

Riverside

THEATRE

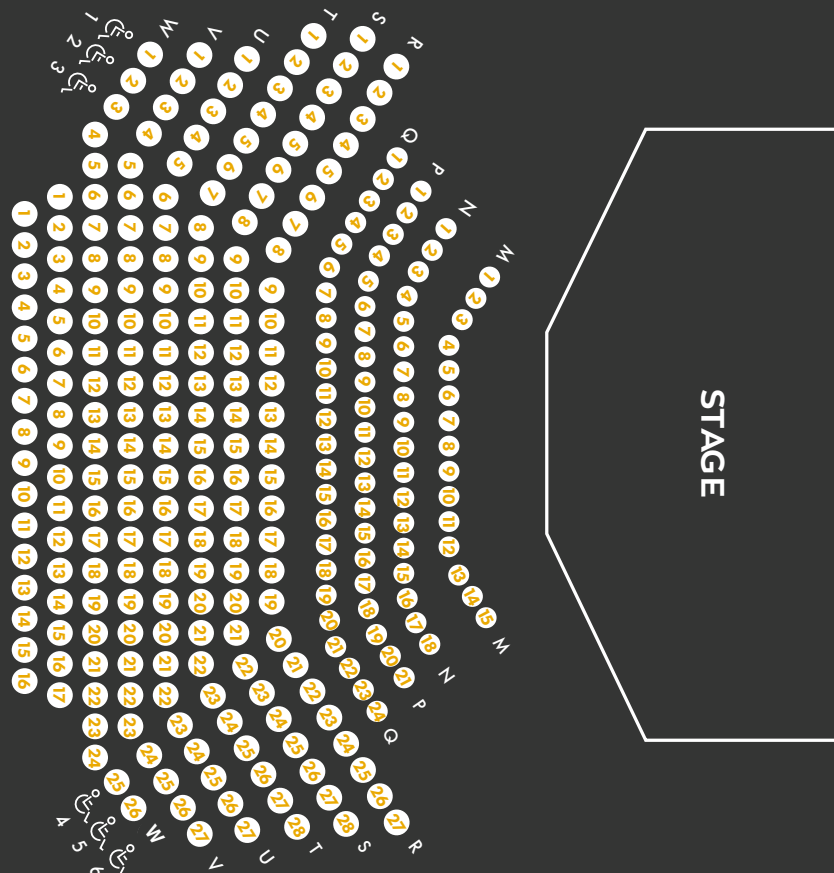
WHAT'S ON

SPRING / SUMMER 2024

RIVERSIDETHEATRE.ORG.UK



RIVERSIDE THEATRE SEATING PLAN



HOW TO BOOK

ONLINE (24hrs)
[riversidetheatre.org.uk](https://www.riversidetheatre.org.uk)

TELEPHONE
 028 70 123 123

EMAIL
bookings@riversidetheatre.org.uk

IN PERSON
 Riverside Theatre, Ulster University,
 Coleraine, BT52 1SA
 Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm & 1 hour before shows

HOW TO BOOK A TABLE IN OUR CAFÉ FOR PRE-THEATRE DINING & LUNCHES

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 07928 512 088

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 and from time to time we offer accessible relaxed and captioned performances. 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.

Disclosure: Please note: All information accurate at time of print. Some details may be subject to change. The most up to date event information is listed online: www.riversidetheatre.org.uk

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Spring/Summer 24

Date	Event	Time	Genre
Friday 12th January	VLDD Winter Showcase	7.30pm	Dance
Saturday 13th January	VLDD Winter Showcase	7.30pm	Dance
Thursday 18th January	A Step Back in Time	8pm	Music
Saturday 20th January	RYT Juniors/ Seniors	11-12.30/ 1.30-3.30pm	Children/ Young People
Tuesday 23rd January	Anyone for Breakfast?	7.45pm	Drama
Wednesday 24th January	Anyone for Breakfast?	7.45pm	Drama
Thursday 25th January	Anyone for Breakfast?	7.45pm	Drama
Friday 26th January	Anyone for Breakfast?	7.45pm	Drama
Saturday 27th January	RYT Juniors/ Seniors	11-12.30/ 1.30-3.30pm	Children/ Young People
	BDG - Anyone for Breakfast?	2.15pm & 7.45pm	Drama
	Brian Cox - Wonders of Universe / Diamond	8pm	Guest Speaker
Wednesday 31st January	NT Live presents - Dear England	7.30pm	Drama/ Screen
Friday 2nd February	Paddy McDonnell	8pm	Comedy
Saturday 3rd February	RYT Juniors/ Seniors	11-12.30/ 1.30-3.30pm	Children/ Young People
	Flash Harry - The Magic of Queen	8pm	Music
Thursday 8th February	One Night with Adele Tribute	8pm	Music
Friday 9th February	Chinese New Year Celebration	7pm	Festival
Saturday 10th February	RYT Juniors/ Seniors	11-12.30/ 1.30-3.30pm	Children/ Young People
	Soda Popz	8pm	Music
Friday 16th February	Bikes & Banter	7.30pm	Guest Speaker
Saturday 17th February	RYT Juniors/ Seniors	11-12.30/ 1.30-3.30pm	Children/ Young People
	All Grown Up Workshop (Collab Lab)	9-5 pm (10-4pm workshop)	Children/ Young People
	Jake O Kane	8pm	Comedy
Wednesday 21st February	Sustainable Conversations	7.30pm	Festival
Thursday 22nd February	NT Live presents - Vanya	7.30pm	Drama/ Screen
Friday 23rd February	The Killennys	8.00pm	Music
Saturday 24th February	RYT Juniors/ Seniors	11-12.30/ 1.30-3.30pm	Children/ Young People
	The Phantom Returns	8pm	Music
Saturday 2nd March	RYT Juniors/ Seniors	11-12.30/ 1.30-3.30pm	Children/ Young People
	Joe Daley Magician	2pm	Family/ Magic
	Give My Head Peace	8pm	Comedy/ Drama
Tuesday 5th March	Give My Head Peace	8pm	Comedy/ Drama
Wednesday 6th March	Austens Women: Lady Susan	8pm	Drama
Thursday 7th March	Neil Delamere	8pm	Comedy
Friday 8th March	Rock n Roll years	8pm	Music
Saturday 9th March	RYT Juniors/ Seniors	11-12.30/ 1.30-3.30pm	Children/ Young People
	Mr Hullabaloo Spring into Spring	4pm	Family
Wednesday 13th March	Owen Mac Concert	8pm	Music
Thursday 14th March	George Michael Essential Collection	8pm	Music
Friday 15th March	Legends of Luke Kelly	8pm	Music
Saturday 16th March	RYT Juniors/ Seniors	11-12.30/ 1.30-3.30pm	Children/ Young People
	Our Jimmy	8pm	Comedy
Tuesday 19th March	Ed Sheeran Shape of You Tribute	8pm	Music
Thursday 21st March	NT Live Screening Title TBC	7.30pm	Drama/ Screen
Friday 22nd March	CASS Showcase	7.30pm	Musical Theatre
Saturday 23rd March	RYT Showcases	12 noon/ 3pm	Children/ Young People
	The Comedians	8pm	Comedy

