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PROGRAMME MARCH – SEPTEMBER 2024

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PROGRAMME MARCH – SEPTEMBER

WELCOME TO THE NEXT SEASON

Headlining this year's St Patrick's Day Celebrations concert on Saturday 9 March is the brilliant Irish Trad and Folk band, The Muddlers Club. In high demand and well respected on the traditional circuit, we are delighted to have the band perform in Cookstown before they head to Disneyland Paris for a series of St. Patrick's weekend concerts. Our annual Easter Family Fun Day takes place on Saturday 23 March. The day is free to attend and has a packed schedule of music, entertainment, and arts and craft activities for all the family to enjoy.

Tullylagan Pipe Band will be joined by Syerla Pipe Band, Cloughfin Pipe Band, and performers from The Force in an evening of pipe band entertainment on Saturday 13 April. This year's July Celebrations will include a showcase of music, dance, and entertainment in a weekend celebration of culture, music, and language.

As always there are brilliant comedians gracing the Burnavon stage and hilarious comedy plays programmed with 'Absolutely Flab-u-lous', 'Women on The Verge of HRT', 'The Belfast Ma: Mother of the Groom' and Diona Doherty and Sean Hegarty's new show 'Sex in The City Hall'.

Several workshops are planned to support Mental Health Awareness Week this May. As well as sewing for beginners, floral arranging classes, felt making, acrylic painting, and a July summer scheme to keep the kids entertained. The Burnavon is an Autism Impact Award Champion venue and has recently attained WorldHost Business Recognition.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Burnavon Theatre this season.

The Burnavon team



Helpful hints for your visit

Arrive on time; all shows start at the time advertised in the programme, and **once curtain is up latecomers may not gain admission until the interval.**

To save time at the interval pre-order any drinks you require at the first floor bar which is open to patrons before, during and after performances.

Cameras and recording devices are not permitted in the auditorium without prior permission from Burnavon management.

All mobile phones must be switched off out of consideration for the enjoyment of other patrons.

Food, drink, E-cigarettes and vaporisers are not permitted in the auditorium. Smoking, E-cigarettes and vaporisers are not permitted inside the building.

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Saturday 21 September	Pastel Painting	33	Workshop
Thursday 26 September	Sex In the City Hall	19	Comedy
Friday 27 September	The Man Who Swallowed a Dictionary	20	Drama

St Patrick's Celebrations Concert

Saturday 9 March | 8pm | £12 / £10 Concession

Join us at the Burnavon Theatre on Saturday 9 March for our annual St Patrick's Day Celebrations Concert. Headlining this year's concert is the brilliant Irish Trad and Folk band, The Muddlers Club. Well-known on the traditional circuit, The Muddlers Club are flooded with requests to play festivals, concerts, gigs, and weddings across the country and beyond! We're delighted to be their last stop, performing their set before they head out to Disneyland, Paris for St. Patrick's weekend concerts.



Joe Murray, Stephen Loughran, Enda Rafferty, Terry Conlon, Cookstown's own Michael Glackin and Ciaran Bell are sure to entertain as they take to the Burnavon stage to perform an eclectic fusion of traditional Irish, rock, folk music, and song.

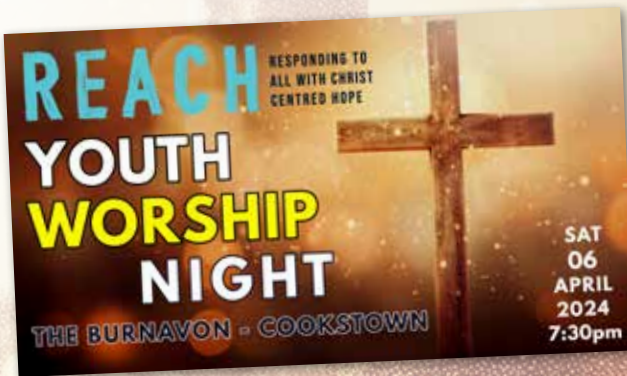
The evening commences at 8pm sharp and will also feature uplifting tunes from Holy Trinity College Traditional Music Schools Group as well as performances from local primary school children from the Traditional Music in Schools Group, under the expert guidance of Donald Canavan. Comperes for the evening will be the wonderful Malachi Cush.

Youth Worship Night

Presented by Reach (REsponding to All with Christ-centred Hope) Cookstown




Saturday 6 April | 7.30pm | £5



Come along with friends for a night of worship led by local artists and guest speaker as attendees reflect on the cross and the message of Easter.

Event aimed at those aged 14 and over.

Fortunes And Misfortunes

Presented by Clanabogan Drama Circle 

Friday 12 April | 8pm | £15 / £12 Concession

Daisy Fortune is a downtrodden yet hard-working woman, who is supporting an idle husband and a good-for-nothing son. She loses her job as a waitress in 'The Cosy Corner' after her son, Nathan's pet lizard 'Britney', gets loose in the premises. She manages to scheme her way into a job as a housekeeper for Bill and Oonagh Delaney.

Oonagh has unrealistic aspirations of literary greatness, and she is busy organising a poetry workshop in her home. She has invited renowned and eccentric poet, Aubrey Peacock to attend. Meanwhile, there is tension in the Delaneys' marriage because of Bill's flirting with Wanda Hunt, the mother of one of his pupils. However, between unwanted lavender, laced punch and an escaped lizard, the workshop turns into a complete disaster and the tension between Oonagh and Wanda finally explodes.



