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Welcome to the sizzling summer issue

of the 2night magazine.

2night has now started publishing every two months, which allows us to pack even more goodies into our pages, including interviews, sharp-eyed venue reviews, and the best events listings around.

You'll find this issue no exception.

With the festival season well underway, we found ourselves wondering just who are the people behind these musical knees-ups. The answer may surprise you: if our interview with Knockanstockan man Peter Keogh is anything to go by, they're ordinary folks, just blessed with a little extra drive and a vision of great music and good fun down the country. You can get the inside story on the excellent indie festival on page 12. You can also find out when the best festivals and other events are taking place in event listings covering July to September on page 14.

Of course, not everyone is looking for a frantic summer - some of us just want a nice bar to relax in before maybe catching a blockbuster down the cinema. We've got you guys covered too, as our ever-acidic film critics run the rule over the season's major film releases on page 10, while we celebrate the city's best summer bars from page 4. Add to that our usual Best of Dublin listings, details of new competitions we've got in the pipeline, and more, and you'll see why we're pretty excited about this magazine.

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SUMMER IN THE CITY!

2night rounds up great bars for soaking up the rays - while they last.

Our summers don't last long so, naturally enough, we want to make the most of them: while there's sunlight to be had, Dubliners will happily soak up those rays, and enjoy the long nights too. With that in mind, we decided this month to bring you a guide to great summer bars in the city.

It's hard to pin down what makes an ideal summer bar - a beer garden helps, of course, but shelter from July showers also comes in handy. Good cold beers, and refreshing cocktails, help too. More than that, though, it's the way a place makes you feel, and how it helps melt away those everyday stresses, that matters most. That, above all else, dictated the 18 bars we've highlighted this month. They range from hip members clubs to distinctly old-school places, with all manner of concepts in between. What they all offer, though, is a safe haven for enjoying a drink and maybe a meal over those long, all too rare, sunny days.

have your say
2NIGHTERS AND THEIR NIGHTLIFE



Name: Amy Power
Age: 22
2night username: bigA

For summer drinks, what do you look for from a bar?

Big tables for lots of friends, a great beer garden to sit out in the sun, heaters for when it gets cold, accommodating service so I don't have to wait long to be served, and a friendly atmosphere.

What's your favourite beer garden in Dublin?

The Morgue (Templeogue Inn): big tables for all your friends to fit, heaters and nice lighting as well as a cover from the winds and rain.

What's your favourite bar for drinking in during summer, and why?

The Mercantile is a great spot when the weather is good: the back street unites other pubs and gives a holiday atmosphere.



Name: Mo Doris
Age: Never you mind :P
2night username: dollpants

For summer drinks, what do you look for from a bar?

I like bars that have an outdoor area to sit outside and drink and chat on nice summer evenings or a bar with really great music if I'm staying inside.

What's your favourite beer garden in Dublin?

I really like The Barge on Charlemont Street. There is seating just outside the pub and people usually spread out along the canal. It's a really nice setting. One of my fondest memories there is waltzing along the canal with my friends!

What's your favourite bar for drinking in during summer, and why?

Probably the Gypsy Rose on Aston Quay. There's no bar in Dublin quite like it. I like rock n roll summers and this place has the best music in town, either live bands or on the jukebox. It's a very reasonably priced bar with no cover charge and €4 drinks.

CAFÉ NOVO

The Westbury Hotel, Harry Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016463353



The hotel may not be associated with cutting-edge cool, but this fresh, modern bar and brasserie certainly pulls it off. Milkshakes – particularly the baileys and white chocolate effort – are a nice touch and, as you'd expect from the Westbury, the cocktails and service are both first-rate.

Opening hours: Open Seven days a week, from 11:00 (10:00 Friday and Saturday) to 22:00 (23:00 Friday and Saturday).

DICEY'S GARDEN

21-25, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014784066



As the name suggests, this bar attached to the Russell Court Hotel has one of the best beer gardens in the city. The recently refitted space has a nice, airy atmosphere, oodles of plasma screens for sporting events, and a super barbeque menu through the day.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week from 12:00, with late licence for Wednesday to Saturday. Barbeque menu served daily from 14:00 to 21:00.

JACK NEALON

165, Capel Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018723247



The name is a throwback to the days when a bar was simply called after the owner, and there's much about Jack Nealon that's similarly old-fashioned. Though surrounded by sex-and-head-shops, this big bar has stayed resolutely un-sleazy, with a cozy Victorian-style interior downstairs, though the upstairs cocktail lounge is considerably sleeker.

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

THE CHURCH

Junction Of Mary Street And Jervis Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018280102



The old St Mary's church has been transformed into a sprawling club, bar and upscale restaurant. On summer days, however, nothing beats lounging around outside the church where Arthur Guinness himself was married, enjoying cool drinks and tasty hot food from the barbeque.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week from 11:00 (12:30 Sunday). Restaurant open from 17:00 to 22:00 (21:00 Sunday). Late club until 03:00 Friday and Saturday.

COPAN

304 Rathmines Road Lower, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Tel: 014060218



This café bar's Rathmines location means it sees plenty of action during the college term time, but a garden terrace helps make it attractive in summer too. An extensive menu of cocktails for only €5 can't hurt, and its design – drawing inspiration from the ancient Mayan city of Copan in western Honduras – is definitely creative. The bar occasionally runs gigs in the unique setting.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 09:00 to late.

GROGAN'S

15, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016779320



While many trendy bars and clubs have set up on and passed from South William Street over the last decade, this fine place has almost uniquely remained unchanged. Otherwise known as The Castle Lounge, Grogan's offers patrons the classic pint-and-a-toasty, and there are still many Dubliners who'll pick that over an espresso-and-panini any day.

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

PORTERHOUSE NORTH

1, Cross Guns Bridge - Dublin 9. Tel: 018309884



Porterhouse North has made the most of its art deco building, and offers the full Porterhouse experience of great craft beers, quality pub food and cocktails to those who don't fancy a trip into town. It also boasts one of the city's coolest outdoor spaces, with comfy seating, heating, and plenty of shelter if the elements don't bode well.

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

THE DICE BAR

78, Queen Street - Dublin 7. Tel: 018728622



The Noo Yawk vibe here would be grating if this wasn't a genuinely pleasant bar with plenty of atmosphere. The décor has a whiff of the big Apple's seamy side – black walls, red lighting, and decadent architectural features – without seeming tacky, while the Revolution Red beer has a good kick to it. Free wi-fi, and a new party room over the bar, are good perks.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 16:00 to 23:30 (00:30 Friday and Saturday, 23:00 Sunday).

DAKOTA BAR

9, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016727696



Quite why this place is named after one of the most resolutely uncool states in America is anyone's guess. Dakota is still laid-back and hip, with half-moon couches, comfy armchairs and low tables are ideal for lounging around if you come early. Strong and affordable cocktails and a good selection of beers will keep you in the lounging mood. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 10:30 (12:00 Sunday) to 23:30 (02:30 Thursday to Saturday, 23:00 Sunday).

ICE BAR

The Four Seasons Hotel Simonscourt Road - Dublin 4. Tel: 016654000



'Fancy Schmancy' doesn't really do this place justice: The Ice Bar is cosmopolitan, sophisticated, and cool. The atmosphere is pretty chilled, aided by some decidedly relaxing cocktails: you'll be paying top dollar, but getting top drinks for that. A Spanish tapas menu is particularly good for sunny days.

Opening hours: Open Wednesday to Sunday, from 17:00 (13:00 Sunday) to 23:30 (01:30 Friday and Saturday, 21:30 Sunday).

SOLAS

31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583



More than anything, this place prides itself on late-night cocktails prepared by staff who know exactly what they're doing. They also offer good bar food, with pizza served until the wee hours, and club nights range from the laid-back Lounge Lizards on Mondays to a hopping disco night on Sundays. A free post-work barbeque on Fridays is the icing on the cake.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 11:00 to 01:00 (03:00 Thursday to Saturday).

THE FXB BULL AND CASTLE

Christchurch Place, Lord Edward Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014751122



This place bills itself as a gastropub and beer hall. The 'gastro' is good – hearty fare as you'd expect, with good service – but it's the latter that's particularly special. The Bull & Castle has a jaw-dropping array of drinks, with a particular emphasis on good Irish craft beer, though brews from around the world also feature.

Opening hours: Open Seven days a week, from 11:00 (12:00 Sunday) to 23:00.

THE LIVING ROOM

Findlater Place, Cathal Brugha Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018727169



A popular watering hole for the north side DIT crowd, this place has plenty to recommend it to non-students, including an impressive range of continental beers and an ample beer garden. It also shows a huge range of sporting events: if you desperately long to see Bochum take on Greuther Furth in the German second division, or top South American club football, this is the place for you.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Late opening Thursday to Saturday.

THE SYCAMORE CLUB

9, Sycamore Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 014743942



This member's club and rooftop bar is decorated in a post-modern style across its 4,500 square feet, but we're particularly taken with the top-floor 'open air' bar, featuring an elegant aperture in the roof, heated seats and restored brick feature walls. They've begun opening in the daytime too, meaning that a relaxed lunchtime can turn into a long, lazy afternoon.

Opening hours: Open Wednesday to Sunday, from 12:00 to late.

THE MORGAN BAR

10, Fleet Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016437000



This stylish place, set in the Morgan Hotel, has remained hopping, and cool too – even as its Temple Bar neighbours have quietly welcomed back the stag-and-hen set. It's testament to the power of a long cocktail menu, mean tapas and laid-back music. House, soul, and the odd dose of disco make the perfect soundtrack for late nights.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to late. Lunch served from 12:00 to 15:00, dinner/tapas served from 15:30 to 22:00.

WRIGHTS CAFÉ BAR

The Plaza, Forster Way, Swords - County Dublin. Tel: 018406744



This bar celebrates a decade on the go in 2011, and still seems as fresh as ever. It helps that their cocktail menu is the pride of the northside, with the French martini and their signature drink, a Wright Flirt, particularly enjoyable. The food menu's focus is on Irish dishes and good comfort fare.

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

THE SCHOOLHOUSE

2, Northumberland Street, Ballsbridge – Dublin 4. Tel: 016144733



This former classroom of St Stephen's Parochial School has a beautiful setting within sight of the canal, and is particularly busy on sunnier days. There's a distinctly swish restaurant indoors, but we most enjoy The Schoolhouse as a place for long, easy-going days in a picturesque setting.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 09:00 (12:00 Saturday and Sunday) to 23:30 (23:00 Sunday, 00:30 Friday and Saturday).

WRIGHTS FINDLATER HOWTH

Findlater House, Howth Road, Howth - County Dublin. Tel: 018384488



There are plenty of places to grab a drink in the picturesque seaside town of Howth, and still more to grab fresh seafood. You won't always get both under the same roof, and you certainly won't get as spectacular a view of the harbour as you will from the top floor of this bar, which mixes the traditional with the funky effortlessly.

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



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THE FRONT ROW

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JULY 15

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 2

After all this time, it seems churlish to pour any cold water on the saga of Harry Potter, especially as the final curtain comes down. So we won't. By now, the plot will mean nothing to anyone who hasn't been following it, and Ralph Fiennes as Voldemort is considerably more chilling if you've followed his dastardly deeds. For those who have, however, this is a worthy send-off, sticking closely to J.K. Rowling's novels, and the cast have grown up so well that their selection for Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone seems like an insane stroke of luck – or genius. It's a worthy pay-off to a series that, whatever its flaws, gave considerable joy to millions.



JULY 22

HORRIBLE BOSSES

For anyone who's ever navigated the choppy, shark-infested waters of office politics – and nursed a special loathing for the Great White at the top – Horrible Bosses probably looks like a great way to live out a fantasy. The plot is simple: three friends (Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis) hatch half-baked plans to off their sadistic superiors. All three leads have a background in off-beam TV comedy, and it's no coincidence that Horrible Bosses has the feel of a high-budget episode of It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, as situations that aren't particularly funny (or pleasant) become (in theory) hilarious. Sadly, despite a strong line-up of supporting actors, the central trio don't quite have the chemistry or material that would elevate this above a middle-of-the-road, altogether safe comedy.



