



Féile Na Draíochta

Festival of Magic

Irelands Ancient East
October 2024



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Welcome to FÉILE NA DRAÍOCHTA, (festival of magic) a new edition of the Sticky Fingers Arts International festival spanning the Ancient East of Ireland, a celebration of childhood with a full program of magical events and arts activities across Newry and Dundalk.

2024 will see the return of old favourites as well as welcoming many new faces, spanning theatre, music, storytelling, and crafts as well as exhibitions, street art and our signature outdoor events. We are very excited to be hosting events and activities in Dundalk for the first time and are looking forward to welcoming children and families from across county Louth to the many new events and the start of a new version for the festival that we plan to grow year on year.

The festival program is packed full of magical creative activities for everyone to enjoy and we are looking forward to a very magical week of creative fun.

Gráinne Powell
Sticky Fingers Arts



Bully Bully

Tickets €3.50 Students (plus €1.50 booking fee per ticket) (Teachers free)

*For wheelchair / accessibility or school group bookings, please contact our box office on 042 9332332

Shows: 10:30am & 12:30pm

Show length: 40 mins

Maas Theater En Dans

Winner of a “Zilveren Krekel” for “Most Impressive Stage Production”.

BullyBully gives the audience Duplo-level insight into the collision of two world-powers that, eventually, learn to meet in the middle; politics at the kindergarten and childishness amongst serious and powerful grown-ups. This is a toddler’s musical the likes of West Side Story that presents us with two performers, many songs, funny quarrels, a bit of bickering and, eventually, a happy ending. BullyBully is the long awaited follow-up to Wanted: Rabbit, AaiPet and Get’m, three performances for toddlers from René Geerlings who has managed to get thousands of toddlers and parents on the edge of their seats. Suitable for 3+

Please book directly with An Táin to check availability and book on 042 9332332

Belongings

By Tangled Feet and Rowan Tree Theatre

We are all trying to work out our story. Who are we? How are we shaped? Where do we fit in?

Cleo arrives into a new home, unsure of what the future holds. She meets the playful Bertie, who brings her out of her shell, and Leila, who she has more in common with than she first thought.

Life has been unsettled for the trio: Bertie is pushing towards the future, Leila is trying to reconnect with her past and Cleo is searching for answers. Together they balance, dance and climb to navigate imagined worlds, divided loyalties and loved ones far away. They unite to discover a place called home, the value of play, and together, learn how to own their own stories.

Developed through working creatively with young people in care over a period of years, this "inspiring, engaging, beautifully evocative production" (Everything Theatre) explores a fundamental need we all share - the need to belong.

Nominated for Two Off West End Awards !!

Age 7+

Book online at www.stickyfingersarts.co.uk

£5 / €6



Venue: Imaginarium Theatre, Newry, BT35 6AX
Wednesday 9th October 11.00am & 4.30pm
Tickets £5

Venue: An Táin, Dundalk, A91 ADK1
Thursday 10th October 11.00am & 4.30pm
Tickets €6

Wee groove, wee

dance....

Come along and dance to the groove, to hits from the 80's & 90's in a special music and movement session for babies and toddlers. This fun interactive festival favourite is designed to get your little ones, moving to music. Expect plenty of giggles as we take to the floor as never before and shake, rattle, and roll.



Thursday 10th of October
Ages 0 to 3 years and their grown-ups.
11.30 am FREE EVENT
LongWalk Shopping Centre, Dundalk



Superhero Comic Workshop

Create and design your own brilliant comic strips, bring your own characters to life with their own magical superpowers through your imagination in this fun creative session.



Aged 6 years +
Friday 11th of October
LongWalk Shopping Centre, Dundalk
4pm - 5pm
Free Event
No booking required



Magical Tales of Ireland's Ancient East



Tales of great magic, wisdom, and the many adventures of curious creatures across land and sea, exploring the many different worlds in-between. Come along and share in an afternoon of fairy tales from the adventures of Queen Maeve, the Annaverna fairies, to the great giants of Slieve Gullion.

Join Ireland leading storyteller's Joe Brennan, Liz Weir and Pat Mooney as they spin yarns to inspire, delight and enchant the listeners on a mythical journey through Irish stories, music and much more in a perfect family event for the young and young at heart.

Learn about the many ancient warriors who walked the hills of Louth and south Armagh to the old superstitions associated with local legends, fairies and wee folk who were often spotted in the wilds of Ravensdale.

Stories collected from the past to inspire a new generation of story makers and story keepers as we celebrate Irelands ancient east.

Saturday 12th of October 12.00 - 4.00 pm
FREE Family Event for all ages.
No booking required

Venue: Ice House Hill Park
O'Hanlon Park, Dundalk

*artwork by Orla Barry

Paul Currie - Family Comedy Show

Paul Currie will unleash his unique style which fuses traditional stand-up with puppetry, clowning and sheer exuberance.

Something new and refreshing for families that goes straight for the funny bone that we all share.

A rare treat for local audiences with the award-winning Paul Currie Family comedy show.

8 years +

An Táin Theatre, Dundalk

Saturday 12th October - 6pm



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- Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2023

Book online at

www.stickyfingersarts.co.uk

Wee Messers - preschool creative Play session



Wee Messers is an interactive creative play session for 0 to 3 and their grown-ups.

Sensory play is a great way for pre-school children to use their senses to explore, learn and grow. Play is essential for each child to develop, thrive and have fun.

