

2night

magazine



www.2night.ie
DUBLIN
JULY 2010

Irish Food Uncovered

Great
Coupons
Inside!



Welcome

to the July issue of our magazine. As Dublin is invaded once again by the tourist legions, we're noticing restaurants keen to lure them in with promises of traditional Irish grub and - unfortunately - plenty of paddy-whackery. It's worth reminding ourselves that our native food isn't half as cringe-worthy as some of the techniques used to sell it: in fact, Dublin is home to some talented and chefs, many of whom are applying creative twists to the food they grew up with. So, in the spirit of celebration, we're featuring some of the best places to get Irish food in this city on page 6. There's creativity and sparkle, the best pub grub going, and classic dishes (we shouldn't overlook some fine tourist places out of snobbery, and a good Dublin coddle is hard to beat).

Along with that, of course, we're featuring The Shoos, a band that will surely provide the soundtrack to many summers - check out our exclusive interview with Barry Plunkett on page 16. There's also a preview of July's major film releases, including sure-fire summer blockbusters and much iffier fare, on page 14, and we've scouted out the month's most interesting events on page 18.

Meanwhile, you can find much more than just great Irish food thanks to our Best of Dublin section on page 28, where we give you the skinny on some of the best restaurants, pubs and clubs for starting an evening out, grabbing a bite to eat, enjoying a drink or two afterwards and even hitting the tiles until late. We think you'll find this a pretty useful magazine as well as a fun read! You'll find even more useful information on our website at www.2night.ie, which boasts a huge database of up-to-date and honest reviews, plus an events section covering of the city's best gigs, arts events, theatre performances and even cinema listings. And if you're on the go, you can access all this through our free mobile app, downloadable from the Apple store - anyone without Apple's fantabulous phone can check out or mobile-friendly site at m.2night.ie. So dive right in to 2night, whether through this magazine, your computer or your mobile - you won't regret it.

2night
www.2night.ie

PUBLISHER: 2night Entertainment Ltd

SALES & MARKETING DIRECTOR:

Ether Simoncini (ether.simoncini@2night.ie)

EDITOR: Derek Owens (derek.owens@2night.ie)

COVER: Daniele Vian

GRAPHIC DESIGN 2night

PRINT: Chinchio Industria Grafica - Rubano - Italy.

N°6 - JULY 2010

This is a 2night Entertainment Ltd publication, all rights are reserved. 2night is copyright of 2night Spa and it is licensed to 2night Entertainment Ltd. Reproduction of the 2night Magazine, in any form, is strictly prohibited. For further information email: info@2night.ie

contents



06

Special Feature - The Full Irish

Your guide to good Irish food in Dublin



13

Competitions

Win concert tickets and meals out with 2night!



14

Cinema

2night's guide to the major films being released in July



16

Music

Easy-Gos



18

Events

Your guide to what's on in July



28

Best of Dublin

Where to eat, drink and party in Dublin



AFTER WORK

from after work to late night, find the perfect spot to spend your evening

EVENTS

an events calendar with daily listings of parties, concerts, exhibitions and more, keeping you in the know about what's on in your area

PEOPLE: COMMUNITY

meet other night-life enthusiasts keen on making the most of the night

2night
www.2night.ie

your guide to restaurants, venues and events in your city



IT'S ALL KICKING OFF!

LOOKING FOR A GREAT PLACE TO WATCH THE FINAL GAMES OF THE WORLD CUP? WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!

> GILBERT AND WRIGHT'S

1 Ross Lane, Malahide
Tel: 01 8456580

This relatively new addition to the Malahide social scene has taken the sociable suburb by storm. There's a distinctly retro feel to the décor, and the atmosphere is laid back.

> JAMES JOYCE CAFÉ BAR AND ULYSSES VENUE

52 Middle Abbey St - Dublin 1
Tel: 018728188

This lively bar and club is favoured by gig-goers, and is also a great place for a sneaky afternoon game over some tasty pub-grub. A selection of plasma screens and a seven-foot HD screen should offer a perfect view no matter how packed it gets.

> LAGOONA

Unit 4, Custom House Square, IFSC - Dublin 1
Tel: 017918928

Luxurious furnishings with a distinct, modern look make this a very sophisticated place – but don't be surprised if the regulars cut loose for the final!

> PACINO'S

18, Suffolk Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016775651

Between the big screen in their atmospheric cellar, and great Italian food upstairs, this restaurant and club has you sorted.

> THE DUKE

9, Duke Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016799553

The old-school pub is looking all the better for its recent facelift, which hasn't quieted the atmosphere at all – expect rowdy good times.

> THE EXCHEQUER

3-5, Exchequer Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016706787

Tasty, creative cocktails? Check. Good DJs playing music to shake your head to that won't burst an eardrum? Check. Award-winning pub grub? Check. Good place to watch the finals? You betcha.

> THE FXB BULL & CASTLE

5-7, Lord Edward Street - Dublin 2
Tel: 014751122

The Gastropub and beer hall offers a wide selection of craft beers and continental drinks, while the top-notch pub grub is worth going out for.

> THE LIVING ROOM

Cathal Brugha Street - Dublin 1
Tel: 018727169

The sometime watering hole of DIT's Cathal Brugha street crowd, this pub has a great atmosphere and a nice selection of continental beers available too. Several 60" HD ready Plasma TV screens have been set up for sporting occasions like this.

> WRIGHT'S CAFE BAR

The Plaza, Swords - County Dublin
Tel: 01840 6744

One of the north side's premier venues since opening in 2001, Wright's Café Bar has a great late bar and DJ, plus a tasty selection of pub grub and cocktails.

> WRIGHT'S ANGLERS REST

Strawberry Beds, Chapelizod - Dublin 20
Tel: 01 8204351

The recently refurbished Angler's Rest does a fine line in French food but still has a lively atmosphere, particularly in the sprawling beer garden and the 'salmon bar' upstairs.



The Full Irish

2night presents your guide to good Irish food in Dublin.

Few people have the same love-hate relationship with their national cuisine as the Irish. It's hard to find a street without a decent pizzeria in Rome, or walk five minutes around Mexico City without hitting a burrito bar. And let's not get started on the French. But here in Ireland, any restaurant that sticks its head above the parapet to call its food 'Irish' should just accept that it will be forever derided as a tourist trap that no right-thinking native would go near. And yet, there's nothing quite like mammy's home cooking...

However, in between the pure tourist traps and mammy's kitchen, many chefs are working with Irish recipes to create innovative, contemporary dishes as well as comforting, classic food – and modern bars and cafés are discovering the joys of Irish food too. Meanwhile, the quality of pub grub has taken a giant leap upwards as publicans realise we won't pay a fiver for a ham toasty anymore.

That's why we're applauding the pubs that actually make an effort to do good food, the chefs that are finding new ways to enjoy Irish fare, and the places that are faithfully recreating classic dishes. It's a great time to rediscover the joys of having Irish food in Dublin and, with this run-down of 30 great places, you'll find your ideal eating experience somewhere in this city. After you're done, of course, don't forget to log on to 2night.ie and give your own thoughts on the venues we've selected!

have your say
2NIGHTERS AND THEIR NIGHTLIFE



Name: Dean Van Nguyen
2night username: dvnnguyen
Age: 24

Do you think Irish food gets the respect it deserves?
Possibly not. My dad's a Vietnamese chef so, growing up, we didn't eat all that much Irish food. Perhaps I'm one of the guilty ones who doesn't have much love for it.

What's your favourite old-school Irish dish?
A nice bitta coddle. Not so much for its taste, which is horrible, but the feeling of provincialism it gives. You really feel like a proper Dub when you eat coddle.

When you're in the mood for Irish food, where do you go?
I can't say I crave Irish food all that often, and if I did I'd still probably avoid most restaurants that serve it. They're overpriced, loaded with tourists and play nothing but diddly-eye music.

The full Irish - a guilty pleasure or a greasy mess?
Oh pleasure. Drop the guilty. You pay for it though. It gives you an almighty thirst for the rest of the day.



Name: Elaine Burke
2night username: lennybobenny
Age: 23

Do you think Irish food gets the respect it deserves?
I know I certainly have the grá for it but I think the level of appreciation can be a little less than satisfactory at times. I think the west has a greater appreciation for it, especially when it comes to seafood. But in Dublin, there's not as much emphasis on Irish food as I would like and all too often it's done in a way that's directed at tourists, not locals. It does have a reputation for being stodgy and unfashionable, but give me a plate of carbo-loaded soakage over some flimsy haute cuisine any day.

What's your favourite old-school Irish dish?
That's a tough toss-up between stew and coddle. There's nothing like a steaming bowl of stew on a miserable day to turn things right around – and coddle is just delicious! I'm lonely in my coddle worship though; it seems to have a bad reputation. Perhaps it's because people don't like the look of boiled sausages (do I need to elaborate?) but it never bothers me. And, of course, I only truly favour both these dishes when they come from my mam's kitchen.

When you're in the mood for Irish food, where do you go?
You mean aside from my mam's house? There's not a place on earth that could replicate what you get from home-cooked Irish food, but I suppose Gallagher's Boxty House makes a grand effort. A true tourist trap though, which can be off-putting.

The full Irish - a guilty pleasure or a greasy mess?
A greasy pleasure! I have no guilt when it comes to wolfing down a massive fry-up. In fact, my mam has been known to give me a 'miracle fry' whenever I'm smothering with a cold. Something about the grease and glutton just brings me back to life.



AVOCA CAFÉ
11, Suffolk Street -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 01 6726019

The original yummy-mummy Mecca out in Kilmacanogue hasn't looked back since setting up their Suffolk street shop which, along with hand-made clothing and kooky interior delights, contains a smaller version of their famous café. Rustic but light food is high on the agenda – we love the pepper and goats cheese tartlet, and 'Miss Mandy's' ice cream is delicious. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 10:00 (11:00 Sunday) to 17:30 (17:00 Sunday).



BESHOFF'S
6, Upper O'Connell
Street - Dublin 1.
Tel: 018724400

Some time ago, a Dublin magazine decided to settle an age-old question with a blind taste test - who does the best chips in the city? The main contenders, naturally, were Beshoff's and Burdock's offerings and, in an upset victory, the Beshoff chips ran away with the title. This is also quite a pleasant, well-restored space to enjoy great fish and chips in. Open seven days a week, from 09:00 (11:15 Thursday to Saturday) to 21:00 (22:00 Thursday to Saturday).



**COPPINGER
ROW**
Coppinger Row -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016729884

They may not be that creative at naming their venues, but the Bereen brothers have proved South William was no fluke with this restaurant. The menu is interesting; a rabbit terrine takes up a slot on the starters menu, while the mains feature highbrow dishes at mid-range prices. Roast pheasant at €16 and a grilled venison sausage at €14.50 tickles post-tiger tastebuds. Open seven days a week, from 12:00 (13:00 Sunday) to 23:00 (22:00 Sunday).



DOBBINS
15, Stephen's Lane -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016764679

This cozy little restaurant was once the most happening eaterie in Dublin - at least in the eyes of the media types who called it home. It's still going strong with a menu focused on Irish food and changing with the seasons. When it's on, the rump of Slaney lamb is hard to beat. Finish it off with a sticky toffee pudding, and thank us later. Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Lunch served from 12:30 to 14:30 (15:00 Sunday), dinner from 18:00 to 22:00, Monday to Saturday. No lunch served on Saturday.



**BRASSERIE
SIXTY6**
66, South Great Geor-
ges Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 014005878

They do a mean line in continental and Irish dishes during the evenings, but this place is rendered truly special by a breakfast that proves the 'full Irish' isn't just about a plate full of grease. Their juicy sausages are particularly yummy. Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Breakfast served from 11:00 to 12:00 from Monday to Friday, brunch from 10:00 to 17:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Lunch from 12:00 to 15:00, dinner from 17:00.



**CHAPTER
ONE**
18-19, Parnell Square
- Dublin 1.
Tel: 018732266

Since the 1990s, this restaurant beneath the Dublin Writer's Museum has been a little beacon of culinary excellence, dispensing great Irish food and the odd continental dish at prices that don't cause (too much) strain on the wallet. An ever-changing menu helps keep things fresh too. Opening hours: Open Tuesday to Saturday. Lunch served from 12:30 to 14:00, Tuesday to Friday, pre-theatre dinner from 18:00 to 19:00, dinner from 19:30 to 22:30.



EDEN
Meeting House Squa-
re, Temple Bar -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016705372

Even if this restaurant didn't offer some great continental and Irish bistro cuisine, Eden would merit a nod for its location looking out a beautiful civic square. The menu changes regularly with the seasons, though the pan-fried fillet of venison is great when it's on offer. Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Lunch and brunch served from 12:30 (12:00 Saturday and Sunday) to 15:00, dinner from 16:00 to 22:30 (22:00 Sunday to Tuesday).



**GALLA-
GHER'S
BOXY
HOUSE**
20, Temple Bar -
Dublin 2
Tel: 016772762

Many a Dubliner has passed by the Boxy house imagining a truly soul-less tourist trap serving second-rate 'oirish' grub lies within, and this is indeed aimed at visitors to Temple Bar. However, the approach to food here is anything but inauthentic, and they do a mean Dublin coddle - you might not like the look of this bacon, sausage and herb broth, but the rich flavours are hard to resist. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 09:00 to 23:30.



CITIBAR
46, Dame Street - Du-
blin 2.
Tel: 016794455

Dubliners, it seems, adore the tapas style of eating, though we're still partial to our traditional fare – so why not combine both? The simple genius of 'Irish tapas' starting at €2 makes this bar and club worthy of inclusion – it's more than competently cooked, and there's a lively atmosphere on most evenings. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 10.30 (12:00 Sunday) to 23:30 (03:00 Thursday to Saturday, 23:00 Sunday).



