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March - September 2025 Programme



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WELCOME TO THE NEXT SEASON

One of the highlights of the programme is the annual St Patrick's Celebrations Concert which takes place on Friday 7 March. An evening of lively Irish traditional and folk music awaits as the concert is headlined by Tiny Green Island. Also performing are local traditional musicians Michael Conlon and Deirbhile Canavan, children from the Traditional Music in Schools Programme with Donald Canavan (supported through Mid Ulster District Council Arts Programme) and talented Irish dancer, Niamh Fox who is current Irish National Champion and Ulster Champion. Malachi Cush will compère the event

As always, there is a packed programme of workshops, exhibitions and activities for families and school children. An action-packed Easter Family Fun Day takes place on Saturday 12 April (from 12 noon - 2pm) with a Quiet Hour from 10.30am -11.30am. Mr Hullabaloo, the magical storyteller is back on the Burnavon stage during the Easter holidays (Wednesday 23 April) with 'Spring into Spring'. And why not wear your favourite Superhero costume and join us for the interactive, theatrical experience 'Rise of the Superhero' which comes to the Burnavon Theatre for the first time on Saturday 7 June.

There is also lots on offer for country music fans with 'A Night with the Country Stars' (24 April), 'The Ultimate Shindig' (31 May), The Summer Country Show' (12 June), and 'The Legends of American Country Show' (13 September).

If you enjoy music from the 1950s and 60s, then you will love Martin Lynch's new comedy with music 'Thursdays with Elvis' on 3 April and 'The Soda Popz 1950s Rock'n'Roll Show' which is coming to the Burnavon stage on Saturday 20 September!

Finally, Paddy Raff is back entertaining audiences with his new show 'Here's One for Ya!' on Saturday 27 September. We look forward to welcoming you to the Burnayon 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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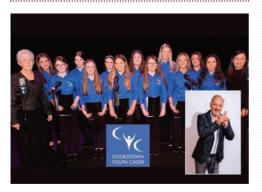
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Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 April & 6 May	Genealogy and Family History Research	25	Adult Workshop
Tuesday 1 April – Tuesday 29 April	Sensory Art programme in Special Schools	36	Exhibition
Thursday 3 April	Thursdays with Elvis	9	Musical Comedy
Saturday 5 April	Tullylagan Pipe Band Concert	10	Music
Saturday 12 April	Easter Family Fun Day	20	Event
Saturday 19 April	Patchwork Bunny Rabbit	25	Children's Workshop
Saturday 19 April	Easter Calligraphy	26	Adult Workshop
Wednesday 23 April	Mr Hullabaloo's: Spring into Spring	10	Family Show
Thursday 24 April	A Night with the Country Stars	11	Music
Saturday 26 April	The Snapper	11	Comedy Drama
Saturday 26 April	Silver Necklace / Earring Making	26	Adult Workshop
Tuesdays 29 April & 6, 13, 20, 27 May & 3 June	'An Mhaidin Ghaelach' / IrishLanguage Social Group	27	Adult Workshop
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May & 3, 10 June			
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Saturday 3 May	An Ciorcal Comhrá Mór / The Big Conversation Circl	e 21	Event
Thursday 8 & Friday 9 May	Sperrin Gold!	12	Music
Saturday 10 May	The Art of Paint Effects (one-day)	28	Adult Workshop
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Tuesdays 13, 20, 27 May & 3 June	Traditional Set Dancing	29	Adult Workshop
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Friday 23 May	James Bradley: Album Launch	14	Music
Saturday 24 May	REACH Worship Night	14	Music
Thursday 29 May	The Belfast Ma: Away Play Round Your Own Door	15	Comedy Drama
Saturday 31 May	The Ultimate Shindig!	15	Music
Monday 2 June – Monday 30 June	Grace Scott Art Exhibition	37	Exhibition
Saturday 7 June	Rise of the Superhero	16	Family Show
Wednesdays 11,18, 25 June & 2 July	Watercolours	30	Adult Workshop
Thursday 12 June	The Summer Country Show	16	Music
Saturday 14 June	Superstars: Follow That Dream!	17	Drama
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Monday 21 July	Happy Skies (ASD-Friendly)	31	Children's Workshop
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Tuesday 22 July	"Up Up and Away": Summer Kite Workshop (ASD-Friendly)	32	Children's Workshop
Wednesday 23 July	Lá Spraoi / Irish Language Fun Day	21	Event
Wednesday 23 July	Lego Education Workshops (ASD-Friendly)	33	Children's Workshop
Thursday 24 & Friday 25 July	Pastel Painting for Kids	33	Children's Workshop
Saturday 26 July	Minecraft Summer Coding Camp (ASD-Friendly)	34	Children's Workshop
Tuesdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 September	Silk Painting	34	Adult Workshop
Wednesdays 3 & 10 September	Wet Felting: Create an Autumn Forest	35	Adult Workshop
Saturday 13 September	Legends of American Country Show	18	Music
Saturday 13 September	Pastel Painting for Adults (one-day)	35	Adult Workshop
Saturday 20 September	The Soda Popz 1950s Rock 'n' roll Show!	18	Music
Wednesdays 24 September & 1, 8, 15 October	er Pastel Painting for Adults (four-weeks)	36	Adult Workshop
Saturday 27 September	Paddy Raff: Here's One for Ya!	19	Comedy

Cookstown Youth Choir in Concert with Peter Corry (H)

Presented by Cookstown Youth Choir



Cookstown Youth Choir is delighted to welcome as special guest, Peter Corry. Peter has travelled the globe with his unique sound and timeless classics. His astonishing talent spans the great musicals, opera, rock, jazz and the haunting melodies of his native isle.

