

MAY 2025 WHAT'S ON



**PICKS OF
THE
MONTH**

Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival

Annual festival of music, comedy, theatre, art and literature from 1-11 May - don't miss it!

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Festival of Fools

Festival of Fools celebrates 20 years of silliness and amazing feats on the streets of Belfast.

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OUR LATEST ARTS PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Sponsorship of Belfast TradFest Bursary Scheme

Opportunity for your business to be part of the next editions in the lead up to our festival. This initiative works synergistically, giving businesses the opportunity to sponsor one or more places in the summer school and, in return, they will receive a number of benefits. Cost to sponsor a bursary place is: £150 for one student, £250 for two students, £500 for four students, £1,000 for eight students, £2,000 for fifteen students. Benefit to sponsor: 2 complimentary tickets to any of our concerts (which you may use as online competition prizes to promote your organisation), social media post outlining sponsorship and promoting your business/organisation, press and marketing photo opportunities with students.

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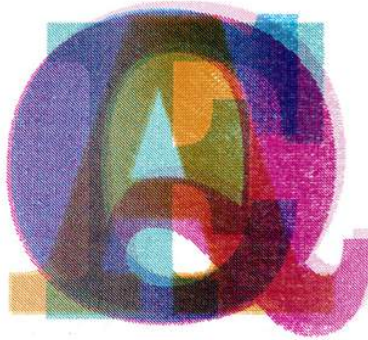
Worst Office in the World corporate day out

Reconnect your team in this immersive game-theatre adventure, where the workers get an unexpected promotion - to secret agent! Give your team the opportunity to bond and work together in this world of undercover agents. Take your teams communication and collaboration up a notch by working together and who knows, maybe you'll unlock some hidden talents - in surveillance, decoding or subterfuge. Perfect for fans of escape rooms!

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FESTIVALS

**THE 25TH
CATHEDRAL
QUARTER
ARTS FESTIVAL
01-11 MAY 2025**



CQAF

Belfast Cathedral Quarter 1-11 May

The 25th Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival will take place from 1 to 11 May, featuring over 100 acts across music, comedy, theatre, art and literature in dozens of venues across Belfast's historic cultural quarter.

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Hit the North: The Other Place

2 Royal Avenue 2 May

Explore the intersection of art, urban planning, and community as we discuss how artists can drive positive change in our cities, and how we can support them. This event brings together place-makers, planners, and artists to challenge conventions and foster meaningful, beautiful change.

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NI Mental Health Arts Festival

Various locations 9 - 20 May

This year, the NI Mental Health Arts Festival will run from 9th - 20th May, with a range of events for all ages, from talks, discussions, workshops, performances, interactive events and, the opening and closing symposia.

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Festival of Fools

Belfast Cathedral Quarter 3-5 May

All manner of silliness available for all the family to enjoy for free at Cornmarket, 2 Royal Avenue, Writers' Square, St Anne's Square and Riddel's Warehouse* (*not wheelchair accessible) all afternoon on Saturday, Sunday and Monday 3-5 May. Check the website for timings and stroll around Cathedral Quarter enjoying this fabulous festival. Each day finishes with a Big Finish Show so don't miss it!

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Hit the North: Street Art Festival Block Party

Kent Street area Belfast 4 May 2-6pm

The wonderful Hit the North street art festival takes place in various parts of Belfast City Centre, but the main event, the Block Party starts at 2pm on Sunday 4 May on Kent Street outside and around the Sunflower Public House. This is an outdoor event, free to attend, everyone welcome. This year's event will feature 60 local and international artists, with an array of styles and techniques on show. Onlookers will watch as the artworks develop throughout the day, alongside a series of larger murals which will appear during the adjacent weeks. There'll be Urban Art Demos, food trucks, tunes and generally just some very good times.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY



Prism, by Replay Theatre Company

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Lyric Theatre, Belfast 14-16 May
The Market Place Theatre, Armagh 3 June

Inter-dimensional travellers, Dawn and Dusk, have been stuck in an empty void dimension for far too long. When Dusk devises a radical solution to their problem it hurls them into our dimension and has catastrophic consequences for their onboard guide and best friend, PRISM. PRISM, written by Gary Crossan, is immersive sci-fi theatre for audiences of all abilities and backgrounds. Packed full of adventurous retro-synth vibes and exciting leaps into unexplored virtual dimensions, the twists and turns of PRISM will delight child and adult alike.

