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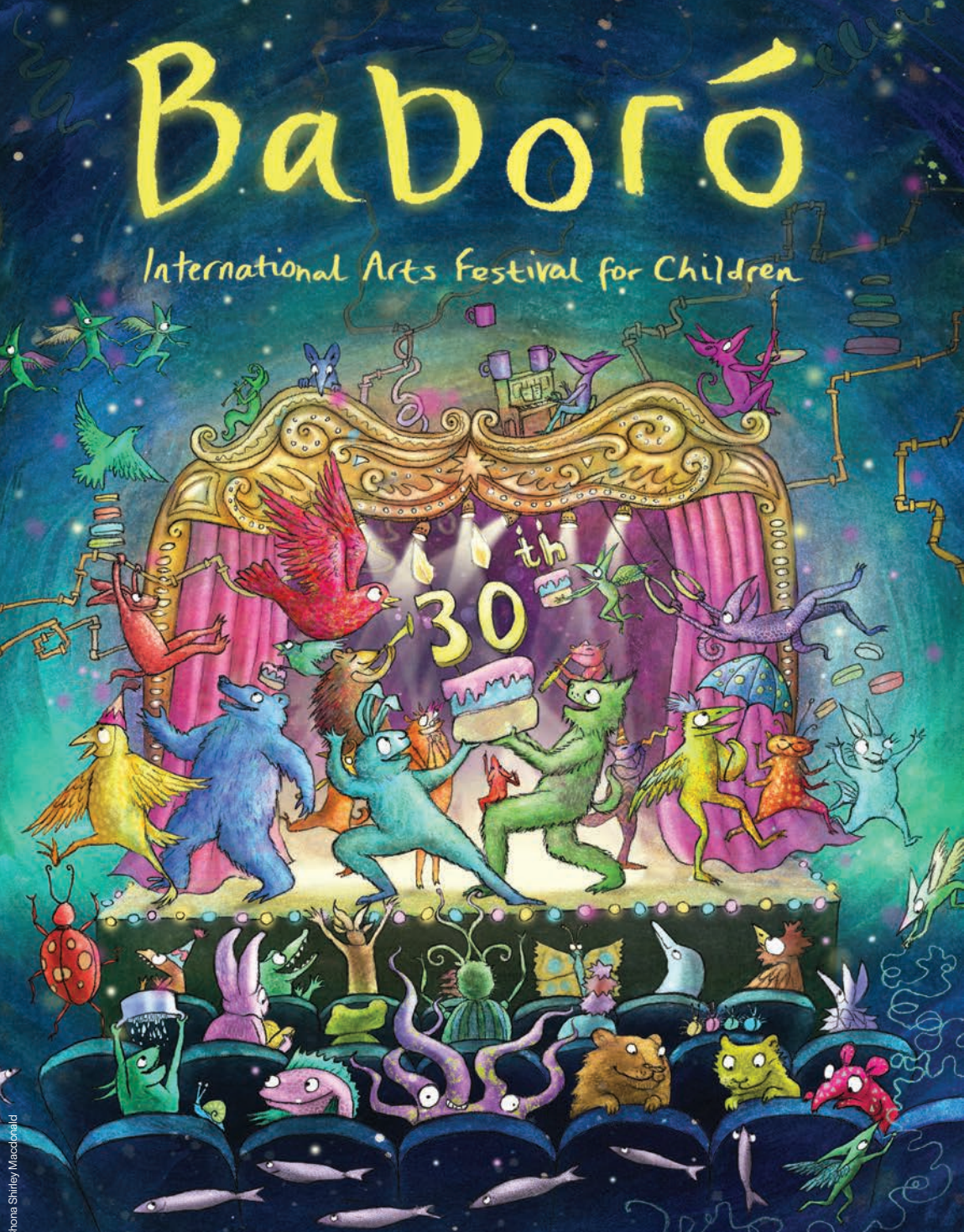
International Arts Festival for Children



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Fáilte

Welcome to the 30th edition of Baboró - fáilte isteach!

In 30 years Baboró has welcomed over half a million children and their adults to the festival, shaping generations of artists and creative thinkers. Thanks to our Children's Panel, funders, supporters, artists and most importantly, audiences for helping to make the magic happen, year after year.

This year we welcome artists from Belgium, England, France, Germany and Spain to delight and excite family and school audiences. We'll shine a light on local talent with a *Made in Galway* showcase for programmers as part of Ireland's EU Presidency.

You'll find engaging events for babies, children and teens in theatres, galleries, schools and on the streets of Galway. Expect free pop up events dotted throughout the city - keep an eye on our socials for updates. Whether you're into music, dance, theatre, circus, books, music, film or art, I hope you have a great festival!

Aislinn Ó hEocha
Executive Artistic Director

Box Office



General Public
From **Wednesday 2 September** at Town Hall Theatre
Box Office: 091 569777 | baboro.ie

Schools
Online Booking: www.baboro.ie/schools
Booking Deadline: **Tuesday 8 September**
Schools Box Office: 091 532985 | email: schools@baboro.ie

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Booking Information

FAMILIES

BOOK AT
www.baboro.ie **Phone 091 569777**
In person from 2 September at Town Hall Theatre, Galway

TICKET PRICES
Performances: €15 per adult / €10 per child
All other events: €8 per person unless otherwise stated

Please note all tickets subject to Town Hall Theatre €1 booking and development fee.

AGE GUIDELINES are provided to ensure the best possible experience for your child and others attending. Please trust us and adhere to these guidelines. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a guardian, unless otherwise stated.

ACCOMPANYING ADULTS POLICY
All persons attending a show or workshop, including accompanying adults, must have a ticket.

GETTING TO THE FESTIVAL
Please use public transport or active travel where possible.

ARRIVE EARLY

Please arrive 20 minutes early to the venue and allow time for traffic and parking.

Due to the nature of some performances, it may not be possible to admit latecomers.

SCHOOLS

BOOK AT
All schools and group bookings via
www.baboro.ie/schools

Contact Mars on schools@baboro.ie or 091 532 985 for assistance with show selection, online booking and any other queries.

TICKET PRICES
- Schools €6.50
- DEIS Schools €5.50
- No booking fees apply

TEACHERS GO FREE
- Schools 1 per 10
- Pre-schools 1 per 5
- Additional Needs - as required

HOW TO BOOK ONLINE
1. Browse the festival programme.
2. Select your top 3 preferred performances. Consider making a day of it with free workshops or visual art exhibitions.
3. Visit www.baboro.ie/schools and complete the Online Booking Request.
   Booking deadline is Tuesday 8 September.
   Booking requests ARE considered after this date, but many events may be fully booked.
4. Await confirmation from Baboró.



INDUSTRY DELEGATES

DELEGATE PASS
€30/€15 student or unwaged.
1. Buy a delegate pass to access special events including networking events.
2. Buy tickets for Performances, Talks and Workshops.
   Note: Student/unwaged receive a 15% discount code for public events.

DANCE DELEGATE PACKAGES
In association with Galway Dance.
Email contact@galwaydance.ie for details.

Accessibility

We endeavour to make our festival as welcoming and accessible as possible.
Here's what you need to know about our access supports for this year's festival.

