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Jan - Mar 2024

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ARTS CENTRE - VIRGINIA

# Booking Information

Tickets can only be reserved in advance if accompanied by a payment. A booking fee of €1 applies to all events.

## Reservations can be made:

### In Person

The box office is open Tue - Fri 10am to 4pm and 6.30 to 8pm on the night of a show.

### Online

Tickets can be booked online at [ramortheatre.com](http://ramortheatre.com)

### By Phone

#### Box Office (049) 8547074

Payment over the phone can be made using a credit card. Tickets will be held at the box office for collection on the night of a show.

### By Post

To Box Office, Ramor Theatre, Virginia, Co Cavan, A82 PV38.

Cheques and postal orders made payable to Cavan Country Council. Booking will only be made when payment is received. Tickets will be held at box office for collection. Please enclose a contact phone number.

### By Email

Theatre email address is

[ramortheatre@cavancoco.ie](mailto:ramortheatre@cavancoco.ie)

Please send details of which event you wish to book together with your phone number and we will contact you. Please do not include credit card details in your email.

## Discounts and Concessions

We offer concessions on most shows.

Concessions apply to students and senior citizens.

## Ticket Exchanges and Refunds

Once purchased tickets cannot be exchanged nor can money be refunded under any circumstances. You have the option of selling or giving your ticket to another person.

## Reserved Tickets

MUST be paid for within 48 hours otherwise will be automatically released for resale.

## Latecomers

Performances begin at 8.00pm (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) and patrons are to be seated 15 minutes before performances. Latecomers cannot be admitted until a suitable break in the performance.

## Accessibility

- Accessible parking space located at the front of the theatre
- Accessible entrance through Main Box Office Door.
- No charge for wheelchair customers

Please notify booking staff of any special requirements or assistance you may need when booking your tickets.

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## Hearing Loop System



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## GIFT VOUCHERS

Can be purchased from our box office or online.

# At a Glance

January		
Fri 12th	Louis le Brocquy - The Táin	Exhibition
Fri 12th	The Virginians Present: Duets by Patrick Quilter	Drama
Sat 13th	Flash Harry - The Magic of Queen	Music
Fri 19th Sat 20th	The Empty Nest starring Seamus O'Rourke & Joan Sheehy	Drama
Sat 27th	The Highstool Prophets	Music
February		
Fri 2nd	Entangled by Alice Lynch	Drama
Fri 16th	The Determinator	Drama
Fri 23rd	Sean Moylan - Irish Revolutionary	Drama
Sat 24th	Luke Thomas & The Swing Cats - The Kings of Swing Tour 2024	Music
Thur 29th	UNGUARDED by Anthony Kinahan	Drama
March		
Fri 1st	Pat Shortt & Faye Shortt	Comedy
Sat 2nd	Dotts O'Connor & Donal O'Connor Live	Music
Fri 8th	THE HARE by Bob Kelly & Clare Monnelly	Drama
Sat 9th	Onóir	Music
Sat 16th	Illegals with Niamh Kavanagh	Music
Sat 23rd Sun 24th	Crosserlough Choral Society Present: Celtic Journey	Music

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LOUIS LE BROCQUY

## THE TÁIN

COMMENCING FRI 12th JAN | FREE

This exhibition consists of a number of the lithograph brush drawings Louis Le Brocquy created as illustrations to Thomas Kinsella's 1969 translation of the Irish legend the Táin Bó Cúailnge (The Cattle Raid of Cooley) published by Dolmen Press. The Táin is the centrepiece of the eighth century Ulster cycle of heroic tales. It tells the story of a great cattle-raid, when the armies of Medbh and Ailill, queen and king of Connacht, invaded Ulster with the intention of carrying off the

great brown bull of Cooley. The book is illustrated with 31 lithograph brush drawings by le Brocquy, 15 of which are in The Niland Collection. The Táin has been hailed by scholars as the greatest Irish Artist's Book of the twentieth century. Scholars have noted that these illustrations with their precise, pared-down mark making had a great influence on much of le Brocquy's later work, and thus have argued that the Dolmen commission was central to the artist's career.

ROMANTIC COMEDY



THE VIRGINIANS PRESENT:  
**DUETS**

By Peter Quilter

Fri 12th Jan | Time: 8pm | Tickets €16/€14

Duets is a hilarious tribute to the strength and madness of the human heart.

