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05-08
2025

Solstice Arts Centre
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Gallery Tours using Visual Thinking Strategies for groups | Various dates/times, free, booking required, more on pg. 6

Sensory Connections for groups with additional needs | Wednesdays throughout exhibition, 10am (60mins), €5, more on pg. 7

Creative Corner for families | Saturdays throughout exhibition, 11am–1pm, free, no booking req., more on pg. 7

Azure Tours for people living with dementia | Last Friday of each month throughout exhibition, 11am (90mins), free, booking required, more on pg. 8

Landscapes of Resistance film screening | Wed 7 May, 6:30pm gallery open / 7:30pm screening time, free, booking required, more on pg. 16

Sculpting with Words primary school workshop | Thu 15 May, 9:30am & 11:30am (90mins), free, booking required, more on pg. 8

Sat 29 Mar–Fri 30 May | Free admission

GVOZDENE KAPIJE (THE IRON GATES)

Barbara Knežević

Gvozdena Kapije (The Iron Gates) is a series of sculptural objects and a single-channel film that interprets the history, stories, materiality, and the development of technology in the Iron Gates region, a deep scenic gorge at Derdap on the Dunav (Danube) River on the border of Serbia and Romania.

The series of large-scale sculptures in the exhibition implement the language of monuments and temporality. They are composed of industrial materials that are then handmade, welded chain, mesh and steel are formed and fabricated alongside intimate, domestic materials such as ceramics, fabric, stone and wood. Sculptures are shown alongside and feature as actors in a single-channel film of the same title, that the artist describes as a 'sculptural film'.



Film still, *Gvozdena Kapije (The Iron Gates)*, 2025, Barbara Knežević, single channel 46 minute film

Sat 29 Mar–Fri 30 May | Free admission

WHAT REMAINS ABSENT

Feá McCoy

Feá McCoy is a visual artist and photographer from Cork. Working primarily in still photography, she uses analogue mediums with a particular focus on slide film and the performance of projection. McCoy's work describes the relationship between memory, place and grief. Navigating the past through archival family material such as photographs and home videos, McCoy creates work that is an act of remembering and reimagining, attempting to construct a fantastical past and uncover alternate versions of a real one.



Opening Reception:
Sat 14 Jun, 2:30pm

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This Landscape: Translating an experience of place | Sat 28 Jun, 10am (240mins), €30 / €20 (student), more on pg. 9

Artistic Explorers Summer Camp, for ages 8–12 | Wed 2–Fri 4 Jul, 10am–1pm each day, €60, more on pg. 24

Sat 14 Jun–Sat 16 Aug | Free admission

THESE MAGNETIC MAGNITUDES

Cecilia Danell

These Magnetic Magnitudes is a solo exhibition of new work in painting, textiles, ceramics and film by Cecilia Danell, curated by Brenda McParland. In a practice which is rooted in materiality and process, the starting point for Danell's work is a first-hand engagement with the landscape of the area in Sweden where she grew up. Bodily memories of moving through the places she depicts are mirrored in the physical endeavour of painting on a large scale, which creates its own spatial choreography.

A new series of large paintings considers ideas around spectatorship and participation, inspired by the large nature dioramas at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. We are presented with scenes that invite the viewer to step into them, yet we're prevented by the fact that it's a 2D surface, and Danell continuously points back to this push and pull between realism, abstraction and the materiality of paint itself. The exhibition will also be accompanied by a new publication. Supported by Kevin Kavanagh Gallery.

Slowly Letting Go, 2025, Cecilia Danell,
oil and acrylic on canvas, 200x200cm



Gallery Opening Hours:
Tuesday–Saturday
11am–4pm



Tours continue throughout exhibitions | Free

GALLERY TOURS USING VISUAL THINKING STRATEGIES (VTS)

Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) is an inquiry-based method of visual processing—looking, describing, and discussing what we see in a work of art. It is about listening to others, responding, and expanding thoughts and new possibilities revealed within group engagement. VTS improves oral and visual literacy, problem solving and collaborative interactions among peers.

Guided by Deirdre, our learning & engagement co-ordinator. For queries and bookings please email: deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 11 am (60mins)

GROUP GALLERY TOURS

Bring your group upstairs to the gallery and explore some of the artworks in our current exhibition. Use VTS to discuss and build a deeper understanding of the artwork. This is an opportunity to focus and reflect on multiple perspectives, enhancing engagement and enjoyment of learning through art.

