





MAY - SEPTEMBER

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Dunamaise Arts Centre Calendar

	Portlaoise Trad Fest - Seán Keane & Band	Music >	Fri 28 April, 8pm
E	Catherine Young Dance - A Call to You	Dance >	Thurs 4 May, 8pm
	Sorry For Your Loss	Comedy >	Fri 5 May, 8pm
	Living	Film >	Wed 10 May, 11am & 8pm
	Laois Activations Artists Network	Artists Talk >	Wed 10 May, 2pm
	Bealtaine Open Mic	Literature >	Thurs 11 May, 11am
	Marcel the Shell with Shoes On	Family Film >	Sat 13 May 2pm
	Anne Gildea-How to Get The Menopause & Enjoy It	Comedy >	Sat 13 May, 8pm
	Na Cailleacha - Dawn to Dusk	Film & Artist Talk ▶	Tues 16 May, 2-4pm
	The Banshees of Inisherin	Film >	Wed 17 May, 11am & 8pm
	Broke to Woke	Theatre >	Fri 19 May, 8pm
	Sustainable Fashion Event & Film	Fashion >	Sat 20 May, 2pm-5pm
	Aisha	Film ▶	Thurs 25 May, 11am
Ine	Everything Everywhere All at Once	Film ▶	Wed 31 May, 8pm
	Emily Kilkenny Roddy Dance - RUINING THE ACT	Dance >	Thurs 1 June, 8pm
	An Evening of Song with Regina Nathan	Music >	Fri 2 June, 8pm
1	An Cailín Ciúin	Film ▶	Wed 7 June, 8pm
	Grow Remote Summit 2023	Conference >	Thurs 8 - Fri 9 June
	NT Live Encore Screening: Life of Pi	Theatre / Film >	Thurs 8 June, 7pm
	Crinniu na nÓg	Children's Theatre ▶	Sat 10 June
	Portlaoise Active Retirement Group	Variety Show ▶	Tues 13 June, 7pm
	Winners	Film ▶	Wed 14 June, 8pm
	The Whale	Film ▶	Wed 21 June, 8pm
	Old Fort Quarter Festival	Music ▶	Thurs 22 – Sun 25 June
	Celtic Con Comic Convention	Various ▶	Sat 24 June
	Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom	Film ▶	Wed 28 June, 8pm
	Laois Dance Platform	Dance ▶	7 - 9 July
	Prom Queen the Jukebox Musical	Musical >	Sat 29 July, 7pm
20	Laois Heritage Society - Portlaoise Architecture	Architecture >	Thurs 17 August, 7pm
C	Pakistan Independence Day Concert	Various >	Sat 19 August
	Who we Love	Film ▶	Wed 6 Sept, 8pm
PC	Joe the Magician - It's Magic!	Family >	Sat 9 Sept, 3pm
7	Ger Carey Psycho Spaghetti	Comedy ▶	Mon 11 Sept, 11am
	I AM BABA	Family >	Tue 12 Sept, 10, 11am & 12pm





May-September 2023

Full Time - A Plein Temps	Film >	Wed 13 Sept, 8pm
The Matchmaker by J.B. Keane	Theatre >	Thurs 14 Sept, 8pm
Shawn Cuddy, John Hogan & Paddy O'Brien	Music >	Friday 15 Sept, 8pm
David Vesey and Special Guests	Music >	Sat 16 Sept, 8pm
North Circular	Film >	Wed 20 Sept, 8pm
Culture Night	Various >	Fri 22 Sept
80s Icons Show	Music >	Sat 23 Sept, 8pm
Decision to Leave	Film >	Wed 27 Sept, 8pm
The Lost Messiahs - Connected to the Real	Music >	Fri 29 Sept, 8pm
Sustainable Fashion Event	Fashion >	Sat 30 Sept, 2pm
SUMMER CAMPS	The second second	
Curtain Call Stage School Camp Broadway	Summer Camp > 1	10-14 July, 10am - 2pm
Art Summer Camp	Summer Camp ▶ 1	17 - 21 July, 10am-12pm & 2-4pm
GALLERY EXHIBITIONS		NO DEL SATERIARIO CON TENDES AND RESERVO
Abbeyleix FEC	Visual Arts ▶ F	Fri 5 May - Sat 17 June
Eoin Coveney	Visual Arts ▶ 2	24 June - 29 July
Portlaoise Camera Club	Visual Arts ▶ 8	8 August - 16 September
CAFÉ ART SHOWCASE		
Laois Activations Artists Network- Forward Always Forward	Visual Arts ▶ 1	May
Creative Ireland Laois Children's Art Competition	Visual Arts ▶ J	lune
Greg Hallahan	Visual Arts > /	August

