



The Morrisseys

Presented by Bill Morrissey Management

The Morrisseys, the long-lived family folk group from Co. Tipperary, will captivate you with their vast collection of Irish ballads and folk songs ranging from traditional to contemporary folk. Their infectious warmth will add vitality to your day and put a spring in your step. Come hear them play *Carlingford*, *Galtee Mountain Boy* and *The Old Rustic Bridge by the Mill*.

Sun, Oct 22nd, 8pm

Tickets: £12/£10 (concession)



Isla Grant

Originally from Scotland, Isla Grant has been in the music business all her life but has only recently began writing and singing her own material. Louise Morrissey, John Hogan and Margo have recorded some of her original tunes. Come hear her sing 14 of her newest original songs, which are included on her new CD, *Mother*. Book early for good seats.

Thurs, Oct 26th, 8pm

Tickets: £10



Hansel & Gretel

Lambert Puppet Theatre

Paula Lambert proudly presents this timeless children's classic with large puppets, colourful sets and exquisite lighting all for the enjoyment of your 3 to 12 year old. This beautifully produced show by Michael Monaghan will mesmerise your child and tickle his or her imagination with the classic tale of these two candy loving youngsters.

Sat, Oct 28th, 2pm & 4pm

Tickets: £5

Friends priority booking from Aug 8th

General booking from Aug 14th



Brendan Grace

Comedian

Brendan Grace has been in the business of making people laugh for the last 27 years. His philosophy of *Give the People What They Want* has survived the test of time and he continues to delight and amuse audiences with a nudge and wink. Come laugh until your sides split and be sure to book early to avoid disappointment!

Mon & Tues, Oct 30th & 31st, 8pm

Tickets: £15

Friends priority booking from Aug 8th

General booking from Aug 14th



Conferences

September 20th
Visual Arts Curators Conference

October 21st
Inside Out: Men's Bible Conference
Carlow Bible Church

Exhibitions

August 21st - September 8th
Portlaoise Artists Group

September 11th - September 29th
Group exhibition curated by James Hanley ARHA

October 2nd - October 21st
Kevin Byrne - Photographer



Workshops

September - December
Portfolio/Art Workshops
A series of art workshops will be available to secondary school students and adults from September to the end of the year. Conducted by Claire Fahey, a graduate of the National College of Art and Design, the workshops will enable students to compile a suitable portfolio for presentation to third level colleges. The adult classes will concentrate on print and painting. To book, call Claire directly on (087) 663 9445.

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Loco County Lonesome
Black Box Theatre Company



A collaboration by Pat McCabe and Joe O'Byrne, this play is a tale of cattle theft, murder, romance and life working in a meat processing plant amidst a cabaret of country and western songs. Moss and Vance are fated to clash with their boss and continue their redundant jobs in the meat packing plant like two giant puppets brandishing meat cleavers! From the writers of *Frank Pig Says Hello* and *The Butcher Boy*. This is sure to be a favourite.

Sat, July 29th, 8pm
Tickets: £10/£8 (concession)
Friends: 2 tickets for the price of 1



Shake the Speare Theatre Workshops
Shake the Speare Theatre Company

Cabrini Cahill, Artistic Director of Shake the Speare Theatre Company will be giving a series of week-long workshops for young people between the ages of 6 and 17. Concentration will be placed on having fun, exploring creativity and building confidence. Workshops will explore the basics of acting, voice, mime and improvisation. Have your child come explore their creative side!

Workshop 1: July 31st-Aug 4th
Ages 6-8 £25 per child
Workshop 2: July 31st-Aug 4th
Ages 9-11 £30 per child
Workshop 3: Aug 8th-Aug 12th
Ages 12-14 £50 per child
Workshop 4: Aug 21st-Aug 25th
Ages 15-17 £50 per child



Jesus Christ Superstar
Together Productions

Jesus Christ Superstar is one of the most successful and longest running musicals ever written. Together Productions brings us its superbly talented young cast to this electrifying version of the famous biblical rock opera. Come see Jesus, Judas, and Pontius Pilate in all their youthful glory! From the same company that brought you *Grease* last year.

Tues - Sat, Aug 15th - 20th, 8pm
Tickets: £7/5 (concession Tuesday and Wednesday only)



Traditional Night of Music
Featuring the John Whelan Band

By the time John Whelan was in his early twenties he had won seven All-Ireland titles on the button accordion. Settling in the US in 1980, he is now a celebrated composer, producer and arranger. He brings his band to Laois straight from their tour of Spain.

Thurs, Aug 24th, 8pm
Tickets: £10



Drinks in the House!

From July 18th, the theatre bar will be under new management. Patrons will now be able to order their drinks for the interval prior to the show and tea or coffee will also be available. Be sure to order your drink before taking your seat.