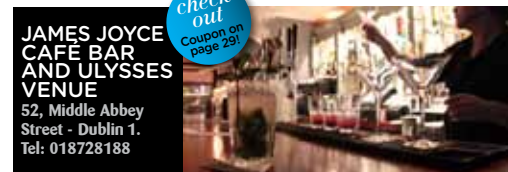
COMAN'S
2, East Terenure Road
- Dublin 6.
Tel: 014903501

An example of how suburban pubs should operate, Coman's boasts an expansive and comfy dining room and bar, very attentive service, and a menu of pub-grub staples mixed with some safe-but-tasty international dishes. Bangers and mash comes with our seal of approval, as does any dish involving chicken – filling, warming and tasty fare. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 10.30 (12:00 Sunday) to 23:30 (00:30 Friday and Saturday, 23:00 Sunday).



GRUEL
68a Dame St -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016707119

Oddly enough, it's younger diners that appreciate the country kitchen look of Gruel: perhaps it's a little too close a memory to be retro for the over-60s. However, anyone with taste buds can appreciate the hearty, distinctly unpretentious food – the 'roast in a roll' is one of the most popular lunches in the city. Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Breakfast served from 07:00 (09:00 Sunday) to 12:00, lunch from 12:00 to 17:00, dinner from 17:00 to 23:00.



**JAMES JOYCE
CAFE BAR
AND ULYSSES
VENUE**
52, Middle Abbey
Street - Dublin 1.
Tel: 018728188

check
out
Coupon on
page 29!

A mix of a rocking live venue, club and laid-back café bar, this place is also great for kicking back and enjoying an easy-going meal. A renovation has made the place bright and airy, though they've retained the odd bookcase, wooden panelling and even an open fire to appeal to our coziness-loving side. From Thursday to Saturday, pints and spirits with a mixer only cost €4.00. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 10:30 (12:30 Sunday) to 00:30. Late club Friday and Saturday. Live bands every Thursday in July until 02:30.



check out
Coupon on page 29!

JL'S CAFÉ
4, Upper Abbey Street
- Dublin 1.
Tel: 0872858454.

This recently-opened café is ideal for good food that's fast and fresh. Aside from an all-day breakfast starting at €5, JL's offers great value daily specials – from homemade burgers to tasty chicken dishes – costing a mere €6 each and served quickly to suit a busy lunchtime. The value extends to the range of coffees too, as you can grab any take-away drink for only €2.

Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 07:00 to 16:00 (10:00 to 16:00 Saturday).



ONE PICO
5-6, Molesworth Place
- Dublin 2.
Tel: 01676030

When a restaurant names a private dining area The Polo Room, you know it's aiming for an upmarket clientele. Eamon O'Reilly's restaurant off Molesworth Street walks the walk: his experience includes work with three-michelin-starred chefs, several awards and the Ritz Carlton group. His menu here is focused on Irish and French food prepared with more than a little panache.


Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday. Lunch served from 12:30 to 14:30, dinner from 18:00 to 23:00.



SHEBEEN CHIC
4, South Great George's Street - Dublin 2.

Reclaimed furniture and general dishevelment may stoke fear that Shebeen Chic pursues boho cool more eagerly than satisfied diners but, fortunately, this place upends our prejudices. Mouth-watering steaks, burgers and seafood make up the backbone of the menu. You can also enjoy cocktails in the downstairs bar, which is very fashionably laid out and also boasts a stage.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week from 12:00 to 22:00 (23:00 Thursday to Saturday).



LOUIE'S BISTRO
20, Mountjoy Square - Dublin 1.
Tel: 018364588

This lovingly-restored Georgian Townhouse is welcoming on many levels, from friendly staff to a roaring fire in the homely dining room. The menu includes pleasant brasserie dishes, seafood and Irish meat staples that you'd expect. It's stuff you could cook at home yourself, perhaps, but done very well. Try the pancetta wrapped pork fillet to see what we mean.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Lunch served from 12:00 to 15:00, dinner from 17:00 to 23:00, Wednesday to Saturday.



QUEEN OF TARTS
3, Cow's Lane - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016334681

Having already traded successfully out of the teeny-but-endearing Dame Street restaurant, the folks behind Queen of Tarts knew what they were doing when they opened up this spacious new place. It doesn't quite have the same cozy charm, but it comes close, while the sweets and savoury tarts are delicious as ever. Potato cakes (and anything on their breakfast menu) make a special morning, while the irresistibly messy chocolate scone remains one of the best treats in Dublin.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 07:30 (09:00 Saturday and Sunday) to 19:00.



THE CELLAR RESTAURANT
The Merrion Hotel,
Upper Merrion Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016030600

Though set within the five-star Merrion Hotel, the Cellar Restaurant is a refuge from overcomplicated food. Executive Chef Ed Cooney's focus is on Irish dishes prepared very, very well: highlights include home-made pies, pan-fried liver and perfect Dover sole.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Lunch served from 12:00 to 14:00, Monday to Friday. Sunday brunch served 12:00 to 14:30. Dinner served from 18:00 to 22:00.



check out
Coupon on page 29!

THE CELT
81-82, Upper Abbey Street - Dublin 1.
Tel: 018788655

An old Irish pub that oozes charm and character, The Celt is famous for great Irish music sessions seven nights a week. It began serving food when its award-winning sister restaurant, Le Bon Crubeen, arrived – now, the Celt is renowned for its grub too. Expect traditional classics like Crubeens, Coddle, Irish Stew, and tasty Bacon Ribbs.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to 00:00. Food served from 12:00 to 20:00 (17:00 to 20:00 Sunday).



check out
Coupon on page 29!

THE EXCQUER
3-5, Exchequer Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016706787

The hugely successful place has hit the ground running and already snagged the 'Best Gastropub' gong at the 2010 Irish Restaurant awards. – ling fingers with batter made from craft beer, a chargrilled rack of pork and a mean roast guinea fowl are all highlights. The traditional food goes remarkably well with elegant signature cocktails.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 (11:00 Sunday) to 23:30 (02:30 Friday and Saturday, 01:00 Sunday).



check out
Coupon on page 29!

THE FXB BULL & CASTLE
Lord Edward Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 014751122

This gastropub and beer hall does the kind of hearty fare you'd expect, presented well by staff who make one feel welcome. The addition of great craft beer, though, makes the meal a bit special. O'Hara's Red, Lean Follain (a strong stout) and Curim, an intriguing Irish wheat beer, are all worth a try, as is Molly's Chocolate Stout from the Hilden brewery in Northern Ireland.

Open seven days a week, open late Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



check out
Coupon on page 29!

THE DUKE
9, Duke Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016799553

AVictorian-era pub that's benefited greatly from a recent face-lift, The Duke has also adopted a menu (updated daily) of good Irish traditional food, with the gluten free lamb stew a top seller. It's also a great place to have a drink with dinner – along with a broad range of beer, they've introduced a very respectable wine list.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 10:30 (12:30 on Sundays) to 23:30 (00:30 Friday and Saturday, 23:00 Sundays).



THE FARM
3, Dawson Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016718654

This organic-themed restaurant draws a healthy crowd of passers-by with a funky green and white decor, and many of them come back – the menu is varied and clear, with plenty of information on where your food is coming from, and the hearty, wholesome dishes are prepared well. A beautiful Irish burger is a timely reminder of just how good simple dishes can be.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 11:00 to 23:00 (00:00 Friday and Saturday).



THE MERMAID CAFE
69, Dame Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016708236

“Take the best ingredients, then don't mess it up” is The Mermaid's stated philosophy, and it's easy to find yourself in agreement. After all, it's worked for the fine seafood restaurant with a mid-Atlantic bent since 1996. The decor is quite simple, but the menu is varied and colourful – try the squid with lemon.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Lunch served Monday to Saturday from 12:30 to 14:20. Dinner from 18:00 to 22:30 (21:00 Sunday).

THE ODEON
57, Harcourt Street -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 014782088



There's something nice about visiting a venue that you always thought was fun, but a mite too full, and discovering that a thinner crowd allows you to appreciate a dramatic but classy décor. Newly-speedy service and a very extensive pub grub menu are added benefits too – they do a fine, meaty burger in particular.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 (08:00 Saturday) to 23:30 (0:30 Thursday, 02:30 Friday and Saturday).

THE STREET CAFE
North Wall Quay -
Dublin 1.
Tel: 016700073

check out
Coupon on page 29!



Along with a beautiful Liffey-side location, this cool cafe offers a nice line in casual, quality food. Along with a great breakfast, you'll find tasty sandwiches, paninis and wraps. Even better, they do lovely things with their baked potatoes, and they've a broad range of coffees and speciality teas. An all-day deal offers any regular take-away coffee for €2. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 08:00 (11:00 Saturday and Sunday) to 19:00 (18:00 Sunday).

THORNTON'S
128, Stephens Green -
Dublin 2
Tel: 014787008



Kevin Thornton may be just as well-known for his prickly public personality as he is for his culinary skill, but the first Irishman to snag two Michelin stars is still a rare talent. His restaurant serves primarily Irish dishes with some continental flare, and gamey meats including hare, venison and fowl make regular appearances.

Opening hours: Open Tuesday to Saturday. Lunch served from 12:30 to 13:45, Thursday through Saturday, dinner from 19:00 to 21:30.

THE PIG'S EAR
4, Nassau Street -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016703865



This welcoming bistro has a nice, simple layout, with most of the flair being shown in the food: head Chef Stephen McAllister (of The Restaurant and The Afternoon Show fame) blends Irish and European influences well on a regularly-changing menu. With the beautiful view into Trinity College, this is a special little restaurant.

Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday. Breakfast served from 09:00 to 12:00, lunch from 12:00 to 15:00, dinner from 17:30 to 22:00.

THE WILD GOOSE GRILL
1, Sandford Road -
Dublin 6.
Tel: 014912377



A high-end restaurant serving Irish and European cuisine may sound, well, not particularly original. However, the Wild Goose Grill is in fact a very impressive addition to the restaurant scene. The décor is elegant, with rich dark woods the dominant sight, while the menu is compact and well-thought-out: a perfectly cooked rump of lamb is the highlight. Opening hours: Open Tuesday to Sunday, from 17:30 to 22:30. Sunday lunch served from 12:30 to 15:30.

VENU
Anne's Lane -
Dublin 2
Tel: 016706755

check out
Coupon on page 29!



Under Head Chef Dennis Massey, who's invested plenty of time in revamping an already-strong menu, the food at this brasserie-cum-cocktail bar with international influences but an Irish heart has come on immensely. The pork belly with North Atlantic king scallops is a particular delight, and we're also very partial to their prime Irish rib-eye.

Opening hours: Open for dinner from 17:30, Tuesday to Saturday. Lunch/brunch from 12:00 on Saturday. Last food orders at 23:00.



COMPETITIONS!

WIN FREE TICKETS AND MORE WITH 2NIGHT

A PACINO'S HAMPER

Having spent some 15 years dishing up quality Italian food from their Suffolk Street restaurant, Pacinos have recently started selling offering tasty food and treats on the go – check out page 32 for the low-down – and we've a fabulous hamper to give away! To win, just tell us why you want a little bit of Pacinos to take home.

DJ SHADOW

It's a rare appearance for ground-breaking hip hop DJ and producer DJ Shadow, who returns to Dublin playing all-new music as well as classics from Endtroducing, The Private Press, and more. He's set to play Tripod on July 5, with tickets costing €32.50, but you can win a pair for free with 2night! Just tell us why you want to see pioneering hip-hop royalty at Tripod.

ANGUS AND JULIA STONE

Aussie brother and sister folk duo Angus and Julia Stone play Dublin's Button Factory on July 14, touring their second full length album, Down The Way, released to great critical acclaim in March. Tickets cost €16, but you can go for free by entering our competition! Just tell us why you want to see the pair folkling it up in this intimate setting.

NAS AND DAMIAN 'JR GONG' MARLEY

Hip hop icon Nas and Grammy Award winning reggae star Damian 'JR Gong' Marley roll into Tripod on July 17. The duo have teamed up for the global tour of their groundbreaking collaborative studio album Distant Relatives, featuring the signature instrumentation and musicianship of Damian with the hard-hitting beats and lyrics of Nas. Tickets are available from €35.50, but we've a pair to give away! You can win them if you just tell us why you should see Nas and Mr Marley live.

CUT COPY

Aussie digi-pop trio Cut Copy are set for a Dublin show at The Button Factory July 20. Dan Whitford and chums are returning to Dublin for their first live performance since the group's greatly acclaimed sold-out show at The Village in November 2008. The trio are currently recording their long awaited third album, the follow-up to 2008's In Ghost Colours, and we've a pair of tickets to give away! To win, just tell us why you want to see the rising stars in the flesh.

HOW TO ENTER

Entering our competitions is easy and free – simply sign up free for membership, head to the 'free and promo' section of our site (www.2night.ie) and answer the question posed in our competition. We'll select the most passionate, entertaining or original entry, and get in touch with the winner. We'll ask for your contact details to do that, but will respect your privacy – have a read of the privacy policy on our website by all means. Full terms and conditions are available at www.2night.ie.

AT THE MOVIES

2NIGHT PREVIEWS THE MAJOR FILM RELEASES IN JULY.

JULY 2

SHREK: FOREVER AFTER 3D

After three feature-length films and a selection of Christmas specials, it's rather telling that we've been promised this is the last we'll hear of the big, green, money-spinning ogre. It's even more telling that nobody believes it. Donkey and chums will surely be flogged relentlessly until they become unprofitable, and even the plot of this effort acknowledges that Shrek's gone through all the staple adventures and settled down. Longing for the days when he was a "real" (hated) ogre, he agrees a deal with Rumpelstiltskin to change his life for what he thinks will be one day – but the red-haired fiend has other ideas. We know the format from here – a rip-rolling adventure with lots of help from Shrek's rag-tag mates (who tend to be considerably funnier than the green folk) and a few cheeky contemporary references. The formula, which has worked so well in the past, seems oddly tired here, as most of the natural jokes that Shrek's buddies inspire have been used already. The most consistent source of amusement is a puss-in-boots that finds himself way out of shape with his best years behind him – unfortunately, he seems to characterise the entire franchise at this stage.

