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Reservations can be made:

In Person

The box office is open Tue - Fri 10am to 4pm and 6.30 to 8pm on the night of a show.

Online

Tickets can be booked online at townhallcavan.com

By Phone

Box Office (049) 4380494.

Payment over the phone can be made using a credit card. Tickets will be held at the box office for collection on the night of a show.

By Post

To Box Office, Townhall Arts Centre, Townhall Street, Cavan.

Cheques and postal orders made payable to Cavan County Council. Booking will only be made when payment is received. Tickets will be held at box office for collection. Please enclose a contact phone number.

By Email

Theatre email address is

townhallcavan@cavancoco.ie

Please send details of which event you wish to book together with your phone number and we will contact you. Please do not include credit card details in your email.

Discounts and Concessions

We offer concessions on most shows.

Concessions apply to students and senior citizens.

Ticket Exchanges and Refunds

Once purchased tickets cannot be exchanged nor can money be refunded under any circumstances. You have the option of selling or giving your ticket to another person.

Reserved Tickets

MUST be paid for within 48 hours otherwise will be automatically released for resale.

Latecomers

Performances begin at 8.00pm (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) and patrons are to be seated 15 minutes before performances. Latecomers cannot be admitted until a suitable break in the performance.

Accessibility

- Accessible parking space located at the front of the theatre
- Accessible entrance through Main Box Office Door
- No charge for wheelchair customers

Please notify booking staff of any special requirements or assistance you may need when booking your tickets.

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GIFT VOUCHERS

Can be purchased from our box office or online.

At a Glance

January		
Fri 12th	Highstool Prophets	Music
Tue 23rd	BIG WIN SING CONTEST	Music
Fri 26th	Onóir	Music
Sat 27th	Joe the Magician	Magic
February		
1st-3rd	Pulse Music	Exhibition
Fri 2nd	The Greatest 80's Show	Music
Sat 3rd	The Ultimate Big Band Show	Music
Sat 17th	Al Porter - Now	Comedy
Sat 24th	Frank & Walters	Music
Tue 27th	Lyra	Music
Thur 29th	Kristina Huxley - Sensitive Paintings	Exhibition
March		
Fri 1st	Rob Strong Live	Music
2nd - 9th	Cavan Three Act Drama Festival	Drama
Fri 22nd	Bruised Orange - John Prine Tribute Band	Music
Sat 23rd	Double bill NYAH Show to remember Cavan Banjo Legend Darren Maloney - Four Men and a Dog,	Music

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TRADITION WITH A TWIST



Highstool Prophets

Fri 12th Jan | Time: 8pm | Tickets €20

The Highstool Prophets are one of the most sought-after folk bands in Ireland at present. Bringing their unique twist to the folk music of our generations, playing to a wide variety of audiences across Ireland and beyond has led to a string of sold-out shows, TV & radio appearances, and new music releases.

After a successful sold-out appearance in January of this year, they return to Townhall Arts Centre for what is sure to be another memorable evening's entertainment.

FOLK AT ITS FINEST



Onóir

Fri 26th Jan | Time: 8pm | Tickets €30

Contemporary Irish folk group Onóir formed in 2020, when Donegal musicians; Tom McHugh, Declan Gaughan, Deane Connaghan, and Diarmaid McGee joined forces to create a contemporary version of the famous Irish folk ballad; 'The Auld Triangle', the video went on to be seen by over 3 million people worldwide. These talented musicians with distinctive vocal styles are setting new standards with incredible musical arrangements and harmonies that mark them out as unique.

Onóir are selling out venues in record time as their impassioned audiences are taken on a musical odyssey. From their new take on traditional Irish ballads all the way through to up tempo modern Irish classics. From tears to laughter, enjoy the onstage chemistry, excitement, and banter in a show not to be missed.



DON'T MISS A TRICK - BOOK EARLY!



