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Programme of Events Jan—Mar 2010

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Box Office is open Mon – Sat 11am–4pm (new opening hours) and 1 hour before each performance.

How to Pay

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Concessions

Concession rate tickets are available for some events and apply to senior citizens, students, registered disabled, unemployed, children and patrons. Concession rate tickets and Laser cards are not available with online bookings. Concession rate tickets are available from box office on presentation of appropriate ID.

Reservation Policy

Solstice does not reserve seats without payment or deposit. It is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Refund Policy

Tickets are not refundable once purchased unless the event is cancelled.

Solstice is committed to engaging with our community, enhancing audience's experiences to cultural and artistic experiences in different spaces and through a variety of mediums. We are always interested to hear what you have to say about your arts centre. Please feel free to comment on events you have seen and feedback from your visits to the centre.

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Latecomers Policy

It is advisable to arrive at least 15–20 minutes before a performance commences. Late comers will not be allowed into the auditorium until an appropriate break in the performance. Please note that this maybe at an interval.

Data Protection Policy

When you book a ticket your details are stored on our computer database. We will only use this information to send you details of events at Solstice with your permission. To remove or add your contact details from/to our mailing list please contact Box Office.

Children

Children under the age of 2 can be seated on parent's/guardian's knees for free. Children over the age of 2 must be seated for Health and Safety purposes.

Accessibility

Solstice is accessible for people with disabilities including designated seating within the theatre, lift and specially adapted w.c. *Please contact box office prior to your visit if you wish to book designated seating or if you have any other specific requirements.*

January

07 Jan – 16 Jan	In between Visual Arts
Fri 15 Jan	Ensemble Avalon Classical Music
Sun 17 Jan	Austen's Women Theatre
21 Jan – 31 Jan	Babes in the Wood / SMMS Panto
from Thurs 21 Jan	My Hair Blows the Same Way as Yours Visual Arts
Tuesdays in Jan	Noah's Ark Toddler Group
Thursdays in Jan	Jo Jingles Jamboree Group
Saturdays in Jan	The Gaiety School of Acting

February

Wed 03 Feb	Beaufort College Variety Concert Local Arts
Fri 05 Feb	Neil Delamere's 'Bookmarks' Comedy
Sat 06 Feb	RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet Classical Music
Thurs 11 Feb	Bacon's Arena Visual Arts/Film
Wed 17 Feb	Portico Quartet / Music Network Jazz
Fri 12 Feb	Forgotten/ Fishamble: The New Play Company Theatre
Fri 19 Feb	2010: A Space Oddity Theatre
Sat 20 Feb	Ardal O'Hanlon Stand's Up Comedy
Mon 22 Feb	Nanci Griffith Country Music
Tuesdays in Feb	Noah's Ark Toddler Group
Thursdays in Feb	Jo Jingles Jamboree Group
Saturdays in Feb	The Gaiety School of Acting

March

Thurs 04 Mar	National Dance Company of Wales Dance
Fri 05 Mar	Jack L Music
Mon 08 Mar	International Women's Day Local Arts
10 Mar – 11 Mar	An Triail/Aishling Ghéar Schools/Theatre
Sat 13 Mar	Cooney & Blumina Classical Music
18 Mar – 27 Mar	Copacabana / SMMS Musical
Tuesdays in Mar	Noah's Ark Toddler Group
Thursdays in Mar	Jo Jingles Jamboree Group
Saturdays in Mar	The Gaiety School of Acting

CHOOSE THREE OF THE FOLLOWING MUSIC EVENTS FOR ONLY €30 – AND SAVE!

Ensemble Avalon
Portico Quartet

RTE Vanbrugh Quartet
Cooney & Blumina

3 for
€30

Classical Music | Ensemble Avalon



Ensemble Avalon is a fresh and dynamic piano trio featuring three of Ireland's finest internationally accomplished soloists and chamber musicians. The three musicians each enjoy an active solo and chamber career and they have created Ensemble Avalon as a means to discovering and performing new and existing piano trio repertoire together.

