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Aiken Promotions presents

The High Kings

Thursday 2 January | 8pm | £26

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



In June 2007, Finbarr Clancy, Darren Holden, and Brian Dunphy were invited to join a brand-new Irish band with Martin Furey. As they took to the rehearsal studio for the first time, it didn't take long for them to realise that the way their four unique voices blended together was the start of something special, and thus The High Kings came into being.

Venues were selling out quickly, not only in Ireland but across the globe. Audiences of multiple generations loved their new take on the traditional Irish ballads. In 2017 the High Kings celebrated ten years together as a band with the release of their *Decade* album. The High Kings continue to set the bar extremely high for Irish folk bands across the world and are widely regarded to be the standard bearer for the genre in 2019.

After eleven years at the top of their game, they are still selling out venues around the world to an ever-expanding army of loyal fans. Long may they reign!





JMG Music Group present

Pure Country Show

Friday 3 January | 8pm | £20

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



Back by public demand and following two previous sellout shows the *Pure Country Show* is coming back to the Ardhowen Theatre for an unmissable night of toe-tapping classics with a line-up of acts that even Nashville would be proud of!



The stellar bill includes the gentle giant of country music Mick

Flavin, musical maestro Stephen Smyth from Co Down, the supreme vocal talent of Meath's Matt Leavy, the real country tones of Tyrone's Eamon McCann and Fermanagh's very own Anthony Mc Brien. Each performer will be joined on stage by one of Ireland's top backing bands, Keltic Storm.

David Hull Promotions present

Flash Harry

Saturday 4 January | 8pm | £19.50

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



For a true celebration of the music of Queen, Flash Harry are a band not to be missed, as one of Northern Ireland's most enduring tribute bands for over 25 years.



Recreating the magic of Freddie Mercury and Queen, Flash Harry deliver a rock show that will have the audience rocking in their seats and singing along to the anthems of one of the greatest bands in history. Featuring classics like *Radio Ga Ga*, *We Are the Champions* to *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Who Wants to Live Forever* and everything in between.

Lakeland Players present

Snow White

Thursday 9 January – Saturday 18 January (excluding Monday 13 January) 7.30pm nightly + weekend matinees 2.30pm £14 / £12 concession

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE

Enjoy the traditional tale of the beautiful Snow White whose life is threatened by the evil queen in this year's panto, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Glamorous killer Queen Caligula, so used to being called the fairest in the land by the spirit of the mirror Speak True, discovers a rival for the title in the shape of her stepdaughter Snow White. Consumed with jealousy, the queen decides that the young upstart must be bumped off. She commissions a pair of idiot assassins, Bogwort and Stinkwort, to do the deadly deed. In their way are a handsome young prince, a warm-hearted royal housekeeper and seven dwarfs who take the young princess into their home for protection. Will they succeed or will she have to do the job herself?

Paul Kelly Country

Tuesday 21 January & Tuesday 21 April | 8pm | £20

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



Paul Kelly takes to the stage with a host of his own unique style of songs which are growing in their popularity throughout Ireland and the UK.

Paul, who hails from Pettigo in Co Donegal, is well known for his farming songs *On The Market, Willie the Dealer* and *Cut The Grass*. He will be joined by a wealth of fellow country musicians on both nights in the Ardhowen.





Island Disco

Wednesday 22 January | 7.00pm | £3.00

GALLERY BAR | DANCE

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Council event for adults with a disability, run in partnership with Mencap. Come along to the monthly disco to dance the night away, socialise and make new friends. The DJ will be playing a range of music from ABBA to Derek Ryan. The Bar will be open for attendees to purchase a drink or some snacks.

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Suitable for 18+ years.

The Lisa Richards Agency present

Colin Murphy

Thursday 23 January | 8pm | £20

The star of the award-winning BBC series The Blame Game is back on tour with a new stand-up show for 2020, Colinization. Since his last tour he has had a DNA test, become an artist, been to a funeral and built a shed, so the question is; who the hell do you think you are?

Warning: Recommended for age 16+ years as some people may find the content offensive.

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of London Calling

El Clash Combo

Friday 24 January | 8pm | £20

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



In an era where political protest is widespread, the *Revolution Rock* music of The Clash is as relevant today as it was forty years ago. *London Calling* is regarded as their artistic pinnacle. *Rolling Stone* named it the best album of the '80s and ranked it at number eight on their list of the 500 Greatest Albums of All Time.

Join El Clash Combo, formed in 2005, as they perform this classic punk album in its entirety as well as other Clash hits, including *Rock the Casbah, I Fought the Law* and *Should I Stay or Should I Go?*

Should the world survive long enough for critics in 2480 to list the finest records of the preceding 500 years, London Calling **will be a strong contender for top honours** -Billboard.com





Rock & Roll Years and Dance Hall Days

Saturday 25 January | 8pm | £22.50

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE (



After last year's smash hit tour this wonderful nostalgic musical hits the road again! The all-star cast will once again take you on a whirlwind journey through the musical decades of the 50s and 60s, paying homage to the lives and music of the stars of the era.



Music in Fermanagh present

The Vanbrugh Piano Quartet

Monday 27 January | 8pm | Tickets £15 / £5 under 25 years

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



The celebrated and much-loved Vanbrugh are returning to Fermanagh to delight audiences in a new guise. Following retirement from quartet performance in 2017 of first violinist Gregory Ellis, Keith Pascoe (violin), Simon Aspell (viola) and Christopher Marwood (cello) continue as The Vanbrugh and perform with selected guest artists. On this occasion they will perform with Belfast born Michael McHale, one of Ireland's leading pianists and Malachy Robinson, a dedicated chamber musician on the double bass.

Brahms Piano Quartet No. 3 in C Minor Schubert Trout Quintet: Piano Quintet in A Major

Recommended for ages 6+



Rising PR present

Derek Ryan

Thursday 30 & Friday 31 January | 8pm | £26.50

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



Irish country sensation Derek Ryan's road to stardom is set to continue with his biggest concert tour yet. Following on from the phenomenal success of his recent TEN tour, Derek Ryan returns to perform many of his classic hits from Hold on to Your Hat, to Down on your Uppers and God's Plan.

The Carlow man is a multi-recipient of awards for his performances and songwriting including the Sunday World accolade for 'Album of the Year' and 'Songwriter of the Year'. But Derek, being at the forefront of this new wave of young Irish country stars, continues to remain ever loyal to his worldwide army of fans.

The Lisa Richards Agency present

Neil Delamere

Saturday 1 February & Saturday 28 March | 8pm | £22

AUDITORIUM | COMEDY



Fresh from a sell-out tour, star of BBC's The Blame Game, Fighting Talk and The Newsquiz, Neil Delamere returns to The Ardhowen with a brand-new show. Time waits for no man, especially one trying to buy a watch. Things always get complicated.

