required, 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

Landscape Painting & Urban Plein Air with Annette Smyth – workshops for adults

Sat 12 & Sat 19 Sep, 10am (240mins), €60 (2 days), more on pg. 10

Invisible Hands with Eileen O'Sullivan – Primary 2nd - 6th class workshops

Thu 1 Oct, 9:30am & 11:30am (90mins), free, booking required, more on pg. 11

In conversation with exhibiting artists Kevin Cosgrove, Charles Tyrrell and William O' Neill to discuss their practices and work in the exhibition

Moderated by Ruth Hogan, Visual Arts Curator, Solstice Arts Centre, Sat 10 Oct, 1pm, free

The Banal & Spectacular with Jennifer O'Brien – Post-primary students | Public

Thu 15 Oct, 11am (90mins), free, booking required, more on pg. 11

For further details & booking please visit our website.



Opening reception
& announcement of
awardees: Sat 14 Nov,
2:30pm

All are welcome, no
booking required

Sat 14 Nov – Sat 19 Dec

SURVEYOR 2026

Curated by Darragh Hogan

Inviting artists living in or from County Meath to submit works of all disciplines, Solstice Arts Centre is delighted to announce the fifteenth SURVEYOR open exhibition. Supporting, valuing and encouraging Meath artists in the development of their practices and creative careers, the exhibition presents an overview of contemporary visual arts practice throughout the county.

This year we are delighted to announce the work will be selected by Darragh Hogan, Director at Kerlin Gallery, Dublin.

For its 20th year, Solstice is pleased to announce the continuation of three awards:

- Solstice Visual Arts Award to the value of €2000 for a work of distinction in any medium.
- Meath County Council Arts Office 'Going Solo Award 2026' to the value of €2000.
- Newgrange Gold Award to the value of €1000, presented to an outstanding work demonstrating a connection to the natural environment.

The winners of these awards will be announced at the opening of the exhibition on Sat 14 November at 2:30pm.

CALL OUT FOR SUBMISSIONS

Online submissions open:

Mon 28 September, 10am

Online submission deadline:

Fri 16 October, 5pm

Drop off date to Solstice for adjudication of artwork:

Sat 31 Oct, between 11am – 4pm

Collection of unselected artworks:

Sat 7 Nov, between 11am – 4pm

Please visit www.solsticeartscentre.ie to submit and for further details.

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



Throughout visual art exhibitions | 11am (60mins)

GROUP 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

Free

Booking required

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 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.

8–9



All age groups with additional needs

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



No booking required

For families



Free

Booking required

Last Friday of every month during exhibitions | 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. 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

Sat12&Sat19Sept | 10am(240minseach) | €60(2days)

LANDSCAPE PAINTING & URBAN PLEIN AIR WITH ANNETTE SMYTH WORKSHOP

Over two days exhibiting artist Annette Smyth guides two workshops on indoor and plein air landscape painting. The first workshop includes a tour of the exhibition *The First Frontier Was the Horizon* followed by practical demonstrations on image composition, colour theory, and paint application before participants create an acrylic painting from a projected image. In the second workshop Annette will demonstrate her use of a viewfinder to select a scene for painting before moving outdoors with participants, who will choose their own location to paint under Annette's guidance.



Suitable for adult beginners & advanced painters

Mon21Sep | 3pm-4pm

TENDING – GROWING CONNECTIONS: SENSORY ART & GARDENING EXHIBITION

Celebrate *The Studio*, an artist-led project with residents and staff at Beaufort House in Navan. Facilitated by artist Penelope Lacey, explore an exhibition of nature inspired artworks created over the last six months, see a film capturing the essence of the project, and enjoy seasonal refreshments and treats grown by residents as part of the project.

Taking place on World Alzheimer's Day, this event will be accompanied by a free screening of award-winning documentary *Don't Forget to Remember* in the evening. See page 13 for more.

Supported by Solstice Arts Centre, Meath County Council's Creative Ireland programme, and Beaufort House.



