CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

WHAT'S ON
SPRING 2019
RIVERSIDETHEATRE.ORG.UK
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HOW TO BOOK
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In person – Riverside Theatre,
Ulster University, Coleraine, BT52 1SA

BOX OFFICE
Open: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
11am – 2pm & 1 hour before all ticketed
events & performances.

ACCESS
The Riverside Theatre is committed to being an
accessible venue and our public areas are fully
accessible for those with limited mobility. Facilities
include car-parking, adapted toilets and auditorium
seating. If you have an access requirement, please
make our Box Office staff aware whilst booking tickets.
Visit www.riversidetheatre.co.uk Your Visit section
to see full auditorium seating plan and Wheelchair
seating available.

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riversidetheatre.org.uk
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YOUR VISIT
TRUVA RIVERSIDE CAFÉ
By day a perfect spot for long lunches and relaxing pit stops and by night a creative hub and socialising space for cast, crew, audiences and the general public. Truva Riverside serves up a fresh authentic Mediterranean inspired menu with stunning views across the River Bann.

A selection of coffee, tea and soft drinks with a varied menu of mezze & small ‘plates’ fresh prepared daily. Food that is great in taste & good value, served with our exemplary service from our friendly, helpful staff. Whether you have time to enjoy the view or need to grab a fresh & tasty lunch on the go Truva Riverside will transport you to the Med for an experience that will tantalise your taste buds.

Pre-theatre dining available on show nights from 6pm – book a table by emailing: truvameze@gmail.com

RIVERSIDE BAR
The Riverside Bar also opens during events offering an extensive range of drinks including local craft gins and beers.

RIVERSIDE BAR NOW OPEN
EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SHOW NIGHT UNTIL 11PM

Join us from 5.30 on Saturday 9th Feb & Saturday 29th March for free live music in the bar by Johnnie and Stevie.

BEAT THE QUEUES
Beat the interval queue by pre-ordering your drinks and snacks at our service points on arrival. Simply place and pay for your order before the show starts and your drinks will be waiting for you at the collection point allowing you more time to enjoy the short interlude.

CONFERENCING/EVENTS/WEDDINGS
From bohemian bash to red carpet showbiz glitz and vaudeville circus themed spectacle – the Riverside team can help you source additional extras to make your event unique to your own particular vision. Let us know if we can help source anything extra for the day ...from red carpets, performers, photographers ... the sky is the limit ... to create an event you and your guests will never forget ...

PRIVATE PARTIES
Whether you are a community group hoping to arrange a bespoke gathering or a parent trying to organise a child’s birthday party – the Riverside can tailor a package to suit your party’s needs.

Visit: riversidetheatre.org.uk for more information on all our hospitality packages or enquire by calling 028 7012 3387.
The children and young people will work with local historians, professional education and arts facilitators to devise two unique historical fiction productions about the Mountsandel and Girona Gold legacy in the local area, showcased on Saturday 30th March 2019. The sessions allow the children and young people to learn about the world of theatre and the rich history of their local community whilst exploring performing arts techniques in devising improvisation, choreography, stagecraft, writing, directing and costume/set-design.

This will form part of a creative outreach programme of events planned at the Riverside with the Provost to mark the 50-year celebrations of the Coleraine campus.

The groups meet on the following dates/times:

**RYT MINIS** (4 - 7 years old)
& **MIDIS** (8 - 12 years old)
Fee: £75 per child x 10 weeks
Saturdays 11.30am – 1.30pm
Workshops on: 26 January, 2, 9, 16, 23 February, 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 March 2019

**RYT SENIORS** (13 – 18 years +)
Fee: £80 per young person x 10 weeks
Saturdays 2 – 4pm
Term 2: 26 January, 2, 9, 16, 23 February, 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 March 2019

**RYT SHOWCASE**
Saturday 30 March, 3pm
Tickets: £6
Visit riversidetheatre.org.uk for more information.
MUSICAL THEATRE/COMMUNITY

Ballywillan will be one of the first companies in the UK and Ireland to bring everyone’s favourite family musical to the stage.

In a major coup for Ballywillan and the Riverside, the theatre will play host to eighteen Fantasmagorical performances of this truly special magical experience.

Featuring a cast of leading musical theatre stars to head the company as they tell the story of Caractacus Potts, his children, Jeremy and Jemima, a restored old race-car and their adventures.

Featuring brand new costumes, a superb signature set and the undoubted star of the show – the magical car, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – this is the perfect family show.