Tullylagan Pipe Band Concert


Saturday 13 April | 8pm | £15 / £10 Children under 16



Join Tullylagan Pipe Band, current Ulster, All Ireland, and World Champions in grade 3A for a brilliant evening of pipe band entertainment at the Burnavon Theatre in Cookstown this April.

As well as the Tullylagan senior and development bands the concert will include performances from Syerla Pipe Band and Cloughfin Pipe Band and The Force, Display Team of Champion Drum Majors.

A Night with The Country Stars

Presented by JMG Music Group 

Thursday 18 April | 8pm | £26.50

Back by popular demand the hugely successful "A Night with Country Stars" returns for another night of toe-tapping magic and a stellar line-up that Nashville would be proud of. Appearing on the show will be 6 of Ireland's top stars including the Louisiana man Robert Mizzell, the gentle giant of Country from Longford Mick Flavin, the blue jean country Queen from Cavan Kathy Durkin, the hilarious Gary Gamble and his surreal impressions of Daniel O'Donnell, the young sensation Owen Mac and popular local star Joe Moore and his pure authentic tones.



All the acts will perform their trademark hits in the company of Ireland's top backing band Keltic Storm making this a show you won't want to miss!

The Sperrin Choir Goes Stateside

Presented by The Sperrin Choir 

Friday 26 April | 8pm | £12



The Sperrin Choir presents an all-American programme of music greats, including George Gershwin, Dolly Parton, Neil Diamond, and the Beach Boys.

The programme is sure to have you bopping along to favourites like *Sweet Caroline* and *I Get Around* while the choir will slow the tempo in lyrical arrangements like *Light of a Clear Blue Morning*.

Sperrin Choir are delighted to once again welcome their Youth Choir and Sperrin Kidz who are sure to add to the American spirit! With only one night planned for the Burnavon, make sure to get your tickets booked early!

Mr Hullabaloo's Spring into Spring

Presented by Mr Hullabaloo

Saturday 27 April | 1pm | £8

Come on down to the Fairytale Farm at the Burnavon on Saturday 27 April with Mr Hullabaloo and the Little Ramblers! Cousin Wendell will be there to share lots of fun animal tales featuring all your farmyard favourites.

Bobbin the Bear loves meeting all the new little baby animals and watching the garden grow. With a little bit of fairytale magic, we can climb the beanstalk with our friend Jack and help the Three Little Pigs to build their houses but beware of the Silly Giant and the Big Bad Wolf!

Please note that children under 2 go free however a complimentary ticket must be booked via the Box Office on 028 8676 9949.



PERFORMANCES

Susan McCann - String of Diamonds Tour

Presented by Country Showtime Promotions



Friday 3 May | 8pm | £25

After a hugely successful concert tour in 2022, and not being able to tour in 2023 due to overcoming health issues, Susan McCann is delighted to be bringing her own concert tour back on the road this year. It is sure to be a wonderful night of music and entertainment with Susan as she takes a trip down memory lane performing along with her live band.

Susan's special guest for this tour will be her granddaughter, Sinead, who will be joining Susan on stage and performing some special duets including the hugely popular "Grandpa Tell 'Bout the Good Old Days". Also joining Susan on stage will be her husband of over 50 years, Denis Heaney, playing accordion who has been her manager and mentor for all those years. "Dennis and I are a team. It wouldn't have worked without him by my side. He is a quiet guy and when I recorded The Wind Beneath my Wings I did it for Dennis," she says.

Absolutely Flabulous

Presented by Nuala and Noleen

Saturday 4 May | 8pm | £25

"Absolutely Flab-u-lous: Bernie Jones's journey from Laundry Queen to Slimming Sensation!"

Following the resounding success of "Nobody Puts Bernie in a Corner," which had audiences on their feet with continuous standing ovations during its sold-out tour across theatres in both the north and south of Ireland, Bernie is back with the next uproarious chapter in her story.

Get ready to laugh until your laundry comes out wrinkle-free as we follow Bernie's side-splitting adventure towards life in her forties and her quest for a slimmer waistline!



An evening with New Irish Arts Orchestra and Choir

Presented by First Cookstown Presbyterian Church

Saturday 11 May | 7.30pm | £20



Founded in 1994 by Irish hymn-writer Keith Getty, our central purpose is to encourage people to worship God, whether that be in equipping and giving opportunity to musicians or leading congregations and audiences in praise to our God.

We have several hundred volunteer musicians and our audio / visual team working together to produce a diverse programme of creative events, mostly centred around music. Wherever possible, we work in partnership with local churches and organisations across Ireland.

Through our choir, orchestra, and youth choir we have produced over 100 large concerts and events across Ireland. As well as playing in venues such as the Belfast Waterfront Hall and the Ulster Hall we have also produced regular broadcasts on BBC and RTE TV and Radio, often producing scripts for services as well as music.

Women On the Verge of HRT

Presented by GBL Productions

Wednesday 15 May | 8pm | £25 | Recommended for ages 16+

GBL Productions present a Northern Ireland Comedy Classic *Women on The Verge of HRT*. *Women on the Verge of HRT* is the story of two middle-aged Belfast women, Vera and Anna who head off to Donegal on a weekend away for the annual concert by their super-star idol, Daniel O'Donnell.

They get more than they bargained for. Feisty, racy, painful, and hilarious in all the right places, *Women on The Verge of HRT* sees terrific performances from some of Northern Ireland's most popular actors. Will leave you in hot flushes!

Written by Marie Jones (*Stones in His Pockets*, *A Night in November*, and *Dancing Shoes: The George Best Story*).