Free

All welcome



Thu 10 Oct | 9:30am & 11:30am (90mins)

INVISIBLE HANDS WITH EILEEN O'SULLIVAN WORKSHOP

When we look at an artwork, do we think about the gestures and actions of the artists in its working?

Join artist Eileen O'Sullivan to investigate her artwork in our exhibition *The First Frontier Was the Horizon*. By looking and responding, reveal realistic imagery amongst vibrant abstract colours and shapes created in paint and stitch. Celebrating the 'power of the handmade', pupils will experience drawing, colour and 3-dimensional collage to create works from everyday items. Through imagination and the act-of-making, they will elevate domestic objects into personalised works of art.

Free

Booking required

For primary
school groups,
2nd – 6th class

Thu 15 Oct | 11am (90mins)

THE BANAL & SPECTACULAR WITH JENNIFER O'BRIEN

ARTIST TALK & WORKSHOP

Join exhibiting, local artist Jennifer O'Brien in the gallery for a performative talk and hands-on activity tracing the material and architectural influence of Navan on her practice. Following the talk, attendees are invited to respond to their immediate surroundings using imagery and writing, creating a postcard to reflect on lived experiences of Navan's historical and contemporary built environment. Open to the public and post-primary groups, this talk supports students completing their Junior and Senior Cycle Visual Art studies, in particular Content Area 3: Today's World.



Free

Booking required

For Public & Post-
primary school groups

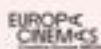
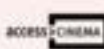
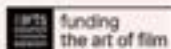
FILM AT SOLSTICE

Our latest Film at Solstice programme continues our mission to bring some of the most highly acclaimed, recent film releases from around the world right to the heart of County Meath. With films from Ireland, France, Spain, Greece, Italy, Denmark, North America and the UK, this is a curated list of interesting, thought-provoking features.

Accompanying this latest season at Solstice is the launch of Film at Swift, a new dedicated film programme from our Trim-based sister venue, Swift Cultural Centre. Flip over to the Swift side of this brochure to find a whole different slate of new releases as well as family and classic film screenings.

FILM AT SOLSTICE: SEPT – NOV 2026 FILM BUNDLES

Book 4 or more films from our Wednesday night screenings and get tickets for just €6.50 each! Available when booking in-person, over the phone at 046 909 2300, or on our website at www.solsticeartscentre.ie



Film Bundle

English | UK | 100mins |
2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir:
Steven Soderbergh

Wed 9 Sep | 7:30pm | €8/€6.50 (film bundle)

THE CHRISTOPHERS

FILM

Withering art world star Julian Sklar (Ian McKellan) has drifted into seclusion when his estranged children hire Lori (Michaela Coel) to pose as his new assistant to gain access to The Christophers: a series of long abandoned paintings buried in Julian's attic. The plan? Have talented forger Lori finish the paintings behind Julian's back and sell them off when he dies. This biting, comedic two-hander is a uniquely subversive anti-heist film.



Film Bundle

Italian (with English subtitles) | Italy | 110mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Damiano Michieletto

Wed16Sep | 7:30pm | €8 / €6.50 (film bundle)

PRIMAVERA

FILM

Cecilia, a talented violinist, has spent most of her life

confined by the walls of an orphanage in 18th century Venice when she suddenly meets legendary composer Antonio Vivaldi, who takes her under his mentorship and gives her a chance to live the life she has dreamed of. This is a vividly imagined story behind some of history's most famous music and its composer.



English | Ireland | 77mins | 2024 | Cert: PG | Dir: Ross Killeen

Mon21Sep | 7:30pm | Free, booking required

DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER + Q&A

FILM

Celebrating World Alzheimer's Month, we are hosting a free screening of 'Don't Forget to Remember', an artist's exploration of the fragility of memory, and the lived experience of his mother's advancing Alzheimers; that also celebrates a family's life lived together.

Visit the exhibition 'Tending' (see pg. 10) in our studio space before the film, an artist-led project with residents and staff at Beaufort House, Navan

This screening is followed by a short Q&A with the artist, Asbestos and film director Ross Killeen. This discussion will be facilitated by Matthew Gibb, Director of the Dementia Services Information and Development Centre in St. James, and Chair of the Dementia: Understand Together working group.