Constellation Healthcare

Seating Requirements / Additional Needs
Please highlight any specific requirements at time of booking and we will work to facilitate your needs. All our venues are wheelchair accessible, with the exception of the first floor of Galway Arts Centre. A film of the first floor exhibition will be shown on the ground floor.

The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower is a simple tool to help support those whose disability or medical condition may not be visible. Please approach Baboró team members wearing a sunflower lanyard if you require extra help, understanding or just more time.

Schools and Groups with Additional Needs
Please contact our Schools Box Office for information about suitable performances, the venue, what to expect, etc. Please note that some events are allocated to partnering schools.

Sensory Kits
Sensory kits will be available at all primary festival venues. The kits include an assortment of stimming toys and ear defenders. If you regularly use ear defenders please bring them with you.

The Artist Access Fund
This fund is for independent artists, freelancers and delegates attending Baboró. It supports access related costs, including: child care costs, travel and/or tickets for a companion, accessible transport, etc. Visit baboro.ie or email rachel@baboro.ie.

Relaxed Events* are designed to be calm, sensory-friendly and welcoming for families. The events have reduced audience numbers and low level sound and lighting. It's okay to move, make noise and leave and re-enter the space at any time. Exhibitions will have fewer visitors for the relaxed hour.

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Irish Sign Language (ISL) Events† are accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing audience members.

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Touch Tours are accessible and tactile experiences for visitors with disabilities, including those who are blind or have low vision. By enabling hands-on interaction with props and materials related to the artworks, these tours provide opportunities to engage with the exhibitions through touch, sound, and other sensory elements.

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Email outreach@baboro.ie for details.





Every child has the right but not every child has the opportunity.

As a charity, Baboró champions every child's right to experience the transformative power of the arts.

In 2025 Baboró provided over 1,200 free tickets, accessibility supports, transport assistance and free events for children and families who might otherwise miss out.

Join the Flock!

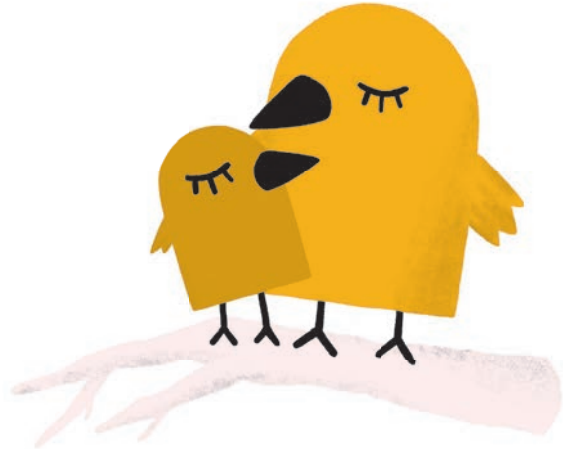
Become a Birdie Buddy

The arts are a vital part of childhood - shaping empathy, confidence and a sense of belonging.

Every Buddy helps:

- keep the festival open and affordable to all children
- enrich children's lives through the arts
- champion the importance of the arts in every childhood

Scan the QR code or visit baboro.ie to become a Birdie Buddy



Partnerships and Sponsorships

If you would like to become a festival sponsor or partner on a schools or community initiative, please contact Aileen McCarthy at aileen@baboro.ie.

PERFORMANCE **2 TO 4 YRS**

Second Hand Dance | England | Dance



The Sticky Dance

Image by Zoe Manders

Three dancers shimmy through the audience weaving a tapestry of sticky tape in this tactile dance performance. Audiences are invited to tape, stick and groove, to see and feel sound or to be still, watch and listen. Explore the space freely, turn the rules upside down and create your own experience.

The Sticky Dance is open for 2 hours per performance, with entrance slots every 15 minutes. We recommend 45 – 60 minute visits. The first two slots have a lower capacity, for children who might prefer a gentler start.

OCTOBER

Fr 16	15.00	15.15	15.30	15.45	16.00	16.15
Sa 17	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15
	14.00	14.15	14.30	14.45	15.00	15.15
Su 18	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15
	14.00	14.15	14.30	14.45	15.00	15.15

Venue: O'Donoghue Theatre, University of Galway
Seating: Cushions & Chairs
Tickets: See page 4
Limited capacity
Non-verbal



4 TO 8 YRS **PERFORMANCE**

Junior Infants to 2nd Class

BRONKS & Not Standing/Alexander Vantournhout | Belgium | Dance



Souvenirshop

Image by Bart Grietens

A Mona Lisa hoodie? A Magritte umbrella? Mondrian clogs?

Jumpers, brollies and all sorts of souvenirs come together in playful choreography to tell a whimsical story of discovery. Sleeve holes pop up in unexpected places, trouser legs grow into ballgowns and zips open up into whole new dimensions.

Acrobatics! Dance! Fantasy! What once dangled idly from a clothes hanger comes to life before our very eyes, when Alexander Vantournhout takes a deep dive into his souvenir collection.

OCTOBER

Fr 9	18.30	
Sa 10	11.30	14.00
Mo 12	10.00	12.00
Tu 13	11.00	

Venue: Town Hall Theatre
Seating: Theatre Seating
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 40 min
Non-verbal

PERFORMANCE

Compagnie Lamento | France | Circus

4 YRS +

Junior Infants to 2nd Class

The Fabulous Tale of BasarKus



Image by Louis Fouillet

The Fabulous Tale of BasarKus is a dazzling display of juggling and acrobatics. BasarKus is like no other creature. He has two heads and many arms and several legs. He is happy rolling about, juggling or playing guitar with four hands!

But BasarKus isn't one, but two! As the performers realise they are separable, they start exploring their own special talent as acrobat and as juggler. Like inquisitive children, they learn from each other and form new mischievous combinations. Their games help them discover their own body and identity, and the wonder of growing up.

OCTOBER

We 14	11.00	18.30
Th 15	10.00	12.00
Fr 16	11.00	
Sa 17	14.00	16.00
Su 18	11.30	13.00

Venue: Town Hall Theatre
Seating: Theatre Seating
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 35 min
Non-verbal



4 YRS +

Junior Infants to 4th Class

PERFORMANCE

Tangram Kollektiv | Germany/France | Theatre

Shades of Shadows



Image by Florian Feisel

Light and shadow belong together, that's for sure. But what happens when the shadows suddenly develop a life of their own? Liberated from the laws of physics, they multiply at will and come into the limelight!

This delightful show is a journey through an enchanted city, with two puppeteers creating and leading us into the magical universe of shadows. Here everyday objects perform their own little dance of freedom and the relationship between objects and their shadows becomes blurry. It almost seems as if the door to another world has been opened...

OCTOBER

We 14	10.00	12.00
Th 15	11.00	19.00
Fr 16	10.00	12.00
Sa 17	11.00	13.00
Su 18	14.00	16.00

Venue: An Taibhdhearc
Seating: Theatre Seating
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 35 min
Limited capacity
Non-verbal

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PERFORMANCE

tout petit | Belgium | Dance

4 YRS +

Junior Infants to 4th Class



Image by Kurt Van der Elst

Not Falling

Fly. Float. Fall.