PERFORMANCES

Owen Mac Theatre Tour



Presented by Owen Mac Music

Thursday 23 May | 8pm | £20

The hugely popular rising star Owen Mac has been performing since the age of 12 and has amassed over 360,000 followers on social media in the intervening years. With legions of fans all across Ireland, the UK, in the US and Canada, the 20-year-old sensation has been described as following in the same career path as Daniel O' Donnell. Owen cites Gene Watson and Rascal Flatts among those who inspired him to perform, but his greatest influence and advocate has been his parents and father, Dessie, is also a country music singer. Here the talented teenager counts his lucky stars and shares his gratitude to his family. To date Owen has released 7 studio albums with a brand new CD set for release in 2024. Owen has amassed an incredible 50 million YouTube views with songs like "Play Me the Waltz of the Angels", "My Mother" and "The Far Side Banks of Jordan" (Duet with Tony Allen) and has been a regular feature on well known TV shows on UTV, RTE and Sky. Join Owen live in concert for a magical evening of music and song where he will perform his trademark Country, Irish and Gospel hits.



performances / workshops / events / exhibitions

Springsteen - A Tribute

Presented by Springsteen - A Tribute



Saturday 25 May | 8pm | £20

Springsteen - A Tribute is Europe's biggest and best Bruce Springsteen tribute act.

Based in Ireland this six-piece band is comprised of top Irish session musicians and fronted by veteran American singer and guitarist Monte Thompson.

Having toured Ireland and the UK extensively since 2011 the band, led by Monte Thompson and Manager/Drummer Stephen Quinn, rebranded as Springsteen - A Tribute and has played to countless packed houses, gained widespread critical acclaim and is going from strength to strength.

With a reputation of authenticity and outstanding musicality, Springsteen - A Tribute is a breathtaking high energy show and a must see spectacle for all fans of The Boss.

Chronicles of Long Kesh by Martin Lynch

Presented by GBL Productions

Thursday 30 May | 8pm | £25
Recommended for ages 16+

The hilarious, painful, and shocking story of Northern Ireland's infamous prison - Long Kesh - is told through the eyes of prison officers, Republicans and Loyalists, a rich assortment of patriots, chancers, leaders, wives, escapers and hypochondriacs!



A huge crowd-pleaser, full of 1960's Mo-Town songs and wild, irreverent humour, this is the inside story of The Troubles. *Chronicles of Long Kesh* last played in Belfast in 2012 with a sold-out run and standing ovations every single night! The play has toured throughout Northern Ireland and was a smash hit at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

'Physical, loud, swears, funny, perfectly choreographed, terrifying and still, again, funny.' The Observer.

'Lights, Camera, Action'

Presented by Caroline Creggan Dance School



Saturday 1 June | 2pm and 7.30pm | £10

Dancers from Caroline Creggan Dance School return to the stage for their summer production of 'Lights, Camera, Action'. An entertaining performance of dance with genres ranging from, Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, Acro and more!

An uplifting and fun performance for all the family to enjoy!

Joseph The Musical

Presented by Superstars Drama Group



Saturday 8 June | 8pm | £10

Superstars Drama Group bring you the fabulous, "Joseph The Musical"!

The story is taken from the book of Genesis and is based on the life of Jacob's favourite son Joseph and his eleven brothers. Joseph is sold into slavery by his cruel brothers who are jealous when he reveals to them his dreams which foretell that he will rule over them. Joseph ends up imprisoned by an Egyptian nobleman where he uses his "gift" to interpret dreams and eventually becomes the Pharaoh's right-hand man. All is delivered with a great sense of humour and beautiful song and dance routines.

After a severe famine in the land, Joseph meets his brothers again when they come to ask for help from Pharaoh, who coincidentally is the very image of "Elvis"!! Uh huh, uh huh!! Of course, they don't recognise him! Joseph reveals his identity, and his brothers are truly repentant. As a result, Joseph's father, Jacob, comes to live with them and all are reunited. The final scene is one of great celebration and joy, song, and dance; this is a truly memorable show.

The Summer Country Show

Presented by JMG Music Group 

Thursday 13 June | 8pm | £26.50

Back by popular demand the hugely successful "Summer Country Show" returns for another night of toe-tapping magic and a stellar line-up.

Appearing on the show will be 6 of Ireland's top stars including the supreme Sligo vocalist Patrick Feeney, the wee man from Drumlish, Declan Nerney, the fiddling sensation Ritchie Remo with Hit the Diff, the Yodelling king Kenny Archer, the highly entertaining Curtis Magee, and young rising star Gavin Gribben.

All the acts will perform their trademark hits in the company of Ireland's top backing band Keltic Storm, making this a show you won't want to miss!



Happily Ever After

Presented by Dungannon Area AllStars



Saturday 15 June | 7.45pm | £13 (Adult) £11 (Concession) and £7 (Under 16)



The fabulous Dungannon Area AllStars theatre group for learning-disabled and autistic performers, bring you another hilarious family-friendly musical, inspired by the Shrek film trilogy about the wrongfulness of judging people by their appearances alone.

Will the giant succeed in rescuing the princess and saving the homes of the annoying fairytale characters that have been banished from their land? Find out while having the time of your life!

The Belfast Ma: Mother of the Groom

Presented by Belfast Ma Ltd

Friday 21 June | 8pm | £20 | Recommended for ages 15+

The Belfast Ma is back with her brand-new show *Mother of the Groom*. Enjoy the antics of everyone's favourite Ma, Sadie Devine as she prepares for the wedding of the year. Her favourite wee son Thomas is getting married to childhood sweetheart Kirsty and Sadie is determined to give them the best big day ever. She is all over everything, the cars, the flowers, the dress, the cake, the table plan, and of course the hen do. This is one wedding not to be missed, so grab your invitation, stick on your favourite hat, and celebrate the event of the year. Sure, it's gonna be a geg!