Film Bundle

Greek (with English subtitles) | Greece | 96mins | 2025 | Cert: 12A | Dir: György Pálfi

Wed23Sep | 7:30pm | €8 / €6.50 (film bundle)

HEN

FILM

Told entirely from the perspective of its avian protagonist, this is an utterly unique drama following a hen as she escapes from an industrial chicken farm in Greece and ventures out into the world. When she eventually ends up captive once again in a crumbling seaside restaurant, the way in which her life mirrors the complex human lives around her reveals itself as she observes the actual, shady dealings being run out of the restaurant.



Wed30Sep | 7:30pm | €8/€6.50(film bundle)

FAMILIAR TOUCH

FILM

A coming-of-old-age feature following retired cook Ruth, Familiar Touch is a compassionate, inward look at one woman's transition into assisted living. Mistaking her son for a suitor when he arrives to dine with her one day, Ruth's 'date' takes her to a new home she forgot ever agreeing to live in. Initially lost and adrift, she soon finds warmth in the people around her, grounding her body in new ways as her mind embarks on its own journey.

Film Bundle

English | USA | 92mins |
2024 | Cert: CLUB | Dir:
Sarah Friedland



Wed7Oct | 7:30pm | €8 / €6.50 (film bundle)

NINO

FILM

On the eve of his 29th birthday, the quiet and introspective Nino is blindsided by a throat cancer diagnosis. Scheduled to begin chemotherapy the following Monday, the intervening three days see Nino journey throughout Paris as he runs into friends both old and new, seemingly unable to open up about his news. Through an impressively subdued central performance from Théodore Pellerin, what emerges is a story of personal revelation and determination to live.

Film Bundle

French (with English
subtitles) | France | 97mins |
2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir:
Pauline Lequès



Wed 14 Oct | 7:30pm | €8/€6.50 (film bundle)

BLUE HERON

FILM

In the late 1990s, eight-year-old Sasha and her Hungarian immigrant family relocate to a new home on Vancouver Island, Canada, but their fresh start is interrupted by the increasingly erratic behaviour of her older brother, Jeremy. At wit's end, her parents are presented with a shattering choice. Already one of the year's most acclaimed films, *Blue Heron* is a deeply personal portrait of childhood memory from debut filmmaker Sophy Romvari; a profound and lyrical testament to the things we carry with us into adulthood, and the things we can't.

Film Bundle

English, Hungarian (with English subtitles) | Canada | 91mins | 2025 | Cert: CLUB | Dir: Sophy Romvari



Film Bundle

French (with English subtitles) | France | 104mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Rebecca Zlotowski

Wed 21 Oct | 7:30pm | €8/€6.50 (film bundle)

A PRIVATE LIFE

FILM

When renowned psychiatrist Lilian Steiner learns of the death of one of her patients, she is deeply troubled. Convinced that it was murder, she decides to investigate. Starring Jodie Foster speaking fluent French as an American psychiatrist living in Paris, *A Private Life* is equal parts humorous, playful, and thrilling, with Foster's captivating presence shining through at every moment.

Also screening at Swift Cultural Centre on Tue 20 October. Flip over to Swift pg. 7 for more.



Film Bundle

Danish (with English subtitles) | Denmark | 116mins | 2025 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Anders Thomas Jensen

Wed28Oct | 7:30pm | €8/€6.50(film bundle)

THE LAST VIKING

FILM

Anker (Nikolaj Lie Kaas) is released from prison following a fifteen-year sentence for robbery. His brother, Manfred (Mads Mikkelsen), buried the money in the woods. The only issue is, Manfred now suffers from a dissociative disorder and believes he is John Lennon. With John unable to remember where Manfred buried the money, the two brothers embark on an unexpected journey to find their riches in this pitch-black comedy about discovering who you really are.