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Spring/Summer 24

Date	Event	Time	Genre
Sunday 7th April	RYT Connections Performance in the Lyric Belfast	5pm	Children/ Young People
Friday 19th April	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Saturday 20th April	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Monday 22nd April	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Tuesday 23rd April	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Wednesday 24th April	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Thursday 25th April	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Friday 26th April	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Saturday 27th April	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	2.15/ 7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Monday 29th April	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Tuesday 30th April	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Wednesday 1st May	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Thursday 2nd May	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Friday 3rd May	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Saturday 4th May	BDG - Fiddler on the Roof	2.15pm & 7.45pm	Musical Theatre
Thursday 9th May	Jive Aces	7.30pm	Music
Friday 10th May	NT Live Screening Title TBC	7.30pm	Drama/ Screen
Saturday 11th May	The Other Selves	8pm	Dance
Saturday 25th May	Family Shark Show	2pm	Family
Saturday 1st June	Belfast MA	8pm	Comedy
Saturday 8th June	Pride & Prejudice (Hotbuckle)	8pm	Drama
Saturday 15th June	Mr Hullabaloo Summer Show	2pm	Family
	Cash Returns	8pm	Music
Friday 21st June	VLDD Summer Showcase	8pm	Dance
Saturday 22nd June	VLDD Summer Showcase	8pm	Dance
Wednesday 26th June	Nemesis Cheer & Dance	7pm	Dance
Thursday 27th June	Nemesis Cheer & Dance	7pm	Dance
Friday 28th June	The Summer Country Show	8pm	Music
Saturday 29th June	Chronicles of Long Kesh	8pm	Drama
Monday 22nd July	Riverside Youth Theatre Juniors - A Magical Wish	10am - 3pm	Summer Camps
Tuesday 23rd July	Riverside Youth Theatre Juniors - A Magical Wish	10am - 3pm	Summer Camps
Wednesday 24th July	Riverside Youth Theatre Juniors - A Magical Wish	10am - 3pm	Summer Camps
Thursday 25th July	Riverside Youth Theatre Juniors - A Magical Wish	10am - 3pm	Summer Camps
Friday 26th July	Riverside Youth Theatre Juniors - A Magical Wish	10am - 3pm / (Showcase: 2pm)	Summer Camps
Monday 12th August	Riverside Youth Theatre Seniors - Grease is the word	10am - 3pm	Summer Camps
Tuesday 13th August	Riverside Youth Theatre Seniors - Grease is the word	10am - 3pm	Summer Camps
Wednesday 14th August	Riverside Youth Theatre Seniors - Grease is the word	10am - 3pm	Summer Camps
Thursday 15th August	Riverside Youth Theatre Seniors - Grease is the word	10am - 3pm	Summer Camps
Friday 16th August	Riverside Youth Theatre Seniors - Grease is the word	10am - 3pm / (Showcase: 2pm)	Summer Camps

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' freshly 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 5.30pm.
Book a table online here: www.riversidetheatre.org.uk or
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.

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.

Email: r.sturgeon@ulster.ac.uk
for more information on all our hospitality packages or enquire by calling **028 7012 3387**.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE (RYT) WORKSHOPS SPRING 2024 TERM

The Riverside Youth Theatre has been in operation for nearly 50 years – nurturing the hottest creative talent NI has to offer. Our workshops and productions allow children and young people to explore, discover, learn and experiment creatively with professional artists, learning a range of theatre arts skills in a safe environment. More importantly, there is the chance to meet new friends and above all – have a lot of fun...

RYT JUNIORS

For primary school children aged 5–11 years old
Saturdays 11am – 12.30pm

TERM 2:

20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th February, 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March
Showcase for family and friends – Saturday 23rd March at 12 noon
FEE: £80 per child x 10 weeks course.

RYT SENIORS – CONNECTIONS 2024

For secondary school children aged 12 – 18 years old
Saturdays 1.30 – 3.30pm

TERM 2:

20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th February, 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March
Home Showcase for family and friends – Saturday 23rd March at 3pm
Festival Showcase at Lyric Theatre, Belfast on Sunday 7th April 2024.
(*Transport provided.)

This term the group will perform *Back in the Day* by Yasmeen Khan as part of a series of performances in different NI Locations for the National Theatre of London's Connections festival 2024.

In the play a group of classmates are charged with the responsibility of being their school's well-being champions. In a freak occurrence they are transported back to the 80's via an impromptu and heavily improvised roller disco. Here they discover they're not the only ones with skeletons in the cupboard, and there was more to the 80s than glitterballs and strange haircuts!



DANCE

VICTORIA LAGAN DRAMA & DANCE PRESENTS WINTER SHOWCASE 2024

Friday 12th & Saturday 13th January,
7.30pm

TICKETS: £14

Join our local award-winning Dance and Drama studio as they perform some of their sensational pieces they have been working on this term.

A night full of youth talent in various forms of dance including Lyrical, Acro, Jazz, Contemporary and Street as well as their talent young actors performing a variation of theatre scripts.



MUSIC

RENEWED FAITH MINISTRY PRESENTS A STEP BACK IN TIME

Thursday 18th January,
8pm

TICKETS: £12.50

Renewed Faith Gospel Ministry brings you a night of good old fashioned hymns and choruses with their Live Band. songs Include The King is coming, Amazing Grace, Power in the blood, Redeemed, I must tell Jesus, Blessed Assurance and many more great songs.

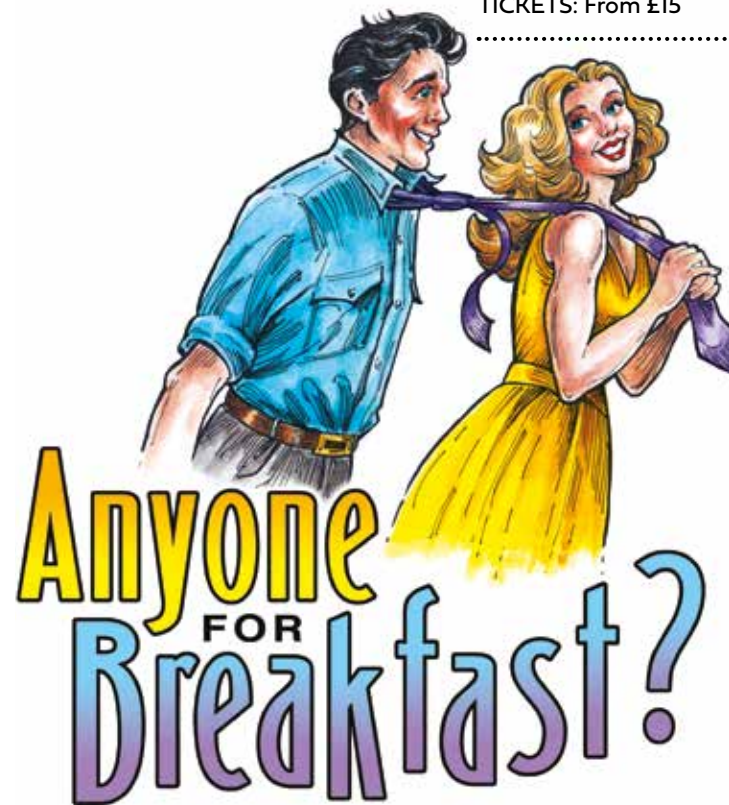
Step Back in Time with Paul Cairns & Dustin Black (Renewed Faith) and be part of this amazing night of Music.

BALLYWILLAN DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

ANYONE FOR BREAKFAST?

Tuesday 23rd – Saturday 27th January,
7.45pm
Saturday Matinee – 2.15pm

TICKETS: From £15



DRAMA

Following on from their huge sell-out blockbuster KINKY BOOTS in June 2023 Ballywillan Drama Group return to the Riverside with a wonderfully funny play ANYONE FOR BREAKFAST? written by the master of comedy scripts Derek Benfield.

The play stars six of Ballywillan's leading actors in this priceless comedy of marital mishaps. The husband is having an affair, the wife is having an affair and the wife's friend is trying to have an affair! All end up in the same house trying to keep their lovers (or prospective lovers) a secret from everyone else. An absolute hoot.

So, the scene is set for an evening and morning of riotous misunderstandings and mistaken identities.

A sparkling comedy not to be missed – a guaranteed hilarious evening out for audiences.

TALKS/LECTURES



PROFESSOR BRIAN COX - HORIZONS A 21ST CENTURY SPACE ODYSSEY

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Saturday 27th January 2024
7:30pm
The Diamond Hall

TICKETS – Ticketmaster –
www.ticketmaster.co.uk
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Having set two Guinness World Records with his previous sell-out World Tour, Professor Brian Cox is back in regional theatres to see off the sellout Arena tour HORIZONS.

Horizons has taken over 250,000 people across three continents on a dazzling journey; a story of how we came to be and what we can become. Using state of the art screen technology, venues across the world from New Zealand to the Arctic Circle have been filled with images of far-away galaxies, alien worlds, supermassive black holes and the latest theories of the origin of the Universe. What is the nature of space and time? How did life begin, how rare might it be and what is the significance of life in the Cosmos? What does it mean to live a small, finite life in a vast, eternal Universe? Having travelled the world, it's now time to bring Horizons back home to the UK for a final journey around our magnificent and baffling Universe.