Tuesdays–Fridays | Various times (60mins)

PRIMARY SCHOOL GALLERY TOURS

Look, listen, and respond to artworks in our gallery spaces. Encouraging peer-to-peer discussion, this is an opportunity for children and teachers to learn about the artists and their work, inspiring you to create artworks back in the classroom!

Tuesdays–Fridays | Various times (90mins)

SECONDARY SCHOOL GALLERY TOURS

Broaden creative thinking through oral and visual literacy by exploring two contrasting exhibitions this summer. Using VTS and cross-curricular links, these sessions support the Junior and Senior Cycle, placing students at the centre of the learning process. Senior Cycle students will receive specific information that embraces the three strands—Research, Create and Respond, with particular focus on Content Area 3: Today's World.

All age groups with additional needs

Wednesdays during exhibition | 10am (60mins) | €5

SENSORY CONNECTIONS

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

This relaxed gallery tour and short workshop is designed for small groups with additional needs. It will follow a slow pace of engagement, tailored to individual needs. Exploring the artworks in the gallery, participants can engage in a multi-disciplinary, sensory activity that connects to the exhibition in the gallery. Guidance from teachers and carers may be sought prior to the session and the gallery will be closed to the public for the duration of your visit. For more information or to book please contact Deirdre: deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie

Saturdays during exhibitions | 11am–1pm | Free

CREATIVE CORNER

FAMILIES

Explore our Creative Corner in the gallery. Children and their adults are encouraged to create and engage in fun, interactive activities that respond to the exhibition. This is a free, drop in and out service—parents/guardians must stay with children at all times.





Fri 25 Apr, 30 May, 27 June & 25 July | 11am | Free

AZURE: DEMENTIA-INCLUSIVE GALLERY TOURS

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

Join us for guided exhibition tours specifically designed to support people living with dementia and their family, friends, or professional carers. Engage at a relaxed pace and explore up to three artworks in our gallery. Looking and discussing art in the moment together, these social tours are followed by complimentary tea/coffee in Solstice Café.

Each tour comprises of small groups of up to 8 people. We are flexible in our planning, so please get in touch if these dates or times do not suit you.

For more information or to book please contact Deirdre: deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie



Thu 15 May | 9:30am & 11:30am (90mins) | Free

SCULPTING WITH WORDS

SCHOOLS

Discover and respond to the themes and multiple cultural identities that inspired artist Barbara Knežević to create new sculptural and film works in her solo exhibition 'The Iron Gates'. Following a gallery tour with visual artist Mary Kervick, pupils will be encouraged to think about words that are meaningful to them, in a language of their choice, or native tongue. Through a process of collaboration and participation, each child will build a vocabulary of home and belonging through processes of writing, collage and clay building.

With an emphasis on looking and responding to art, this explorative workshop also links to language and literacy, identity and belonging, SESE, geography, history and SPHE.

Primary 2nd–6th Class

THIS LANDSCAPE: TRANSLATING AN EXPERIENCE OF PLACE

WORKSHOP

Taking inspiration from Cecilia Danell's exhibition *These Magnetic Magnitudes*, create a personal, visual response to the river Boyne landscape.

Beginning with a guided walkthrough of the exhibition, Danell will share some of her working methods and how she translates first-hand experiences of her native landscape in Sweden into large-scale artworks. This is followed by a walk to the nearby Boyne Ramparts, where participants will employ Danell's methods of looking at our immediate surroundings and determine what they feel most drawn to.

Returning to Solstice, participants will then respond to these landscape using large scale intuitive drawing and painting. Guided by Danell, enjoy fluid movements and a relaxed atmosphere as you translate your experience onto large sheets of paper to take home. No previous art making experience necessary.



Take Me to the River Events

All events are free.
Booking is required.

Tuesday 13 May | Take Me to the River 2025 Launch

Sunday 25 May | **Compost Carnival** with Boyne Rivers Trust & Athboy Allotment

June Engagement | **The School of Looking** at Rossnaree Walk

Saturday 9 August | **Water Life Cycles** at Swift Cultural Centre and Porchfield River Walk, Trim

Sunday 24 August | **Picnic in the Park** at Brú na Bóinne National Park at Netterville celebrating National Heritage Week

More events later in the year will see us explore the economic potential of re-wilding, engage in the restoration of riparian habitats, and document the wetland habitats of the Boyne Estuary.