Film Bundle

Spanish (with English subtitles) | Spain | 111mins | 2026 | Cert: 15A | Dir: Pedro Almodóvar

Wed4Nov | 7:30pm | €8/€6.50(film bundle)

BITTER CHRISTMAS

FILM

Two alternating stories. One stars Elsa, an advertisement director contending with intense migraines and the recent passing of her mother over a long December holiday in 2004. The other stars Raúl, a filmmaker in 2026, writing a screenplay about Elsa that increasingly mirrors events in his own life. This latest film from legendary Spanish director Almodóvar is an insightful look into how loved ones can affect the stories we create, and how the stories can affect them right back.



Film Bundle

English | UK, USA | 100mins | 2026 | Cert: 12A | Dir: Anthony Maras

Wed18Nov | 7:30pm | €8 / €6.50 (film bundle)

PRESSURE

FILM

In the 72 hours before D-Day, and with the fate of the Allied powers hanging in the balance, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and meteorologist James Stagg face an impossible choice – launch the largest and most dangerous seaborne invasion in history, or risk losing the war altogether. This tense drama is a fresh take on one of history's most dramatized days with a thrilling performance from Andrew Scott as the meteorologist who helped win the war.

Sat 5 Sep | See the full list of events on our website

MEATH MOVE GATHERING 2026

DANCE

A vibrant day-long celebration of dance for all ages and abilities! Curated by SAY Collective, this year's gathering invites the local community to explore the world of dance through a variety of experiences, from interactive classes and family-friendly activities to inspiring performances from emerging and established dance artists. Whether you're looking to get moving, watch, or simply be part of something new, there's something for everyone.

The day will culminate in a double bill of two shows. The first, Migration, is a showcase of three dance performances from artists of various backgrounds focusing on themes of immigrating to and emigrating from Ireland. This will be followed by a lively performance of The Shake, an internationally acclaimed immersive dance piece that is an opportunity to connect, celebrate creativity, and experience the power of movement in a way that's open to all.

Don't miss out on this year's chapter of a growing arts network in Meath.

Meath Move Gathering is funded by the Arts Council in partnership with Solstice Arts Centre.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Peekaboo

A new dance theatre production for babies | 10.30 am & 1:30pm | €5 per child | Ideal for ages 1-2

Introduction to Floorwork

Dance workshop with Aneta Dortová | 12pm | €15 | 13+

ROLLING!

An outdoor dance concert for all | 1pm & 3pm | Free | All ages

Scéalta sa Ghluaisne: Stories in Motion

Dance workshop with Siorai Motion Dance Collective | 1:30pm | €15 | 16+

Migration

Three dance performances featuring Aneta Dortová, Siorai Motion Dance Collective, and SAY Collective | 7pm | €20 (incl. The Shake) | All ages

The Shake

A participatory dance show connecting you to your body | 8:30pm | €20 (incl. Migration) | All ages

Visit www.solsticeartscentre.ie for more information on each of the events.





Thu 10 Sep | 7:30pm | €60 | Newgrange Hotel, Navan

SHEER LUCK HOLMES: THE CASE OF THE FLOATING FIANCÉE COMEDY

Get ready for a laugh out loud Murder Mystery Dinner Show as you join Holmes, Watson, and Mrs. Hudson as they re-enact their latest mind-boggling case. With hilarious characters, deadly twists, dastardly turns, and a three-course meal that's simply to DIE for! A hilarious night from the team behind 'Faulty Towers – The Dining Experience'.

Sat 12 Sep | 8pm | €22 / €20

TO HELL IN A HANDBAG: THE SECRET LIVES OF CANON CHASUBLE & MISS PRISM

THEATRE

Returning for a 10th anniversary tour after selling out previous runs in Ireland & the UK, To Hell in a Handbag from writers/performers Helen Norton and Jonathan White is a subversively funny take on Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. This is the play behind the play: a tale of blackmail, embezzlement and false identity. "Wickedly, side-splittingly funny" (Sunday Independent).



