

# The Ardhowen



## Autumn Programme 2023

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## SHOW CATEGORIES



Film



Drama



Family



Literature



Comedy



Music



Trad



Popular



Classical



Country



Talks

# FERMANAGH FILM CLUB - LA SYNDICALISTE

Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £6

122 mins. France/Germany. Cert 15A

'The French thriller of the year'

La Syndicaliste tells the extraordinary real-life story of Irish woman Maureen Kearney, a senior trade union representative turned whistleblower in a French power company. Maureen's efforts to expose top secret deals met with fierce resistance from powerful people. Her life was turned upside down when she was violently assaulted made worse by police subsequently accusing her of faking the attack.



# TRUTH, LOVE OR PROMISE

Date: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £16

Internationally acclaimed writer and actor Nuala is back with a new one woman drama about identity, love and the power of friendship.

Set in a creative writing class in Belfast, this poignant dark comedy looks at what happens when things don't go the way we want in life; and when the truth turns out to be shocking, three women have to decide what really matters most - Truth, Love or Promise.

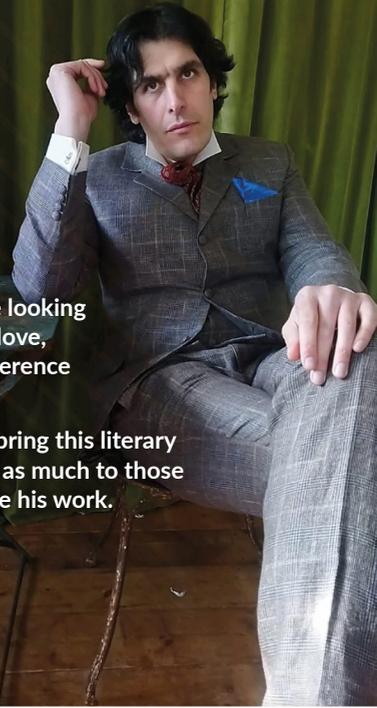


# WORK IS THE CURSE OF THE DRINKING CLASS

Date: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £15

Set in Paris in 1898, Will Govan plays an exiled Oscar Wilde looking back on his extraordinarily colourful life and ruminating on love, fame, family and misfortune with his infamous wit and irreverence in this hilarious but ultimately tragic story of a life.

The play draws on Wilde's letters, essays and anecdotes to bring this literary genius to life in a 60-minute performance which will appeal as much to those who know little about the man as it will to those who admire his work.



# LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY SHOW

Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £23.50

**Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights**

Tennessee sound coupled with authentic stage set and state of the art production that will transport you all the way hand clapping and toe tapping to Nashville and back in one night. The 2023 tour will showcase highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline and many more! One thing is for sure if it's Country music you like then this is the show for you!





# MACBETH

Date: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
Time: 10am  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £10

A 75-minute retelling of Shakespeare's classic tale of murder and witchcraft. The play is followed by a lively illustrated presentation by the Director covering the play's main themes and the actors then retake the stage to be 'hot seated' by questions from the audience which they will answer in character.

Suitable for all audiences and particularly for students studying the play at GCSE, post primary and college levels.



# SEVENTH AVENUE ARTS PRESENTS: SIMON & GARFUNKEL THROUGH THE YEARS

Date: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £20

*Smoke/Haze*

Critically acclaimed as one of the greatest tribute shows in the world, Simon & Garfunkel Through the Years has toured extensively in the UK, Europe, Australia and USA, receiving standing ovations and selling out theatres night after night.

Fronted by Dan Haynes and Pete Richards, the show is a "masterpiece" (BBC Radio) in musicianship, which perfectly recreates the unmistakable sound of Simon & Garfunkel.



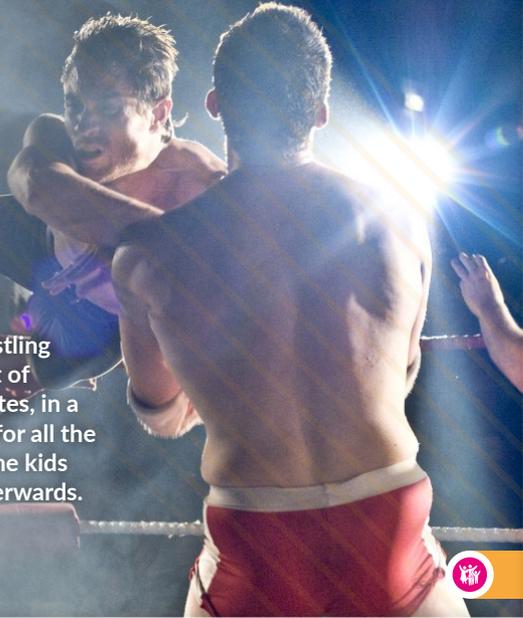
# SUPERSTAR WRESTLING

Date: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
Time: 2pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £12 - Child  
£15 - Full Price  
£45 - Family of 4

**Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights**

Back by popular demand, the bone-crunching Superstars Wrestling Tour.

Bringing a host of top American wrestling stars to the ring to face the very best of home-grown talent and fans' favourites, in a two-hour rip-roaring entertainment for all the family to enjoy. We guarantee that the kids will be talking about it for weeks afterwards.



# A NIGHT OF COMEDY DRAMA

Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £14

**Strong Language**

Enniskillen Theatre Company returns, this time with two wonderful one-act plays in the one evening!