Not Falling is an energetic performance in which three dancers try to escape gravity. They fly through space, soar through the air and gently return to the ground. In a fascinating interaction with film projections of children leaping and seemingly floating in slow motion, the compelling performers create a world in which everything seems possible.

A mesmerising multi-media show where the sky's the limit!

OCTOBER

Sa 10	10.00	12.00
Su 11	10.00	12.00
Tu 13	10.00	12.00
We 14	10.00	12.00

Venue: Black Box Theatre
Seating: Theatre Seating
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 50 min
Limited capacity
Non-verbal



8 YRS +

3rd to 6th Class

PERFORMANCE

Theatre Lovett | Ireland | Theatre



Image by Marcin Lewandowski

Kafka's Doll

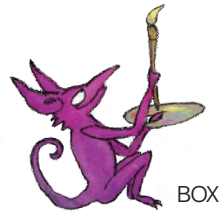
A rare glimpse into the imagination of one of literature's most influential figures. Franz Kafka's experience of humanity was far from joyful. But one day, while consoling a tearful little girl in a Berlin park, he rediscovered a fragile but vital faith in the human spirit. What followed was an extraordinary act of imagination, told through a series of letters. And the rediscovery of a belief that love, play and friendship are what we need to be truly alive.

Brought to life by a versatile ensemble cast, *Kafka's Doll* invites us on a captivating journey, offering Kafka's final gift of hope in an uncertain world. This work premiered at Dublin Fringe Festival.

OCTOBER

Sa 10	18.00	
Su 11	15.00	17.30
Mo 12	10.00	12.30
Tu 13	11.00	**19.00†**
We 14	10.00	

Venue: O'Donoghue Theatre, University of Galway
Seating: Theatre Seating
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 60 min
Limited capacity
†ISL event see page 5



PERFORMANCE

par Terre / Anne Nguyen Dance Company | France | Dance

10 YRS +

5th Class to Transition Year

Witch Hunting



Image by Patrick Berger

A bare stage. Six dancers inhabit the space... and then it all kicks off! An explosion of dance from krumping to popping, to coupé-décalé from the Ivory Coast, ndombolo from Congo, mbolé from Cameroon and urban dance. The dancers use their bodies to reveal how they perceive and understand the world. They ask fundamental questions. What is cultural identity? What does community mean? What connects us as a society?

This timely performance is captivating, gripping, bold and yet poetic. With joyous dance and an original score, it encourages us to reflect on fairness, solidarity and the concept of 'the common good' in a challenging world.

OCTOBER

Fr 16	12.00
Sa 17	15.00

Venue:	Black Box Theatre
Seating:	Theatre Seating
Tickets:	See page 4
Duration:	55 min + Q&A
	Non-verbal
	Associated workshops see page 32 & 35

12 YRS +

PERFORMANCE

La Mecànica | Spain | Theatre



Image by Luca Rocchi

A Teen Odyssey

A Teen Odyssey is a show for all generations, an invitation to a celebration of anyone who is (or ever was) a teenager. You will not simply watch the performance... you'll be part of it.

An exhilarating piece of immersive physical theatre combining live performance with smartphone technology. An exploration of identity, belonging and what connects us across the generations. This is a show for the teenager discovering who they are as much as the adult who still remembers exactly how that felt. Visually striking and sonically rich, this is theatre that stays with you long after you leave the room.

Arrive early with your phone fully charged.

OCTOBER

Sa 10	16.00	17.30	19.00
Su 11	**14.30***	16.00	17.30

Venue:	Black Box Theatre
Seating:	Standing
Tickets:	See page 4
Duration:	50 min
	Limited capacity
	***Relaxed performance** see page 5
	Please note: strobe lighting



ADDITIONAL NEEDS SCHOOLS **1 TO 18 YRS**

Anna Newell Theatre Adventures | Ireland | Theatre



Sing Me To The Sea

Image by Neil Harrison Photography

Sing Me To The Sea is a blissful immersive adventure for children or young people with complex needs. It is performed in hydropools with three audience members per show, each with an adult companion – with everyone in the water!

Three performers take the audience on a magical journey of exquisite harmony singing and gentle water play designed especially for children with complex needs, embracing and celebrating the sensory dialogue that they have with the world around them.

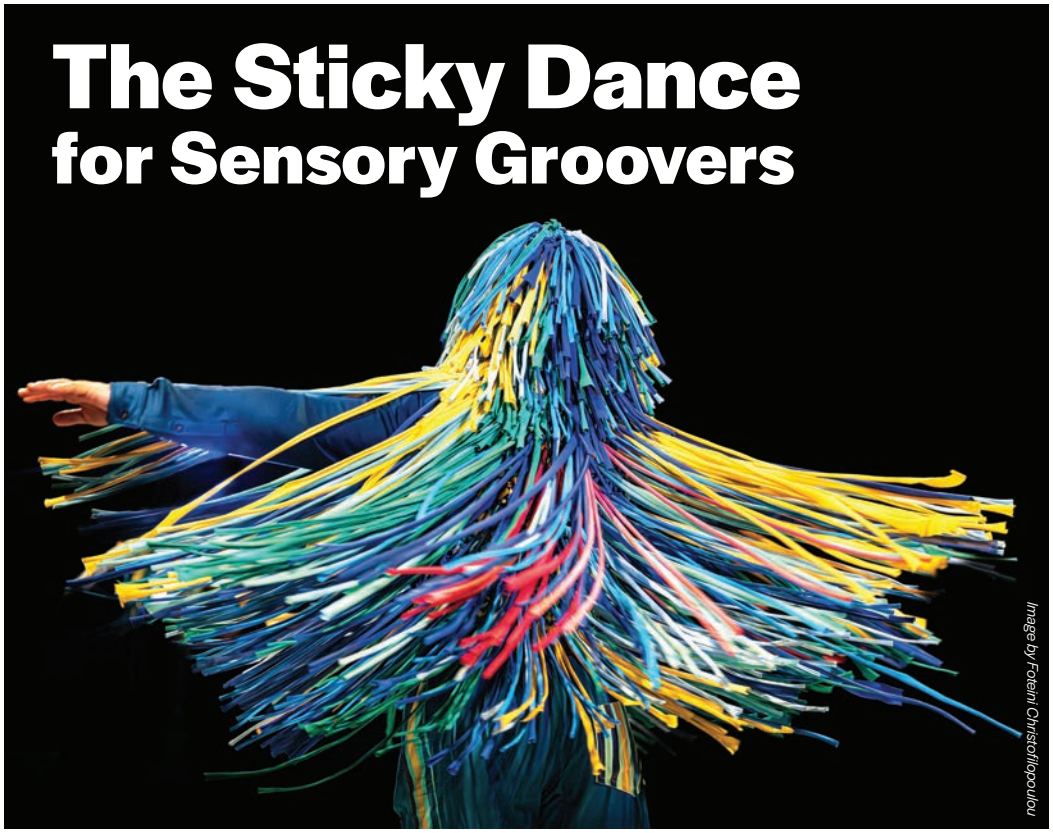
In partnership with Enable Ireland.