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CQAF: Yukee – Live

The Black Box Green Room
3 May

Yukee airs daily on CBeebies. Yukee's first single 'Fly Away Feathers' ft. Rivers Cuomo of Weezer was released ahead of an upcoming album of hit songs from series 1 (with guest stars Chali 2na, P.P. Arnold and Lauren Laverne). This is a live show featuring hit songs from the series as well as interactive storytelling and simple musical games. Suitable for ages 3-8.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY



Wild and Crafted Creative Workshops

Boom Studios, 80A Main St, Bangor, BT20 5AE
Last Saturday of the month, 11am - 12.30pm

For ages 4-16 (Under 7's to be assisted by a parent/carer.) Fun, creative and educational Art & Craft Workshops inspired by nature, the seasons and ancient traditions. Come together and join us for a morning of learning, mindful making and new friendships and leave with something beautiful for your home or to gift to a loved one.

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Messy Mornings

Boom Studios, 80A Main St, Bangor, BT20 5AE
Mondays

Join Chief Messer Marianne for a morning of messy play. Painting, drawing, spraying, moving, sticking, building, these sessions are for babies to pre-school and will help them develop all sorts of sensory and problem solving skills.

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The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Grand Opera House
until 3 May

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime as the West End smash-hit production of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe comes to Belfast in 2025! Step through the wardrobe into the magic kingdom of Narnia where a world of wonder awaits. Join Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter as they meet new friends, face dangerous foes and learn the lessons of courage, sacrifice, and the power of love.

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Get Involved

Build an Undersea World: Free Art Workshop

Golden Thread Gallery, Queen Street, Belfast
31 May 12-2pm

Come along to Golden Thread Gallery to learn about deep-sea coral and marine life and create your own unique coral creature to be part of a virtual reality ocean landscape! Participants will receive a voucher for contributing their design to the project. Artist Lauren Moffatt will introduce the incredible world of deep-sea coral reefs and the sea creatures and marine life that live on and around them. She will also explain how AI artificial intelligence works. You'll be invited to imagine and draw your own unique deep-sea coral creature and record a musical or spoken note that the creature could sing under the sea. Then your design will be digitally transformed into a 3-D virtual character! Suitable for all ages. Read full details including our venue accessibility information on our website below.