SPECIAL OFFER
ON FILMS

Pre-book online using the promo code: 2for1film





Let's be Friends

Lots of great benefits while supporting your local arts centre!

Benefits include: 2 for 1 on Films, 2 FREE tickets every season*(from selected shows), Discounts at local businesses including Croft Alley and Fruit n Nut Portlaoise, Your Name on our Friends Appreciation List

All of this & more for just €100 per year!







INAUGURAL PORTLAOISE TRAD FEST <a> MUSIC

Exciting Irish Traditional Music concerts, workshops, youth sessions and a pub session trail throughout the May Bank Holiday Weekend

28-29 April | portlaoisetradfest.com

HEADLINER AT DUNAMAISE:

Seán Keane & his Band Friday 28 April, 8pm, €30



A Call To You

presented by Catherine Young Dance Company Thurs 4 May, 8pm, €18/€16/€5*

Enjoy this upbeat, joyful and passionate celebration of life and togetherness that explores the fragility andfriction of community, through dance and music. Featuring outstanding international performers and live music (with musicians from **Kíla**), inspired by Ukrainian folk-dance traditions.

€5* for Dance Students Funded by Arts Council's Touring Award with the support of the NASC venues network



SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS



For ages 18+

COMEDY

Fri 5 May, 8pm, €25

Barbara and Alice wonder if uncle Paddy's death will change their fortunes...
Hosting the wake – easy, keeping it from their sister - not so easy! With more twists than a cork screw, this unmissable comedy will have you killed... with laughter!



MARCEL THE SHELL WITH SHOES ON

Sat 13 May, 2pm, €5

FILM

A hilariously heartwarming animated mockumentary. Academy Award & BAFTA nominated comedy-drama!

PG - For families and Animation Lovers

HOW TO GET THE MENOPAUSE AND ENJOY IT © COMEDY



Sat 13 May, 8pm, €22

Anne Gildea is slathering on the Oestrogel and boiling with excitement to bring her fabulous hit show to you! Join Anne on this hilarious, informative rollercoaster through all things
Menopause and womanly.

"..funny and taboo-busting... Never has the female body been put under such a hilarious microscope"- Irish Independent

THE SELECTION OF THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN

Wed 17 May 11am & 8pm, €8/€5

The award winning movie returns due to demand!
On a remote island, the end of a friendship escalates to shocking consequences.



MAY

Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity arts initiative

FREE Events at Dunamaise - Booking advised

A national festival celebrating creativity and the arts as we age. We know participating in the arts enhances our quality of life, so we're joining organisations nationwide to present the following **FREE** events:

LIVING Wed 10 May, 11am & 8pm

The story of an ordinary man, who, at the eleventh hour makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful.







Forward Always Forward Wed 10 May, 2pm

Members of Laois Activations Atists Network discuss their artwork on display, their careers and artistic processes.



Bealtaine Open Mic Thurs 11 May, 11am

Come along to share your creative writing - Open to readers, speakers, listeners and supporters. Refreshments served. Places limited.