Fri 16 Oct | 8pm | €19 / €17

QUINTESSENCE THEATRE: SOME OF OUR CHILDREN THEATRE

Quintessence Theatre follow their national tours of *Cracks*, *The Curious Case of Albert Cashier* and *Belfast Girls* with this powerful portrayal of a child's life in the Irish foster care system. Inspired by real stories, Quintessence use their innovative physical ensemble storytelling techniques to explore the lived experience of children-in-care in Ireland in this compelling and often comedic drama.





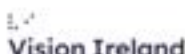
Sat31Oct | 7pm | €14/€12

SIGHTLESS CINEMA: LOST AND FOUND THEATRE

A new programme of immersive, surround-sound audio shorts mixing comedy, drama, and music in some unexpected stories about sight loss. 'Split Time' is a drama about a blind runner who fractures more than his ankle; 'Cuckoo's Lane' is a housing crisis comedy featuring a misplaced modular home and a John Deere tractor; and 'Red Boots' is a first for Sightless Cinema – a musical story following a woman who bumps into an old school-sweetheart in the park – featuring

music by Alan Carmody. The evening will also feature some surprise new audio dramas performed live by Sightless Cinema Meath. 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 Meath Creative Ireland in partnership with Solstice Arts Centre and Vision Ireland.



Sun1Nov | 8pm | €30

DEIRDRE O'KANE: ALL THE RAGE COMEDY

Deirdre O'Kane grabs the zeitgeist once again with a brand-new show in an off-kilter world. She contrasts everyday domestic failures with bigger moments of historical injustice, while taking aim at the tragedies of heartbreak and getting Christmas all wrong. No one is safe from O'Kane's mischievous eye as she turns absurdity and outrage into brilliantly observed and hilarious stand-up.



Tue10&Wed11Nov | 7pm | €16/€14(under18)

COLÁ ISTE RÍOGA: CINDERELLA OF ROYAL MEATH

PANTOMIME

A brand-new pantomime set in the heart of the Royal County. Packed with comedy, live music, and audience participation, the show follows Ella, a kind-hearted young woman trapped under the rule of her outrageous stepmother, Lady Griselda, and her hilariously over-the-top stepsisters, Britney Brunch and Ariana Grande-Latte. Will she find the courage to attend Prince Cormac's royal ball at Trim Castle?



Sat14Nov | 6pm | €20/€35(VIP)

ONCE UPON A TIME: A TRIBUTE TO PRINCESSES EVERYWHERE

FAMILY

Join your fairytale favourites as they find themselves in the midst of a wicked fairy's spell. Can you help them find their "Happily Ever After?" Featuring 8 princesses and one very wicked fairy, this show has interactive storytelling, singalongs to beloved princess classics, and maybe even a bit of snow! Dress in your finest royal regalia and meet the characters after the show.



Tue24-Sat28Nov | 7:30pm | €22

NAVAN THEATRE GROUP: THE FIELD BY JOHN B. KEANE

THEATRE

Bull McCabe, a farmer with a fierce attachment to a field he has spent years cultivating, is challenged when his land comes up for auction. What follows is a gripping drama exploring themes of pride and the devastating consequences of unchecked ambition. Combining unforgettable characters, sharp humour, and intense emotion, don't miss this production of what is regarded as one of Irish theatre's greatest works.

Thu 3 – Sun 6 Dec & Thu 10 – Sun 13 Dec

ST. MARY'S MUSICAL SOCIETY: ROBIN HOOD – THE PANTO

PANTOMIME

Step into the heart of the Enchanted Forest this winter with Robin Hood, the rip roaring panto adventure! Join the heroic outlaw as he battles the wicked Sheriff, outsmarts every foe, and proves that courage, friendship, and a dash of cheeky charm can save the day. Packed with laughter, wonder, and plenty of merry mischief, Robin Hood is a festive treat for all ages.



€23.50 / €85 (family of 4)

Thu-Sat & 1st Sun: 7:30pm |
Matinees Sat & Sun: 2:30pm

Sun 6 Dec | 7:30pm | €70 | Newgrange Hotel, Navan

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!



Show + 3-course meal

Also performing at Trim Castle Hotel, Trim, on Sun 29 November. Flip over to Swift pg. 20 for more.