With violinist Plunkett McGartland, traditional musician Oisin McCann, and the Youth Choir's varied programme, this concert promises to be an evening of top-quality entertainment.

Truth, Love or Promise (H)

Presented by Nuala McKeever



To celebrate 40 years of Cruse Bereavement's support work, Nuala McKeever presents her smash hit comedy drama – *Truth, Love or Promise.* In this powerful, poignant and hilarious one woman show, Nuala plays 3 women who meet at a Creative Writing class in Belfast.

Over the weeks, Brenda, Maureen and Joanna get to know each other through their stories. But it's the things they're leaving out, that really tell the tale.

This play deals sensitively with themes of loss, grief and how to deal with life when it doesn't turn out the way you expected. There will be a post-show chat with Nuala.

This performance is a fundraiser in aid of Cruse Bereavement Support



Date: Saturday 1 March **Show Time:** 7.30pm

Tickets: £15

Date: Saturday 8 March Show Time: 2pm

Tickets: £18 / £15 Concession

Suitable for ages 14+





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ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION CONCERT

TINYGREEN SLAND

Performances on the night from Traditional Music in Schools, dancers, and other local groups

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7 MARCH TIME

8 PM

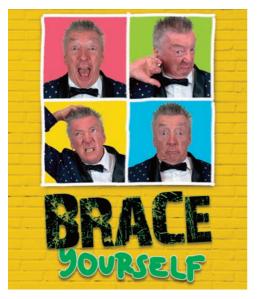
TICKETS

£12.00 £10.00 concession



Conal Gallen -Brace Yourself (H)

Presented by Little Round Records

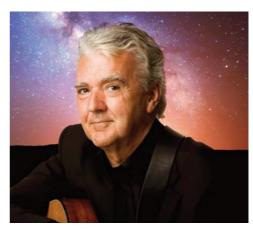


Multi-Award-Winning Irish comedian Conal Gallen is back on tour this year with his hilarious one-man stand-up show. Conal is well known for his hilarious humour and has been entertaining audiences worldwide for over 30 years. Book your seats now to secure your place at a night filled with unforgettable laughter.

Dates: Thursday 13 & Friday 14 March Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £25

An Evening with Johnny McEvoy in Concert (H)

Presented by Tom Kelly Promotions



The term 'living legend' is sometimes loosely accredited to artists in the music business but certainly not when people speak about Johnny McEvoy.

Johnny's songs are hauntingly beautiful and evocative, always presented with an individuality that is unmistakably his own unique style. One can truthfully state that Johnny has been one of the most enduring and talented singer songwriters in the Folk/Ballad genre in Ireland over the past 50 years. His concert performances are second to none. The lyrical clarity of Johnny's vocals combined with gentle backing from excellent musicians is a joy to listen to and ensures a wonderful and joyful evening of 'Song and Story'

Date: Saturday 15 March Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £30

Box Office: 028 8676 9949

Give My Head Peace (H)

Presented by David Hull Promotions



After numerous sell-out tours across Northern Ireland last year, the Give My Head Peace team return to the stage with a brand-new live show for 2025.

You will meet your favourite characters from Ulster's best-loved dysfunctional family. Da, Cal, Ma, Dympna, Billy the Peeler, Pastor Begbie and Sandy the Kneebreakers barman.

There will be up to the minute satire, top class stand-up from Tim McGarry, silly plots and the occasional song. Give My Head Peace is a firm favourite for all the family. It's a night of riotous fun with guaranteed laughs. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Dates: Friday 21 & Saturday 22 March

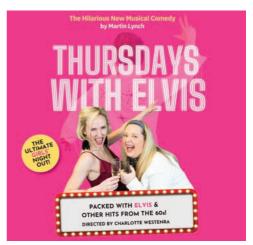
Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £27.50

Suitable for ages 16+



THURSDAYS WITH ELVIS by Martin Lynch

Presented by GBL Productions



Lana is a single mother of 12-year-old Libby. She struggles with the cost of living and the rising price of Prosecco, whilst trying to survive on Universal Credit.

She can't even afford a night out. So, every Thursday night she and her wee Christian friend, Mary Magdalene Miriam, doll themselves up and have a wee drink and listen to Lana's mother's music from the 1950s and 60s. She gets the shock of her life when one Thursday night Elvis appears - and returns every week. Is this rock n' roll apparition real, imagined or an impersonator sent by her Elvisobsessed father?

Music features strongly in this comedy with Lana singing some of the greatest female songs of the 50s and 60s.

Date: Thursday 3 April

Show Time: 8pm

Tickets: £25

Tullylagan Pipe Band Concert (H)

Presented by Tullylagan Pipe Band



Join Tullylagan Pipe Band for a brilliant evening of pipe band entertainment at the Burnavon Theatre in Cookstown on Saturday 5th April. As well as the Tullylagan senior and development bands and learners' group, the concert will also include performances from Queen Elizabeth Pipe Band (Castledawson) and William Kerr Memorial Pipe Band.