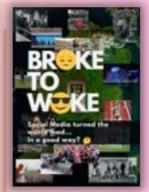


Dawn to Dusk Screening and Discussion Tues 16 May, 2-4pm

A film documenting the artists' collective Na Cailleacha - six visual artists, a jazz musician, and a curator-writer who came together in 2020 to explore being female, older and hopefully, wiser. Followed by a discussion panel.

Refreshments served.





THEATRE

BROKE TO WOKE Fri 19 May, 8pm, €20/€18

Brilliant fun - A comedy play with true to life stories reflecting Irish society. Dating and Housing are examined; We explore, you decide, as a unique love story plays out. Sprinkled with catchy rap/spoken word, and asking are we better off today?

SUSTAINABLE FASHION SWAP AND CINEMA SCREENING

with Artist, Rebecca Deegan
Sat 20 May, 2pm-5pm,€5/€2
Cinema from 2pm:
Fashion Re-Imagined
Documentary following
designer Amy Powney, on a
3 year journey to create a
sustainable clothing collection.

Clothes Swap and designer displays from 3.40pm

SWAP yourself a new wardrobe. Leave pre-loved clothing at Dunamaise from 16th May during Box Office hours.

***Don't miss Autumn Clothes Swap event on Sat 30 Sept



AISHA



Thurs 25 May, 11am
FREE for Secondary Schools
Celebrate Laois Africa Day

Caught in Ireland's immigration system, Aisha forms a friendship with former prisoner Conor. The friendship may be short lived as her future in Ireland comes under threat.



EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE, ALL AT ONCE

Wed 31 May, 8pm, €8/€5

Hilarious, big-hearted sci-fi action adventure about an exhausted Chinese American laundromat owner, Evelyn.

Academy Award-Winning Best Picture, Director, Lead Actress Original Screenplay, Editing, Supporting Actor and Supporting Actress



RUINING THE ACT

2 Dance Shows for €20!

Choreographed by Emily Kilkenny Roddy

Thurs 1 June, 8pm, €16/€14 (€5* for Dance Students)

Performed by an outstanding cast of Irish dance artists, exploring the light & dark of how we, as people, perform. Supported by a visceral soundscape and thought provoking text, it delves into ideas of anxiety, going through the motions and what we do to continue putting on "The Act".

We know we can't change the world in an hour, but we'll try to. Regardless, we can always have a laugh along the way.

Performed by Sibeál Davitt, Millie Daniel Dempsey, Rosie Mullin & Emily Kilkenny Roddy Funded by The Arts Council of Ireland and Supported by Dunamaise Arts Centre



∠> THEATRE/CINEMA

AN EVENING OF SONG WITH

REGINA NATHAN

Accompanied on piano by **Andrew Synnott**

Fri 2 June, 8pm, €28/€26

Share in joy, laughter, loss and love at a heart-warming evening of song, with one of Ireland's leading Sopranos. An eclectic programme of popular, classical and operatic pieces.

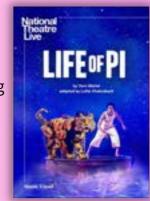


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NT LIVE: LIFE OF PI

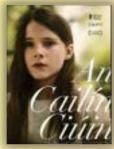
by Yann Martel

Thurs 8 June, 7pm, €15/€12 An award-winning epic stage adaptation of the best-selling novel, brought to life in a breath-taking new way for cinema screens. Puppetry, magic and storytelling combine in an epic journey of endurance and hope.



 $\star\star\star\star\star\star$ 'Roar it out: This is a hit' (Times) 'A wonder to behold' (Daily Mail)

PORTLAOISE ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP PRESENT



AN CAILÍN CIÚIN Wed 7 June, 8pm, €8/€5

The award-winning film that took international Cinema and awards season by storm, returns due to demand...