JULY 8

PREDATORS

Leaving aside all the righteous guff about Hollywood today not producing any original ideas, it's hard to begrudge the revival of a classic. Rather sensibly, the people behind the latest effort have decided to ditch much of the Predators back-catalogue (like many horror franchises, it started well before descending into sub-B-movie, Jason vs Freddie-esque nonsense) and bring it back to basics: aliens that are armed with high tech weaponry and get sick kicks out of hunting humans. In this instalment, they're clearly keen on a challenge, and have kidnapped some of the most dangerous killers from our species (there's a Yakuza, a convict, and a black ops veteran

– and that's just for starters) to bring them to a kind of intergalactic nature reserve. Massive blasting and adrenalin-pumping terror ensues. Predators is visually great, even leaving aside the special effects: the alien world, from its claustrophobic jungle to its vast, unfamiliar expanses, is both exotic and menacing. Among a decent set of performances, Adrian Brody stands out. Unfortunately, the odds are so dramatically set against the humans from the off that it's hard to believe they can possibly escape in any credible way. If you can get over that significant issue, though, Predators is good fun.

JULY 9

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE

All the witty ways to say this have been used, so we'll just lay it out straight: Robert Pattinson is innately dislikeable and lacks the charisma or charm needed for this role. Kristen Stewart actually has some decent roles under her belt, but is characterless and as bland as Bella Swan. And the Twilight books, though initially engaging and loaded with good ideas, collapse in a mulch of easy plot wrap-ups and nonsensical twists around book four. However, given the steamroller success of the books and films, dwelling on all this just seems like sour grapes. It's the third instalment of the series, meaning Edward and Bella are together, but there's a string of murders from a rogue vampire and a love triangle with werewolf Jacob to resolve. There's marriage in the air, and a sense of loose ends being tied together as the saga heads inevitably towards the final showdown of Breaking Dawn.

JULY 16

INCEPTION

Christopher Nolan, director of The Dark Knight, returns with this uber-high concept sci-fi thriller. Dom Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio) is a skilled thief who steals secrets from deep within a subject's mind as they dream. He's rich and highly-valued, but a lonely international fugitive, and the classic 'one last job' offers a chance at a return to normal life. In this case, Cobb is ordered to plant an idea in someone's brain – but he and his allies face a dark, dangerous enemy in that task. With a script nine years in the making, and a cast including Cillian Murphy, Michael Caine and Ellen Page of Juno fame, the stage is set for a film that combines reality-shredding effects and a mind-

bending plot. For all that, the film hinges on the lead and his emotional journey – fortunately, he's got one of the best actors in the world in DiCaprio totally committed to the film.

JULY 19

TOY STORY 3 3D

It's yet another much-loved film franchise making a comeback, and this is exactly how these things should be done. Though the Toy Story films always had a devoted adult following, the core audience was presumably kids the same age as Andy, the owner of Woody, Buzz and chums. But like those kids, Andy's all grown up, and is now heading off to college. This leaves the toys more than a little anxious – already, some of their number (including Bo Peep and Wheezy) have been "yard sale'd" over the years – and, when Andy sticks them in a rubbish bag in the attic, their worst fears seem confirmed. They stow away with a box of toys to be donated to Sunnyside Daycare, where they encounter a whole new group of animate playthings. Even though the characters have had two movies to bore us, they've still got plenty of charm and wit left in them, while the change of scene also freshens things up. This is just as good, visually, as we've come to expect, even though the 3D stuff feels a little bit unnecessary. A good plot with plenty of clean laughs makes this a solid family effort.

JULY 23

THE REBOUND

Some time in the last ten years, some studio execs decided to stop giving audiences fantastical or out-of-the-ordinary situations for comedies, and decided to simply chuck things we'll recognise from our boring, everyday lives at us. Capturing the zeitgeist sells, it's true, but all too often a relatable situation is just used to shove idle stars and reheated jokes down our violated throats. The Rebound is hardly the worst example of that – the profoundly cynical Just Friends must surely take the biscuit – but it's not far off. We've got Catherine Zeta Jones as Sandy, a suburban mother who leaves her cheating husband and moves to Manhattan (because naturally, fresh divorcees can afford a new pad in new York). After some uninspiring experiences on the dating circuit, she throws herself into her job, meaning there's more reason for her attractive 25-year-old nanny Aram (Justin Bartha) to hang about. You can guess what happens. Sure, this is probably meant to be empowering, but since when was it the stuff of comedy that someone might conceivably have a connection with someone 15 years younger? If the premise feels decidedly square, so too will the script – either writer/director Bart Freundlich hasn't seen any of the rom-coms made in the last decade, or is shamelessly ripping off all the gags from them. Entirely predictable and clunky.

WHERE TO SEE THEM

For full city centre cinema listings, visit www.2night.ie.



2night
www.2night.ie

Find a venue, a restaurant or an event near you
Search by keyword, cuisine or mood
Read the reviews, look at the pictures,
browse through users' reviews, find places on map

2night is on the App Store, and it's free!





EASY-GOINGS

With two hit singles, a well-received album and a successful New York visit under their belts, **The Shoos** are finding musical success comes naturally. Guitarist **Barry Plunkett** talks exclusively to 2night.

It isn't often that a Dublin band hits New York for a run of gigs in front of industry movers and shakers without having spent several years slogging away on the domestic circuit. Then again, this music thing seems to come easily to the Shoos. Having developed from a two-piece covers act (guitarist Barry

Plunkett, and lead singer Texas were joined by Steve and Scott Maher on bass and drums), the group find themselves churning out new material at a rapid rate. "Initially, we just started banging out our own stuff in rehearsals, and it just happened," explains Plunkett. "It was certainly never planned or anything. Even the way

we write songs at the moment is so organic. Someone comes in with something and, an hour and a half later, you've got a song," he continues. "It's not always that quick, though it has happened that songs get written quickly. We're very lucky in that it comes to us a lot of the time, and it kind of flows.

"The way we approach it is as a group. Someone would come to rehearsal with two or three riffs on a bass, a bit on a piano or a drum beat, and we'd work it from there. Or sometimes, we'd approach it from the point of view that there's something going on in someone's life, you know? We have a chat about it and the music would come from that," adds Plunkett.

The results of the easy-going songwriting process have been impressive: after debut album *Rescue Room* was released in the summer of 2009, lead single *Yeah* got an impressive amount of radio airplay nationwide. Then New York happened. "We were asked to go over and do a showcase tour, so we decided to do it. Obviously, it's a great opportunity to get across there - it's such a hub of music activity. There's a great community, purely because of the size of the place. For the size of Dublin, there's a really strong musical base here. But when you go to New York, there are more people to come to the gigs, and more people involved in the business," notes Plunkett, who says the gigs helped land *The Shoos* a slot opening for Grammy nominees *One Republic* on their Irish tour. "It was a great experience. It gave us a fantastic platform to expose our music to lots of people around the country. So, from that point of view, it was a great success. The other way it was successful was in meeting people. Obviously, we spent a lot of time with *One Republic* in hotels, at sound checks, grabbing food together and so on. To talk to Ryan Tether about his approach to songwriting is a great opportunity. Apart from his stuff with *One Republic*, he's written stuff for Leona Lewis and Beyoncé, so he knows the ropes as well. Glen Power from *The Script* was at the Dublin gig and we had a good chat with him, and Nathan from *Snow Patrol* was at the Belfast gig as well. It was a great opportunity to talk to people that would otherwise be difficult to meet up with."

If songwriting comes so easily to the group, though, do they really need to borrow other artists' ideas? "It's probably like talking to a painter or sculptor. You can get an insight into how everyone does it, and the way Tether would work is to write lots of stuff on his own," explains Plunkett. "His approach changes all the time, but his insight was just to make sure your songs are catchy. That's no secret I suppose - it's an easy thing to say and a more difficult thing to master!" And catchy they are. The gravelly voice of Texas, coupled with a big, bluesy sound, conjures up images of a modern day *Creedence Clearwater Revival* - it comes as no surprise that they do a mean version of *Fortunate Son*. Still, they're not all about sing-along anthems, and there's a distinct melancholy feel in efforts like second single *Distance*. "That's not anything pre-planned," insists Plunkett. "We'd have a good spread of upbeat mid-tempo stuff, and then some quieter stuff, but it's not like we'd sit down in a room and say 'today we're going to write a quiet song'. It's just whatever comes to you at the time you're putting it together. We're certainly not melancholy as people, but I suppose we'd be conscious of the things going on around us. Lots of the time we'd draw on that to write the lyrics," he adds. In terms of influences, Plunkett says there are a lot of ingredients to their sound. "We'd literally listen to everything - we're four very different people. I'd listen all the way from classical stuff to something like *MGMT*. We'd love all the classic stuff, and emerging bands like *Two Door Cinema Club*. I think that benefits the band, because it's impor-

tant to listen to as much music as possible." Though the mix makes them hard to categorise - the oddest analogy Plunkett recalls likened them to Northern Ireland rockers *Therapy?* - it's definitely gone down well with the music-buying public. *Distance* hit the top of the Irish singles chart in physical sales, and landed a respectable 21st place in downloads. A number of headline gigs have packed venues around the city, and another stateside trip is planned soon enough. "We're due to head back to the United States at the tail end of this year. We'll probably go out for two months - back to New York, but probably also to L.A. and along the East Coast," reveals Plunkett.

Inevitably, perhaps, a band rising this quickly attracts attention - and speculation that a significant label may swoop to pick them up. The chance to pack in the day job is appealing (even though, with all four members working for themselves, managing the increased band work is a lot easier) but they're not jumping the gun for any deal. "We have been approached by a couple of people. Certainly, when the right offer comes along, we'll consider it. But it's got to be the right offer for us. We believe that we've a strong offering and we know that, certainly from the reaction we get live, our songs connect with people. So we're not going to get involved with a deal that doesn't work for everyone. But we certainly wouldn't turn up our nose at anything," Plunkett insists. ■

For the size of Dublin, there's a really strong musical base here. But when you go to New York, there are more people to come to the gigs, and more people involved in the business.

Find out more

To check out the full interview with Barry Plunkett, visit www.2night.ie!

EVENTS

WEEK | 1 - 4 JULY



3 JULY

OUTSIDERS*

Floppy-haired economist David McWilliams has a knack for being in the right place at the right time. He claims to have been the first person to name the 'Celtic Tiger', and promotion blurbs for this latest show peg him as the only person who predicted our economic collapse. (This is definitely open to debate – we recall him insisting that "proper countries don't allow their banks to fail" on the morning the Irish Government decided to prop up Anglo-Irish Bank.) Having released a book on his experiences, he's back with a one man show that's part stand-up, part discussion, and part lecture. His thesis is that this country is divided into insiders – those with a stake in our country who believe that today's status quo must be preserved at all costs - and outsiders, who realise that the status quo is part of the problem. Guess which side he's on. This is the final evening of the show.

From €14, 20:00

The Abbey Theatre.

26, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1.

Tel: 01 8872200

JULY 1

PHOTO IRELAND FESTIVAL

Ireland's first International festival of photography and visual culture kicks off today, with exhibitions running in the Gallery of Photography, Exchange Dublin, MonsterTruck, the Light House Cinema and more. Highlights include Fragments From a Broken World by kennardphilipps and Sean Hillen, to be shown at the National Photographic Archive, The Thing that Bruises You, celebrating the work of recent Irish based photography graduates at La Catedral Studios, plus many talks and workshops running at various locations. The festival runs until July 11. Various locations.

CIAN BOYLAN QUARTET FEATURING BEN CASTLE: THE SOUND OF MOVIES

The Jazz Pianist and composer returns to The National Concert Hall with a formidable quartet line-up, featuring the impressive British Jazz saxophonist, Ben Castle, who's worked with greats including Sting, Tony Bennett and Quincy Jones. This evening concert is themed around songs and scores from the movies, featuring some new arrangements from Boylan and some very special guest vocalists in the John Field room.

€20, 20:00

The National Concert Hall. 2, Earlsfort Terrace – Dublin 2. Tel: 01 4770077

ASLAN

The 'Live at Leopardstown' series of gigs continues apace, and now it's the turn of these evergreen Dublin vets to take over the racecourse. Christy Dingam and the boys may be a long way away from the sport of kings, but expect the crowd to holler with feeling when CrazyWorld kicks in.

€16.50, 16:30

Leopardstown Racecourse. Leopardstown Road – Dublin 18. Tel: 01 2890500

LIVE MUSIC | CLUBBING * ONGOING EVENT

EATING AND DRINKING | THEATRE | ARTS

EVENTS / DUBLIN

CROSBY, STILLS AND NASH

Once upon a time, and with sometime bandmate Neil Young, these guys were the dangerous, slightly self destructive and altogether rockier side of the folk music revival and flower power. Now, though, they've ascended to international treasure status, and are getting along fine. Even though many of their fans from the 1960s counterculture are politicians or bankers, they can still muster up soulful, bluesy and heartfelt music.

From €54.80, 20:00

The 02 Arena. North Wall Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 01 8198888

ELVIS COSTELLO AND THE SUGARCANS

Elvis Costello has managed to produce 36 albums of literary weirdo-pop while appearing in numerous films, and is even a handy writer. Therefore, we should be glad that he's found the time to perform an intimate gig at Dublin's Vicar Street.

€55, 20:30

Vicar Street. 57, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 01 7755800

IRISH AIR GUITAR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

It's official: musical ability is no longer a prerequisite to fame and fortune. Sure, the winner of the official Irish Air Guitar Championships 2010 won't exactly be appearing on MTV soon, but they will get to travel to Oslo for the world championships of air guitar.

Expect heavy irony and plenty of laughs as a stream of gung-ho performers ditch real instruments in favour of serious showmanship.

€TBC,

The Village. 26, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 01 4758555

JULY 2

MOUNTAIN MAN

The American folk act make a rare Irish appearance as part of a European tour. It's their member Amelia's birthday, so there'll hopefully be a party feel.

€13, 20:00

Crawdaddy. Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 01 4763374

ROB SCHNEIDER

The Emmy-nominated actor is well known for his trademark blend of character and comedic acting, and has many strings to his bow including directing, producing and writing. After 17 years, though, Schneider is making a welcome return to the stage. The response is impressive – a tour of North America and Europe is typically selling out shows three weeks in advance.

€28, 20:30

Vicar Street. 57, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 01 7755800

Friday July 2nd

21 DEMANDS, GATSBY AND VERONA RIOTS

The Dublin-based rock band, who made Irish music history by becoming the first unsigned band to hit number one in the singles charts (and the first to reach that spot on download sales alone), are currently working away on their debut album. They're still making time to play The Sugar club with accomplished indie acts Gatsby and Verona Riots in aid of the Marie Keating Foundation and Get Men Talking.