Fri 18 & Sat 19 Dec | 7:30pm

BALLET IRELAND: ROMEO & JULIET

BALLET

Against a backdrop of ancient feuds and gang warfare, two souls dare to love. Inspired by Shakespeare's legendary tale of star-crossed lovers, Romeo & Juliet is a gripping story of passion, defiance, and fate. Set to Prokofiev's powerful score, this stunning production blends exquisite choreography with raw emotion, sweeping you into a story of desire, danger, and heartbreak.



€33 / €30 / €88 (family of 4) /
€16 (under 16)

Fri 11 Sep | 8pm | €30

VOICES OF MEATH – SOLSTICE AT 20 MUSIC

Join us as we celebrate 20 years of the Solstice Arts Centre with a special evening dedicated to the rich musical talent of Meath.



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20 YEARS
2006 – 2026

Featuring a fantastic lineup including Willie Byrne, Jennifer Leahy, Amy Penston, Pat Goldrick, Caithriona Madden, Megan Walsh, St Marys Musical Society and more special guests. Music accompanied by Mark Cahill and his band, this promises to be a vibrant and uplifting celebration of music in all its forms. From traditional and folk roots to contemporary sounds, the evening will reflect the unique cultural heartbeat of the region.

Whether you're a long-time supporter of local music or discovering these artists for the first time, come and be part of a truly special occasion as we mark this milestone birthday in style.





Fri 2 Oct | 7:30pm | €35 / €32

IRISH NATIONAL OPERA GALA CELEBRATION – SOLSTICE AT 20

MUSIC

Marking the 20th anniversary of Solstice Arts Centre, Irish National Opera presents a gala concert celebrating the beauty and drama of opera. Acclaimed soprano Claudia Boyle and baritone Séan Boylan are joined by four rising artists from Irish National Opera's Studio, performing with the INO Orchestra.

The programme brings together some of the most celebrated arias and duets from across the operatic repertoire, showcasing both the brilliance of internationally recognised performers and the promise of outstanding emerging Irish voices. With the full richness of orchestral accompaniment, this special concert promises a spectacular and fitting highlight of Solstice's anniversary celebrations. Irish National Opera joins Solstice Arts Centre on this milestone occasion, marking a valued partnership that has brought opera to Navan since the company's founding in 2018.



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Sat26Sep | 8pm | €32

EDDI READER & ALAN KELLY GANG

MUSIC

Scotland's internationally acclaimed and mesmerizing songstress, Eddi Reader (of Fairground Attraction fame), joins Ireland's piano accordion maestro, Alan Kelly, and his gang of acclaimed musicians for a night of stunning traditional music. Brimming with powerful instrumentals, captivating songs and buoyant harmonies, this is a fluid union of Irish and Scottish traditions from a collective of true masters, friends, and long-time collaborators.



Sat30Oct | 8pm | €30

LET IT BE – THE MUSIC OF THE BEATLES

MUSIC

Step back in time and experience the unforgettable soundtrack of a generation in this live celebration of one of the world's most iconic band. Featuring soaring harmonies, authentic performances, and timeless hits, join some of Ireland's top musicians, including Liverpool-born Jake Carter, for this spectacular show which brings the magic of The Beatles' music to life on stage.



Sat10Oct | 8pm | €26.50

THE MUDDY RIVER BAND: SONGS OF BOB DYLAN, NEIL YOUNG, AND VAN MORRISON

MUSIC

Three of music's greatest legends; Neil Young, Bob Dylan and Van Morrison, performed by the fantastic Muddy River Band. This talented group of musicians bring to life the unforgettable melodies, poignant lyrics, and electrifying performances that have echoed through the lives of music lovers. Whether you're a lifelong fan or discovering these legends for the first time, this show will leave you inspired and longing for more.



Thu15Oct | 8pm | €25

TOLÜ MAKAY: PEOPLE STILL CRY IN SUMMER

MUSIC

Breaking out with her viral cover of The Saw Doctors' N17 in 2021 and recently a finalist on Dancing with the Stars Ireland, Tolü Makay has been celebrated across Europe for her emotionally charged, deeply felt performances. Playing songs from her new EP, People Still Cry in Summer, plus much more, this Nigerian-Irish alternative pop & soul artist will wow you with her commanding voice.