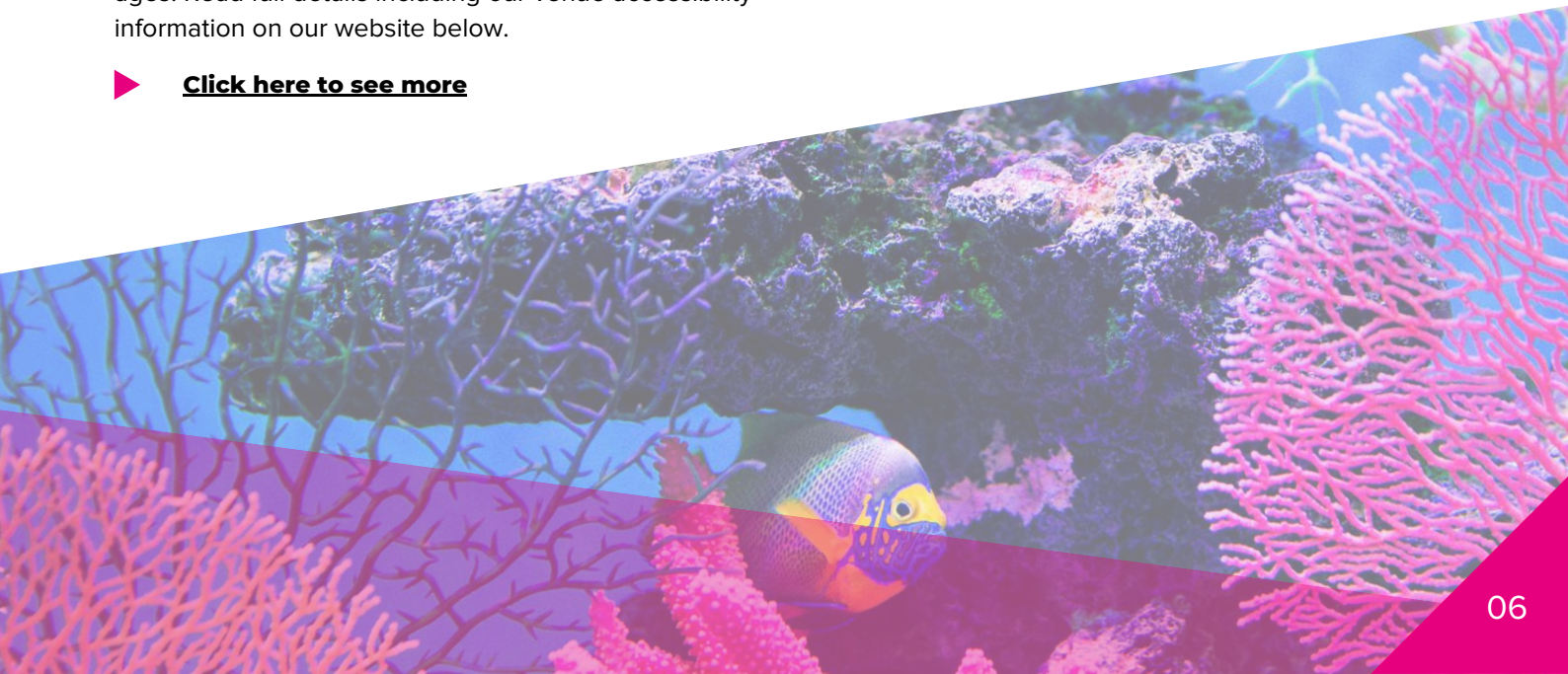
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Street Art Walking Tours

Start from Duke of York, Commercial Court, Belfast
Sundays 11,18,25 May 12-2pm

If you spend any time in Belfast you'll know that it's walls are covered in art. Often this art has been used to mark territory for one side or the other but recently, alongside this, something transformative has been bubbling. Street artists from across the globe have joined a new breed of Belfast based street artists to leave their mark on the city, and in particular in the Cathedral Quarter where the annual festival Hit the North takes place. As curators of this festival Seedhead Arts know the artists, the stories, and perhaps most importantly the need to forge a new narrative for Belfast. Our Street Art Walking Tour forms part of that narrative. This art speaks of love, of laughter, of anger, of beauty and of defiance but most of all it speaks of Belfast and the place that it's becoming. Join us for a gently paced, two hour walk around the ever changing face of Belfast Street art every Sunday at noon, leaving from the red benches on Commercial Court (beside the Duke of York). Booking required.

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Get Involved



Six Week Landscape Painting Workshop with Ann Feely

Millennium Court, 2 William Street, Portadown, BT62 3NX
Starting 21 May 7pm-9pm

Join Ann for this six week workshop to learn how to create your own unique beautiful landscape picture! In this course participants will study 'Landscape Impressionist Painting- with a Twist!' This 6 week course involves experimenting with colour and techniques to create a gorgeous riverscape scene. Under the guidance of professional artist, Ann Feely, you will be inspired and encouraged to develop your own sense of style. You'll have fun whilst learning some fundamentals and techniques. You will also take home your finished painting on a 40x40cm canvas.

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Hit the North: Beginner Street Art Workshops

Belfast Central Library, Royal Avenue

3 May 11am- U18s, 2pm- Adults

Join Peaball for a crash course in graffiti, street art and stencil where you'll learn... The foundations of Graffiti Lettering; How to build your piece; How to choose the right cap for the right technique; How to make your piece pop in 3D; How to create a Graffiti Aesthetic.

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CQAF: Black Belfast: Cathedral Quarter - Horror and True Crime Walking Tour

Meets at Albert Clock
4 & 11 May

Take a walk on the dark side! Join 'Master of the Macabre' Andrew Johnston on a devilishly informative and shockingly entertaining walking tour of Belfast's Cathedral Quarter. Uncover the grisly secrets of this historic area of the city such as; The day the Albert Clock stopped... dead! Sailortown's souls that cannot rest and floggings, hangings and beheadings in the centre of town.