See the full details of each event on our website:



Beginning Tue 13 May | Various events

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

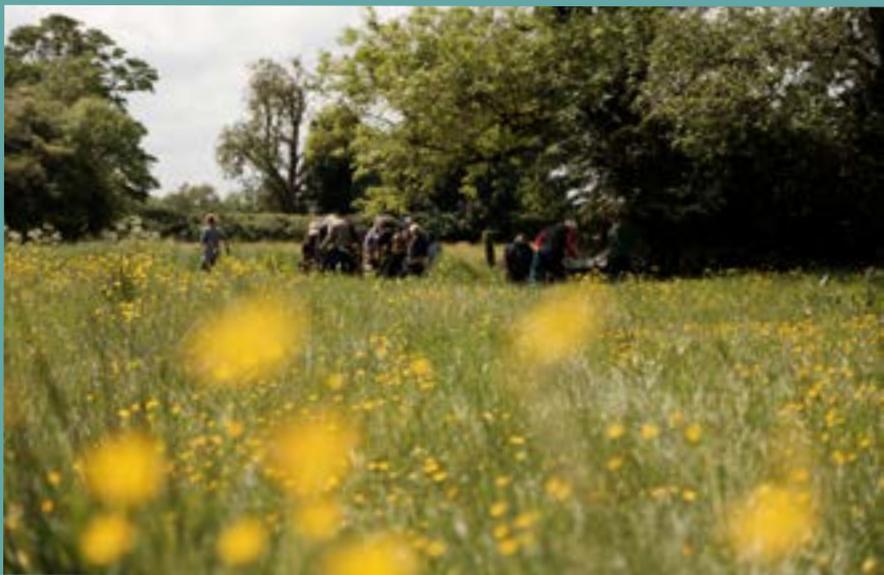
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

“Entwining creative arts with scientific and ecological knowledge, Take Me To The River ignites public awareness and positive communal conservationism within our local environs. Experimentation, observation, experience and exploration are common research methods to both artistic and scientific disciplines, pushing boundaries and uncovering new truths. Together, Take Me To The River strives to create active communal stewardship of Meath’s magnificent lands and waterways.”—Belinda Quirke, Director Solstice/Swift

In 2025, Solstice Arts Centre and Swift Cultural Centre, in collaboration with architectural practice Cineál: Research + Design, presents a new series of public engagements throughout the year. Connecting land and water, traverse the Athboy River, celebrate riverside life cycles in Trim, and immerse your senses in the heritage, mythology and ecosystems of the River Nanny and Boyne Valley. Together with Cineál explore the qualities of the river environment through experimental mapping and observation using drawing, notation, printing, photography and field recording.

Extending their Eco Showboat expeditions in 2022 and 2023, artists and climate activists Anne Cleary and Denis Connolly of The School of Looking have devised a ‘Catchment Festival’, supported by Research Ireland Discover Programme, Meath County Council Arts Office, and the Department of Education, within the Boyne Valley. Celebrating its unique aquatic and mythological environment, groups will be invited to take part in a programme of STEM and creative activities over 2 days in June.

Combining our strengths, creative and ecological actions, Take Me to the River 2025 announces partnership with The Boyne Rivers Trust. Creative public engagements will be initiated with to highlight their ‘Floodplain Woodlands Project’ which seeks to protect, enhance and restore the water bodies of the Boyne catchment, creating “wild, healthy, natural rivers, valued by all”.



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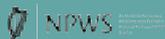
Tue 13 May | 6pm | Free

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER LAUNCH EVENING

Presenting Take Me to the River public engagements for 2025, we invite environmental activists, ecologists, landowners, educators, artists, families, individuals, and community groups to our launch evening at Solstice. Encouraging collaboration, hear from Meath County Council Biodiversity Office, Boyne Rivers Trust, The School of Looking, The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), LAWPRO, and a diverse range of community climate action groups promoting citizen science initiatives and community activism.

If you wish to be involved in our launch, please contact deirdre.rogers@solsticeartscentre.ie for more information.

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Thu 1 May | 8pm | €20 / €18

AN EVENING OF MUSIC BY RYUICHI SAKAMOTO

MUSIC

Curated and performed by leading Irish pianist Ruth McGinley and musician/composer Matthew Nolan on synthesiser, this evening of music is dedicated to the memory and work of legendary composer, pianist, record producer, and actor Ryuichi Sakamoto. Perhaps best known for his film scores including *Merry Christmas*, *Mr. Lawrence* (which he also starred in with David Bowie), Sakamoto's influence on electronic and popular music can still be felt to this day.



Fri 2 May | 8pm | €34

RALPH MCTELL: TIME DRIFT OF THE ROAD

MUSIC

Legendary British singer-songwriter Ralph McTell marks his 80th year with his most extensive tour of Ireland to date. Composer of the Ivor Novello award-winning, international hit song 'Streets of London', McTell has been a stalwart of the folk scene for over five decades, viewing this tour as a celebration of artistry and a continued love for live music.