€8, 20:00

The Sugar Club. 8, Lower Leeson Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 01 6787188

THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF MUSIC HALL!

There's still plenty of nostalgia to be mined in the music we all listened to before rock came along.

This show in the John Field Room presents popular songs from the Music Hall era, ranging from sentimental and comic ditties to spoofs of the rich and famous, drinking songs and songs of war.

€12/€10, 13:05

The National Concert Hall. 2, Earlsfort Terrace – Dublin 2. Tel: 01 4770077

RTE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – SUMMER EVENING CONCERT SERIES

There's a distinctly American theme in this concert, which has been billed as the orchestra's nod to independence day. Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man and Appalachian Spring features, as does a trio of Gershwin compositions: Piano Concerto in F, excerpts from Girl Crazy, and Walking The Dog. Dublin based Australian pianist Lance Coburn is there to add the requisite bluesy touch.

From €9, 19:30

The National Concert Hall. 2, Earlsfort Terrace – Dublin 2. Tel: 01 4770077

JULY 3

ONEIROGRAPHY

It's your last chance to catch this exhibition curated by Chris Fite-Wassilak, bringing together the work of Simon and Tom Bloor, Michelle Deignan, Ruth Ewan, and Ragnar Kjartansson. The pieces are an attempt, we're told, "to mark the blurred, unknown distance between what is and what has come before."

Free, 13:00

Green on Red Gallery. 26-28, Lombard Street East – Dublin 2. Tel: 0 16713414

ALI CAMPBELL

No, it's not Glen Campbell's long-lost son (though we do pick

up a distinct resemblance): Ali Campbell first made his mark as lead singer of the hugely popular British Reggae group UB40, but left in 2008 after enduring mounting frustration for five years. Solo life seems to suit him, though - debut album Running Free entered the UK Albums Chart at number 9, marking the first Top 10 studio album for Campbell since Labour of Love III was released ten years earlier. He's touring like a man ten years younger too, with UB40's former keyboardist Michael virtue as part of the line up.

€38.70, 21:00

The Helix. Dublin City University, Collins Avenue – Dublin 9. Tel: 01 7700700

ESSE MALIN

The sometime Ryan Adams protégé has been at this music malarkey since the age of 13, when he served as frontman for the seminal New York hardcore band Heart Attack. His debut solo effort, The Fine Art of Self-Destruction, made a splash when it landed on 2003 – so too did his most recent original album Glitter in the Gutter.

He's a big man for the covers, though, so don't be shocked if he dusts off a few tonight.

€19, 19:00

The Academy. 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 01 8779999

FAULTY TOWERS – THE DINING EXPERIENCE

The name change may have satisfied the lawyers, but nobody's fooled. This original show offers theatre-goers the not-always-so-coveted experience of Basil, Manuel, Sybil et al serving dinner in their own inimitable style. A hit during its Edinburgh appearance and a short run late last year, the Australian production

returns to the civic theatre. This is your last night to catch it – until it returns from Thursday 15 to Saturday 17 at Draocht.

The Civic Theatre. Town Centre, Tallaght – County Dublin. Tel: 01 4627477

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY

The story of two New Yorkers sharing the trials and tribulations of dating and life over a dozen years remains hugely popular, and this new stage production stars Sarah Jayne Dunn and Rupert Hill. Tonight is your last chance to check out the play on the Irish leg of an ongoing tour.



From €20, 19:30

Grand Canal Theatre. Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 01 6777999

JULY 4

SNOOKER LEGENDS

Jimmy 'Whirlwind' White, Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins, and John 'The Entertainer' Parrot are just some of the big names on hand still keen to show off their talents.

From €30, 19:15

Citywest Hotel. Saggart – County Dublin. Tel: 01 4010500

EVENTS

WEEK | 5 - 11 JULY



JULY 8

OXEGEN*

Oxegen has established itself as one of Europe's leading festivals – and, despite the ritual post-festival hand wringing in the newspapers (What are our children coming to?), it's more popular than ever. This year's line-up adds rather more hip-hop to the mix than usual. Eminem headlines, with Jay-Z, the Black Eyed Peas and Faithless also set to make an appearance. Meanwhile, The Prodigy and Fatboy Slim are booked in to excite the clubbers. Guitar devotees aren't being short-changed either – Arcade Fire are making it over, along with Kasabian, Florence and the Machine, Vampire Weekend and Stereophonics. Over 150 artists will perform over three days, with the campsite opening from noon on Thursday. If roughing it isn't your style, you can still head along for the weekend, thanks to special luxury camping pods that have been brought in for the occasion.

From €99.50 (single day), 12:00

Punchestown Racecourse.

Punchestown, Naas - County Kildare.

LIVE MUSIC | CLUBBING * ONGOING EVENT
EATING AND DRINKING | THEATRE | ARTS

EVENTS / DUBLIN

JULY 5

THE HIGH KINGS

A Celtic Ballad group formed by the folks behind the Celtic Woman phenomenon, the High Kings contain the son of a Clancy brother (Finbarr Clancy) and a Furey (Martin Furey). They're displaying the impressive touring stamina of their predecessors, taking on a two week residency at the Sugar Club before hitting the road for an Irish tour. Tonight is the first night of their run, which will see them play every day (excluding Sundays) up to July 16.

€25, 19:00

The Sugar Club. 8, Lower Leeson Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016787188

DJ SHADOW

Widely regarded as one of the most groundbreaking and influential artists in modern music, DJ Shadow is well into his first major UK tour in four years. New album *The Outsider*, loaded with Shadow's customary sound and celebrity appearances, landed in September, and he's gearing up for an appearance at Creamfields in August.

€32.50, 19:30

Tripod. Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

SARAH HARMER

The Canadian singer-songwriter and sometime activist makes a welcome return to these shores, supporting recently released fifth album *Oh Little Fire*.

€15, 19:30

The Academy. 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

THE RAT PACK

The Olivier Award nominated show, celebrating old blue eyes and chums, drops into the Grand Canal Theatre for a week-long run. The show promises a trip back in time to the glamorous, glitzy nights of Las Vegas in the late 50s and early 60s to experience

Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr and Dean Martin performing at the world-famous Sands Hotel. Even with three (highly accomplished) singers filling their shoes, the trio are still one of the best acts in town. The Rat Pack runs until Saturday July 10, with a 14:30 matinee on Friday and Saturday.

From €35, 19:30

Grand Canal Theatre. Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 01 6779999

JULY 6

SNOOP DOGG

The sometime Calvin Broadus may be showing his age, but cool like the doggy one's doesn't just vanish overnight. Since releasing debut *Doggystyle* in 1993, he's enjoyed a string of multi-platinum albums, and has also established himself as a versatile MC, actor and TV presenter, while also showing the savvy to tone down his gansta image dramatically after the murders of Biggie and Tupac. Malice n Wonderland dropped last year, and he's renewed activity on the touring front.

From €40, 20:00

The Olympia Theatre. 72, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

JULY 7

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: SALTIMBANCO

Following the critically-acclaimed UK tour of *Qudiam*, Cirque Du Soleil is returning with an arena tour of a new production created by Franco Dragone. *Saltimbanco* promises an allegorical and acrobatic journey into the heart of the city and, even if you don't see the hidden meaning in the death-defying acrobatics and athleticism, it'll entertain. 50 high-calibre artists have been drafted in from 20 countries to make this show what it is – a jaw-dropping spectacle that makes garden-variety circuses seem strangely inadequate. The show runs at the 02 from July 7 to 18, with a 15:30

matinee on Saturday and Sunday. From €35, 20:00
The 02 Arena. North Wall Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

JULY 8

LUNFARDIA

The freewheeling repertoire of this South American/classic jazz five piece embraces simmering Tangos and Milongas from Buenos Aires, rough-hewn Chacareras from the Argentinean pampas, breezy Bolivian Huaynos and grooving Jorojos from Venezuela. They're performing in the John Field Room to launch sophomore album *Acolloardos*, a follow up to 2008's *Picada Pa'* Cincos.

€15, 20:00

The National Concert Hall. 2, Earlsfort Terrace – Dublin 2. Tel: 014170077

LES PARFAITS INCONNUS

Just as the super-professional Cirque du Soleil pitch up at the 02, this zany medley of circus acts, comedy, and electrifying music shows up to show us what fun true chaos can be. Six eccentrics armed with a bicycle, a table, a barrel, a board, a ladder and some balls offer an hour's unconventional entertainment, from juggling to 'unbalancing' acts. The show runs on Thursday and Friday evening, with a 15:00 showing on Saturday.

€16/€12, 19:00

Draocht. The Blanchard-stown Centre - Dublin 15. Tel: 018852622

JULY 9

SIX WORKS BY DANIEL GUSTAV CRAMER

It's the last day of the Goethe Institute's exhibition featuring the Berlin-based visual artist's recent work, centred around

a letter written to a friend. The works range from photographs to small text pieces, artist publications to videos, and the institute is open until 13:30 on Fridays. Free, 10:00

The Goethe Institute. 37 Merrion Square - Dublin 2. Tel: 016611155

THE QUARE FELLOW

Brendan Behan's muscular, visceral prose and plays won him acclaim in his lifetime – not like he cared. This play, which established Behan as a world famous playwright and subsequently a media celebrity first ran out of a tiny Dublin theatre (The Pike) in 1954, so perhaps it's fitting that Pike founders Alan Simpson and Carolyn Swift have decided to revive the play at The New Theatre. Ronan Wilnot directs a cast including PJ, Brady, Declan J. Connaughton and Mick Fitzgerald, with the show running until August 7.

€15/€10, 20:00

The New Theatre. 43, East Essex Street, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 01670 3361

JULY 10

BOGBOY

It's your last chance to catch this play, produced by Tall Tales Theatre Company and the Solstice Arts Centre, and focusing on a young heroin addict who leaves Dublin for rehabilitation in the country. She strikes up a surprising friendship with a reclusive, middle-aged farmer Hughie, and things are looking up – though it may be too good to be true. The intriguing story by Deirdre Kinahan was originally developed by RTE Radio and produced in radio version in 2008.

€20/€15/€12, 20:00

Project Arts Centre. 2, Essex Street East – Dublin 2. Tel: 018819613

ARCADIA*

Tom Stoppard's comic tale about misunderstanding and the quest for knowledge finishes a lengthy run at the Gate tonight. The story spans several centuries, opening on a stately home in Derbyshire in the early 19th century, when a young girl suddenly proposes a startling theory that neither she nor her tutors can understand, before flashing forward to the almost modern day, where the same theory is thrashed over by rival academics. The same illicit passions and desires abound in both settings, blended skilfully by director Patrick Mason.

From €25, 20:00

The Gate Theatre. 1, Cavendish Row – Dublin 1. Tel: 018744045

BOOKWORMS*

Another final performance, this time of Bernard Farrell's book club themed comedy. Hostess Marion O'Dwyer is struggling to stay calm, keep her guests entertained, and keep certain skeletons firmly in the closet. **The Abbey Theatre.** 26, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018872200

MAKING NATURE

A combined exhibition exploring the world naturally made, and art as it remakes the world, Making Nature finishes its five-week stint at the Rubicon Gallery. The artists exhibiting include Rowena Drieng, Blaise Drummond, Anita Groener, Katie Holten, Caroline McCarthy, Barbara Novak, Nadin Maria Rufenacht, Jennifer Steinkamp, Robert Voit and Yuken Teruya. **The Rubicon Gallery.** 10, Stephen's Green – Dublin 2. Tel: 016708055

TORTOISE

Twenty years after its founding, the band's singular instrumental sound – blending dub, dance, jazz, techno, rock, and classical minimalism – remains intact, influential and undeniably original. They're ably supported at this Whelan's gig by Jeff Martin and his band.

€29, 19:30

Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

BALKANARAMA

A one-off club night fusing virtuoso live performance on traditional Balkan instruments with DJs spinning electro Balkan Beats, live visuals, free rakja brandy tasting, exquisite gypsy belly dancing and much more. You've got to admit, it's different.

€15, 21:00

The Button Factory. Curved Street, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 016709202

WERK

The award-winning theatre company and Electric Picnic favourites THISISPOPBABY take over the bowels of the Abbey with a late-night haze of neon, performance, art and discotheque.

€10/€12, 00:30

The Abbey Theatre. 26, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018872200

JULY 11

THEWORLD CUP FINAL

Whether you're backing the not-so-beautiful-this-year football of Brazil, Spain's dynamic passing game, or even the old enemy, there's one gig in town tonight. Watch it on a big screen in a pub, or have the friends round – either way, it's all about the football tonight.

Free, 19:30

Various Venues.

EVENTS

WEEK | 12 - 18 JULY



JULY 13

MILK AND COOKIES STORYTELLING

Dublin's arty types have embraced the old-school form of storytelling – witness the regular Narrative Arts Club running around Dublin, or Chaos Thaoghaire's events. Our favourite storytelling group, though, is the Milk and Cookies crew, not because they're lovely (though giving away free tea and cookies is a nice touch), but also because they make a certain effort to make each event a bit different. Themed evenings – including an event devoted to 'end of the world' stories and a bilingual night – and the baking competition are welcome additions to the simple formula of open-mike storytelling. You can sit tight and listen, or stand up yourself to entertain the crowd. If you want to take it really seriously, they also run workshops where you can hone your storytelling skills. Admission is free, but be generous when the donations bucket comes your way.

Free, 18:30

Exchange Dublin.

Exchange Street Upper, Temple Bar – Dublin 2.

Tel: 016779264

JULY 12

CONVERGE

The Massachusetts band have been blending hardcore punk and extreme metal since 1990. Latest album *Axe to Fall*, which dropped in 2009, has been hailed as their best yet, and moved Pitchfork to describe them as their generation's Black Flag.

€24.50, 19:00

Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

JULY 13

FRENCH MARKET

Break out your onion necklace and other offensive stereotypes – Le Marche de France, a European market, is celebrating the Alliance Française's 50th anniversary by holding a special market from today down in Dublin's Docklands offering fresh French food, crafts, fun and fireworks, the event also coincides with Bastille day on July 14, and will run until Sunday. Having organised over 60 markets in total over the past two years, attracting some 1.5 million visitors, these folks know exactly what they're doing.