Ireland The Show

Presented by JMG Music Group 

Saturday 31 August | 8pm | £26.50

Now seen by a live audience of over 250,000 to nightly standing ovations and rave reviews, join an all-star Irish cast of highly talented singers and performers accompanied by the fabulous Keltic Storm band, and world champion Gael Force Irish dancers from an unmissable "Ireland the Show" that will take you on a rip-roaring journey through the decades of a globally loved culture.



The show will feature all the well-known ballads and sing-along like the Fields of Athenry, the Irish Rover, Galway Girl, The Black Velvet band, Danny Boy, and Whisky in the Jar to name but a small few from iconic artists like the Dubliners, the Pogues, Makem and Clancy, Luke Kelly, and Christy Moore.

Add to that a string of hilarious stories and jokes from our award-winning comedian Gary Gamble and his surreal impressions of Daniel O'Donnell, topped off with energetic reels and jigs from our fiddling maestro and the talented Keltic voice of Donegal singer Elaine Boyle, if it's all things Irish you like then this is the one stop show for you that's guaranteed to take you to Ireland and back in one night!

"Superb from start to finish and will have you clapping and singing all night long, this show is going to be a global success" - Stage Magazine

Paddy Raff - Gimme A Minute!

Presented by TSW Management



Friday 6 September | 8pm | £17
Recommended for ages 16+

Award-winning Northern Irish comedy sensation Paddy Raff is back on tour taking his brand new hilarious standup show 'Gimme a Minute!' on the road in 2024.

Having previously sold-out venues across the UK and Ireland, including a record six nights in Belfast's SSE Arena, Paddy's new show, featuring his own blend of storytelling, observational and musical comedy, is one not to be missed.



PERFORMANCES

Death by Design by Rob Urbinati

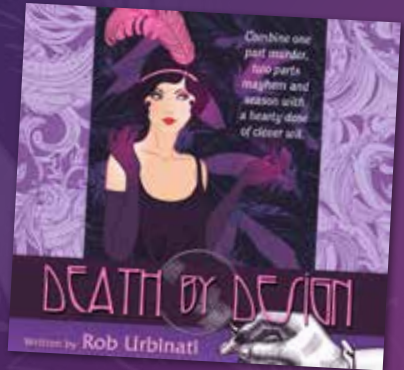
Presented by Belvoir Players

Saturday 7 September | 8pm
£15 / £12 Concession


What happens when you mix the brilliant wit of Noël Coward with the intricate plotting of Agatha Christie?

Set during a weekend in an English country manor in 1932, *Death by Design* is a delightful and mysterious "mash-up" of two of the greatest English writers of all time. Edward Bennett, a playwright, and his wife, Sorel Bennett, an actress, flee London and head to Cookham after a disastrous opening night. But various guests arrive unexpectedly – a conservative politician, a fiery socialist, a near-sighted ingénue, a zany modern dancer – each with a long-held secret. When one of the guests is murdered, it's left to Bridgit, the feisty Irish maid with a macabre interest in homicide, to solve the crime.

Death by Design is more than homage – it's a new classic.



Legends of American Country Show

Presented by JMG Music Group 

Saturday 14 September | 8pm | £25

Now seen by over 350,000 fans live and watched by millions on TV Europe's No.1 multi award-winning show "The Legends of American Country" returns for another fantastic night of toe tapping Country nostalgia.

The 2024 tour will showcase highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline, Charley Pride, Tammy Wynette and Kenny Rogers and new tributes to icons Hank Williams, Alan Jackson, Glen Campbell, Billie Joe-Spears, Garth Brooks, and Jim Reeves with countless other well-known sing-along hit songs in this must-see musical extravaganza.

The show features three superb singers in the young Kelan Browne, Tracey McAuley and Antony McBrien who are all accompanied by a superb live band of musicians with that real authentic Tennessee sound coupled with authentic stage set and state of the art production that is guaranteed to transport you all the way hand clapping and toe tapping to Nashville and back in one night.

One thing is for sure if it's Country music you like then this is the only show in town!

"As good as Country show that you will see live anywhere outside Nashville." - Country Music Northern Ireland



THE SHOW

Presented by Open Door Theatre 

Friday 20 & Saturday 21 September | 8pm | £15



Nobody does it like Carol... Again, she has masterminded a performance like no other... She reckons it's like the ole "Guest Teas" in the 70's .. An unforgettable showcase extravaganza... with an eclectic mix of comedy sketches, music, song, dance and more...

All proceeds for the "The Hub"

Evening will be compered by Carol Doey.

Sex In the City Hall

Presented by Diona Doherty and Sean Hegarty

Thursday 26 September | 8pm | £25 | Recommended for ages 16+

Callie, Lottie, Maddy and Sammy are four best friends who work together in City Hall. Well for now, because apparently one of them is getting fired in the morning. But which one?

Join the girls as they barricade themselves in City Hall overnight and say 'no surrender' to the powers that be. These women won't go down without a fight. It's all for one, and one for all.

From the writer of smash hit shows BRIDESMAIDS OF NORTHERN IRELAND and THE HEN DO, Diona Doherty and Sean Hegarty, bring you this laugh out loud, high energy comedy because sometimes... girls just wanna have fun.

Contains strong language.