ETC begin with the delightful story full of heartache and humour, "From under the Bed", by Seamus O'Rourke; before concluding with "What's for Pudding?", a fun play by David Tristram, that ends up in a drunken gathering!



Enniskillen Theatre Co. Presents

## A night of comedy

2 plays, 2 directors, 7 actors.



# FERMANAGH FILM CLUB – EIGHT MOUNTAINS

Date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £6

147 minutes, Italy/Belgium/France, Cert 15A

Over one summer in a remote village in the Italian Alps, 12-year-old city boy Pietro meets and befriends Bruno, the only remaining local child. The strong bond that the pair form becomes a close friendship that will last over the future decades, with the two returning to the mountains every summer to reconnect, no matter how their lives are unfolding.



# BJÖRN IDENTITY – FEELING LIKE A NO. 1

Date: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £22.50

Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights

This dynamic all live theatre show is packed full of ABBA's greatest hits & lesser-known songs to satisfy the Hole in Your Soul.

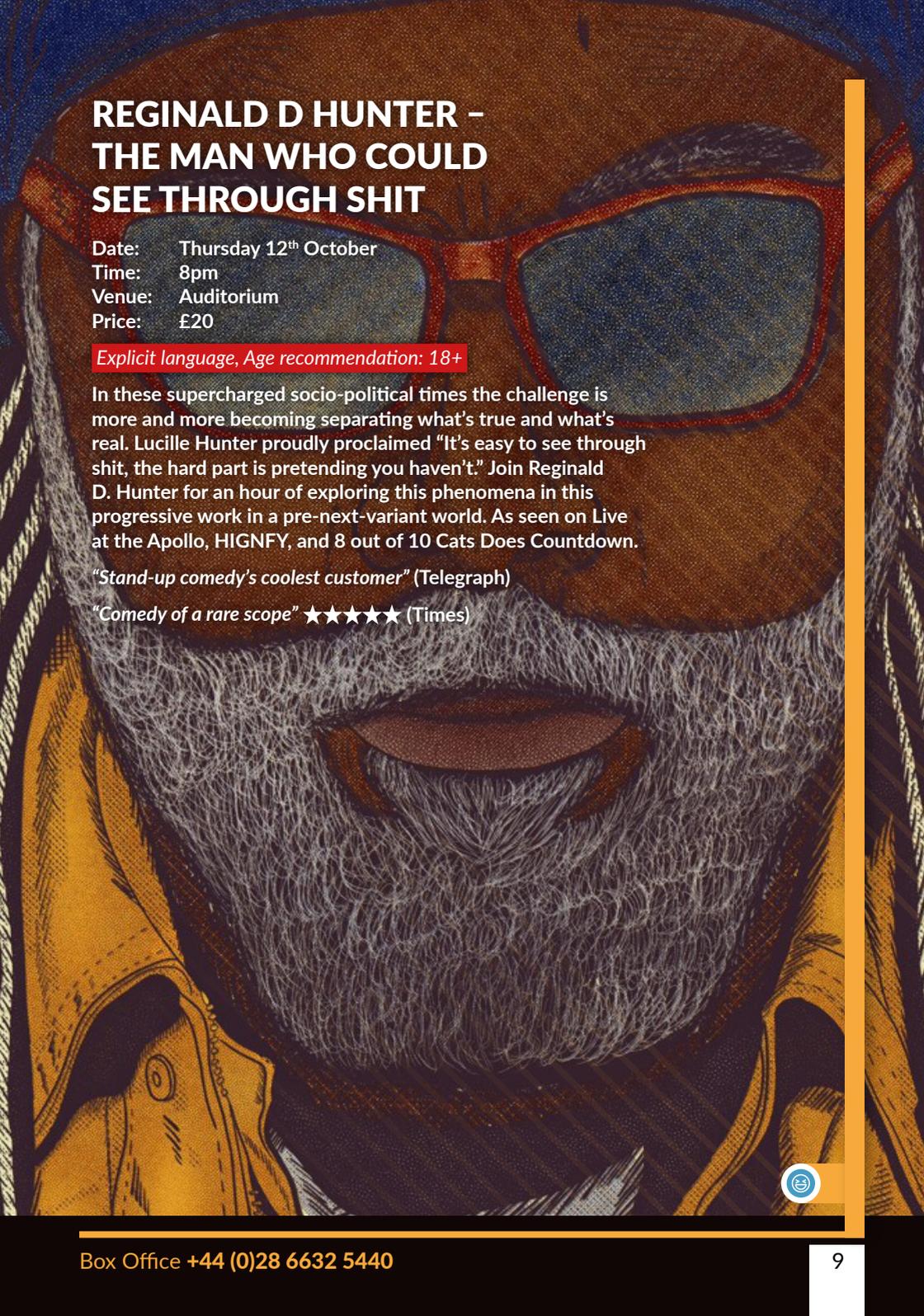


THE  
**BJÖRN**  
IDENTITY®

FEELING LIKE A NO.1

Their impressive attention to detail in both staging and musicianship makes The Björn Identity, at its heart, THE most exciting 'ABBA in Concert' experience, this side of Sweden. No doubt you will go home, feeling you've just experienced ABBA in the flesh!





# REGINALD D HUNTER – THE MAN WHO COULD SEE THROUGH SHIT

Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £20

**Explicit language, Age recommendation: 18+**

In these supercharged socio-political times the challenge is more and more becoming separating what's true and what's real. Lucille Hunter proudly proclaimed "It's easy to see through shit, the hard part is pretending you haven't." Join Reginald D. Hunter for an hour of exploring this phenomena in this progressive work in a pre-next-variant world. As seen on Live at the Apollo, HIGHFY, and 8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.