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CAPTAIN AMERICA

It's more than a little odd that Captain America, a wartime Nazi-hunter with the same character depth as The Simpsons' McBain, turned into a lasting comic book hero. It's even stranger that his inevitable big-screen blockbuster would turn into one of the better films Marvel have produced for some time. Chris Evans plays Steve Rogers, the weak-but-eager recruit turned into a super-soldier by the U.S. Government, with an unmistakable pathos – even after his transformation, he still manages to convey a certain vulnerability.



AUGUST 05

RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES

The idea of well-meaning scientists sparking worldwide catastrophe by dabbling in things beyond their ken is hardly new – Terminator/Skynet, anyone? – but this film does innovate by harnessing our tree-swinging cousins as the big apocalyptic monsters. The set-up, as with the best sci-fi efforts, is chillingly plausible: Will Rodman (James Franco) is testing a cure for Alzheimer's on apes, including the aptly-named Caesar, but the drug grants him human-like intelligence. Impatient with human authority, Caesar breaks free and spreads the wonder-drug among his other apes, and a revolution kicks off. This possible origin story for the classic Planet of the Apes series is just as bananas (cringe) as its predecessors, but the CGI apes are rendered well and the film moves along at a good clip.



AUGUST 12

THE DEVIL'S DOUBLE

When Arrested Development had the Bluth brothers turning up at a house filled with Saddam Hussein doubles, it hit on the comic possibilities that playing someone else around the clock – as many real people did to protect the Iraqi dictator – holds. The Devil's Double, though, looks



at the other side of that coin by telling the true story of Latif, an Iraqi thief forced to act as body double to Saddam's sadistic son Uday. At once, he's plunged into a world of glamour, luxury, and cruelty. It might sound like the ideal recipe for a political thriller, but falls down on the key ingredient for the genre: suspense. After all, we know from the first scene that the brutish, arguably psychotic Uday will get his due. The fact that this doesn't completely emasculate the film is testament to Dominic Cooper's acting prowess – he's superb as both Latif and Uday.



AUGUST 19

COWBOYS AND ALIENS

We expected that Iron Man director Jon Favreau would approach this comic-book adaptation with an eyebrow firmly raised – the Ronseal-like title has echoes of Snakes on a Plane – but he's approached the distinctly batty story without a shred of irony. Jake Lonergan (Daniel Craig) wakes up in nineteenth century Arizona with no memory of his past and a mysterious shackle around his wrist, only to discover that he's a notorious criminal wanted by several folks in town. Then the aliens arrive, we learn Lonergan's mysterious shackle is one thing that can kill them, and the forgetful outlaw teams up with his sometime enemies to fight off the menace. Profoundly stupid it may be, but a turn from Harrison Ford as one of Craig's unlikely allies captures the fun of this film.



AUGUST 24

THE CHANGE-UP

Imagine a domesticated Face-Off, with fart jokes instead of gunplay, and Arrested Development's Jason Bateman starring opposite Ryan Reynolds. You've nailed this movie. Bateman plays a married family man who's finding the daily grind a drag, Reynolds his confirmed bachelor friend. In the midst of drunken moaning about their lives, each man wishes he could trade places with the other, and hey presto – you've an instant fish-out-of-water comedy. Reynolds and Bateman are likeable leads, but the premise is nothing particularly new (Freaky Friday anyone?) and there just aren't enough good, original gags to carry the thing off.



SEPTEMBER 9

FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS

We like to imagine that, when the makers of No Strings Attached and this film each heard what the other was up to, it sparked a mad dash to wrap filming and get out before the other. We know what happened with No Strings Attached – it dropped like a bomb critically, and didn't do much better at the box office – so did the extra time in the studio elevate do this effort any favours? If it did, well, one shudders to think what it would be like otherwise. We know the story of two friends who add a dose of sex to their relationship, promising themselves that there'll be no emotional attachments, inside out. And, for all the game energy of Mila Kunis and Justin Timberlake as leads, they can't add subtlety, genuine humour or indeed anything original when they're working with a script lacking all of those things. Avoid.



JANE EYRE

Adapting a literary masterpiece from yesteryear – especially one that's been given the full BBC period series treatment – isn't a guaranteed recipe for success. Just ask the makers of Pride and Prejudice. However, the team behind this film are mercifully in tune with both the themes and atmosphere of Charlotte Bronte's classic novel. For the uninitiated, the story is straightforward: a quiet governess softens the heart of her employer, Mr Rochester only to discover that he's hiding a terrible secret. Of course, this means that much depends on director Cary Fukunaha to bring out the sinister and the seductive in Rochester (Michael Fassbender) and to make Mia Wasikowska credible as a woman who may lack for confidence, but not for fire. The result is such a success that an appearance from Dame Judy Dench seems almost unnecessary.



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KNOCKAN AROUND THE WORLD

2night chats with Knockanstockan organiser **Peter Keogh**.



Peter Keogh is one of the key organisers of Knockanstockan, an independence Blessington Lake based music festival. Now in its fifth year, the knees-up - which prides itself on its independence, laid-back vibe and hint of "pixie dust" in the air - will be running from July 22 to 24. We chatted to Peter Keogh about getting the festival going, having your stage blow away, and why the independent music scene is thriving.

Where did the idea come from?

Basically, Knockanstockan was born out of necessity - that's how I'd see it anyway. Basically, for an unsigned band with an EP in their hand, there were no gigs going on that had any buzz about them. If you tried to run a gig, you paid money out of your own pocket hoping someone would come along and see you, and no-one would go. Basically, we started doing these gigs, putting ten bands on in one night and going to half two, which was unheard of at the time. Doing those gigs, we said 'why not do this over the whole weekend?'. All of a sudden, Knockanstockan was born - we had a venue and a few bands, about 300 people came down, and it was just what Ireland needed. It's gone on from there. Now, there's a load of independent festivals up and down the country.

I suppose there are a lot more independent nights as well now.

Definitely. With the likes of Sweeney's and The Grand Social opening up, it's a much better landscape for independent music. I'm not a big fan of indie as a genre, but for independent and unsigned bands, it's a lot easier to get a gig. Venues are realising that, if they pay a band - even a small amount of €100 to €150 - and let people in free, it takes the pressure off punters to take money out of their own pockets and gives bands the extra incentive to keep on going. Sweeney's was one of the venues that pioneered this thing of paying the band, put on a good gig and let the music be free to the public. Even a fiver is asking too much of some people in this country now.

To go back to the early stages of getting the festival going, it must have been difficult to build a festival from scratch.

It was, though the first Knockanstockan was a very small type of gig. It was in the beer garden of a pub up in the mountains, and all we needed to get was a campsite. The second year, we didn't really know anything - it was myself, a couple of my friends who were musicians, and we were just making it up as we were going along. The hardest thing was figuring out with the bank, getting insurance, learning how to be a 'legitimate' festival, safety - dealing with security companies and knowing what to pay - all that craic. The difficulty was that we were coming at it from an angle of necessity. We needed something to pull behind, and we weren't promoters, so we learned the networking and all the things that promoters do as we went along. The thing is, we didn't complain about anything. We just got stuck in and took any knocks on the chin. We're in a great position this year to capitalise on all the hard work we've done up to now.

So there wasn't really a point where you thought it might all just fall apart horribly?

There were a couple of them! The best way to deal with that, though, is just to laugh it off. Once nobody's life is in danger it's ok. Stuff goes wrong all the time, but Knockanstockan is a learning curve, and the learning curve goes steeper as it becomes a bigger event. I grew a thicker skin because of it. There are scary things but, the more you survive, the thicker your skin gets, and the better you are at dealing with strange situations.

And what's the strangest situation you've had to deal with so far?

I woke up one morning in 2009 and one of the stages had literally blown away. We had to take stages down and move them in from the fields, which was crazy, but we only had to

cut one band's set in half, which was pretty good. There's nothing that's really been tragic, or that we haven't overcome.

Now, in your fifth year of doing it, are those hiccups happening less often?

Definitely. With the added experience that we have, the event has been easier to plan. Having dealt with suppliers and rental companies, we've built a relationship over the years. The big suppliers are for PAs and rental rigs, and they realise that supplying independent festivals is a good thing for their business. It's a lot easier to plan, it's easier to motivate people, and you know what you're asking them to do. It's man-management mayhem - you need so many people to do so many things - but we know our theme, we're flexible enough to take on new things, and mature enough to cope with them. We've been able to grow Knockanstockan organically and not go crazy with it. We keep ourselves on our toes.

And what, for you is the best Knockanstockan moment? What defines why you do it?

The first year will always be special. That's when everyone realised it was possible - it was only an intimate gathering of 200 or 300 people, meeting for the first time, having the craic and being loose in a field together. 2010 was also a great leap in terms of how well-organised we were, how on top of the production, and everything went really well. I don't think anyone realised it was going to be that big, and that's the only fault I could put on the lads here. 2010 was the best so far, but 2007 will always be the year something weird happened and made us all believe we could keep doing it.

EVENTS

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JULY 21 TO 24

VODAFONE COMEDY FESTIVAL*

Even as things remain grim here, the Irish comedy scene continues to thrive – armchair psychologists, feel free to proffer your explanations now – and this festival is one of the high points in the stand-up calendar. The Vodafone Comedy Festival will showcase more than 65 international and Irish comedians, performing over a four-day period in Dublin's Iveagh Gardens. The line-up includes a-listers such as Tommy Tiernan and Phil Jupitus (performing with the stars of Whose Line is it Anyway), veterans like Ardal O'Hanlon and Maeve Higgins, and some rising stars too – Garfunkel & Oates are a musical comedy act to watch. Other music acts include Reggie Watts and UK rapper Doc Brown, while there'll also be a gourmet barbeque to enjoy in the beautiful setting.

From €28, Varied times

Iveagh Gardens

Harcourt Street - Dublin 2

JULY 18

OZ CAMP*

Looking to get your kids into the performing arts – or do you just want them out from under your feet? Oz Camp, which kicks off today, will do both, with workshops on dance, singing, drama and crafts running across the week.

€95 per week, 10:00

The Helix, DCU, Collins Avenue – Dublin 9. Tel: 01700700

JULY 19

BLONDIE

Fronted by new wave goddess, pin-up and all-round badass Debbie Harry, this band blazed a trail through the late-70s punk scene, and a reunion sixteen years in the making has been fruitful. They're back in the tourbus promoting this year's album Panic of Girls.

From €44.20, 19:30

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

AFROCUBISM

A cross-continent collaboration, AfroCubism is a musical movement that combines some of the best talent from Mali and Cuba. Their music showcases a mix of two cultures, and has been recorded in the studio, but is probably best experienced live.

From €20, 20:00

The National Concert Hall, 2, Earlsfort Terrace – Dublin 2. Tel: 0147170077

AGNOSTIC FRONT

This hardcore punk outfit had a relatively good shelf-life in New York's burgeoning 1980s scene – they eventually disbanded in 1992 – and, since the inevitable reunion in 1997, have been going strong.

My Life, My Way came out earlier this year on Nuclear Blast records.

€20, 20:00

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

JULY 20

BENJAMIN FRANCIS LEFTWICH

The York-based singer-songwriter cites Nick Drake, Bob Dylan and Elliot Smith as influences – perfect fodder, then, for the intimate upstairs at Whelan's setting.

€13.50, 20:00

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

JULY 21

THE SAW DOCTORS

One of Ireland's most popular live bands – or at least one of the longest-running – the Galway soft

rockers return to Bulmers Live at Leopardstown for the second year in a row. They'll play some of their best loved songs, from I Useta Love Her to The N25, at this race night.

€15, 18:30

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

BLACK COUNTRY COMMUNION

Although the band only formed last year, this English-American outfit have strong ties to the world of rock. They'll be playing songs from their debut album, plus their upcoming second album 2, tonight.