OCTOBER
Tu 13 - Fr 16

Venue:	Enable Ireland, Newcastle
Tickets:	See page 4
Duration:	20 min + 15 min play time
	Limited capacity
	Non-verbal
	Call Schools Box Office 091 532 985
	Suitable for small groups

3 TO 7 YRS **ADDITIONAL NEEDS SCHOOLS**

Second Hand Dance | England | Dance



The Sticky Dance for Sensory Groovers

Image by Foteini Christofilopoulou

Three dancers shimmy through the audience weaving a tapestry of sticky tape in this tactile dance performance for young autistic children. They invite you to tape, stick and groove, to see and feel sound or to be still, watch and listen. School children are encouraged to explore freely, turn the rules upside down and create their own experience.

Enjoy a welcoming, inclusive space for children to interact with dance in their own unique way.

Feel free to enter and leave the space whenever you choose.

OCTOBER
Th 15 - Fr 16

Venue:	O'Donoghue Theatre, University of Galway
Seating:	Cushions & Chairs
Tickets:	See page 4
Duration:	60 min
	Limited capacity
	Non-verbal
	Call Schools Box Office 091 532 985
	Suitable for small groups

The100Hands | The Netherlands | Dance



Image by Peter van Heesen

Wonderwalkers

3rd to 5th Class

You know that feeling? When you can't sit still, when almost every fibre in your body wants to move, to go out, on an adventure?

The dancers in *Wonderwalkers* are those kinds of people. They look for and see starting points for exploration everywhere in the classroom. An adventure, like a walk down a mountain range of tables, like getting lost in a bag, like a running track on one square meter and puzzles you can only solve with your whole body... Your classroom will never seem the same again!

Pre-assigned schools. Not available for booking.

par Terre / Anne Nguyen Dance Company | France | Dance

6th Class

Discover Dance: Krump

This workshop will provide children with an introduction to krump, offering a unique opportunity for interaction and exchange with an artist from the show *Witch Hunting*. Expect a supportive environment where individual expression is valued, while also fostering collective energy, mutual encouragement and a sense of community.

Discover Dance: Afro Dance

A unique Afro dance workshop by one of the dancers in the show *Witch Hunting*. Expect a dynamic introduction to urban and traditional African dance styles, creating a space for interaction and cultural exchange with the artists while learning new dance moves.

Pre-assigned schools. Not available for booking.

Paul Curley | Ireland | Theatre



Image by Conor Horgan

BAKE!

Junior Infants to 2nd Class

Sift the flour, beat the eggs, add the butter, sprinkle sugar... now, bake!

This is a story about the Baker and his Daughter, and the Queen and her Son. It's Prince Fredrik's 9th birthday, but who will bake the royal birthday cake? As things heat up in the busy basement kitchen of the Queen's palace, the young apprentice baker, Madeleine attempts to prove herself to her Father. BAKE! invites you into the action of the busy kitchen of the royal palace. Get stuck in, but be warned, things could get messy!

The Dig

2nd to 6th Class

All his life Mac has wanted to be an archaeologist, to be an expert in finding things and working out what they mean. If only he could stick to the facts and not get carried away with his highfalutin' stories! But in a world where facts and figures mean so much more than fairytale and fantasy, Mac has to dig deeper to prove that what he finds is what he thinks it is.

Will people believe him, or is this just another of his tall tales?

BAKE! and The Dig tour to school halls: see baboro.ie/schools for bookings

The Barceló Brothers | Ireland | Music



The Barceló Brothers is a soulful five piece band led by two young Galway brothers with Mediterranean blood.

Their fiery, energetic concert is a reflection of their multicultural upbringing. Having played at festivals across Europe they bring their unique sound back to Galway. It includes zydeco, rock, funk and Caribbean and Latin genres like ska, reggae and cumbia.

The Barceló Brothers share their passion through their music and song, incorporating their own roots and languages, to shape a voice uniquely their own. Together they create their own Worldbeat Music and a style that makes dancing irresistible!

OCTOBER

Su 18	17.30
Venue:	Town Hall Theatre
Seating:	Theatre Seating
Tickets:	€15 adult/10 child
Duration:	45 min

Bígí Linn

4 YRS +

Bígí linn do ceolchoirm thraidisiúnta le ceoltóirí na Gaillimhe; Liz Coleman, Páidín Breathnach, Áine McHugh, Seosamh Ó Neachtain agus Tommy Carew. Fáilte teacht agus cúpla rannta a chanadh linn in atmaisféar cairdiúil, suaimhneach. Cuirimid fáilte roimh gach éinne, go háirithe le hamhránaith agus rinceoirí. Níl le déanamh agat ach do ghlór agus do chúpla focal a thabhairt leat!
I gcomhpháirt leis an Taibhdhearc.

OCTOBER

Sa 10	15.00
Venue:	An Taibhdhearc
Seating:	Theatre Seating
Tickets:	€15 adult/10 child
Duration:	45 min

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Seisiún na nÓg

4 YRS +

Seisiún oscailte ceoil thraidisiúnta ina mbeidh páistí agus daoine fásta ag seinm le chéile in atmaisféar cairdiúil, suaimhneach, faoi stiúir Liz Coleman & Páidín Breathnach. Cuirimid fáilte roimh gach uirlis, chomh maith le hamhránaith agus rinceoirí. Níl le déanamh agat ach d'uirlis agus do chúpla focal a thabhairt leat!

An open bi-lingual traditional music session where children and adults play together in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We welcome children learning any instrument, as well as singers and dancers. All you need to bring is your instrument and cúpla focal!

Feel free to come and go at any time during the session.

OCTOBER

Sa 17	16.00
Venue:	Áras na nGael, Dominick St.
Seating:	Chairs
Tickets:	Free
Duration:	90 min

Spooky Disco

2 YRS +

DJ Will Softly will be rocking the dancefloor with his legendary *Spooky Disco* to get you in the mood for Halloween! DJ Will's mix of classic anthems and dancefloor bangers will get everybody moving and grooving, no matter their age!

Wear your spookiest Halloween costume and your dancing shoes to be in with a chance to win special prizes.

Arrive anytime that suits.

OCTOBER

Su 18	14.00 - 15.00 **2-5 YRS**
Su 18	15.30 - 17.30 **5 YRS+**
Venue:	Galway Rowing Club, Woodquay
Tickets:	See page 4

VISUAL ART

Shona Shirley Macdonald | Ireland

3 YRS +

Junior Infants to 6th Class



Image by Shona Shirley Macdonald

Shapeshifters

Come on a fantastical visual journey through other worlds of myth, folktale, poetry and wonder created by Shona Shirley Macdonald. An award-winning illustrator and author based in Co. Waterford, Shona creates unique characters and mystical worlds that fire the imaginations of children and adults alike.

The exhibition includes illustrations from Shona's new picture book *The Amazing Jam* as well as her debut picture book *The Pooka Party* and other work such as *Girls Who Slay Monsters* by Ellen Ryan and *Cluasa Capaill ar an Rí* by Bridget Breathnach.

Exhibition artwork for sale.



