




Grease August 10th – 14th, 8pm
Starlight Entertainments £6

 The smash hit movie and musical is now 21 years old, but remains as popular as ever. Starlight Entertainments bring their electrifying production to Portlaoise with a superbly talented young cast headed by Jason Ryan and Eimear Dunne. Directed by Paddy Melia, the show is packed with all the hits: *Hopelessly Devoted*, *Sandy*, *Grease Lightnin'*, *You're the One that I Want* and, of course, *Summer Nights*. It's the biggest party of the summer, so don't miss out!



Caffé Latte Laois Arts Centre

Caffé Latte is now opened in the new Dunamais Theatre, Portlaoise. This new café provides trendy, upscale lunches in a relaxing designer atmosphere.

Caffé Latte opens at 8.30am and serves a scrumptious breakfast including bacon with pancakes and maple syrup. Lunch is served from 12pm, the new menu boasts ceasar salads, quiche, lasagne and a wide range of sandwiches. Drop in for afternoon tea, have a break from the shopping and try our sumptuous deserts.

Good sounds and friendly staff add to the café's ambience. The café also features art and photographic exhibitions. Come in and savour a taste of café culture.

Exhibition July / August

The Facade



A mixed media exhibition by Robin Carson.



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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

JULY - AUGUST 1999



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Liam Clancy July 16th, 8pm
 Musician £8 / £6 concession

One of Ireland's most well loved folk entertainers will make his debut at the arts centre as part of the *Spraoi Laoise Festival*, the festival for over 50's, but his music and storytelling is well suited to all ages. His collaboration with his brothers and Tommy Macken brought him to a world wide audience with such hit records as *The Band played Waltzing Matilda* and *The Dutchman*. He has more recently worked with Phil Coulter, most memorably with the single *Home from the Sea*.

'I don't think I can think of a better ballad singer than him.' Bob Dylan



Céilí Mór July 17th, 8pm
 Old Time Dancing £4

More *Spraoi* fun with a Céilí Mór and Concert featuring *The Half Door Club*, *Camross Ceoltas Ceoltoirí* and a mystery guest playing old time favourites, which promises to be a great night of fun and nostalgia. It will also be the first opportunity to experience a performance in the arts centre with the seating rake retracted, allowing patrons to dance on the beautiful oak floor.



Dancing at Lughnasa July 23rd & 24th,
 Brian Friel £7 / £5 concession, 8pm

One of the greatest plays in the Irish modern drama canon, this favourite will be performed by *Link Theatre Company* from Mayo. Founded in 1998, the company has received some excellent reviews for its work and has played in venues throughout the west. The company were also invited to the *Masan International Theatre Festival* in South Korea last year.

'Superbly presented and played. Link deserve our grateful thanks for this closely observed and gripping production.'



Brendan Keeley July 25th, 8pm
 Musician £12

Brendan Keeley has, in the recent years, forged an important place for himself in Ireland's body of singer / songwriters. Following his apprenticeship in bands based both here and in London, he finally made the breakthrough with the album *I'll Always be Lonely*, which stayed in the charts for 6 months, going platinum in its first week on the shelves. He won a National Entertainment Award and won two I.R.M.A. nominations. His new album, *Wishing* is now in the process of being released.

This concert is in aid of the Kosovo Refugee Crisis



Happy Birthday, Dear Alice
 Bernard Farrell August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8pm
 £10 / £8 concession

Red Kettle Theatre Company from Waterford present this hilarious comedy which took the country by storm in 1995/96. Featuring Tony-award winner Anna Manahan and Brendan Cauldwell, it tells the story of a dispersed, dysfunctional family who aims to commit their ageing, gentle yet resilient mother to the uncertain fate of a nursing home. Acclaimed by audiences and critics alike as one of the best comedies in recent years. There will be three performances of this wonderful play but early booking is strongly advised.

'Lovely, funny and touching... Anna Manahan's Alice is a tour de force'

The Irish Times

Dolores Keane August 6th, 8pm
 Singer £12.50

A legend in Irish folk singing, Dolores Keane is one of the country's best known and well loved performers. Few artists have produced such a prolific body of work or have captured the hearts of their audiences as Dolores has. Her interpretations are distinctive, her delivery sublime, untainted and unaffected. She is, as Nanci Griffith described her, 'the voice of Ireland'.