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Robinson Crusoe

Portlaoise Pantomime Group

This is the Group's 17th annual pantomime performance with this year's production being *Robinson Crusoe*. Rufino Recks is directing and Aidan Feeley is musical director, both adding

Date: Friday, January 19th - Sunday, January 28th
Time: Matinees at 2.30pm on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th.
All other shows at 8.00pm
Tickets: £7 adults / £4 children / £5 - concession 19th-23rd only

their own distinctive flair to the show. This is a favourite, so make sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

School Performances

Ceiltis School, School of Speech and Drama

Date: Saturday, December 9th
Time: 6.30pm
Tickets: £5

Sacred Heart National School

Date: Tuesday, December 12th
Time: 8.00pm
Matinee: 12.30pm

Art Exhibitions

Wednesday, November 1st - Saturday, November 25th

Robert Armstrong Paintings

Official opening Thursday, 2nd November

Sunday, December 3rd - December 22nd

Christmas Craft Fair

Monday, January 15th - Friday, February 9th

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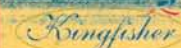


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A Miracle in Ballymore

Red Kettle Theatre Company

A young schoolgirl claims she has had a vision of the Virgin Mary. The ensuing crisis in the parish and diocese pits the archbishops secretary, anxious to secure the archbishop's promotion to cardinal against Father D'Arcy, the ageing priest, who wants to reveal the truth regardless of any damage it might do to his beloved church. A great new play from Red Kettle, featuring the incomparable Anna Monahan (*The Beauty Queen of Leenane, Happy Birthday, Dear Alice*) and Mary McEvoy (*Biddy from Glenroe*). Early booking is essential.

Date: Tuesday, October 24th -
Saturday, October 28th
Time: 8:00 pm
Tickets: £10/£8 (concession)
Friends: 10% discount



Anna Monahan
Mary McEvoy

Foster and Allen

Come enjoy a majestic evening of entertainment in the company of these international chart-busters. They have been performing together for 25 years and have produced some of the warmest lyrics and most memorable melodies such as *I Will Love You All My Life, Maggie, Old Flames* and many more. This is a real musical treat that shouldn't be missed!



Date: Tuesday, November 7th
Time: 8:00 pm
Tickets: £14

Carousel

Laois Musical Society

The Laois Musical Society is very proud to showcase this hugely popular Rogers & Hammerstein Broadway musical. It is a strange and beautiful love story with fabulous dancing, singing and acting amongst a lovely and vibrant set. Come see one of Broadway's most successful and entertaining shows!



Date: Saturday November 18th -
Sunday, November 20th
Time: 8:00pm,
matinee at 2:30pm, November 19th
Tickets: £8/£7 concessions on 20th,
21st and 22nd

Strength in Numbers

Local group Strength in Numbers are sure to have you up and dancing in the aisles at this rock 'n roll concert! They will perform 'unplugged', as well as cover tunes and some of their own original material. Come set for a night of rocking musical entertainment!



Date: Saturday, December 2nd
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £6/£5 (concession)

One Act Circuit Festival

Laois Amateur Drama Association

The Laois Amateur Drama Association will host its second circuit festival here at the Dunamaise Theatre. Nine drama groups from around Ireland will take part in this festival and promises to be an excellent weekend of drama and theatre.

Date: Friday and Saturday,
November 3rd-4th
Time: 8:00pm (November 3rd),
2:30pm and 8:00pm (November 4th)
Tickets: £5/Weekend ticket £12



Kieran Goss

Kieran Goss has been writing and performing music since 1985 and is one of Ireland's top selling recording artists and songwriters. This is evident in his latest album, *Red Letter Day*, which debuted at No. 5 in the Irish charts in May 2000. Come hear *Irish Music Magazine's Best Contemporary Artist of 1998* perform selections from his four albums including the chart topping *Out Of My Head*. Make sure to book early to avoid disappointment!



Date: Sunday, November 5th
Time: 8:00 pm
Tickets: £12.50/£11.00 (concession)
Friends: Priority booking
General booking opens October 11th

Mesner

Fresh from their critically acclaimed appearance at the recent *Witness Festival*, Mesner play what promises to be another very successful gig at the Dunamaise Theatre. Hear them play their most recent single *Saturday* as well as lots more of the finest Laois rock! Book early to avoid disappointment.



Date: Saturday, November 11th
Time: 9:30 pm
Tickets: £8

Laois - A Sound History

Laois Youth Theatre

Under the Laois County Council's Arts Programme, with assistance by the National Millennium Committee, the Laois Youth Theatre are proud to present their inaugural performance of Pat Boran's *Laois - A Sound History*. This play emphasises the 'sound' element and is filled with life, movement and music. Directed by Paula Dempsey, this should be a great example of youth theatre.



Date: Friday, December 1st
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £5/£4 (concession)
Friends: 10% discount



By the Blue Danube

Portlaoise Singers

The Portlaoise Singers and Soloists bring you the romantic melodies of old Vienna - Johann Strauss, Franz Lehar and more. Come hear a little bit of the old country performed with great musical talent and grace.



Date: Sunday and Monday, December 17th and 18th
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £10
Friends: Priority booking
General booking opens October 11th

Earwigs

Barnstorm Theatre Company

Earwigs is a play for young people aged 10-14 and is guaranteed to provoke loud and frequent laughter! The play tells the story of a chaotic summer in the life of an ordinary 11-year old, Eddie. Only Eddie has a secret and he's promised not to tell! What ensues is lots of misguided and hilarious guess work by Eddie's Ma, his Auntie Carmel and the next door neighbour as they get their lines crossed and jump to the wrong conclusions! Group bookings available through your child's school.



Date: Thursday and Friday,
November 9th - 10th
Time: 10:00am and 12:30pm
Tickets: £5/£4 group rate

Frances Black

One of Ireland's great vocalists, Frances Black comes to the Dunamaise Theatre for one night only to grace us with her melodious and magical voice. She has won two IRMA awards for Best Irish Female Artist and has sold over a million albums to date. Come hear her sing *Talk To Me, On Grafton Street* and *Send Him A Letter*. Early booking is strongly advised.



Date: Thursday, November 20th
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £12.50/£10 (concession)
Friends: Priority booking
General booking opens October 11th



Date: Friday, December 8th
Time: 8:00 pm
Tickets: £7/£5 (concession)
Friends: 10% discount



Lift The Latch

Lift The Latch are a group of traditional/folk musicians from the Portlaoise/Monasterevin area who formed the core of the very popular 'Mrs. Gilhooley's Folk Club'. The group will present a varied selection of traditional folk music and song. If you fancy traditional Irish folk music you will enjoy this powerful and memorable performance.