The Man Who Swallowed a Dictionary

Presented by Green Shoot Productions

Friday 27 September | 7.30pm | £18 / £16 Concession

Following on from the outstanding success with, IN THE NAME OF THE SON in 2022, Green Shoot is delighted to be touring THE MAN WHO SWALLOWED A DICTIONARY, a new play by Bobby Niblock, about the life of ex UVF and PUP politician, David Ervine. This one-man show chronicles the remarkable life of Ervine, from the backstreets of East Belfast to Long Kesh prison to political negotiations at the White House and Downing Street. From his personal family tragedies to becoming the man who is widely regarded as the person who did most to deliver the Protestant working class to support the Good Friday Agreement.

As well as being an important figure in the history of Ulster loyalism, Ervine was also known for his grasp of the English language and capacity for using 'big words' in television interviews, hence the title of the play. It's a remarkable story, providing a great insight into not just the man but the Protestant community in the most turbulent period of the Troubles. Playwright, Bobby Niblock, who served time in prison alongside Ervine, has written several plays exploring the politics of the Protestant working class community.

PERFORMANCES



EVENTS

Easter Family Fun Day

Saturday 23 March | 12 noon – 2pm | FREE
ASD-friendly sessions from 10:30am – 11:30am

Our annual Easter Family Fun Day takes place on Saturday 23 March. The day is free to attend and has a packed schedule of arts and craft activities for kids, street entertainment and performances.

ASD-friendly sessions will take place from 10:30am – 11:30am.

Come along with the family to enjoy this free event.



EVENTS

Cultural Celebrations Showcase

A showcase of Highland dance, Great Highland Bagpipes, plus other entertainment and talks in a weekend celebration of culture, dance, music, and language.

Talk: “Tha Lang Dander”

Friday 28 June | 7.30pm | FREE | Booking essential

Deirdre Speer Whyte and John Hagan will deliver a talk ‘The Big Walk’ - a light look at the local history and characters in Ulster-Scots Orangeism in south Londonderry and east Tyrone.

Swing into Summer with the Highland Fling

with tutor Naomi Mitchell

Saturday 29 June | 10.30am – 12.30pm | FREE | Booking essential
10.30am – 11.30am: suitable for ages 5 – 8 years
11.30am – 12.30pm: suitable for ages 8 years +
1pm – 2pm: ASD-friendly session, open to all ages (with parent / carer)

Why not come along to a fun, introductory class on Highland dance, where boys and girls will learn the basic movements and steps and about the history behind the highland dance culture.

Naomi Mitchell, UKA qualified dance teacher of Sollus Highland Dancers based in Cookstown has competed across Northern Ireland and the UK, winning her pre-championships and placing in the top five in Ulster.

As well as competing Naomi has danced at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Garmisch Partenkirchen Tattoo (Germany) and the Walled City Tattoo.

Highland Bagpipe workshop

with tutor Andy McGregor

Saturday 29 June | 10.30am – 12.30pm | FREE
Booking essential | Suitable for ages 10+

This workshop will cover practice techniques, tuning and instrument maintenance. The workshop will be suitable for beginners to intermediate players. Ex Grade One Pipe Major Andy McGregor studied highland bagpipes in Edinburgh Castle. He has travelled extensively through his playing. France, Germany, Belgium, Russia, Canada and the United States, to name but a few. Andy has recorded

and performed alongside artists such as; Phil Cunningham, Aly Bain, The Chieftains, RTE Symphony Orchestra, Ulster Orchestra, and Phil Coulter. He is a current member of folk/rock band Pure Blarney. When he is not performing he runs a teaching programme and has taught many All Ireland and Ulster Champions. KasK Showcase - Andy McGregor and Declan Keegan, both members of folk/rock band Pure Blarney will also perform a mix of Scottish and Irish music on the Highland Bagpipes, Whistles, Vocals, Guitar. The repertoire will include energetic jigs and reels to haunting airs.



CLASSES / WORKSHOPS

The Art of Crochet - Advanced Level

with tutor Nancy Moreland of Nifty Needles

Saturdays 6,13, 20, 27 April | 10.30am – 1pm | £35 | Suitable for ages 16+

Learn some new crochet techniques to take your skills to the next level! Participants must be able to confidently crochet chains, double and treble stitches as well as the ability to read a crochet pattern.

Over the 4 workshops, participants will learn how to correctly work in rows and in rounds creating a lovely modern take on the traditional granny pattern shawl with a lacy effect edging.

Blocking your crochet shawl will truly allow your lace to bloom. Crocheting a pair of lacy mitts, will certainly complement your shawl.

Participants NEED to bring:

Weeks 1 & 2/Shawl – 200g DK yarn & 5 or 6mm Crochet Hook

Week 3 & 4/Mitts – 50g DK yarn & 4mm Crochet Hook

Watercolours

with tutor George Gourley

Wednesdays 17, 24 April & 1, 8 May | 7pm – 9pm | £40.00 | Suitable for ages 16+

Our popular watercolours classes return under the professional guidance of experienced local artist George Gourley. Classes are aimed at those new to watercolours as well as those with some knowledge.

George has extensive experience of working with all levels of ability sharing his unique style using tones of sepia with burnt sienna to add warmth to the finished masterpiece. Participants will work on tones and shades, moving on to drawing skills and composition arrangements.

All materials provided.

Participant feedback: *“Great teaching of technique. Everything explained and demonstrated really well. Lots of 1 to 1 time.”*

Give it a Go - Arts & Craft Sampling Workshops

with tutor Shauna McCann

Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 & Friday 10 May
10.30am – 12.30pm daily | £20 | Suitable for ages 16+

The Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre will host taster workshops to support mental health awareness week. Discover your creative side during 4 taster arts and craft workshops with tutor Shauna McCann. Workshops are open to all and will allow participants to express themselves artistically and explore new hobbies. Craft sessions will include an introduction into hand building with clay creating a traditional style cottage. Mandala fabric painting on reusable bags and to complete the creative week some glass painting. All items will be finished and ready to take home on the final day.



CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Kids get creative with clay

with tutor Martina Mc Gleenan

Saturdays 11 & 18 May | 10.30am – 12pm | £15 | Suitable for ages 8+



Join us for a fun and creative two-day workshop where children will get to express their love for family through the art of air-dry clay. Over the course of two workshops, participants will create two unique pieces – a sentimental plaque and a charming keyring or hanging ornament.

These creations will serve as heartfelt reminders of the importance of family. This workshop provides children with an opportunity to explore their creative side while expressing their feelings about family. It encourages both artistic and emotional expression, leaving participants with beautiful, sentimental keepsakes to cherish.

Acrylic painting

with tutor Brian Donaghy of Artworks

Tuesdays 14, 21 & 28 May & 4, 11 & 18 June | 7pm – 9pm | £45 | Suitable for ages 16+

This course is designed as an introduction for those new to acrylic painting. Offering the opportunity to practise and develop drawing skills, learn about mixing colour, and explore composition arrangements, all important elements in creating a painting. Various painting techniques will be explored over the 6 weeks.

Also welcome are the more seasoned painters who seek guidance in developing their individual projects.

Materials NOT provided; a list of requirements will be provided to participants.



Summer Floral Art workshop

with tutor Therese Quinn of Designs by Therese

Wednesday 15 May | 7pm – 9pm | £45 | Suitable for ages 16+



In this workshop, experienced local florist, Therese will guide participants step by step through the process of creating a fresh floral summer themed display to enhance any home.

Workshop is suitable for beginners or those with some floral arranging experience. Participants are asked to bring an apron, sharp scissors or secateurs and wire cutters.

All floral materials provided.

Dorset Button Making Workshop

with tutor Nancy Moreland of Nifty Needles

Saturday 1 June | 10.30am – 1.30pm | £20 | Suitable for ages 16+

Learn the ancient tradition of Button making that had been practiced in Dorset cottages during the 18th and 19th centuries. In 1851, this wonderful tradition died due to the invention of the button making machine.

You can make your Dorset button completely individual, customised to complement your garment. This workshop teaches you how to make the very simple hand stitch Cartwheel Dorset button.



Sewing for Beginners

with tutor Rachael Armstrong of Little Perch Designs

Wednesdays 5, 12, 19, 26 June & 3, 10 July | 7pm – 9pm | £50 | Suitable for ages 16+

Over the course of 6 weeks, participants will complete projects that enable them to learn basic skills which they will build on and develop so that they can sew independently. As well as learning how to thread a sewing machine, how to cut and prepare fabric, participants will learn how to finish a seam with a zig zag stitch, apply interfacing, create a hem by pressing and sewing and insert a zip. Participants will make their own fully lined Tote Bag, as well as a zippy bag. In the final weeks participants will use their newly acquired skills to make a nine-piece cushion cover.



Little Perch Designs will provide resources for the first project and will advise participants, on the first evening regarding materials they require thereafter.

Sewing machines provided for all classes.

Paverpol Sculpture

with tutor Gloria Perry of Urney Creations

Saturday 8 June | 10am – 4pm | £68.00 | Suitable for ages 16+

Create your own Paverpol sculpture for your home or garden. This class is for complete beginners and those who have used Paverpol before. You will make a unique sculpture for home or garden using: a cotton T-Shirt, wire, tinfoil, masking tape, T-shirt strips, Paverpol [textile hardener], pavercotton, paverplast, etc. Completed hardened sculptures are finished with dry brushing using acrylic paints. Please bring scissors, a large white 100% cotton T shirt (can pick one up in a charity shop, doesn't have to be new). You may wish to bring embellishments like lace, buttons, old jewellery, dried flowers, etc. Only if you have some at home, it can bring individuality to your creation! You will also need a box (shoe box size) to carry your creations home. Paverpol can get messy, so don't wear new clothes. Disposable aprons and gloves will be provided,



*Lunch break 1pm – 2 pm.
Lunch not provided.*

Lego Animation

with Can Do Academy

Saturday 22 June | 10.30am – 12.30pm | £15 | Suitable for ages 6+



Join Can Do Academy for their popular mini animation master class, a great introduction for the 6 + age group to the colourful world of Lego animation!

Participants will make a complete animated Lego film on an iPad, using sound effects, visual effects, titles, and lots of imagination!

Your child will learn to use special iPad apps and they will receive a copy of their film at the end of the session! They can bring their own Lego characters or use the ones supplied.

Creating animated cartoon characters on an iPad

with Can Do Academy

Saturday 22 June | 2pm – 4pm | £15
Suitable for ages 10+

This fun interactive workshop run by Can Do Academy will allow participants to draw and animate characters on an iPad using a dedicated app for children and young adults.

Everyone learns about the essentials of 2D animation from a professional, participants will be able to create a story for their animation and receive a digital copy of their film at the end of the session.

More info at candoacademy.co.uk



Mixed Media Summer Meadows

with tutor Lina Morgan of A Misty Kind of Blue

Saturday 6 July | 11am – 12.30pm | £10
Suitable for ages 4+ with parent / carer (ASD friendly)



Using acrylic painting techniques, you will create the foundation for your summer meadow. There will be a variety of materials to use for creating the summer flowers blooming in your meadow.