'A Jaw-dropping reminder that human life is both irrelevant and hugely precious.'
**** *The Guardian*

'Science and cosmology doesn't get any more dazzling and interesting than this – a wonderful journey through space and time orchestrated by Professor Brian Cox.'
Daily Echo

NT LIVE PRESENTS... DEAR ENGLAND

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Wednesday 31st January, 7.30pm
TICKETS: £11
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A new play by James Graham directed by Rupert Goold.

Joseph Fiennes (The Handmaid's Tale) plays Gareth Southgate in James Graham's (Sherwood) gripping examination of nation and game.

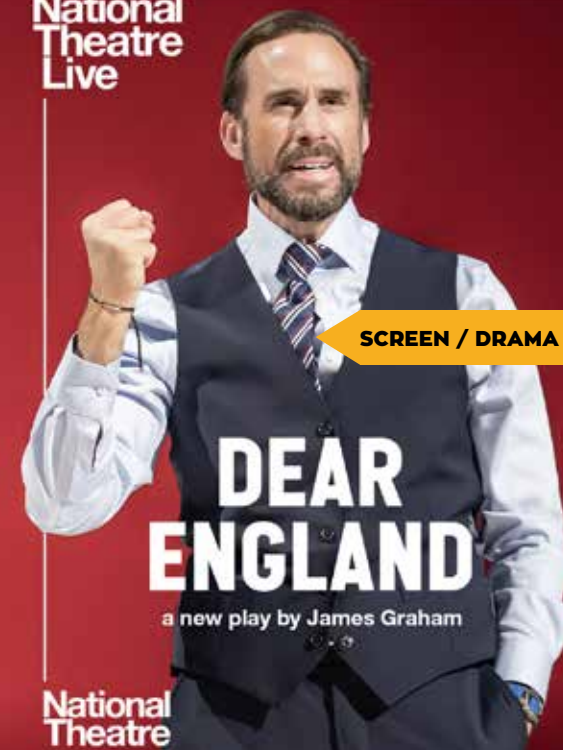
The country that gave the world football has since delivered a painful pattern of loss. Why can't England's men win at their own game?

With the worst track record for penalties in the world, Gareth Southgate knows he needs to open his mind and face up to the years of hurt, to take team and country back to the promised land.

Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre, Rupert Goold (Judy) directs this spectacular new play.

For more NT Live screenings this season visit
– www.riversidetheatre.org.uk

National
Theatre
Live



SCREEN / DRAMA

Paddy McDonnell - STORIES

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Friday 2nd February, 8pm

TICKETS: £17
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Paddy is well known for his hilarious stories and viral clips from various podcast appearances and has decided to give his fans what they want, a show full of various tales of everyday life and people he has met along the way. With two sell out shows in Belfast's SSE Arena earlier this year Paddy brings his 'STORIES' show to a venue near YOU this Spring.

COMEDY



FLASH HARRY 2024 - THE MAGIC OF QUEEN

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Saturday 3rd February,
8pm

TICKETS: £24
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Flash Harry is Northern Ireland's most enduring tribute band, celebrating the music of superstar Freddie Mercury and supergroup Queen, for over 30 years. Flash Harry has consistently raised the bar in taking their Queen Tribute act to new and challenging heights covering classic anthems like "Radio Ga Ga", "We Are the Champions", "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Who Wants to Live Forever" and everything in between. "These guys can play!" - The Sunday World



MUSIC

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ONE NIGHT OF ADELE

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Thursday 8th February,
8pm

TICKETS: £26
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One Night Of Adele transports you into the sensational atmosphere of an Adele concert experience; belting out the biggest anthems from the Grammy award winners studio albums including 'Easy On Me', 'Hello', 'Someone Like You', 'Send My Love' and 'Rolling In The Deep'. You'll hear and sing along to your favourite Adele songs...

Naomi Johnson is a powerhouse vocalist from Bristol, UK. Competing in the final of The Voice UK 2022, which aired to over 7 million viewers worldwide, Naomi continues to captivate audiences with her beaming stage presence and stunning vocals.

"Naomi, she has that Mariah Carey type of whistle tone. A super rare talent." - WILL.I.AM, The Voice



Chinese Year of the Dragon 2024

YEAR of the DRAGON: Chinese New Year Celebration

Friday 9th February,
7pm

Tickets: £10

Join us at the Riverside Theatre from 7.00pm on the 9th February for a special Chinese New Year celebration for the Year of the Dragon, enjoying traditional refreshments and nibbles in our café alongside traditional music.

Enter the main auditorium at 8pm for a special talk taking audiences on a journey through Chinese Cultural Celebrations and the history of the year of the Dragon traditions and customs followed by a Chinese fan dance normally performed as part of New year celebrations representing beauty, grace and delicacy expressing a feeling of joy. The finale of the evening will culminate in a spectacular Lion Dance. The Flying Dragon dancers amaze young and old with their daring acrobatic feats. The brightly coloured costumes of the playful lions and ferocious dragons, the sounds of drums, gongs, cymbals, and showering of fortune cookies delight the senses as these skilled martial artists display their physical strength and expertise in weaponry. The lion dances is a traditional Chinese art performed on big occasions, such as the Spring Festival (Chinese New Year) for good luck!

The Confucius Institute at Ulster University in
partnership with the Riverside Theatre present

HANDMADE DRAGON CRAFT WORKSHOP

Wednesday 14th February
12-2pm

The Bridge, Coleraine campus

Free / Drop in

Celebrate the Chinese new year of the dragon by making these beautiful traditional crafts in your lunchbreak – watch out for a pop up performance from a beautiful Peking Opera performer nearby too!



FESTIVAL

TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAINTING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 14th February
6-8pm

Riverside Theatre, Café

Free / Pre booking required online.

Learn traditional Chinese painting brushstroke techniques by professional artists in an evening.



THE SODAPOPZ ROCK N ROLL SHOW

Saturday 10th February
8pm

TICKETS: £22

The Soda Popz are bringing their spectacular Rock'n'Roll show to the Riverside Theatre! This high energy show has been wowing audiences, young and old, all over the country, paying an authentic tribute to some of the best-loved hits from the fabulous 1950's/60's. So put your glad rags on and join us for the best retro experience around with toe-tapping Rock 'n' Roll hits from iconic artists such as Johnny Cash, Elvis, Buddy Holly, Connie Francis and many more!

"We all dressed up and danced along!! FaB-u-lous!"

"Highly recommend the Soda Popz – they are great fun and really know how to keep everyone entertained!! What a fantastic atmosphere they create too!!"



100 AND COUNTING A LOOK BACK AT 100 TT STARTS with John McGuinness and James Whitham

Friday 16th February,
7.30pm

Tickets: £25 (£30 - for a picture taken
with John and James that will be printed
and given to you on the night)

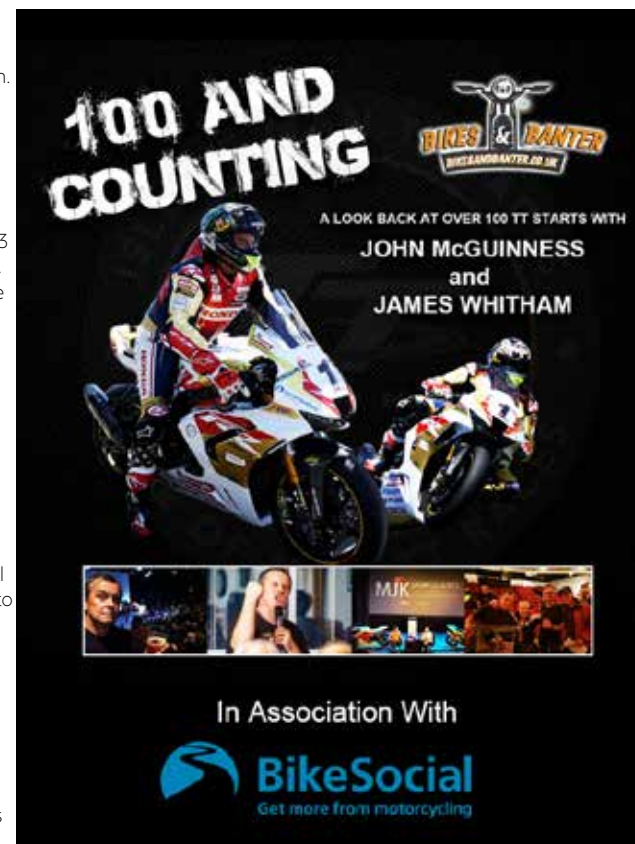
A night of bikes and banter with an interview and Q&A with John McGuinness and James Whitham.