€39.20, 20:30

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

FIONN REGAN

The Wicklow man has been relatively quiet since his 2006 Mercury-nominated debut album, The End of

History, though last year's follow-up Shadow of an Empire was a handy effort too. A third album, 100 Acres of Sycamore, is set for release next month, so don't be shocked if he breaks out some new material tonight.

€16, 20:30

The Grand Social, 35, Liffey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018740076

JULY 22

THE CORONAS

Fresh from their US tour, home grown rockers The Coronas appear with special guest KT Tunstall as part of the @ The Park series of concerts. The Meteor Award winning quartet have released two albums, and established themselves as a big name in Irish music, but this is their biggest headline gig to date.

From €29.50, 17:00

Marlay Park, 16, Grange Road – Dublin 16.

TOM TOM CLUB

They may be better known from their days in Talking Heads, but Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth have been beavering away as Tom Tom Club for some 30 years, producing hits including Wordy Rappinghood and Genius of Love.

€34.60, 19:30

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

DE LA SOUL AND HYPNOTIC BRASS ENSEMBLE

De La Soul have been on the go since 1987, and made a name for themselves by mixing their musical styles freely. They've also influenced a number of musicians, including Camp Lo and the Black Eyed Peas.

€33, 19:30

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

JULY 23

VILLAGERS

It's been a good decade for home grown talent, and Conor O'Brien and chums have been a particular highlight.

€33, 17:00

Marlay Park, 16, Grange Road – Dublin 16.

LUKE SLATER AND JIMPSTER

Subject celebrate 4 years on the go with a monster double header featuring Dublin favourite Luke Slater and Freerange Records boss Jimpster.

€15 (€12 members), 22:30

The Twisted Pepper, 54, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018734038

MICHAEL WOODS

Headliners present this rising DJ, with Dean Sherry, Aron Nolan, Mark Leaning's, Dirty Ciaran, Jp Haze and Gorilla also in the mix.

€13.95, 21:00

The Mezz, 23, Eustace Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 0167607655

JULY 24

JOANNA NEWSOM

The Californian folk singer has released three albums, and couples the sound of her unique voice with piano, guitar and harp music. Support comes from special guests Bert Jansch and James Vincent McMorrow.

From €39.20, 18:30

Marlay Park, 16, Grange Road – Dublin 16.

JULY 25

LOST IN DUBLIN PUB CRAWL*

This group promise "to take partying and group hugs to the next level with hours of drunken epicness." There are also exclusive drinks promotions and VIP nightclub entry

on offer.

€12, 20:30

Trinity College Dublin, College Green – Dublin 2.

JULY 26

ROGER DALTRY

The iconic front man of British mod pioneers The Who drops in to perform Tommy, The Who's rock opera, from start to finish.

From €39.50, 18:30

Marlay Park, 16, Grange Road – Dublin 16.

JULY 27

BRIAN SETZERS ROCKABILLY RIOT

Three-time Grammy winner Brian Setzer plays at the head of his Rockabilly Riot with fellow Stray Cat Slim Jim Phantom in tow.



€47.20, 20:30

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

JULY 28

RIVERDANCE*

The never-ending song-and-dance celebration of Irish music and culture reprises its Gaiety Summer residency. It plays right through from June to August 28.

From €20, 19:30

The Gaiety Theatre, 46, South King Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016771717

JULY 29

2MANYDJS

Ireland is a happy hunting ground for the Ghent duo, who impressed with a bank holiday weekend set earlier this year. They will be joined by special guest Felix Da Housecat.

€39.20, 18:00

Marlay Park, 16, Grange Road – Dublin 16.

MATT BERRY AND MARK MORRIS

He may be best known for his work as the boss from hell in The IT Crowd, but deep-voiced funnyman Matt Berry is also quite the musician too. He performs with former Bluetones man Mark Morris.

€14, 20:00

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

MORRISSEY

The controversy-friendly icon, who first became famous as lyricist and vocalist for The Smiths, performs tonight and tomorrow.



€48.20, 20:30

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

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Mitchelstown's Deer Farm is host to a smorgasboard of both music and comedy, with Editors, Therapy? and The Coronas headlining, while Dan Le Sac vs Scoobius Pip, Whipping Boy and Ham Sandwich are also on hand. Laughs come from Damo Clarke, Andrew Stanley, Joe Rooney and Fred Cooke, and there are plenty of other sweet sounds to attract fans.

From €59, 12:00
Deer Farm, Mitchelstown – County Cork.

CASTLEPALOOZA

Now in its sixth year, the festival promises over 50 acts over three days, with a liberal mix of international and home-grown talent. There will also be workshops and, for those who want to relive their days in Irish college, a giant Ceili. The festival runs from today to July 31.

From €74, 12:00
Charleville Castle, Tullamore – County Offaly.

JULY 30

PRINCE

The artist who used to be the artist formerly known as Prince is one of the most influential musicians of the past fifty years, with ten platinum albums and 30 top 40 hits under his sparkly belt.

From €89, 18:30
Malahide Castle, Malahide Demesne – County Dublin. Tel: 018462184

MILK AND COOKIE STORIES FESTIVAL

This first festival from the volunteer group promises storytelling and marshmallows around bonfires, music played beneath the apple trees, clowning, balloon animals, and of course cookies! A BYOB arrangement is in place, although

alcohol and food will be served.

€32, 12:00
Martinstown House, Ballysax, The Curragh – County Kildare. Tel: 045441269

JULY 31

RODERIGO Y GABRIELA

The acoustic duo of Rodrigo Sanchez and Gabriela Quintero have come a long way since ditching Mexico's metal scene to busk in Dublin. Support is from bluesman Seasick Steve.



From €39.20, 16:00
Marlay Park, 16, Grange Road – Dublin 16.

THE MANSION FESTIVAL

It may be a long way out to Saggart, but the journey will be worth it. Ireland's first three-arena indoor blow-out will feature Richie Hawtin, Mylo, Chris Liebing, Dr Lektroluv, a DJ set The Japanese Popstars and many more to be announced.

€40 (€70 for two days), 12:00
Citywest Hotel, Saggart – County Dublin. Tel: 014010500

EVENTS

WEEK | AUGUST 1 - 14



AUGUST 13

THE LOVECATS

Some things in showbiz burn oh-so-brightly, before fading away far too suddenly and quietly. We'll miss the Lovecats, who arrived on the Burlesque scene with a splash and quickly found themselves filling big venues like The Village, but they're certainly not going quietly. The troupe are bowing out with a farewell show that will include dances from The Velvet Vixens and The Big Spender Boys, Trixie Vixen, Azaria Starfire and Lily De Valle, live music from The Jazz Cats with Miss Sally Cat, Miss Fortune and Stella Starlight, a pole dance with national champion Arlene Caffrey, magic with the Grim Squeaker, comedy and more. Mr. Phil T Gorgeous is MC for the night, which will also feature drinks promotions, a late night DJ, and prizes for the best (un)dressed member of the audience.

From €13 (€15 on the door), 19:30

The Button Factory
Curved Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2

AUGUST 1

EDWARD

OK, so they didn't make it home with the Eurovision gong (as if we could afford to stage it next year) and their performance at Barrack



Obama's Dublin visit was one of those 'mortified to be Irish' moments for many. But the grimes twins have won over more of us, as much through their give-anything-a-go chutzpah and their

determination as through their (still debated) singing ability. Once again, they're touring Ireland, and dropping in for a family-friendly Grand Canal Theatre show.

€30, 19:30
Grand Canal Theatre, Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 01 6777999

AUGUST 2

HAY FEVER

It's the opening night for this play, written by one of England's most celebrated dramatists, Noël Coward. Hay Fever tells the story of the Bliss family: The mother is an actress, the father a self-absorbed novelist and the grown up children are, well, anything but blissful as they gear up for a weekend together. Each member of the family, unbeknownst to the others, in-

vites a guest for the weekend and the outrageous behaviour of the family confuses and irritates the guests with, we're promised, hilarious results. The play will continue through August.

€20, 19:30
The Gate Theatre, 1, Cavendish Row – Dublin 1. Tel: 018744045

AUGUST 3

GRIMES

The Canadian-born artist is about to become one of the hottest names in music. Debut album Halifax was well received by critics across North America and 2011 sees the album released in Europe.

€9, 19:30
Whelan's, 25, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW

It's a measure of the importance of this festival on the Irish social scene that many folks who couldn't be seen dead near a stable will compete fiercely to have the best hat, most winning smile, and most stylish outfit – that particular contest will be judged on 'Ladies Day' tomorrow, but the early riders will be showing up as the Dublin Horse Show begins today. Along with all the equestrian competition, there'll be dancing, drinking, and plenty of (allegedly) upscale partying from tonight through to August 7.

€21, 09:00
RDS Showgrounds, Merriem Road, Ballsbridge – Dublin 4. Tel: 016680866

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AUGUST 4

ASLAN

It wouldn't be Bulmers' Live at Leopardstown series if the Dublin rockers didn't make an appearance. Christy Dignam and chums will provide the entertainment to add to the horse-racing action.

€15, 18:30
Leopardstown Racecourse. Leopardstown Road, Foxrock – Dublin 18. Tel: 012890500

FELDBERG

They may hail from the land of Bjork – and yes, they're named after the German black forest – but this pop duo are surprisingly accessible, specialising in dreamy electronic pieces and the interplay of boy-girl vocals. The pair will perform in the upstairs venue.

€9.35, 20:00
Whelan's. 25, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

AUGUST 5

DAN DEACON

Baltimore, Maryland isn't just the setting for HBO's acclaimed series *The Wire*. It's also home to many talented experimental electronic musicians, including one Dan Deacon. He uses diverse instruments, such as keyboards, trombones, tubas and his voice, and fuses it with technology to produce innovative and distinctive sound.

€20, 20:00
The Button Factory. Curved Street, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 016709202

THE RIPTIDE MOVEMENT

Although their name sounds like something you'd read about in a medical textbook on the digestive tract rather than the name of a band, these Dubliners are rapidly becoming one of the biggest names on the Irish folk rock scene.

€10, 19:30
Whelan's. 25, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

CASABLANCA

Here's looking at you kid. It's the European premiere for the remastered edition of this classic drama, with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra performing Max Steiner's celebrated score.

From €40 (€23 concessions), 20:00
The National Concert Hall. 2, Earlsfort Terrace – Dublin 2. Tel: 01470077

AUGUST 6

BELL X1

Since they arrived on the scene in the wake of Damien Rice quitting Juniper, these indie stalwarts have had plenty of goodwill to draw on. With six albums under their belt, including this year's release *Blood-*

less Coup, it doesn't look like this is set to change anytime soon.
 €39.20, 18:30
Marlay Park. 16, Grange Road – Dublin 16.

DOWNHILL

These young Tallaght punks got together in the summer of 2006, and cut their teeth on the underground scene before releasing their EP, *As Seen on TV*, in 2008.

€10, 14:00
The Academy. 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

SHED

We Are Electronic brings this Berlin-based electronica peddler to Dublin, to perform a late night set with Northern Irish DJ Boxcutter, Barry Redsetta, visual mapping VJ Point Zero Three, Kaboogie DJs and more.

€13.95, 22:30
The Twisted Pepper. 54, Mid-

dle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018734038

LAUNCH CD COMPILATION LAUNCH NIGHT

Psychonavigation Records celebrate the launch of their new CD compilation - featuring music from *The Future Sound Of London*, *Scanner*, *The Black Dog* and more – with a late party at Whelan's.

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

THE UNIVERSAL

This four-piece from the North-west cite *The Small Faces*, *The Who*, *The Beatles* and *The Kinks* among their influences.

€14, 20:00
Whelan's. 25, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

AUGUST 7

BONNIETYLER

One of the biggest, best and most distinctive voices in pop music shows up to perform megahits including *Total Eclipse of The Heart*, *Holding Out For A Hero*, *It's A Heartache*, *More Than A Lover*, *Lost In France* and *Have You Ever Seen The Rain*.