Joe the Magician

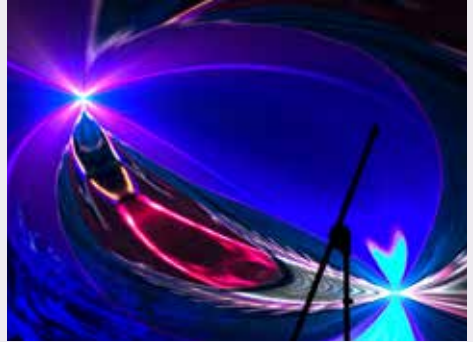
Sat 27th Jan | Time: 3pm | Tickets €15

It's Joe the Magician from RTÉjr! And he's bringing his spectacular children's comedy magic and illusion show to Townhall Cavan for one spectacular afternoon of mind-boggling fun! Joe's show fuses laugh out loud comedy magic with absolutely jaw dropping spectacular illusions live on stage. It's a rollercoaster theatrical ride that reinvents children's entertainment. Tables will fly, a friendly ghost will magically fly into the audience and charm kids and grownups alike! Joe will even make it snow live on stage!

That's just for starters! Joe's hugely popular TV show 'abraKIDabra' has been one of the most watched shows on RTÉjr and on the RTÉ player and now Joe stars in his new educational comedy show 'Dizzy Deliveries' where Joe is a magical delivery man.

Early booking is advised as all of Joe's previous tour dates have sold out.

MUSIC MEETS ART



Philip Fogarty - Pulse Music Exhibition

February 1st-3rd | FREE

The Pulse Music is an innovative live interactive work by Philip Fogarty which examines our relationship with our own artistic process through a boundary-pushing reactive format.

RELIVE THE 80'S



The Greatest 80's Show

Fri 2nd Feb | Time: 8pm | Tickets €25

Get ready to travel back in time to the 1980s with the exciting new music theatre production - 'Greatest 80s Show'. This high-energy show features all your favourite hits from the decade of neon and big hair, including songs from iconic artists like Duran Duran, a-ha and Spandau Ballet.

With a dynamic and powerful set full of the greatest songs of the 80s, 'Greatest 80s Show' is sure to be a hit with audiences of all ages. The show will take you on a nostalgic journey through the decade, with memorable performances of classic songs such as 'In the Air Tonight', 'Never Gonna Give You Up' and 'Together in Electric Dreams'. With a script that is both electrifying and heartfelt, the show is a celebration of the music, fashion, and culture of the 80s and is sure to have audiences dancing in their seats!

EXPERIENCE THAT BIG BAND SOUND



The Ultimate Big Band Show

Sat 3rd Feb | Time: 8pm | Tickets €18/€16

The Ultimate Big Band Show is a collection of musicians who have developed a setlist from the heyday of the big band era, modern day composers and original compositions that really does merit the title 'The Ultimate Big Band Show'.

Being a 20-piece strong jazz orchestra, the sound and energy that this collective creates is electric.

Directed by saxophonist 'Daire O'Reilly' and developed by Harper Lane Studios (harperlanestudios.ie) this outfit plays compositions from such legendary composers such as Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Benny Goodman, Weather Report, The Rat Pack, Alison Moyet and much more. The Ultimate Big Band Show promotes great music and great fun.



COMEDY GOLD



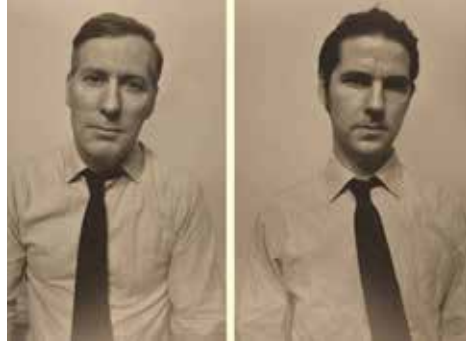
Al Porter - Now

Sat 17th Feb | Time: 8pm | Tickets €25

After six years away, Al steps back into the spotlight with his most personal show to date, an upfront and upbeat take on his journey to here. Picking up the pieces of his life, Al has put himself back together as someone not quite the same as before. That rare spark is still there, but there's also a new humility and vulnerability. Like old friends catching up, Al gets us up to date on all his relationships – with family, alcohol, his partner of seven years, and even God – with a fresh perspective and big laughs. Al's still got the nerve, fire and big heart that make his shows special, but life experience has made him sharper.

A feel-good show with unbreakable spirit and optimism and big laughs from start to finish from the head and heart of one Ireland's best comic talents. Al has come back with a see-it-to-believe-it presence and as a powerhouse performer in his best show yet.