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VISUAL ARTS & LITERATURE

Hit the North: Street Art Market

**Bullitt, Church Lane, Belfast
1 May 6-9pm**

Something new to launch the festival this year as part of Late Night Art Belfast. Street artists don't just do murals. They do great T-shirts and stickers and prints and even in one case hot sauces. So Seedhead thought it would be fun to get all our street art mates under one roof and have a wee market. Just need to keep them away from the walls for five minutes.

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We Lose Sight of the Night: Aisling O'Beirn

**The MAC, Belfast
Until 22 Jun**

Aisling O'Beirn's exhibition We Lose Sight of the Night is the first in a series of exhibitions which address climate and environmental change. O'Beirn (born in Galway) is a Belfast based artist, her practice explores the relationship between art and science and manifests variously as sculpture, installation, animation and site-specific projects.

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Late Night Art Bangor

**Boom Studios, 80A Main St, Bangor,
BT20 5AE
29 May**

Join us from 6.30-8.30pm on the last Thursday every month. We are one of several arts venues opening up, offering workshops, exhibitions and to meet artists working in their studios.

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Silver Tongued Deviance

**Void, Derry
1 May 6.30-8.30pm**

Hosted by Frank Rafferty, Silver Tongued Deviance is an open mic platform event where performers, writers, poets and musicians are invited to come along and perform. You are welcome to perform old work, test something new, or try out something experimental. You are also very welcome to attend if you would rather just watch and enjoy. Free to attend. If you require any more information please email hello@derryvoid.com

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Between the Lines: Capturing Liminality in Inclusive Young Masculinities - Bronagh Corr McNicholl

**Belfast Exposed
1-23 May**

This exhibition, created by artist and University of Ulster researcher Brónagh Corr McNicholl, explores the evolving landscape of young masculinities in Derry/Londonderry following the Good Friday Agreement of 1998. In a city straddling the echoes of conflict and the potential of peace, young masculinities find themselves in a liminal space, caught between the remnants of traditional gender roles and the emerging fluidity of self-expression. Here, masculinity is no longer fixed or singular; it is diverse, evolving, and deeply shaped by the city's complex history and social transformations.

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Image: Stay a While Exhibition, Stuart Calvin

Stay a While: Stuart Calvin

**Golden Thread Gallery, Queen Street, Belfast
until 7 June**

Golden Thread Gallery is delighted to present new work by Belfast sculptor Stuart Calvin in our Lower Gallery. Calvin's sculptural work explores themes of human fragility, and the search for meaning in a world marked by political turmoil, societal collapse, and environmental anxiety. His art delves into the shared experience of feeling helpless in the face of seemingly insurmountable world tragedy and reflects on reclaiming control and personal agency in the face of this chaos. Through mediums like wax, gold, plaster, metal, and light, Calvin's practice bridges the personal and the universal, offering an immersive installation of sculpture that invites reflection and connection. His work attempts to turn darkness into a resonant exploration of hope, truth, and discovery, reflecting a collective uncertainty and the precarious nature of human existence today.

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Ulster University MFA Photography Exhibition 2025: Under A Different Light

**Belfast Exposed
1-21 May**

Belfast Exposed is proud to present "Under A Different Light", a dynamic exhibition showcasing the work of emerging artists from this year's graduating cohort of Ulster University's MFA Photography programme. Representing the culmination of two years of intensive practice and research, the show highlights a broad range of subjects, techniques, and conceptual frameworks. The artists featured interrogate boundaries, both physical and conceptual, while exploring the evolving relationship between photographer, subject, and audience.

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CQAF: I Hear You by Paul McVeigh – Live Readings

**The Deer's Head
5 May**

Join us as we bring Paul McVeigh's Radio 4 short story collection, I Hear You, to life on stage. The Circus is a ten-part series set in Cliftonville Circus, North Belfast. In this one-of-a-kind fusion of literature, radio, and theatre, acclaimed actors Tony Flynn, Michael Condron, and Abigail McGibbon will perform their radio-recorded stories live, immersing you in the world of The Circus.