*"Stand-up comedy's coolest customer"* (Telegraph)

*"Comedy of a rare scope" ★★★★★* (Times)



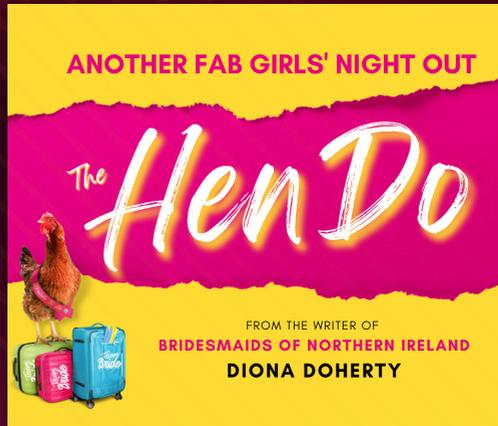
## THE HEN DO

Date: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £23

*14+, Strong Language, Strobe Lighting, Haze/Smoke Machine*

Bonkers Becky from the smash hit, *Bridesmaids of Northern Ireland* is back - and this time it's SHE who is getting married!

Expect glowsticks, cocktails, banging tunes and loads of chaos, as our gang celebrate dysfunctional family relationships and free tequila on this roller-coaster of a Hen Do.

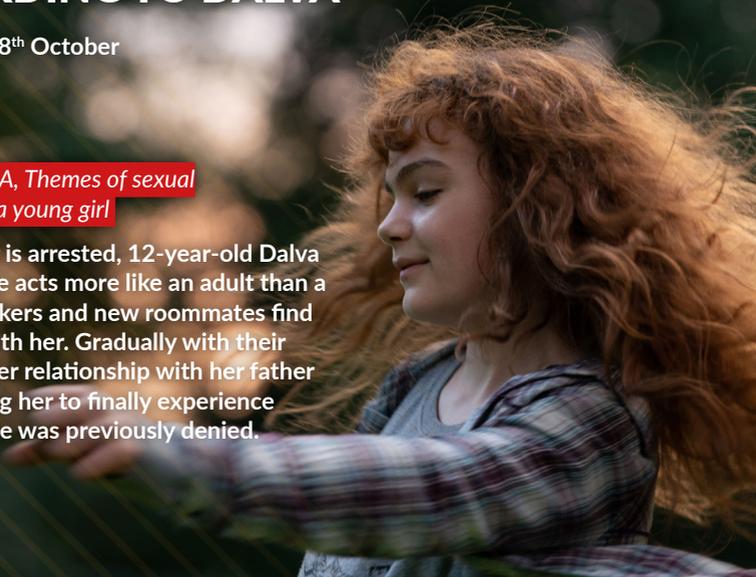


## FERMANAGH FILM CLUB - LOVE ACCORDING TO DALVA

Date: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £6

*83 mins, French, Cert 15A, Themes of sexual abuse and its impact on a young girl*

After her abusive father is arrested, 12-year-old Dalva is taken into care. As she acts more like an adult than a child, Dalva's social workers and new roommates find it difficult to connect with her. Gradually with their help, she accepts that her relationship with her father was not normal, allowing her to finally experience the joys of childhood she was previously denied.



# MUSIC IN FERMANAGH: MICHAEL MCHALE (PIANO) & MICHAEL COLLINS (CLARINET)

Date: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £15  
£5 – Under 25

**Not suitable for under 6 years**

Music in Fermanagh presents Michael Collins on clarinet & Michael McHale on piano.

Both are internationally acclaimed and are coming to The Ardhowen to play

gorgeous music by Debussy, Betinis, Poulenc, Saint-Saëns, Bernstein & Horovitz.

Come and enjoy the soaring timbre of the clarinet and the sparkle of the piano!



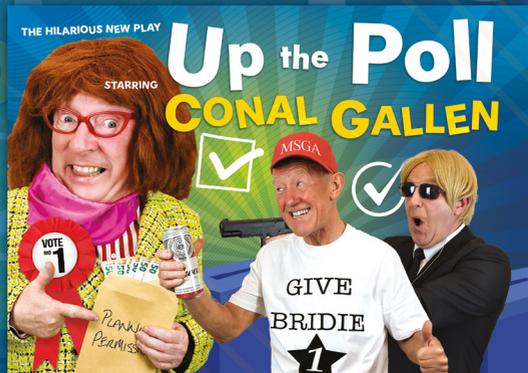
## UP THE POLL

Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £25

**Recommended age: 16+**

Written by Conal Gallen and his son, Rory, Bridie Murphy is a lovable battle axe, living in Shitholey with her husband, Willie. But when election time comes around, things start to liven up.

Father Big Mad Mickey O'Reilly, Betty Head and her son, Dick, all become involved, whether by choice or by accident. If you only thought that politics was corrupt, wait until Bridie sticks her oar in.



# THE ELVIS SPECTACULAR SHOW

Date: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £25

*Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights*

The Elvis spectacular show is the longest running, most successful tribute show in Ireland, consisting of a fantastic 9-piece band fronted by European Elvis champion CIARAN HOULIHAN; and accompanied by the brilliant SWEET SENSATIONS female vocal backing group, who are now in their 27th year on the road! The band covers all eras of Elvis' career, and features authentic costumes created by Elvis' original costume designer GENE DOUCHETTE! Along with a big screen projection and an ELVIS SUPER SOUVENEIR STAND... this is quite simply a fantastic night out for everyone!