You'll be hard pressed to find a more gifted comic at the Fringe. The Scotsman

One lean, mean, comedy, killing machine. The Herald

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Patrick Feeney's Holy City Country and Gospel Show

Wednesday 5 February | 8pm | £20

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

Hailing from Gurteen in Co Sligo, Patrick Feeney is highly regarded as one of Ireland's finest performers. His forthcoming "Country and Gospel Show" will feature many of his most popular songs like *I Believe, Someone to Love Me* and *Jerusalem*, which received nightly standing ovations on the recent "Three Amigos Tour" with Jimmy Buckley and Robert Mizzell.

To coincide with the tour Patrick recently released a new country and gospel album which has received high critical acclaim all across Ireland and further afield. Patrick is really looking forward performing a collection of his biggest and most popular songs, coupled with some new material selected especially for this tour.

Christine Bovill presents

Piaf

Thursday 6 February | 8pm £16 / £14 concession

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE 🧐

No glamour. No gimmicks. No pretence. Nothing but a voice, singing of life's triumphs and tragedies.

Who was Edith Piaf? And how did she come to represent the spirit of Paris like no one before or since?

Her life is as well documented as her legendary voice - a child of the Paris streets who rose, via a tragic life of drink, drugs and premature death at 48, to become the best-known chanteuse in America and throughout the world. She lived the passionate life of a "sacre monstre"; loving, laughing, crying, drinking, taking and giving to excess. There were no halfmeasures.

Christine Bovill's *PIAF* is a moving theatrical homage to one of France's most endearing icons; celebrating some of her best-known songs, threaded with Piaf's story, and Christine's own remarkable journey in the world of chanson.

An award-winning songwriter in her own right, Bovill has toured throughout Europe and the Far East with her self-penned homage to the Little Sparrow.

Despite the sorrow of Piaf's story, this is an evening of celebration – a tale of human triumph over tragedy; and, at its heart, a unique performance by a woman widely regarded as one of the finest interpreters of French Song.



David Meade Ltd present

Catch Meade If You Can

Friday 7 February & Friday 20 March | 8pm | £23

AUDITORIUM | COMEDY/TALK

A brand-new show for 2020!

Described across the world as "jaw dropping" and "hilarious", NI's record breaking mind reader David Meade is back on home soil to blow your mind in his most interactive show yet. You simply have to see this show to believe it. David is the first mentalist to win a million dollars in a Las Vegas casino, he'll blow your mind as he does the impossible live onstage. This promises to be a night to remember that your whole family will enjoy. Can YOU catch him out?

Reviews from last year's sell out show:

'You will be shocked; you'll laugh, you'll gasp – it's a great night out'

'An experience you won't see anywhere else'

'A laugh from start to finish, mindblowing' Subish Ltd present

The Fureys

Saturday 8 February | 8pm | £25

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

Renowned for hit songs such as I Will Love You, When You Were Sweet 16, The Green Fields of France, and The Old Man, The Fureys have been entertaining audiences worldwide for forty-two years, and they don't show signs of slowing down anytime soon.

The Fureys are responsible for some of the most stirring music ever to capture the public imagination, and they credit their musical ability to their parents, Ted and Nora, who were well known musicians themselves. From playing live traditional music together in their childhood home almost nightly to receiving standing ovations in some of the biggest concert halls of the world it's no wonder these legends of Irish music and song have endured as long as they have.

Enniskillen Amateur Dramatic Society present

Factory Girls

Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 February | 8pm | £12

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE

"For once they can't put us out. We put them out."

Factory Girls is Frank McGuinness' first play and an homage to the women in his life. It is an intriguing look into the world of life in a shirt factory in a changing Ireland. With pressure from foreign manufacturers and the rising cost of labour, factory manager (Rohan) is forced to increase the quotas. Join the *Factory Girls* through their worries, celebrations, personal tragedies and fight for their dignity.

Enniskillen Amateur Dramatic Society brings a vibrant cast across many ages to the stage as they continue their tradition of high-quality amateur performances.





Cahoots NI present

Under the Hawthorn Tree

Wednesday 12 February | 10.30am & 1.00pm £6, £21 for family of 4, £25 for family of 5

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE

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A theatre adaption of Marita Conlon-McKenna's *Under the Hawthorn Tree*; a story of family, hope and history that has been amongst the top selling children's book in Ireland for almost 30 years.

Set against the backdrop of The Potato Famine, Cahoots NI's *Under the Hawthorn Tree* follows the journey of three brave siblings as they embark on a remarkable and treacherous journey. When their father goes to find work and their mother leaves to find him, Eily, Michael and Peggy, starving and faced with the workhouse, set off through the Irish countryside to find the great aunts they have heard of only in stories.

This story of family, history and hope is told like never before in a new play by Charles Way, directed by Paul Bosco Mc Eneaney, with original music by Garth McConaghie.

Recommended for ages 7+



Island Disco

Wednesday 12 February | 7.00pm | £3.00

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Suitable for 18+ years.

Don Sherry present

Tonight's the Night

Sunday 16 February | 8pm | £20

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



Ireland's top Rod Stewart tribute show *Tonight's the Night* has been wowing audiences up and down the country and selling out shows across Ireland, England and Scotland. This seven-piece live show with professional backing dancers is fronted by Lee Hedley, a very well-respected frontman who knows how to connect with a live audience. He has been personally selected to be involved in Rod's

upcoming album, such is the likeness between their two voices.

With reputedly the best sounding tribute, costume changes and twohours of songs from Rod Stewart's huge catalogue you will be dancing in the aisles and singing along from the first to last song.



There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly

Monday 17 February | 3pm | £9, £35 for family of four, £37 for family of five

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE

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There was an old lady who swallowed a fly, I don't know why she swallowed a fly...but The People's Theatre Company do!

And now you can too as they use an amazing blend of live action, puppetry and animation to bring one of the world's best loved nursery rhymes to life, just in time to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Pam Adams' best-selling book!

Recommended for ages 3-7



Isla Grant

Wednesday 19 February | 8pm | £25

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

After a sold-out Irish tour earlier this year, highly respected singer and prolific songwriter Isla Grant makes a welcome return to the Ardhowen this February. Isla is a well-established singer songwriter of the highest quality who has performed across the globe.

Her highly entertaining concert show features all the wonderful hit songs for which this 'Scottish Lass' has received numerous gold and platinum discs.

Together with an excellent backing band which includes Al Grant and Glen Flyn the ingredients are there for a concert of the highest quality.

NI Science Fest present

The Science of Star Wars The Science of Harry Potter

Tuesday 18 February | £6

AUDITORIUM | TALK

The Science of Star Wars: 12 noon

In this high energy session for all the family, TV science presenter Jon Chase will probe the fantastic frontier between movie magic and cutting-edge science inspired by one of the most iconic Sci-Fi epics in movie history.