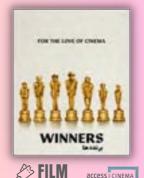


> VARIETY SHOW

FOREVER YOUNG VARIETY SHOW

Tues 13 June, 7pm, €10/€8

A fun filled **Bealtaine** variety night of Song, Recitation and Comedy. Audience participation encouraged. Sing along to all your favourite old songs! **Under Direction of Caroline Smith**



WINNERS Wed 14 June, 8pm, €8/€5

In a small Iranian town, nine-year-old Yahya and his friend Leyla find a precious statue. Sharing a passion for cinema, Yahya's boss decides to help them find the owner.

grow remote summit 2023

Thurs 8 to Fri 9 lune

Remote work has changed the way we live. What does remote working mean for you and for our local communities in the future? This Summit includes talks, panels, workshops, an exhibition space, and a jam-packed slate of after-hours events - all included.

Tickets & Details: growremote.ie

າ<mark>iú ከ∂ ከ0</mark>g Saturday 10 June, FREE

A national day of creativity for children and young people with free accessible, creative events happening at Dunamaise Arts Centre





THE WHALE Wed 21 June, 8pm €8/€5

A reclusive teacher suffering from severe obesity attempts to reconnect with his estranged daughter for a last chance at redemption.

AWARD

FILM access CINEMA

LUNANA: A Yak in the Classroom

Wed 28 June, 8pm, €8/€5

An aspiring singer takes a teaching post in a Himalayan village.

This beautiful, enchanting drama earned Bhutan an Oscar nomination.

Dzongkha with Subtitles



JUNE - JULY - AUGUST

PROM QUEEN THE JUKEBOX MUSICAL Sat 29 July, 7pm, €22/€15

Sure to have you laughing and crying - A witty approach to some modern-day questions, with a catchy soundtrack. Follow Olly and Krys as they navigate high school.

MUSIC/THEATRE

National Heritage Week

12-20 August ARCHITECTURE TALK

Laois Heritage Society present

Portlaoise Architecture

Thurs 17 Aug, 7pm, FREE

Since 1557, Portlaoise has demolished almost as many fine buildings as it has built, in its effort to define itself. Join architectural historian **Mairtin D'Alton** and Conservation Architect, **Richard McLoughlin** as they describe and illustrate The Town's fascinating story.

Laois Dance Platform 7-9 July 2023

A Youth Dance Festival hosted by Laois Youth Dance Ensemble

Dance Battle and Films: Fri 7 July, 7pm, €10 Dance Battle, Dance Films, plus live performances

Laois Dance Platform: Performance: Sat 8 July, 7pm, €15/€10 Headline event featuring live performances by national and international dancers with LYDE and visiting youth dance groups

Dance Workshops: Sun 9 July, €10/€5

Open level workshops with professional dance guests.



Funded by The Arts Council Supported by Laois Arts Office and Dunamaise Arts Centre



Pakistan Independence Day Concert, Saturday 19 August All are welcome to join in this cultural celebration event.

SCHOOLS & LOCAL GROUPS - HOST YOUR SHOW AT DUNAMAISE!

Give your students the opportunity to perform on a professional stage in their county arts centre during their school days and it will stay with them for life!

Special school hire packages and rates available.

Contact: Michelle for details! Email: michelle@dunamaise.ie

or Tel: 057 8663355





Events for Children & Teens

JOE THE MAGICIAN





SAT 9 SEPT, 3PM, TICKETS €15 FAMILY OF 4, €55

From RTÉ jr's abraKIDabra and Dizzy Deliveries.

A magic show full of laugher, suspense, amazement and surprise! Fusing magic, music, special effects and illusion, sure to have kids (and grownups!) roaring laughing and in complete awe.

Ger Carey - Psycho Spaghetti

Mon 11 Sept, 11am, €12.50

A hilarious stand-up comedy show for transition years. Ger journeys inside the teenage mind, encouraging teens to laugh at themselves and appreciate their differences.



TEACHERS GO FREE COMEDY FOR TEENS

funding theatre

AM BABA

Tues 12 Sept, 10am, 11am & 12pm, €10

I AM BABA is a show for babies aged 0-12 months + 1 of their grownups.