John McGuinness is simply the god of TT racing. A complete legend of the sport who amongst other achievements holds the mind-blowing record of an amazing 23 wins round the Isle of Man track. Superb on stage and to coincide with his MBE, his 50th birthday and his 100th TT start you will get to hear it all from the man himself. It is delivered exactly as you would expect, uncut with no frills with lots of humour. John is the last man out of the event, and he always hangs around and meets everyone at the end of the show a real fans man this event is your chance to hear it all from the man himself and also to meet him.

James Whitman

We have had the pleasure of working with James for a few years now and he is the man who brings this event together. A veteran presenter nowadays his rapport with John is hilarious (LOOK AT THE PAST REVIEWS)

James was a world class racer in his own right winning and gaining podiums in amongst other things the world superbike championship. BIKES and BANTER are extremely privileged to bring you the exclusive opportunity to hear the fascinating tales of these special men as they exclusively open up about momentous achievements at the top level of motorbike racing as well as letting us know about plans and targets for the season(s) ahead.



ALL GROWED UP WORKSHOP

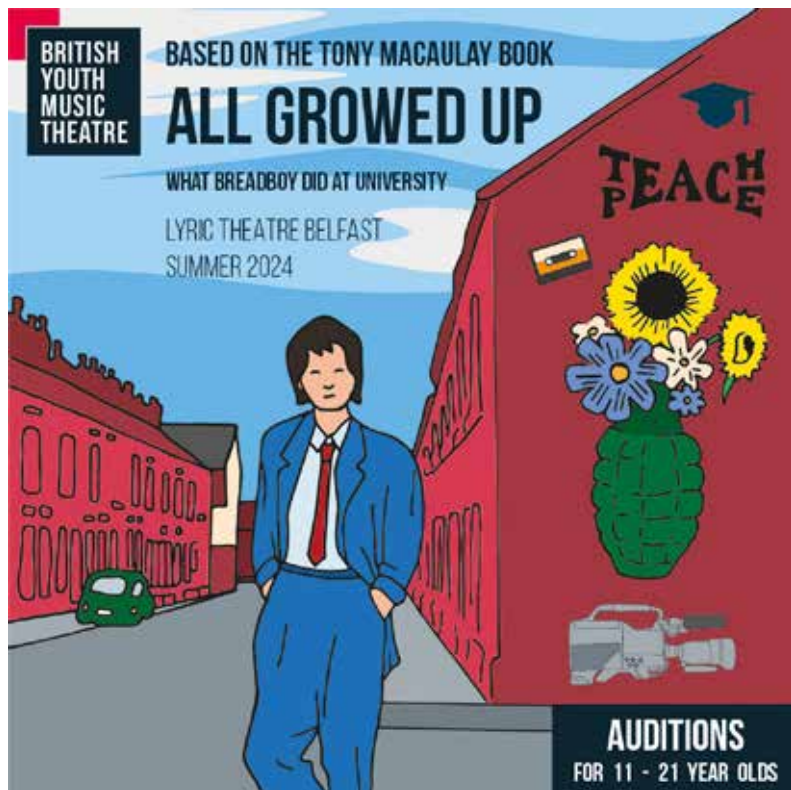
Saturday 17th February
10am - 4pm

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Admission Free – pre booking required using the link
- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1d1kTfY7dw-S2B-nOV2M7qPU9k6Iz4QJdnINwleDJqU6k/edit>
Collab Lab, Ulster University, Coleraine

Take your musical theatre skills to the next level with West End professionals and a full-scale production with British Youth Music Theatre (BYMT), the leading new music theatre company for young people aged 11-21. Our auditions are creative group workshops led by professional theatre practitioners and are friendly spaces in which to explore acting, singing, movement and team working skills. All disciplines are taken equally into consideration when casting our shows, so give everything a really good go. If you're feeling anxious, don't hide at the back and throw yourself into the session. The most important thing is commitment and enthusiasm!

This audition workshop is recruiting performers for our 2024 season (8 different theatre productions across the UK); we are particularly looking for young people to join the cast of All Grown Up at the Lyric Theatre Belfast in summer 2024. All Grown Up is the third book of memoirs by Northern Irish author Tony Macaulay – preceded by Paperboy and Breadboy. All Grown Up portrays Tony's young adult life as a student at Ulster University in Coleraine; it will be directed by Dean Johnson (credits include BYMT's Paperboy and Breadboy at the Lyric Belfast, Once at The London Palladium).



JAKE O KANE – The Inappropriate Tour

Saturday 17th February,
8pm

COMEDY

TICKETS: £25



Roll up, roll up, the Jake O'Kane circus is back in town. After a decade of sell-out tours, Jake is back with his annual multimedia roundup of the year's events in NI and beyond. It's going to be a no holds barred fun fest of puncturing political pomposity. Nobody is safe as Jake turns his keen wit on himself and his personal peculiarities. As always, he's ably supported by ringmaster two-stroke Terry McHugh. Don't miss this colossal combination of comedic clownery – book early, book often.

Ulster University in partnership with Northern Ireland Resource Network presents

SUSTAINABLE CONVERSATIONS

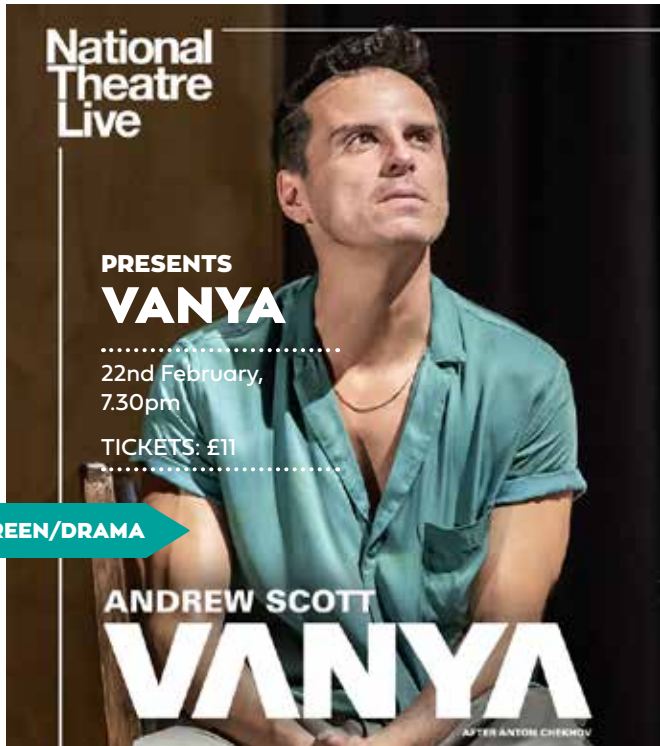
As part of the NI Science Festival 2024 programme

Wednesday 21st February,
7.30pm

TICKETS: Free/ Donate what you can.

A panel discussion chaired by Ulster University's Chris McGonigle discussing themes of environmental sustainability and what small changes we can make as individuals to protect our natural environment – with a range of partners from the Northern Ireland Resource Network.





Adapted by Simon Stephens, after Anton Chekhov, directed by Sam Yates and designed by Rosanna Vize. Andrew Scott (Fleabag) brings multiple characters to life in Simon Stephen's (The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time) radical new version of Chekhov's Uncle Vanya. Hopes, dreams, and regrets are thrust into sharp focus in this one-man adaptation which explores the complexities of human emotions. Filmed live during its sold-out run in London's West End, Vanya will be playing exclusively in cinemas in 2024.