From €22.50, 20:00
The National Concert Hall. 2, Earlsfort Terrace – Dublin 2. Tel: 01470077

AUGUST 8

LISA JOYCE

Joyce's new show, *Back to School*, celebrates the times when you feel like you're back in the classroom and wondering how to fit in. It kicks off tonight at *The International* and runs until August 12.

€TBC, 18:00
The International Bar. 23, Wicklow Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016779250

AUGUST 9

GREASE

Forget *Glee* - the original rocking teen musical will be inviting children of the sixties (and seventies, and eighties) to dust off their leather jackets, pull on the bobbysocks and get their groove on. *Grease* features the classic bad-boy-meets-good girl plot, along with all the songs that made the movie such a hit. The show runs from tonight to August 27.

From €25, 19:30
Grand Canal Theatre. Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 01 6777999

AUGUST 10

OPERA AT THE CASTLE

We're pretty sure this isn't the first time elegant music has been performed in this ever-so-stately setting, but it's a rare treat in 2011. Dieter Kaegi, Artistic Director of Opera Ireland, hosts an evening of favourites from the worlds of classical music and musical theatre.

€25, 20:00
Clontarf Castle. Castle Avenue, Clontarf – Dublin 3. Tel: 018332321

AUGUST 11

HORSLIPS

The Celtic rockers retain a loyal following, more from their hit singles of the 1970s than for their more lasting contribution to culture (the theme tune to *Glenroe*).

From €15, 18:30
Leopardstown Racecourse. Leopardstown Road, Foxrock – Dublin 18. Tel: 012890500

PUGWASH

Drinnagh-born musician Thomas Walsh and his bandmates continue to slog away, having released four albums since 1999 debut. A new effort is reportedly on the way, so fans can expect a few surprises tonight.

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

AUGUST 12

THE 4 OF US

The best thing to come out of Newry aside from cheap nappies and affordable booze – if you've never sung along to *Mary* at some point, well, you're cooler than us. This is an acoustic show.

€16, 20:00
Whelan's. 25, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

AUGUST 13

JOHN SPILLANE

The ever-game folk musician continues to tour.

€19.85, 20:00
Whelan's. 25, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

TRANSLATIONS

More than thirty years since it was first produced, *Translations* is now regarded as one of Brian Friel's greatest plays, blending political drama, history, ruminations on language and a tender love story into three acts. Connall Morisson is in the director's chair for this production, which finishes its Abbey run tonight.

From €13, 19:30
The Abbey Theatre. 26, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018872200

THE BARLEY MOB

This group blend positivity, a touch of politics, reggae and energy into a live show that's a little bit different – and definitely winning.



€TBC, 20:00
Crawdaddy. Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

AUGUST 14

MONDEGREEN

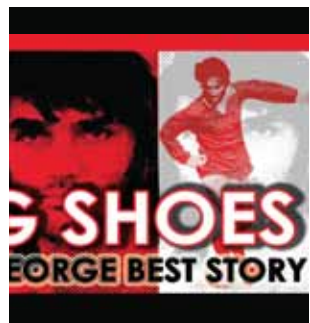
A collaborative project between Geoffrey Farmer and Jeremy Millar, *Mondegreen* promises to replay a day during the gallery hours of Project Arts Centre. Time is running out to enjoy the exhibition, which finished on August 20.

Free, 11:00
Project Arts Centre. 2, Essex Street East – Dublin 2. Tel: 018819613



EVENTS

WEEK | AUGUST 15 - 31



AUGUST 29

DANCING SHOES - THE GEORGE BEST STORY*

The story of George Best has everything a drama writer craves: sublime talent, addiction, conflict and tragedy. Thus, it's hardly a shock that some of Northern Ireland's most talented theatre folk have come together to relay the turbulent life of the gifted footballer. Dancing Shoes - The George Best Story takes the audience from Best's days kicking a tennis ball against a gable wall on the Cregagh Estate in Belfast to the fame, fortune and controversy he experienced as an international football star. Marie Jones (Stones in His Pockets) and Martin Lynch (Chronicles of Long Kesh), have teamed with songwriters Glasgow's JJ Gilmour (The Silencers) and Pat Gribben (The Adventures), while Aidan O'Neill takes the title role. The play will run from August 29 to September 3. From €20, 19:30

Grand Canal Theatre
Grand Canal Square, Docklands - Dublin 2

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AUGUST 15

BEDBOUND

Enda Walsh's play follows a life spent flogging three-piece suits and Swedish Pine furniture as Maxie Darcy re-enacts the most pivotal and horrific moments of his life as a ruthless and devious furniture salesman with the aid of his polio stricken daughter. It originally debuted at this venue as part of the Eircom Theatre Festival in 2000, and successful productions have been mounted around the world. This homecoming kicks off on August 8 and will run right through to September 10. €15 (€12 concessions), 20:00
The New Theatre. 43, East Essex Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 01670 3361

AUGUST 16

THE ITALIAN PAVILION IN THE WORLD

An exhibition of Italian artists in Ireland is taking place as part of the 54th International Art Exhibition of the Venice Biennale. It runs until August 28.

Free, 10:00

Italian Institute of Culture. 11, Fitzwilliam Square East - Dublin 2. Tel: 016620509

AUGUST 17

THE DALKEYTUDORS TOUR

The Deig Inis Theatre Company perform daily from May 1 to October 31 (excluding Tuesdays), giving visitors to the Heritage town a new perspective on the area's history. €6 (€4 concessions), 10:00
Dalkey Castle and Heritage Cen-

tre. 4, Castle Street, Dalkey - Co Dublin. Tel: 012858366

AUGUST 18

GEAROID FARRELLY

The So You Think You're Funny finalist has supported top talent including Maeve Higgins, PJ Gallagher, Neil Delamere, Jason Byrne, Rich Hall and Michael Win-



slow on their tours - he finally gets the spotlight to himself tonight.

€14.45, 20:00

Whelan's. 25, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

AUGUST 19

BRAD PAISLEY

The Grammy award winning singer/songwriter has a lot to be proud of, with nine critically acclaimed albums under his belt, eighteen number one hit singles, and the near-obligatory White House date all on his resume. This tour will see him performing in less august - but still intimate - settings worldwide.

From €44.20, 19:30

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

LUGHNASA BEER FESTIVAL

The best craft beer from Ireland and abroad gets a chance to shine at this top-notch festival.

€20, 12:00

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

SHONEN KNIFE

The all-female Japanese pop-punkers have built up a loyal following since forming in Osaka in 1981, and are pretty handy performing as a Ramones tribute band too. They're more likely to bang out tunes from last year's release, Free Time, at this all-too-rare Dublin show.

€13.60, 20:00

Whelan's. 25, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

AUGUST 20

IAN MCLAGAN

Though he's best known for his stints behind the keys for The Small Faces and Faces, McLagan has knocked around for some of the best in the business, including The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and Chuck Berry. He's mainly performing from his solo work, which includes 10 studio albums, tonight.

€17.45, 20:00

Whelan's. 25, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

AUGUST 21

TAKING BACK SUNDAY

The Amityville rock horrors have had all the ups and downs of the traditional band. Successful small label albums, leading to major label release, leading to two members leaving and now a reunification with new album called, imaginatively, Taking Back Sunday.

€25, 18:30

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

AUGUST 22

BLAZE AWAY

It's a good day to see this exhibition, which examines duelling in Ireland and the work of two Irish families - the Rigbys and the Reads - who made swords and guns in Dublin in the nineteenth century.

Free, 10:00

National Museum of Decorative Arts & History. Collins Barracks - Dublin 7. Tel: 016777444

AUGUST 23

KAISER CHIEFS

Would it be too cringeworthy to say we predict a riot? The British indie-rockers add a dash of punk revival to their mix, and have a number of sing-along anthems to their credit, including Love's Not a Competition, Ruby and, yes, I Predict a Riot.

From €30.00, 19:30

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

CURSE OF THE STARVING GLASS

As part of The Abbey's autumn season, the grand old theatre will host a new production of Sam Shepard's play from tonight to September 10. The play, one of four 'family tragedies' written by the talented American playwright, centres on the Tates - a group hungry for a better life, but unable to escape the cycle of violence and desperation in which they've become trapped. Darkly comic, with a dose of pathos, the play will be directed by Irishman Jimmy Fay.

From €13, 19:30

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

AUGUST 24

Q-TIP

The fact that this rapper was named (against his will, he insists) after an American brand of cotton bud seems to have done him no harm. A former member of influential group A Tribe Called Quest,

Q-Tip has developed a high reputation in the music industry, both as a producer and a solo artist.

€33, 19:30

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

FLOGGING MOLLY

There's something intriguing about a band that cites The Dubliners and The Clash as two of their main influences. Irish-American folk-punk peddlers Flogging Molly describe their music as rock music with a Celtic feel, insisting that, when they started to play together, they found "traditional Celtic instruments like violin, mandolin and accordion blended seamlessly with grinding guitars and pounding drums." It's not for everyone, but they have some seriously dedicated fans.

€26, 19:30

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

AUGUST 25

CHRIS SMITHER

The Florida-born singer-songwriter draws deeply from the well of traditional blues, with some modern philosophers and poets thrown into the mix for good measure.

€28, 19:30

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

AUGUST 26

LEGEND: A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF BOB MARLEY

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the reggae icon, Midnight at The Academy are hosting an eight piece brass band playing all the hits of Bob Marley and The Wailers. Voice recordings will be projected around the venue and pictures and video footage will be shown on the big screen.



€15, 23:15
The Academy, 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

JACKMASTER

The sometime Richard Hawtin plays with support from Egyptrixx. €14.45, 22:30

The Twisted Pepper, 54, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018734038

AUGUST 27

IRELAND V ENGLAND

The boys in Green get ready to tackle the traditional enemy as part of the Guinness Summer Series of rugby showdowns.

From €10, 14:30

Aviva Stadium, 62, Lansdowne Road – Dublin 4. Tel: 012382300

AUGUST 28

ULTIMATE GIRLS DAY OUT

It's your last chance to check out what organisers promise will be a pampering and beauty event like no other, with fashion shows, spa services and the change to browse through boutiques galore.

€20, 10:00

RDS Main Hall, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge – Dublin 4. Tel: 016680866

CLOWNS PREMIER

4 friends get the chance to get out of their €2,000 debt by kidnapping a business man and making him pay €15,000 to a drug dealer but kidnap the wrong man – a screwball comedy, which premieres at this screening tonight, ensues.

€10, 16:00

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

AUGUST 29

PIER LUIGI NERVI EXHIBITION*

Time is running out if you want to see this celebration of the master engineer and architect – it finishes on September 2.

Free, 10:00

Italian Institute of Culture, 11, Fitzwilliam Square East – Dublin 2. Tel: 016620509

AUGUST 30

CAROLINE MCCARTHY EXHIBITION*

Crisps, toilet-paper, plastic bags, supermarket packaging, rubbish and furniture all feature in artist Caroline McCarthy's latest exhibition, which finishes up today.

Free, 10:00

Green on Red Gallery, 26-28, Lombard Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016713414

AUGUST 31

DREAMBOATS AND PETTICOATS*

Continuing the craze for nostalgic musicals based on already established hit records (seriously, did everyone just stop having original ideas that don't turn into Turn Off The Dark-esque messes?), Dreamboats and Petticoats strings together 60s songs to get the kids of that era down to The Gaiety. The storyline follows Norman and Bobby as they fight to win a national song writing contest and – of course – the heart of a girl. Featuring hit songs from the era, including Roy Orbison, The Shadows, Eddie Cochran and more, the musical is running from August 30 to September 10.