# ELVIS

## SPECTACULAR

Starring Ciaran Houlihan  
with his TCB Band  
& The Sweet Sensations



# PROUD MARY AND HER CITY LIMITS BAND

Date: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £25

*Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights*

Amanda Lane & her superb live band "City Limits" is an outstanding Tina Turner tribute act – the Heels, Fishnets, Strut, the Iconic Red Lipstick she has it all. Hits include: 'Private Dancer', 'The Best', 'Steamy Windows', 'Nutbush' to name a few. Proud Mary has a big personality & a powerhouse voice taking command of her audience from the moment she steps on stage. You are guaranteed an unforgettable performance and night with all your favourite hits of this rock icon.



# THE HIGHSTOOL PROPHETS

Date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £15

*Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights*

A rip-roaring band from day one, The Highstool Prophets have been singing, performing, and playing the very best of folk music all over the world. Throughout the course of the band's union, they have won the hearts of music lovers from all walks of life, performing at a variety of venues, making loads of public appearances, all while recording new music.

The Highstool  
Prophets



# BEYOND THE VEIL: A DARK NIGHT OF STORIES & SONG

Date: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 8pm

Venue: Auditorium

Price: £10

**Dark content, Suitable for 16+**

Join Dalriada Legends storytellers as they go beyond the veil and explore the strange, the mysterious and the outright spooky in an evening of storytelling, music and song. With Halloween – or Samhain – just around the corner, you can expect tales of dark happenings, ghostly sightings and visits from the mysterious Sidhe.

Dalriada Legends are a group of professional storytellers based in County Antrim who 'keep the stories alive', with their engaging and entertaining evenings of folklore, myths and legends.

*Beyond the Veil*  
*a night of stories and songs*  
*from the other side*



# FERMANAGH FILM CLUB - BROKER

Date: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £6

129 mins, South Korea, Cert 15, Mild Violence and strong language

After leaving her son in a Busan church's "baby box", young mother So-young has a change of heart. But her child has already been taken by a couple of makeshift "brokers", who try to sell babies to wealthy couples for money and are also unknowingly under surveillance by two detectives. When So-young confronts the brokers, things take an unexpected turn and she joins them on a road-trip to find the most suitable adoptive parents for her son.



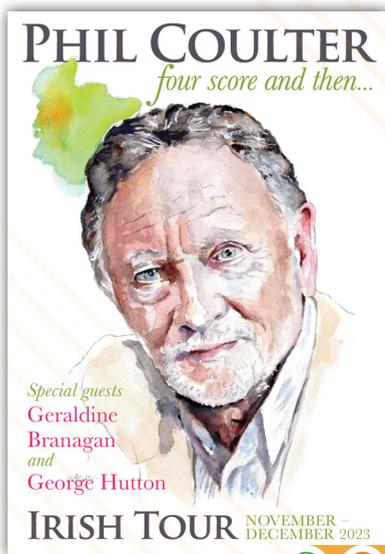
## PHIL COULTER "FOUR SCORE AND THEN..."

Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £30

Smoke/Haze

Having clocked up a major milestone last year, some commentators may have assumed that his 'Phil Coulter at Eighty' National tour was a sort of lap of honour, a last hurrah for his followers. Wrong!

Phil is delighted to be back with a fresh collection of memories and melodies, and is also delighted to welcome back his glamorous and ever popular wife Geraldine Branagan and rising star and young turk George Hutton on stage with him.



## THE SEEGER SESSIONS REVIVAL

Date: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £22.50

*Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights*

The 13-piece band 'reviving' the spirit, energy and musical exuberance that was Bruce Springsteen's Seeger Sessions album and live shows.

This diverse group of talented musicians deliver a high energy 2 hour-long on-stage celebration with hits including 'Old Dan Tucker', 'Jesse James' and 'American Land' to name just a few.

*"Not music being written but music being made" – Bruce Springsteen*



## BELFAST COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

Date: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 7.30pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £20

The first and only multicultural gospel choir, who take great pride in their inclusivity and the fact that their Choir Family is cross community. They are much sought after due to their dynamic performances which are charged with joy, passion, and energy. Being recent finalists in the BBC Gospel Choir of the Year, they have performed in prestigious locations across the Globe. Their Choral Director Marie Lacey has been described as just a little bit 'crazy!' and we welcome them all to Enniskillen with great anticipation.



# RALPH MCTELL - FROM THERE TO HERE

Date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 7.30pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £28

Touring his new album 'From There to Here', Ralph McTell is the composer of the Ivor Novello award winning, international hit song and buskers' favored "Streets of London". A performer of 50 years' experience, his show is a night of lyrical songs and stories interspersed with some of the finest fingerstyle guitar playing in the world.



## A NIGHT WITH THE COUNTRY STARS

Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £26

*Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights*

Get the Stetsons at the ready folks as, back by popular demand, A Night With The Country Stars returns for another night of toe-tapping magic that features five of Ireland's top performers all on one super show.

The fabulous line-up includes Brendan Shine, John McNicholl, Gary Gamble, Shawn Cuddy and Kenny Archer, all of which will perform with top backing band Keltic Storm.