Free, 12:00

Spencer Dock. Docklands – Dublin 1.

JULY 14

TAYLOR HAWKINS AND THE COATTAIL RIDERS

The sometime Foo Fighters drummer has kept a bevy of side projects on the go, from a Police cover band to reworking unfinished projects by former Beach Boy Dennis Wilson. The Coattail Riders, though, are more than just a distraction, having played together since 2006.

€25.50, 20:00

The Academy. 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

EVENTS / DUBLIN III

JULY 15

PAUL BRADY

The legendary Northern Irish singer-songwriter has been touring a great deal of late, which we like – there's nothing quite like seeing the old master in the flesh. This Leopardstown Racecourse gig takes place as part of the Live at Leopardstown series.

€16.50, 16:30

Leopardstown Racecourse. Leopardstown Road – Dublin 18. Tel: 012890500

PALOMA FAITH

In any normal year, the meteoric rise of Paloma Faith would be hailed as a sterling victory for girl power in the testosterone-heavy world of alternative music. However, 2009 also saw the appearance of another vampy lady named Florence Welch. Nonetheless, with the gold-certified *Do You Want the Truth or Something Beautiful* under her belt (and an innovative hit single in New York), she's plenty to be proud about. Even though acting is looming large on her agenda, Paloma is stopping off at Dublin's Iveagh Gardens for a marquee gig.

€29.50, 18:30

The Iveagh Gardens. 2, Clonmel Street – Dublin 2.

JULY 16

TORI AMOS

The sometime Cornflake Girl, who combined the lyrical attack of alternative rock with considerable musical skill, is credited with reviving the piano as a rock instrument and shifting the image of the female singer-songwriter from the winsome mould set by Joni Mitchell and Joan Baez. Having shot to prominence with stark and dark confessional songs like *Me and a Gun* (which told of her own experience with rape) and *Hey Jupiter*, she's enjoyed a new lease of life with mellower, more reflective albums like *Scarlett's Walk* – which spawned her most commercially

successful single yet, *A Sorta Fairy-tale*. 2009 was a productive year in which she released her tenth solo album, *Abnormally Attracted to Sin*, and followed up with the yule-themed *Midwinter Graces*. Now we get to enjoy the live experience at the Iveagh Gardens.



€45, 18:30

The Iveagh Gardens. 2, Clonmel Street – Dublin 2.

PIERCE TURNER

'Joyce with a voice, Yeats on skates,' is how *Hot Press* once described the Wexford-born singer-songwriter, conjuring up images of perhaps Ireland's most acclaimed author skidding about all over the gaff. Fortunately, Turner has been perfectly steady on his feet in a recording career spanning some 25 years, and his quirky touches endear – his 'parlour tour' of 70 private Irish houses was inspired. Fortunately, he's appearing this time in the more public surroundings of Whelan's.

€26, 20:00

Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

JULY 17

RAY MANZAREK AND ROBBY KRIEGER

Doors devotees will recall those two men – anyone who can only mustervague memories of Jim Morrison when the seminal psychedelic band come up in conversation can look away now. Manzarek and Krieger team up with the Lombard Philharmonic Orchestra (plus Brett Scallions and Ty Dennis) to offer an entire concert of Doors songs for one night only. This one ain't for the faint-hearted, but it's a must-see for fans.

€66.50, 20:00

Grand Canal Theatre. Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 01 6777999

NAS AND DAMIEN J'RGONG MARLAY

It's been a long time since Nas' debut album *Illmatic*, released in 1994, and plenty of water has gone under the bridge since then: a stint as part of hip-hop supergroup the Firm, plus very different feuds with Jay-Z and Fox's Bill O'Reilly are the highlights. Today, he's mainly in the news here for his nasty spat with ex-wife Kelis, so it's probably just as well that he's visiting to remind us all why he's worth caring about. Particularly with Damien Marlay at his side, Nas remains a rare talent, and is blessed with the presence and energy to translate hip-hop into a great live experience.

From €35.50, 19:30

Tripod. Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

THE THREE IRISH TENORS

The original classical supergroup of Plácido Domingo, José Carreras and the late Luciano Pavarotti evidently inspired this trio, who decided to come together over a few pints of Guinness in McSorleys

Pub – thus are many great things born. They've toured all over Ireland, the UK and America, but are dropping in for a much more intimate gig closer to home for their ten-year anniversary show.

€28, 20:00

Saint Maelruain's Tallaght. Main Street, Tallaght – County Dublin.

THE MATCHMAKER

After a phenomenally successful initial run, The Tivoli Theatre have brought back this production of John B. Keane's classic, mischievous comedy, and tonight is your last chance to catch its second run. Glenroe's finest Mick Lally (Miley Byrne) and Mary McEvoy (Biddy Byrne) take to the stage and, between them, play more than 20 characters in the play, which follows the efforts of Kerry Man Dicky Mick Dicky O'Connor as he corresponds with a variety of lonely rural males and females eager to find a mate in 1950s Ireland.

€20/€15, 19:30

The Tivoli Theatre. 135 – 138, Francis Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 014544472

DARA O'BRIAIN

There's no point hiding it anymore – we're major fans of Dara O'Briain's style of observational humour, which travels from mild bemusement to spluttering rage, all the while sharing a certain sense of joy about the ridiculousness of this world. It's just as well, then, that he tours relentlessly, and makes time to drop into Dublin now and then. This is the last Vicar Street date for a while, but don't be shocked if one of the finest comedians this country has produced makes it over again before the year is out.

€28, 20:30

Vicar Street. 57, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 017755800

JULY 18

JOSH RITTER

For some reason, it seems Ireland can't quite get enough of Josh Ritter, and the Idaho man is happy to make this small raucy island a second home. He toured here as recently as April but, given how well the sell-out gig at Grand Canal Theatre went, a return was inevitable. New album *So Runs The World Away* was released here before the rest of the world got to hear it, and showed him still mining the rich seam of Americana that's made his fortune to date. The backing band may have a brand new name, but it appears that the same old Ritter will keep returning to please his fans.

€38, 18:30

The Iveagh Gardens. 2, Clonmel Street – Dublin 2.

SEPULTURA

It's shaping up to be a metal-tastic month as the Brazilian outfit drop in to the Academy for a rare appearance. Latest release *A-Lex* is a concept album themed around *A Clockwork Orange* and is notable for being their first effort with either Max or Igor Cavalera involved.

€25, 19:00

The Academy. 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

A SIKH FACE IN IRELAND

The Photographic and Life History Project's exhibition offers a profile of Sikhs in Ireland today, plus a social and cultural history of Sikh immigrants and their descendants. Today is your last chance to see it at the Chester Beatty.

The Chester Beatty Library. Dublin Castle – Dublin 2. Tel: 014070750

EVENTS

WEEK | 19 - 25 JULY



JULY 22

CARLSBERG COMEDY CARNIVAL*

There's a major renaissance going on in Irish comedy, and Carlsberg have clearly caught onto it. They're hosting a Comedy Carnival, which will bring some of the top Irish and international acts to the beautiful Iveagh Gardens over a long weekend. Side attractions include live music, street entertainers and a gourmet barbecue, but it's the meaty programme that makes this a date for our diaries. The line-up includes Irish staples (Aidan and Des Bishop, Andrew Maxwell, Ardál O'Hanlon and Apres Match), some regular visitors to these shores (Emo Phillips and Reginald D. Hunter) and some talent many won't have seen before, including Arj Barker from Flight of the Conchords and Chris Addison (from The Thick of It and the Oscar-nominated In The Loop). No less than 42 gigs will take place at the carnival over four days. To book tickets for the shows and view the full line-up, log on to www.carlsbergcomedy.com.

The Iveagh Gardens.
2, Clonmel Street - Dublin 2.

LIVE MUSIC | CLUBBING * ONGOING EVENT
EATING AND DRINKING | THEATRE | ARTS

EVENTS / DUBLIN

JULY 19

KRISTIN HERSH

Since breaking away from influential rock outfit Throwing Muses, singer/songwriter Kristin Hersh has found greater success as a solo artist. Her debut, *Hips and Makers*, outsold all the Muses' releases (a duet with Michael Stipe on single *Your Ghost* surely helped). The all-acoustic effort heralded a new approach, with Hersh happy to blend Appalachian and laid-back melodies with the thrashy punk that made her famous. Her latest album, *Crooked*, came out earlier this year.

€25, 20:30
Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

CELTIC RISING

The d4hotels peeps have teamed up with Julian Benson Productions to create this fast-paced Irish traditional dance and music show boasting considerably more talent than many tourist-trap productions. Award winning Irish composer Eanan Patterson has provided the score, and top-drawer dancers are choreographed by international Irish dance champion Zara Curtis. The show includes a full meal, and runs into August.

€49, 19:00
The Burlington Hotel. Upper Leeson Street - Dublin 4. Tel: 016185600

JULY 20

CUT COPY

The electropoppy Australians have been marked for greatness since signing with Modular Recordings, home to Wolfmother, New Young Pony Club and The Avalanches. Sophomore album *In Ghost Colours* was released in 2008 - now all they need to do is match the critical acclaim with commercial success.



€22.50, 19:30
The Button Factory. Curved Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016709202

DEATH OF A SALESMAN*

It's opening night for this new production of Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece. The play, often referenced as one of the twentieth century's great literary triumphs emerged back in 1949, but the tale of veteran salesman Willy Loman has a certain timeless quality. Though he's always gotten by on charm, this play opens on a Willy Loman that has lost his edge and is increasingly haunted by missed opportunities as his life unravels. Harris Yulin has been drafted in to play Loman, and David Esbjornson is in the director's chair. The play runs until September 4, with no showing on Sundays.

€32 (€15 students), 19:30
The Gate Theatre. 1, Cavendish Row - Dublin 1. Tel: 018744045

JULY 21

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG*

Otherwise known as 'the most fantasmagorical musical in the history of everything' (they don't sell themselves short, do they?), this stage production of the classic family movie begins a two-week run at the Grand Canal theatre. The Show runs into August, with no shows on Sunday.

From €31, 19:30

Grand Canal Theatre. Grand Canal Square, Docklands - Dublin 1. Tel: 01 6777999

THE DEANS

A musical trio from the west of Ireland whose roots are firmly planted in blues, country and folk, The Deans have branched into progressive, diverse and highly spontaneous rock.

€15, 20:00
Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

JULY 22

DELORENTOS

The Dublin alt-rockers are riding high after going back on a decision to part ways. They finally released second album *You Can Make Sound*, which bagged them two Meteor Music Award nominations, and are working the festival circuit - a return to the big smoke beckons here.

€16.50, 16:30
Leopardstown Racecourse. Leopardstown Road - Dublin 18. Tel: 012890500

OWEN BRADY

A Dublin-born singer makes a return from a career that's apparently going rather well in California. Free, 20:00

Cassidy's Bar. 27, Westmoreland Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016708604

JULY 23

MARTHA REEVES AND THE VANDELLAS

One of the most successful groups ever to grace the legendary Motown label, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas offered a harder R&B sound than famous label-mates The Supremes. Though their career was stalled by Reeves' illness as the 60s

ended, and the original Vandellas have sadly passed away, Martha is still going strong - and touring heavily after losing a seat on Detroit's City council. €35, 19:30

The Helix. Dublin City University, Glasnevin - Dublin 9.

MOON DUO

Thrashy San Francisco psychedelic electronica with a heavy dose of guitar and ethereal vocals? Oh yes please! This is the only Dublin stop in a UK and Ireland tour.

€14, 19:30
Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

JULY 24

TUPELO

This eclectic five-piece acoustic roots act (the guitar, fiddle, saxophone, double bass and obligatory banjo make an appearance) have played support to serious names including Booker T, Imelda May and Damien Dempsey, and have an Irish top 10 single under their belts in *Ca Bhfuil Ar Scoil?*. Their EP, *Dirty Money*, is planned for a summer release.

€10, 20:00
Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

ADRIAN CROWLEY

Despite being a relatively late starter in the music biz at 25 (he's past the 30 mark now), Adrian Crowley has already built up a devoted fanbase while churning out four excellent albums. The enfant terrible of alternative county, Ryan Adams, cited him as the best songwriter that no one's heard of back in 2005 - heady praise indeed, and we fancy people have learned of him since.

€20, 19:30

The Button Factory. Curved Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016709202

CAGE CONTENDER

It's official - Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) has arrived in Ireland, with events like Cage Contender at the forefront. This event has a packed card of Irish talent, from Paul "The Red Bull" Cowzer to Cathal "Colonus" Pendred.

From €30, 18:00
National Basketball Arena. Tymon Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Tel: 014590211

MAD ORCHIDS TEA PARTY

A night of bellydance with Captain Magic Wonderland providing the tunes. Dr Fadi Drum, The Zoryanna, Jewel Dancers and Shazwanda are all lined up.

€16, 20:00
The Sugar Club. 8, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016787188

JULY 25

PETER PAN ON ICE

It's a good day to check out this creative take on JM Barrie's famous story of the boy who never grew up, playing at the Citywest Hotel for a limited run from July 22 to 27. The renowned Russian Ice Stars are the ones in skates.

From €15.50, 17:00
Citywest Hotel. Saggart - County Dublin. Tel: 014010500

DON MCGLASHAN

The kiwi singer-songwriter is pursuing a solo career after years of knocking around the world in bands and even a music/theatre troupe. This could be the start of something special.

€10, 20:00
Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

KEITH BARRY - THE ASYLUM

The 34-year-old Waterford man has come a long way since buying a book entitled *Magic For The Complete Klutz* some 20 years ago. MTV and CBS specials, plus slots on the a-list TV circuit (from Ellen to Paul O'Grady), have shown him to be a versatile performer as well as an all-round nice guy, so it probably shouldn't have come as a surprise that he was picked to host the Irish version of *Deal or No Deal* when it arrives on TV3. For now, though, he's taken to the stage with The Asylum tour, showcasing his impressive escape artistry, hypnosis and illusionism. Tonight is the final performance in a 20-night run.