A magical adventure of song, lights and textures for babies before their first birthday.

Creator Anna Newell | Composer David Goodal

Funded by the Arts Council Presented in association with The Civic, Tallaght In partnership with venues across Ireland and cypsc.ie.



WHO WE LOVE Wed 6 Sept, 8pm, €8/€5

A coming of age and coming out story of Lily and Simon, best friends who navigate the troubled waters of school life and explore Dublin's vibrant and sometimes dark LGBTQ+ scene.

in collaboration with Midlands LGBT+ Project to project :: celebrate Midlands Pride Week

midlands



FULL TIME Á PLEIN TEMPS Wed 13 Sept, 8pm, €8/€5

The story follows Julie, working gruelling hours to provide for her child, while trying to secure a better job. Her troubles escalate when a national transit strike throws a wrench in her plans.

FRENCH with Subtitles

access>CINEMA



Thurs 14 Sept, 8pm, €27/€25 ♦ THEATRE Norma Sheahan and Jon Kenny return in this hilarious dramatic comedy, as Dicky Mick Dicky O'Connor strives to make matches for the lonely and lovelorn.

IB Keane's inimitable sense of "devilment" and wit are evident as we delve into the longings, hungers, fears and foibles of these lonely people, in a simpler time, when phones were few and far between and the only web was one left behind by spiders!



SHAWN CUDDY, JOHN HOGAN MUSIC & PADDY O'BRIEN Fri 15 Sept, 8pm, €25

Join 3 of Irelands top stars, who have gained legions of fans in packed houses all over Ireland, the UK and America, picking up countless accolades, with 15 No. 1 hits between them! Don't miss a rare chance to see 3 Irish country music greats all in one, terrific, not to be missed show!

DAVID VESEY & SPECIAL GUESTS

Sat 16 Sept, 8pm, €18/€12

Laois pianist David Vesey presents an evening of classical music and song. Following his debut concert here in 2022, David joins forces with the talents of mezzo-soprano

Sarah Luttrell and flautist **Martina Rosaria O'Connell** for an exciting concert of well-loved classical music and songs.



Award Winning musicians with strong Laois connections

Supported by Laois Arts Office through the Arts Act Grant Programme

SEPTEMBER



₹> FILM



NORTH CIRCULAR Wed 20 Sept, 8pm, €8/€5

A musical odyssey traveling the length of North Circular Road. Exploring dark narratives and celebrating community, with a smattering of Dublin humour. Featuring musical vignettes from John Francis Flynn, Séan Ó Túama, Eoghan O'Ceannabháin, Ian Lynch and Gemma Dunleavy.

80's ICONS SHOW Sat 23 Sept, 8pm, €28.50

Back due to phenomenal demand!!

Celebrating the hit music of Phil Collins, Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet, and many many more... A show that defines a decade!



ℰ> MUSIC

DECISION TO LEAVE Wed 27 Sept, 8pm, €8/€5

A man's death sparks suspicion. Detective Hae-joon begins to suspect the grieving widow, but as he digs deeper, he finds himself trapped in a web of deception and desire.





Korean with Subtitles



This incredible Laois band return with a brand new album. New music with mystical spiritual connections; rich production, meticulous song writing, immersive instrumentation and textured, atmospheric landscapes.

THE LOST MESSIAHS CONNECTED TO THE REAL FRI 29 SEPT, 8PM, €20/€18







WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

ART CLASSES WITH **CAROLINE KEANE**

For children, teenagers and adults. Weekly from 12 Sept.

Booking & details: artclasseswithcarolinekeane.com 086-0609898 | @artclasseswithcaroline





CELTIC CON, SAT 24 JUNE

Enjoy a host of fun, interactive and exciting attractions, including:

Comic Village, Geek Market, Craft Stalls, **Gamings Zones**, Exhibitor and Artist Expo areas, Cosplay Contest and more!