Ioana Petcu-Colan (Violin), Gerald Peregrine (Cello) and Michael McHale (Piano)

"...There are many fine young musicians now emerging in Ireland, but I suspect if you tried to put a trio together that would reflect that flowering of talent you would be hard pressed to better this one!..."

—Dick O Riordan, Sunday Business Post

Friday 15th January, 8pm Auditorium

Tickets: €15 and €12 (concession and patrons)

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

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Classical Music | RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet



The ever-popular classical string quartet, the RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet return to Solstice performing a programme of Mozart's String Quartet in E-flat Major, Shostakovich String Quartet No.7 and Beethoven's String Quartet No. 7.

Saturday 6th February, 8pm Auditorium

Tickets: €15 and €12 (concession and patrons)

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Theatre | Austen's Women 'Supper at Solstice'



A hit at the Edinburgh Festival 2009, 'Austen's Women' is a selection of the most exciting moments in the works of Jane Austen and brings to the stage the many beautifully observed women and heroines throughout her canon. Take a journey with us into the "Two Inches of Ivory" with Lizzy Bennet, Emma Woodhouse, Anne Elliot, The Dashwood Sisters and many more, as they fall in and out of love, make friends and alienate others, commit notorious improprieties and learn important life lessons.

"Cleverly written and superbly performed" *****

co-written & performed by

Rebecca Vaughan

co-written & directed by

Guy Masterson

Sunday 17th January, 8pm Black Box

Tickets: €16 Evening includes wine and cheese

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Theatre | Forgotten Fishamble: The New Play Company



Pat Kinevane's captivating portrayal of four elderly characters, living in retirement homes and care facilities around Ireland, is a unique collage of Kabuki dance with Irish storytelling. This boutique performance by the award-winning Fishamble has been a major hit on tour in Ireland and Europe since it was first presented as part of Bealtaine Festival 2006, and visits Solstice just prior to the show's run in New York.

"Exceptional solo show... a bravura display..., full of robust vitality and a roguish, twinkling wit" ***** —The Herald

Written & performed by

Pat Kinevane

Directed by

Jim Culleton

Produced by

Orla Flanagan

Friday 12th February, 8pm Black Box

Tickets: €15 and €12 (concession and patrons)

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Jazz | **Portico Quartet** Music Network

A jazz combo that's ground-breaking and wildly popular. The Porticos hit the headlines in 2008 when their debut album *Knee Deep In The North Sea* was nominated for the Mercury Music Prize. Their music is breathtakingly original yet packed with hummable tunes and killer hooks. A jazz concert that will suit all music fans.

Jack Wyllie (sax), Milo Fitzpatrick (double bass), Nick Mulvey (percussion), Duncan Bellamy (drums)

"Warm, chiming, ponderous and uncommonly beautiful" —*Time Out*

Wednesday 17th February, 8pm Auditorium

Tickets: €15 and €12 (concessions & patrons)

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Dance | **National Dance Company of Wales** (formerly *Diversions*)

Ten hand-picked international dancers, two new life-enhancing dances and one evening of entertaining dance. Full of pulse-raising energy, you will be drilled to your seats as the dancers surf the music and deliver exhilarating choreography to a Meath audience. NCDW's previous visits to Solstice were highlight events so join this top dance company, formerly known as *Diversions* for their third consecutive visit to Solstice with an exciting and enthralling new show.

Thursday 4th March, 8pm Auditorium

Tickets: €16 and €12 (concessions & patrons)

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Theatre | **2010: A Space Oddity**

From Company Gavin Robertson - following recent tours of *Spittoon* ('Theatre at its brilliant best' *The Guardian*) ... and *A Grimm World* ('literally never a dull moment' *Time Out*)... comes a brand new physical comedy. *2010: A Space Oddity* takes us into the world of science fiction, cult movies, and spoof! Two men are trapped in a kitchen in a HAL of their own devising. Together they rage against the machine that rules their existence. Arthur C. Clarke is nowhere on the horizon and in space, no-one can eat ice cream! Two men, one kitchen, and every cliché you can imagine under the sun.