You can mix & match using tissue paper, felt, paper cut outs, foam shapes, cotton wool & even some artificial flowers. As well as tutor guidance there will also be an opportunity for you to create freely.

So get in the mood for summer with this colourful and fun creative activity!

July Summer Scheme

Kev F's Comic Art Masterclasses

with tutor Kev F Sutherland

Tuesday 23 July | 10:00am – 12:30pm OR 1.30pm – 4pm | £10 | Suitable for ages 7+

Kev F Sutherland has written and drawn for Beano, Doctor Who and Marvel comics, and now makes graphic novels adapted from Shakespeare. Kev will teach you how easy it is. Whatever stories you want to tell, Kev can teach you how.



At the end of a Comic Art Masterclass, participants take away a comic containing a strip by everyone in the class plus an individual caricature by Kev F.

Kids Fun Felting with tutor Andrea Hayes

Wednesday 24 July | 10:30am – 12:30pm | £10 | Suitable for ages 6+



Working with fluffy colourful merino wool fibres your child will be guided through the wet felting process to create their own artwork.

They will create a landscape with colours of their choice with the addition of some very cute woolly sheep.

Kid's Pastels with tutor Grace Scott

Thursday 25 & Friday 26 July | 10.30am – 12noon | £10 | Suitable for ages 10+

Enjoy two fun creative workshops with experience pastel painting artist Grace Scott. Learn the basic skills and techniques of pastel painting. Images will be provided of animals, flowers etc, however if you would like to capture your family pet, a favourite farm animal etc please bring along a good quality image, A4 size. Enjoy progressing your work into a finished piece!

All materials provided.



Summer Beach Mixed Media

with tutor Pamela Glasgow Baxter

Saturday 27 July | 10.30am – 12noon | £10 | Suitable for ages 6+
ASD-Friendly with parent / carer

Join artist Pamela Glasgow Baxter to create your very own summer beach mixed media board.

Let your imagination soar, using many different materials: i.e. paint, tissue paper, beads, shells, sand, fabric & wood to build your very own unique summer vista!



Tiffany Glass Robin

with tutor Shauna Mc Cann

Saturday 7 September | 10am – 1.30pm | £30 | Suitable for ages 16+

This introduction to Tiffany glass will offer participants the opportunity to explore new glass techniques ranging from cutting glass, grinding, and soldering.

Participants will create a robin-stained glass design which will then be soldered and attached to a stick to create a suncatcher.

All work will be complete to take home in this workshop.



Silk Painting

with tutor Andrea Hayes

Tuesdays 10, 17 & 24 September | 7pm-9pm | £45 | Suitable for ages 16+



In this workshop you'll discover how to paint freely onto silk. This will involve tracing and then outlining the image using gutta on stretched silk.

You will be guided through a variety of painting techniques using specialist paints. At the end of the workshop, you'll have an A4 sized silk painting to take home.

Example images will be provided but you are welcome to bring reference images or ideas (A4 sized) to use as a starting point.

Silver Stacking rings

with tutor Diane Lyness

Saturday 14 September | 10am – 4pm | £50 | Suitable for ages 16+

Returning due to popular demand, goldsmith Diane Lyness will guide you through the process of designing and make unique stacking rings. Each participant will be taught traditional jewellery making techniques such as piercing, soldering, shaping, texturing, and polishing to create a beautiful piece of jewellery to take home. No previous experience is required. Please bring an apron and bundles of enthusiasm!

*All materials provided.
There will be a short break for
lunch. Lunch not provided.*



Watercolours with tutor George Gourley

Wednesdays 18, 25 September & 2, 9 October | 7pm – 9pm | £40
Suitable for ages 16+

The very popular watercolour classes return under the guidance of local artist George Gourley, member of the Ulster Watercolour Society.



George has over the years developed a style and technique that sets his work apart in the discipline of Watercolour. His work revolves around elements of the Irish landscape and people that are now lost or rapidly disappearing. As a teacher of 35 years George has extensive experience of all ability levels and working with a limited pallet of two colours.

*Classes suit beginners as well as experienced painters.
All materials provided.*

Pastel Painting

with tutor Grace Scott

Saturday 21 September | 10am – 3pm | £25
Suitable for ages 16+

We are delighted to present a one-day pastel painting workshop facilitated by a very talented local artist, Grace Scott.

This one-day workshop is aimed primarily at beginners who will be taken step by step through the process of producing your own pastel painting. The more experienced pastel painters are also welcome.

A great way to take time out, relax, and explore your creative side.

All materials provided.



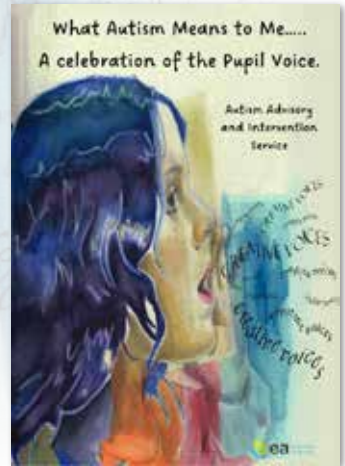
EXHIBITIONS @ the BURNAVON

Creative Voices: What autism means to me

Presented by Education Authority Autism Advisory and Intervention Service

Wednesday 3 April – Monday 29 April

To celebrate Autism Acceptance Month, the Education Authority Autism Advisory and Intervention Service Art Exhibition will open for viewing in the Burnavon Theatre Cookstown from 3 April 2024 to 29 April 2024. The theme of the exhibition is 'Creative Voices: What Autism means to me' and features over 100 pieces of artwork from autistic post-primary pupils throughout Northern Ireland. The aims of the exhibition are to empower our young people, to showcase their incredible creative talents, to listen to the 'pupil voice' and for the wider community to learn more about autism from the personal perspective of our autistic pupils. This exhibition is not to be missed!