INDIE'S FINEST



Frank & Walters

Sat 24th Feb | Time: 8pm | Tickets €20

The Frank and Walters Paul Linehan is one of Ireland's most talented and inspirational singer / songwriters.

For nearly 30 years Paul has penned and performed hundreds of songs with The Frank and Walters which have captured the hearts and minds of generations. The band originally became world famous on the '90s indie scene and have produced seven studio albums. Paul has lost none of his talent or motivation to produce fantastically crafted and catchy indie songs and continues to write new material to this day.

Recently the band captured a whole new audience when their '90's hit single 'After All' featured on the cult comedy show 'The Young Offenders'. Their recent single featured Peaky Blinders Cillian Murphy doing a voiceover on the track 'Stages'. The band are taking to the road to share the hits and their favourite long lost classics in all their acoustic glory.



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW ARTISTS

MCD PROMOTIONS PRESENT:

LYRA

Tues 27th Feb | Time: 8pm | Tickets €20

LYRA is one of the most striking talents to have emerged from Ireland in the past few years. Hailing from County Cork, she's established herself on both the domestic and international stage with a string of exciting, vibrant singles accompanied by a unique style of visual presentation that is never less than stunning.

The last year has been particularly thrilling for LYRA, with the spectacular success of her one-two punch of hit singles: the ultra-catchy 'Lose My Mind' and the uplifting, dancefloor collab with John Gibbons on Stevie Nicks' classic 'Edge of Seventeen'.

In addition to these big tunes, she's released successful collaborations with dance artist UNSECRET and Bill Whelan on 'Riverdance: The Animated Adventure.' She also soundtracked An Post's Irish festive campaign with her track 'The Magic of Christmas'. LYRA started 2023 with 'YOU', just ahead of her debut UK headline tour. 'YOU' follows the triple threat hit parade of 'Lose My Mind', 'Edge of Seventeen' and '29 Box', which have racked up over 12k radio spins in the last year. 'Edge Of Seventeen' has powered to over 4M streams and counting. Building on a

rock-solid foundation of inimitable songcraft, studio know-how and an extraordinary vocal presence, LYRA continues to develop her writing and performance skills to new levels of confidence and unfettered self-expression.

Her new single 'Lovers' gets the love hearts pumping under the Mirrorball and is out now!

UNDER 16s MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. SUITABLE FOR AGES 12+.



LYRA



A VISUAL FEAST



Kristina Huxley - Sensitive Paintings Exhibition

February 29th-April 6th | FREE

The titled 'Sensitive' paintings by this artist slowly and constantly change in front of the viewers' eyes.

STILL GOING STRONG



Rob Strong Live

Fri 1st Mar | Time: 8pm | Tickets €20

The legendary Rob Strong is regarded by many of his peers as one of the best singers ever to come out of Ireland. After selling out recent shows in Dublin (4 gigs at Arthur's Blues n Jazz Club in Thomas Street sold out in past year), the Derry native, known as 'The Godfather of Soul', is celebrating an amazing 60 years on the road this year.

Rob's son, Andrew Strong, starred as Deco Cuffe (lead singer of the band) in the worldwide smash hit movie 'The Commitments' in 1991. Rob was also the vocal coach for both soundtrack albums of the iconic movie and toured with The Commitments band across the UK and Europe. The Rob Strong Band's set list includes many songs from The Commitments movie, such as 'Mustang Sally', 'Treat her Right', 'Hard to Handle' and 'In the Midnight Hour'. Don't miss out on an evening with a music legend.



DRAMA

Cavan Three Act Drama Festival

March 2nd - 9th inclusive | Time: 8pm, March 9th at 9pm

Tickets €15 per night / €80 full season

Cavan Drama Festival Committee is delighted to be continuing an impressive tradition of more than 75 years by yet again bringing groups from all over the country to perform a selection of wonderful plays, both old and new, in the Townhall Theatre. Make sure to take this opportunity to see these groups perform

during a week-long celebration of incredible dramatic talent and creativity - before the adjudicator Mr. Ciaran McCauley decides who will take their place in the All-Ireland Open and Confined Festivals in Athlone and Mountmellick.