€28, 20:00
The Olympia Theatre. 72, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

QUE PEZON!

A world music project takes to the Mezz Stage.

€TBC, 22:00
The Mezz/Thinktank. 23, Eustace Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707655

EVENTS

WEEK | 26 - 31 JULY



JULY 31

CASTLE PALOOZA*

If Electric Picnic led the way in establishing the Irish 'boutique' festival, the lads behind Castle Palooza have surely perfected the formula. Limited to 3,000 people, the festival takes place in the beautiful seventeenth-century Charleville Castle in Tullamore, County Offaly. Among the attractions, you'll find art exhibitions, workshops and even a day spa to accompany a musical line-up that's perfectly suited to the laid-back environment. This year, Mercury Rev and Fionn Regan are key artists, with Norman Jay, Wave Machine and The Candidates also playing in a line up dominated by Irish-based acts. As if to underline the blistering nice-ness of the festival, part of the ticket price goes toward maintaining and restoring the castle, and there's a 'green team' on hand to help recycling. The fun will continue into Sunday.

From €99, 10:00
Charleville Castle.

Tullamore – County Offaly.

JULY 26

KEVIN SHARKEY ART SALE*

Art attack! The man once pegged as Ireland's most collectable artist is now flogging off his entire collection of private paintings for €500 each. The sale runs over July 26 and 27.

Free, 11:00
Sharkey's Studio. 80, Francis Street - Dublin 8.

JULY 27

FAMILY FORCE 5

This group uses elements of hip hop, post-hardcore, alternative rock, punk rock, and club oriented crunk, crunkcore, electropunk, electronica and nu metal with "positive, party lyrics" – yes folks, Christian Rock is coming to Dublin! The Georgia boys have put back the release of their third studio album to 2011, so it's time to spread the good news.

€15, 18:00
The Academy. 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

JAKOB DYLAN

After spending many a year knocking around with The Wallflowers, Bob Dylan's boy has decided to go it alone. His second solo album, *Women and Country*, dropped in April, and he's hitting the road in earnest.

€29.70, 19:30
Tripod. Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

JULY 28

BONNIE PRINCE BILLY & THE CAIRO GANG*

Bonnie Prince Billy is one of those love-or-hate artists: an army of truly devoted fans see in him a modern-day poet with subtle, beautifully-formed lyrics and a rare gift for quiet melody. For the haters, he's another moody misanthrope with a six-string and a

LIVE MUSIC | CLUBBING * ONGOING EVENT
 EATING AND DRINKING | THEATRE | ARTS

EVENTS / DUBLIN

desire to spread the misery. They can't deny him his popularity or productivity: he's currently touring his twentieth album, *The Wonder Show of the World*, with the group that helped him make it. This is the first of two Whelan's gigs, with the next one taking place tomorrow.

€29, 19:30
Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS*

Maybe it's the slightly revolutionary anger in the air, but we fancy The Abbey has chosen a fine time to revive Sean O'Casey's classic. Set in a tenement house, against the backdrop of the Easter Rising in 1916, *The Plough and the Stars* is both an intimate play about the lives of two ordinary people, Jack and Nora Clitheroe, and a unique take on the birth of our nation. Opening night on July 27 has already sold out (the production runs until September 25), and Wayne Jordan is in the director's chair.

19:30
The Abbey Theatre. 26, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018872200

JULY 29

THESE ARE POWERS

The experimental Illinois boys blend poly-rhythm with electronic samples and noise rock for a delicious combination. Expect this to be packed out by the clued in clubbers.

€TBC, 22:00
Andrew's Lane Theatre. 7-11, Andrew's Lane – Dublin 2. Tel: 016795720

THE STORY OF MOTOWN*

The legendary Detroit R'N'B label nurtured major artists including the Supremes, The Temptations, The Jackson Five, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye – little wonder then, that it's celebrated in a show like this. The Story of Motown promises to take us on musical journey, from humble beginnings in downtown Detroit to the magical heights of its global

success, with plenty of hits along the way. A female vocal trio and a male vocal quartet are backed up by the eight piece Motown Big Band. The show runs until Saturday.

€25, 19:30
The Olympia Theatre. 72, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

JULY 30

IRON MAIDEN

The grand-daddies of English metal are now in the fourth decade of their career but show no sign of stopping – their sixteenth studio album arrived this year, and this date is part of a massive world tour.

From €59.80, 18:30
The 02 Arena. North Wall Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

FIREHOUSE SKANK

The popular club night offers Roots and Culture on the

last Friday of Every month.

Free, 20:00
South William. 52, South William Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016725946

MICHELLE SHOCKED

The sometime Michelle Johnston has an interesting back-story: after running away from her mother, she went to live with her father, who introduced her to country bluesmen Big Bill Broonzy and Leadbelly, as well as contemporary songwriters Guy Clark and Randy Newman.

Folk underground glory beckoned, and she's made 12 well-received albums (including one triple effort) since 1986's *Texas Campfire Tapes*.

€26, 20:00
Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

CARL BARRON

The Queensland man is frequently touted as Australia's most popular comedian, and he's definitely

displayed plenty of staying power since making his debut in 1993. A welcome Northern Hemisphere tour sees him drop into the intimate surroundings of The Sugar Club.

€18, 20:30
The Sugar Club. 8, Lower Leeson Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016787188

JULY 31

ROD STEWART

Consider this – at some point in the evening, a 65-year-old double-divorcee who increasingly resembles a bequipped pruney will ask 'do ya think I'm sexy?' A packed 02 will no doubt reply in the affirmative. The former Jeff Beck Group and Faces frontman still has the 'it' factor, and is back in style from the health scare that saw him lose his voice in 2000.

He's touring in support of new album *Once in a Blue Moon*, which

features some very strong covers. From €65.70, 19:30
The 02 Arena. North Wall Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

RIVERDANCE

Even though a massive, pan-European flashmob finally knocked Riverdance off its perch as the best Eurovision interval act ever this year, the show continues to amaze observers with its enduring popularity long after original stars Michael Flatley and Jean Butler have moved on to pastures new. The celebration of Irish and Irish-influenced dance is in the middle of a massive run at the Gaieity – it's been playing there since late June and will finish up in August, playing every day except Sunday with a Saturday Matinee at 15:00.

From €10, 20:00
The Gaieity Theatre. 46, South King Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016771717

“Seattle in the late eighties. A city very far from everywhere, but about to become the center of everything.”

One More ROBOT
The Generation X Issue

Available to buy from Trout Records, George's Street Arcade & Gourmet-2-Go, Mary Street
www.onemorerobotmagazine.com

BEST OF DUBLIN

AFTER WORK

BIABAR. 30, Lower Stephens Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014053653. Appealing food, great drinks on tap, and live music make this place a winner.

CAPITOL. 18/19, Lower Stephen Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014757166. A popular cocktail bar, particularly with the younger crowd – we think drinks for €5 may have something to do with it.

CENTRE STAGE CAFE. 6, Parliament Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016703390. A lovely little café-cum-pub with lots of atmosphere.

COBBLER'S CAFÉ. Leeson Lane - Dublin 2 Dublin City. Tel: 016785945. Popular lunchtime café. Soups are particularly favoured by office worker crowd.

COSTA COFFEE. Batchelor's Walk - Dublin 1. Tel: 012921422. A great place to buy and savour a coffee on the quays

COSTA COFFEE. South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 012921422. Part of the hugely

successful UK chain, this South William Street place is ideal for kicking back over an hour or so.

DAKOTA. 9, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016727690. This trendy place still packs them in on Fridays – it's just as nice for a lunchtime visit if you don't fancy a crowd.

DAVY BYRNES. 21, Duke Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775217. A literary pub with a great bar food menu.

DUBLIN TOURISM CENTRE. Suffolk Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 1850230330. An excellent source of information for both tourists and curious Dubliners about the city.

ENOTECA DELLE LANGHE. Blooms Lane - Dublin 1. Tel: 018880834. A welcoming and authentic Italian wine bar.

FILM BASE. Curved Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016796716. An intriguing gallery for lovers of film, with an excellent coffee shop upstairs for lovers of food and coffee.

FITZSIMONS BAR AND HOTEL. 21-22, Wellington Quay, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016779315. Even if you're not looking for a room, the relaxing bar is a nice place to spend an evening.

KATE'S COTTAGE. 1, Amiens Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 871315291. A traditional Irish pub with a warm atmosphere.

LINCOLNS INN. 18-19, Lincoln Place - Dublin 2. Tel: 016762044. A classic old pub that's been redecorated with considerable élan.

LUNCH. 63, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016771546. An unpretentious little café-cum restaurant. Calzonés are highly recommended.

MADIGANS. 25, North Earl Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018746362. A very casual, laid-back pub.

MCD AIDS. 7, Harry Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016794395. A haunt of no less than Brendan Behan in its day, this is one of the oldest pubs in the city and one of the best.

MUNCHIES. Millenium Walkway, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018733455. The perfect spot for grabbing a quick and healthy sandwich on your break.

O'DONOGHUES. 15, Merrion Row - Dublin 2. Tel: 016607194. A legendary trad music pub that was loved by The Dubliners, and is still popular today.

OLESYA'S WINE BAR. 18, Exchequer Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 6724087. Well-stocked wine bar with a mix of Irish and continental fare.

O'NEILLS. 2, Suffolk Street - D2. Tel: 016793656. A sprawling pub with oodles of atmosphere and a mean selection of gourmet beers.

LEMON JELLY. 11, Essex Street East - Dublin 2. Tel: 016776297. Delicious crepes and more are available at this trendy café.

LOTT'S BAR. 9, Lower Liffey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018727669. A mixed decor of a traditional and modern café bar, and a trendy crowd.

THE FXB BULL & CASTLE

Complimentary bottle of Sol beer and finger food when you book a group of 6 or more on Fridays

offer ends 31st July 2010

JL'S CAFÉ

10% off all drinks and food

offer ends 31st July 2010

THE DUKE

Free Irish coffee with every main course and desert

offer ends 31st July 2010

limited to 1 per coupon

THE CELT

Free tea or coffee when you purchase a main course

offer ends 31st July 2010

THE EXCHEQUER

Free mojito with every main course

offer ends 31st July 2010

VENU BRASSERIE

2 cocktails for the price of 1 before 19:30

offer ends 31st July 2010

Offer valid Tuesday to Friday.

THE STREAT

Buy any sandwich or wrap and get one free.

offer ends 31st July 2010

PACINOS

Free Gelato ice-cream with every lunchtime main course

offer ends 31st July 2010

JAMES JOYCE CAFÉ BAR

3-2-1 Deal: 3 meals for the price of 2 at 1 O'Clock*

offer ends 31st July 2010

*Cheapest meal free, reservation necessary

2night
www.2night.ie

2night
www.2night.ie

2night
www.2night.ie

2night
www.2night.ie

2night
www.2night.ie

2night
www.2night.ie

2night
www.2night.ie

2night
www.2night.ie

2night
www.2night.ie

PANAMA. 30, Batchelor's Walk - Dublin 1. Tel: 018745730. A Panamanian theme lends this Liffey-side pub plenty of character.

PANTIBAR. 7-8, Capel Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018740710. The fabulous Panti presides over this popular gay bar.

PRAVDA. 35, Lower Liffey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018740090. A deceptively spacious club with a great range of vodkas.

QUEEN OFTARTS. 3-4, Cow's Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016334681. Known internationally for both savoury

tarts and sweet treats. This is the larger of the two twinned restaurants, and the original Queen of Tarts is based on Dame Street.

READER'S CAFÉ. First floor, Waterstones, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016791260. Lovely scones and high-quality cooking make this ideal for enjoying a first flick through a freshly-bought book.

SHEBEEN CHIC. 4, South Great George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016799667. Don't let the shabby décor fool you – this is a very happening bar and restaurant.

SIMON'S PLACE. 22, South Great George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016797821. A bohemian café with lots of charm and delightful cheesecake.

SIN É. 14/15, Upper Ormond Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018787079. A very popular music bar and pub, this place unusually comes to life on Sunday afternoons and early evenings.

SLATTERYS. 129, Capel Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018727971. One of the more traditional pubs on the Capel Street strip, and well known for its early house.

SOUP DRAGON. 168, Capel Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018723277. A great place for hearty and creative soups, as well as some indulgent sweets.

SUB LOUNGE. Tara St Station - Dublin 2. Tel: 016716769. One of the cheapest pubs in Dublin is understandably popular, particularly with the after work crowd.

SWEENEY'S. 2, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016350058. The rebranded hotel bar of Le Cirk is as popular as ever.

check
out
Coupon on
page 29!

PACINO'S PANTRY

18, Suffolk Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016775651

Dublin's favourite Italian restaurant, bar and club is now offering quality food on the go with their Pacino's Pantry range. From a wholesome breakfast to tempting sweet treats, there's something to appeal to any take-away taste. There's a particularly impressive range on offer at lunchtime, including salads, ciabattas, pizzas and pastas – and for value, their 'rustic special' of a panini and soup combo for €5 is tough to beat. If you fancy a treat, grab a tasty whipped ice cream with strawberries, a milkshake or something from the Pacino's range of Italian Gelato ice cream (we recommend the Stracciatella Gelato), and you can even take some sauces and dressings from the much-loved restaurant with you. The 100% handmade delights include a sweet chilli sauce, great ketchup and Pacino's 'special house dressing.

Breakfast to go available from 08:00 to 23:00, Monday to Friday (09:00 to 12:00 Saturday and Sunday). Lunch to go available Monday to Sunday from 11:00 to 15:00. Orders for a 13:00 pick-up must be placed 1 hour in advance.



THE ARLINGTON HOTEL AND LEGENDS. 16, Lord Edward Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 016708777. A popular tourist hotel with Irish dancing seven nights a week.

THE BAGEL BAR. Unit 1, Custom House Square, IFSC - Dublin 1. Tel: 016739923. Great value bagels are served with a smile at this Docklands place.

THE BAGEL FACTORY. Grafton Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 017071811. Good value bagels on offer from an ideal location.

THE BAGEL FACTORY. 19, Merion Row - Dublin 2. Tel: 01 6766235. A very popular spot for the circular lunch du jour among the office crowd.