# DIRT BIRDS – NO FILTERS

Date: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £25

## Strong Language

In a world where women are expected to have the patience of mother Teresa, the arse of Jennifer Lopez, the social media profile of Kim Kardashian and the BMI of Elle McPherson; the pressure is relentless. Dirtbirds the comedy duo and internet sensation present their hilarious new show 'No Filters' which takes a close look at the barrage of bullshit we are subjected to on a daily basis and reminds us that despite what we're told there is **NO SUCH THING AS PERFECT...** (except maybe Jamie Dornan's arse in *Fifty Shades Darker*.)

So if you need answers to questions like:

How do I have confidence when I feel lower than a snake's arse?

How do I learn to love my muffin top?

When the kids wreck my head how do I stop myself from selling them on *Done Deal*?

...then this is definitely the show for you. (Perfect women not allowed in.)



# FERMANAGH FILM CLUB - TARRAC

Date: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £6

*96 minutes, Ireland, 2022, TBC*

Aoife, a workaholic based in Dublin, reluctantly returns home to Kerry to care for her father after his heart attack. Having left years previously following the death of her mother, the relationship between father and daughter is strained. Slowly, Aoife begins to reconnect with her home, old friends, and by getting involved with local Naomhog racing, confronts her unresolved grief.



## MUSIC IN FERMANAGH: MIRIAM ROYCROFT (CELLO) & LANCE COBURN (PIANO)

Date: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £15  
£5 - Under 25

*Not suitable for under 6 years*

Music in Fermanagh presents a much-anticipated return visit from two internationally acclaimed artists; Miriam Roycroft on cello and Lance Coburn on piano. Both will be wowing the stage with amazing music by Rachmaninoff, Bax, Beethoven and Vaughan Williams.



Come and enjoy the resounding sonority of the cello and the brilliance of the piano!



# ANTHONY TONER

Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 9pm  
Venue: Gallery Bar  
Price: £12

Anthony Toner returns to the Gallery Bar at the Ardhowen to celebrate the release of *Ghost Notes Vol 2*, a brand-new collection of cover songs, rendered in his usual warm, intimate style. Acclaimed as one of our finest singer songwriters, Anthony is a hugely talented guitarist and storyteller, so expect an evening of stories, songs and occasional poetic selections, and favourites from across his huge back catalogue, including 'Well Well Well', 'The Road to Fivemiletown' and 'An Alphabet'.



# CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Date: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 4pm and 7.30pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £15 – Adult  
£13.50 – Child

**Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights**

Take a fantastic musical adventure with an out-of-this-world car that flies through the air and sails the seas. Based on the beloved 1968 film

version of Ian Fleming's children's book and featuring an unforgettable score by the Sherman Brothers (Mary Poppins), *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* is one family-friendly blockbuster that audiences will find "Truly Scrumptious".



# FERMANAGH FILM CLUB – THE BEASTS

Date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
November  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £6

137 min, Spain / France, Cert TBC

French couple Antoine and Olga have fulfilled their dream of moving to the Galician countryside, setting up their own farm. Their refusal to sell their land to developers creates tensions with local brothers Xan and Loren, who want the money for a chance at a new life. Tensions boil over leading to increasingly tense and violent confrontations between the neighbours.



# ANDY'S COUNTRY HITS LIVE AT THE ARDHOWEN THEATRE

Date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £20

Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights

Andy's Country Hits live at the Ardhowen Theatre. A great night of Country Music, banter and craic with Andy and his special guests from the world of country Music.



Following on from the success of Andy's Country Music radio show on a Sunday Evening he is taking his show to the stage to put on a performance for his music fans, so come along and join in for a great evening of music.



# ELO – SCHOOL OF ROCK THE MUSICAL!

Date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December (excluding Monday)

Venue: Auditorium

Price: £16 – Full Price

£14 – Concession

£45 – Family (only available Tuesday and Wednesday)

**Flashing Lights, Smoke/Haze machine**

School of Rock follows one of life's losers - Dewey Finn. A mid 30's, out of work, wannabe Rock Star, Dewey doesn't have much going for him, and his roommate's girlfriend can't wait to get rid of the freeloader.

His life takes a turn when he answers a call meant for his roommate and finds himself working as a substitute teacher in a high profile private school. With no teaching qualifications Dewey decides to teach the only thing he knows - Rock and Roll!

Can he turn these kids into the Rock Stars he always wished he could be? Find out with the fun and uplifting School of Rock!





*Seasons Greetings*

from The Ardhowen

Pick up the perfect gift for Christmas this year  
with an Ardhowen Gift Voucher!



NOTHING SAYS

*merry christmas*

QUITE LIKE THE MAGIC  
OF THEATRE

GIFT VOUCHERS



# SCHOOLS XMAS SHOW: LITTLE MISS MUFFET'S CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE (CENTRE STAGE)

Date: Tuesday 12th - Fri 15th December  
Time: Tuesday - 1pm show  
Wednesday - 10.30am, 1pm & 7pm  
Thursday - 10.30am, 1pm & 7pm  
Friday - 10.30am  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £5 - Teachers go free

Miss Muffet's Tuffet is magic. Every Christmas Day it makes a dream come true, and Ditzzi Devilola the Dim Witch wants it! When it's stolen, poor Miss Muffet is in great distress - but help is at hand, from a Handsome Prince, Jack and Jill, and a very surprising ally!