OCTOBER

Sa 10	10.00 - 17.00	
Su 11	11.00 - 16.00	
Mo 12	14.00 - 17.00	
Tu 13	14.00 - 17.00	
We 14	14.00 - 17.00	
Th 15	14.00 - 17.00	
Fr 16	14.00 - 17.00	
Sa 17	10.00 - 17.00	
Su 18	12.00 - 16.00	**11.00 - 12.00***

Venue: Outset Gallery, Cornstore Mall

Tickets: Free

***Relaxed event** see page 5

Associated workshop see page 32

3 YRS +

Junior Infants to 6th Class

VISUAL ART

Our Story | Ireland and Borneo



Image by Karen Cox

Borneo x Ireland

Cultural Exchange

Step into the rain forests of Borneo and the wilds of Connemara and Clare in an exhibition celebrating these unique landscapes, traditions and cultures. Captivating photographic portraits by Karen Cox and David Metcalf of forest school students with their tribal creations give us a glimpse into both worlds. This unique exhibition also includes tactile elements such as beautiful Dayak beaded jewellery, headdresses, masks and weaving.

The Borneo x Ireland Cultural Exchange is a timely partnership between the Dayak tribe of the Borneo rainforest and the Irish people, forged by Our Story founder Melanie Lynch and Indigenous activist Plorentina Dessy Elma Thyana.

OCTOBER

Sa 10	10.00 - 17.00	
Su 11	12.00 - 17.00	**11.00 - 12.00***
Mo 12	10.00 - 17.00	
Tu 13	10.00 - 17.00	
We 14	10.00 - 17.00	
Th 15	10.00 - 19.00	*Note late opening*
Fr 16	10.00 - 17.00	
Sa 17	10.00 - 17.00	
Su 18	12.00 - 17.00	**11.00 - 12.00***

Venue: Galway Arts Centre, Dominick St.

Tickets: Free

Touch Tour available see page 5

Email outreach@baboro.ie for details

***Relaxed event** see page 5

Associated event see page 35

FILM **7 YRS+**

Eoin Warner | Ireland



The Wild West

Join wildlife documentary presenter Eoin Warner on a journey of discovery and wonder through Ireland's natural world. This special evening threads together storytelling with film and live music as Eoin uncovers the beauty of some of the wildlife that calls the west of Ireland home.

Eoin's love of nature began as a young child in West Cork and has shaped him as a naturalist, advocating for the protection of our natural flora and fauna, of which we are all a part. He is joined on stage by musician Michael Chang.

Includes a screening of Ciara Tinney's short animation *Wildkind*, directed by John McDaid, Dog Ears Animation Studio.

OCTOBER
Sa 10 18.00

Venue: Town Hall Theatre
Seating: Theatre Seating
Tickets: €15 adult/10 child
Duration: 60 min

3 YRS+ **FILM**

Ireland and Scotland



Shorts for Wee Ones

3 TO 7 YRS

A collection of seven short animated films from around the world that will delight and amuse our youngest viewers and their grown ups, providing a colourful and engaging introduction to the cinema experience.

OCTOBER
Su 11 11.00
Venue: Town Hall Theatre
Seating: Theatre Seating
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 45 min

Shorts for Families

8 YRS+

Colourful, imaginative, intriguing, amusing, moving ... this collection of short animated films from around the world is all of that and much more.
Accompanying screenings include *Éiru* by Cartoon Saloon and *Wildkind* by Dog Ears Animation Studio.

OCTOBER
Su 11 13.00
Venue: Town Hall Theatre
Seating: Theatre Seating
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 90 min

Circus is for Every Body

5 YRS+

Circus is for Every Body is a heartwarming documentary commissioned by Galway Community Circus following local families as D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent young people discover confidence, creativity, friendship and belonging through circus. Working alongside disabled and non-disabled artists from Extraordinary Bodies (UK), they created an original performance *Take Up Space.*

OCTOBER
Su 11 15.30
Venue: Town Hall Theatre
Seating: Theatre Seating
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 35 min + Q&A

ALL AGES

CHARLIE BYRNE'S BOOKSHOP



Baboró Festival Storytime

ALL AGES

Charlie Byrne's Bookshop will extend their weekly storytime into The Cornstore Mall for a special Baboró festival edition.

OCTOBER

Sa 10 11.00 - 12.00
Sa 17 11.00 - 12.00
Venue: Charlie Byrne's Bookshop
Tickets: Free

Welcome, Little Passengers!

0 TO 12 MTHS

A gentle, calm session of storytelling and discussion by author Deirdre Sullivan on inspiration, process and picture-book writing with sensory elements to appeal to babies and their parents. This event will balance playful interaction, reading and conversation.

OCTOBER

Sa 10 14.15 - 15.00
Venue: O'Donoghue Centre, University of Galway
Tickets: See page 4

Moving Words

6 TO 10 YRS

Sit down, not for long though! Enter the world of *Fin and the Wicked Fairy of Tara* in this live dance performance event for young audiences that combines the art of contemporary dance with a live reading. This is storytime as you've never experienced it before!

OCTOBER

Sa 10 15.00 - 15.50, 17.00 - 17.50
Su 11 12.00 - 12.50, 14.00 - 14.50
Venue: Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Lane
Tickets: See page 4

The Nightmare Club: Spooky Storycraft

8 TO 11 YRS

Spooky season is the perfect time of year for ghost stories! Join author Deirdre Sullivan to learn what ingredients go into the creation of a terrifyingly spooky tale. Work together to create a brand new scary story. Suitable for young readers and writers.

Children only but must be accompanied to and from venue by an adult.

OCTOBER

Sa 10 16.00 - 17.00
Venue: O'Donoghue Centre, University of Galway
Tickets: See page 4

Ó Shamhlaíocht go Scéal

4TH TO 5TH CLASS

Bígí réidh le haghaidh scéalta, gáire agus neart samhlaíochta le Patricia Forde, Bridget Breathnach agus Shona Shirley Macdonald. Má tá dúil agat sa léitheoireacht, suim agat sa scríbhneoireacht, nó fiosracht ort faoi dhraíocht na leabhar, seo do sheans bualadh leis na cruthaitheoirí agus páirt a ghlacadh sa chomhrá.

OCTOBER

Tu 13 10.00 - 11.00, 12.00 - 13.00
Venue: An Taibhdhearc
Tickets: €4 pp

Ionad urraithe ag cúla 4



Miss Mary

Kristyn Fontanella | Ireland | Dance

Miss Mary is a hauntingly beautiful intergenerational outdoor dance experience that reimagines the spirit of Ireland's travelling dance masters.

Blending Irish step dance with a contemporary voice, *Miss Mary* is a powerful, poetic gathering of ancestry, nostalgia and community. It is a celebration of togetherness and the power and ease of connecting with strangers through gentle movement.

Come watch. Come listen. You might even find yourself dancing!

Popping up at various locations throughout Galway City.
See baboro.ie and socials for details.
Free of charge.

Flash Box

Marie Cazou | Ireland | Visual Art

Grab a brother, a sister, a friend and grab a caricature portrait!

Flash Box is a live illustration experience inspired by vintage fairground and arcade machines. Families pose in front of a custom-built booth while portraits are hand drawn live. Part performance, part memory *Flash Box* invites you to slow down, connect and become part of the creative process.

Popping up at various locations throughout Galway City.
See baboro.ie and socials for details.
Free of charge.