Four sets of characters, four crucial moments, Jonathan and Wendy are on a blind date and hoping to get it right this time even though they've never got it right before; Barrie is not really interested in women but Janet sees that as no reason to stop trying; Shelley and Bobby have decided to holiday in Spain to finalise their divorce whilst drowning in cocktails; Angela is marrying for the third time to the dismay of her brother Toby and amidst a barrage of bad omens and a dress resembling a parachute.

WE WILL, WE WILL ROCK YOU!



**Flash Harry**  
- The Magic of Queen

Sat 13th Jan | Time: 8pm | Tickets €25

Flash Harry are Northern Ireland's most enduring tribute band, celebrating the music of super star Freddie Mercury and super group Queen, for over 25 years.

Flash Harry deliver a rock show that will have the audience rocking in their seats and singing along to anthems of one of the greatest bands in history; featuring classics like 'Radio Ga Ga', 'We Are the Champions', 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'Who Wants to Live Forever' and everything in between.

The five-piece band have played everywhere from the USA to Dubai as well as major venues in the UK and Ireland and continue to sell out venues wherever they go, recreating the magic of Queen for audiences young and old. For a true celebration of the music of Queen, Flash Harry are a band not to be missed.

GOGGLEBOX ON SPEED!



## The Empty Nest

by Oisín Flores Sweeney | Directed by Geoff Gould  
Performance by Seamus O'Rourke & Joan Sheehy

Fri 19th & Sat 20th Jan | Time: 8pm  
Tickets €18/€16

Tony and Sheila are watching television. Again! Their children are grown, and their grandchildren are invading their lives. Sheila wants to travel; Tony is determined to stay put. Tony is on a new diet; Sheila could cut you in two with a sharp comment. All that's on the television is sex and they can't remember when they last did it!

Oisín Flores Sweeney's first full play is a hilarious piece of theatre that looks at how couples negotiate life after the kids leave, their dreams, disappointments, longings and uncompromising opinions on everything!

Oisín's short play A Compromising Position delighted audiences at Cork Arts Theatre last year as part of the '10 x 10 Minute Theatre Event'. Directed by Geoff Gould, it stars Seamus O'Rourke and Joan Sheehy, recently seen in An Cailín Ciúin.

RAMOR DEBUT!



## Highstool Prophets

Sat 27th Jan | Time: 8pm | Tickets €20

The Highstool Prophets are one of the most sought-after folk bands in Ireland at present. Bringing their unique twist to the folk music of our generations, playing to a wide variety of audiences across Ireland and beyond has led to a string of sold-out shows, TV & radio appearances, and new music releases.

Their first ever appearance in The Ramor Theatre is sure to be a memorable evening's entertainment.

## LOVE TRIANGLE



## ENTANGLED

by Alice Lynch

Fri 2nd Feb | Time: 8pm | Tickets €15

Michelle needs to save her boyfriend Aidan. Sleeping with Patrick seems like the start of a good plan. Will the involvement of Kathleen, Patrick's wife, be the end of the good plan?

Cavan-based playwright Alice Lynch studied Drama and Theatre at Maynooth University and graduated from UCD with a master's degree in Theatre and Performance in 2011. Alice has won several awards for writing and has had her plays produced nationally and internationally. She has acted in many productions, is a drama facilitator, and is one of the founders of The Moogles Theatre Company.

Kindly supported by Cavan Arts Office.  
This play is not suitable for children.

## NEVER GIVE UP ON LOVE...



## THE DETERMINATOR

Written by John McManus | Directed by Padraic McIntyre & Performed by Charlie McGuinness

Fri 16th Feb | Time: 8pm | Tickets €18

The Determinator, Herbie Hoctor has just been trying to keep his head above water like any other halfway civilized human being but it's difficult to keep going when your landlord has given you notice to quit; when your neighbour is threatening you with the Guards; when your nemesis wants to go outside; when you've been fired from your job for refusing to sing the Happy Birthday song; when there's a dead body lying under your bedroom floor and - worst of all - when you've just discovered that your ex-girlfriend, the love of your life, your soulmate, your sweet little heart's desire, your pretty little nasturtium... is getting married... tomorrow... miles away... and transport is hard come by...