If you’re looking for a Truly Scrumptious feel good experience CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG won’t leave you disappointed!

(An amateur production presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe))

Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Tuesday 15 January - Saturday 2 February 2019 – Tickets: From £16
Powerstone Entertainment presents

THE SUITCASE
Thursday 7 February, 8pm - Tickets £15 concession £12

Written by Jane Coyle
Directed by Stephen Beggs

The Suitcase originally premiered at the Belfast synagogue during the 2015 Belfast International Arts Festival, winning the Belfast Telegraph Audience Award. It is returning in response to popular demand and is touring Northern Ireland as part of Holocaust Memorial Day 2019 commemorations.

The storyline moves between Belfast in the present day and Vienna and Berlin during the darkest period in 20th century European history. In 1930s Vienna, a young woman dreams of becoming a dancer. Seventy years later in Belfast, an elderly German man revisits a painful past, while a mother and daughter unearth a fascinating morsel of his personal history, long hidden in their family home.

A love story, a hymn to the restorative power of art and a life-affirming human drama unfold within a specially composed, critically acclaimed soundscape.

PATRICK FEENEY’S COUNTRY
AND GOSPEL CONCERT
special guest Owen Mac
Friday 8 February, 8pm - Tickets: £20

Patrick Feeney is highly regarded as one of Ireland’s finest singers and entertainers and is enjoying glittering success over the past number of years scoring countless No.1 hit songs and winning numerous awards for his highly acclaimed live show, he is part of the hugely popular 3 amigos and appears regular on all the top TV shows across the country.

Patrick and his fabulous band embark on their long awaited concert tour which will feature well known and new Country and Gospel songs like “I Believe”, “Jerusalem” and “I wish I had someone to love me” to name but a small few. This is a show you won’t want to miss! Special guest will be the rising star Owen MAC.
Five years of politics, five years of scandals, five years of elections, five years of births, deaths and marriages, and FIVE YEARS of SOLD OUT THEATRE TOURS AND SHOWS for Jake O’Kane. Jake’s shows have become a tradition and boy do we love a tradition.

Jake’s shows are political satire at its sharpest, with Jake there is no divide, from playing sold out shows at the West Belfast Feile to the Shankill Road’s Spectrum Centre, he has the rare talent to cross all political and religious partitions taking an honest, critical and very funny look at life on both sides.

Once again Jake will be joined by Terry McHugh one of Ireland’s finest young comedy talents.

Show contains adult reference for 16+ only.
COMEDY/DRAMA

An Grainan Theatre presents
MANNY MAN DOES THE HISTORY OF IRELAND
By John D Ruddy

Wednesday 13 February, 8pm - Tickets: £12 (£10)

John D. Ruddy’s stories will be brought to life by An Grainan Theatre Company on the Riverside stage this February. Manny Man, turns Ireland’s tumultuous millennia of history into a fun and easy-to-understand story. Why did the Celts love stealing cows? What was the Norman Invasion, and were they all called Norman? From the Ice Age up to the present day, through the Vikings and Tudors, British rule and the fight for independence, he covers it all - with his tongue in his cheek, of course. So if you want a quick fix of Irish history with lots of fun along the way, then Manny Man is your only man.

Age recommendation – 8 years +

COMEDY

NEIL DELAMERE
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Thursday 14 February, 8pm - Tickets: £22

Fresh from a sell-out tour, the star of BBC’s The Blame Game and Soft Border Patrol, Neil Delamere, returns to ...... with a brand new show. This time he thinks he has that whole “illusion of control” idea sussed.

Then again he would think that, wouldn’t he?

‘You’ll be hard-pressed to find a more gifted comic at the Fringe’ ★★★★★
(Scotsman)

‘One lean, mean, comedy, killing machine’ ★★★★★
(Herald)
DAVID MEADE
BRAINMAN
Friday 15 February, 8pm - Tickets: £22

Brand new show for 2019! Just returned from the USA to deliver his funniest and most incredible show yet, Mind-reader David Meade – the first mentalist to win a Million dollars in a Las Vegas casino – will blow your mind as he does the impossible live on stage right in front of you.

Now performing all over the world, David's coming back to home soil to blow minds across the country. His last record-breaking tour sold out everywhere, so grab your tickets now and look forward to a jaw dropping performance that your whole family of all ages will never forget.