Friday 19th February, 8pm Black Box

Tickets: €15 and €12 (concessions & patrons)

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Schools/Theatre | **An Triail** by Mairéad Ní Ghráda
Aishling Ghéar Theatre Company

A highly regarded schools' production that is now firmly set on the Leaving Certificate calendar.

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th March, 10.30am & 1.30pm

Tickets: €10 (teachers go free)

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

ARTS PROGRAMME

Classical Music | Cooney & Blumina



Irish violinist Elizabeth Cooney and Russian pianist Elisaveta Blumina perform a delectable programme of sonatas by French composers Poulenc and Ravel. This delightful evening will also include contemporary work by Russian composer Valentin Silvestrov, which they premiered in 2009 and *Fratres* by renowned Estonian composer Arvo Part.

Saturday 13th March, 8pm Black Box

Tickets; €15 and €12 (concessions & patrons)

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LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Panto | Babes in the Wood St Mary's Musical Society



Welcome to Nottingham where our hero Robin Hood battles the evil sheriff of Nottingham and his trusty sidekick "Facebook". Join Friar Tuck, Maid Marion, Polly Ticks, Little John and a host of other colourful characters in St Mary's Musical Society's hilarious Panto 'Babes in the Wood'.

Thur 21st – Sun 24th January, 8pm Auditorium

Wed 27th – Sun 31st January, 8pm (except Sun 31st), Auditorium

Tickets; €15 (Thurs 21 & Fri 22) All other dates €18/ Group of 4 €60

Sunday matinees 3pm

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Local Arts | Beaufort College Variety Concert

For one night only Beaufort College present a night of musical theatre. The show will include many songs, dances and scenes from all your favourite hit musicals such as Chicago, Wicked, Dreamgirls, Oliver, Grease and Bugsy Malone to name a few.

Wednesday 3rd February, 8pm Auditorium

Tickets; €12 and €10 (concessions & patrons) / Family Ticket €40

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Local Arts | International Women's Day Navan CDP

An entertaining and educational mix of drama, song and speech celebrating women in Ireland. International Women's day has been celebrated around the world since the early 1900's. This year, Navan will host a full day of activities open to all ages and free of charge.

A full schedule of events will be available nearer to the date.

Monday 8th March, Auditorium

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Musical | Copacabana St Mary's Musical Society



Her name was Lola, she was a showgirl... So begins the saga of Lola and Tony. Their tale of love and romance on the way to stardom had captivated millions, and now is a full-scale, Broadway-style musical fantasy. Original songs created by Barry Manilow, dazzling costumes, spectacular sets and sensational choreography all add up to an evening of entertainment that will leave you breathless.

Thur 18th – Sat 20th & Wed 24th – Sat 27th March, 8pm Auditorium

Tickets; €15 (Thurs 18th & Fri 19th) All other dates €18

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Comedy | Neil Delamere's — *Bookmarks*

Delamere's new comedy show explores how life is just a series of bookmarks, the events that highlight how far we've come and how far we've left to go.

Friday 5th February, 8pm Auditorium

Tickets; €20 and €18 (concession & patrons)

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Country Music | Nanci Griffith — *The Lovin' Kind Tour*

Monday 22nd February, 8pm Auditorium

Tickets; €38.50

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Comedy | Ardal O Hanlon's — *Stands Up Tour*

Saturday 20th February, 8pm Auditorium

Tickets; €25

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Popular Music | Jack L and his band



Friday 5th March, 8pm Auditorium

Tickets; €22 and €20 (concession & patrons)

Box Office; T 046 909 2300 or book online at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Visual Arts | **Pile** Catherine Delaney *Project in Development*



Artist Catherine Delaney will convert our gallery into a makeshift recycling centre for the collection of unwanted clothes in the month of April. In revealing numerous emotions inherent in found personal items, this work in development explores the social and political issues surrounding the way we live, and in particular our rapidly increasing and unsustainable throwaway culture. The sculptural assemblage is the result of the on-going collection and donation of unwanted clothes in direct participation with the people of Navan town.