# SÉAN MOYLAN, IRISH REVOLUTIONARY

Fri 23rd Feb | Time: 8pm | Tickets €18

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**SEAN MOYLAN, IRISH REVOLUTIONARY** is one man's account of key events during the Irish War of Independence. A man who sacrificed, suffered, and risked his life for his country. It is a tribute to him and to all who volunteered, many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice, and to their families who bear it.

In our later years, how do we feel about the actions and decisions of our youth? Did the volunteers have regrets? Feel pride? Shame or guilt?

How did they deal with what we would now call PTSD with no network of support?

In true Moylan fashion, it will be intense, funny, and direct but reflective.

The play will take the audience through dramatic events of the period. From ambush and guerrilla tactics, to life on the run and the lasting effects of it all.

An evening sure to entertain, inform and provoke conversation.

Written and performed by Michael Patric,  
(An Cailín Ciúin, Smother, Frontier)

Directed by Geoff Gould







SING WHEN YOU'RE SWINGING



## Luke Thomas and The Swing Cats - The Kings of Swing Tour 2024

Sat 24th Feb | Time: 8pm | Tickets €28

Join Ireland's King of Swing Luke Thomas and his band The Swing Cats for their Kings of Swing Tour next spring 2024.

The Best in The Business are back with a brand-new show celebrating 100 years of SWING music with a musical timeline of SWING classics from the 1920's to the modern day!!

Featuring all your favourite SWING and Big Band songs like Sing Sing Sing, Puffin on The Ritz, Mack the Knife to Crooning classics like Mr. Bojangles, Fly Me to The Moon, New York plus many more performed by THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS - Luke Thomas & The Swing Cats!! An absolute must for all SWING music fans.

With two #1 Albums, three TV Specials you can't afford to miss this show.

NEW DRAMA!



## UNGUARDED

by Anthony Kinahan

Thur 29th Feb | Time: 8pm | Tickets €18/€16

When a father's world falls apart, he must battle through obstacles to ensure a future for him & his son. Love; Laughter; Loss & Families left behind: UNGUARDED is a touching, & often comedic, new drama - developed by Louth actor/theatre-maker Anthony Kinahan - that uses imaginative physicality, vocal versatility & song, to highlight the vulnerable position many LGBTQ+ & non-LGBTQ+ families find themselves in due to the lack of regulation of Surrogacy in Ireland.

Directed by Anna Simpson (Quintessence Theatre) & developed under the Droichead Arts Centre Artist in Association in 2021 (with the support of the Arts Council of Ireland), this production is produced by Droichead and An Táin Arts Centre, Dundalk.

## COMEDY GOLD



## PAT SHORTT & FAYE SHORTT

Fri 1st Mar | Time: 8pm | Tickets €30

Pat and Faye Shortt are back again with their brand-new slick comedy show, following their hugely popular sell out 2023 'Well' tour.

The new show is a riot of comedy, as Pat and Faye bring this new comedy show on a nationwide tour. Fasten your seat belts for an evening of madcap fun and frolics.

## SONGWRITERS SPECIAL



## Dotts O'Connor & Donal O'Connor Live

Sat 2nd Mar | Time: 8pm | Tickets €15

Best known as the guitarist of RTE Choice nominated band Come on Live Long and Dirty Dreamer, Dotts O'Connor's new solo project is a departure from his previous work. Having spent the past decade performing, touring, and collaborating with bandmates, it was moving from Dublin to Cavan (via London) that provided him with the freedom to work on his own material. His recently released debut solo EP, 'Coney', is a culmination of this solitary time spent working on his craft.

Donal O'Connor has been writing songs for over 30 years and has three entirely self-composed albums to his name. His writing has been described by Christy Moore as "a pure joy". Charlie McGettigan regards him as "one of my favourite songwriters". Donal has toured extensively in the UK and has also performed in Germany, USA, Spain, Australia, and New Zealand.



GRIPPING DRAMA



## THE HARE

Fri 8th Mar | Time: 8pm | Tickets €18/€16

She's an odd one; a lonely girl living at the edge of the world, ridiculed by her peers and unable to fit in. Torn between the society that rejects her & her own wilder nature, she creates her own world, and lives as best she can. She sees the rest of them but holds them at a distance. We meet her on the day that is today – and today is made different by the arrival of a letter. An opening. A suggestion of potential life beyond this place and these people. 'The possibility. Imagine.'

Once Off Productions presents *The Hare*, a new play from co-writers Clare Monnelly and Bob Kelly. Directed by Bob Kelly, performed by Úna ní Bhriain with live music by Steve Wickham.