COMEDY/DRAMA

David Hull Promotions presents
FRANK CARSON’S
REBEL WITHOUT A PAUSE
Saturday 16 February, 8pm - Tickets: £18.50

Belfast funny-man Frank Carson blazed a comedy trail for over fifty years.

His quick-fire gags and infectious laugh delighted audiences in variety shows, on telly and in clubs across the land. But there's more. In this acclaimed one-man show, written and performed by Dan Gordon, we journey with Frank from his Belfast boyhood – where life was so tough even the arms on the chairs had tattoos - through his adventures in the army, and into the world of showbiz where he entertained Royalty, delighted Pope John Paul II and never forgot where he came from.

It's a cracker!
Cherish is the hilarious sequel to the hit play I’ll Tell My Ma by Patricia Gormley. Follow the antics of your favourite characters Granny Eileen, Davina Carina and Chelsea Marie as they stumble their way through another year in their turbulent lives. There is humour in abundance touched with pathos as the story which is set in the local hairdressing salon unfolds.

The characters have moved on after the tumultuous events of the previous play. Watch as the characters negotiate their way through the ups and downs of everyday life and listen as they share their hopes and fears with their mentor Olive the owner of the salon. There will be laughter and tears in equal measure and a very welcome twist to the tale at the end.
David Hull Promotions presents
GIVE MY HEAD PEACE
Thursday 21 February & Friday 22 February, 8pm - Tickets: £23.50

2019 will be a year of uncertainty. Will Brexit actually happen? Will Donald Trump still be President? Will MLAs still be getting paid for doing nothing? We don’t know. All we know for certain is that Northern Ireland’s favourite TV characters will be back in the Riverside Theatre.

Da, Uncle Andy, Ma, Pastor Begbie and the rest of the gang will have a brand new stage show and it promises to be packed full with up-to-the-minute topical humour, silly plots, political satire and outstanding stand-up.

The Gang’s tour regularly sells out venues all across Northern Ireland so be sure to get your seats early for a guaranteed night of laugh out loud comedy.

*Show contains adult references. Responsibility for allowing under 12s to view lies with the accompanying adult.
Rathmore Productions presents

**FLY ME TO THE MOON**

By Marie Jones

Saturday 23 February, 8pm - Tickets: £19

He never won any more than a couple a quid, but that was his life... all he had... his paper, the horses, memories of singing along with Frank Sinatra and a life of misery... he was better off dead in my opinion.

Francis and Loretta are broke community care workers. Davy, one of their charges, has had a posthumous win on the horses and the women grapple with their conscience. Marie Jones’ new black comedy investigates whether we are valued more in life or in death.

Centre Stage Theatre Company presents

**THE TRIALS OF OSCAR WILDE**

By Arrangement with Samuel French

Wednesday 27 February, Tickets: £15 (conc. £12)

From the actual transcript of Edward Carson's brilliant cross-examination of Wilde in the first of the trials to Wilde’s last heartfelt words in court after sentencing ‘...and I... may I say nothing, my Lord?’, Merlin Holland, Wilde’s only surviving grandson, and international director John O’Connor, have collected and dramatised Court records, journalist’s notes and newspaper reports of the three trials involving the flawed genius, Oscar Wilde.

Ironically it was Wilde’s inability to realise the actual ‘importance of being earnest’ – superbly explored by Holland & O’Connor - that contributed to the failure of his libel action against his lover’s father, the Marquess of Queensbury, and ultimately to his downfall in the two subsequent prosecutions which finally led to his conviction for gross indecency. The review in The Independent stated ‘...the result is as good as being in the gallery.’
COLIN MURPHY
BIG TIME!
Thursday 28 February, 8pm - Tickets: £20

Following on from the sell-out run of his Bald Ambition Tour, Colin Murphy is back with his new show. It’s too early to say what the show will be about, but will it be funny? Oh Big Time!

BAGATELLE
Friday 1 March, 8pm - Tickets: £25

Bagatelle started in 1978 at a time when original bands weren’t all that successful in Ireland. In fact the idea of a band touring nationwide with a full original music set just didn’t work out ... for most!