SCREEN/DRAMA

THE KILKENNYS

Friday 23rd February,
8pm

TICKETS: £25

The Kilkennys are at the very forefront of folk groups taking Irish music to the world. They have already proved to be a hit with northern audiences over recent years and their return will once again show why the reputation of this talented and energetic four piece group continues to grow well beyond these shores.

Following tours in Europe, the U.S. and Asia, this show will take the audience on a journey through the Irish folk and ballad tradition, it will feature many well-known ballads as well as new material from The Kilkennys that continues the centuries old Irish bardic tradition. From songs of love to ballads of emigration, The Kilkennys will provide an unforgettable, energy filled, toe tapping and hand clapping night of entertainment sprinkled with some of Ireland's most prolific songs and ballads.

This show featuring one of Ireland's most accomplished four-piece ballad groups is not to be missed



MUSIC



THE PHANTOM RETURNS

Saturday 24th February
8pm

TICKETS: £22

Following a triumphant show in April, internationally-acclaimed star of West End shows such as Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables and Evita, Mike Sterling returns to the Riverside Theatre in February 2024 for an unforgettable night of wonderful music and entertaining chat. With award-winning guest vocalist Michelle Baird and host Gerald McQuilken, you'll not want to miss this exciting programme of West End favourites, chart hits and more!

***** "What a privilege to hear such outstanding musical performances. A truly fabulous night and we can't wait for the sequel!"

***** "Mike Sterling is a true entertainer!" - Michael Parkinson

MUSIC

JOE THE MAGICIAN LIVE

Saturday 2nd March
2pm

TICKETS: £13

It's Joe the Magician from RTÉjr! And he's bringing his spectacular children's comedy magic and illusion show to the Riverside Theatre for one spectacular afternoon of mind boggling fun.

FAMILY

Tables will fly, a friendly ghost will magically fly into the audience and charm kids and grownups alike! Joe will even make it snow live on stage! That's just for starters!

Joe's hugely popular TV show 'abraKIDabra' has been one of the most watched shows on RTÉjr and on the RTÉ player and now Joe stars in his new educational comedy show 'Dizzy Deliveries' where Joe is a magical delivery man.

"Joe Daly is Ireland's leading children's magician" The Irish Times

"Joe Daly is absolutely brilliant" John McColgan ...producer/director of Riverdance.



GIVE MY HEAD PEACE LIVE

Saturday 2nd & Tuesday 5th March,
8pm

TICKETS: £25.50

COMEDY



After yet another sell-out run in 2023 the Give My Head Peace gang return with a brand new show that's guaranteed to be hilarious.

Da, Cal, Ma, Billy the Peeler, Dympna, Pastor Begbie and Sandy the Kneebreakers Barman will bring their unique take on life and the year's events in Northern Ireland. There will be topical jokes, satire, the odd song and barnstorming stand-up comedy from Tim McGarry.

If you've seen the Gang before you'll want to book early. If you haven't been before...book early.

AUSTEN'S WOMEN - LADY SUSAN

Wednesday 6th March
8pm

TICKETS: £15 (conc. £12)

From the award-winning creators of Austen's Women, A Christmas Carol, I, Elizabeth, Female Gothic, Christmas Gothic, and A Room of One's Own.

Austen's Women are back - in a brand-new show! Devil-may-care Lady Susan, the coquettish black widow, hunting down not one, but two, fortunes; oppressed, rebellious daughter Frederica; long-suffering sister-in-law Catherine; family matriarch Mrs De Courcy; and insouciant best friend, Alicia.

Return to the Regency (or rather, Georgian) in this darkly comic tale of society and the women trapped within it; their struggles, their desires, their temptations and manipulations - and at the vanguard, Lady Susan: charming, scheming, witty, and powerful; taking on society and making it her own. But has she met her match?

Based on Jane Austen's first full-length work from 1794, and created entirely from letters, the piece is performed by Rebecca Vaughan and directed by Andrew Margerison.

Created in collaboration with The Old Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead.

THEATRE

NEIL DELAMERE - Neil by Mouth

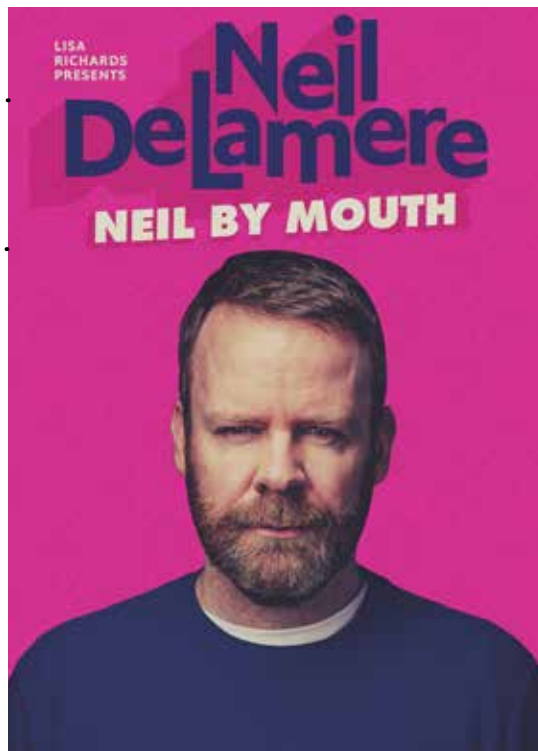
Thursday 7th March
8pm

TICKETS: £26

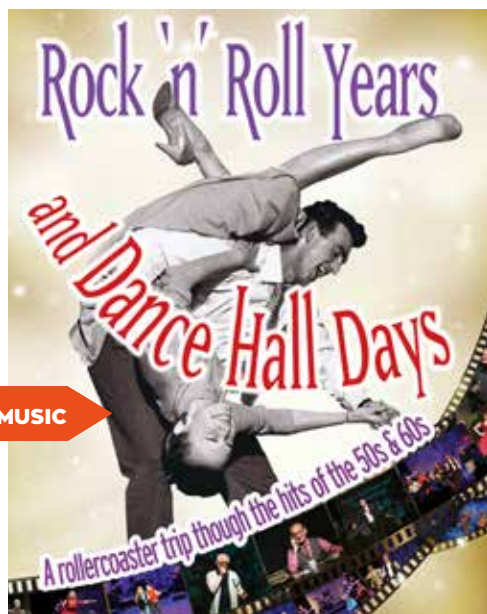
Catch the usual, hilarious tall tales, razor sharp observations and quick-witted improvisation for which this awfully funny Offaly funnyman has become well known.

As seen on the Blame Game, the Panel, Countdown, Celebrity Mastermind, The Celebrity Chase, Beat The Chasers.

"No TV camera could accurately measure the lightning speed of Delamere's wit" - The Irish Times



COMEDY



MUSIC

Rock "n" Roll Years and Dance Hall Days

Friday 8th March
8pm

TICKETS: £25

A wonderful nostalgic musical evening and one of the happiest shows on the road; 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.

Mr Hullabaloo SPRING INTO SPRING

Saturday 9th March
4pm

TICKETS: £8

– Come on down to the Fairytale Farm with Mr.Hullabaloo and the Little Ramblers! Cousin Wendell will be there to share lots of fun animal tales featuring all of your farmyard favourites. Bobbin The Bear loves meeting all the new little baby animals and watching the garden grow. With a little bit of fairytale magic, we can climb the beanstalk with our friend Jack and help the Three Little Pigs to build their house, but beware of the Silly Giant and the Big Bad Wolf! All Ages.



FAMILY

OWEN MAC

Wednesday 13th March
8pm

TICKETS: £25

The hugely popular rising star Owen Mac has been performing since the age of 12, and has amassed over 330,000 followers on social media in the intervening years. With legions of fans all across Ireland, the UK, in the US and Canada, the 20-year-old sensation has been described as following in the same career path as Daniel O' Donnell. Owen cites Gene Watson and Rascal Flatts among those who inspired him to perform, but his greatest influence and advocate has been his parents and father, Dessie, is also a country music singer. Here the talented teenager counts his lucky stars and shares his gratitude to his family. To date Owen has released 7 studio albums with a brand new CD set for release in 2024. Owen has amassed an incredible 50 million YouTube views with songs like "Play Me the Waltz of the Angels", "My Mother" and "The Far Side Banks of Jordan" (Duet with Tony Allen) and has been a regular feature on well known TV shows on UTV, RTE and Sky. Join Owen live in concert for a magical evening of music and song where he will perform his trademark Country, Irish and Gospel hits.