Originally developed with support from the Abbey Theatre and Cairde Sligo Arts Festival.

FOLK AT ITS FINEST



## Onóir

Sat 9th Mar | Time: 8pm | Tickets €30

Contemporary Irish folk group Onóir formed in 2020, when Donegal musicians; Tom McHugh, Declan Gaughan, Deane Connaghan, and Diarmaid McGee, joined forces to create a contemporary version of the famous Irish folk ballad; "The Auld Triangle", the video went on to be seen by over 3 million people worldwide. These talented musicians with distinctive vocal styles are setting new standards with incredible musical arrangements and harmonies that mark them out as unique.

Onóir are selling out venues in record time as their impassioned audiences are taken on a musical odyssey. From their new take on traditional Irish ballads all the way through to up tempo modern Irish classics. From tears to laughter, enjoy the onstage chemistry, excitement, and banter in a show not to be missed.

ROCK REVIVALISTS



## Illegals with Niamh Kavanagh

Sat 16th Mar | Time: 8pm | Tickets €25

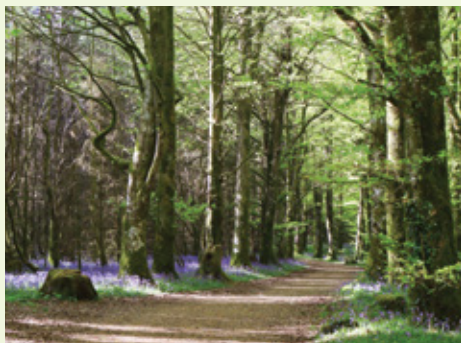
A memorable night of unforgettable songs from the world's two most iconic rock bands. Led by brilliant voice of Niamh Kavanagh, The Illegals will take you on a journey for three hours of soulful harmonies, exciting riffs, blistering guitars and unforgettable songs.

The best of two legendary bands in one night? It's almost too good to be true. Songs like 'Take It Easy', 'Dreams', 'Life In The Fast Lane', 'Don't Stop', 'One Of These Nights', 'Gold Dust Woman', 'Desperado', 'The Chain' and 'Hotel California' – and many others: all in celebration of two of the greatest rock bands of all time who have sat at the top of the billboards for almost 50 years.

**"Niamh is outstanding - The Rolls-Royce of Irish Rock" – RTE**

**"Simply Stunning" – The BBC**

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## CROSSERLOUGH CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENT: Celtic Journey

Sat 23rd & Sun 24th Mar | Time: 8pm | Tickets €18

Join us for a harmonious blend of Irish music, familiar melodies, and heartfelt ballads, in aid of Ballyjamesduff Cancer Support Fund. The members of the 100 strong choir hail from Crosserlough and further afield.

Under the direction of John Donohoe, Crosserlough Choral Society will bring you on a journey that will leave you with a deep appreciation for the haunting melodies and harmonies of the Celtic soul.

COMING SOON!

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PRESENTED BY NIALL (BRESSIE) BRESLIN:

# Where is my mind?

Wed 17th Apr | Time: 8pm | Tickets €25

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**WHERE IS MY MIND?** is a podcast about how we can better take care of the beauty and the beast that is the human mind in the head-melty chaos of the modern world. It is Hosted by Niall "Bressie" Breslin, one of Ireland's most formidable and inspiring mental health advocates.

Niall holds an MSc in mindfulness-based interventions, bachelor's degrees in economics and sociology, and is an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons and IADT. He is currently undertaking his PhD in Trinity. He is also a bestselling author, musician, philanthropist, and former professional athlete.

WHERE IS MY MIND is an incredible live experience laced with humour and heart. Niall engages in generative in-depth explorations, to reveal the unvarnished truth of, and hope for, the human condition. A creative cocktail of music, spoken word, monologues and conversation, it is clear why his live podcast tour was completely sold out across Ireland last year.

Past WHERE IS MY MIND guests have included Deepak Chopra, Moby, Dr Edith Eger, Adam Clayton (U2), Dan Harris, Jameela Jamil, Biffy Clyro, Dr Andrew Huberman, Dr Mike Ryan, Ruby Wax, Professor Luke O'Neill, and Sharon Salzberg.

"A funny, entertaining, heart-warming, and creative look into the ups and downs of being a human being. A joy from start to finish".

Today FM's Dave Moore





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