From €25, 19:30

The Gaiety Theatre, 46, South King Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016771717

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SEPTEMBER 2 TO 4

ELECTRIC PICNIC*

Back when Pod first decided to lure alternative music lovers out to Strabally Hall in Laois, most people probably thought a 'boutique' festival was something involving a fashion show – the fact that we have some musical knees up down the country every other week is, surely, testament to what a good idea it was in the first place. Electric Picnic is still going strong, of course, and this year features some a-list talent at the top of the bill – Arcade Fire, Pulp, The Chemical Brothers, PJ Harvey and Interpol are nothing to be sniffed at – and a medley of intriguing artists playing over the weekend. As always, each discipline of the arts will be represented, some more boldly and colourfully than others, and the atmosphere is considerably more laid-back than at any gig. The magic's still there, folks.

€240 (weekend camping), 10:00

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SEPTEMBER 1

CORMAC KENEVEY & CIAN BOYLAN

Kenevey looks after vocals and percussion while Boylan is on the piano for this evening of old jazz standards and some re-workings of more contemporary pieces. The Velvet Lounge Band are also on hand.

€20, 20:00

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

SEPTEMBER 2

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND V SLOVAKIA

Forget the frantic, nature of the win – or indeed that it was essentially a match between 'b' teams: Ireland's away win over Italy has excited

fans and boosted support around the country for Trap's lads. The opposition tonight aren't particularly glamorous, but the game is meaningful as the team will be keen to put three points on the board in the final push for the European Championships.

€TBC, 19:40

Aviva Stadium, Lansdowne Road – Dublin 4. Tel: 012382300

SEPTEMBER 3

FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES – BOOTS & HATS TOUR

This show bills itself as the ultimate Garth Brooks experience and, with one Trevor Smith at the helm, belts out all the hits from the biggest-selling solo artist of the 20th Century.

€23, 20:30

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

LUMIERE

Éilis Kennedy and Pauline Scanlon tell us that they are "two distinct voices cut from the same geographic cloth". We think this means they're from the same place. At least they sing well – the duo have a vocal-dominated, downbeat approach to Irish traditional music.

€14, 20:00

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

SEPTEMBER 4

THE ART BOOKS OF HENRI MATISSE*

This exhibition features four of the French master's most artistically significant books, including the famous Jazz. It runs until September 25.

Free, 10:00

Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle, Dame Street – Dublin 2.



SEPTEMBER 11 EXHIBITION*

The New York based photographer Nicola McClean presents a series of photographs from the disaster of ten years ago in the RDS Library through the month of September.

Free, 20:00

RDS Library. Merrion Road, Ballsbridge – Dublin 4. Tel: 016680866

SEPTEMBER 5

OWL CITY

Even if you haven't heard of American synthpop sensation Owl City, you have probably heard the song Fireflies, a song that has been covered by a number of artists including Cheryl Cole. Don't let this put you off though. Adam Young, the sole person behind the project, uses his voice and a vast variety of instruments to create a uniquely alternative sound with more than a hint of dance.



€21.50, 19:00
The Academy. 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

SEPTEMBER 6

ZAHR

This ensemble created by Italian pianist Francesco Turrisi and percussionist Andrea Piccioni focuses on the Arabic sound that has touched countries across the Mediterranean, blending Italian traditional music, Arabic and Turkish music with contemporary European jazz.

€15, 20:00

The National Concert Hall. 2, Earsfort Terrace – Dublin 2. Tel: 01470077

SEPTEMBER 7

BRIAN WILSON

It says quite a bit that Brian Wilson's brother and Beach Boys bandmate Dennis befriended Charlie Manson and his followers, introduced them to his music scene buddies and left them alone in his house – and yet Brian is known as 'the mad one'. The ingenious, sometimes erratic, creative driver of the iconic band is set to play a mixture of his solo songs, Beach Boys hits and, bizarrely, his album Brian Wilson Reimagines Gershwin in its entirety.

€61.80, 20:00

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

SEPTEMBER 8

THE LEGEND OF LUKE KELLY

Chris Kavanagh and The Patriots return with their nod to the iconic Dubliners man. Kavanagh himself bears an uncanny resemblance to the singer, and can also match his passion and vocal power, while The Patriots are no slouches themselves.

€15, 20:00

Civic Theatre. Town Centre, Tallaght Village – Dublin 24. Tel: 014627477

SEPTEMBER 9

JUNIP

Jose Gonzales is best known in these parts for his dreamy solo work, and his band – which also includes Elias Araya of drums and Tobias Winterkorn on organ and moog – play similar fare, with an added electronic sheen. The influences range from Neu! to Shuggie Otis and John Martyn, and the vibe is distinctly pastoral.

€20.00, 20:00

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

DAMIEN DEMPSEY

The Donaghmede-born singer-songwriter still holds tight to his gritty city-influenced folk sound, and promises a party atmosphere on this night. He'll be playing with his full band and a few special guests to boot.



€30, 20:30
Vicar Street. 57, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 017755800

SEPTEMBER 10

THE CONSOLE CONCERT

Mary Black, Declan O'Rourke and Brian Kennedy are just some of the top artists performing at this show in aid of Console, which supports people bereaved through suicide.

€16, 20:30

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

MARK WATSON

Quite apart from voicing the rabbit in the Innocent smoothie adverts, this British comedian has many other strings to his bow, including appearances on the comedy quiz show circuit, a 24 hour show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and a book based on audience suggestions as part of his show Mark Watson, And His Audience. Write A Novel.

€19.45, 20:00

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

DUBLIN DOOM DAY CHAPTER III

It's the third instalment of this show bringing together a packed bill of bands that most people haven't heard of but which make the black-clad folks go weak at the knees.

€30, 13:30

The Pint. 28, Eden Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 018745255

SEPTEMBER 11

9/11 – IRELAND REMEMBERS

A commemorative concert marks the ten-year anniversary of the tragedy, with a performance from Ireland's Enchiriadis Treis Choir accompanied by the National Philharmonia Orchestra. Proceeds will go to Temple Bar's The Ark.

€20, 16:00

The Convention Centre. Spencer Dock – Dublin 1. Tel: 018560000

SEPTEMBER 12

ANNIE

It's the opening night for one of the best-loved family musicals of all time. Annie will be running on the Gaiety stage through to September 24.

From €27, 19:30

The Gaiety Theatre. 46, South King Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016771717

SEPTEMBER 13

FAITH HEALER

Widely recognised as one of Brian Friel's masterpieces, this play follows the Fantastic Francis Hardy. Faith Healer as he roams Scotland and Wales healing the sick with companions Grave and Teddy. The play will run to September 17.

€10 (normally €20/€16 concessions), 20:00

Civic Theatre. Town Centre, Tallaght Village – Dublin 24. Tel: 014627477

SEPTEMBER 14

DOLLY PARTON

She's a seriously underrated songwriter, an actress and a gay icon, but Dolly Parton will always be known as one of the most successful country singers of all time. With hits including 9 to 5, Jolene and I Will Always Love You, she's secured her legacy as a recording artist, and is also well able to put on a show, as her last Dublin appearance four years ago demonstrated.

From €60, 20:00

The O2 Arena. North Wall Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888



SEPTEMBER 15

HANDSOME FURS

This husband and wife have released three albums to critical acclaim: Plague Park, Face Control, and the 2011 release Sound Capital.

€16.50, 20:00

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

SEPTEMBER 16

REPUBLIC

Fancy a bit of Hungarian pop, straight from the 1990s but with a certain grounding in the 1960s? You're in luck tonight lads.

€TBC, 20:00

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

SEPTEMBER 17

JASON MANFORD

After a celebrated Twitter-based dalliance, funnyman Jason Manford has announced that he's quitting the comedy circuit to focus on his family. While we wouldn't bet against him appearing on TV screens soon, this will probably be your last ever chance to see him live: it's the second night of his two-night Farewell Tour stint at Vicar Street.

€28.00, 20:30

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

SEPTEMBER 18

SHARON CUNETA

The Filipino multi-media megastar – she even has a magazine called Sharon at Home – pops up in Dub-

lin with a host of special guests promised.

From €35, 19:00

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

SQUEEZE

The new wavers started off over thirty five years ago, and apart from a couple of hiatuses, are still going strong. The band, which once featured Jools Holland on keyboards, has released fourteen studio albums, and influenced a number of top current talents including Lily Allen and The Feeling.

€44.20, 20:30

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

EVENTS

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MONDAYS

LOUNGE LIZARDS

The ever-popular Lounge Lizards sees guest DJs step up to the plate and spin their favourite tunes for lounging. Expect a chilled-out evening with a surprise guest on occasion.

Free, 20:00
Solas. 31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583

KING KONG CLUB

The top musical gameshow is now in its third year, with free live music and an ongoing knock-out tournament to win a free recording session.

Free, 21:00
The Village. 26, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014758555

PISS UP WITH PEACHES

A student-friendly gay night, with all drinks €4 or less, and three Jagrebombs for €10.

Free, 21:00
The George. 87-89, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782983

TASTE

Lady Jane takes over the Solas decks, spinning soul classics and a few more modern tunes.

Free, 21:00
Solas. 31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583

DOLLY DOES DRAGON

This evening of €4 cocktails, candy, and fabulous tunes has been presided over by the inimitable Dolly since 2006. Together with DJ Lee, Dolly entertains the crowd until the wee hours. Admission free.

Free, 22:00
The Dragon. 64, South Great George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014781590

HEFTY HORSE

A simple concept for a Monday night club - live music and bands playing their own DJ sets to 02:30 - is made all the sweeter by cheap drinks and free admission. The line-up varies, but the post-gig atmosphere is almost always rocking.

Free, 22:00
Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

MAKE AND DO WITH PANTI

The queen bee of Dublin drag does arts and crafts with her adoring fans.

Free, 22:00
Pantibar. 7-8, Capel St - Dublin 1. Tel: 018740710

TUESDAYS

SHEBEEN FLICK

A new film night showing much-loved Irish films and some unseen work. Each night has a short film followed by a full-length feature.

Free, 19:30
Shebeen Chic. 4, South Great George's Street - Dublin 2.

THE SOCIAL CINEMATIC

A weekly cinema club, screening old and new favourites.

Free, 19:30
The Grand Social. 35, Liffey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018740076

TASTE

Classics, Soul and more make for an easy Tuesday night.

Free, 20:00
Solas. 31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583

THE IRISH BLUES CLUB

Rather like it says on the tin, these guys do great straight-up blues every Tuesday night.

€8, 20:00
JJ Smyths. 12, Aungier Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014752565

ANDREW STANLEY'S COMEDY MISH-MASH

Comedy laissez faire with a laid-back evening of stand-up, sketches, songs, messing about and free biccies hosted by Comedy Cellar man Andrew Stanley.

€TBC, 21:00
The International Bar. 23, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016779250

BATTLE OF THE AXE

Looking to start in comedy? Look no further than this open-mike night at the Ha'penny Bridge Inn.

€7, 21:00
The Ha'penny Bridge Inn. 42, Wellington Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 016770616

GENTLE TUESDAYS

The Mighty Stef and chums sing their favourite songs on out-of-tune acoustic guitars.

Free, 21:00
The Workman's Club. 10, Wellington Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706692

GROOVALIZACION

Brazilian food and music fill this hopping club every Tuesday.

Free, 21:00
South William. 52, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016725946

THE RUBY SESSIONS

This singer-songwriter night has been on the go for over 10 years and features some great performers in an intimate setting.

€6, 21:00
Doyles. 9, College Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016710616

WHITE CHOCOLATE

Classic rock and modern covers are on offer from a soulful outfit.

€TBC, 21:30
The Mezz. 23, Eustace Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707655

JUICY BEATS

The Village's resident DJs churn out the best of indie, rock, classic pop, synth pop and electro music at this weekly Tuesday night club.

€5, 22:00
The Village. 26, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014758555

C. U. NEXT TUESDAY

There's more than just a naughty name to recommend this new club night - indie, electro, pop and dance tunes make a varied mix.

€12/5, 23:00
Crawdaddy. Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

WEDNESDAYS

THE WORKMAN RESIDENTS

Indie and Alternative sounds are on offer at the venue bar, while electro predominates on the first floor.