Mr Hullabaloo's Spring into Spring

Presented by Mr Hullabaloo



Celebrate the joy and magic of Spring with Mr Hullabaloo the Magical storyteller!

This enchanting family stage show combines the magic of live storytelling together with puppetry, music, movement, and lots of fun surprises!

Come meet Mr Hullabaloo, Jingles the Jester, Bobbin the Bear, Dotty the Cook, Troubleena and who knows even the Easter Bunny might hop along to say a great big hello! This show is just blooming full of fun so why not put a Spring in your step and hop on over when Mr Hullabaloo and friends come to town!

Date: Saturday 5 April **Show Time:** 8pm

Tickets: Adult £15 / Children £10

Date: Wednesday 23 April **Show Time:** 1pm

Tickets: £8



A Night with the Country Stars (H)

Presented by JMG Music Group

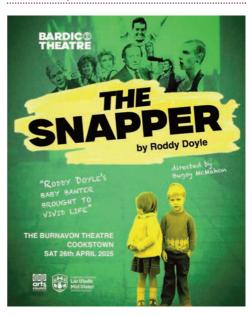


"A Night with the Country Stars" returns for another night of toe-tapping magic featuring six super acts all on one show. The line-up includes Robert Mizzell, Patrick Feeney, the hilarious Gary Gamble, Kathy Durkin, rising star Gavin Gribben and local singer Justin Mc Gurk, all accompanied by Keltic Storm Band.

Date: Thursday 24 April Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £27

THE SNAPPER (H)

Presented by Bardic Theatre



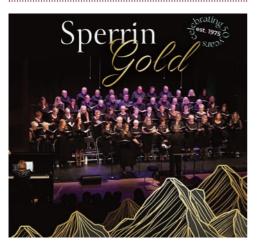
Bardic Theatre is proud to present the N. Ireland Premiere of Roddy Doyle's timeless comedy, *The Snapper*, directed by Bugsy Mc Mahon! This hilarious and feel-good show follows the chaotic adventures of the Rabbitte family as Sharon Rabbitte's unexpected pregnancy sets the whole neighbourhood buzzing with gossip. With Doyle's signature wit and unforgettable characters, *The Snapper* is a laugh-out-loud celebration of family, love, and community. Directed by Bugsy Mc Mahon

Date: Saturday 26 April Show Time: 8pm Tickets: Adult £18 / Concession £15 Suitable for ages 14+



Sperrin Gold! (H)

Presented by The Sperrin Choir



The Sperrin Choir return to the stage with their 50th Anniversary programme, Sperrin Gold! Established in 1975 as the Regan Singers, the choir has been delighting audiences since, and now bring a programme that will transport you on a journey through the last fifty years. The chosen choral works seek to honour the memory of the former conductors Mrs Margaret Regan and Mr George Johnston, as well as enthral audiences with songs they have enjoyed over the last twenty years with current conductor Sam Cuddy. Join the Choir as History meets Harmony in Sperrin Gold! The Thursday (8 May) performance will feature the South Ulster Community Band. The Friday (9 May) performance will feature Sperrin Kidz and Sperrin Youth Choir.

Date: Thursday 8 & Friday 9 May

Show Time: 8pm

Tickets: Adult £15 / Concession £12

SCHOOLS SHOW: Myths of the Vikings

Presented by Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre



Meet Odin, King of the Gods, Thor with his Magic Hammer and, Loki the Trickster.

Viking stories are intriguing for children who love a good story from long ago, when Giants ruled the earth and myth, and legends were being made....

Rod Puppets and Shadow Theatre bring these wonderful stories to life.

Complimentary tickets for teachers.

Date: Tuesday 13 May

Show Times: 10am & 11.30am

Tickets: £3

Suitable for ages 5+



SCHOOLS SHOW: Tales of Ancient Egypt

Presented by Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre



Join our Explorer as he enters the tomb in search of the story of the First MUMMMMMMY......

Flesh out the stories behind the artefacts left in the tombs from this fascinating era. A story of Sibling rivalry, trickery and magic. And great Loyalty. We have 2 brothers - Osiris the King and Seth, the brother who wants to be King....at any cost...... so starts the story of the creation of the first Mummy.....

This wonderful show weaves together the elements that illustrate this incredible time in Ancient History, a time that brought us the Pyramids of Giza and the beautiful artefacts that illustrate stories from so long ago.

Complimentary tickets for teachers.

Date: Wednesday 14 May Show Times: 10am & 11.30am Tickets: £3

Suitable for ages 5+



Mid Ulster School of Music 20 Year Celebration (H)

Presented by MUSM



Join Mid Ulster School of Music as they celebrate twenty successful years of Mid Ulster School of Music. With special guests and performance pieces from Burnavon shows over the last two decades. The evening will feature songs from Taylor Swift, Disney and several West End shows such as Wicked and Matilda. A show for all the family to enjoy.

Date: Saturday 17 May Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £20

James Bradley Album Launch (H)

Presented by James Bradley



After the success of his debut album - "Bright Lights on Broadway" James and his amazing band take to the stage, yet again, with the release of his latest Album - 'Summertime Sun & Sandy Beaches'. Since the last album launch in the Burnavon, Bradley has recorded an EP - Back to Being Me, as well as his Second Album - "Dance Between the Raindrops" which were both released during lockdown.