MUSIC

GEORGE – The Essential Collection

Thursday 14th March
8pm

TICKETS: £26

MUSIC



James Bermingham brings his definitive George Michael Experience to the Riverside this Spring.

Delving deep into George Michael's back catalogue of hits from the 80's and 90's, this show is jam packed with over two hours of floor fillers. Previous shows have sold out well in advance so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.



THE LEGEND OF LUKE KELLY

Friday 15th March
8pm

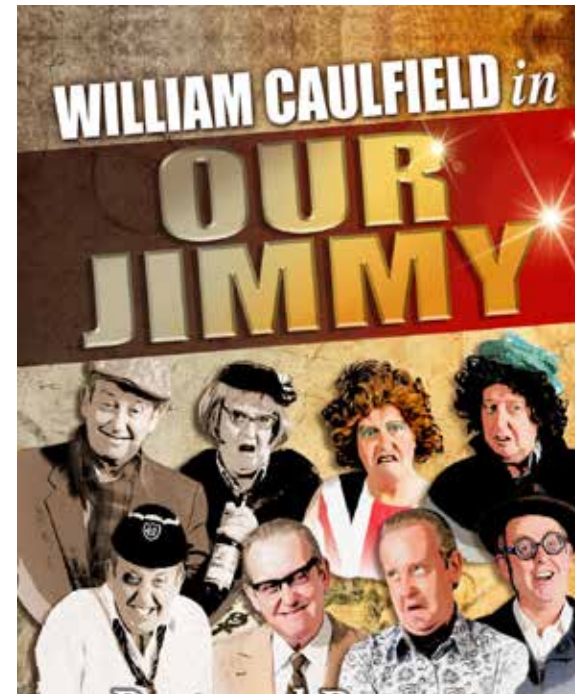
TICKETS: £23.50

The Legend of Luke Kelly is an authentic show celebrating the life and songs of Ireland's most iconic and greatest folk singer.

Created and performed by the renowned Chris Kavanagh the show is not a tribute but a journey through Luke's music that has received rave reviews in Ireland and abroad.

An overwhelming endorsement of authenticity are the huge amount of followers and regular sell-out performances in Ireland's most prestigious venues such as Vicar Street and Cork Opera House.

In 2011 Chris was asked by John Sheahan to perform with The Dubliners on their German tour and Luke's family are still in regular attendance at his concerts.



OUR JIMMY

Saturday 16th March
8pm

TICKETS: £23.50

COMEDY

If you are a fan of comedy stand up and sketches rammed to the hilt with Ulster humour then you cannot afford to miss comedian William Caulfield and his extremely popular 'Our Jimmy' shows.

Comedy characters such as Mrs O'Condrac, Emily Beattie, Orange Lily, the inebriated Willie Simpson, Sammy the wee schoolboy, The Ballymena Man and trade union leader Billy Hulk to name a few all make their appearances in a show that from the opening

monologue to the final bows has the auditorium ringing with laughter from an audience of all ages.

SHAPE OF YOU – MUSIC OF ED SHEERAN

Tuesday 19th March
7.30pm

TICKETS: £23.50 (conc. £17)

The hit stage production, 'Shape of You', features the amazing music of one of the world's greatest singer-songwriters, Ed Sheeran, offering all of his classics in a completely live performance that will captivate you throughout.

Presented by Chameleon Music Marketing, 'Shape of You' has it all: trademark loops, heartfelt singalongs, beatbox raps, emotional acoustic compositions, an extraordinary band and excellent visuals - including a spectacular light performance.

The show draws from the multi-million selling albums Divide, Multiply, Equals, the groundbreaking new album Subtract and his collaborations album, including the songs: Thinking Out Loud, Sing, Lego House, Bad Habits, Overpass Graffiti, Eyes Closed as well as chart-topping collaborations Joker & the Queen and Perfect, making you fall in love with Ed all over again.



MUSIC



MUSICAL THEATRE

UUSU CASS presents Believe in CASS – A Theatrical Journey

Friday 22nd March
8pm

TICKETS: £10

Prepare to embark on a captivating odyssey through the realm of musical theatre with 'Believe in CASS: A Theatrical Journey.' This sensational variety show is a testament to our steadfast belief in CASS, brought to life through the magic of song and stage.

Within the heart of this remarkable performance lies a celebration of dreams, determination, and the enchantment of music. The committee is thrilled to present a curated selection of songs from a wide spectrum of musicals, meticulously chosen to craft a mesmerizing tapestry of narratives that echo our core conviction – in CASS, and in the extraordinary narratives that the world of theatre has to offer.

This isn't just a show; it's a declaration of our unwavering faith in CASS. Our accomplished cast, carefully chosen to showcase a diverse range of talents and voices, will guide you through a profoundly touching journey. From classic Broadway anthems to contemporary showstoppers, this evening promises to be one of inspiration, enchantment, and empowerment.



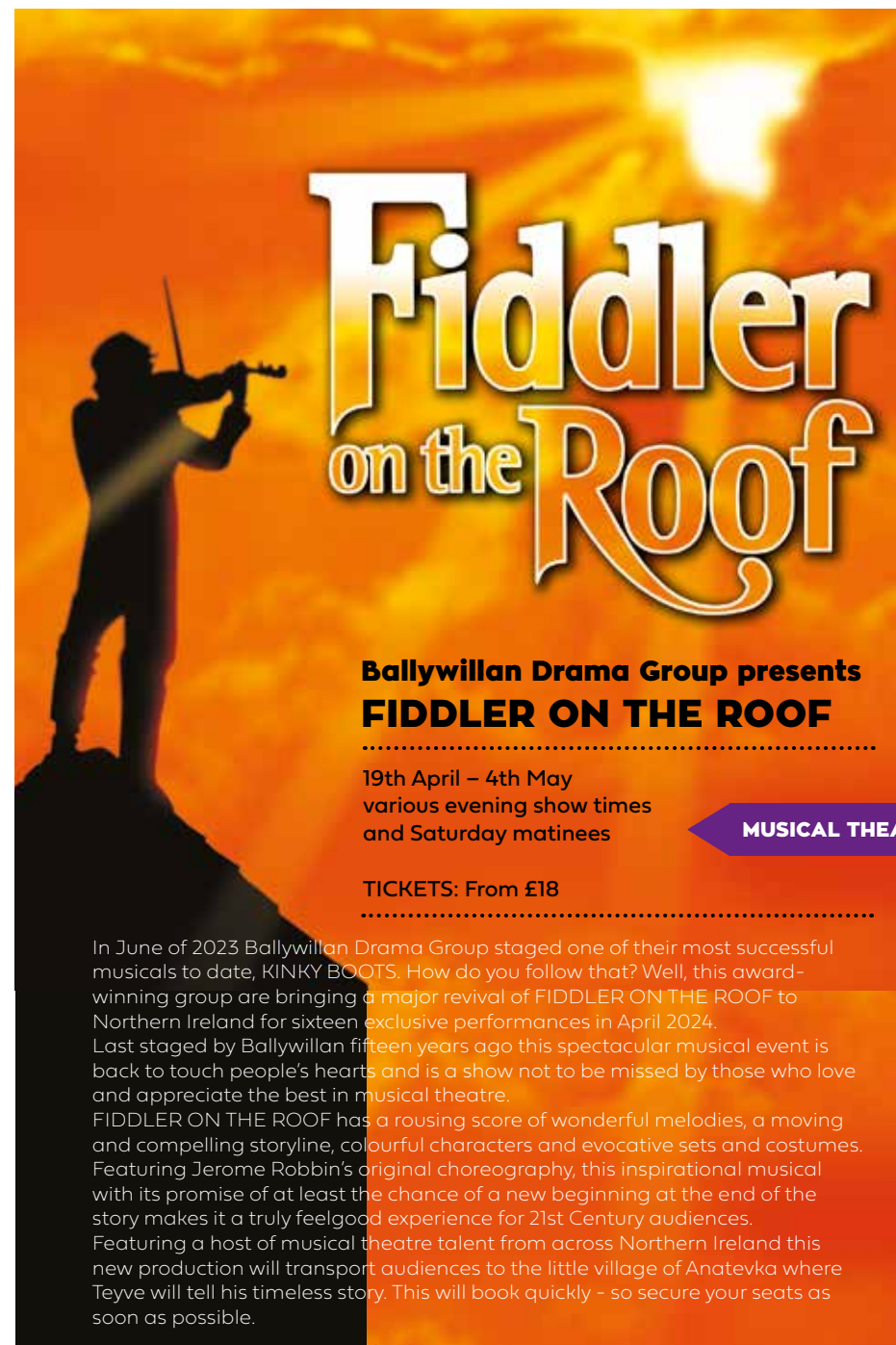
COMEDY

THE COMEDIANS

Saturday 23rd March
8pm

TICKETS: £25

Northern Ireland has produced some great comedy acts, in an evening of classic comedy we have some of the finest: Roy Walker of Catchphrase fame, Jimmy Cricket 'Come Here There's More', Gene Fitzpatrick 'the star of the County Down' and the comedy master that is Adrian Walsh. Musical accompaniment and laughter from the comedy showband legends Clubsound.