However, Bagatelle’s music DID work and would establish them firmly on the Irish Music Circuit/Worldwide. Over those 40 years they have had several No 1 singles with Iconic songs like Summer In Dublin, Second Violin, Trump Card etc. Platinum & Gold Album sales plus Classic Emigration Songs like; Streets Of New York, Flight of Earls and Boston Rose written of course by Bagatelles Hit Man Liam Reilly.
THEATRE/DRAMA

ROLY DANIELS
Saturday 2 March, 8pm - Tickets: £20

Following a hugely successful sell-out tour last year to nightly standing ovations join one of Ireland’s finest entertainers, showmen and singers Roly Daniels for a nostalgic show by one of our true greats.

Roly will perform his biggest hit songs like “Mr Jones, I will love you all my life” and “Hello Darling “ to name but a small few with the 2019 tour introducing some new material in the company of the fabulous band Keltic Storm. Joining Roly on the tour will once again be two of our favourite local stars Joe Moore and Caitlin. Early booking advisable as this will be a sell-out.

DRAMA

UUSU Coleraine Amateur Stage Society

HEART OF THE CITY
Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th March, 8pm - Tickets: £10

Set in NYC – audiences will follow a mismatched romance on a Brooklyn subway, an unexpected date, a couple struggling to have a baby and an artist re-discovering his passion.

These stories and more will be woven together to create a tapestry of humour, love, sorrow, and romance. Through a series of short scenes, Heart of the City pays tribute to the joys and challenges of contemporary life that will take you on a dazzling ride through the trials and triumphs of the human heart.
Big Telly Theatre Company presents

FREAK SHOW

Friday 8 and Saturday 9 March, 8pm - Tickets: £12 (conc. £8)

Inspired by the true story of the 17th Century Portrush Giantess, Mary Murphy, Freak Show is an original blast of irreverent theatre from Portstewart’s Big Telly.

Mary married a dashing French sea captain who gave up his seafaring to manage her ‘freak show’ celebrity. After years of international acclaim, Mary was reported destitute, no longer with her captain, her celebrity forgotten.

The script uses material from Moyra Donaldson’s collection ‘Miracle Fruit’ which explores a fascination for the Enlightenment era, the physical freakery of those living on the margins of society, and a personal, tangible sense of loss.

Premiered in the MAC at the Belfast International Arts Festival in November 18, Freak Show examines themes of performance, exploitation and consent and reflects a contemporary fascination with fame, scandal and privacy. Clashing dark with light, it will contain maximum craic and heartbreak in spades.
Aiken Promotions presents

WHAT’S THE STORY RORY?
Thursday 14 March, 8pm - Tickets: £18 (conc. £16)

Comedy

Rory O’Connor is Ireland’s favourite online funny man and best-selling author, made famous for his comedy sketches on his social media channels as “Rory’s Stories.”

Bringing his sketches to life in his stand up shows - he has sold out venues across Ireland and even as far as Australia and the Middle East- He now brings his new show “What’s the Story Rory” to theatres in 2019, that will cover all the most important things of being Irish.

Winder Wimen Theatre Group presents

THE BOOK CLUB OF LITTLE WITTERINGTON
By Joan Greening
Friday 15 March, 8pm - Tickets: £12.50

Drama/Community

The Winder Wimen are delighted to be back at the Riverside for a second year to perform another of Joan Greening’s hilarious one act plays “The Book Club of Little Witterington”. The ladies of the “Book Club” have a big problem. Where are they going to hold the Summer Fair? The Big House has been taken over by “New People” and they are not very keen on approaching them to discuss “Village Business”. Should they invite the new Lady of the House to join the Book Club?

The group have an Abbaliciously exciting second act for you as the Winders take you back to the 1970’s/80’s with some of their favourite Abba songs. We will be joined on stage by the lovely Maggie Ferris Curran and the amazing Dandy Lyons as well as a few little surprises.

This year the group is delighted to be donating all our profits to Action Cancer. All profits from the raffle will be donated to “Best Beginnings”
The Makey-Uppers in association with the U3A presents

A PLAY IN A DAY

Saturday 16 March
10am - all day until performance - £10 enrolment fee for participants
7.30pm - public performance for family and friends - Tickets £3

Sorcha Shanahan and Gemma Walker-Farren are the 'Makeyuppers', an original comedy storytelling act, together they specialise in devising theatre and have a combined 30 years experience in theatre making with groups of all ages and abilities across the UK and Ireland. They will guide participants through the theatre-making process from initial themes and ideas to performance skills, creative writing, stage craft, right up to the final production.