This Launch of his latest collection of songs will give Bradley the chance to perform with his full band who are an amazing talent. Paul Casey will support on the night.

Date: Friday 23 May Show Time: 8pm

Tickets: £20 / Children £15

REACH Worship Night (H)

Presented by REACH



REACH (Responding to All with Christ Centered Hope) are hosting an evening of Praise & Worship featuring local singers and musicians. Danny Roberts from Logos Ministries International will be guest speaker.

Date: Saturday 24 May **Show Time:** 7.30pm **Tickets:** £5

The Belfast Ma: Away Play Round Your Own Door

Presented by Belfast Ma Productions



A new comedy written by Tom Rowntree-Finlay and Thomas McCorry. Starring TIKTOK sensation Paul Nugent.

The Belfast Ma is back with Away Play Round Your Own Door! A hilarious 5-star comedy hit. This number one sell out show tells the story of a wee Belfast Street. The people, the secrets, the craic, the neighbours, the families, the husband and of course the bingo as seen from the eyes of everyone's favourite Sadie Devine.

Date: Thursday 29 May Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £22

Suitable for ages 15+



The Ultimate Shindig! (H)

Presented by JMG Music Group



Join an all-star cast of musicians and singers including the brilliant Keltic Storm band, the hilarious Gary Gamble, Ritchie Remo, vocalist Elaine Boyle and renowned Belfast busker John Garrity as they perform high energy hits and ballads in tribute to household names like The Pogue's, The Saw Doctors, The Fureys, The Tumbling Paddies, The Proclaimers, The Waterboys, Christy Moore, The Horslips, Luke Kelly and many more for the ultimate one night feel good hooley!

"High Energy, Folk n Roll at its best"

Date: Saturday 31 May

Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £26.50

Rise of the Superhero

Presented by Inspire ME Entertainment



An interactive, theatrical experience like no other! In a world where bravery knows no bounds, "Cosmic Captain" is about to embark on her most exhilarating mission yet – training the next generation of Superheroes. So, why not learn from THE BEST?

As she teams up with her crime-fighting colleagues, you'll discover what it truly takes to become a protector of the universe. Come on down and join Earth's Strongest Heroes where it's not just about power and skill, but about the superhero within!

With laughs, action and maybe even a little dancing, there's fun for ALL the family! There will be a post-show meet & greet with the superheroes. Wear your favourite superhero costume and be sure to bring along your biggest muscles AND your best dance moves!

Date: Saturday 7 June Show Time: 2pm Tickets: £10



The Summer Country Show (H)

Presented by JMG Music Group



Get the Stetsons and Sombreros ready as "The Summer Country Show" returns to the Burnavon Theatre for another night of toe-tapping magic with five of Irelands top country stars in one unmissable show. The stellar line-up wouldn't look out of place in Nashville, Tennessee includes Declan Nerney, Mick Flavin, Raymond Kelly, Curtis Magee and Boxcar Brian who each showcase their trademark songs in the company of Irelands multi-award-winning band, Keltic Storm.

Date: Thursday 12 June Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £26.50

Superstars: Follow That Dream! (H)

Presented by Superstars Drama Group



Superstars Drama Group takes to the stage with another spectacular performance "Follow That Dream" which tells the story of the Superstars themselves as they set out to create an exciting new show. Real life gets a liberal sprinkling of theatre magic! As we take you behind the scenes in this original Superstars production.

Follow the intrepid Superstars as they tackle every challenge with enthusiasm, skill and humour. This joyful journey filled with singing and dancing reminds us of all of what we can achieve together if we follow our dream

Date: Saturday 14 June Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £10

In the Spotlight (H)

Presented by Caroline Creggan Dance School



All your favourite music icons and legends are going to be 'In the Spotlight'.

Get ready for an evening of dance to all the greatest hits performed by dancers from Caroline Creggan Dance School. Dance styles on display include Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Acro showcased to all the iconic hits and music legends through the years.

Date: Saturday 21 June

Show Times: 2pm and 7:30pm

Tickets: £10

Legends of American Country Show (H)

Presented by JMG Music Group



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 upcoming tour showcases highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, Tammy Wynette and Kenny Rogers and new tributes to icons Alan Jackson, Shania Twain, Garth Brooks, The Chicks and the new kid on the block Luke Combs with countless other well-known singalong hit songs in this must-see musical extravaganza.

Date: Saturday 13 September

Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £26

The Soda Popz 1950s Rock 'n' roll Show! (H)

Presented by Michelle B-Creative Agency



Calling all you Jailhouse rockers! Get ready to shake, rattle and roll with the sensational Soda Popz band, with an electrifying night of vintage Rock'n'roll!

Paying an authentic tribute to the hottest hits from the fabulous 50s and swinging 60s, this nostalgic show will have you singing along and dancing in the aisles with music from iconic artists such as Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, The Drifters, Connie Francis, Elvis and many more! So put your glad rags on and enjoy a thrilling night with the best retro experience around!