Ballywillan Drama Group presents FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

19th April – 4th May
various evening show times
and Saturday matinees

TICKETS: From £18

MUSICAL THEATRE

In June of 2023 Ballywillan Drama Group staged one of their most successful musicals to date, KINKY BOOTS. How do you follow that? Well, this award-winning group are bringing a major revival of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF to Northern Ireland for sixteen exclusive performances in April 2024. Last staged by Ballywillan fifteen years ago this spectacular musical event is back to touch people's hearts and is a show not to be missed by those who love and appreciate the best in musical theatre. FIDDLER ON THE ROOF has a rousing score of wonderful melodies, a moving and compelling storyline, colourful characters and evocative sets and costumes. Featuring Jerome Robbins' original choreography, this inspirational musical with its promise of at least the chance of a new beginning at the end of the story makes it a truly feelgood experience for 21st Century audiences. Featuring a host of musical theatre talent from across Northern Ireland this new production will transport audiences to the little village of Anatevka where Teyve will tell his timeless story. This will book quickly - so secure your seats as soon as possible.

MUSIC

JIVE ACES

Thursday 9th May
8pm

TICKETS: £20
(conc. £18)



The Jive Aces are a six-piece UK-based, swing band that was formed in 1989. They were Britain's Got Talent semi-finalists in 2012 and have released 11 albums, as well as compilations, EPs and singles and have performed at numerous music festivals. Returning to the Riverside this Spring by popular demand.

THEATRE / DANCE

THE OTHER SELVES

Saturday 11th May
8pm

TICKETS: £15 (conc. £12)

A reflection on ageing. The memory and anticipation of ordinary traumas and tragedies. The histories that are embedded in the way you feel your movement. The sufferings of others that have stuck to the skin, the bones the ligaments and which you carry with you. The inevitability of a continuing, perhaps pathetic, conversation with yourself... between yourselves... about who you are, who you have been... who you still might become...

The Other Selves was produced during three residency periods at the Fabrik Potsdam, Studio ADA in Berlin and Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company in Derry/Northern Ireland, between November 2018 and March 2020. The first public performances in the middle of March 2020 were cancelled because of the pandemic. After 2 ½ years the première finally took place at Echo Echo Dance Theatre on 10 and 11 September, 2022... now at the Riverside this May.



THE FAMILY SHARK SHOW

Saturday 25th May
2pm

Tickets: Adults £12 /
Children £10 (Family of 4 - £40)

FAMILY

See us, bring to life, the story behind the song. Venture into the deep blue sea and join Baby on the adventure of a life-time. Come and help, Mummy & Daddy prepare Baby for the first day of school, with lots of exhilarating crowd interaction.

*Please note this show is a professional production with an original script and contains the following favourite - children's classics... *This is the Way, We Brush Our Teeth The Wheels on the Bus Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes Once I Caught A Fish Alive The More We Get Together Sticks and Stones If You're Happy and You Know It I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside Happy Birthday Five Little Ducks Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star The ABC Song The Shark Song*

Big Love - FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

Saturday 25th May
8pm

Tickets: £25

Formed in 2023 of former members of the successful Fleetwood Dreams tribute band, Big Love is a fully live six-piece Fleetwood Mac tribute show. This exciting two-hour show covers all the hits of the phenomenally-successful Buckingham-Nicks era of the band, as well as a reference back to the classic Peter Green line-up and is guaranteed to appeal to fans of all ages.

The band prides itself on quality performances from the Fleetwood Mac songbook, focused on the music and staged with costumes and lighting that recall the original band.



MUSIC

BELFAST MA: MOTHER OF THE GROOM

Saturday 1st June
8pm

TICKETS: £21

The Belfast Ma is back with her brand-new show Mother of the Groom. Enjoy the antics of everyone's favourite Ma, Sadie Devine as she prepares for the wedding of the year. Her favourite wee son Thomas is getting married to childhood sweetheart Kirsty and Sadie is determined to give them the best big day ever. She is all over everything, the cars, the flowers, the dress, the cake, the table plan, and off course the hen do. This is one wedding not to be missed, so grab your invitation, stick on your favourite hat, and celebrate the event of the year. Sure, it's gonna be a geg.



COMEDY

Hotbuckle Productions presents PRIDE & PREJUDICE

Saturday 8th June
8pm

Tickets: £15 (conc. £12)

After last year's tour of 'Sense and Sensibility' Hotbuckle are back with their unique style of adaptations of classic novels. The virtuoso company have been entertaining audiences for over twelve years with their inventive interpretations of familiar texts. Previous productions have included, Great Expectations, Jane Eyre, Tess of the D'urbervilles, Wuthering Heights, David Copperfield and Les Miserables, as well as Austen's Persuasion and Emma.

Hotbuckle are renowned for their fast-paced, multi-role playing adaptations which cross age and gender traditions, and in their latest offering Hotbuckle invites us to enter the world of The Bennets. From the headstrong Elizabeth Bennet to the proud Mr Darcy, Hotbuckle's rich characterisations abound in this latest adaptation by skilled writer Adrian Preater. Full of humour and invention, this is story-telling at its finest, as we meet five sisters who deal with marriage, morality and misconceptions in unique Hotbuckle style. This is Jane Austen as you've never experienced her before, so, get your tickets and Hotbuckle up, for the carriage ride of your life!



THEATRE

Mr Hullabaloo SUMMER SHOW

Saturday 15th June
2pm

Tickets: £8

Mr Hullabaloo
Age recommendation 3-9 years old.

Oh we do like to be beside the seaside. Mr Hullabaloo and friends are off to the seaside on holiday! When Bobbin the Bear discovers he has lots of cousins that live in exciting places around the world, he sets off aboard the Rainbow Rocket to find them. Get ready to pack your imaginations and join Mr Hullabaloo and friends as we celebrate the magic of Summertime on one exciting adventure around the globe!



FAMILY

CASH RETURNS

Saturday 15th June
8pm

Tickets: £22

Europe's no.1 Johnny Cash & June Carter tribute 'Cash Returns' are back and you can get to 'Walk The Line' with JP Mac as the man in black and Karen Martin as June Carter along with this spectacular 10 piece show. This award winning production encapsulates the true magic of one of music's most iconic couples. They will have everyone singin' 'n' stompin' in the aisles along to 'Folsom Prison Blues', 'Ring Of Fire', 'A Boy Named Sue', 'Jackson', 'Hurt' - picking out the very best hits from careers spanning over 50 years! I've attached some images on here to use as well.



MUSIC

Victoria Lagan Drama & Dance presents SUMMER SHOWCASE 2024

Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd June
7.30pm

Tickets: £14

Join our local award-winning Dance and Drama studio as they perform some of their sensational pieces they have been working on this term. A night full of youth talent in various forms of dance including Lyrical, Acro, Jazz, Contemporary and Street as well as their talent young actors performing a variation of theatre scripts.