Will Ditzzi, with her friend - a Weird Scary Sort of Creature - get away with the Magic Tuffet, or can the friends from Nursery Land stop them in time for Christmas...? Perhaps... but then... of course... there is always... that spider??

The eternal appeal of this classic nursery rhyme makes this a golden opportunity to present this production from the North's première producer of Christmas plays, with their usual values of clean family entertainment, funny and immediate scripts, simple effects, live original music, memorable tunes and strong performances. With loads of audience participation, Little Miss Muffet's Christmas Adventure is in the very best traditions of Christmas Entertainment.



# FERMANAGH FILM CLUB - THE NIGHT OF THE 12TH

Date: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £6

115 mins, France / Belgium, Cert TBC

Inspired by Pauline Guéna's book of her time with the Criminal Investigation Department in Versailles in 2016: a young woman is murdered in her quiet mountain village. But what starts as an investigation into a shocking crime soon turns into a haunting obsession for newly promoted Detective Yohan Vivès as the killer continues to evade him and his team.



# TALON - THE BEST OF THE EAGLES

Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £27.50

Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights

Talon performs the Eagles iconic 'Hotel California' album from beginning to end plus all the 'Greatest Hits' including, Take It Easy, One Of These Nights, Take It To The Limit, Desperado, Lyin' Eyes and many more in this spectacular music production for autumn 2023.

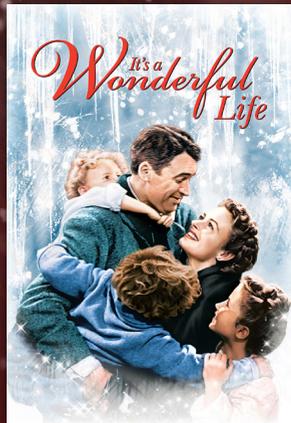
This world class seven-piece band have, over the last quarter of a century, completely transcended the tag of 'tribute' and become, not only revered by their peers but dearly loved by their fans.



# CHRISTMAS MOVIE DAY!

Date: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 10:30am - The Grinch (U)  
2pm - Home Alone (PG)  
6pm - It's a Wonderful Life (U)  
8:30pm - Love Actually (15)

Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £6 each



# ULSTER YOUTH OPERA CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE

Date: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 3pm and 5pm  
Venue: Foyer  
Price: £5

This December, the members of Ulster Youth Opera present their first ever opera showcase! By attending monthly sessions at the Ardhoven led by professional opera singers, directors and pianists; the Ulster Youth Opera members have developed their music, acting and movement skills, as well as having fun exploring some of the art form's most vibrant pieces. Join us for a relaxed showcase in the Ardhoven foyer where these exciting young performers will have their first opportunity to share their work, highlighting Fermanagh's future opera stars.



# AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS DRAMA

Date: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 7pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £10

Fermanagh School of Music and Performing Arts present an evening of short sketches based on Christmas themes. The amalgamation of everything our drama classes have been working on since September.

Why not kick start your Christmas holidays and join in the fun?

Make sure to wear your Christmas jumpers and Santa hats!



# AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 7pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £10

Come and join our Fermanagh School of Music and Performing Art students as they showcase their work so far this year. Group performance, solo performances and even staff performances. From rock music to jazz music, to popular music, whatever your taste, you are guaranteed to enjoy our evening of entertainment.

Wear your Christmas jumpers and Santa hats and bring your singing voices and clapping hands and join in the Christmas spirit.



# CARITAS

Date: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £10 – Adult  
£8 – Concession

The Ardhowen welcome back Caritas, a group of local musical talents performing traditional Christmas Carols, festive favourites, in an evening that promises to bring alive the spirit of the festive season.

Caritas is a thriving mixed-voice choir who began life in 2014 as a small group who “Just wanted to sing”. With the help and guidance of musical director Helen Hamill, Caritas has grown organically from there.



# DECLAN NERNEY IN CONCERT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS JOHN HOGAN AND OWEN MAC

Date: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £25

*Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights*

A young man growing up in the heart of Ireland in Drumlish, Co. Longford, Declan was heavily influenced by many of the showband greats that he went to see in his hometown and hoped that one day he might be up on stage performing just like Dan O'Hara or Seamus McMahon.

Declan has went on to have a super career that has spanned over 4 decades. Join him and his super live band with special guests Owen Mac and John Hogan for a nostalgic night of music, song and laughter.



## THE PURE COUNTRY SHOW

Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £25

*Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights*

Get the Stetsons at the ready as the "Pure Country Show" returns for another night of toe-tapping magic. The stellar line-up includes the gentle giant of county music from Longford Mick Flavin who is celebrating 50 years in showbiz, the multi-talented instrumentalist Stephen Smyth from Co. Down, the blue jean country Queen Kathy Durkin from Co. Cavan, Tyrone native and one of Irelands top performers Jim Devine, the pure tones of Derry's Joe Moore and local Fermanagh star Anthony McBrien.

All 6 stars will perform their trademark hit songs in the company of the hugely popular Keltic Storm band making this a rare opportunity to see so much talent all on one action packed show. One thing is for sure if its Country Music you like then this is the only show in town!