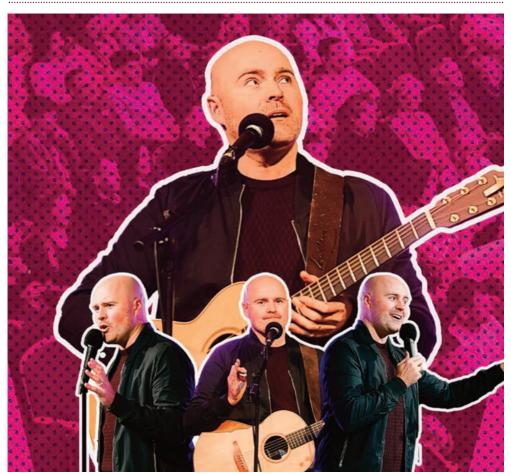
Date: Saturday 20 September

Show Time: 8pm

Tickets: £21.50

Paddy Raff - Here's One For Ya! (H)

Presented by NI COMEDY



Paddy Raff is hitting the road again in 2025 following the success of his last show, the biggest selling NI stand-up comedy tour of 2024 seen by a whopping 15,000+ people! With more comedy songs, hilarious tales of fatherhood, his former wedding band antics, musings on modern life and another musical visit from Nigel, the King of BT9 – 'Here's One for Ya!' isn't just a stand-up gig, it's a show not to be missed.

Date: Saturday 27 September

Show Time: 8pm Tickets: £18 Suitable for ages 16+







12 Noon - 2pm

QUIET HOUR

from 10.30am - 11.30am

Music & Entertainment
Arts & Crafts Workshops
Face Painting
& more!



An Ciorcal Comhrá Mór / The Big Conversation Circle

Presented by Mid Ulster District Council



Deis do ghrúpaí comhrá Gaeilge áitiúla teacht le chéile chun smaointí a roinnt agus a gcuid Gaeilge labhartha a chleachtadh.

An opportunity for local Irish language speaking groups to come together and exchange ideas whilst practicing their spoken Irish.

Lá Spraoi / Irish Language Fun Day

Presented by Mid Ulster District Council



Lá spraoi do pháistí ó R5 – Bliain 10 le gníomhaíochtaí chun a gcuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh agus cairdis nua a chruthú.

Irish language fun day for children from Primary 5 – year 10 with activities to practice their Irish and make new friends.

Dates: Dé Sathairn an 3 Bealtaine / 3 May Time: 11am – 1pm Tickets: FREE (Booking Essential)

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Date: Dé Céadaoin an 23 Iúil / 23 July

Time: 10am - 2pm Tickets: £3

Suitable for Primary 5 - Year 10+

What is the Orange Order?

A Talk by David Scott



David Scott is Outreach & Services Manager for The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland. During this interesting talk David will discuss what The Orange Order is, when it was formed and its core beliefs.

David will also cover where the name originated from, and how the organisation has evolved over the years to now have Grand Lodges in countries right across the world such as Scotland, England, the United States of America, West Africa, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

Dates: Thursday 26 June Time: 7.30pm Tickets: £5 Suitable for all

Once Upon a Tartan Workshop

With tutor Shirlie Gregg



Shirlie Gregg is the Education Officer for the Ulster-Scots Agency. Tell your family's story through the creation of a tartan design!

During this workshop, participants will learn about the Ulster-Scots background and the history of tartan, create your own family tartan, and take a walk through the gallery of finished designs. 'Design Your Own Tartan' workshop will be delivered by the Ulster-Scots Agency in partnership with Mid Ulster District Council

ASD-Friendly Workshop.

Date: Saturday 28 June Time: 10.30am – 12 Noon

Tickets: £3

Suitable for ages 8 – 11 years with parent/carer

Ceramic Garden Flowers

With tutor Diane McCormick



Design and make a set of two unique ceramic flowers (bird feeders or drinkers) for your garden. Made in high fired ceramic and finished in colours of your choice these pieces will brighten up a corner of your garden even in the depths of winter. Each flower is 15-20cm in diameter. Participants will learn the fundamentals of working with clay slabs, using textured stamps and patterns to embellish the surface and use of moulds to create different form. Day 1 is making with clay and day 2 focuses on how to use different underglaze colours and glazes on the fired piece. Finished with a painted metal stalk they make ideal gifts for family or friends.

Dates: Saturday 1 & Saturday 8 March
Time: 10am – 1pm (Day 1) and 10am – 12 noon
(Day 2)

Tickets: £58

Suitable for ages 16+



Next Steps Sewing: Quilted Waistcoats

With tutor Rachael Armstrong



Over the course of four weeks, participants will build on foundation sewing skills and learn how to make a quilted waistcoat.

Participants will learn the basics of simple quilting as well as beginner dressmaking techniques such as selecting and cutting fabric using a pattern, following dressmaking pattern instructions and constructing your garment using a sewing machine.

Date: Wednesdays 19 & 26 March, 2 & 9 April Time: 7pm – 9pm Tickets: £45

Suitable for ages 16+



Mother's Day Hearts

With tutor Lina Morgan of a Misty Kind of Blue



Create a heart shaped gift box for your mum this Mother's Day. During this fun and creative workshop participants will get the opportunity to paint, draw and glue. There will be a variety of materials to choose from to decorate your Mother's Day Hearts box to make it unique. A gift pretty enough on its own or to be filled with treats!