COMMUNITY / DANCE

Nemesis Cheer & Dance presents SUMMER SHOWCASE 2024

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th June
7pm

Tickets: £11.50

Nemesis cheer and dance annual summer showcase. The perfect opportunity to see our athletes in action. Athletes range from age 5 to adults. We have a wide range of routines available including all aspects of Cheerleading including, Tumbling routines, All Star Cheer, Pom Dance, solos, duos, stunt groups and our award winning competition teams!



THE SUMMER COUNTRY SHOW

Friday 28th June
8pm

FEE: £26

Get the Stetsons and sombreros ready folks for a night of toe-tapping magic with the Summer Country Show. The stellar line-up which wouldn't look out of place in Tennessee will include the gentle giant of country music Mick Flavin who is celebrating 50 years in entertainment, the popular John McNicholl, the yodeling Kenny Archer, the truckers favourite Boxcar Brian and local singing star Alastair Coyle's who each will showcase their trademark classics in the company of N.Ireland's top backing duo Country Harmony. One thing is for sure if its Country Music you like then this is the show for you.



MUSIC

GBL productions presents THE CHRONICLES OF LONG KESH

Saturday 29th June
8pm

FEE: £24

The hilarious, painful and shocking story of Northern Ireland's infamous prison — Long Kesh — is told through the eyes of prison officers, Republicans and Loyalists, a rich assortment of patriots, chancers, leaders, wives, escapers and hypochondriacs! A huge crowd-pleaser, full of 1960's Mo-Town songs and wild, irreverent humour, this is the inside story of The Troubles. Chronicles of Long Kesh last played in Belfast in 2012 with a sold-out run and standing ovations every single night! The play has toured throughout Northern Ireland and was a smash-hit at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.



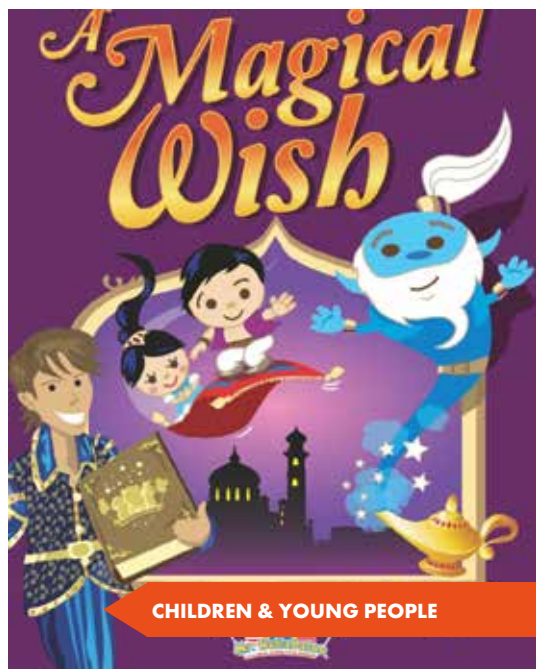
THEATRE

RYT JUNIORS SUMMER CAMP – A MAGICAL WISH

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th July
10am – 3pm Daily
Showcase for family and friends on the
Friday at 2pm
For Primary school children
aged 5 – 11 years old.

Enrolment Fee: £150

The perfect summer activity for your children to meet new friends and learn new skills that will see them grow in confidence and happiness each day! The daily workshops in music, drama and dance will culminate in a showcase for family and friends on the final Friday based around the popular and timeless tale of Aladin.



RYT SENIORS SUMMER CAMP – GREASE IS THE WORD

Monday 12th – Friday 16th August
10am – 3pm Daily
Showcase for family and friends on the
Friday at 2pm
For secondary school children
aged 12 – 18 years old.

Enrolment Fee: £150

MUSIC

Nothing says teenage Summer holidays more than the brilliant movie Grease ... this is an excellent opportunity for young people to take part in a week long drama, dance and music summer camp culminating in a showcase based on the hit musical!



GALLERY

Open Monday – Friday. 10am – 3pm
FREE ENTRY

PAVESTONE EXHIBITIONS EYES OPEN

6th – 23rd February 2024

Now in their 14th year, The Pavestone Collective is delighted to return to the Riverside Theatre Gallery to showcase their latest body of work entitled,

The Collective was established in 2011 and comprises of male and female disabled artists with either mental health issues or physical disabilities. From the outset they decided to have an 'open' exhibition that allowed them to create artwork using styles and techniques they had developed over the years. Most of the artists use acrylics and on occasion some use oils. They chose to paint on deep edge canvases that didn't require framing. Each Artist has been influenced by a range of methods and genres, and have produced a variety of work, inspired by landscape artists, the Pre-Raphaelite movement and contemporary works.

We hope you enjoy viewing our exhibition because it was a pleasure creating the exhibits and with the addition of working closely together, it has been a fabulous experience all round. Thank you & Enjoy

Art by Michael Humphries.....'Early Retirement'

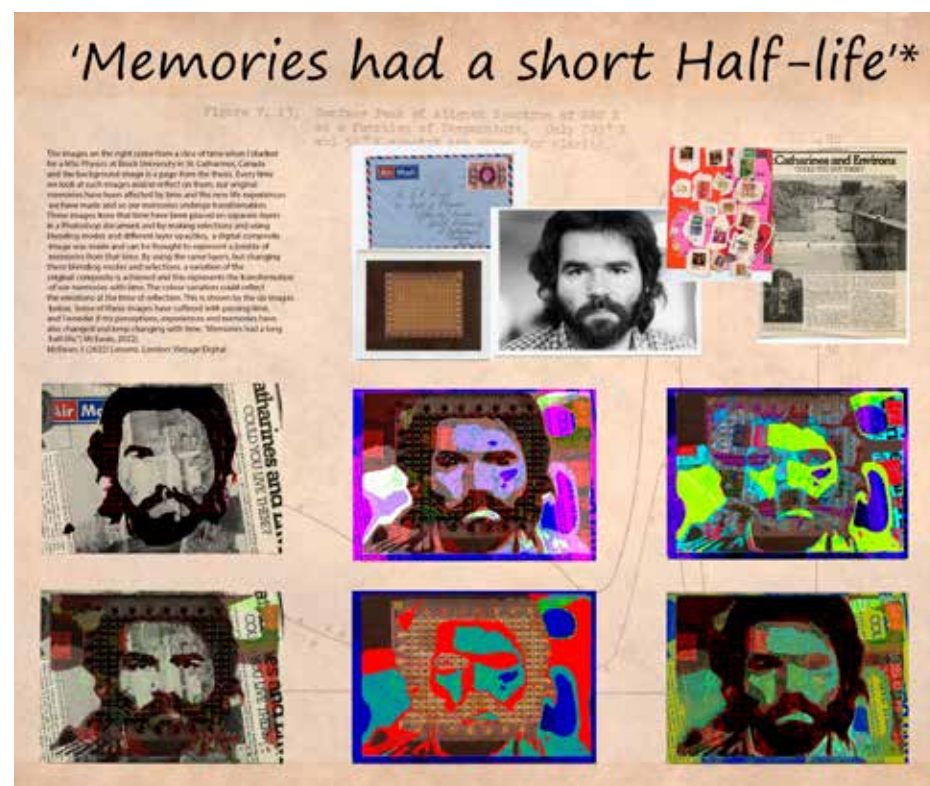


David Wright presents - MEMORIES HAD A SHORT HALF LIFE'

4th – 23rd March 2024

Where do our memories live? What do they do to pass the time? In BBC's Repair Shop people bring in old, broken objects that anyone else would throw out, but to their owners, these objects are precious beyond value, because they remind them of their past, of their relatives, of their place in the world. When they see them in their repaired state the people are overcome with emotion and feel their connection has been sustained.

The images in this exhibition come from a slice of time when I studied for a MSc Physics at Brock University in Canada and the background image is a page from the thesis. Every time we look at such images and/or reflect on them, our original memories have been affected by time and the new life experiences we have made and so our memories undergo transformation. These images are digital composites and collages and can be thought to represent a jumble of memories from that time. Some of these images have suffered with passing time, and I wonder if my perceptions, experiences and memories have also changed and keep changing with time.



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Riverside

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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 walkways to the theatre.

TRAIN

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

BUS

Translink's 140b and 319a Ulsterbus services go via the University campus visit 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.



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