Thu 8 May | 8pm | €22 / €18

THE KEVIN BRADY ELECTRIC QUARTET

MUSIC

One of the most sought-after drummers on the music scene, Kevin Brady and his Electric Quartet find themselves heading in a groundbreaking new direction. Featuring the lyrical mastery of Seamus Blake on Tenor Saxophone, the ethereal textures of Bill Carrothers on Fender Rhodes, and long-time rhythm colleague bassist Dave Redmond, this ensemble has created a body of work that balances intricate jazz improvisation with deeply emotive resonance, pushing the boundaries of what modern jazz can be.



Sat 10 May | 8pm | €25

ROUTE 66 BIG BAND IN CONCERT

MUSIC

The fabulous 16-piece big band with a difference, Route 66 bring their amazing concert back to Solstice. Taking audiences on a magical musical tour from the 40s right up to today, this show features numbers made famous by Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Adele, and many more. It's a great mix of music played with a brilliant big band sound and a treat for every age.



Thu 15 May | 7:30pm | €18

CORMUIN Ó RAGHALLAIGH: FROM BAROQUE TO THE 20TH CENTURY

MUSIC

A classical pianist and organist living in Navan, Cormuin Ó Raghallaigh promises a delightful evening of solo piano music incorporating 5 different musical genres - baroque, classical, romantic, impressionist and 20th century. The programme includes Haydn's late Sonata in C major, Schubert's beautiful Impromptu in B-flat major and 2 delightful nocturnes by Chopin.



Fri 30 May | 8pm | €25

DUNSHAUGHLIN CHORAL: 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

MUSIC

The Dunshaughlin Choral warmly invites you to celebrate their 50th Anniversary! Join them for an unforgettable evening featuring the talented Leah Barniville and esteemed host Eamonn Toal. Showcasing beloved musical favourites from the past five decades, this concert promises to be a wonderful evening, evoking cherished memories of many outstanding performances with both past and present members.

Fri 13 Jun | 7:30pm | €30

ST. JOSEPH'S CNU & BEAUFORT HOUSE PRESENT: THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

VARIETY

A variety show with local talent from Trim, Navan, and local areas in County Meath—dancing, drama, musicians, and singing.



Sat 14 Jun | 8pm | €26

LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY 2025

MUSIC

The hit show returns for another fantastic night of toe-tapping country nostalgia, showcasing highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, and Kenny Rogers alongside new tributes to icons Shania Twain, Garth Brooks, new kid on the block Luke Combs, and many more! Don't miss this must-see musical extravaganza.

Newsletter Sign-Up



SOLSTICE ARTS CENTRE ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Scan the QR code and sign up to our online newsletter to receive regular email updates about all our latest news and offers, including information on upcoming and newly added events.



Fri 9 May | 8pm | €25 (SOLD OUT)

CHRIS KENT: OFFLINE

COMEDY

Cork's own Chris Kent returns with a brand new show 'Offline'. He tries to give up the internet and navigate life without asking his phone what to eat, where to go or how to get home. He longs for a simpler time of playing 'Snake' and constructing emojis himself. Now that he has hit 40 years of age, he wonders if he can ever go back to thinking for himself. Join him on a journey that will either make him or break him.



Sat 17 May | 8pm | €30 (SOLD OUT)

DIRTBIRDS: GIRLS WORLD TOUR

COMEDY

After their last sell out tour, which received standing ovations across Ireland and the UK, DirtBirds are bringing their highly relatable and spot on observational comedy back to the stage. With a mix of stand-up and sketches, this hilarious new show explores the fascinating female mind. Come along to and make it a girl's night out! Go on... you deserve it.



Sat 31 May | 8pm | €22

ANNE GILDEA: FURTHER ADVENTURES IN WOMANING

COMEDY

From the woman who taught you How to Get the Menopause and Enjoy It, join Anne as she explores the world of the feminine, the mammy, and the twerky dancer. From 18-hour girdles and Housewives of The Year to ripped influencer grannies pumping iron on Insta, from Angel Delight to Ozempic and back to the chiffon scarf test: Anne weaves a pant-wetting path through a changing half century of womany stuff...



Serbo-Croatian | Serbia,
France, Germany | 96mins
| 2021 | Cert: CLUB | Dir:
Marta Popivoda

Wed 7 May | 7:30pm | Free

LANDSCAPES OF RESISTANCE + Q&A

FILM

Landscapes of Resistance is a documentary tracing a journey through the memories of antifascist fighter Sonja (97), one of the first Partisan women in Yugoslavia, who was also among the leaders of the Resistance movement at Auschwitz.