Parent / carer required to attend with child at no cost.

Date: Saturday 22 March Time: 11am – 12:30pm

Tickets: £8

Suitable for ages 4 – / years



Mother's Day Flowers

With tutor Lina Morgan of a Misty Kind of Blue



Flowers or art for Mother's Day? No need to choose, just create an artwork that can hold flowers! During this workshop participants will sculpt a flower vase using paper cups, tape, and paper and then paint in acrylics. Pop some hand-made flowers into the vase to finish the 3D art piece and you'll have an arrangement that will last for years!

Date: Saturday 22 March Time: 2pm – 3:30pm Tickets: £8

Suitable for a



Genealogy and Family History Research

With tutor Eileen Quinn



Discover the tools and techniques to explore your ancestry in this interactive course. Over six weeks, participants will learn how to research a variety of historical records including BMD, census, and land records, use genealogy websites, and DNA genealogy to build, preserve and share a family history. Perfect for beginners or enthusiasts, this journey will help attendees uncover and celebrate your unique family heritage!

Tickets: £25

Patchwork Bunny Rabbit

With tutor Shauna McCann



Come along and make your own patchwork rabbit. Just in time for Easter. Using a selection of fabrics, glues and markers, children will have fun stuffing their bunnies and decorating them to create their own rabbit characters. A fun and creative workshop with a new bunny rabbit to take home after.

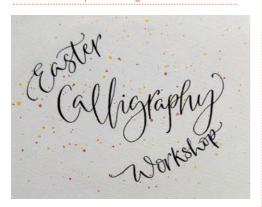
Parent / carer required to attend with child at no cost.

Date: Saturday 19 April Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm Tickets: £10



Easter Calligraphy

With tutor MaryClare Fitzgerald



Modern calligraphy is a versatile and calming craft, suitable for all. Discover how to create beautiful writing with a pointed nib and ink. In this Easter workshop participants will learn the basic letterforms and how to use them for cards, gift tags and place settings using brightly coloured inks.

The workshop includes 3 hours of instruction and demonstration. A full calligraphy kit is provided to allow participants to continue their calligraphy journey.

Silver Necklace Making

With tutor Diane Lyness Goldsmith



Design and make a unique silver necklace or earrings under the guidance of goldsmith Diane Lyness. 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. All you need to bring is an apron and bundles of enthusiasm!

Limited spaces available. Early booking recommended to avoid disappointment.

Date: Saturday 19 April Time: 10am – 1pm Tickets: £28



Date: Saturday 26 April Time: 10am – 4pm Tickets: £56 Suitable for ages 16+



'An Mhaidin Ghaelach' / Irish **Language Social Group**

Presented by Mid Ulster District Council



Sraith de cheardlanna neamhfhoirmeálta bunaithe ar ghnéithe éagsúla de chultúr na Gaeilge, ina measc iontu, logainmneacha, féilte agus an dúlra. Tá fáilte roimh gach leibhéil cumais

A series of informal workshops based on various aspects of Irish language culture, including placenames, festivals and nature. All levels of ability of welcome.

Dates: Tuesdays 29 April & 6, 13, 20, 27 May

Time: 10.30am - 12 Noon Tickets: £25



Acrylic Painting for Beginners

With tutor Brian Donaghy of Artworks



A six-class program including easy to follow drawing techniques, how to paint with acrylic paints effectively and which equipment and materials to use and how. Working from photographs participants will cover still life, landscapes and/or animals and birds. Classes include live demonstrations, easy to follow instructions, and advice and tips on how to approach, enjoy and complete acrylic painting successfully.

Dates: Tuesdays 29 April & 6, 20, 27

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Tickets: £48



Acrylic Painting: Next Steps

With tutor Brian Donaghy of Artworks



This six-class programme is designed for those who wish to improve on their drawing and painting skills. Classes include live demonstrations, how to approach painting, the use and balance of colours in their paintings and how to use time efficiently. Covering landscapes, still life, and/or animals and birds we will produce 2 to 3 paintings over the period of the six classes.

Dates: Tuesdays 29 April & 6, 13, 20,

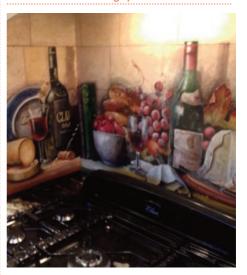
27 May & 3 June Time: 7pm – 9pm Tickets: £48

Suitable for ages 16+



The Art of Paint Effects (One-day)

With tutor Brian Donaghy of Artworks



Learn the art of paint effects including (1) Faux marbling, (2) Faux stone blocking, (3) How to up cycle and or distress furniture, (4) An introduction to painting murals and trompe l'oeil effects.

This one-day course includes live demonstrations followed by tuition where participants produce their own work on boards. The step-by-step guide will show participants how to create stunning paint finishes suitable for rooms throughout your homes and businesses. Lunch from 1– 2pm (lunch not provided).