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Image: All that we have built exhibition at the Naughton Gallery Aidan Koch

All That We Have Built

The Naughton Gallery until 18 May

The Naughton Gallery presents a new two-person exhibition by Ola Hassanain (Netherlands/Sudan) and Aidan Koch (USA) that examines the profound impact of environmental destruction and ecological changes on the collective experience of catastrophe and uninhabitability. Through their individual practices, Hassanain and Koch offer a powerful reminder that the environmental crises we face are not distant or abstract — they are immediate, urgent realities. Exhibition continues until Sunday 18 May. Open daily, 11.00am to 4.00pm. All are welcome and admission is free.

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Trade - Professional Development for Creatives

Online / Boom Studios, Bangor Monthly

Take on this month's themed content with online lessons, resources and tasks, meet up to co-work and get your creative business on track! Topics through the year include finance, identifying customers and working with risk and are written by creatives, for creatives. £25/mo, rolling membership.

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Reliquary, As Oubliette

University of Atypical Gallery 1 May - 25 June

Reliquary, As Oubliette presents the first solo exhibition of Eibh Gordon, the University of Atypical 2024 Belfast School of Art Graduate Award recipient. The exhibition is about lived experience of pain, wellness and mysteries through the use of textiles, glass and ceramics. The exhibition will run from 1 May until 25 June 2025, Tue - Thurs 10am - 5.30pm.

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Artist Talk

University of Atypical Gallery 9 May

Join us in the Atypical Gallery for an artist talk with our 2025 Graduate Award recipient, Eibh Gordon, between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Eibh will talk about their exhibition, their practice and materials with BSL interpretation. All welcome in the gallery. There will be seating, tea and coffee and a chance for a chat.

Contact administration@universityofatypical.org for more details.

MUSIC & DANCE

Paul Casey: Rea-magined

**Millennium Forum
5 May**

Rea-magined is an expertly-crafted show, featuring the classic hits of 40-million-album-selling Chris Rea, faithfully performed in Rea's unmistakable style – with a modern twist – by his long-time collaborator, Paul Casey. A seminal figure in the history of modern guitar, Chris Rea is no longer touring. But his fans – and lovers of great music – can now enjoy a rare opportunity to witness his music live, like never before, as Casey 'Rea-magines' the classic hits. The new show is set to honour Rea's musical legacy in a way that perhaps could only come about on the back of the decades-long relationship between Casey and Rea.

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Lore & Dublin Gospel Choir

**Millennium Forum
1 May**

The Dublin Gospel Choir & Lore have teamed up for a unique musical collaboration which will kick off the City of Derry Jazz Festival. Having shared the stage with music industry heavyweights such as Rod Stewart, John Legend, Kodaline and Take That, the Dublin Gospel Choir are best known for their gospel, soul and RnB repertoire and their creative interpretation of contemporary pop and rock numbers. Lore, hailing from Derry, will bring their soulful harmonies and finely crafted songs to our stage for the first time. This one-off musical collaboration is sure to produce an unforgettable musical experience.

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Springsteen Acoustic Sessions

**Accidental Theatre
30 May**

Springsteen Acoustic Sessions take you on a musical journey that touches the heart & soul. We look to the Springsteen On Broadway show for inspiration, there is nothing more touching than an acoustic song delivered with soul, passion, honesty and integrity. Our show touches on all these elements. It is our goal to be sending you home with a great feeling inside.

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Billy Ocean

**Millennium Forum
3-4 May**

The Grammy Award-winner makes his debut on our stage as the headline act of the City of Derry Jazz & Big Band Festival. In a career spanning decades, Billy has sold over 30 million records, collecting multiple Gold and Platinum discs with hits including 'Love Really Hurts Without You', 'Red Light Spells Danger', 'Caribbean Queen', 'Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car', 'Suddenly' and, of course, 'When The Going Gets Tough'.

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MUSIC & DANCE

VOCES8

Portico of Ards, Portaferry 17 May

The 2023 Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble VOCES8 is proud to inspire people through music and share the joy of singing. Touring globally, the group performs an extensive repertoire both in its a cappella concerts and in collaborations with leading musicians, orchestras and conductors. Versatility and a celebration of diverse musical expression are central to the ensemble's performance and education ethos which is shared both online and in person. VOCES8 is passionate about music education and is the flagship ensemble of the VOCES8 Foundation which actively promotes 'Music Education For All', reaching up to 40,000 people annually.