David Hull Promotions presents

THE ELVIS SPECTACULAR

Friday 22 March, 8pm - Tickets: £18

The King is in the Building - A two hour trip to Elvis Heaven

The Elvis Spectacular, starring Ciaran Houlihan with his TCB band now in its 22nd year is Ireland’s premiere Elvis show. Wearing costumes created by Elvis’s original designer Gene Douchette, Ciaran looks, sounds and moves like Elvis. Accompanied by his TCB Band and the Sweet Sensations they bring you the ultimate Elvis Experience. From the strutting hill billy cat days through to the final No 1 ‘Way Down’ . . . . there is something for everyone.

If you are only going to see one Elvis show this year make sure it’s the Elvis Spectacular – a show created by fans for the fans.
MUSIC

David Hull Promotions presents

**ROCK n ROLL YEARS & DANCE HALL DAYS**

Friday 29 March, 8pm - Tickets: £21

After last year’s smash hit tour this wonderful nostalgic musical hits the road again. The all-star cast will once again take you on a whirlwind journey through the musical decades of the 50s and 60s.

Paying homage to the lives and music of the Everly Bros, Johnny Cash, The Four Seasons, Ruby Murray, Bobby Darin and Elvis. Plus many of your favourites...

*Don’t miss this year’s new show... You won’t be disappointed*

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DRAMA

**THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE**

Saturday 23 March, 8pm - Tickets: £14 (conc. £12)

*Directed by Sean Faloon*

Bardic Theatre presents a modern classic of Irish theatre. The Beauty Queen of Leenane by Martin McDonagh, is set in the mountains of Connemara and tells the story of Maureen Folan, a plain and lonely woman in her early 40s, and Mag, her manipulative, ageing mother. Mag’s interference in Maureen’s first and potentially last romantic relationship sets in motion a chain of events that are as tragically funny as they are horrific.
Two months after their sell-out smash hit Chitty Chitty Bang Bang this award-winning group are back at the Riverside with a brand new production of the charming, kooky and hilarious musical comedy Little Shop of Horrors.

A must see for the entire family this deviously delicious musical has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for over thirty years and is a classic musical of sublime ridiculousness.

Featuring many of the stars of Chitty the musical tells the story of Seymour who happens upon a strange plant, which he affectionately names “Audrey II” after his shop co-worker, who he is secretly in love with. Little does he know that his unusual plant has a few surprises in store!

Little Shop of Horrors is that rare theatrical beast – a chance for the actors, and audience, to relax and totally enjoy themselves!

For a happy, moving, funny and top quality evening at the theatre, full of great music and songs, book your seats now for Ballywillan Drama Group’s superb musical comedy.

(An amateur production presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)
MORE Performing Arts Youth Theatre presents

**GREASE (Schools Edition)**

Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 April, 7.30pm - Tickets: £12 (conc. £10)

Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

When a new year at Rydell High reunites summer love-birds ‘bad boy’ Danny and ‘good girl’ Sandy. Journey back in time to 1959 with our Pink Ladies and Burger Palace Boys in this hit romantic comedy musical. Dig out your poodle skirts, your leather jackets and your shades and start rehearsing your ‘Hand Jive’ as our cast of 60+ rock and rolls you through some of musical theatre’s most loved numbers including ‘Summer Nights, ‘We Go Together’ and ‘Beauty School Drop Out’. Dressing up strongly encouraged!

GBL Productions presents

**FIFTY SHADES OF RED, WHITE & BLUE**

Wednesday 17 April, 8pm - Tickets: £21

Maggie Muff returns to bring some muffalicious fun to the Riverside Theatre.

PURE AMAZE BALLS!!!

Her Facebook postings had Northern Ireland in fits of laughter. It all started as a joke when Leesa Harker wrote a Belfast-based spoof of Fifty Shades of Grey. Very soon it went viral and had 29,000 followers!

Following phenomenal, sell-out success across the land Maggie Muff, Big Sally Ann and Mr Red White & Blue are returning again in April 2019.

Fifty Shades of Red, White and Blue tells the story of loveable Maggie Muff and her search for love, featuring laugh-out-loud characters big Sally Ann, Sinead the Greener and of course, the mysterious Mr Red, White and Blue.
Suntree Productions presents

MY SWEET HEART & ME
Friday 3 & Saturday 4 May, 8pm - Tickets: £17.50
(Group rate - 1 free ticket every 10 purchased) Suitable for 11 years old +

Introducing the sensational new Stage Musical My Sweetheart and Me
www.mysweetheartandme.com

This uplifting romantic comedy is set during the Summer of Love 1967, in and around a popular cornerstone of the community, Public House (The Suntree bar) in the fictional sleepy town of Cheerysville, Northern Ireland.