Free, 18:00
The Workman's Club. 10, Wellington Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706692

LAUGH OUT LOUD

A regular comedy night featuring MC Aidan Killian and special guests.

€7/€5, 20:30
Anseo. 18, Camden Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014751321

SONGS OF PRAISE

It's karaoke, jim, but not as we know it. This long-running DIY rock'n'roll night has moved to Wednesdays after tiring of kicking everyone out early on Sundays. Check out the full playlist on www.therescuesquad.com/songsofpraise.

Free, 21:00
The Village. 26, Wexford St - Dublin 2. Tel: 014758555

SPACE'N VEDA

Veda Beaux Reeves and Davina Devine rule the big gay roost at this club-cum-cabaret evening.

Free before 22:00/€10, 21:00
The George. 87-89, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782983

THE SONG ROOM

Hamlet Sweeney presents this showcase of up-and-coming artists at The Globe.

Free, 21:00
The Globe. 11, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016711220

THE ZODIAC SESSIONS

An acoustic showcase featuring some promising talent at Bruxelles.

Free, 21:00
Bruxelles. 7-8, Harry Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775362

INTERGALACTIC

Indie and electro bliss is on offer at the Whelan's late club.

Free, 23:00
Whelan's. 25, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

THURSDAYS

PHANTOM 105.2 DJS AND GARAGE BAR RESIDENTS

Dublin's favourite alternative music station provides the tunes downstairs, while 60s sounds are on the first floor.

Free, 18:00
The Workman's Club. 10, Wellington Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706692

ISOTOPE

Dublin's longest-running jazz session is still going strong.

€10, 20:00
JJ Smyths. 12, Aungier Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014752565

THE ODEON MOVIE CLUB

Relax to classic films while being pampered by a full bar and waiter service. To reserve seats or a table, e-mail hello@odeon.ie

Free, 20:00
The Odeon. Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782088

MASH

Matjazz, LexWoo, Baby Dave, Marina Diniz and friends spin late into the evening at South William.

Free, 21:00
South William. 52, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016725946

MUZIK

An unabashed student night, Muzik is packed with upbeat indie and electro tunes, with plenty of drinks promotions to get the party going in earnest.

€6, 21:00
The Button Factory. Curved Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016709202

OCTOPUSSY

Resident DJs, an 18-foot pool, twister, and charting hits recommend this new club.

€8 (€4 early bird, €5 students), 22:00
The Academy. 57, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

THE PANTI SHOW

Pantibar's fabulous proprietor takes to the stage in all her glory every Thursday, with Bunny and some special guests for support. A medley of music, dramatic reconstructions, connect 4 (yes, that one throws us too) and puppets makes for a very dramatic night.

Free, 22:00
Pantibar. 7-8, Capel St - Dublin 1. Tel: 018740710

TANKED UP

Dublin's biggest student night in an ideal location. You'll find drinks promotions aplenty.

€5, 22:30
Tramco Brewery. 121, Lower Rathmines Road - Dublin 6. Tel: 014968050

PARTY ANIMAL

Gorillas with vodka guns, all drinks costing €3.50, and the hot and sweaty Andrews Lane Theatre dancefloor - you guessed it, it's a student-friendly night.

€8 (€6 concession), 23:00
ALT - Andrew's Lane Theatre. 9-17 Saint Andrew's Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016795720

THE LITTLE BIG PARTY

DJ Brendan Conroy takes over the decks at Rí Rá, beneath the Globe bar, every Thursday. An eclectic mix of soul, indie and rock prevails.

Free, 23:00
Rí-Rá. 11, South Great George's St - Dublin 2. Tel: 016711220

FRIDAYS

FRIDAYS AT MY HOUSE

The master room includes upcoming DJs Ray Shah, Keith Feely and Rafiq.

€TBC, 23:00
Buck Whaleys. 67, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2.

LECTROSOU

Richie Rock, Mark Kiernan and Warren Kiernan hit the decks from 23:00 to 03:00, with a set from Marina Diniz.

Free, 23:00
The Exchequer. 3-5 Exchequer Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706787

SHAKEDOWN

A hot new Friday club with 70s-influenced rock'n'roll from original bands playing lengthy sets. The line up varies from week to week. Free, 23:00
Pacinos. 18 Suffolk St - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775651

WAR

The popular Spy club night relocates to Andrew's Lane. Drinks promotions abound, and the first 40 people (and the first 40 to show up with dog tags) get in free. €5 before 00:00 (€10 thereafter), 23:00

ALT - Andrew's Lane Theatre. 9-17 Saint Andrew's Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016795720

SATURDAYS

THE MATINÉE BRUNCH CLUB

Another Odeon film club, this time featuring more family-friendly movies. But then again, who wouldn't like to see Up over brunch with a pint?

Free, 12:00
The Odeon. Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782088

DADDY OR CHIPS

Techno, house and hip-hop are all offered across three rooms at this new club. €8, 22:00

The Good Bits. 1, Store Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018197635.

INDIETRONIC

DJ Eamonn Barrett promises the soundtrack to your big Saturday night out, mixing classic rock, indie anthems and big beat electro tunes. Free, 22:00

The Grand Social. 35, Liffey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018740076

MICROFUNK

A hopping clubnight in the bowels of this cavernous bar and club. €5, 22:00

Pygmalion. Powerscourt Townhouse, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: n/a

PROPAGANDA

The legendary club night now has a Dublin colony in The Academy. €10/8, 22:30

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

GOSSIP

Yes, the popular Spy club night has moved - it's still loaded with indie-pop and fun times though. €TBC, 23:00

ALT - Andrew's Lane Theatre. 9-17 Saint Andrew's Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016795720

PENTAGON

Local residents and special guest DJs play across five rooms of the Tripod complex. €12, 23:00

Tripod. Old Harcourt Street Train Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780225

TRANSMISSION

This club night is on a mission to break down the barrier between guitar and DJ culture in the city. Good luck with that, we hear you say, but it's made a great start thus far. €12, 23:00

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

SUNDAYS

PLAY!

DJ Ronan O' does a mix of classic 80s and 90s tracks, drawing on disco, pop and feel-good tunes. Cocktails are available from €5. Free, 18:00

The Odeon. Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782088

M.A.S.S

Power FM curates a blessed-out night of music, arts, sights and sounds. Free, 19:00

Hogan's. 35, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775904

SUNDAY SUSHI

Jazz is dished up with a Far Eastern flavour. Free, 19:30

Yamamori Sushi. 38/39, Lower Ormond Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 018720003

COMEDY CRUNCH

Free comedy + free food = great night. Free, 21:00

Shebeen Chic. 4, South Great George's Street - Dublin 2.

SAUCY SUNDAYS

A new weekly live music session running in the loft venue. Free, 14:00

The Grand Social. 35, Liffey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018740076

SWING NIGHT

The Dublin City Jazz Orchestra has a new home on Sunday nights in the Tivoli. A 17 piece big band plays from 21:00, and novices can enjoy a free lesson. €10, 20:00

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

DANCEHALL STYLES

The button factory becomes Reggae Central on Sunday nights from 23:00, with foundation reggae, dancehall classics and contemporary Jamaican music getting an airing. €5, 23:00

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

BEST OF DUBLIN

AFTER WORK

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

ACCENTS COFFEE LOUNGE. 23, Lower Stephen Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014160040. A new place of offering great coffee from a handy spot - it works for us!

AMIR'S DELIGHTS. 5, Bloom's Lane, Ormond Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 0863536404. Excuse the pun, but this is a delightful little place for enjoying Turkish coffee or shisha.

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

BORDERLINE RECORDS. 17, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016799097. One of the most popular punky record stores around, and deservedly so.

BOWES BAR. 31, Fleet Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016714038. An old-school pub, with a warm welcome and a fine collection of whiskeys.

BREWBAKERS CAFÉ. 23, South Frendenck Street - Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A very popular spot for a sandwich - the chicken and bacon effort is simply delicious.

CAFÉ EN SEINE. 40, Dawson St - Dublin 2. Tel: 016774017. The club-cum-restaurant is as enjoyable as ever.

BUSY BEAN CAFÉ. Talbot Street - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. A fun café that's bustling without being too frantic. There's a selection of sandwiches and whatnot, plus daily specials.

BUSYFEET & COCO CAFÉ. 41-42, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016719514. A characterful little place with a particularly nice atmosphere after dark.

BUTLER'S CAFÉ. 24, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016710599. Hot drinks, and some of the best little chocolates around: it's a winning combination.

CAFÉ 7. 7, St Andrew's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016792988. A welcoming place with a great selection of wines.

CAFÉ AROMA. 84, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. A very pleasant little place just off O'Connell Street.

CAFÉ URBANO. 4, Upper Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018786823. Part of a popular new chain of coffee shops.

CAFFE CAGLIOSTRO. Millenium Walkway, Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. A decidedly authentic Italian café.

CAFÉ WERBURGH. 2, Lord Edward Street - Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A very welcoming little spot, and a great place to linger a while.

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

DARKY KELLYS. The Harding Hotel, Fishamble Street - Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. The official bar and bistro of the Harding Hotel.

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.

DUBLIN TOURISM. O'Connell Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 1850230330. Searching for something to do in Dublin? Look no further.

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

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

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.

FIXX COFFEE HOUSE DAWSON STREET. 17, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A great place to enjoy award-winning coffee.

GILBERT & WRIGHT, MALAHIDE. 1, Ross Lane, Malahide - County Dublin. Tel: 018456580. There's a hint of 70s retro chic at this stylish bar in a seaside village.

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.

HAIRSTYLE. 12, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706202. Want a chic haircut? Just hop in here.

INSOMNIA. 2, Lower Mayor Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 0167203320. This place dishes up a much-needed caffeine fix for docklands workers.

INSOMNIA. 40-43, Nassau Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 017071582. Stuck for a place to rest just off Grafton Street? Look no further.

INSOMNIA. 51B, Dawson Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. An excellent spot for people-watching over coffee – grab the bay window if you can.

INSOMNIA. 9, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A branch of the popular coffee chain on Ireland's premier gigging strip.

INSOMNIA. Custom House Quay, IFSC, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 0167203320. Another great place to grab a coffee near the Liffey.

INSOMNIA. Pembroke Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A handy location makes this place a top spot among workers in the nearby offices.

INSOMNIA. Spar, Capel Street – Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. Another branch of the popular coffee chain that's teamed up with a convenience store.

INSOMNIA. Spar, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. Got the shopping? Reward yourself with a nice cuppa.

KENNEDY'S. 31, Westland Row – Dublin 2. Tel: 0166611124. You'll find this place packed out at lunchtimes – they do some of the best pub-grub in town, and have a hopping late club too.

LA BOULANGERIE. 6, Chatham Court, Chatham Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A great place for sweet treats with your coffee fix.

LA CORTE. Custom House Square, IFSC – Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. Whisper it – this little place does some of the nicest Italian coffee in the area. And in Dublin, for that matter.

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

LA DOLCEVITA. 5, Music Hall, Cow's Lane – Dublin 2. Tel: 017079786. A wonderful little café and wine bar just away from the bustle of Temple Bar.

LASER DVD. St Andrew's Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A great place to pick up some obscure or foreign movies.

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

MADIGAN'S. 4, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018745456. A traditional pub with a good pint to offer.

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

MUNCHIES. Harbourmaster Place – Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. The IFSC branch of Munchies sees plenty of action, particularly at lunchtime.

MUNCHIES. Lower Baggot Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. With a perfect location, this branch of Munchies draws queues of office workers.

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF IRELAND. Custom House Square, Lower Mayor Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 014498500. A well-regarded institution with a range of full and part-time courses.

O'BRIEN'S SANDWICH BAR. 34, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018747868. Sitting right by the Luas line, this branch of the sandwich chain sees plenty of business.

O'BRIEN'S SANDWICH BAR. Harbourmaster Place, IFSC – Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. A conveniently-located sandwich bar for IFSCers.