This screening includes a Q&A with exhibiting artist Barbara Knezevic and the film's director Marta Popivoda.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

English | Ireland | 99mins |
2024 | Cert: 12A |
Dir: Sinéad O'Shea

Mon 12 & Wed 14 May | 7:30pm | €7.50

BLUE ROAD: THE EDNA O'BRIEN STORY

FILM

From documentary filmmaker Sinéad O'Shea (Pray for Our Sinners), Blue Road sees Irish writer Edna O'Brien recount her controversial life, novels, love affairs, and stardom through personal journals read by actress Jessie Buckley, with perspectives from Gabriel Byrne, Walter Mosley and an array of renowned writers.

Film Season Bundle: Book 4 or more films for €6 each
Film Season Pass: Book 8 or more films for €5 each



Various languages with
subtitles | Palestine,
Canada, France | 75mins |
2014 | Cert: CLUB | Dir: Paul
Cowan, Amer Shomali

Fri 16 May | 7:30pm | €10

IRISH-PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN: THE WANTED 18 + PANEL DISCUSSION

FILM

Humorous and thought-provoking, The Wanted 18 is a documentary following the story of eighteen dairy cows declared a threat to Israel's national security after a group of Palestinians begin producing milk for their town's residents.

This screening will be followed by a panel discussion with Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign chairwoman Zoë Lawlor, Senator Frances Black, Rebecca O'Keefe (Irish Sport for Palestine), and Mayor of Navan Eddie Fennessy.



Sat 17 May | 11am | Free

BIODIVERSITY WEEK: PUFFIN ROCK AND THE NEW FRIENDS

FILM

English | Ireland, UK |
80mins | 2023 | Cert: G | Dir:
Jeremy Purcell

Following the disappearance of the Little Egg in strange circumstances, the Puffin Rock crew and new friends embark on a race against time to save it before a big storm puts the island in danger. Puffin Rock and the New Friends celebrates Ireland's magnificent natural environment with themes of belonging, courage, and friendship. Screening as part of Biodiversity Week.



Wed 28 May | 7pm (note earlier start time) | €7.50

THE BRUTALIST

FILM

Season Bundle/ Pass Film

English, Hungarian | USA,
UK | 215mins (including
15min intermission) | 2024 |
Cert: 16 | Dir: Brady Corbet

Visionary architect László Toth (Oscar winner Adrien Brody) and his wife Erzsébet (Felicity Jones) flee post-war Europe in 1947 to rebuild their legacy and witness the birth of modern America. Their lives are then changed forever when a wealthy client commissions László to design a grand modernist monument dedicated to his late mother. This film contains a 15-minute intermission.



Wed 4 Jun | 7:30pm | €7.50

I'M STILL HERE

FILM

Season Bundle/ Pass Film

Portuguese | Brazil, France
| 138mins | 2024 | Cert: 12A |
Dir: Walter Salles

It's 1971, and Brazil faces the tightening grip of a military dictatorship. Eunice Paiva, a mother of five children, is forced to reinvent herself after her family suffers a violent and arbitrary act by the government. Based on Marcelo Rubens Paiva's biographical book that tells the true story that helped reconstruct an important part of Brazil's hidden history.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

English | USA | 141mins |
2024 | Cert: 12A | Dir: James
Mangold

Wed 2 Jul | 7:30pm | €7.50

A COMPLETE UNKNOWN

FILM

Set in the influential New York City music scene of the early 1960s, *A Complete Unknown* follows 19-year-old Minnesota musician Bob Dylan's (Timothée Chalamet) meteoric rise from an unknown folk singer to a worldwide sensation, culminating in his groundbreaking performance at the Newport Folk Festival in 1965.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

Persian | France, Germany |
167mins | 2024 | Cert: 15A |
Dir: Mohammad Rasoulof

Wed 9 Jul | 7:30pm | €7.50

THE SEED OF THE SACRED FIG

FILM

Shot in Iran entirely in secret, this thriller follows a family thrust into the public eye when their father is made an investigating judge in Tehran. As political unrest erupts in the streets, the dangers of his job become even clearer and make him increasingly paranoid of everyone, including his own wife and daughters.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

English | USA | 141mins |
English, Polish | USA, Poland
| 90mins | 2024 | Cert: 15A |
Dir: Jesse Eisenberg