So, buckle up and be taken on a space adventure filled with spaceships, superweapons, and all sorts of visions of the future!



The Science of Harry Potter: 2.30pm

Do you ever wonder if science can explain the wizarding wonders of the *Harry Potter* series? Then this show is for you!

Join Jon Chase, co-author of *The Science of Harry Potter*, for a positively <u>magical</u> science show which explains the scientific principles behind some of the spells and games that our favourite witches and wizards love best.

Recommended for ages 7+





Music in Fermanagh present

Fidelio String Trio

Thursday 20 February | 8pm | £15 / £5 under 25 years

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



The virtuosic and inspirational Fidelio Trio are one of the leading international piano trios, performing the widest possible ranges of classical and contemporary music on concert stages across the world. Darragh Morgan (violin), Adi Tal (cello) and Mary Dullea (piano) will play four works dating from 1827 to 2007.

Faure: Piano Trio in D Minor Op. 120 Piers Hellawell: Etruscan Games Joan Trimble: Piano Trio, Phantasy Schubert: Piano Trio in B Flat Major Op. 99

Recommended for ages 6+



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Little Willow Productions present



Saturday 22 February | 8pm | £15

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE

Following on from its critically acclaimed sell out run last year, Little Willow Productions is proud to return with *Ruby!* a play written by Michael Cameron and featuring Libby Smyth as Ruby Murray.

Belfast born Ruby Murray was one of the most popular singing stars in the world in the 1950s, becoming the only recording artist in history to have five songs in the Top Twenty in the same week. Behind the triumphs however, a darker story was unfolding in Ruby's life. This intimate drama enthralled audiences on its debut run.

Warning: Recommended for ages 16+ as the play contains strong language and adult themes



David Hull Promotions present

Give My Head Peace

Tuesday 25 & Thursday 27 February | Time: 8pm | Tickets £22.50

AUDITORIUM | COMEDY

The Gang are back! After last year's completely sold out tour, Ulster's two most dysfunctional families return to the stage with a brand-new show. It will have your favourite characters, mad plots, lots of jokes, up-to-the-minute topical satire and superb stand-up comedy from Tim McGarry.



Give My Head Peace Live is a firm favourite with local audiences. If you haven't been before find out why audiences come back year after year.

Warning: Recommended for age 16+ years as some people may find the content offensive.

JMG Music Group present

Country Gold

Wednesday 26 February | 8pm | £21.50

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

Join five of Ireland's top stars all in one super *Country Gold Show*, an unmissable night of pure country magic.

The stellar line-up features the legendary Mick Flavin, "prince of country" John Hogan, the man from Mayo Frank Mc Caffrey, the star of the County Down Caitlin, and the hugely popular Joe Moore. Each artist will showcase a selection of their trademark hit songs that have seen them attract thousands of loyal fans all across the country and beyond.





The Benn Sisters Plus Support Acts

Friday 28 February | 8pm | £13

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

This fabulous country and gospel concert hosted by Enniskillen's Rotary Club in association with A1 Transport features a wealth of talented musicians. Gifted headliners the Benn Sisters are no strangers to the Ardhowen, and will appear along with Eugene O'Dornan, Silvertones Male Voice Choir, and special guest Lauren Kells.

The Benn Sisters have released five albums so far during their career and their

stunning blend of harmonies have provided backing vocals to a host of country artists such as Dominic Kirwan, Nathan Carter and Michael English.

Eugene O'Dornan's love of country music developed whilst listening to greats such as Merle Haggard and Slim Whitman. He currently plays all over N. Ireland and is accompanied by Chris Dallet and William Mawhinney.

Silvertones Male Voice Choir were formed six years ago during which time they have performed at weddings, concerts and church services throughout Ireland, and sing a wide variety of music.

Lauren Kells (Coulter) is a classically trained Soprano singer who recently made an appearance in The Royal Albert Hall as part of BBC Proms.

Funds raised from the evening will go towards running costs of the eye clinic in Rombo, Kenya. Members of the Club recently visited the clinic and provided 800 pairs of glasses donated by the local community. The Rotary Club continues to raise funds for local and international causes.



Robert C Kelly and Theater Mogul present

Defending the Caveman

Saturday 29 February | 8pm | £20



Have you ever wondered why men aren't able to multitask? Or why women can't drive "properly"? Wonder no more! Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman, the longest running oneman show in Broadway history, is back to challenge and demystify the differences between the sexes.

Dubbed by reviewers as "hysterically funny", Defending the Caveman has sold over eight million tickets in forty-five countries and has been translated into over eighteen different languages. Defending the Caveman has won the hearts of millions across the globe and now it has its first ever Irish tour!

Using psychology, sociology and plain old observational comedy, Defending the Caveman highlights the battle of the sexes - the stereotypical and yet, undisputedly true differences between men and women. Why do men greet each other with insults? Why does it take women so long to get ready? Why can't men talk about their feelings, and why does it seem that women can't stop? Defending the Caveman has become a peacemaker and a celebration of the differences between the opposite sex.

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Hairy Jaysus

Wednesday 4 March | 8pm | £15 / £10 concession

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE

Hairy Jaysus is a biopic of Francis Sheehy-Skeffington, based on the events that led to his execution during Easter Week of 1916.

Sheehy-Skeffington was a pacifist, feminist, socialist and atheist who was executed by British authorities after being wrongly identified as one of the leaders of the Easter Rising, whilst trying to stop looting during the Dublin rebellion.

Donal O'Kelly's epic drama is to be performed by Exit Does Theatre's artistic director, Paddy McEneaney, and was developed in collaboration with practitioners Paul McDonnell (Design Technician) and Dee Armstrong (Director). It is produced in association with the Glens Centre Manorhamilton.

Hairy Jaysus is Exit Does Theatre's first professional play and has previously been performed at the Glens Centre and in the Galway Theatre Festival.

Exit Does Theatre is an exciting theatre company based in the border counties of Fermanagh and Leitrim who have been developing outreach programmes in the region for the past three years.

Michael English

Thursday 5 March | 8pm | £23

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

Michael English returns to the Ardhowen this March with his unmissable show!

Renowned for their energetic performances and superb piano playing, Michael English and his talented band are currently packing out venues all over Ireland and the U.K. He is dedicated to giving his followers an unforgettable show each time they see him. The "Entertainer of the Year" has enjoyed recent success with hit singles *Angelina* and *Waltz of a Lifetime* and is even about to star in his own musical which will tour Ireland and the U.K. soon.