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: 016724087. Well-stocked wine bar with a mix of Irish and continental fare.

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

PETER'S PUB. 1, Johnson Place – Dublin 2. Tel: 016778588. A surprisingly cool little city-centre bar.

QUEEN OF TARTS. 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 based on Dame Street.

RED ROSE CAFÉ. 23, Dawson Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 0863704873. A cosy, welcoming café has taken on the space once occupied by an O'Brien's sandwich bar.

RHUBARB. 18, Upper Merrion Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016767870. A bright and airy coffee shop.

RUSH BAR. 65, South William Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016719542. It's not as frantic as the name suggests, but that's no criticism of this well-run bar.

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.

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

SUFI'S CAFÉ. 45-50, Lower Stephen Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016798577. A continental-style café with a secluded atmosphere.



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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. 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 BAGEL FACTORY. Nassau Street, 2, Nassau Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016611806. A conveniently-located branch of the popular bagel chain.

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

THE BAGGOT INN. 143, Lower Baggot Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016618758. A stylish bar with plenty to keep people interested, from a 'pull your own pint' deal to regular drinks promotions.

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

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 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 BLOODY STREAM. 14, West Pier, Howth – Dublin 13. Tel: 018395076. A cosy pub that makes the most of its setting, just a few short yards away from the picturesque Howth Harbour.

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 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 CELT. 81, Talbot Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018788655. A welcoming, traditional pub.

THE CLARENDON. 32, Clarendon Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 01670060. A stylish bar with some nice grub during lunchtime and early evening.

THE CONFESSION BOX. Malborough Street – Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. Don't be put off by the genuinely teeny interior. Staff is efficient, and it's great fun here once the trad session gets going.

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

THE GAIETY THEATRE. South King Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016771717. This stately old theatre is host to some innovative shows and musicals.

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 GOOD BITS. 1, Store Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018197635. Formerly known as Radio City, this live venue remains hugely popular.

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 foot measures. 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 OLYMPIA THEATRE. 172, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323. The popular live venue and theatre still heaves with action on gig nights.

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 PEMBROKE. 31-32, Lower Pembroke Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A handily-located pub with plenty of character and some interesting design features.

THE PLOUGH. Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. A cosy and charming pub that reopened its doors to a grateful public in 2008.

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

THE QUAYS. 11-12, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 016713922. Get over the griping about Temple Bar being a tourist trap, and you'll find this pub very nice for a night out.

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 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 SWEETEST THING. 17, Bachelor's Walk – Dublin 1. Tel: 018720233. It's high time there was a dedicated chocolate café in the heart of Dublin, we say. These folks agree.

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.

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

IL POSTO

10, Stephen's Green - Dublin 2
Tel: 016794769

Under the stewardship of the Jackson sisters, this charming Italian restaurant has continued to thrive through its thirteenth year. It helps, of course, that they've moved with the times, introducing great value market lunch and early dinner menus – you can grab two courses from a selection of the place's most popular dishes for only €16 between 12:00 and 14:30, or for €20 from 17:30 to 19:00. The deals are striking, but they wouldn't be quite as impressive if Il Posto hadn't already earned itself a reputation for authentic, tasty fare – the feгато (lamb's liver) and polpetta (beef meatballs with a spicy pepper sauce) come highly recommended – and extremely attentive service. Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday. Lunch served from 12:00 to 14:30, early dinner from 17:30 to 19:00, dinner from 17:30.

Getting there: From the Stephen's Green end of Grafton Street (facing towards the Green's main entrance), turn left and start walking towards Merrion Row. Il Posto will be on your left after about a minute.



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.

TOSS'D. CHQ Building, Custom House Quay, Docklands - Dublin 1. Tel: 018291607. A great place for fresh noodles and salads, Toss'd gets particularly busy at lunchtime.

WEST COAST COFFEE. 21, Lower Camden Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014756144. Whether you're sobering up - or just trying to stay awake - this coffee shop is mighty handy.

WEST COAST COFFEE. Bachelor's Walk - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. A lovely little spot to enjoy good coffee while looking out onto the Liffey.

WEST COAST COFFEE. Westland Row - Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. Just a few minutes walk from Trinity, this place is a handy spot for a cuppa away from the bustle.

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

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.

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

BOOJUM. Millenium Walkway, Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018729499. A great little burrito bar, which even offers frozen margaritas.

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

BURRITOS & BLUES. 2, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014254022. Heading to a gig on this strip? This is a great spot for a quick meal beforehand.

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

CAFÉ AZTECA. 19-22, Lord Edward Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016709476. Great burritos and more are on offer from this informal restaurant.

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 DE TOPOLIS. 37, Parliament Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016704961. A wonderfully atmospheric pizzeria and Italian restaurant.

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.

CAFÉ NOVO. The Westbury Hotel, Harry Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016463353. An elegant restaurant in one of the city's most-loved hotels.

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

CASA NOSTRA. 85, Malborough Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018728143. A relatively new Italian kid on the block.

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.

CIAO BELLA ROMA. 25, Parliament Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016770004. A great place for a late night, sit-down pizza that's fresh and authentic.

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.

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.

FLANAGAN'S. 61, Upper O'Connell Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 8731388. A great family restaurant in the shadow of the spire.



DOYLE'S

9, College Street - Dublin 2
Tel: 016710616

Even with the students away, this easy-going pub by day is still hopping by night: DJs play an eclectic mix of sounds upstairs and downstairs. There's a spacious room available to hire for private functions, and some top-notch

events including the long-running Ruby Sessions showcasing new songwriting talent every Tuesday. Doyle's is getting pretty popular outside student circles too, and it's easy to see why.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to 02:30

(23:00 Sunday). Getting there: From the front gates of Trinity College (facing onto Dame Street), turn right and follow the railings of the college as you turn onto College Street. After about two minutes, you should see Doyle's across the street on your left.

FXB RESTAURANT. 2, Lower Pembroke Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016764606. A high-quality steakhouse that also does a mean bit of seafood and offers great value.

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. 83, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018727463. Vegetarian restaurant with a varied menu. Branches are also on Merrion Row and Angier 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. Willfully 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 of the popular franchise does well from both tourists and temple bar revellers in need of a refuel.

HARRY'S MEDITERRANEAN CAFÉ & 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.

HELL. 36, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 1890456666. A recently opened gem of a pizza place, offering both eat-in and take-away deals.

HONESTO TO GOODNESS. George's Street Arcade, George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016337727. Simple home-style recipes and great ingredients are an ideal formula for a successful little restaurant.

IL POSTO. 10, Stephen's Green - Dublin 2. Tel: 016794769. Outstanding Italian food is on offer here in a very atmospheric underground dining room.

JUICE CAFÉ. 73, George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014757856. A great spot for veggie grub in the heart of the city.

JUST OFF FRANCIS. 78, Thomas Street - Dublin 8. Tel: 014738807. A friendly restaurant serving a mix of Irish and international cuisine - prices are great for high-quality fare.

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

KOKORO SUSHI BENTO. 19, Lower Liffey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018728787. A great new place for reasonably-priced sushi.

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

KYLEMORE AT THE SPIRE. 1, Upper O'Connell Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018780498. This Dublin institution has benefited greatly from a major sprucing-up.

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.

LA MED. 22, East Essex Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707358. This promises a bit of sunshine and delivers with a selection of Italian and international dishes.

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.

LEMON. 66, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016729044. Before a host of pretenders started serving crepes, there was this place, which is still dishing up savoury and sweet snacks from South William Street.

MAMMA'S PIZZA. 4, Talbot Street - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. Quick, hearty pizza on the go will float anyone's proverbial boat.

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. 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.

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

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.

NYONA. 76, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707200. A great place for truly Malaysian cuisine.

O'BRIEN'S SANDWICH BAR. Custom House Square, Docklands - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. The sausage toasty from this branch of the O'Brien's chain is hard to beat.

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

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.

PABLO PICANTE. Pembroke Market - Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. Top-class burritos just off South William Street.

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

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

PICHET. 14-15, Trinity Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016771060. A popular restaurant and café with a modern dining room.

RUSTIC STONE. 17, George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 017079596. Dylan McGrath's new place has an emphasis on straightforward, healthy fare.

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.

SHERIE'S CAFÉ. 3, Lower Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018747237. A welcoming café bar that's open conveniently late.

SIAM THAI. 14-15, St Andrew's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016773363. Fresh, healthy and enjoyable Thai cuisine is served amid stylish surroundings.

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.

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

TASTE. 39, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016798475. Simple, straightforward-but-tasty food served up by friendly staff.

THE ANGLER'S REST. Strawberry Beds, Castletknock - County Dublin. Tel: 018204351. Elegance is the predominant theme at this easy-going restaurant.

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 SWEETEST THING

17, Bachelor's Walk - Dublin 1.
Tel: 0863566456

In retrospect, we're amazed it took this long for a dedicated chocolate café to open its doors, but The Sweetest Thing is well worth the wait. Aside from their delicious hot chocolate, they've a bevy of tasty cupcakes, milkshakes, ice creams and, of course, gourmet chocolates and bars on offer. Whether you're in a rush, or you fancy lingering over your treat, you'll find something decidedly tasty at this sweet place. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 08:00 (10:00 Saturday, 12:00 Sunday) to 19:00 (18:00 Saturday). Getting there: From the north side of O'Connell Bridge (facing north), turn left and head down Bachelor's Walk. You'll see The Sweetest Thing on your right.

THE CEDAR TREE. 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 COFFEE CO. 13, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016797141. This place does exactly what it says on the tin: a great cup of the black stuff.

THE EPICUREAN FOOD HALL. Corner of Liffey Street and Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. You'll find a great selection of food from across a range of traditions at this hall.

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 ITALIAN CONNECTION. 95, Talbot Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018787125. A lovely, wholesome restaurant with a cosy dining room.

THE ITALIAN CORNER. 23, Wellington Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 016719114. One of Temple Bar's favourite Italian joints.

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

THE PANTRY. 64, Talbot Street - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. This hidden gem does one of the best breakfasts in the city.

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 STEPS OF ROME. 1, Chatham Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016705630. A great place for hot slices of pizza to go.

THE UNICORN. 12, Merrion 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.

TOTO. 8, Talbot Street - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. A surprisingly nice restaurant and pizzeria.

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.

TROCADERO. 3, St Andrew's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775545. The famous restaurant for a special pre-theatre meal is still going strong.

URBAN PICNIC. George's Street Arcade, George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A wilfully unpretentious spot for cheap eats.

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

WOLVES. 153, Capel Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018749570. This lovely little food and wine store has a cosy feel and plenty of treats - it's now serving dinner too.

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.

AFTER DINNER

AGAINST THE GRAIN. 11, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014705100. A new bar with a host of craft beers on offer.

BIABAR. 30, Lower Stephens Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014053653. Appealing food, great drinks on tap, and live music are on offer here.

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

BRIAN BORU. 5, Prospect Road, Glasnevin - Dublin 9. Tel: 018304527. A welcoming northside bar.

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.

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.

CARR & O'DONNELL. Bachelor's Walk - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. Formerly known as Panama, this bar does just as busy a night-time trade as its predecessor.

CHORUS CAFÉ. Fishamble Street - Dublin 2. 7, Scarlett Row, Fishamble Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016167088. A bright little place to enjoy a quick sandwich or salad.

CITIBAR. 46-49, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016794455. An enjoyable bar, club, and hotel located right at the heart of things - their 'Irish taps' is also an interesting twist.

COPPER ALLEY BISTRO. 2, Lord Edward Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 0167965000. Linked to the Harding Hotel, this place has a great menu which isn't too pricey either.

COFFEE SOCIETY. 2, Lower Liffey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 014781064. A favourite coffee shop for many years now among shoppers seeking a little refuge.

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.

DAME TAVERN. 18, Dame Court - Dublin 2. Tel: 016793426. A homely place for a relaxing pint.

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

DAME CAFÉ. Centra, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. You might think that a café based in a convenience store wouldn't be a nice place to while away a few hours. You'd be wrong.