Seen through a nostalgic lens, the story centres around two single love-struck thirty-somethings, (Bookworm Bob and Sheena) as they haphazardly struggle against all the odds, to get their new found love for one another off the ground.

So why not join them, and the many other colourful characters that frequent the bar, as they sing, dance and laugh their way through a series of inter-linked romantic, sad, funny, implausible but ultimately heart-warming encounters. Just think of this feel good musical as an affectionate homage to a less cynical time of innocence and light-heartedness and then sit back and enjoy the ride.

A show filled with fun, laughter and catchy songs, sure to put a smile on your face.
Northern Regional College presents

**FAME**

*Thursday 9, Friday 10 & Saturday 11 May, 8pm - Tickets: £12 (conc. £10)*

Performing Arts students from the Northern Regional College will showcase their talent at this end of year show for family and friends.

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**COMEDY/DRAMA**

**NOBODY PUTS BERNIE IN THE CORNER**

*Saturday 25 May, 8pm - Tickets: £16*

Join Bernie Jones on her crazy “Dirty Dancing” themed hen party and get ready to meet her madcap family and friends while you have “The Time Of Your Life”!

Bernie is a single mother to her stroppy teenage daughter and from her living room runs an ironing service called “Let’s Get Steaming.” When Bernie’s long-suffering driving instructor pops the question she reluctantly agrees and sets the date! Will she make it down the aisle or will she discover her real-life Johnny Castle?

This high energy, hilariously funny comedy show features 90’s disco classics and some iconic songs from Dirty Dancing!
CELTIC PSALMS
Friday 31 May, 8pm - Tickets: £12

Kiran Young Wimberly and the McGraths will share music from their three albums of psalms set to Irish and Scottish melodies. Kiran Young Wimberly, an American Presbyterian minister who has spent much of the past decade in Northern Ireland, and the McGrath family of Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, have shared their psalm arrangements with diverse communities here in Northern Ireland and abroad in North America. Their music has been featured on the BBC televised series on “Then Sings My Soul,” as well as Sunday services with RTE and the BBC on radio and TV.

FESTIVAL BRASS & ALAN CORRY
Saturday 1 June, 8pm - Tickets: £15

Formed in 1995 – Festival Brass is a group of thirty amateur musicians and conductor Alan Corry who perform on average six times a year and have shared the stage with many well-known International and West End stars including; Joanna Ampil (Les Miserables), Alex Sharpe (Miss Saigon), Carmen Cussack and our very own Peter Corry. Don't miss this unique opportunity to see them perform at Riverside.
Bannside Productions presents

**A NIGHT IN NOVEMBER**

Thursday 6 & Friday 7 June, 7.30pm - Tickets: £12

A Night In November follows Kenneth McCallister, family man and Ulsterman, on the fateful night in November in Belfast when the Republic of Ireland qualifies against Northern Ireland for the World Cup, and Kenneth finds himself watching the sectarian hatred of the crowd rather than the football.

A Night in November shows how Kenneth deals with his identity crisis through monologues and soliloquies as well as introducing numerous other characters for Kenneth to interact with, all played by the one actor – local man, Alan McClarty.

**Directed by up and coming talent, Donelle Reynolds, and with proceeds going to ACTION CANCER, this promises to be a hilarious, yet thought provoking night**
Multi award winning singer songwriter Kaz Hawkins has now successfully relaunched as a solo artist with her sell out theatre show My Life And I. An intimate and personal show about her life in song that has been a hit with audiences now being introduced to the powerful, emotive new direction of a woman who owes being alive to the music she now performs.

An artist that truly connects with her audience on a personal level & Northern Ireland’s very own Soul Superstar!

“One of Northern Ireland’s musical treasures & one powerful woman” — Ralph McLean BBC

*PARENTAL GUIDANCE as Kaz deals with very personal issues
Housewives from every walk of life are flung together in this unique Norn Iron comedy. You thought you seen drama in The REAL Housewives? Imagine a West Belfast milly rubbing shoulders with a BT9-er? A wee Derry Irish language fanatic drinking gin and slim-line tonics with a mid-Ulster Slimmers World hallion. You ain’t seen sparks fly until you’ve seen The REAL Housewives of Norn Iron.

A REAL rip-roaring comedy packed with characters that you’ll know and love brought to you by the most successful comedy team in Norn Iron.