Date: Saturday 10 May Time: 10am – 4pm

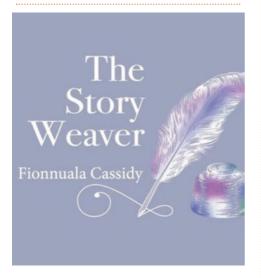
Tickets: £35

Suitable for ages 18+



Writing for Wellness Supporting Mental Health Awareness Week

With tutor Fionnuala Cassidy - The Story Weaver



Join bestselling author, playwright, and poet Fionnuala Cassidy for an evening of exploration, creativity, and reflection where she will teach participants how to use the written word as a wellbeing tool. Learn more about incorporating journalling into daily life, get pointers on constructing short stories, memoirs and poetry and discover how they can distract, uplift, and allow participants to share their experiences with others whilst building confidence and connections.

Date: Monday 12 May

Tickets: £3

Suitable for ages 18+



Traditional Set Dancing

With tutor Berni Corr



If you enjoy music and dance and want a bit of a workout for both your body and mind, then set dancing is for you! This style of social dancing is danced to reels, jigs, hornpipes, and polkas in groups of eight or four people. It provides a great opportunity to meet new people and most importantly, have fun!

No experience or partner necessary.

Dates: Tuesdays 13, 20, 27 May & 3 June Time: 7pm – 8.30pm Tickets: £25 Suitable for ages 16+



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Millinery Workshop: Create a Fascinator

With tutor Kerry Freud



Unleash your creativity in this immersive threehour workshop. You'll learn to craft your very own stunning fascinator and gain the foundational skills to continue making beautiful hats beyond the course. Participants will learn how to:

- Shape a fascinator base using a traditional hat block
- Manipulate sinamay straw and work with veiling
- Wire and edge a hat
- Explore traditional millinery techniques, including pleating, bias strips, steaming, and stitching

Limited spaces available. Early booking recommended to avoid disappointment.

Date: Thursday 15 May Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm Tickets: £65

Suitable for ages 16+



Watercolours

With tutor Andrea Hayes



This course will provide you with a relaxing, encouraging environment to learn the basics of watercolour painting. Perfect for beginners or if you have experience to develop your painting skills further. Example images will be provided but you are welcome to bring reference images or ideas (A4 sized) to use as a starting point. All materials / equipment supplied.

Dates: Wednesdays 11,18, 25 June & 2 July **Time:** 7pm - 9pm

Tickets: £50

Suitable for ages 16+



Kids Felting -Summer Landscape

With tutor Louisa Kelly



Welcome to the wonder of wool! Come and create a felted landscape with artist Louisa Kelly. Using wet felting techniques, participants will make a beautiful artwork to take home. All materials provided

Happy Skies

With Lina Morgan of A Misty Kind of Blue



Come along and create a happy sky with smile filled clouds and colourful rainbows! Participants get a big blue sheet of paper to create their masterpiece, to fill it with what they want to make a perfect sky. Participants will try some paper folding to create a sun and some kawaii inspired drawing to make those smiles. There will also be lots of different papers to cut, rip and glue to create clouds andthe rainbow.

ASD-Friendly Workshop.

Parent / carer required to attend with child at no cost.



Date: Saturday 21 June Time: 10.30am -12.30pm Tickets: £15

Suitable for ages 8+



Date: Monday 21 July Time: 1pm - 2.30pm Tickets: £10

Suitable for ages 4 – 7 years





Ice Cream Parlours

With Lina Morgan of A Misty Kind of Blue



Let's create a delicious display of ice creams! Children will glue and paint a cardboard window display to fill with scoops, Whippys, sundaes and ice lollies! Workshop participants will also design and create a logo for our ice cream parlour. This will be a mixed media session, with a mixture of drawing, painting & decorating materials available to choose from.

ASD-Friendly Workshop.



Date: Monday 21 July Time: 3.30pm - 5pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for ages 9 – 13 vears



"Up Up and Away" – Summer Kite Workshop

With tutor Glenn Heasley



Let your child's creative ideas flow with Go Fly Your Kite's Art Workshop. Choose from hundreds of templates then trace, colour, build and fly your kite. Take home and reuse many times in the future.

ASD-Friendly Workshop.

Children from 5 – 8 years must be accompanied by a parent / carer at no extra cost. A parent / carer is not required to stay with children over the age of 8.



Date: Tuesday 22 July Time: 2pm – 3pm Tickets: £10 Suitable for ages 5+





Lego Education Workshops

With Sentinus



Children will have the opportunity to explore LEGO Education Spike Essential kits to build models based on a theme and code these models to move! The workshop will take the form of guided and open ended which offers a balance between structure and creativity. Each session will have several Lego Spike essential kits and tablets/laptops to encourage engagement and motivation throughout.

ASD-Friendly Workshop.

Children from 5 - 8 years must be accompanied by a parent / carer at no extra cost. A parent / carer is not required to stay with children over the age of 8.

STANKER SCHELLER SUMMER SCHELLER

Date: Wednesday 23 July Time: 10.30am – 12:30pm OR 2pm – 4pm Tickets: £10



Pastel Painting for Kids

With tutor Grace Scott



Spark your child's creativity in our Pastel Painting Workshop!