Disability and Inclusive Arts

Presented by BEAM Creative Network and clients from multiple centres, satellite units and hubs

Wednesday 1 May – Friday 31 May



Through Mid Ulster District Councils Community Arts Plan artists from BEAM Creative Network have been able to work with clients from multiple centres, satellite units and hubs, on an exciting creative project.

All the clients have been hands on in creating many artworks from textile art to clay. This collaboration of work will be exhibited in the Burnavon during May 2024 and then returning to the relevant centres as permanent pieces for everyone to enjoy.

Sensory Infusion

Presented by The Big White Coach Events Company

Monday 3 June – Friday 28 June

As part of Mid Ulster District Council's Community Arts Plan, the Big White Coach Events Company delivered a sensory arts programme to special schools and specialist provision within mainstream schools to students.

The students were given the opportunity to explore different sensory art forms and learn new skills to enable creation of individual and collaborative creative pieces. Artworks and different art forms included music, colour exploration and creative expression to meet the needs of each student in exploring new sensory art skills. Examples of some of the work produced in schools will be on display throughout the month of June and in various formats to make the exhibition as accessible as possible.



Eimear McKee Art Exhibition

Presented by Eimear McKee

Monday 2 September – Friday 27 September

Eimear McKee from The Redbarns outside, The City of Armagh, comes from a rural background with her father and grandfather being farmers. She has vivid childhood memories of being outside and spending time on the farm and surrounded by beautiful nature. This sparked her interest and passion in Fine Art Mixed Media painting inspired by natural forms. With much of her work revolving around natural forms and local landmarks her work is completely unique and the broad colour palette she uses to create her work stands out from other artists and reflects the bold, fascinating colours of natural form and the colours found within.



As a busy Head of Art and Design Department in Holy Trinity College, Cookstown, Eimear still makes time to focus on her passion for Fine Art, this will be her first exhibition to the public displaying her most recent collection of works.

HOST YOUR NEXT CONFERENCE OR EVENT AT THE BURNAVON



Situated right in the heart of Mid Ulster, The Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre is just the ticket for your next performance, conference, exhibition, meeting, or training day.

We offer a range of rooms and packages to suit all tastes and budgets. Our Events Team, which includes dedicated technical staff, will ensure that your event runs smoothly and that all your requirements are met in a professional and timely manner.

The auditorium, studio space or exhibition area can all be hired at competitive rates. Catering can be provided to accommodate your specific requests and any special dietary requirements.

For more information contact our Events Team on **028 8676 9949** (option 4) or email burnavon@midulstercouncil.org



General Information

How to Book

At the Box Office:

Tel: 028 8676 9949

Opening Hours: Monday – Saturday
9am – 5pm and 1hr before
scheduled performances

Book Online:

www.burnavon.com

24hrs a day, 7 days a week

Please Note: Tickets can be
posted for a 50p fee.

In Person:

The Burnavon, Burn Road,
Cookstown, BT80 8DN

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Once purchased, tickets cannot be exchanged or money refunded. Management also reserves the right to alter or cancel performances without prior notice if circumstances make this unavoidable. Where a performance goes ahead we accept no responsibility for tickets that are unable to be used due to circumstances outside of our control, e.g., customer error, inclement weather or transport difficulties.

General Information

Concessions

Where applicable, concession rates are clearly identified as part of the ticket price for the show and apply to under 16s and over 60s, unless otherwise indicated. If you have a concession ticket, remember to bring photo identification for proof of age at the performance.

Children at Performances

The Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre is a family-friendly venue. Under two's (babes in arms) will only be admitted free of charge to productions aimed at children and must have an allocated seat ticket issued by the Box Office in compliance with the facility's Health and Safety requirements. Buggies and carrycots are not permitted in the auditorium. Please check show information for age suitability prior to booking.

School & Group Bookings

If you are a school or a group of 10 or more, contact the Box Office to find out if a discount is available for your booking.

Accessibility

Full details on accessibility are available at www.burnavon.com/your-visit/accessibility Or contact our Box Office on 028 867 69949 for information or any queries.

The theatre is fully accessible meeting DDA legislative standards. The theatre has also been awarded the Arts & Disability Equality Charter and the RNIB Model of Excellence. The facility is also approved by the William Keown Trust and Adapt NI and includes designated seating and induction loop hearing system in auditorium, lift and specially adapted WC. Please make

your requirements known at time of booking so that staff can best assist. This brochure is available in alternative formats such as Braille, CD, on audio tape and in large print on request. To receive a copy, contact Box Office on 028 8676 9949.

Data Protection

The personal details required to administer your booking will be securely stored by the Burnavon. Please inform us if you do not wish to receive Burnavon information. We will not pass on your details to other arts organisations unless you have given your permission to do so.

All information detailed within the Burnavon Season Programme is correct at time of going to print. From time to time additional events may be added and patrons are advised to check out www.burnavon.com for new performances, exhibitions & workshops.

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Hire Symbol

This show is a hire performance from an independent organisation.

The Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre have recently been presented with the Autism NI Autism Impact Award. This award is bestowed upon the Burnavon as a result of their efforts to create a more 'Autism friendly environment' for their customers.



Take a **Seat**

Main Auditorium Seating Plan

Please note:

Please inform Box Office at the time of booking if you have any particular access requirements. Further information on accessibility at the Burnavon can be found at www.burnavon.com/your-visit/accessibility

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