The Perfect Gift for any Occasion

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40th Annual Enniskillen Drama Festival

Friday 6 - Saturday 14 March | £10 / £8 concession Season Ticket £45 | Special offer: 4 tickets for £20 Performances at 8pm nightly

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE

Celebrating its 40th birthday this spring, the annual Enniskillen Drama Festival returns, continuing to develop Fermanagh's growing reputation as a centre of cultural excellence. Cloonclare Players, Glenfarne opened the very first festival in 1981, reviving the festival which had previously ended in 1946. Since then over 350 plays from an excess of 100 different drama groups have been watched by almost 50,000 people.

This year aims to have another fantastic festival week of high quality theatre and build on the success of 2019 where five groups went on to the All-Ireland Finals. Running alongside this will be masterclasses in different aspects of theatre performance and creative writing and, as this is the 40th anniversary, there will be a celebratory exhibition packed full of fond memories.

There will be a wide range of plays on offer, including new writing from local groups and those further afield. This festival will appeal to both seasoned theatre goers and those who are new to the theatre. The nightly adjudications will enable all the audience to gain an insight into the writing, performing, production and directing of plays and is likely to be of use to Drama and Performing Arts students as well.

The Enniskillen Drama Festival is kindly supported by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

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School's Masterclass

Monday 24 February | £5 per student - Teachers go free

In partnership with Enniskillen Drama Festival we present a day of theatrebased masterclasses aimed at AS, A Level and performing arts students.

Introduction to Acting Techniques

Whether you have been performing on-stage for years or simply want to start this is a great introductory masterclass to professional acting techniques.

Drama facilitator Hannah Reilly specialises in applied and physical theatre.

Stage Combat

A workshop on stage combat; learn the secrets behind performing realistic looking combat moves onstage.

lan McCracken has been a stage combat tutor and fight director for 17 years. His fight directing credits include *Robin Hood*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *Sweeney Todd*. He has also been Fight Captain for the Royal Opera House.

Special Effects Makeup

Gain insight into the world of special effects stage makeup and prosthetics, using specialist industry materials and techniques.

Award winning makeup artist Connie McGrath is skilled in application of prosthetics makeup, having worked on a number of film and theatre productions.

Booking is essential.



Michael Kanan Jazz Trio

Sunday 15 March | 1.30pm | £15 (to include cheese and glass of wine)

GALLERY BAR | MUSIC

Join us this St Patrick's Day weekend for a spot of laid back lunchtime entertainment.

Michael Kanan hails from Boston, Massachusetts where he first began to play the piano at age seven. During his years studying at Boston College, Michael had the opportunity to perform with several jazz greats including Tal Farlow, Lee Konitz, Al Cohn, and Alan Dawson. After graduating college and doing some freelance work around Boston, he moved to New York in 1991 where he soon established himself as a regular on the jazz scene.

In 1996, he joined the band of legendary singer Jimmy Scott, touring the US, Europe, and Japan and recording four albums. In 2001, Michael became the accompanist and arranger for one of today's most celebrated vocalists, Jane Monheit.

With Monheit's group, he has toured all over the world, recorded several albums and DVDs, and made many TV appearances, including *The David Letterman Show* and *The Conan O'Brien Show*.

Tom Kelly Promotions present

Lisa Stanley with Special Guest Sandy Kelly



Wednesday 18 March | 8pm | £20

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



Over the past few years Lisa has performed extensively across the UK and Ireland while touring with Nathan Carter and Dominic Kirwan, and was one of the featured artists on Daniel O'Donnell's Opry Le Daniel.

With four studio albums to her credit, and her fifth in the making, Lisa brings her fivepiece band (including Lisa's only daughter Sofia) to the Ardhowen this Spring for an unforgettable night, including a musical tribute to her late mother.



The Septura Brass Septet Kleptomania: Borrowed Baroque

Thursday 19 March | 8pm | £15 / £5 under 25 years

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

Septura brings together London's leading players to redefine brass chamber music through the uniquely expressive sound of the brass septet. Septura aims to re-cast the brass ensemble as a serious artistic medium. Septura's members are the outstanding players of the new generation of British brass musicians, holding principal positions in the London Symphony, Philharmonia, Royal Philharmonic, City of Birmingham Symphony, Basel Symphony and Aurora Orchestras.

Rameau: Dardanus Prokofiev: Opus 12 Suite Handel: Rinaldo Stravinsky: Pulcinella

Recommended for ages 6+



The Greatest Show

Saturday 21 March | 8pm | £12

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE

Enniskillen Light Operatic and Fermanagh Concert Band have come together to bring some of Fermanagh's best musical and dramatic talents to the stage in a toe tapping evening of the greatest numbers from much loved musicals.

The Greatest Show will feature songs from *Mamma Mia*, *The Addams Family*, *Annie* and, of course, *The Greatest Showman*. A fantastic evening of entertainment for all the family is assured.



David Hull Promotions present

Keep Telling me Lies

Tuesday 24 March | 8pm | £22.50

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE



Keep Telling Me Lies tells of the journey of two Belfast women who recall the fateful night they met their future musician husbands, set against the backdrop of the crumbling Floral Hall. Old grudges resurface and sparks fly as they reminisce about the lifestyles of their globetrotting

husbands who experienced fame and fortune, whilst they were left behind, struggling to bring up their young families, working all day and lonely all night.

This is a story, driven by the music of the Showbands, from the people who made the magic happen and those left on the sidelines.



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Suitable for 18+ years.

Conal Gallen presents

The Joker

Thursday 26 March | 8pm | £24

AUDITORIUM | COMEDY 🔎

A good dose of comedy from one of Ireland's best comedians, Conal Gallen, is just what the doctor ordered! With a career spanning over 30 years, Conal has packed this show with his best material to date. Conal's shows are world renowned for their mighty craic, great songs and rib-tickling jokes.

Ireland's number one *Joker* will guarantee a laugh a minute to transport you from all your worries and woes.

Talon present

LIONEL

A Tribute to Lionel Richie

Friday 27 March | 8pm | £22.50

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



Following his recent appearances with Lionel Richie himself on ITV's *Sunday Night At The Palladium* and *The Graham Norton Show* for the BBC, Malcolm Pitt delivers a powerhouse and breath taking performance in this high octane show celebrating the music of Lionel Richie and the Commodores.

This award winning five-star production also features a stellar line-up of world class musicians including musical director, Jonny Miller from Talon.

Education Authority Music Service present

Annual Fermanagh Showcase

Tuesday 31 March | 8pm | £5 / £3 concession, £1 for under 18s

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



The Education Authority Music Service presents their annual Fermanagh Spring concert. Pupils from the local Primary Schools' Wind Band, Junior and Intermediate String Orchestras and Junior and Intermediate Wind Bands will perform in their end of year Concert.



Green Shoot Productions present

In the Name of the Son

Wednesday 1 April | 8pm | £15 / £12 concession

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE 🧐

In the Name of the Son is an powerful new play chronicling the extraordinary life of The Guildford Four's Gerry Conlon following his release from prison in 1989.