MULTI-SENSORY EXPERIENCE **0 TO 36 MTHS**

Graffiti BEAG | Ireland



Singing Garden

Image by Lieke LED Photography

Singing Garden is an immersive, multi-sensory experience for babies and their adults.

Created by Graffiti BEAG artists in collaboration with the African Queens, a Cork-based South African all-female a cappella duo. This family event blends world music and song with poetry, movement and play in a soft garden setting with a playful festival atmosphere.

Enjoy lullabies and nursery rhymes from Ireland, South Africa, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Morocco, Palestine, Brazil and Portugal.

OCTOBER **0 TO 18 MTHS**

Sa 10 11.30
Su 11 11.30
Mo 12 9.30 11.30

OCTOBER **19 TO 36 MTHS**

Sa 10 15.30
Su 11 15.30

Venue: Áras na Mac Léinn, University of Galway
Seating: Cushions & Chairs
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 60 min

7 YRS + **CREATIVE WORKSHOPS**

2nd to 6th Class

Toodlelou Creativity Lab | Ireland



See Saw Swing

Image by Lindsay Deely

Calling young creatives passionate about nature! *See Saw Swing* invites you to take a creative deep dive into our remarkable natural world using all kinds of artistic mediums.

In this playful, hands-on, immersive workshop, Lindsay Deely welcomes you into an open-ended art and maker space. Taking inspiration from the museum exhibits, we'll consider the importance of caring for our local environment and create artwork leading to a series of collaborative installations. If you loved *WeWild* last year this workshop is for you!

Children 7 - 9 yrs must be accompanied by a ticket holding adult.
Children 10+ yrs only must be accompanied to and from venue by an adult.

OCTOBER **7 TO 9 YRS**

Fr 9 **15.00***
Sa 10 **12.00*** 13.30
Sa 17 13.30

OCTOBER **10 TO 12 YRS**

Sa 10 15.00
Sa 17 **12.00*** 15.00

Venue: Galway City Museum
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 60 min
***Relaxed event** see page 5


Image by Kate Kelly

Play & Create

1 TO 12 YRS

Join experienced art teacher Kate Kelly for a hands-on art and sensory play experience where children are free to create, explore and play. With a range of open ended art and sensory play invitations, children can follow their own ideas, make their own choices and engage at their own pace.

Designed for children of all abilities and their adults, this playful experience encourages creativity, curiosity and connection. Dress for mess and arrive ready to play!

Children must be accompanied by a ticket holding adult.

OCTOBER		1 TO 5 YRS	
Su 11	9.30	11.00	**12.30***
Sa 17	9.30	11.00	

OCTOBER		6 TO 12 YRS	
Su 11	14.30	16.00	
Sa 17	**12.30***	14.30	16.00

Venue: Galway Rowing Club, Woodquay
Tickets: See page 4
Duration: 60 min
Limited capacity
***Relaxed event** see page 5

The Thinking Studio

5 YRS +
Junior Infants to TY

Have you ever thought something wasn't fair? Ever wondered what makes someone trustworthy? Or if a carrot is alive?

Join philosophers Dr Michela Dianetti and Dr Lucy Elvis in a welcoming, interactive space where you can engage with thought experiments, big questions and imaginative activities. This is a drop in space, pop in anytime.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

OCTOBER	
Sa 10	11.30 - 17.30
Su 11	11.30 - 17.30
Tu 13	14.30 - 17.30
We 14	14.30 - 17.30
Th 15	14.30 - 17.30
Fr 16	14.30 - 17.30
Sa 17	11.30 - 17.30
Su 18	11.30 - 17.30

Venue: Urban Lab, Nun's Island
Tickets: Free


Image by Anita Murphy

Get Curious on the Shore

3 YRS +

Join experts from Galway Atlantaquaria and Rinn Medical Devices on a seashore sensory scavenger hunt. Discover animals that make glue, drill holes and shoot stinging cells! Dress for the weather!

Children must be accompanied by a ticket holding adult.

OCTOBER	3 TO 5 YRS	
Fr 9	11.00 - 11.45	12.00 - 12.45
OCTOBER		**5 YRS +**
Sa 10	11.30 - 12.15	12.30 - 13.15

Venue: Grattan Beach, Salthill
Tickets: See page 4
Limited capacity

Music Explorers

2 TO 8 YRS

Hands-on music workshops are a fun way for you and your child to explore basic percussion, movement, singing and musical games together in a relaxed environment. Facilitated by experienced Music Generation educators, both children and adults will leave with a musical pep in their step!

Children must be accompanied by a ticket holding adult.

OCTOBER		
Sa 10	10.00 - 10.45	2 TO 4 YRS
Sa 10	11.15 - 12.00	4 TO 6 YRS
Sa 10	12.30 - 13.15	6 TO 8 YRS

Venue: Áras na Mac Léinn, University of Galway
Tickets: See page 4
Limited capacity

Down to Earth Forest School

4 YRS +

Join Down To Earth Forest School in the beautiful woodlands of Brigit's Garden. Together we will create nature art and costumes before enjoying an interactive telling of Irish nature myths around a woodland fire. Dress for the weather!

Please allow 40 mins to drive from Galway city.

Children must be accompanied by a ticket holding adult.

OCTOBER	
Su 18	14.00 - 16.30

Venue: Brigid's Garden, Rosscahill, H91 CC90
Tickets: See page 4
Limited capacity



Illustrating a Character

5 TO 10 YRS

Join illustrator and author Shona Shirley Macdonald in this interactive art workshop where you will see a drawing demonstration and get a glimpse into the process of creating a book illustration. Each child will get the chance to design their own character. All materials provided.

Children 5 - 7 yrs must be accompanied by a ticket holding adult.
Children 8 - 10 yrs only, must be accompanied to and from venue by an adult.

OCTOBER

Su 11 11.00 - 12.00 **5 TO 7 YRS**
Su 11 12.30 - 13.30 **8 TO 10 YRS**

Venue: Outset Gallery, Cornstore Mall
Tickets: See page 4
Limited capacity

Make a Samhain Wreath

8 TO 12 YRS

A fun bilingual workshop where you and your adult will together learn how to decorate a willow wreath with dried flowers that you can take home with you! Led by Áine Ní Dhroighneáin, Flós Flowers.
Ceardlann spraoiúil, áit an mbeidh tú ag foghlaim chun fleasc sailí a mhaisiú le bláthanna triomaithe. Ócáid dátheangach.

Children must be accompanied by a participating adult.

OCTOBER

Sa 17 13.00 - 15.00

Venue: Áras na nGael, Dominick St.
Tickets: €30 per pair
Includes all materials
Limited capacity

Make Your Own Butter!

9 TO 12 YRS

Join chef JP McMahon for a fun and interactive workshop where he will tell you about the history of butter making and go through the 'how to' and science behind making butter. Each participant will make butter to take home with them.

Children only but must be accompanied to and from venue by an adult.

OCTOBER

Mo 12 15.30 - 16.30

Venue: Aniar, Dominick St.
Tickets: See page 4
Limited capacity

Discover Dance: Krump

9 TO 16 YRS

A practical introduction to krump, offering a unique opportunity for interaction and exchange with an artist from the show *Witch Hunting*. Expect a supportive environment where individual expression is valued, while also fostering collective energy, mutual encouragement and a sense of community.