Sat 17 Oct | 8pm | SOLD OUT

RALPH MCTELL: SOMEWHERE DOWN THE ROAD

MUSIC

A true icon of the folk world, Ralph McTell brings more than five decades of timeless songwriting to Solstice for his final national tour, a landmark moment in an extraordinary career. Coinciding with the release of a special new album, *The Timedrift of the Road*, which features his songs with Irish connections reinterpreted by his favourite Irish artists, this farewell tour is a rare chance to experience a master songwriter celebrating a lifetime of music.



Sun 18 Oct | 8pm | €30

LEGENDS OF THE 60S SHOW

MUSIC

Following a sellout debut tour with nightly standing ovations and rave reviews, join an all-star cast of musicians plus singers Stephen, Raymond, and Chris for this ultimate feelgood show. Performing high quality tributes to icons like Elvis, The Beatles, The Monkeys, The Rolling Stones, Roy Orbison, Tom Jones, and much more.





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Fri 23 Oct | 8pm | €25

ATLANTIC BREATH: ANAM TRADISIÚIN Ó MHÍ GO GALICIA – SOLSTICE AT 20

MUSIC

From the rolling hills of Meath to the rugged shores of Galicia, the Atlantic whispers, carrying melodies across the sea. Atlantic Breath is a celebration of that shared spirit – weaving together the timeless music traditions of Ireland and Galicia.

This performance will feature the extraordinary Anxo Lorenzo (gaita) & Ensemble from Galicia, alongside outstanding Irish musicians Eanna Ó Cróinín (uilleann pipes), Cormac McCarthy (piano), Iarla Ó Lionáird (sean-nós), Mícheál Ó Raghallaigh (concertina), An Chéad Ghlúin Eile (sean-nós), and additional guests. Audiences can expect an immersive journey through haunting melodies, rhythmic dances, and the vibrant interplay of instruments that highlight both the distinctiveness and the commonalities of these two rich musical traditions.

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Sat 24 Oct | 8pm | €28

THE ENNIO MORRICONE EXPERIENCE

MUSIC

The Ennio Morricone Experience return with a new show which includes all your favourite film scores and new repertoire, including music from *The Thing*, *A Fistful of Dynamite*, *The Exorcist II*, *La Califa*, *My Name is Nobody* and more. The ensemble comprises a line-up of acclaimed solo international artists: Katy Kelly, Annalisa Monticelli, Francesca De Nardi, Davide Forti, and guests.



Fri 6 Nov | 8pm | €30

ROTARY CLUB: ABBAESQUE

MUSIC

Get ready for a spectacular night out – The Rotary Club of Navan is thrilled to present ABBAESQUE, live for their annual fundraising Theatre Night! Sing along, dance in your seat, and relive the magic of ABBA while supporting the Rotary Club's local charitable projects.



Sat 7 Nov | 8pm | €22 / €20

TENDERNESS AND TURMOIL – PIROSMANI QUARTET

MUSIC

Acclaimed Cork violinist Mairéad Hickey brings together colleagues William Hagen (violin), Natanael Ferreira (viola), and Oleksey Shadrin (cello) for a new tour by the Pirosmani Quartet. The repertoire for this tour includes Schumann's vividly expressive String Quartet in F major Op.41 No.2, Schubert's emotionally extreme String Quartet in G major D.887, and a new quartet from Galway-based composer Jane O'Leary written specifically for Pirosmani.

The Pirosmani Quartet is presented in partnership with MTU Cork School of Music.

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Sun 15 Nov | 8pm | €38

DECLAN O'ROURKE: OCEANIC MUSIC

Declan O'Rourke's eighth studio record, *Oceanic*, is an offering shaped not only by place, but by time, memory, and return. Recorded in Sydney, the album carries a particular resonance, drawing a line between where O'Rourke first began and where he now stands as an artist. Resulting in a mature record that feels expansive and dynamic, Declan returns to Solstice with these new songs alongside his extensive catalogue of timeless classics.