The play charts Conlon's remarkable journey into 'freedom' as he received and spent over one million pounds, became a cause-celebre at the Hollywood Oscars and ran in the same circles as Johnny Depp, Shane McGowan and Daniel Day-Lewis. However, away from the glamour and fuelled by an addiction to cocaine, his life was spiralling out of control.

Plagued with the guilt of believing he was responsible for the death of his father, Guiseppe in prison, Conlon struggled with powerful self-loathing. When he found himself searching bins in the backstreets of London for food, he knew he had to do something. What emerges from the darkness is Conlon's resilience and his eventual life-changing recovery to beat his demons and become a world-renowned Human Rights campaigner against miscarriages of justice, similar to his own.

Written by Gerry's lifelong friend Richard O'Rawe, with Martin Lynch the play explores triumph of the human spirit over extreme adversity.

Warning: Recommended for age 16+ years as performance contains strong language and adult themes.

Night of Traditional Country Music

Thursday 2 April | 8pm | £18.50

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



Old Hat Promotions present a night of pure traditional country music hosted by Ally Harron and singing partner Marian Curry. This year they will be joined by the gentleman of country John Glenn, from the Mainliners showband, the talented Sinead McLaughlin from Tyrone, and from Antrim, John Duffin.

Ally and Marian will entertain with their full programme of traditional country music, which will include a mixture of songs from their albums.



Acorn Players present

Loophole

Friday 3 April | 8pm | £14 / £12 concession

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE

Although not quite a traditional comedy, *Loophole* covers the changing face of modern Ireland with great myrth. Change however, does not come easy.

Paidi, a miserable farmer, has six months to live and decides to leave his sizeable farm to his more miserable best friend, Cass. The complications that arise from that decision creates this unique



comedy. On the surface it seems they are best friends, but time will tell...



Bardic Theatre Company present

The Field

Saturday 4 April | 8pm £15 / £13 concession

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE 🧐

The Field is set in rural Ireland during the mid-1960s. As a patriotic tenant farmer with a fearsome temper and an obsession with the field he has toiled for most of his life, the Bull McCabe epitomises the last stand in the protection of the old order, denying permission of entry to the impending industrial change which threatens the 'status quo'.

Based on a true story, this dark, and at times hilariously funny, tale by John B Keane is a work which went on to inspire one of Ireland's most successful films.



JMG Music Group present

Roly Daniels

Wednesday 15 April | 8pm | £22.50

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

Join one of Ireland's most legendary entertainers and singers Roly Daniels for a nostalgic show. A true great, Roly will perform his trademark hit songs like *Mr Jones, I will Love You All my Life* and *Hello Darling* along with tracks from his brand-new album *Halfway* to Paradise.



With accompaniment from one of Ireland's best loved live bands, Keltic Storm, this will be a show you don't want to miss. Joining Roly will be two of our favourite stars, Kathy Durkin from Cavan and the man with the golden trumpet Billy McFarland.

Elusive Leprechauns present

The Lady & the Unicorn

Tuesday 14 April | 8pm | £10 (to include a glass of wine)

AUDITORIUM | TALK

The Lady and the Unicorn is a fun and quirky multimedia onewoman show. With the aid of a screen, projector and a table full of props Carol shares her favourite artworks, inspired one way or another by Celtic mythology.

Over thirty artworks are celebrated including medieval unicorn tapestries with hidden mysteries and dragons that inspired Andy Warhol and are still inspiring shows like *Game of Thrones* today. W.B. Yeats gets a mention, as do amazing artists Yayoi Kusama, Jim Fitzpatrick, Lady Jane Wilde, Damien Hirst and so many more. There may even be chocolate... Learn, laugh and be inspired!

Please note that this is not a children's show.

Celebrating April as Inte

Pat Coldrick

Thursday 16 April | 8pm | £14

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

Classical guitarist and composer Pat Coldrick's session work and involvement with the RTÉ National Concert Orchestra have earned him the reputation of being one of the finest and most versatile guitarists in Ireland.

His music defies genre and appeals to a wide cross section of music lovers. Pat has been described as 'pushing the boundaries of classical guitar' with his musical interpretations and compositions and has made classical guitar exciting, interesting and more accessible to music lovers in general.

While Pat plays his own arrangements of great classical pieces, it is his own

compositions that sets him apart – pieces such as Lament, CityJam and Antarctica. Pat's skilful and atmospheric connection with his audience is an art form in itself and is in total contrast to other more formal classical performances. He has a very easy going, laid back and unassuming approach and his interaction with the audience and philosophy of 'entertaining' rather than 'educating' his listeners is a breath of fresh air


rnational Guitar Month

Mike Nielsen

Friday 17 April | 9pm | £14

GALLERY BAR | MUSIC

Guitarist, composer, educator and author, Mike Nielsen is noted for his innovative performances and research. He has shared the stage with many international stars including Dave Liebman, Larry Coryell, Joe Lovano, Kenny Werner, Kenny Wheeler, Dominique Di Piazza and Paul Wertico.

As a soloist he has toured extensively and opened for John McLaughlin on his first visit to Dublin. Mike's performance-based qualifications include a PhD in microtonal performance, MPhil in physics and music, LTCL in classical guitar performance, in addition to a two-year stint at Berklee College of Music, Boston. In 2016, German publishers, Schott, published his book on rhythm as part of their new *Jazz Handbook* series.

A lecturer in Jazz at TU Dublin, Mike initiated the "Masters in Jazz" performance programme and recently wrote a jazz guitar syllabus which was implemented in 2018. His solo music, which includes original compositions, is performed on a classical guitar and is influenced by an eclectic musical taste including jazz, classical, flamenco, Latin, African, rock and Indian music. Featured on nineteen albums as leader and sideman, his new solo album was

released by Modal Citizen Records to critical acclaim.

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Offer:

£20 for both gigs

Barking Dog Theatre Company present

Teddy's Sports Day Treasure Island

Thursday 16 April | 11am & 2pm £8, £28 for family of 4, £33 for family of 5

AUDITORIUM | THEATRE

20% discount for both performances when booked in a single transaction

Teddy's Sports Day: 11am

Eddy the Teddy has developed a sudden interest in being a sporting star. He wants to be an Olympic hero. The only problem is, he isn't very good at anything.

After trying and failing at several events Eddy realises that winning isn't everything, having fun and making friends are very important too!

The show uses many elements of theatre, mime, puppetry and songs to join in with. It's a perfect introduction to live entertainment for children who've never been to a show before, and a welcome return for Eddy the Teddy's young fans.

Treasure Island: 2pm

Treasure Island is Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of pirates and buried treasure from Bristol to a faraway Island.

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of Rum!

Meet Jim Hawkins, a young lad who gets himself caught up in an adventure across the seas. Follow the story as Jim meets Captain Smollett, Billy Bones and the most famous pirate of them all, Long John Silver.