DICEY'S GARDEN BAR. 21-25, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014784066. There's nothing dicey about this popular bar, which boasts an impressive beer garden.

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

FITZGERALD'S PUB. 22, Aston Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 016779289. A handy, welcoming place that's just a little bit off Temple Bar's beaten track.

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.

GERARD'S CAFÉ. 4, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016615703. It's nice to see an independent little coffee shop like this continue to thrive.

GRAINGERS. 51, Talbot Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018363249. A great place for a slightly-off-the-beaten-track pint.

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.

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

J MCNEILL'S. 140, Capel Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018747679. Another popular bar on the perpetually-rocking Capel Street Strip.

THE STREET CAFE

North Wall Quay - Dublin 1
Tel: 016700073

Along with a beautiful Liffey-side location, this cool cafe offers a nice line in casual, quality food. There's 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). Getting there: From the north end of the Sean O'Casey Bridge (facing north), turn right and head towards The Point. You'll see The Street on your right after about five minutes.



KARMA STONE. 40, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. Bracken's Corner Stone has made way for this more student-friendly bar.

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

KEOGHS. 9, South Anne Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016778312. A very popular bar and lounge for old-school atmosphere.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE BAR. Bachelors Walk, O'Connell Bridge – Dublin 1. Tel: 014970111. A welcoming traditional-style pub.

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

MCDAIDS. 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.

MCGOWAN'S. 18, Phibsboro Road, Phibsboro – Dublin 7. Tel: 018306606. This family-owned pub in Phibsboro also features a hopping nightclub.

MERCANTILE BAR AND GRILL. 28, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016707100. With a revamped food menu – plus a cracking live venue – this place has enjoyed a new lease of life in recent months.

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.

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

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

O'SHEAS. 19, Talbot Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018365670. A veritable treasure trove of a pub, with many cosy little spaces.

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

PEADAR KEARNEY'S. 64, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016753971. Looking on the outside like any salty boozier, Peadar Kearney's actually attracts a reasonably young crowd for some great music nights.

PORTERHOUSE NORTH. Cross Gunnes Bridge, Glasnevin – Dublin 11. Tel: 018309922. Part of the growing Porterhouse chain of bars, Porterhouse North features all the craft beers and cocktails that make the city centre establishments so popular.

PYGMALION. Powerscourt Townhouse Centre, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014539890. 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.

SABOTAGE. 14, Exchequer Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016704789. A clothes shop with some refreshingly different looks on offer.

SHAKES. 15, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. Dublin's very first milkshake bar has a wealth of recipes to choose from and very efficient staff.

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.

SWEENEY'S. 2, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016350058. The boutique hotel-cum-cocktail bar and Jazz club has recently undergone a very good revamp.

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 ABBEYTHEATRE. 26, lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018962335. Ireland's National Theatre is well-furnished and has plenty going on.

THE BACHELOR. 31, Bachelor's Walk – Dublin 1. Tel: 018731238. A popular bar right by the boardwalk.

THE BANKERS. 16, Trinity Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016793697. A welcoming little bar with a great weekly comedy club.

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: 014070800. One of the city's best hotels and home to both the Tea Rooms and the Octagon Bar.

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.

CITIBAR

Dublin Citi Hotel, 46, Dame Street – Dublin 2
Tel: 016794455

It's not just the central location that makes Citibar a nice place to try - they've a tempting mix of food, cocktails, dancing and just about anything you want from a

bar, restaurant and club. There's a nice, laid back feel during the day, when the venue's popular Irish tapas delights savvy tourists and locals alike, though the place truly comes alive by night. Every evening sees some event livening up the bar and club, whether it's the Irish night on Monday, pro-

moting Ireland's native language and culture, Thursday's comedy night, or the jazz session on Sundays, you'll find something to ease you into the evening. Finally, the Citiclub packs its LED dancefloor when things get late with guaranteed floor-filling tunes. Opening hours: Open seven days

a week, from 10.30 (12.00 Sunday) to 23.30 (03.00 Thursday to Saturday, 23.00 Sunday). Getting there: From the Central Bank (facing onto Dame Street), turn right and start walking away from Trinity College. You will see Citibar on your right almost immediately.



THE DARK HORSE INN. 1, George's Quay – Dublin 2. Tel: 016751862. Formerly known as the White Horse Inn, this old sea dog's haunt has been transformed into a cool venue for jazz and other live music.

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 GARAGE BAR. East Essex Street, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. 1930s style petrol pumps, sawdust on the floor, and surprisingly good cocktails.

THE GEORGE. 89, George's Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014782983. The grand dame of Dublin gay bars is as popular as ever.

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 GRAND SOCIAL. 35, Lower Liffey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018740076. Since taking over Pravda, this live music bar – which hosts a range of other events has gone from strength to strength.

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 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 cosy atmosphere and great drinks – try the elderflower Collins.

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 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 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 REAL COFFEE COMPANY. Talbot Street – Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. Like it says on the tin – real coffee, making a real treat.

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 TEA GARDEN. 7, Lower Ormond Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 0862191010. A veritable oasis from noisy pubs and clubs in the city centre, this place is ideal for enjoying gourmet teas or shisha.

THE WORKMAN'S CLUB. 10, Wellington Quay – Dublin 2. Tel: 016706692. One of the city's newest – and best – live venues.

THOMAS READS. 1, Parliament Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. Still a very popular bar among clued-in people who don't fancy the full-on Temple Bar night out.

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

WRIGHT'S FINDLATER HOWTH. Findlater House, Howth – County Dublin. Tel: 018324488. A striking outdoor facade offers a hint at the stylish café bar that lies within.

LATE NIGHT

ABBEY COURT HOSTEL. 29, Bachelor's Walk – Dublin 1. Tel: 018780700. Good budget accommodation by the Liffey with free wifi.

ALEXANDER HOTEL. Merrion Square – Dublin 2. Tel: 016073900. A handy place to stay just off Nassau Street.

BOOMERANG'S BAR AND NIGHT CLUB. 13, Fleet Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016773333. A popular late spot in the heart of Temple Bar.



THE BLOODY STREAM

14, West Pier, Howth – Co Dublin
Tel: 018395076
The Bloody Stream is a pub that makes the most of its ideal setting, just below Howth DART Station and within a short walk of the picturesque harbour. The overall feel is traditional, with an old-

school décor including a roaring fire and a food menu packed with Irish staples – as you'd expect, fish features heavily. That's not to say, though, that the place doesn't have a few modern or continental twists: the beer garden out front has a distinctly Mediterranean feel, and the

bar staff can also mix a good cocktail as well as pouring a fine pint. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to 23:30 (02:30 Saturday, 01:00 Sunday). Getting there: The best way to reach The Bloody Stream is by DART. Get off at Howth DART Sta-

tion, go down the steps from the station, and The Bloody Stream will be on your left.

BROOKS HOTEL. 59-63, Drury Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 012788093. A boutique hotel just off Grafton Street, you say? Yeah, we'll take that.

BUCK WHALLEYS. 67, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 01634200. Popular wine bar, now with a full bar license and late opening.

CAMDEN COURT HOTEL. Lower Camden Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014759666. Good accommodation at a competitive price.

CELTIC LODGE. 81-82, Talbot Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018788810. Great facilities, bars and restaurants nearby, and a spot by the Luas are all in this establishment's favour.

CITI HOTEL. Dame Street. 46-49, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016794455. Sitting within a stone's throw of the Central Bank, this place is hard to top for location.

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.

DAY'S INN. 95-98, Talbot Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018749202. A handily located hotel, particularly for 02 concert-goers.

DTWO NIGHTCLUB. 60, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014764603. A popular bar and nightclub for hard-pressed office workers.

GILBERT & WRIGHT, DUN LAOGHAIRE. 128, Lower Georges Street, Dun Laoghaire – County Dublin. Tel: 016636148. One of the newest additions to the Dun Laoghaire social scene has drawn new nightlife-lovers to the seaside town.

GRAFTON CAPITOL HOTEL. Lower Stephen Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016481100. Good rooms, great rates, and helpful staff – it's all anyone really needs from a city-centre hotel.

HARCOURT HOTEL. Harcourt Street. 60, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014783677. Tired after a night on the tiles? Rest your head here.

JACOB'S INN HOSTEL. 21, Talbot Place – Dublin 1. Tel: 018555660. A welcoming, youth-orientated hostel.

KINLAY HOUSE HOSTEL. 2-12, Lord Edward Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016796644. A very handy place to kip just off the edge of Dame Street.

HARDING HOTEL. Fishamble Street, Christchurch - Dublin 2. Tel: 016796500. This place has all the benefits of a location just on the edge of Temple bar, but without all the noise you'd get right in the centre of it.

HOTEL ISAACS. 1, Store Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018134700. A handy little hotel for anyone in the O'Connell Street area, with a great live venue in The Good Bits.

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, Simmonds Court - 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.

MEZZA. 13, Parliament Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706424. Late night Lebanese cuisine is understandably popular.

MOLLOY'S. 59, Talbot Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018550017. An old-school Irish pub.

NORTH STAR HOTEL. Amiens Street, Dublin 1. Tel: 018363136. A convenient location makes this an ideal place for travellers by bus.

O'CALLAGHAN DAVENPORT HOTEL. Fenian Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016073900. A great, cosy hotel bar makes this place a winner.

O'SHEA'S HOTEL. 19, Talbot Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 014568901. A hotel promising great food, drink and fun within walking distance of O'Connell Street.

PARAMOUNT HOTEL. Parliament Street & Essex Gate, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 01479900. This Temple Bar Hotel is just as lively as you'd expect.

RADISSON BLU HOTEL. Golden Lane – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A very impressive hotel within a short walk of the city centre.

RÍ-RÁ. 11, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016711220. A hugely popular student nightclub.

RIPLEY COURT HOTEL. 37, Talbot Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018365892. A new three-star hotel based in the centre of the city.

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

THE ABBEY HOTEL. 52, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018728188. Good quality, good value accommodation right on the Luas line and in a central location.

THE ACADEMY. 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014751895. A cool club and live venue that makes the most of its space.

THE BUTTON FACTORY. Curved Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 0160709202. The refurbished and revamped Temple Bar Music Centre is a great place for smaller gigs.

THE DRURY COURT HOTEL. 28-30, Lower Stephen Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014751988. Sitting close to the heart of the city, this is a lively hotel with some delicious food on offer too.

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, Swords - Co. Dublin. Tel: 018900099. A 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 of craft beer by day and hip student club by night, this place ticks two very different boxes very well.

TRINITY LODGE HOTEL. 12, South Frederick Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016170900. A hotel with excellently appointed rooms in a great location.

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.

VANILLA NIGHTCLUB. 19-21, Morehampton Road – Dublin 4. Tel: 016739805. A stylish boutique club with great private booths.

WRIGHTS CAFÉ BAR. The Plaza, Swords – County Dublin. Tel: 018406744. One of Ireland's original superpubs remains a fun place both for a cocktail (try the Wright Flirt) or good Irish food.

WYNN'S HOTEL. 35-39, Lower Swords – County Dublin. Tel: 018745131. A very comfortable hotel that still manages to have a lovely historic feel.

ZAYTOON. 14-15, Parliament Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016773595. One of the best kebab places in Dublin, and just off Temple Bar. Enough said.

THE BAGGOT INN

143, Lower Baggot Street – Dublin 2
Tel: 016618758

The Baggot Inn is a stylish bar with lots of little extras to keep the punters interested. What makes this watering-hole different than the other bars on this popular street? Well, for a start, it's the first place in Dublin to offer the 'pull your own pint' experience. Don't worry if you've only ever stood at the paying side of a bar, because the friendly bar-staff are at hand to teach you. 11 booths can be booked, and each of the 11 tables comes with a set of taps allowing you to become your own personal barman. Besides this nice little touch, the Baggot Inn boasts seven foot screens for sporting events, and offers regular drinks promotions aplenty.

Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 12:00 to 23:30 (00:30 Friday and Saturday. Available for hire Sunday.



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