THE BAGEL FACTORY. Lower Mayor Street, IFSC - Dublin 1. Tel: 016119730. There's plenty of variety in the bagels from here, along with seating room if you want to eat in.

THE BAILEY. 2, Duke Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 016773055. This hip place also serves a nice little food menu.

THE BERNARD SHAW. 50/51, South Richmond Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 0857128342. Imagine an old-man bar on powerful hallucinogens. It's better than you think.

THE BOAR'S HEAD. 149, Capel Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 014752705. A very popular spot for lunch and a pint, this is also fun to visit after work.

THE CHURCH. Junction of Mary Street and Jervis Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018280102. Excellent pub-cum-restaurant-cum-club that ticks all the boxes.

THE CLARENCE HOTEL. 6-8, Wellington Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 01407 0800. One of the city's best hotels and home to both the Tea Rooms and the Octagon Bar.

THE CLIFTON COURT HOTEL. 11, Eden Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018743535. A welcoming hotel with an excellent bar in 'The Metropolitan'.

THE CZECH INN. Essex Gate, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016711535. Czech-themed bar with plenty to appeal to everyone, including an extensive beer range.

THE DAWSON LOUNGE. 25, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016771487. An antidote to the trendiness of the Dawson Street strip, The Dawson lounge claims to be the smallest pub in the city. We believe it.

THE DICE BAR. 79, Queen Street, Smithfield - Dublin 7. Tel: 016746710. Part-owned by fun loving criminal Huey

Morgan, this cool little bar has a lot of noo yawk charm.

THE DRAGON. 64, South Great George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014781590. A relatively new kid on the gay bar block, this pub has a packed event programme.

THE DUKE. 8-9, Duke Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 876764657. A nice large traditional pub with good service and a trad evening on Sundays.

THE FLOWING TIDE/ NEPTUNE BAR. 9, Abbey Street Lower - Dublin 1. Tel: 018744108. Very popular with the post-theatre crowd, and home to a comedy club that's generating considerable buzz.

THE GRAFTON LOUNGE. Unit 2, Royal Hibernian Way, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016796260. Opened where the popular Cocoon once stood, this has a rather more laid-back feel than its predecessor.

THE HARBOURMASTER. Customs House Dock, IFSC - Dublin 1. Tel: 016701688. Great coffee by day and a crackling atmosphere by night make this a winner.

THE HUT. 159, Phibsboro Road, Phibsboro - Dublin 7. Tel: 018302238. A decidedly old school bar - in a good way.

Friendly service and a fine pint of Guinness are both on offer.

THE ISAAC BUTT. Store Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018555021. A large hotel bar with a great new kid on the gay bar block, this pub has a packed event programme.

THE LOFT CAFÉ. 32, Grafton Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016712803. A very handy little café above a convenience store, with great views of Grafton Street.

THE LONG HALL. 51, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014751590. A popular pub with impeccable traditional credentials.

THE MARBLE BAR. The Westbury Hotel, Harry Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016791122. Just off Grafton Street lies one of the most relaxing and best-staffed cocktail bars in the city.

THE MINT BAR. Westin Hotel, Westmoreland Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016451322. This underground bar has a cozy atmosphere and great drinks - try the elderflower Collins.

THE PINT. 28, Aston Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 018745255. Neighbourhood bar with a varied live music mix.

THE PORT HOUSE. 64, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016770298. A gorgeous little tapas bar with candlelight, and some innovative dishes.

THE MORGAN HOTEL. The Morgan Hotel, 10, Fleet Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014757166. This place is very popular, and it's easy to see why - the cocktails are frankly fantastic.

THE ODEON. 57, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782088. With more room to breathe, you can appreciate the wonderfully restored décor of this place all the better - arrive before the late-night rush.

THE PALACE BAR. 21, Fleet Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016717388. One of the most welcoming traditional pubs to survive in Dublin city centre.

'THE SECRET BAR.' 3, Fade Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 017645681. The city's worst-kept secret doesn't even need a name badge to draw in the punters.

THE STREAT. The Campshires, North Wall Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 016700073. A nice little café for grabbing a quick coffee and watching the Docklands traffic passing.

THE TEMPLE BAR HOTEL. 13-17, Fleet Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016773333. Handy, centrally-located hotel with some good last-minute deals.

THE WINDJAMMER. 8-10, Townsend Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016772576. A popular early house and generally welcoming pub at any time.

TGI FRIDAYS. St Stephens Green West - Dublin 2. Tel: 014781233. Cheap cocktails and a consistently-lively atmosphere make this a handy hangout for the young.

WHELANS. 25, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766. A long-standing indie music pub, this place is increasingly featuring innovative live acts.

WOLFES. 153, Capel Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 1 8749570. This lovely little food and wine store has a cozy feel and plenty of treats.

DINNER

101 TALBOT. 101, Talbot Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018745011. Fresh and contemporary Irish, continental and African cuisine.

ACAPULCO. 7, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016770733. Popular Tex Mex establishment with quality ingredients.



VENU HIT TASTE OF DUBLIN IN STYLE

One of Dublin's favourite restaurants and cocktail bars shone at the Taste of Dublin event in June, which drew 25,000 hungry Dubliners to the Veagh Gardens for a feast of epic proportions. Among a number of top eateries, Venu stood out with a selection of their signature dishes, including Dublin Bay scampi, duck foie gras and a tasty Tahitian cheesecake. The hungry hordes that hit Venu's stand at the event came away satisfied. "Everyone seemed happy with Venu, and they all seemed to enjoy the Dublin Bay scampi," says owner Charles Guillbaud.

At a tough time for restaurants, he adds, Taste of Dublin offered a great chance to show food-lovers in Dublin that Venu is still well worth a visit. "The objective is pretty much to touch the Dublin clientele. It's not a tourist event. You need to remind people you're still there." Having done that with considerable style, he reveals, Venu plan to be back at Taste of Dublin next year. In the meantime, though, you can enjoy the full Venu experience at Anne's Lane just off Grafton Street.

Venu Brasserie, Anne's Lane - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016706755

Opening hours: Open for dinner from 17:30, Tuesday to Saturday. Lunch/brunch from 12:00 on Saturday. Last food orders at 23:00.

BAR ITALIA. 26, Bloom's Lane, Lower Ormond Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018741000. An unpretentious Italian restaurant with authentic, well-prepared ingredients.

BROADWAY PIZZA PARLOR. Unit 6, Custom House Square, IFSC - Dublin 1. Tel: 016721812. It's always buzzing at this place – taste the pizzas or calzonés to find out why.

CACTUS JACKS. Millenium Walkway, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018746198. Fun Tex-Mex spot with an outlet in Galway. Great margaritas.

CAFÉ CARLO. 63, O'Connell Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018880856. You can get more than just Italian stuff at this cosy, central spot – they do some mean Irish dishes too.

CAFÉ IRIE. 11, Fownes Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016725090. Indie-esque coffee shop and sandwich bar which shares a building with lots of intriguing stores.

CAFÉ MAO. 2-3, Chatham Row - Dublin 2. Tel: 016704899. An excellent Asian restaurant, with a branch in Dun Laoghaire too.

CAFE NOVO. The Westbury Hotel, Harry Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016463353. An elegant

restaurant in one of the city's most-loved hotels.

CAFÉBARDELI. 12, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016771646. A lively restaurant with a great range of salads, pizzas and other treats.

CAPTAIN AMERICAS. 44, Grafton St - Dublin 2. Tel: 016715266. Long-standing American style cookhouse and bar.

CARLUCCIO'S. 52, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016333957. The first Irish branch of a popular UK chain, this venue blends a coffee shop, foodhall and Italian restaurant.

CHAPTER 1. 18, Parnell Square North - Dublin 1. Tel: 018732266. Quite possibly the best restaurant in this fine city. Top food at very competitive prices.

CHATHAM BRASSERIE. Chatham Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016790055. A new new-york style restaurant with a twist of personality. Ideal for brunch.

CHEZ MAX. 133, Baggot Street - Dublin 4. Tel: 016618899. Max's full-scale bistro is one of the nicest spots on Baggot Street.

CHEZ MAX. 1, Palace Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016337215. A

wonderful little French bistro, with an intimate atmosphere.

CORNUCOPIA. 19 Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016777583. An all-vegetarian restaurant with lots of tricks up its sleeve. Also offers a cookbook for sale if the recipes appeal to you.

DIEP LE SHAKER. 55, Pembroke Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016611829. This trendy Thai place is one of the most consistently good restaurants at any stage in the day.

DUNNE & CRESCENZI. 16, South Frederick St - Dublin 2. Tel: 016773463. Popular Italian wine bar and restaurant, with an extensive range.

FALLON & BYRNE. 2, Exchequer Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014721000. A mix of wine bar, gourmet food hall and high-class restaurant, this place is packed with little treats for yourself.

FIRE. Mansion house, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016767200. Fire has food to do its beautiful setting justice. The flatbreads are particularly worth a try.

GOTHAM CAFÉ. 8, South Anne Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016795266. A menu packed with delicious salads, innovative pizzas and other treats

ensures Gotham is packed out even on weeknights. A great place for a weekend brunch.

GOVINDAS. 18, Merrion Row - Dublin 2. Tel: 016615095. A smaller version of the popular vegetarian restaurant in a great location.

GOVINDAS. 83, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018727463. Vegetarian restaurant with a varied menu. Branches are also on Merrion Row and Aungier Street.

GREEN NINETEEN. 19, Camden Street Lower - Dublin 2. Tel: 014789626. Popular good value restaurant. All main courses cost €10.

GRUEL. 68, Dame Street - Dublin, 2. Tel: 016707119. Wilfully unpretentious and hearty food. The 'roast in a roll' is a lunchtime treat.

HARD ROCK CAFÉ. 12, Fleet Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016717777. Dublin's outlet in the popular franchise does well from both tourists and temple bar revellers in need of a refuel.

HARRY'S MEDITERRANEAN CAFE & WINE BAR. 22, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 012808337. Popular post-work café bar with a branch in Dun Laoghaire.

HAVANA. Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014005990. An unpretentious tapas bar with a Cuban twist.

JADE. 27, Little Mary Street - Dublin 7. Tel: 018874468. This Chinese restaurant is one of Dublin's many 'hidden gems', and uses no MSGs in its food.

JUICE. 73-83, George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014757856. A sit-down vegetarian restaurant with a varied menu and a stylish look.

KOH. 7, Jervis Street, Millenium Walkway - Dublin 1. Tel: 018146777. This Thai restaurant and cocktail bar has a constant hum of activity.

KUDOS. Clarion Hotel, IFSC - Dublin 1. Tel: 014338866. The Clarion's Kudos restaurant has considerable style.

LA CAVE. 28, Anne Street South - Dublin 2. Tel: 016794409. Long-standing wine bar and restaurant with a loyal clientele.

LA MAISON. 15, Castle Market - Dublin 2. Tel: 01727258. A dedicated French restaurant opened where the much-loved Maison des Gourmets once stood.

LAGOONA. Mayor Square, IFSC - Dublin 1. Tel: 017918928. A burger and a pint from here is an unexpected delight.

LE BON CRUBEEN. 81-82, Talbot Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 017040126. A stylish and (thank heavens) affordable brasserie, and a welcome addition to the northside.

MILANO. 38, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707744. The first outlet of Milano's (Pizza Express in the UK) to make it over to these shores.

MILANO. 19, East Essex Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016703384. A great place for a quick pizza in Temple Bar.

MILANO. 6, Excise Walk, Clarion Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 016119012. A spacious and airy branch of the successful Milanos chain.

MONGOLIAN BBQ. 7, Anglesea Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016703802. An all-you-can eat restaurant with fresh Mongolian fare cooked in front of you.

MYO. Lower Mayor Street, IFSC - Dublin 1. Tel: 016721031. Create your own wraps, sandwiches or even pizzas from a good buffet of ingredients at this innovative new spot.

NEWYORK GRIND. 5, Excise Walk, Clarion Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 016360110. A pretty good recreation of the classic Big Apple diner, NYG is known for doing a mean brunch and some tasty wraps.

ODESSA. 13, Dame Court - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707634. A mouth-watering menu and a laid back atmosphere makes this a perfect 'unwinding' restaurant.

PACINO'S. 18, Suffolk Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775651. A very lively Italian restaurant and club just off Grafton Street.

ONE PICO. 5/6, Molesworth Place - Dublin 2. Tel: 016760300. A delightful little restaurant, that knows it's a little bit special. Great French-influenced food.

PASTA FRESCA. 2, Chatham Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016792402. Good value, fresh Italian food in the heart of the city.

PEPLOE'S WINE BISTRO. 16, St Stephen's Green - Dublin 2. Tel: 016763144. Lovingly decorated restaurant set below a Georgian home. The menu is also packed with variety.

PLAN B. 56, Manor Street - Dublin 7. Tel: 016706431. Ambitious restaurant with

a dash of local charm in Stoneybatter.

ROLYS BISTRO. 7, Ballsbridge Terrace - Dublin 4. Tel: 016682611. Another Dublin institution, Roly's is best enjoyed at quiet lunchtimes. However, there's a nice lively feel at the evening sitting.

SABA. 26-28, Clarendon Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016792000. One of Dublin's coolest Thai restaurants, with an award winning cocktail bar to boot.

SALAMANCA. 1, St Andrew's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016774799. A fantastic long-standing tapas restaurant. Doesn't usually take reservations.

SAMSARA CAFÉ BAR. 35, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016774444. Thai food café bar, with a strong cocktail menu.

SOHO. 17, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 017079596. American-style diner food done with a bit of class and creativity.

SUSHI KING. Baggot Street Dublin 2. Tel: 016449836. Cheap – and tasty – sushi will always appeal to taste buds. This smaller Baggot place is ideal for grab-and-go.

SUSHI KING. 13, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016752000. You can grab a seat at this outlet from the increasingly-popular Sushi King.

SWAL. Unit B, The Campshires, North Wall Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018561633. A modern Malaysian restaurant set with views over the Liffey.

TOWN BAR & GRILL. 21, Kildare Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016624800. A fun New York style eatery, Town's strong menu and service ensures it packs out most evenings.

THE BAD ASS CAFÉ. Temple Bar Square, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016712596. There are great pizzas to be tasted, along with plenty of unpretentious fare at this spot in Temple Bar Square.