Tailored for ages 8 - 12 years, this exciting class offers young artists the chance to explore the vibrant medium of pastels. Each child can choose from a wide selection of provided reference photos to inspire their own unique masterpiece. They will be given guidance throughout from Grace who will encourage them to develop their own style and gain confidence as they go. With expert guidance on blending and layering techniques, kids will create colourful artworks. Each participant will have their painting mounted on the day to take home



Date: Thursday 24 & Friday 25 July **Time:** 10.30am – 12.30pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for 8 – 12 years



Minecraft Summer Coding Camp

With tutor Kit Rees of Wheelworks Arts



Don't just play Minecraft, programme it! Learn how to create fun mods, build custom structures, and design unique game elements. Programme simple commands to control characters, craft personalised items, and set up automated farms. Register now to unlock endless possibilities in the Minecraft universe!

The morning workshop is suitable for 6+ with parent carer and afternoon workshop is suitable for ages 10+



Date: Saturday 26 July Times: 10.30am – 12.30pm or

1.30pm – 3.30pm **Tickets:** £10



Silk Painting

With tutor Andrea Hayes



In this workshop participants will discover how to paint freely onto silk. Attendees will be guided through a variety of painting techniques using specialist paints.

At the end of the workshop, all participants 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.

Dates: Tuesdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 September Time: 7pm - 9pm Tickets: £50

Suitable for ages 16+



Wet Felting: Create an Autumn Forest

With tutor Louisa Kelly



Welcome to the wonder of wool! Come and create your own felted landscape with artist Louisa Kelly. Using wet felting techniques, participants will make a beautiful Autumn Forest artwork to take home. All materials provided.

Time: 7pm-9pm
Tickets: £30
Suitable for 18+

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Pastel Painting for Adults (one-day)

With tutor Grace Scott



Discover the joy of art in our relaxing Pastel Painting Workshop for adults! Designed to build confidence and creativity, this workshop invites participants to unwind and explore the vibrant world of pastels. With a wide range of reference phots provided, each artist will find inspiration to create a beautiful, personalised painting. Whether as a cherished gift or a new addition to their home décor, everyone will leave with a completed artwork and a sense of accomplishment. Join us for a calming and enjoyable experience where creativity flourishes and memories are made.

Date: Saturday 13 September Time: 10am – 3pm Tickets: £30

Suitable for ages 16+



Pastel Painting for Adults (four-weeks)

With tutor Grace Scott





Accomplished pastel painting artist Grace Scott returns to the Burnavon to offer her popular pastel painting classes, aimed at beginners as well as those with some experiences of this medium and would like to further enhance their skills. Participants can choose their own photograph. Photographs must be your own or you will need to have permission to use a picture taken by someone else. Photographs must be A4 size. Participants have the choice of working on A4 or A3 size paper. All materials provided.

Date: Wednesdays 24 September & 1, 8, 15

Time: 7r

Tickets: £48

Suitable for ages 16+



Sensory Art programme in Special schools

Presented by Mid Ulster District Council



As part of Mid Ulster District Council's Community Arts Plan, Áine Mohoric, Music Therapist, has been delivering a sensory arts programme in special schools and specialist provision within mainstream schools to students.

Examples of some of the work produced in schools will be on display throughout the month of April and in various formats to make the exhibition as accessible as possible.

Date:

Tuesday 1 April - Tuesday 29 April

Disability and Inclusive Arts

Presented by BEAM Creative Network



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

Through Mid Ulster District Council's 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 paintings. This collaboration of work will be exhibited in the Burnavon during May 2025 and then returning to the relevant centres as permanent pieces for everyone to enjoy.

Date:

Thursday 1 May - Friday 30 May

Grace Scott Art Exhibition

Presented by Grace Scott



Grace returns to The Burnavon in June 2025 after many years to exhibit her work. This art exhibition offers an exciting opportunity for followers and the public to see how Grace's work has evolved over time. Throughout the years, Grace has stayed true to her passion for pastels and continued painting her subjects in a realistic style - each one infused with life and character.

There will be a launch event in the exhibition Space on Friday 6 June (7pm - 9pm) with light refreshments. All originals will be for sale throughout the month of June.

Date:

Monday 2 June - Monday 30 June

General Information

How to Book

At The Box Office: Tel: 028 8676 9949 Opening Hours: Mon – Sat 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 £1.00 fee

In Person:

The Burnavon, Burn Road, Cookstown, BT80 8DN

Conditions of Sale

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

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.

Attendance of Children at Performances

The Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre is a family-friendly venue. Everyone attending a performance including children and babies, must hold a valid ticket for that performance. Complimentary "Babes in Arms" tickets are available at the Managers discretion for children up to 2 years for designated children's performances only. For health and safety reasons baby carriers and prams will not be admitted into the auditorium. In the interests of everyone's enjoyment and safety parents / carers are requested to observe the recommended age guidelines for events.

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 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

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

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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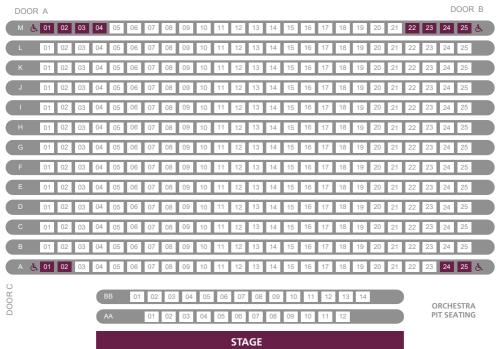
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Take a Seat

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Auditorium Seating Plan









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