

# Na hEalaíona faoi lánseol Arts in Action

Programme of events

**September - December 2026**



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| September       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Fri 11<br>12 pm | <b>In Conversation with Water</b><br>Short readings by Sam Fowley and Laoighseach Ní Choistealbha followed a conversation in association with the symposium: Water Ways: Water in Flux in Ireland and Beyond. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i>                                       |
| Fri 18<br>7 pm  | <b>What about M.E.?</b><br>A Culture Night performance of four-short plays written about and by people living with ME/CFS and Long-Covid followed by a post-show discussion with members of the ME/CFS community. Supported by Galway City Council. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i> |
| Mon 28<br>1 pm  | <b>The Accidental Activist</b><br>A quick-witted comedy show by Irish comedian Diane O'Connor about the climate crisis. Join Diane on this hilarious and provocative journey of feeling the fear and finding the hope. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i>                              |
| Fri 25<br>7 pm  | <b>Heart of the Matter</b><br>A lecture by Stephen Witherford with Witherford Watson Mann Architects exploring the deep and complex relationship between buildings and the social experiences that unfold from them. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i>                                |

| October        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Thu 1<br>1 pm  | <b>Musici Ireland</b><br>A performance by Musici Ireland in association with Music for Galway featuring Soprano Róisín O'Grady; Mezzo-soprano Sharon Carty; Tenor Eamonn Mulhall; Violinist Kerenza Peacock; Violist Beth McNinch; and Cellist Katie Tertell. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i>                                                                                          |
| Thu 8<br>1 pm  | <b>Monarca from North to South: Migrant Audiovisual Memory</b><br>A collaboration between Cineforo LaFifo and andenbuch, this documentary film gathers the memories, songs and experiences of Nicaraguan composers exiled in Costa Rica. Screening will be followed by a discussion with historian and executive producer Dr Antonio Monte Casablanca. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i> |
| Thu 22<br>1 pm | <b>Back to Back Theatre: Power, Visibility and Politics</b><br>A lecture by Professor Helena Grehan, Vice Chancellor's Professorial Research Fellow at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, at Edith Cowan University. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i>                                                                                                                   |
| Thu 29<br>1 pm | <b>Tearing off a piece of my mind - And wiping your brain with it</b><br>An hour with Alfrun Rose, writer, actor, and producer of major film, TV, video game and theatre productions. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i>                                                                                                                                                                  |

| November       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Mon 2<br>1 pm  | <b>No Woman is an Island - Róisín Stack</b><br>With sharp humour and quiet ferocity, this theatre piece by Róisín Stack creates an intimate and thoughtful space for audiences to consider the relationship between productivity and identity. <i>Bank of Ireland Theatre</i>                                                                  |
| Thu 5<br>1 pm  | <b>The Pale Blue Dot- the Voyager Golden Record Reimagined</b><br>A Music for Galway performance by Elevation Ensemble which reimagines the extraordinary cultural time capsule of the Voyager Golden Record in a unique new multimedia performance. New music by Irish composers Linda Buckley and Jonathan Nangle. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i> |
| Thu 12<br>1 pm | <b>TULCA Festival of Visual Arts presents Del LaGrace Volcano</b><br>A live artist talk and presentation by internationally renowned artist, photographer, writer and cultural producer Del LaGrace Volcano. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i>                                                                                                         |
| Fri 20<br>1 pm | <b>River Run</b><br>A solo Liszt piano recital by talented Irish concert pianist JJ McNamara in partnership with Music for Galway. <i>Siobhán McKenna Theatre</i>                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| Thu 26<br>1 pm | <b>Soul Ceol</b><br>An intimate performance from writer and vocalist, Esosa Ighodaro. Sharing soulful interpretations of traditional Irish songs alongside spoken word and original music. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i> |
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| December       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Thu 3<br>1 pm  | <b>A talk with Sabrina Speranza</b><br>Sabrina Speranza is an Uruguayan actress, educator, and social activist who has practiced Theatre of the Oppressed (TO) since 2005. Her experience includes TO work with children and teens in vulnerable settings, and facilitating TO training for educators. Sabrina focuses on Newspaper Theatre, and she has toured an original play for over five years. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i> |
| Sat 12<br>3 pm | <b>3 Kinds of Music</b><br>Theatre of the Oppressed<br>Featuring ConTempo Quartet, In Flow Gamelan Ensemble and Aengus Hackett. Followed by optional workshop at 4.45pm. No booking required - entry on a first-come-first-serve basis / Pay-what-you can contributions. <i>O'Donoghue Theatre</i>                                                                                                                              |

| Workshops                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Sundays<br>Oct 4, 18<br>Nov 22<br>11 am | <b>'Lines of Listening' with Maeve Curtis &amp; Mike McCormack</b><br>A Creative Responses initiative in partnership with MusicConnects. Artist Maeve Curtis and author Mike McCormack lead deep-listening workshops where participants respond to MusicConnects' season of music through mark-making - in paint or in words - exploring process, reflection and connection. Duration 2 hours / Pay-what-you can contributions (Registration required).<br><i>The Space, Áras na Mac Léinn</i> |

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