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Sing with VOCES8

Portico of Ards, Portaferry 17 May

A fantastic opportunity to improve your singing technique by learning from the very best! Ever wondered just how VOCES8 make that utterly distinctive and classically beautiful sound? Now is your chance to find out and to give it a go. We are delighted that, before their recital in Portico, the VOCES8 team will hold a workshop on the unique VOCES8 singing method. This workshop is not aimed at the trained singer but, rather, it is aimed at everyone who just wants to learn and to sing better. Join us for this amazing VOCES8 Foundation workshop and be inspired and then come along, in the evening, to their concert and hear them in action. Discount when booking both workshop and concert tickets.

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Andy Irvine

Alley Arts Centre, Strabane 9 May

With his impressive repertoire of Irish traditional songs and dexterous Balkan dance tunes, legendary Irish singer/songwriter Andy Irvine creates an exciting new fusion of Irish and World Music not to be missed. Having travelled the world with bands such as Sweeney's Men, Patrick Street, Planxty, and more recently Mozaik, Andy continues to pursue new combinations and styles of music. He has broadened his musical horizons over the course of his forty-year career to encompass the musical styles of countries he visits, such as the Balkan folk style of playing. Between the achievements of his solo, group work and collaborations, he is a highly revered troubadour of the Irish music world. Andy Irvine never fails to deliver a pulsating, heartfelt performance!

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SEE A SHOW



Murder for Two

The MAC, The Island Arts Centre, An Grianan Theatre, Theatre at The Mill, The Market Place Theatre & Arts Centre and The Playhouse

Until 18 May

A hilarious high-energy musical whodunit, Murder for Two is a madcap murder mystery with a twist. Two actors play thirteen characters... and the piano. They put the LAUGHTER into MANSLAUGHTER! A loving homage to the canon of murder mystery plays, Murder for Two is a hysterical blend of music, mayhem and murder. Murder for Two is brought to the stage by Bruiser Theatre Company with high energy, break-neck comedy and breathtaking musical performances. This award-winning Broadway show is gloriously silly, devilishly clever and fantastically funny. You won't want to miss this killer musical comedy! Check the link for venues and dates.

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Triggered

Accidental Theatre
11 May

Six acts strive to leave the stage unscathed while avoiding audience triggers. Each audience member holds a bingo card filled with comedy clichés and hack material. If a comedian references three of these, they get nerfed off the stage!

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CQAF: Drunk Women Solving Crime

The Black Box
3 May

Extra show added due to demand. D.W.S.C are coming back to Belfast with their chart-topping true crime comedy podcast. Join hosts Hannah George and Taylor Glenn, plus their special guest, as they 'solve' a true crime case, aided and abetted by a few glasses of fizz, as well as seeking justice for your crimes too.

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SEE A SHOW

Where Is My Mind?

Accidental Theatre 17 May

Eight comics take to the stage to share their experiences with mental health. Featuring Sarah Firby, Leeann Toland, Heather Anderson, Rose Coogan, Luke McGibbon and Tiff Minson with headliner Ian Thomson and Mc Sara Jade Davidson.

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WHERE IS MY MIND?



Festival of Fools: CHOP Lords of Strut

MAC Belfast 7 May

Big Axe. Big Muscles. Big Existential Horror. A real man. A Bro's Bro. A macho & Cool man who chops wood. Because chopping wood is what real men do. The world is burning, the birds are gone, and the only solution? More chopping. But no matter how much wood is split, it's never enough. The brain won't shut up. The cracks start to show. And if the chopping stops... then what? CHOP is a violently stupid and stupidly violent deep dive into fragile egos, environmental collapse, and the absurdity of existence. Expect big laughs, real danger, and at least one existential crisis (probably yours). Age 14+.

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Festival of Fools: VARC

Circusful, Gordon Street 7 & 8 May

Combining physical performance and immersive installation, VARC - Visual Audio Radical Circus transforms a warehouse on Gordon Street into a stage for bodies exploring the possibilities of physical space, giving permission for provocative play on the ground and in the air! VARC will bring together a cast of multidisciplinary circus artists into a uniquely curated space, each brimming with technical talent in aerial performance, with the ability to evoke within their artform, testing limits and stunning you with captivating execution. Their work will be complemented by an original score from Belfast sound artist Marty Byrne.