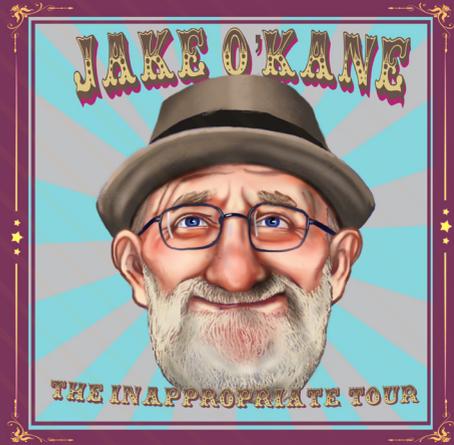
# JAKE O'KANE – THE INAPPROPRIATE TOUR

Date: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £25

**Strong Language**

Roll up, roll up, the Jake O'Kane circus is back in town. After a decade of sell-out tours, Jake is back with his annual multimedia roundup of the year's events in NI and beyond. It's going to be a no holds barred fun fest of puncturing political pomposity. Nobody is safe as Jake turns his keen wit on himself and his personal peculiarities.

As always, he's ably supported by ringmaster two-stroke Terry McHugh. Don't miss this colossal combination of comedic clownery - book early, book often.



# GREATEST 80'S SHOW

Date: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 8pm  
Venue: Auditorium  
Price: £22.50

**Smoke/Haze, Flashing Lights**

Get ready to travel back in time to the 1980s with the exciting new music theatre production - 'Greatest 80s.'

This high-energy show features all of your favourite hits from the decade of neon and big hair, including songs from iconic artists like Duran Duran, a-ha and Spandau Ballet to name just a few.

With a dynamic and powerful set full of the greatest songs of the 80s, don't miss your chance to relive the decade that defined a generation!



# WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

## YOUTH OPERA WORKSHOP

**Date:** Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October,  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December  
**Time:** 5pm – 6.45pm (8 to 13 years)  
7pm – 9pm (14 to 18 years)  
**Venue:** Dance Studio  
**Price:** £3



Love singing? Love acting? Age 8-13? Join Ulster Youth Opera! The Ardhoven Theatre and Ulster Touring Opera are running monthly Ulster Youth Opera sessions which began in March 2023.

Work with professional singers, directors, and pianists to build vocal, acting and movement skills while learning about this amazing art form.

No music reading ability or singing grades required, just join in and enjoy the magical world of opera!

## SPOOKY MESS (MESSY CREATIVE PLAY FOR 6 MONTHS - 5 YEARS)

**Date:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
**Time:** 10:30am – 11:30am  
**Venue:** Dance Studio  
**Price:** £9 – 6 months to 5 years  
£7.50 – 6 to 10 years (*older siblings*)



Jane from Little Mess Fermanagh presents an hour of creative messy play celebrating all things spooky, aimed at children aged 6 months to 5 years.

Messy play gives little ones a range of sensory and learning experiences, interaction and best of all, you don't have to clear up afterwards!

There is a crafts corner for older siblings aged 6 – 10 years who also want to attend.

Please note that parents / carers must stay with the children throughout the session.

# CHRISTMAS MESS (MESSY CREATIVE PLAY FOR 6 MONTHS – 5 YEARS)

Date: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 10:30am – 11:30am  
Venue: Dance Studio  
Price: £9 – 6 months to 5 years  
£7.50 – 6 to 10 years (*older siblings*)

Craft Corner  
For older siblings  
6-10 years

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Messy Play Event

Summer  
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Suitable  
6 months -  
5 years

Jane from Little Mess Fermanagh presents an hour of creative messy play celebrating the festive season, for children aged 6 months to 5 years.

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There is a crafts corner for older siblings aged 6 – 10 years who also want to attend.

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## WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

### SET DANCING

**Date:** Tuesdays (8-week course)  
12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September,  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Time:** 7pm – 9pm

**Venue:** Dance Studio

**Price:** £40 (for the 8 weeks)



**Times:** 7.00pm - 9.00pm

**Dates:** 12th September 2023 – 31st October 2023 (8 Week Course)

Join Brenda Murphy for set dancing classes weekly suitable for beginners/intermediate/advanced – these classes will help you learn the art of set dance.

### SINGING FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING WITH VALERIE

**Date:** Thursdays (8-week course) 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September,  
12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November

**Time:** 7pm – 8:30pm

**Venue:** Dance Studio

**Price:** £75 (for the 8 weeks)



Singing is good for the mind, body, and soul. Learn how to free your voice using gentle warm up exercises, gain confidence, have fun, and learn how to sing in gorgeous harmony with others. We will learn easy uplifting songs that you will nourish and empower you. Many people find these classes help improve their breathing, and overall wellbeing, connecting with others in a friendly supportive environment.

Valerie has a wealth of experience leading Natural Voice singing workshops, whose philosophy is that if you can speak you can sing. “It is the highlight of my week”, “It is the best thing I have EVER done”, some participant feedback from recent classes.

# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Tickets are non-refundable. Exchanges or credit notes may be offered with advance notice. The Ardhowen reserves the right to offer special discounted ticket prices at any time. 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

Tickets can be purchased using cash and major credit/debit cards over the counter; in person or over the phone. Proof of identification may be required when collecting pre-paid tickets. A printed email confirmation must be presented in order to collect tickets purchased on-line.

## ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Wheelchair spaces are available but can only be booked via Box Office. A limited number of designated "Blue Badge" car parking spaces are available in the carpark, and patrons are advised not to use these spaces unless entitled to do so and have a blue badge to display prominently. There is also a 'T' feature hearing aid inductive loop system that works best in rows C, D, E and F. When booking tickets it is important that you notify staff of any special requirements or assistance you may need.

## 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 PASS 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.

## 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, you can change your mind at any time. For more details on how your information is stored and used please read the Venues Privacy Notice.