Barking Dog's two talented actors (with the help of some puppets and children from the audience) present this exciting tale.

With original music and audience participation as well as use of puppetry and mime, this is ideal for anyone interested in travel, pirates and adventure!

Bye Bye Baby Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons Tribute



Saturday 18 April | 8pm | £24.50 / £22.50 concession

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

Bye Bye Baby is more than your average tribute group. They deliver a full theatre show covering the journey of the Four Seasons from the very beginning in the 60s, through the disco era and up until their induction to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. Performing thirty-three numbers in close four-part harmony, with slick choreography and recognisable falsetto on the night, the show accurately demonstrates the diversity and harmonic sounds as once performed by the Four Seasons themselves. Each number has been carefully choreographed, giving their show a fresh look, which Bye Bye Baby have brought to over 400 venues since their conception in 2013. This sensational production features many of the band's worldwide hits, including *Beggin', Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Rag Doll, Walk Like A Man, Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry* and many more.

Island Disco

Wednesday 22 April | 7.00pm | £3.00

GALLERY BAR | DANCE

Island Disco is a Fermanagh and Omagh District Council event for adults with a disability, run in partnership with Mencap. Come along to the monthly disco to dance the night away, socialise and make new friends. The DJ will be playing a range of music from ABBA to Derek Ryan. The Bar will be open for attendees to purchase a drink or some snacks.

If you can come independently you are welcome to do so; if you need bring someone to support you, they can come for free by completing a PASS Scheme Registration Form. For more information please contact the Box Office or email ardhowen@fermanaghomagh.com

Suitable for 18+ years.



Personal Reflections on Discordant Music

Thursday 23 April | 8pm | Tickets £15 / £5 under 25 years Lecture and Recital with Ashley Wass, piano and Richard Pierce, speaker

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC



We are all used to hearing discordant music such as in a film score. This novel event is to further the idea of modern music introducing both old and new compositions that will become old friends in the future.

During the evening celebrated pianist Ashley Wass will perform a selection of works by composers including Shostakovich, Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Schoenberg and Ligati against a background of film clips. Well-known local personality and Chair of Music in Fermanagh, Richard Pierce, will speak about how many of these pieces form part of his musical upbringing and contributed to his love of music.

This will be a fun and very accessible evening for everyone.

Recommended for ages 6+



Fermanagh & Oma District Council Comhairle Ceantai

Slippery When Wet

Friday 24 April | 8pm | £18

AUDITORIUM | MUSIC

Slippery When Wet are widely recognised as Ireland's foremost Bon Jovi Tribute band, playing all the hits including, *Livin' on a Prayer*, *It's My Life*, *Always* and *Wanted Dead or Alive*.

The band is comprised of five members who are all fine musicians in their own right, having toured with some celebrated rock bands that gigged in the RDS and SFX with Magnum, Status Quo and they have performed in New York's famous CBGB's with Skid Row.



Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Comhairle Ceantair Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

ARIS WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Spring is all about new beginnings so what better time to try out a new hobby or class? This season we have something to suit all ages and abilities, whether you are a budding actor or actress, want to try something new like sewing or green woodwork, or would like to improve your health ϑ wellbeing with some gentle yoga. Being creative has been linked to improved wellbeing in numerous studies, so why not unite behind the science and try something new this Spring?

And speaking of newness we have teamed up with Enniskillen Castle to deliver arts workshops in one of our island town's most unique settings. Just look out for the Castle logo for events being delivered at this venue.



Book Online: www.ardhowen.com | Box Office: +44 (0)28 6632 5440



Youth Theatre

Wednesday 8 January - Wednesday 1 April (12 week course) No class Wednesday 19 February £70 a term | 6pm – 7.30pm | Ages: 13+ | Capacity: 15

We are delighted to bring new performing arts classes to the Ardhowen this Spring. During each weekly class, tutor Shauneen will guide students through all the different elements involved in stage performance, such as speech and drama, improvisation, and performing as part of a group. For those who dream of making it big there will even be a focus on audition skills.

And Youth Theatre is not just about performing, students will also get the chance to explore topics such as stage design and management and script writing.

Classes are non-competitive, designed to boost confidence and be fun! Students are not graded or awarded marks for any work they do. **10%** discount for 2+ kids / young people

Saturday Theatre Club

Saturday 11 January - Saturday 4 April (12 week course) No class Saturday 22 February

 Tots (3-6yrs):
 10am - 10.45am

 Junior (7-9yrs):
 11am - 12noon

 Senior (10-12yrs):
 12.15pm - 1.15pm

Tots: 3-6yrs: £45 per term / £6 drop-in (subject to capacity) Juniors / Seniors: £55 per term / £7 drop-in (subject to capacity) Capacity: 15

Have your kids caught the acting bug? Do they dream of becoming the next Liam Neeson, Bronagh Gallagher, or Adrian Dunbar? Why not give them a head start with the Ardhowen's very own Saturday Theatre Club?! Join Shauneen this spring as she focuses on essential elements of stage performance featuring Disney and musical chart hits, historic plays, and poem recitation.

Students will have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of topics, such as dance-drama and improvisation/acting techniques, in a non-competitive environment. Saturday Theatre Club is mostly about encouraging self-expression, boosting confidence and having fun!



Kids Sewing



Saturday 15 February | 11am – 1.30pm | £16.50 Age: 9 – 16 yrs | Capacity: 16 | Enniskillen Castle

Sew Vintage provides the perfect introduction to this lifelong skill. Using both hand and machine sewing techniques your child will create a Valentine's themed keepsake. Not only is being able to sew one of the most invaluable things your child can learn, but it has also been linked to improved motor skills, concentration and increased creativity. This may even be the beginning of a career in the fashion industry!

Please bring your own sewing machine. If you don't have a machine, we have a limited number of machines available for use (free of charge). Booking essential.

Family Crafts

Saturday 15 February | 1.30pm - 2.30pm & 3pm - 4pm £6.50 | Ages: 4-10 yrs | Capacity: 20

Get the whole family together to spend quality time with your kids. Get in touch with your creative side during this enjoyable arts ϑ crafts class, without the hassle of being left with the mess.

Join us for more hugely popular craft classes this half term and this time it's not just for the kids!



St Patrick's Day Themed Crafts

Saturday 14 March | 1.30pm - 2.30pm & 3pm - 4pm £6.50 | Ages: 4-10 yrs | Capacity: 20

Grab your pot of gold (paint) and get crafty this St Patrick's Day weekend; what better way to pass the time with your little leprechauns? Suitable for all the family so you have no excuse not to paint the town green!

Kite Making

Saturday 11 April | 11am - 1pm | £20 Age: 4 - 12 yrs | Capacity: 25 | Enniskillen Castle

Come along and join Buildakite for this family friendly kite making workshop.