April Solstice Gallery

Admission Free.

www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Visual Arts | **In between** in association with Meath Arts Group



Featuring artists Margaret Maher, Mette Roche, Theresa King.

Sometimes when we are installing larger exhibitions at Solstice, the foyer wall looks a bit bare! "In between" located on the foyer wall is a series of quick turn around exhibitions from local communities and artists for a week to two periods in between our larger exhibitions.

7th–16th January Solstice Foyer

www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Image courtesy of Theresa King

Visual Arts | **My Hair Blows The Same Way As Yours**



An honours graduate of Crawford College of Art and Design, Cork. The central concept of Suzy Mullane's current work is a recording, narrating and mythifying of autobiographical events and issues of personal significance. Through intensely worked charcoal drawings, sometimes using paint and oil crayon on paper, the intention of the work is to convey emotional connections, as well as absurd hypothetical situations.

Opens Thursday 21st January, 7.30pm Solstice Gallery

Tues – Sat, 11am – 4pm.

Continues until Saturday 6th March

Exhibition Admission Free. www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Visual Arts Film | **Bacon's Arena** in association with Meath Arts Group



The first installation of this new season at Solstice, examining the works of legendary visual artists through film. This DVD version of the acclaimed 1995 BBC documentary provides an unusually wide perspective of the life and work of contemporary artist, Francis Bacon. It also includes many extra features such as interviews, short films about aspects of Bacon's life and work not covered in the featured in the original documentary, and an interactive gallery of selected Bacon's paintings.

*Guest Lecturer, Logan Sisley,
Exhibitions Curator at Dublin City
Hugh Lane Gallery*

11th February, 7.30pm Solstice Gallery

Tickets; €8.00 Includes wines and dips

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Take a bow!

The arts really matter to us in Ireland; they are a big part of people's lives, the country's single most popular pursuit. Our artists interpret our past, define who we are today, and imagine our future. We can all take pride in the enormous reputation our artists have earned around the world.

The arts play a vital role in our economy, and smart investment of taxpayers' money in the arts is repaid many times over. The dividends come in the form of a high value, creative economy driven by a flexible, educated, innovative work force, and in a cultural tourism industry worth €5 billion a year.

The Arts Council is the Irish Government agency for funding and developing the arts. Arts Council funding from the taxpayer, through the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, for 2009 is €75 million, that's about €1 euro a week for every household.

So, at the end of your next inspirational encounter with the arts, don't forget the role you played and take a bow yourself!

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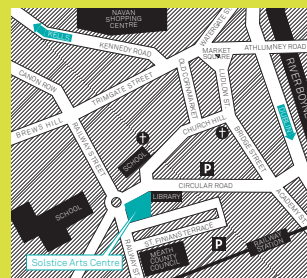
SEATING PLAN



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WHERE TO FIND US



Parking is available at the Fairgreen Car Park off Circular Road or in the County Council Grounds on Railway Street.

Solstice Arts Centre requests that our patrons refrain from parking in the residential area (St. Finian's Terrace) beside the centre. *Please note that you may be required to pay for parking*

Gift Vouchers for any amount are available from Solstice Box Office. Vouchers can be used in exchange for tickets, items in our retail shop or artwork.

Solstice Patronage: Being a Patron of Solstice your contribution will help us to develop our artistic programme, bringing top quality national and international works of artistic and cultural importance to Co. Meath. You will, at first hand, experience this development while also benefiting from your contribution in a number of meaningful ways including tickets for events, exclusive receptions and more.

There are three levels to our Patronage scheme.

Single Patronage € 60

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