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SEE A SHOW



Tina

THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

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TINA - The Tina Turner Musical

Grand Opera House
6-24 May

West End mega-hit TINA – The Tina Turner Musical, comes to Belfast as part of its first ever UK & Ireland tour. Set to the pulse-pounding soundtrack of her iconic hits, including The Best, What's Love Got To Do With It?, Private Dancer and River Deep, Mountain High, discover the heart and soul behind the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll.

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Diona Doherty: Get Your Pink Back!

Portico of Ards, Portaferry
9 May

Diona Doherty (The Blame Game/Derry Girls/Soft Border Patrol) is trying to get her pink back! 'One of Ireland's Top Comedians'- Belfast Live. Just like flamingos, whose pink colour has been drained by the stresses of motherhood, Diona is on a mission to find out who the hell she is after having kids. A new stand up show from Diona Doherty, filled with hilariously relatable anecdotes and whole lot of brutal honesty.

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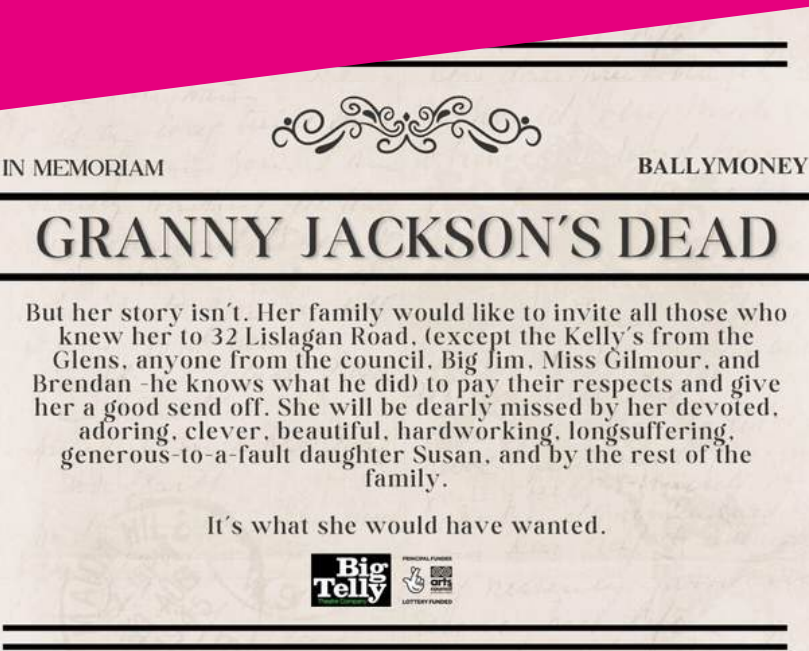
Ghost Stories

Grand Opera House
27-31 May

A truly terrifying theatrical experience created by The League of Gentlemen's Jeremy Dyson, and Andy Nyman, co-creator of Derren Brown's television and stage shows. Ghost Stories mixes the very best of theatre with the buzz of a thrill-ride, delivering something truly unique. After exhilarating audiences for two years in the West End and across the world with record breaking, sell-out productions and a smash hit film, Ghost Stories is a worldwide phenomenon more spine-tingling and fantastically terrifying than ever.

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SEE A SHOW



Granny Jackson's Dead

**Lislagan Farm, 32 Lislagan Road,
Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, BT53 7DD
1-4 May**

Portstewart-based Big Telly Theatre Company are delighted to be bringing their latest critically acclaimed production 'Granny Jackson's Dead' home following an Off-Broadway run in association with Compass Advocacy Network and Lislagan Farm. Taking place at Lislagan Farm in the style of an Irish wake, Granny Jackson's Dead is a unique piece of theatre, and the session to end all sessions - after all, that's what Granny would have wanted. Big Telly Theatre Company tackle tech and tradition in this beautifully bonkers ode to an Irish Wake, declared by The Stage to be one of the UK's top 50 shows of 2024, first premiered at the NI Science Festival in 2024 followed by a sell-out NI and UK tour. This is an unforgettable experience filled with home truths, twists, turns, and of course, tea. Tradition collides with technology as the family grapples with the decision to let Granny's spirit go free while preserving her digital legacy. Open windows, stopped clocks, serious craic, tears, tales, tea, sandwiches, augmented reality, virtual reality, warped reality, IoT, AI, grief bots, metahumans, holograms and more.