Fri 20 Nov | 8pm | €30

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

This spectacular live show will transport you into the legendary worlds of two great music icons. John Forde and the 52nd Street Band deliver a powerful and energetic performance with authentic renditions of hits including *Rocket Man*, *My Life*, *Your Song*, *Uptown Girl*, *Crocodile Rock*, *New York State of Mind*, and of course, *The Piano Man*.



Sat 21 Nov | 8pm | €30

OISÍN LEECH & ANDY IRVINE

MUSIC

Continuing his yearly winter concert at Solstice, local musician Oisín Leech is joined this year by very special guest, legendary Irish folk musician Andy Irvine. Leech, known for his 15 years in Irish folk duo The Lost Brothers, released his debut solo album 'Cold Sea' to major acclaim in 2024, garnering Album of the Year awards from BBC 6 Music, The Irish Times, and more. Irvine is one Ireland's greatest folk singers, helming legendary bands such as Sweeney's Men and Planxty, and known for his collaborations with the likes of Paul Brady and Donal Lunny. This special concert will see two of Ireland's finest musicians perform two headline shows across one unmissable evening of music.



Sun 29 Nov | 8pm | €40

PHIL COULTER: GOLD & SILVER DAYS

MUSIC

Phil Coulter's promises a heartwarming trip through some of the highlights of his glittering 60-year career. Relax as you hear piano favourites from his Tranquillity series alongside classic songs. From 'Puppet on a String' to Elvis Presley, from 'Scorn Not His Simplicity' to the Bay City Rollers, feel the power of 'The Town I Love So Well' and sing along with 'Ireland's Call'.



Wed 16 Dec | 8pm | €32

ABBA FOREVER

MUSIC

Celebrating 20 years of touring Ireland, this happy sing-a-long extravaganza celebrating ABBA returns to Solstice yet again with a loud and proud fanfare and some stunning audio visuals of their seminal moments. Get your glad rags on, brush up on the lyrics, don the dancing boots, and come to the best Christmas party in town!

Also performing at Swift Cultural Centre on Fri 6 November. Flip over to Swift pg. 24 for more.



Sun 20 Dec | 8pm | €30 / €27

THE IVORY SESSIONS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

MUSIC

Created and produced by Mark Cahill, the acclaimed Ivory Sessions makes the leap from screen to stage once again with a spectacular live production this Christmas. Featuring the renowned Ivory House Band, stunning choir performances, and a host of special guest soloists, experience the magic of The Ivory Sessions in a powerful live concert setting.

Also performing at Swift Cultural Centre on Sun 13 December. Flip over to Swift pg. 25 for more.

Mon 21 Dec | 8pm | €32

A CHRISTMAS COUNTRY WITH THE STARS!

MUSIC

Bringing together some of Ireland's most beloved country music performers, this spectacular Christmas concert promises a night filled with seasonal cheer, classic country favourites, and heartwarming festive songs. Featuring the talents of Patrick Feeney, Brendan Shine, Mick Flavin, John McNicholl, and Matt Leavy, alongside the acclaimed Ryan Turner Band, the show combines six top-class acts on one stage for a truly unique musical celebration.



Tue 22 Dec | 8pm | €26/€24

EIMEAR QUINN: SONGS OF WINTER DREAMING

MUSIC

Eimear Quinn returns to Solstice for a magical evening of ethereal music with her 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. The Eurovision winner will be joined by the lush and beautiful tones of the Mamisa String Quartet, and guitarist Robbie Overson to perform music for the season, including pieces from her critically acclaimed album *Songs of Winter Dreaming*.

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.

€58 (block of 6)
€12 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 VISION 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. For enquiries contact sightlesscinema@gmail.com

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.

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 | 11am to 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 Saturday 12 September for the launch of The First Frontier was the Horizon. See page 4.

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.



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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 GARDAI WILL BE ADVISED OF ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS.**



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