Wed 16 Jul | 7:30pm | €7.50

A REAL PAIN

FILM

Mismatched cousins David (Jesse Eisenberg) and Benji (Oscar winner Kieran Culkin) reunite for a tour through Poland to honour their beloved grandmother. The adventure takes a turn when the odd-couple's old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

English | USA | 140mins
| 2024 | Cert: 12A | Dir:
RaMell Ross

Wed 23 Jul | 7:30pm | €7.50

NICKEL BOYS

FILM

In 1960s Florida, teenager Elwood is sent to the Nickel Academy reform school, being falsely accused of car theft. Befriending fellow inmate Turner, they dream of freedom from the school's cruelty. This extraordinary adaptation of Colson Whitehead's novel is told from the first-person perspective to stunning effect.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

Italian | Italy, France,
Belgium | 119mins | 2024
| Cert: 12A | Dir: Maura
Delpro

Wed 30 Jul | 7:30pm | €7.50

VERMIGLIO

FILM

In the remote mountain village Vermiglio, World War II looms as a distant threat. The arrival of refugee soldier Pietro into the local teacher's family, and his love for their eldest daughter, changes them forever. As the seasons change and the world emerges from its tragedy, this family faces its own.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

French | France | 92mins |
2024 | Cert: TBD | Dir: Louise
Courvoisier

Wed 6 Aug | 7:30pm | €7.50

HOLY COW

FILM

18-year-old Totone spends most of his time drinking beer and partying with his friends, until one day he suddenly must care for his 7-year-old sister and find a way to make a living. He sets out to make the best Comté cheese in the region in an attempt to win 30,000 euros at a local agricultural competition.



Season Bundle/ Pass Film

English, Italian | Italy,
Germany, Chile | 123mins |
2024 | Cert: 12A | Dir: Pablo
Larraín

Wed 13 Aug | 7:30pm | €7.50

MARIA

FILM

From acclaimed director Pablo Larraín (Spencer, Jackie), Maria tells the tumultuous, beautiful, and tragic story of Maria Callas (Angelina Jolie), the world's greatest female opera singer, relived and reimagined during her final days in 1970s Paris.

NAVAN PRIDE

Navan Pride 2025 is a week-long festival of events celebrating diversity and emphasising solidarity with our LGBTQ+ family, friends and neighbours in Navan town.

There will be an array of events commencing on the week beginning June 16th, with an event planned for every day of the festival and a parade through the town also planned.

Find out more at www.navanpride.ie



Mon 16 Jun | 7:30pm | €7.50

NAVAN PRIDE: THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT

FILM

Bernadette (Terence Stamp) is a middle-aged transsexual mourning the recent death of her lover. She embarks on a cabaret tour with two transvestite friends, Mitzi (Hugo Weaving) and Felicia (Guy Pearce), and together they set out for a professional engagement in Alice Springs in a gaudily painted bus they christen Priscilla.

Season Bundle/ Pass Film

English | Australia | 104mins | 1994 | Cert: CLUB | Dir: Stephan Elliott



Tue 17 Jun | 7:30pm | €7.50

NAVAN PRIDE: WICKED

FILM

After two decades as one of the most beloved musicals on stage, Wicked makes its long-awaited journey to the big screen. Starring Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba and Ariana Grande as Glinda, this prequel to The Wizard of Oz tells the untold story of the Wicked Witch of the West and how she came to be.

Season Bundle/ Pass Film

English | USA | 159mins | 2024 | Cert: PG | Dir: John M. Chu



Wed 18 Jun | 7:30pm | Free

NAVAN PRIDE: BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

TALK

Breaking Down Barriers is a panel discussion taking place as part of Navan Pride 2025 at Solstice. This year the panel will discuss topics surrounding LGBTQ+ rights in the past, present, and future.



Wed 28 May | 11am | Free

MEATH MOVE: OPEN PRACTICE

DANCE

Selma Daniel invites artists of all disciplines who are interested in movement. Open Practice is a series of improvised sessions open to professional artists across all art forms, with an aim to inspire and build an arts network within Meath. Artists are invited to bring a selection of materials from their practice, and dancers can bring a movement task. Artists will be offered time and space to reflect and/ or work on their personal projects. Open Practice will be led by Selma and a guest dance artist.

Sat 28 Jun | Various events | See website for more

MEATH MOVE GATHERING

DANCE

Join us for Meath Move Gathering, a vibrant day long celebration of dance for all ages and abilities! This exciting event invites the local community to explore the world of dance through a variety of experiences. Whether you're looking to get moving in interactive classes, enjoy family-friendly dance activities, watch inspiring dance films, or witness professional stage performances, there's something for everyone.