LAOIS YOUTH THEATRE

Tuesdays weekly, 7-8.30pm (during school term) €50/Semester (Bursaries available)

Weekly theatre workshops, supporting new experiences, encouraging imagination and expression.

For teenagers interested in drama, learning creative skills and meeting new people. Open Membership with a FREE taster session each season.

Affiliated to Youth Theatre Ireland **Details from facilitator Pauline Dunne** 085-7887303 info@dunamaise.ie

Summer Camps

CAMP BROADWAY

Curtain Call Stage School 10-14 July | 5-14 yrs

An exciting summer camp for children who like to sing, dance and act and perform on the final day. They will work on a script and learn a medley of



songs from Matilda (juniors/inters) and Magic of the Musicals (seniors). Places Limited! 10am - 2pm daily | €85 per child (10% off for siblings)

LAOIS ALZHEIMERS

Monthly, on the last Thursday of the Month 11am - 1pm

A warm and welcoming space for people with dementia, their family and friends, social and health care professionals to meet, exchange ideas and learnings.

Details from Ann Munnelly on 086 837 2168

ART SUMMER CAMP

17 - 21 July, 10am-12pm & 2-4pm 5-12 yrs

Artist Caroline Keane

hosts a fun filled week of drawing, painting and creative sculpture. Create masterpieces in each art form while learning all about the tricks and styles of world-famous artists. **Booking & details:**

artclasseswithcarolinekeane.com



SIGHTLESS CINEMA

Weekly, Tuesday mornings, FREE

Bringing people with sight loss together through radio drama workshops in a fun, relaxed way with theatre maker Ciarán Taylor, leading to a live event in November. Funded by The Arts Council and supported by Laois County Council NCBI Arts Office and the National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI). with Sight Loss



Working for People



VISUAL ART AT DUNAMAISE









ABBEYLEIX FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE

Annual Art |Craft |Design Exhibition 5 May - 17 June

QQI level 5 & 6 graduates present work in a variety of disciplines.

An exciting blend of contemporary art from emerging artists working and living locally.

Instagram: @acdabbeyleix \$\int_{loctb}\$



Eoin Coveney - Illustrator 24 June - 29 July

An Irish Illustrator and Comic Artist of over 28 years, with an aesthetic shaped by European comics, horror films and early 20th century illustration.

Eoin has worked in many areas, including: International Press, Books, Magazines, Comics, board games and branding.

Exhibition specially selected for Celtic Con Comic Convention 2023 Meet the artist at Celtic Con, 24 June





Laois Through the Lens Exhibition

8 Aug - 16 Sept

This two in one exhibition will include a fourth and final instalment of the *Laois Through the Lens* Exhibition, featuring local people in their own environment.

Alongside this, a display of images chosen by the club's award-winning photographers, free of theme, assures a wide and varied showcase.





Artist Showcase by local artists at Dunamaise Café

May: Forward Always Forward
Laois Activations Artists Network
June: Creative Ireland Laois

Children's Art Competition **July:** TBC*

August: Greg Hallahan

*To apply contact info@dunamaise.ie

THURSDAY

The Dooley Brothers The Whistlin' Donkeys

Mack Fleetwood Qween



SATURDAY

DJ Marty Guilfoyle DJ John Gibbons

SUNDAY

Transmitter Smash Hits

Dunamaise is proud to be Ticket Partner with the Old Fort Quarter Festival!

Tickets on sale from dunamaise.ie*

(*onsale date TBC. See website & socials for details)

Live Music | Street Theatre | Medieval Heritage Displays Historical Tours | Celtic Con | Artisan Food Market | Pub Traff













Fantastic Weekend of Entertainment for all the Family















Have you dreamed of opening your own café, bistro or restaurant? Are you passionate about food, coffee, culture and the arts? Drop us a line or pay us a visit!

CAFE PROPRIETER WANTED!



For info & application see dunamaise.ie/cafe