Sat 2nd	Kilrush Drama Group	'Hooked' by Gillian Graftan
Sun 3rd	Bunclody/Kilmyshall Drama Group	'The Lonesome West' by Martin McDonagh
Mon 4th	tbc	tbc
Tues 5th	Harvest Moon Drama Group, Claremorris	'Now and Then' by Sean Grennan with Irish adaptation by John Corless (with playwright and publisher's permission.)
Wed 6th	Pomeroy Players	'There Came a Gypsy Riding' by Frank McGuinness
Thur 7th	The Cornmill Theatre, Carrigallen	'A Tomb with A View' by Norman Robbins
Fri 8th	Lislea Dramatic players	'Steel Magnolias' by Robert Harling
Sat 9th	Dalkey Players	'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller



A VISUAL FEAST



Bruised Orange - John Prine Tribute Band

Fri 22nd Mar | Time: 8pm | Tickets €25

Bruised Orange is Ireland's premier John Prine Tribute band. Boasting some of Meath's most experienced gigging musicians the band is made up of Michael 'Mike Mack' McGarry (Rhythm Guitar & Vocals), Anthony Toby Cregan (Lead Guitar, Vocals), Derek Matthews (Bass & Vocals) Steve Milne (Keyboards) and Shay Carry (Percussion). Each member brings a unique set of talents and abilities to the group which provides for a unique live John Prine experience.

The show is fronted by Mike Mack McGarry who accurately reflects John's vocal range with similar ease of delivery, an affected twang and drawl, which thrive of a peculiar, domestic relation to country, folk, rhythm, and blues.

His storytelling and short antidotes are also a testament to a Bruised Orange live show, Lead guitarist Anthony Toby Cregan is one of Ireland's most revered guitarists, His style and playing reflects that of Jason Wilbur, Prine's go to guy from the early 1990's up until John's death. Bassist Derek Matthews is known from one of Ireland's top wedding bands 'Stop the Clock'. His double bass and look again reflects that of Prine's bass man Dave Jacques. Drummer Shay Carry is the backbone of the band with his unique style. Shay has toured with some of Ireland's top country artists such as Gerry Guthrie, Lee Matthews, and Shane Owens to name but a few.



Double bill NYAH Show to remember Cavan Banjo Legend

Darren Maloney

Sat 23rd Mar | Time: 8pm | Tickets €25



MC Martin Donohue

Four Men and a Dog

NYAH (Not Your Average Hooley) are delighted to bring you the phenomenal Irish Supergroup, Four Men and a Dog! Featuring five of Ireland's most exhilarating musicians, including Ireland's fore-most fiddler Cathal Hayden, The God of the bodhran' Gino Lupari, the wizard of the 'box' Donal Murphy, with the superb fiddler Stephen Hayden and the brilliant singer songwriter and guitarist Kevin Doherty! Four Men and A Dog blend vivacious high energy Irish 'trad' with rock, jazz, gypsy, blues, polka's, county swing and even salsa! Their live shows are fast and infectious.

Máirtín O'Connor Trio

Máirtín O'Connor (accordion), Cathal Hayden (fiddle) and Seamie O'Dowd (guitar).

Their path has taken them from the Sydney Opera House to New York's Symphony Space Centre. They toured central and Eastern Europe and have played gigs in Ireland, Britain, Europe, The United States, Australia, and New Zealand to ecstatic receptions from audiences.

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The WIN BIG CAVAN INSTITUTE SONG CONTEST 2024



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Prizes include:

- Winning song recorded, mixed and mastered
- Graphic design for online platforms
- €1000 of audio recording equipment for the winning school from **Big Bear Sound Limited**
- €500 voucher for the winning student(s) from **Monaghan Music and Piano Centre** and **Cavan Institute**
- Live competition final
- Song launched live on radio

To enter, drop us a line to songcontest@cavaninstitute.ie and we'll email you an entry form. Submit your entry in video or MP3 file formats to songcontest@cavaninstitute.ie along with the completed entry form and T&C form.

Entries must be submitted by 7 December 2023

Open to all secondary school students (Terms and conditions apply*)

* You must consult your teacher or TY co-ordinator before making your submission.



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