The day will culminate in a lively, fun-filled community dance session, with live music bringing the event to a joyful close. It's an opportunity to connect, celebrate creativity, and experience the power of movement in a way that's open to all. Don't miss out on this unique chance to be part of a growing arts network in Meath!



Sun 11 May | 3pm | €16 / €55 (family of 4)

IMPULSE GYMNASTICS: FIT KID SHOWCASE

FAMILY

Impulse Gymnastics warmly invite you to their Competitor Showcase, where their athletes will present their routines before competing in the Fit Kid National Championship this June. The event will feature performances by their World and European Champions, as well as silver, bronze, and top-ranking competitors



Fri 23–Sun 25 May | €18 / €16 (under 12)

SPOTLIGHT STAGE SCHOOL

DANCE

Friday 23: 7pm
Sat 24: 2pm & 7pm
Sun 25: 5:30pm

Ireland's leading stage school - Spotlight Stage School, is delighted to return to Solstice for their class show, featuring every member of the Navan school. The show will feature a broad range of music from musical theatre to current pop tunes, with children ranging from 3 to 18.



Wed 11 & Thu 12 Jun | 7:30pm | €10

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT'S NS: A HINT OF SNOW WHITE

MUSICAL

Once upon a time, in the colourful, quirky land of Duluxembourg, there was an UNMISSABLE musical. Join the adventures of the evil Queen Malodorous, the talented and ambitious artist 'Prince-sy', the joyful Cleanie Jeanie, and all of their friends in this feel-good, must-see musical!



Sat 21 & Sun 22 Jun | 2pm & 7pm | €17/€15

ELITE: DANCING THROUGH LIFE

DANCE

Elite School of Performing Arts present their annual end of year showcase which includes songs and scenes from The Wizard of Oz, Sister Act, and a musical trip through the ages of pop from the 70's to present day! A fun filled show for all the family.



Tue 24 & Wed 25 Jun | 7pm | €20 / €15 / €60 (family of 4)

SCOIL NAOMH BARRA: MATILDA JR

MUSICAL

Rebellion is nigh in Matilda JR, a gleefully witty ode to the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! This story of a girl who dreams of a better life will have audiences rooting for the “revolving children” who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson.



Mon 30 Jun – Fri 4 Jul | 10am – 1pm daily | €80

MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP

Caithriona Mongey-Madden leads a fun musical theatre camp where children and teens can learn their favourite pieces with qualified teachers in musical theatre. Includes a showcase on the stage on the final day of camp.

Booking | ph: 087 9658850 or email: mongeymaddenmusic@gmail.com

Sibling rate available
Ages 6-12



Wed 2–Fri 4 Jul | 10am–1pm each day | €60

ARTISTIC EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP

Ages 8–12

Travelling amongst artworks by Swedish artist Cecilia Danell in Solstice Gallery this summer, our Artistic Explorers will navigate the real and imagined, fantastical and surreal. Producing drawings, paintings, and 3-dimensional forms to make personal dioramas, our connections and memories of place will inform our creative journey. Dress for a little mess!



Week 1: Mon 7–Fri 11 Jul | Week 2: Mon 11–Fri 15 Aug

NAVAN SCHOOL OF BALLET SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP

Camp 1:
€40/€35 (2nd sibling)

Camp 2:
€70/€65 (2nd sibling)

Navan School of Ballet Summer Camp has been designed to inspire budding ballerinas of all ages. It includes preparing choreography and working on a performance for parents at the end of the week, designing sets, choosing costumes, and deciding together on face painting. Each year the camp gets more and more popular, so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment!

Camp 1: Ages 3 – 4 years, 9:45am – 10:45am daily
 Camp 2: Ages 5 – 8 years, 11am – 1pm daily
 Camp 3: Ages 9 – 12 years, 11am – 1pm daily
 Camp 4: Over 12 years*, 2pm – 4pm daily
 *(must have ballet experience for Camp 4)



Mon 14–Fri 18 Jul | 9:30am–1:30pm each day | €165

DESIGN & SEWING SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP

Ages 7–17

Discover the joy of sewing with MC Stitch Craft's beginner-friendly Design & Sewing Summer Camp. You'll learn essential skills and how to make all kinds of items!

€65 (5 weeks)
Adults/students

Tuesdays 29 Apr–27 May | 7pm–9pm

LIFE DRAWING WITH ARTIST CÁIT MOLONEY

Guided by artist Cáit Moloney, these relaxed, social sessions are an opportunity to flex your life drawing skills and improve your drawing practice. Over a number of sessions, engage at your own pace, focusing on different elements of drawing the human figure with a variation of models and props.