Get creative and design your own colourful kite at Enniskillen Castle, perfect for flying anywhere you go this spring.

We provide a blank recycled kite and all the materials needed for you to set your imagination soaring through the skies.

Easter Bunnies & Bonnets

Sunday 12 April – Enniskillen Castle Saturday 18 April – Ardhowen Theatre 1.30pm - 2.30pm & 3pm - 4pm £6.50 | Ages: 4-10 yrs | Capacity: 20

Hippity-hop along to one of these Easter themed craft classes with Julie Armstrong where all the family can get involved with creating some special Easter themed artwork!

Lego Animation

Tuesday 14 April 6 – 12 yrs: 11am – 1pm | 11 – 14 yrs: 2pm – 4pm £15 | Capacity: 18

These mini animation master classes by Can Do Academy are a great introduction for children to the colourful world of Lego animation.

The workshop will allow participants to make a complete animated Lego film on an iPad, using sound effects, visual effects, titles and lots of imagination!

Your child will learn to use special iPad apps and they will receive a copy of their film at the end of the session. They can bring their own Lego characters or use the ones supplied by us.

Easter Sewing Club

Wednesday 15 - Friday 17 April | 10am - 12.30pm £50 | Age: 9 - 16 yrs | Capacity: 16

After a hugely successful start last season, children's sewing classes return to the Ardhowen this Easter. Brigid from Sew Vintage will guide your child through basic hand and machine sewing techniques as they work on their own unique creation during the week. What better way to spend Easter break?

Please bring your own sewing machine. If you don't have a machine, we have a limited number of machines available for use (free of charge). Booking essential.





Ardhowen Coffee Shop

Situated on the picturesque shores of Lough Erne, the Ardhowen Coffee Shop is the perfect place to unwind, catch up with friends or enjoy some preperformance drinks.

Open from 10am – 4pm, Monday to Saturday, the Ardhowen Coffee Shop offer a wide range of coffees, freshly baked scones and mouth-watering lunch menu.

Oh, and a stunning view!



Gentle Yoga for Over 60s

Monday 13 January – Monday 17 February 10.30am – 11.15am £35 (6 week course) | Capacity: 20

Jill Mulligan will be teaching this 6 week gentle yoga class to encourage ladies and gentlemen to benefit from the practise of yoga. Tailored especially to the over 60s, classes will show techniques for building focus balance and strength as well as relaxation techniques. Ease into postures that will not only boost your mood but also improve your physical wellbeing. Suitable for all abilities.



Traditional Lampshade Course

Saturday 25 January | 11am - 5pm £50 | Capacity: 16 | Enniskillen Castle

Sew Vintage will guide you in the creation of a unique bespoke lampshade during this one-day course. Create your own vintagestyle lampshade to display proudly in your home using simple sewing methods to suit all abilities!

Please bring your own sewing machine. If you don't have a machine, we have a limited number of machines available for use (free of charge). Booking essential. Your lampshade will be provided.



Sew Macho

Thursday 30 January | 7pm – 9.30pm | £25 Capacity: 16

Guys, come learn how to sew!

Join Sew Vintage for this unique beginner's taster session, designed specifically for men. Learn all the basics of machine and hand sewing and how to make and mend items for your home and yourself. Perfect for the modern man.

Please bring your own sewing machine. If you don't have a machine, we have a limited number of machines available for use (free of charge). Booking essential.



Salsa Dancing

Thursday 6 February – Thursday 12 March 7.30pm – 8.30pm | £45 (6 week course) Capacity: 12

Following on from a hugely successful series of classes in Autumn, Shauneen Hamilton (Beggan) returns to the Ardhowen this Spring with another six weeks of Salsa dancing. Get your hips moving as she teaches you the basics of this popular Caribbean dance form in this sultry Salsa class. Perfect for those hoping to improve their dancing skills, keep fit while having fun or who just want to try something new.

You don't even need a partner to sign up for this sociable class so you have no excuse not to strut your stuff!



Jiving Classes with Modern Country Moves

Friday 7 February - Friday 20 March No class Friday 21 February 8.30pm - 10pm | £45 (6 week course) Capacity: 26

Have you taken jive classes before? Are you looking for a new challenge? Then this is the class for you!

Join Tina and Conor on the dance floor and learn some new steps and moves. Book early to avoid disappointment!



Green Woodworking: Make a Rustic Stool

Saturday 8 February | 10am - 6pm | £75 | Capacity: 6

Green woodwork is one of the most accessible and enjoyable woodcrafts you can experience. Using traditional tools to shape unseasoned wood is a pleasure that is hard to match. The beauty of green wood lies in its ability to be shaped easily as it is soft and easily worked with hand tools.

Stephen Ryan from Green Woodwork Ireland will teach you the skills needed to make your own piece of furniture in the form of a rustic stool, encompassing the use of the shave horse and a variety of hand tools including the draw knife, auger drill spoke shave and much more.

Aimed at the complete novice or those with some experience, this course is suitable to people both young and old. Tools and equipment provided.

Hemming, Patching & Upcycling



Saturday 22 February | 10am - 4pm | £45 | Capacity: 16

Are you sick of having to replace your clothes because of the smallest rip or tear? Have you been having recurring nightmares about the buttons falling off your favourite shirt and not being able to replace them? Do you have visions for how you could make unique alterations to your wardrobe but don't know where to start?

Then sign up to this one-off adult sewing class! The perfect antidote to all of those basic sewing problems where you will learn simple sewing techniques.

Please bring your own sewing machine. If you don't have a machine, we have a limited number of machines available for use (free of charge). Booking essential.

Tai Chi

Monday 2 March – Monday 6 April 10.30am – 11.30am | £45 (6 week course) | Capacity: 15

Improve your health & wellbeing with this gentle Tai Chi class, suitable for all abilities. Proven to reduce stress, build muscle, and improve balance, posture, and mobility, this low-impact exercise is ideal for anyone wishing to get active without risk of strain or injury.

Tutor Gareth McGuigan will guide you through easy tai chi flows every week that are sure to benefit your body and mind!



Beginner's Upholstery



Saturday 7 & Saturday 14 March | 11am - 5pm | £85 | Capacity: 10

Breathe new life into an old chair with some upcycling. Learn to prepare, upholster, and paint to give your existing piece a new beautiful finish. The perfect opportunity to get creative and transform an existing piece of furniture into a totally unique, lasting piece for your home.

Please note that a chair will be provided.



Watercolour Painting

Thursday 19 March – Thursday 30 April (no class on 9 April) 7pm – 9pm | £65 | Capacity: 10

Learn to paint beautiful watercolours during this 6 week course with local artist Genevieve Murphy.