## CONCESSIONS

Where applicable, concession rates are detailed within the relevant performance information. Concession rates apply to people aged 16 years and under, to people aged 60 years and over, and also students in full time education with a valid Student ID Card. For concession tickets, photo identification will be required for proof of entitlement.

## ATTENDANCE OF CHILDREN AND BABE 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.

## **LATECOMERS**

Ardhowen operates a strict start time policy. Therefore, latecomers will be required to wait for a suitable break for admission which may be the interval. If admitted, latecomers may be required to occupy alternative seats, subject to availability.

## **DISCOUNTS**

When 10 tickets or more are purchased for a show, a 10% discount off the full price can be obtained. Please note; Group bookings cannot be made via the internet. For designated evening performances, educational groups can obtain a 20% group discount.

## **FAMILY TICKET**

Family tickets will be available for specified events and admittances, either for groups of four or five. Family of four tickets will enable a maximum of two adults and two children. Family of five will enable a maximum of two adults and three children.

## **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 Cafe and Bar 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. Bottled water is permitted.

## **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.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Public performances are regularly filmed and/or photographed for marketing and promotional purposes. The image(s) may be used in Council communications or promotional materials such as social media, website, publications, printed publicity including local media. Please advise staff if you do not want your picture included in any future publicity material.

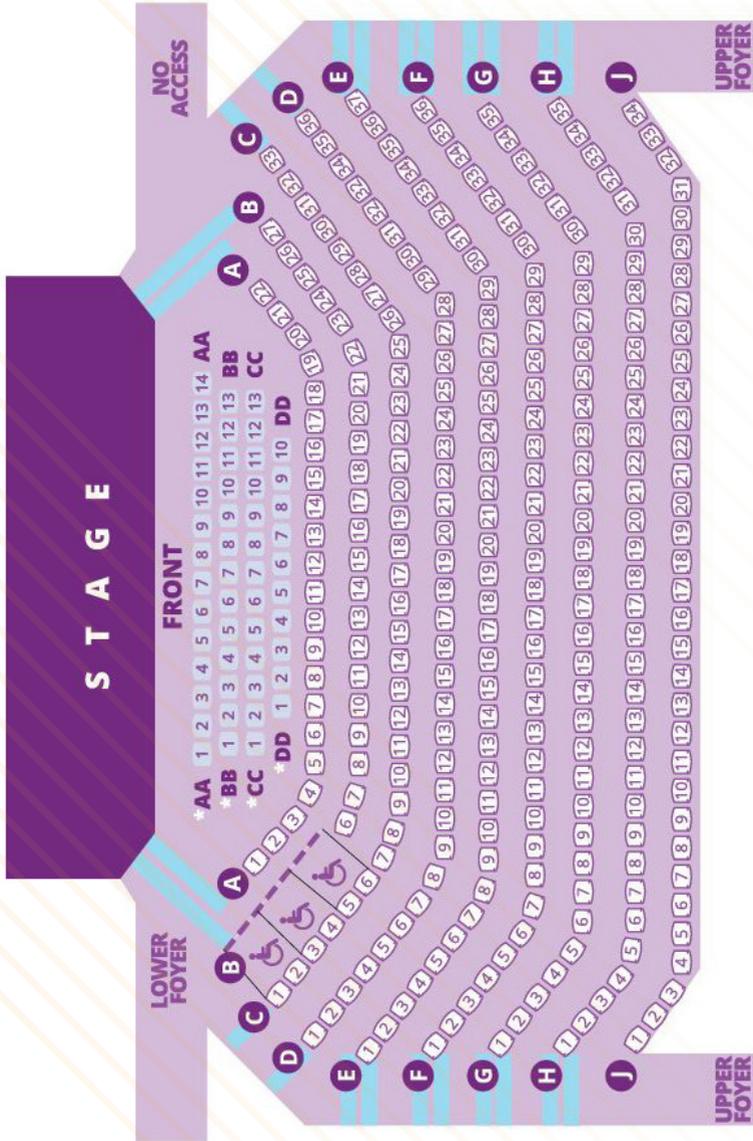
We will always seek permission for children's photographs to be taken at workshops. Parents/guardians will be asked to complete a consent form before any images are taken.

## **ARDHOWEN CAFÉ AND BAR**

Call in to the Ardhowen Café and Bar where you can sit back and relax in the beautiful surroundings overlooking Lough Erne. Serving fresh food daily including scones, toasties, and a selection of sweet treats to enjoy with your afternoon tea/coffee.

- The bar is open before, during and after performances (within the provisions of a theatre licence).
- Free WiFi – Please select 'Free wifi' on available networks
- Café is open Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 4pm

# SEATING PLAN



\*Rows AA, BB, CC and DD are additional and temporary, available for certain events only.

Please note in the event of the extra seats becoming available; the additional seats may restrict the view in Row A.

# Ardhowen Theatre Café & Bar



Opening Hours:  
10am – 4pm  
Tuesday – Saturday

# HIGHLIGHTS FOR SPRING 2024



JANUARY

**LAKELAND PLAYERS  
PRESENTS: JACK AND  
THE BEANSTALK**



FEBRUARY

**NEIL DELAMERE**



MARCH

**MATT MCGINN**



APRIL

**TOM JONES TRIBUTE**



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
— AND —  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**FROM ALL THE STAFF  
AT THE ARDHOWEN XX**

**The Ardhowen**



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