Ages 0-3

LongWalk Shopping Centre, Dundalk
Tuesday 15th October 11am - 12pm
Free session - No booking required

Monsters under the bed



Look under the covers and see what little monsters are lurking under the pillow, causing mischief after the lights have gone out. A snigger and a giggle with a tickle and a toe, come along and make your very own little monster for under your bed. A funny monster with a big nose, a crazy monster with fuzzy hair or a great big monster with a wobbly belly, what will your monster look like? An arts and craft workshop with clay.

LongWalk Shopping Centre, Dundalk
Tuesday 15th October 2.00pm
FREE Session
No booking required

October	Time	Event	Venue	Age
Tues 8th	10.30am & 12.30	Bully Bully	An Táin Dundalk	3+
Wed 9th	11.00 am & 4.30pm	Tangled Feet 'Belongings'	Imaginarium Newry	7+
Thurs 10th	11.00am & 4.30pm	Tangled Feet 'Belongings'	An Táin Dundalk	7+
Thurs 10th	11.30am	Wee Groove. Wee Dance	LongWalk Shopping Centre	0-3
Fiday 11th	4.00pm- 5.00pm	Superhero Comic Making	LongWalk Shopping Centre	6+
Sat 12th	12 -4.00pm	Museum Of Childhood Ireland	Ice House Hill Park	Family Event
Sat 12th	12- 4.00pm	Storytelling in the Park	Ice House Hill Park	Family Event
Sat 12th	2.00pm	The Troll's Story	An Táin Dundalk	Family Event
Sat 12th	6.00pm	Paul Currie – Family Comedy Show	An Táin Dundalk	Family

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Tues 15th	11am	Wee Messers Creative play	LongWalk Shopping Centre	0-3
Tues 15th	2.00 to 4.00pm	Monsters Under The Bed – Clay workshop	LongWalk Shopping Centre	3+
Wed 16th	3.30pm- 5.00pm	Over The Hills and Far Away feltmaking workshop	Imaginarium Newry	5+
Fri 18th	11am &3.00pm	Moon Rabbit's Big Adventure	Imaginarium Newry	3+
Fri 18th	3.30pm	Tales from Old Japan Origami Workshop	Imaginarium Newry	6+
Sat 19th	11 am	Moon Rabbit's Big Adventure	An Táin Dundalk	3+
Sat 19th	3.00pm	Tales from Old Japan Origami Workshop	An Táin Dundalk	6+
Sat19th	4pm	Don't Let the bugs Bite	Imaginarium Newry	3+
Sun 20th	12.00 & 4.00pm	Don't Let the Bugs Bite	An Táin Dundalk	3+

Over the hills and far away

Feltmaking workshop

Join our resident artist Caóilfionn Murphy O'Hanlon who will guide you in creating a magical wool painting using a wet felting process.

Using wool and fibres along with your own magical ideas, create your own wonderland scene or far away land to take home with you.



Imaginarium at Sticky Fingers, Newry BT35 6AX

Wednesday 16th October 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Ages 5 years + with an accompanying adult

£3.00

Booking required on

www.stickyfingersarts.co.uk

The Troll's Story



The world-famous storytelling Norwegian Troll; Aloisious Ginberbalm will be visiting Ireland to share tales of his many enchanted adventures across land and sea. This unique magical experience is part of an international cultural exchange with Norway and is supported by the EU Department of Mythical Affairs.

Come along and meet Aloisious, and his many mythical friends as they visit the Irelands ancient east as part of an international tour.

Saturday the 12th of October 2.00pm

All Ages

Ice House Hill Park, O'Hanlon Park, Dundalk

Free Event - No booking required



Moon Rabbit's Big Adventure

By Vicky Ireland

It is harvest time and the Moon Goddess sends Rabbit down to earth to collect rice grains for her, but he takes a wrong turn resulting in some unexpected adventures. Join Rabbit as he rides on a bullet train for the very first time, meets some naughty Kappas - the spirits of the marshes - and is chased by a hide-and-seek ghost.

Will he get back home to the Moon Goddess safely?

Come and find out in this traditional Japanese storytelling show, full of surprises and fun!

Kamishibai Theatre originates from a form of traditional Japanese street theatre using picture cards to tell stories. A Thousand Cranes have adapted this form to create a unique performance style. Blending words, pictures, and imagination this is a unique and charming theatrical experience.

Friday 18th October

Imaginarium, Newry

Show 11.00am, £5

Tales from Old Japan Origami

Workshop 3.30pm £3

Saturday 19th October

An Táin, Dundalk

Show 11.00am €6

Tales from Old Japan Origami

Workshop 3.30pm €4

Booking essential: www.stickyfingersarts.co.uk



Don't let the bugs bite

by

Banyan Theatre

A bedtime story like no other, join Karen, Zoe and the wee Granny on a playful and imaginative 'Sleepover'.

Dancing Bugs, Silly Spiders and some Crazy Caterpillars.

A fun and imaginative show using puppetry, storytelling and physical Theatre perfect for children 3+ and their families.

40min duration

Saturday 19th October

Imaginarium, Newry,
BT356AX

12.00pm and again 4.00pm

£5 booking required

Sunday 20th October

An Táin Theatre, Dundalk

A91 ADK1

12.00pm and again 4.00pm

€6 booking required

Booking @ www.stickyfingersarts.co.uk

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