THE CEDARTREE. 11, St Andrew's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016772121. An authentic Lebanese restaurant with a rich and intriguing décor. An early bird menu also offers good value.

THE CHILLI CLUB. 1 Anne's Lane, South Anne Street - Dublin 2., Tel: 016773721. Reportedly Dublin's first Thai restaurant, and still a popular choice.

THE EXCHEQUER. 3-5, Exchequer Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706856. Brilliantly restored hotel bar with a very strong food menu using Irish-sourced ingredients.

THE FARM. 3, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016718654. This organic-themed restaurant also has a pleasant little cocktail menu.

THE MILL STONE. 39, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016799931. An intimate, warm restaurant with some surprisingly creative pizzas.

THE PIG'S EAR. 4, Nassua Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016703865. An excellent new little bistro, with hearty fare and charming views of Trinity College.

THE UNICORN. 12, Merion Row - Dublin 2. Tel: 016624757. Established long ago and still going strong, the Unicorn repays Dubliners' continued affection with hearty Italian fare.

THE WINDING STAIR. 40, Lower Ormond Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018726576. The restaurant above this well-loved bookshop has gone all upmarket in recent years, with considerable success. Some great value lunch deals are on offer.

THUNDER ROAD CAFÉ. Fleet Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016794057. A big restaurant with big portions and big rock'n'roll playing.

TOSCANA. 3, Cork Hill Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016709785. Authentic Tuscan food served in very-pleasant surroundings.

VENU. 2, Anne's Lane, South Anne Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706755. This brasserie-cum-cocktail bar is nothing if not stylish, with both the food and cocktail menus having plenty of appeal.

YAMAMORI SUSHI. 38-39, Lower Ormond Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018720003. Excellent spot for sushi from the same folks behind the George's Street restaurant.

YO'SUSHI. Brown Thomas, Clarendon Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016728950. A sushi bar made unmissable by the charming addition of a conveyor belt carrying the food. It's also quite affordable by Dublin standards.

AFTER DINNER

4 DAME LANE. 4, Dame Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016790291. Yummy cocktails and great DJs make this place a winner.

ANSEO. 18, Camden Street Lower - Dublin 2. Tel: 014751321. A very old-school music bar that also features a regular comedy club.

BAR ITALIA. Unit 5a Lower Mayor Square, Docklands - Dublin 1. Tel: 016702887. A great place for a post-work pizza with a beer, this spot is popular with the Docklands office crowd.

BRANNIGANS. Cathedral Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018725315. An old-school Northside pub with a friendly welcome.

BRUXELLES. 7-8, Harry Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775362. A favoured indie/metal music bar, this place gets packed out by 18:00 most evenings.

CAFÉ EN SEINE. 40, Dawson St - Dublin 2. Tel: 016774017. The/club/restaurant is as enjoyable as ever – now with added elbow room.

CASSIDY'S. 27, Westmoreland Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016708604. Welcoming pub with lots going on.

DICEY'S GARDEN BAR. 21-25, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014784066. The staging point for many a raid into Copper's, this place is a nice drinking den in its own right.

DANDELION. St Stephens Green West - Dublin 2. Tel: 014760870. A popular club with cheap cocktails, celeb appearances and contemporary music.

DOHENY & NESBITT'S. 5, Baggot Street Lower - Dublin 2. Tel: 016762945. The classic local-for-a-listers is a lot bigger than it used to be, but it still consistently packs out.

DOYLES. 9, College Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016710616. A traditional bar by day and student mecca by night. Opens late at weekends.

ELY. CHQ, IFSC, Docklands - Dublin 1. Tel: 016768986. Another branch of the successful Ely wine bar chain.

ELY WINE BAR. 22, Ely Place - Dublin 2. Tel: 016768986. Ever-trendy wine bar with a hearty food menu and an impressive range.

FIBBERS ROCK BAR. 28 Ormond Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018722480. A new haunt for those who find the original Fibber Magees too out of the way or smelly. Great jukebox.

GIN PALACE. 42, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018748881. Obviously a place for some gourmet gins, but you'll find a lively bar and some nice tapas here too.

GRAND CENTRAL. 10/11, O'Connell Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018728658. A Dublin landmark, this place is packed out by post-work drinkers most evenings.

HOGANS. 35, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775904. The former jazz club is beloved by the over-thirties, and rightly so: it's still wonderfully mellow and the service is top-notch.

IRISH FILM INSTITUTE BAR. 6, Eustace Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016795744. The revamped bar and restaurant is a perfect place for a pre-film drink or bit to eat.

JACK NEALON. 165, Capel Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018723247. Nealon's traditional pub is a welcome – and welcoming – sight in these parts.

JAMES JOYCE CAFÉ BAR AND ULYSSES VENUE. 52, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018728188. A lively and fun café bar with a great food menu and a tasty selection of cocktails, plus regular gigs and club nights.

LA CUVÉ. Burton Hall, Mayor Square, IFSC - Dublin 1. Tel: 016054912. A renamed and revamped wine bar in the heart of the docklands.

LEON. 14-15, Trinity Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016771060. This brasserie and café has some of the best sweet treats in the area.

MESSRS MAGUIRE. 1-2, Burgh Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 018041205. A massive pub set on many levels, with a good bar food menu and some excellent Messrs-brewed beers.

METRO. 43, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016794515. A coffee shop that feels like it's been here for decades. Lovely espresso, even lovelier leather seating.

MUNCHIES. 2, South William Street - Dublin. Tel: 018733455. The original Munchies restaurant, this place has recently started serving late night tapas.

O'DONOGHUE'S. Suffolk Street Dublin 2. Tel: 016770605. A very popular spot with people who want that 'local pub' feel in Dublin 2.

OLIVER ST JOHN GOGARTY'S. Fleet Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016711822. A traditional pub that's very popular with tourists.

PROJECT ARTS CENTRE. 39, East Essex Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 018819613. An excellent theatre and general arts space with a consistently interesting programme.

PYGMALION. Powerscourt Townhouse Centre, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014539890. Another expansion to the Bodytonic empire, this place has taken over Bar Mizu's prime location, and offers a great atmosphere.

Q-BAR. 1-2, Burgh Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 016777835. One of the first places to serve good-quality cocktails at prices to compete with a pint, Q-Bar is still a fun venue.

SOLAS. 31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583. A cocktail bar with a bit of outsider charm – and a very nice lunch menu.

SOUTH WILLIAM. 52, South William Street - Dublin 2.. Tel: 016725946. Trendy club with a pie-themed food menu, extensive cocktails and varied club nights.

SLATTERY'S. 62, Grand Canal Street Upper, Ballsbridge - Dublin 4. Tel: 01684889. A welcoming neighbourhood pub with a lively but relaxing atmosphere.

THE BAGGOT INN. 143, Lower Baggot Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016618758. A much-loved older pub that's received a successful renovation in recent years.

THE BANK. 20-22, College Green - Dublin 2. Tel: 016770677. This lovingly-restored bank building now houses a very popular bar and restaurant.

THE BLEEDING HORSE. 24, Camden Street Upper - Dublin 2. Tel: 014752705. One of the oldest pubs in the city, this place is spacious, grand and lively.

THE BRAZEN HEAD. 20, Bridge Street - Dublin 8. Tel: 016779549. Apparently the oldest pub in Dublin, this place does great food and has friendly staff.

THE FXB BULL & CASTLE. Christchurch Place - Dublin 2. Tel: 014751122. A huge gastropub with a great range of craft beers.

THE CHOPHOUSE. 2, Shelbourne Road - Dublin 4. Tel: 016602390. A new gastropub with an emphasis on the 'gastro'. There's considerable flair to spare in the cooking here.

THE CLARENDON. 32, Clarendon Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016170060. A stylish bar

with some nice grub during lunchtime and early evening.

THE COBBLESTONE. 77, North King Street - Dublin 7. Tel: 018721799. The Northside spot for Irish traditional music. Trust us.

THE FOGGY DEW. 1, Fownes Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016779328. A traditional bar that's retained its atmosphere through modernisation. Still great for a singsong on special nights.

THE FRONT LOUNGE. 33, Parliament Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016704112. A relatively quiet – but nonetheless fun – gay bar.

THE GASWORKS BAR. Grand Canal Street, Ballsbridge – Dublin 4. Tel: 012309628. The bar of the Grand Canal Hotel does a mean lunchtime carvery and has live entertainment every Friday night.

THE GEORGE. 87-89, South Great George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782983. The city's oldest gay bar has moved with the times and remains unimpeachably hip.

THE GINGERMAN. 40, Fenian Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016766388. Inspired by the JP Dunleavy novel, this place has a strong literary theme and a warm, moody atmosphere.

THE GLOBE. 11, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016711220. Also home to the popular student night Ri-Rá, the globe is a consistently-packed bar with a friendly vibe all round.

THE HAIRY LEMON. 42, Lower Stephen Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016797724. An extensive pub with plenty of nooks and crannies for a quiet conversation.

THE INTERNATIONAL. 23, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016779250. Home to the legendary International Comedy Club and a very nice little bar in its own right.

THE MARKET BAR. 14a, Fade Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016139094. No piped music, a tapas menu, and a surreal decorative display of used shoes. You can't accuse it of being unoriginal!

THE OLD STAND. 37, Exchequer Street - Dublin 2.. Tel: 016777220. Apparently a favoured haunt of Michael Collins in the day, you'll see why from a visit to this traditional pub.

THE ORMOND WINE BAR. 6, Ormond Quay Upper - Dublin 7. Tel: 018749778. A recently-opened gem, this place has frankly stunning décor and a great range of wines.

THE PORTER HOUSE. 16-18, Parliament Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016798495. You'll find a breathtaking array of beers at this massive pub/brewery.

THE PORTOBELLO. 33, Richmond Street South - Dublin 2. Tel: 014752715. The canal-side location makes this pub a very nice spot on sunny days.

THE PURTY KITCHEN. 34, Essex Street East - Dublin 2. Tel: 016770945. A large pub and club with live music.

THE SCHOOLHOUSE BAR AND RESTAURANT. 158, Shelbourne Road - Dublin 4. Tel: 016675014. A beautifully set out bar and hotel within sight of the canal. Ideal for a few outdoor summertime pints.

THE STAG'S HEAD. 1, Dame Court - Dublin 2. Tel: 016793701. Space is at a premium here but it's worth persevering – once you sit down, this old-school pub is impossible to leave.

THE TEMPLE BAR. 2, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016725286. A consistently packed tourist pub, this offers live music and plenty of atmosphere.

THE TURKS HEAD. Junction of Parliament Street and Essex Gate, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 876764657. Criminally

underrated nightspot with lashings of atmosphere and a fun crowd.

THE VILLAGE. 26, Wexford street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014758555. A worthy addition to the Camden/Wicklow Street Strip, this place has booze, music and atmosphere in abundance.

THE WOOLSHED. Unit 4, Parnell Centre, Parnell Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018724325. A popular sports bar with many drinks promotions on quieter nights.

THE VAULTS. 1, Harbourmaster Place, IFSC - Dublin 1. Tel: 016054700. This sprawling venue features a restaurant, bar, and late night club at weekends.

TONERS. 2, Upper Baggot Street - Dublin 4. Tel: 016763090. A popular spot in the day among media and literary types, this pub still has a very friendly atmosphere.

UKIYO. 7-9, Exchequer Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016334071. Karaoke, sushi and cocktails may be an unconventional recipe, but it certainly works.

LATE NIGHT

ALCHEMY. Fleet Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016129390. This late-night club in Temple Bar is just as busy and buzzing as you'd expect.

BUCK WHALLEYS. 67, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2.. Tel: 016334200. Popular wine bar, now with a full bar license and late opening.

CLUB NASSUA. 1-2, Nassua Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016794388. The 'home of the slow set' plays old school hits from the 1980s and other decades every week.

COPPER FACE JACKS. 29, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 867816251. Many a romance has begun (and ended) in this heaving Dublin club.

CRAWDADDY. Old Harcourt Street Train Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780225. An intimate live venue downstairs at the POD complex.

DYLANBAR. The Dylan Hotel, Eastmoreland Place - Dublin 4. Tel: 016603000. A stylish cocktail bar that's worth the journey out to D4.

HOWL AT THE MOON. 7-8, Lower Mount Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016345460. A spacious

club with many levels – and lots going on most evenings.

ICE BAR. Four Seasons Hotel, Simmons Court Road - Dublin 4. Tel: 016654000. You can now get top-drawer sushi at this stylish cocktail bar – we're amazed nobody thought of the combination before.

KRYSTLE. 21-25, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014784066. A club clearly aiming for the high-class, high-spending market, and hitting it right on the button.

LILLIES BORDELLO. Adam Court, Grafton Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016799204. The playground for the super-rich is increasingly letting in the hoi-polloi. Just don't try approaching the celebs.

SIN. 17-19, Sycamore Street - Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016334232. Uber-popular Temple Bar nightclub with a mixed music policy.

THE BUTTON FACTORY. Curved Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016709202. The refurbished and revamped Temple Bar Music Centre is a great place for smaller gigs.

THE MEZZ. 23, Eustace Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707655. Formerly the mezzanine bar, this Temple Bar club is winning many new converts.

THE SUGAR CLUB. 8, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016787188. An intimate live venue with comfy seating, a pleasant bar, and a strong event line-up.

THE TWISTED PEPPER. 54, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018734038. This venue gives a welcome stage to some cutting edge electronic musicians and DJs. Regular club nights Pogo and Mud are also great fun.

THE WRIGHT VENUE. Airside Business Park, Swords - Co. Dublin. Tel: 018900099. Gigantic Miami-style club. Buses are available as transport to the venue from the city centre.

TRAMCO BREWERY. 121, Lower Rathmines Road - Dublin 6. Tel: 014968050. A purveyor or craft beer by day and hip student club by night, this place ticks two very different boxes very well.

TRIPOD. Old Harcourt Street Train Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374. One of the best clubs and live venues in the city, Tripod hosts some top international acts along with more offbeat artists.

2night
www.2night.ie

Your city: Dublin

Homepage

After Work

Dinner

After Dinner

Le



Crime Scene

Midnight in the
Library

NEW

www.2night.ie

2night
www.2night.ie

your guide to restaurants, venues and events in your city