Develop simple watercolour techniques, such as mixing and blending, discover what brushes to use, and explore colour charts as you progress your initial sketch into a fully recognised masterpiece.



Guitar Masterclass

Saturday 18 April | 11am - 12.30pm | £25 | Capacity: 10

Join guitarist, composer, educator and author, Mike Nielsen for a masterclass in guitar playing. Mike has a wealth of information and advice to impart, having achieved a number of performance-based qualifications as well as forging a music industry career spanning across decades.

Learn techniques from this masterful jazz guitarist, whose eclectic musical taste, including jazz, classical, flamenco, Latin, African, rock and Indian music, has

influenced his unique improvisational style. Suited for Grade 3 level guitarists in any style.

The Perfect Gift, for any Occasion

Gift Vouchers can be purchased over the phone on 028 6632 5440 online www.ardhowen.com or call into the theatre.

General terms & conditions

Patrons are advised that tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded.

The Ardhowen reserves the right to offer special discounted ticket prices at any time. Reservations held for more than 4 days which have not been paid for will be automatically deleted from the system.

The use of cameras or recording equipment (visual and audio) is strictly prohibited in The Ardhowen. Mobile phones must be switched off during performances.

The Ardhowen is a non-smoking facility.

Event details are correct at the time of going to print. We reserve the right to alter the programme (including venue seating arrangements) in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

A copy of the full terms and conditions is available from Box Office.

Payment Methods

The Ardhowen accept cash, contactless, cheque, valid credit and debit card as payment methods.

Data Protection Act

The Ardhowen team would like to contact you about our exciting programme of performances, workshops and special offers. If you wish to receive information from us we will ask for your consent at the time of booking and you can change your mind at any time. For more details on how your information is stored and used please visit our website at www.ardhowen.com

Concessions

Where applicable, concession rates are detailed within the relevant performance information.

Concession rates apply to people aged 16 years and under, students in full time education with a valid Student ID Card and to people aged 60 years and over.

For concession tickets, photo identification will be required for proof of entitlement.

Attendance Of Children And Baby In Arms

Everyone attending a performance including children and babies must hold a valid ticket for that performance. Complimentary 'Babe in Arms' tickets are available for children up to 12 months for designated children's performances only. For health and safety reasons prams and baby carriers will not be admitted into the auditorium. In the interests of everyone's enjoyment and safety parents/carers are requested to observe the recommended age guidelines for events. Children aged 14 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian attending performances.

Discounts

When 10 tickets or more are purchased for a show, a 10% discount off the full price can be obtained. N.B. Group bookings cannot be made via the internet.

For designated school's performances, teaching staff accompanying pupils will be given complementary tickets.

Gallery Bar Events

Under the terms of The Licencing (NI) Order, anyone under the age of 18 is not allowed in the bar area of The Ardhowen after 9pm. Therefore all ticket holders for evening gallery bar events must be 18 years and over.

Family Ticket

Family tickets will be available for specified events and admittances, either for groups of 4 or 5. Family of 4 tickets will enable a maximum of 2 adults and 2 children. Family of 5 will enable a maximum of 2 adults and 3 children.

Theatre Hire Events

Some programmed events have been brought in as a Hire from an independent organisation. The Ardhowen concessions, discounts and Personal Assistance Support Scheme may not be applicable.

Support Acts

For some performances not promoted by The Ardhowen, a support act may precede the main act, particularly for popular music events. Whilst The Ardhowen endeavours to inform patrons about such support acts in advance, on some occasions it may not be possible.

Food And Drink

Under the terms of The Ardhowen Bar and Restaurant Franchise, patrons are not allowed to bring food or drinks into the building under any circumstances. Drinks purchased in the Theatre must not be brought into the Auditorium under any circumstances.

Car Parking

There are several large car parks in the grounds of The Ardhowen with specially designated Disabled Parking bays. Patrons are advised not to use The Ardhowen's wheelchair parking spaces unless entitled to do so and have a Blue Badge displayed prominently.

Facilities for Patrons with Disabilities

There is a maximum of 3 places for wheelchairs, in Row C in the auditorium. Access to this row, to the restaurant and bar and to the box office is free of steps. There is also a 'T' feature hearing aid inductive loop system which works best in rows C, D, E and F.

It is important that you mention your requirements to our staff when booking and we will be pleased to assist in whatever way we can.

Personal Assistance Support Scheme

People who have a disability and who require the assistance of a companion in order to attend the venue are entitled to a complimentary ticket for their companion. The person with a disability must first register their details with The Ardhowen before the personal assistance support scheme can be availed of. Please contact Box Office for a registration form.

Some programmed events have been brought in from an independent organisation. The

Ardhowen concessions, discounts, and Personal Assistance Support Scheme may not be applicable as the Promoters of these events have the right to determine the number of PASS Scheme tickets available at each performance. Box Office will allocate PASS tickets on a first-come-first-served basis until the maximum number allocated is reached.

The Ardhowen Café

Call in at The Ardhowen Café where you can sit back and relax in the beautiful surroundings overlooking Lough Erne.

Serving fresh food daily including scones, sandwiches, toasties, paninis, soups, burgers, chips and a selection of sweet treats to enjoy with your afternoon tea/coffee.

Gluten free range also available.

The bar is open before, during and after performances (within the provisions of a theatre licence).

For enquires about Afternoon Tea and lunch reservations, please call The Ardhowen on 028 66 325 440

Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

Free Wi-Fi

Please select 'Free Wi-Fi on available networks.

Photography

The Ardhowen may record through photography (or video) venue activities and events for promotional purposes. We need your permission before any images of your child / children are taken at our facility. The image(s) may be used in Council communications or promotional materials such as social media, website, publications, and printed publicity including local media. You will be asked to complete a consent form before any images are taken.

The Ardhowen Facilities for Hire

The Ardhowen, situated on a lakeside setting in Ireland's only island town, Enniskillen, is just the ticket for your business meeting, conference, training seminar or event.

With free car parking, in-house catering packages to suit all tastes and budgets, a beautiful lakeside setting with marina and picnic facilities making it the perfect venue to host any event. The theatre is easily accessible, situated on the main A4 Belfast Road, on the outskirts of Enniskillen and adjacent to the National Trust's Castle Coole Estate.

The Auditorium

- Capacity: 290 seat theatre with fixed, raked seating
- State-of-the-art lighting and sound facilities
- AV facilities, Data Projector and laptop
- 'T' feature inductive loop systemm

The Studio

The Studio can accommodate up to 40 people and can be configured to suit your needs. The Studio is used extensively for dance classes, music, local drama and stage musical rehearsals, workshops and meetings. We can provide full AV facilities, Data Projector and laptop.

Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.



Seating Plan





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At A Glance

March

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Hairy Jaysus	
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April

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Highlights for Summer 2020

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June BrightStarz

July Baby Shark Show

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