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One More Time!

**Belvoir Studio Theatre
2 & 3 May**

NISMAT Theatre School is proud to present their showcase for Summer 2025 One More Time! Recently voted the Top Musical Theatre School in N Ireland we invite you to join us for an evening of fantastic musical theatre performances.

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We Love Taylor!

**Belvoir Studio Theatre
10 May**

Step into the world of Taylor Swift with We Love Taylor! Experience a dazzling journey through all her biggest hits, from the country charm of Love Story to the pop anthems of Shake It Off and Anti-Hero!

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Widows Paradise: A comedy by Sam Cree

**Belvoir Studio Theatre
28 May - 6 June**

A Hilarious Clash of the Sexes! "Widow's Paradise" takes you on a riotous journey with five women seeking a "strictly women only" getaway in a tranquil caravan setting. But their plans for peaceful solitude are hilariously disrupted by a case of mistaken identity, leading to the unexpected arrival of a group of men.

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Opportunities & Noticeboard

Workshop: The Art of Communication & Leadership

The team at The Playhouse want to help you to explore your playful side and, in the process, develop your presence, communication and listening skills that support great team working and leadership. They use creativity and play to enable emerging leaders to become more confident in their own authentic voice. Outcomes: Ability to communicate to small or large groups ~ Being fully present, focus on moving your goals and objectives forward ~ Listening to yourself and the needs of colleagues and clients ~ Being comfortable being uncomfortable. For more information contact Paul Sweeney at Paul.sweeney@derryplayhouse.com

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'Keeping Safe' training with Volunteer Now

Everyone in every workplace has the right to feel safe. Each person we encounter in our working day, from colleagues to customers and visitors, has the right to be protected from harm. Is your organisation properly trained in the area of safeguarding? Volunteer Now offers specialist support and training for businesses across all areas of keeping children and adults safe. As well as fixed training dates throughout the year, Volunteer Now can deliver tailored training courses to suit your business needs and refresher training to keep you up to date. To find out more about the support available or to book training visit www.volunteernow.co.uk/safeguarding or email: ruth.mulholland@volunteernow.co.uk

University of Atypical: Open Call

University of Atypical would like to share an open call opportunity for artists who work with or around a green theme in their visual art artistic practice. More information is available on our website: <https://universityofatypical.org/get-involved/atypical-gallery/> or contact Zara at administration@universityofatypical.org or 02890239450

Belvoir Players Amateur Dramatic Society

Have you ever wanted to be part of the theatre world but don't fancy being on stage? Belvoir Players is NI's busiest drama group with 8-9 full shows each year. Set Building, Tech, Costumes, Props opportunities are always available.

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Boom Studios, Bangor

Volunteer with our creative hub in Bangor. Roles may include events help, workshop assistance, retail/exhibition stewarding, studio DIY and more.

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A&BNI LATEST EVENTS

Fundamentals of An Arts Board Membership



Date & Time: 21 May, 12noon-1pm
Cost: £10 Members/ £25 Standard (+vat)
Location: Online

Calling all Trustees and Arts Board Members (or those considering joining a Board)! This half-day workshop looks at best practice and at the realities of arts charity governance. We'll take a thorough look at the compliance requirements of being on a Board, covering roles and responsibilities plus managerial, legal and financial duties.

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An Introduction to Business Planning



Date & Time: 19 June, 10am-2:30pm
Cost: A&B NI members: £5 +VAT / Non members: £10 + VAT
Location: The University of Atypical, 109-113 Royal Avenue, Belfast, BT1 1FF

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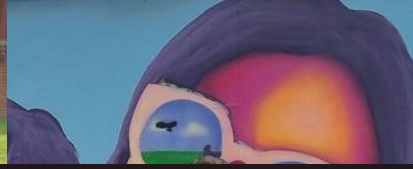
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