Children only but must be accompanied to and from venue by an adult.

OCTOBER

Su 18 13.30 - 15.00 **9 TO 12 YRS**
Su 18 16.00 - 17.30 **13 TO 16 YRS**

Venue: Galway Dance Studio, Terryland, H91 FPT3
Tickets: See page 4
Limited capacity



Writing for Samhain

10 TO 12 YRS

In this Samhain themed workshop lead by author Deirdre Sullivan, we will engage in short writing exercises that explore folklore and tradition around Samhain. Using motifs associated with this time of the year, you will develop pieces of poetry or flash fiction.

Children only but must be accompanied to and from venue by an adult.

OCTOBER

Su 11 11.00 - 12.30
Venue: O'Donoghue Centre, University of Galway
Tickets: See page 4
Limited capacity

Sing Write Record

12 TO 16 YRS

A welcoming, supportive space for singer-songwriters and aspiring artists to develop their songwriting and vocal skills. Learn to record your own songs and build confidence in a creative environment with professional artist Emma Lohan.
Please bring your instrument - your voice and ideas are all you need!

Young people only but must be accompanied to and from venue by an adult.

OCTOBER

Sa 10 14.00 - 17.00
Venue: Áras na Mac Léinn, University of Galway
Tickets: See page 4
Limited capacity

Sonic Explorations

12 TO 18 YRS

What if anyone could make music?
This interactive workshop shows young people that they can. With no prior experience needed, participants will discover how sound works by building simple instruments, experimenting with acoustics, and creating music together through fun, collaborative improvisation.

Young people only but must be accompanied to and from venue by an adult.

OCTOBER

Su 18 13.00 - 18.00

Venue: Siobhán McKenna Theatre, University of Galway

Pre-assigned community groups. Not available for booking.

Finding Your Voice

13 TO 16 YRS

This writing workshop, led by author Deirdre Sullivan, will explore creative writing in depth - with an emphasis on voice, perspective and the right form for the story only you can tell.

Young people only but must be accompanied to and from venue by an adult.

OCTOBER

Su 11 14.00 - 17.00

Venue: O'Donoghue Centre, University of Galway
Tickets: See page 4

Making Space for Children's Thinking

Why and how should we take children's thinking seriously, especially when it comes to the deeper questions that matter to human life and living? This talk explores children as particular kinds of experts and why understanding them in this way can deepen our conversations with them. Led by Dr Michela Dianetti and Dr Lucy Elvis.

OCTOBER
Fr 9 15.00 - 16.00
Venue: The Hardiman Building, University of Galway
Tickets: Free

Meet the Early Years Network for the Arts

Join Early Years Network for the Arts (EYNA) founders Cliodhna Noonan and Heather Rose for a catch up over a cuppa. Includes casual conversation and networking as well as learning about EYNA's work and future plans.

OCTOBER
Mo 12 11.00 - 12.10
Venue: Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Lane
Tickets: Free

Can't I just make art?

In this practical adult workshop facilitated by Em Ó Ceallaigh we will explore the tensions and possibilities in youth consultation in the development of art, drawing on ideas from dramaturgy practice and Philosophy for Children (P4C). In partnership with An Taibhdhearc.

OCTOBER
Mo 12 14.00 - 17.00
Venue: Áras na nGael, Dominick St.
Tickets: €20/15 student or unwaged

Your Kids, Our Kids

Perspectives on uniting globally & connecting locally

Join Emily Tomlins (Associate Director) and Julie Wright (Producer) from Australia's Polyglot Theatre for a special artist talk about their artistic and philosophical approach to child-centred practice.

OCTOBER
We 14 14.00 - 15.00
Venue: Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Lane
Tickets: Free

Cultivate

Join artists Dan Colley, Frederika Del Nero, James Riordan and Simon D'Huyvetter for this engaged conversation about their experience on the international residency programme Cultivate, run by Baboró and BRONKS Theater voor Jong Publiek (BE). Followed by a networking reception.

OCTOBER
We 14 16.00 - 17.30
Venue: Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Lane
Tickets: Free

Meet the CYPA team

Meet the Children Young People and the Arts team at the Arts Council, led by Liz Coman, and learn about their key initiatives, partnerships, awards, reach and impact. Expect a short presentation followed by time for questions.

OCTOBER
Th 15 12.30 - 13.15
Venue: Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Lane
Tickets: Free

Community Gathering for Creatives

Meet international artists, producers and presenters over a cuppa and a light bite. In collaboration with Theatre for Young Audiences Ireland (TYAI), Safe to Create and the Arts Council.
All are welcome. Arrive late, leave early or drop in briefly!

OCTOBER
Th 15 13.30 - 15.00
Venue: Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Lane
Tickets: Free

Story Worlds

This panel discussion explores the creation of Baboró's arts-in-education project *Story Worlds* by Amélie Bal and Phillida Eves, a four-part embodied journey of immersive sensory narratives for children and young people with profound and complex needs.

OCTOBER
Th 15 16.00 - 17.30
Venue: Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Lane
Tickets: Free

Borneo x Ireland Cultural Exchange

A visual presentation by Melanie Lynch, curator of the *Borneo x Ireland Cultural Exchange* exhibition. Featuring photography of children from Arus Kualan Indigenous schools in Borneo, and Wild Earth and Down to Earth forest schools in Ireland, it celebrates a heartwarming friendship between the Irish and Dayak people.

OCTOBER
Th 15 19.00 - 20.00
Venue: Galway Arts Centre, Dominick St.
Tickets: Free

Nach féidir liom an ealaín a chumadh?

Is ceardlann phraiticiúil do dhaoine fásta í seo le Em Ó Ceallaigh. Pléifear an teannas agus na féidearthachtaí a bhaineann le comhairliúchán i bhforbairt na healaíne. Bainfear leas as cleachtas dramaturgy agus smaointe a thagann ó Philosophy for Children (P4C) sa cheardlann. I gcomhpháirt leis an Taibhdhearc.

OCTOBER
Fr 16 14.00 - 17.00
Venue: Áras na nGael, Dominick St.
Tickets: €20/15 student or unwaged

Breakdance with Anne Nguyen

A professional workshop offering participants an introduction to breakdancing, providing a unique opportunity for interaction and exchange with dancer and choreographer Anne Nguyen, creator of the performance *Witch Hunting*.

OCTOBER
Fr 16 15.00 - 18.00
Venue: Galway Dance Studio, Terryland, H91 FPT3
Tickets: €20/15 student or unwaged

Audience as Collaborators

A professional workshop exploring the artistic potential of inviting audience participation and collaboration in performances created for non-traditional venues. You will gain a practical framework to observe and evaluate interaction and authenticity in movement. Led by *Wonderwalkers'* choreographer Jasper Džuki Jelen.