John Roche
*A benefit for Irish Guide Dogs
for the Blind Association*



This concert celebrates the ever popular songs, stories, parodies and poetry of the famous songwriter and painter Percy French, who died 80 years ago in 1920 in Formby, near Liverpool. Come hear John Roche sing baritone with John Brady accompanying on piano and Maureen Fallon doing recitations. Songs included in the programme will be *Slattery's Mounted Fut*, *Paddy Reilly, Are You Right There Michael* and *Drumcolliher*.

Fri, Sept 8th, 8pm
Tickets: £10
Friends: 10% discount



Bat the Father, Rabbit the Son
Written and performed by D. O'Kelly



Rabbit is a middle-aged self-made haulage magnate who enlists the aid of his minion Keogh to help him find his lost moorings. His quest is hampered by unexpected eruptions of the ghost of his father Bat, former Citizen Army volunteer and pawn shop assistant. The conflict builds to a climax as they journey around Dublin and attempt a crazed voyage up the Liffey in a punt. Those who saw the performance of Catalpa in May will undoubtedly want to return to see this wonderful performer in an evening of pure theatrical magic.
"Purely brilliant!" *The New York Post*
"A perfect modern drama." *The Guardian*

Fri, Sept 15th, 8pm
Tickets: £10/£8 (concession)
Friends: 10% discount



Celia Larkin
Beauty Consultant

As part of its continuing fundraising efforts, The Dunamais Theatre is proud to present a unique occasion to meet one of Ireland's most well-known beauty consultants, Celia Larkin. Ms. Larkin will present her methods, ideas and tricks-of-the-trade and talk about style, grooming, make-up and presentation. Her immense experience at the highest levels will ensure that the evening will be most informative and beautiful one.

Mon, Sept 18th, 8pm
Tickets: £15



Irish Chamber Orchestra



Under the artistic direction of acclaimed Irish violinist Fionnuala Hunt, the 19 professional musicians of the Irish Chamber Orchestra continue to perform with the highest level of artistic standards. Performing both classical favourites and newly commissioned works, the ICO have received great acclaim and favourable press on a national and international level. They are making their debut here at the Dunamais Theatre and this is a performance not to be missed.

Fri, Sept 22nd, 8pm
Tickets: £10/£8 (concession)
Friends: 10% discount



Hal Roach and Friends
Ireland's International Comedian



Come enjoy the resident comedian of the world famous Jury's Irish Cabaret in Dublin here in Portlaoise! See the 'King of Blarney' perform his special brand of squeaky clean Irish humour that entire families can take delight in. Also appearing will be Kildare soprano Philomena Breslin. Make sure to book early for an evening of light-hearted laughter and song.

Wed & Thur, Sept 27th & 28th, 8pm
Tickets: £15
Friends priority booking: from Aug 8th
General booking: from Aug 14th



The Café Orchestra



This widely diversified group is very well travelled and has contributed their considerable talents to such Hollywood soundtracks as *Michael Collins* and *Agnes Brown*. The Orchestra has performed at such venues as the *Cannes Film Festival*, *Slane Castle* and the *Cork Jazz Festival* and also wrote the signature tune for the RTÉ radio show, *The Right Side*. Come hear it performed along with songs from their four critically acclaimed CD's.

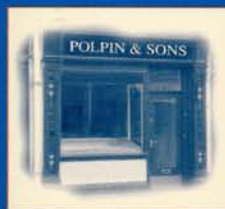
Sun, Oct 1st, 8pm
Tickets: £10/£8 (concession)
Friends: 10% discount



The Keegan Millennium Weekend
Organised by John Keegan School

Following last year's successful inaugural event, the Millennium is celebrated with a weekend of music, lectures and a field trip around the county. The main focus will be on the history and folklore associated with the saints of Laois and participants include Dr. John Feehan, Alice Taylor, Dr. Daithí O hOgain, Dr. Pdraig O Machain, HomeBrew and Liam Lawton and friends.

Fri & Sat, Oct 13th & 14th
Tickets for individual events: £5
Season ticket: £12



Big Maggie
An Grianan Theatre Company



Following the huge success of *Translations* last year, An Grianan Productions in association with Yew Tree Theatre Company presents John B. Keane's modern Irish classic - *Big Maggie*. The story of Big Maggie Polpin and her attempts to keep her family together after the death of her husband is an enduring theatre favourite. Featuring the best of Donegal's acting talent and directed by John Breen, who won Best Director at this year's Irish Times Theatre Awards for directing his own play *Alone It Stands* - *Big Maggie* promises to be one of the highlights of the theatre's autumn season.

Mon - Wed, October 16th, 17th and 18th, 8pm
Tickets: £10/£8 (concession)
Friends priority booking from Aug 8th
General booking from Aug 14th
Friends discount: 10%



Friends of Dunamais

Become a friend and benefit from discounts, free tickets and invitations to events. Details available at the arts centre.