Artists of all levels are welcome. Participants are asked to bring their own drawing materials of choice. Chairs, drawing boards and light refreshments will be provided.

€54 (block of 6)
€10 per class

Wednesdays from 7 May | 10am & 11am (60 mins)

SILVER SWANS—OVER 55'S BALLET

Specially designed for older learners, Silver Swans Over 55's ballet classes will help improve your mobility, posture, co-ordination and energy levels. Classes are led by Royal Academy of Dance licensed teacher Michelle Kehoe A.I.S.T.D. who has been teaching ballet for over 25 years.

Free

Fridays | 10am–1pm

SIGHTLESS CINEMA: WORKSHOPS FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED ADULTS

Sightless Cinema aims to empower people with sight loss as artistic collaborators and creators in the medium of audio theatre. The project has proved an excellent platform for personal development and social inclusion, while also raising awareness of sight loss in the broader community. Creative Director Ciarán Taylor works with the participants to explore, devise, perform, record and present a radio drama. The project is funded by Solstice Arts Centre, Meath County Council Arts Office & Creative Ireland.

Bookings: 087 237 9893 /
ActOutMeath@gmail.com

Tuesdays (as per school calendar) | 6pm–9pm

ACT OUT YOUTH THEATRE @ SOLSTICE

Act Out is a fresh youth theatre company established in 2017 in partnership with Solstice, under the Artistic Direction of Anthony Kinahan. It is a forum for young people of secondary school age in Meath to learn more about theatre & performance through fun & engaging workshops. The company is guided by the students and involves them as active participants in the running of the theatre.



Monday to Saturday | 9am–4pm

SOLSTICE CAFÉ

Solstice runs a relaxed and family-friendly café every Monday to Saturday, open from 9am to 4pm.

Delicious & healthy breakfasts are available 9am - 11am, with gourmet sandwiches/wraps, homemade soups, crisp salads and tasty lunch specials available from 11am. A variety of cakes, scones, granola bars and protein balls are homemade daily to perfectly compliment your favourite coffee or speciality tea.

Based in our spacious and architecturally superb foyer, the café has a large variety of table sizes, perfect for one-on-one catch ups or large group gatherings. Solstice Café welcomes parents with buggies, and highchairs are available for children who need them.



Tickets

Box Office: 046 909 2300

Website: solsticeartscentre.ie

Tickets can be purchased in person, over the phone, or online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Call our box office on: 046 909 2300 or email: info@solsticeartscentre.ie

Box office opening hours

10am–4pm, Monday to Saturday
and 1 hour before performances.

All card transactions are subject to a €1 booking fee (for in person and phone bookings). All online bookings are subject to a €1 booking fee per ticket.

Refund Policy

Tickets are non-refundable once purchased unless the event is cancelled. If an event was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, you are entitled to either i.) full refund, ii.) credit note, or (if possible) iii.) a rescheduled date.

Access

The Solstice foyer (Box Office, Café and Bar) is fully accessible with a lift to specially adapted toilet facilities and our Level 3 Gallery.

The auditorium has six wheelchair spaces in row X, which is level access from the foyer. Backstage is also fully accessible for performers with accessibility requirements.

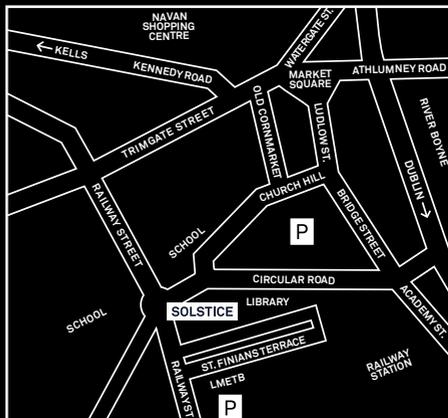
Please contact box office at time of booking if you have any special requirements.

There is an Induction Loop system in place for hearing aid users. To use, please turn your device to the 'T' setting.

Guide dogs are welcome at Solstice. Please let the Box Office know when booking your ticket so that we can arrange an aisle seat.

Where to Find Us

Parking is available at the Fairgreen Car Park, off Circular Road or in the old County Council grounds, Railway Street. Please note that you may be required to pay for parking. **PARKING IS PROHIBITED IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA OF ST FINIAN'S TERRACE BESIDE THE CENTRE. PLEASE NOTE THAT GARDAÍ WILL BE ADVISED OF ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS.**



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