OCTOBER
Sa 17 9:00 - 15:00
Venue: Galway Dance Studio, Terryland, H91 FPT3
Tickets: €20/15 student or unwaged

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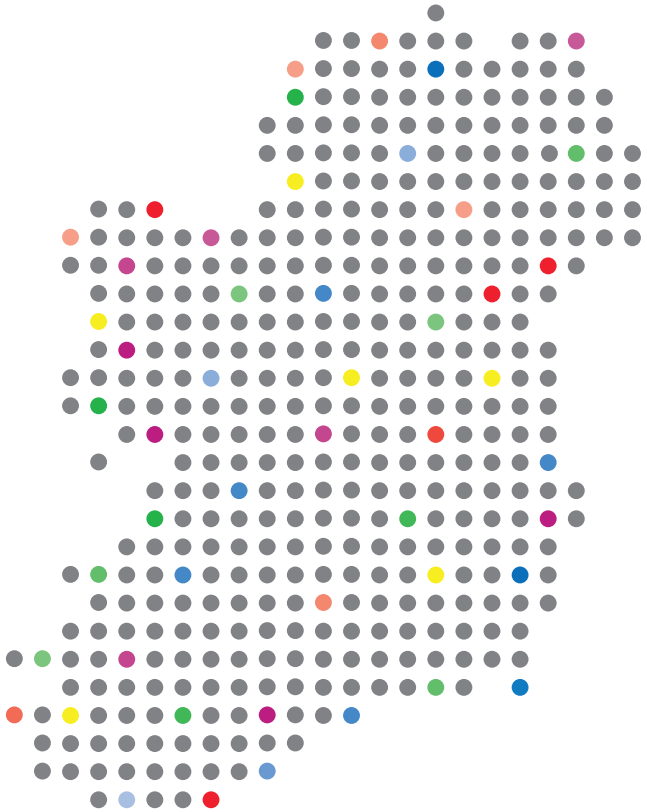

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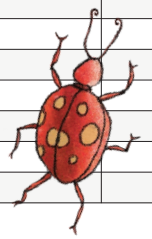
Festival Diary 2026

EVENT	VENUE	PAGE	AGES	FRI 9	SAT 10	SUN 11	MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14	THU 15	FRI 16	SAT 17	SUN 18
PERFORMANCE													
Souvenirshop	Town Hall Theatre	9	4 to 8 yrs	18.30	11.30 | 14.00		10.00 | 12.00	11.00					
Not Falling	Black Box Theatre	12	4 yrs +		10.00 | 12.00	10.00 | 12.00		10.00 | 12.00	10.00 | 12.00				
A Teen Odyssey	Black Box Theatre	15	12 yrs +		16.00 | 17.30 | 19.00	14.30 | 16.00 | 17.30							
Kafka's Doll	O'Donoghue Theatre, University of Galway	13	8 yrs +		18.00	15.00 | 17.30	10.00 | 12.30	11.00 | 19.00	10.00				
Shades of Shadows	An Taibhdhearc	11	4 yrs +						10.00 | 12.00	11.00 | 19.00	10.00 | 12.00	11.00 | 13.00	14.00 | 16.00
The Fabulous Tale of BasarKus	Town Hall Theatre	10	4 yrs +						11.00 | 18.30	10.00 | 12.00	11.00	14.00 | 16.00	11.30 | 13.00
The Sticky Dance	O'Donoghue Theatre, University of Galway	8	2 to 4 yrs								15:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 12:00 14:00 - 16:00	10:00 - 12:00 14:00 - 16:00
Witch Hunting	Black Box Theatre	14	10 yrs +								12.00	15.00	
MUSIC													
Bígí Linn	An Taibhdhearc	21	4 yrs +		15.00								
Seisúin na nÓg	Áras na nGael, Dominick St.	21	4 yrs +									16.00	
Spooky Disco	Galway Rowing Club, Woodquay	21	2 yrs +										14.00 | 15.30
The Barceló Brothers	Town Hall Theatre	20	4 yrs +										17.30
VISUAL ART													
Shapeshifters	Outset Gallery, Cornstore Mall	22	3 yrs +		10.00 - 17.00	11.00 - 16.00	14.00 - 17.00	14.00 - 17.00	14.00 - 17.00	14.00 - 17.00	14.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	11.00 - 16.00
Borneo x Ireland Cultural Exchange	Galway Arts Centre, Dominick St.	23	3 yrs +		10.00 - 17.00	11.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 19.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	11.00 - 17.00
FILM													
The Wild West	Town Hall Theatre	24	7 yrs +		18.00								
Shorts for Wee Ones	Town Hall Theatre	25	3 to 7 yrs			11.00							
Shorts for Families	Town Hall Theatre	25	8 yrs +			13.00							
Circus is for Every Body	Town Hall Theatre	25	5 yrs +			15.30							
LITERATURE													
Baboró Festival Storytime	Charlie Byrne's Bookshop, Cornstore Mall	26	All Ages		11.00							11.00	
Welcome, Little Passengers!	O'Donoghue Centre, University of Galway	26	0 to 12 mths		14.15								
Moving Words	The Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Ln.	26	6 to 10 yrs		15.00 | 17.00	12.00 | 14.00							
The Nightmare Club: Spooky Storycraft	O'Donoghue Centre, University of Galway	26	8 to 11 yrs		16.00								
Ó Shamhlaíocht go Scéal	An Taibhdhearc	26	9 to 12 yrs					10.00 | 12.00					
MULTI-SENSORY EXPERIENCE													
Singing Garden	Áras na Mac Léinn, University of Galway	28	0 to 36 mths		11.30 | 15.30	11.30 | 15.30	9.30 | 11.30						
WORKSHOPS													
Get Curious on the Shore	Grattan Beach, Salthill	31	3 yrs +	11.00 | 12.00	11.30 | 12.30								
See Saw Swing	Galway City Museum	29	7 to 12 yrs	15.00	12.00 | 13.30 | 15.00							12:00 | 13:30 | 15:00	
Music Explorers	Áras na Mac Léinn, University of Galway	31	2 to 8 yrs		10.00 | 11.15 | 12.30								
Illustrating a Character	Outset Gallery, The Cornstore Mall	32	5 to 10 yrs			11.00 | 12.30							
The Thinking Studio	Urban Lab, Nun's Island	30	5 yrs +		11.30 - 17.30	11.30 - 17.30		14.30 - 17.30	14.30 - 17.30	14.30 - 17.30	14.30 - 17.30	11.30 - 17.30	11.30 - 17.30
Sing Write Record	Áras na Mac Léinn, University of Galway	33	12 to 16 yrs		14.00								
Play & Create	Galway Rowing Club, Woodquay	30	1 to 12 yrs			9.30 | 11.00 | 12.30 14.30 | 16.00						9.30 | 11.00 | 12.30 14.30 | 16.00	
Writing for Samhain	O'Donoghue Centre, University of Galway	33	10 to 12 yrs			11.00							
Finding Your Voice	O'Donoghue Centre, University of Galway	33	13 yrs +			14.00							
Make Your Own Butter!	Aniar, Dominick St.	32	9 to 12 yrs				15.30						
Make a Samhain Wreath	Áras na nGael, Dominick St.	32	8 to 12 yrs									13.00	
Discover Dance: Krump	Galway Dance Studio, Terryland, H91 FPT3	32	9 yrs +										13.30 | 16.00
Down To Earth Forest School	Brigit's Garden, Roscahill, H91 CC90	31	4 yrs +										14.00





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