Written and produced by Leesa Harker, creator of ‘Maggie Muff’ and writer of “50 Shades of Red, White and Blue”, “Dirty Dancin in Le Shebeen”, ‘Maggie’s Feg Run” and “Maggie – Yer Ma!” – and directed by Andrea Montgomery - in other words, you’re guaranteed a geg.

Wednesday 12th June, 8pm - Tickets: £21
MUSIC

SUMMER COUNTRY SHOW

Saturday 15 June, 8pm - Tickets: £20

Join six of your favourite acts all for one super "Summer Country Show", the all-star bill will include the legendary Ray Lynam, Country Queen Kathy Durkin Yodelling supremo Kenny Archer, the popular Box Car Brian and rising young sensation David James. Each will perform toe tapping country classics in the company of Ireland’s top band Keltic Storm. This is a rare chance to see so many top acts on the one show. If it’s Country Music you like then this is the show for you.

DANCE/COMMUNITY

Victoria Lagan Dance and Drama Group presents

SUMMER SHOWCASE 2019

Friday 29 & Saturday 30 June, 8pm - Tickets: £13

This June will be VLDD’s 20th showcase, not only will they be bringing you some new material, but we are delighted to have them performing some of our favourite numbers from the past 19 shows.

VLDD is the longest running dance & drama studio in the North Coast area providing exquisite training in both dance and drama in association with the NATD and LAMDA. VLDD currently hold many huge competition titles awards across Northern Ireland and the U.K. VLDD summer show is an opportunity for studio pupils to show-case their many talents for all their friends, family and local communities. A delightful combination of class performances, award winning competition routines and exam pieces from their 100% pass rated examinations.
Wednesday 14 – Saturday 24 August, 10am – 5pm daily (excluding Sundays)

*Showcase for parents on the final Saturday at 3pm
(Tickets: £7 - available online: riversidetheatre.org.uk)

Enrolment: £150 per child (payment by instalments available)
Age Suitability: 8 years +

The Riverside Youth Theatre's (RYT) Musical Theatre Summer School is a nurturing and fun environment for children and young people led by professional tutors, musicians and choreographers. Students will develop musical theatre skills, learn to collaborate with others as an ensemble and perform in a show-stopping showcase!

Director Ben Levy is a highly sought after musical director and singing tutor. Currently based in Leeds, he works as Musical Director and Teacher of Singing for SLP College, Leeds, Head of Singing for SLP Junior Academy and Junior Associates and Musical Director for Military Wives Choir, York. Ben is also in high demand as a workshop tutor, recently working with BBC Radio York, Damien Poole Theatre Arts (DPTA), Royal and Derngate Theatre, Northampton and PQA.
Belvoir Players present

WEDDING FEVER

Saturday 17 August, 8pm - Tickets: £11/£9

Belvoir Players present a classic Sam Cree comedy, following the course of an engagement through to a wedding day, taking in a strike, a major operation and a few guests along the way.

A guaranteed night of laughter that you will not want to miss.
EXHIBITIONS

THE RIVERSIDE GALLERY:
Open Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm and during performance and events in the evening and weekends.
FREE ADMISSION

What’s on in 2019:

LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY
15 January – 2 February 2019

ULSTER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION
18 February – 2 March 2019

BALLYMONEY PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB
18 March – 27 April 2019

FIGHTING WORDS – COLERAINE SHOWCASE EXHIBITION
13 May – 8 June 2019

THE POWER OF GOLD
by ROSELLA WATTON
24 June – 31 August 2019

For more information on exhibitions, artists and launch events visit: riversidetheatre.org.uk
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WALKING
You can access the University on foot via the Cromore Road or Portstewart Road side of the campus on the ‘pedestrian access’ routes labelled on the map, once on campus signage will lead you by walk-ways to the theatre.

TRAIN
Translink operate a rail service from Coleraine to the University – visit www.translink.co.uk for more information.

BUS
Translink’s 140b and 319a Ulsterbus services go via the University campus – visit www.translink.co.uk for more information.

CAR/PARKING
Access to the University campus by car is via the Cromore Road only, entry via either the main or north entrance will guide you via signage to the theatre. Car-parking is free to the general public after 7pm (Monday – Thursday), after 5pm (Fridays) and completely free over the weekend (Saturday and Sunday). There is a dedicated disabled car park directly beside the theatre’s front door.