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The Clubbing Issue

Welcome to our May issue! It isn't long since we were shivering in the snow, but things are already starting to heat up in Dublin with the approach of summer. Longer nights, of course, give us the energy to get our proverbial groove on and dance to hot tunes until sunrise. That's why this issue is firmly dedicated to clubbing. We've got a round-up of 30 great clubs in the city on page 4, plus an interview with Hayley Rock (the VIP hostess of Lillie's Bordello) on page 5. We've added something a little offbeat to our mix by interviewing Ray Shah. Formerly of Big Brother fame, who's building himself quite a career behind the DJ decks and on the radio with Q102: we chat to Ray about learning how to DJ from scratch on page 12.

Naturally, we're also offering your monthly fix of movie previews, from the rebooted Nightmare on Elm Street to the somewhat less disturbing Street Dance, on page 14. We've also got details of the best events going in Dublin during May on page 16, plus details of some 200 great venues at the back of the magazine. Yeah, we know, you're welcome!

But we'd also like to thank you guys for welcoming 2night so warmly to Dublin. Our launch party back in March was a blast, and we've enjoyed pouring through your feedback on our website (www.2night.ie). Keep those comments flying in, tell us what you think of your favourite (and least favourite) venues, and keep us posted on the latest places opening up. With your help, 2night will continue to be the best guide to nightlife and events around.

Derek

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# GET YOUR GROOVE ON

2night surveys the best clubs in Dublin.

It's no secret that we've come to expect certain things when we go to a Dublin club. Quite simply, we aren't wowed anymore when a DJ slips an 80s track into a set-list that otherwise contains the same pap we hear on the radio. Nor will we stand for grotty interiors, doormen that alternatively threaten or leer at us, or ludicrously overpriced drinks – thanks all the same. Dubliners demand more these days.

That's at least in part because we've been getting it. The rise of many new venues – and the revamping of several older ones – has seen things get far more competitive. The décor of the typical Dublin club is intriguing (or at least clean) while the days of the power-tripping bouncer have finally ended. The quality of music is on the up as well, with a mix of home grown DJs coming onto the scene, more established acts pushing themselves, and the international talent that quality venues and promoters can draw. For several reasons, it's never been a better time to be a Dubliner into clubbing.

Hence, we decided to spend this issue celebrating the city's best clubs – from the distinctly studenty to distinctly swish, and from high-energy to laid-back cool. Over the next few pages, you'll find a round-up of 30 great clubs, where you can find them, and what makes them worth a look. There's something for every taste but, as always, don't hesitate to tell us what you think: log on to [www.2night.ie](http://www.2night.ie), offer your own comments on venues, and share in the clubbing fun!



*have your say*  
2NIGHTERS AND THEIR NIGHTLIFE

## HAYLEY ROCK VIP Manager, Lillie's Bordello

**What are the essential ingredients for a good club night out?**

A group of girlfriends out on the town – a good cocktail menu and service and great music.

**What does a hostess bring to the mix?**

A little bit of everything really. Lillie's nightclub is all about special treatment and making sure everyone has the best night possible. Our hosts are on hand to make sure that happens. We can make your evening very special with VIP reservation, bottle service and a variety of VIP rooms to choose from.

**What kind of skills do you need to tend to VIPs?**

Skill in oral communication is a key element of good customer service with all clients. Lillie's understands that security is crucial as we see a lot of high profile guest through our doors each week. You need to be confident, energetic and a great multi-tasker as you need to be in five places at once at the best of times

**How has clubbing changed in Dub since you first got involved in the industry?**

I started with Lillie's five years ago in the middle of the Celtic Tiger. The change in the economy obviously brought some changes to our business as it did every other business. Lillie's is still as busy as ever but we are working harder than ever to keep it at its best. In the Celtic tiger years, all you had to do was open your doors and business would come to you – now you need to go out and get the business. Luckily we have fantastic support from our members and regulars (thanks guys).

**How has Lillie's changed if at all?**

We welcome new and old faces through our doors every week. Other than that, Lillie's is just as good as ever.

**Aside from Lillie's (of course) where do you like to go out in Dublin?**

I love The Cellar bar in The Merrion for a few glasses of wine, then it's on to dinner. It has to be a trip to Conor in KOH every time. It has the best Thai food in Dublin and service is fantastic. The night wouldn't be complete without finishing it off with a few gorgeous cocktails in the Porterhouse.

**4 DAME LANE**

4, Dame Lane -  
Dublin 2  
Tel: 016790291



This place ticks all the boxes for the hyper-hip cocktail club, from cutting edge art to a flatscreen TV playing silent nature documentaries. All the trendiness would wear thin if it weren't so darn cool. Friday nights feature Aoife Nic Canna and Marina Diniz, while Saturday's 'Eighties Electroclash' (presided over by Gaviscom) is a must if you still want to rock out to Depeche Mode.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 17:00 to 02:30.

**ANDREW'S LANE THEATRE**

9-17, Andrew's Lane -  
Dublin 2  
Tel: 016795720



Once a venue for offbeat or amateur drama, Andrews Lane Theatre has been changed into a hopping club venue. Reliable regular nights – studenty Switch on Wednesdays and Saturday's Dizzy Disco with electro and techno – are supplemented by one-off DJ performances and even live gigs. The very-popular (and aptly-named) Trashed on Tuesdays will be missed, but this place still rocks.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 20:00 to 02:30 (01:30 Sunday).

**CAFÉ EN SEINE**

39, Dawson Street -  
Dublin 2  
Tel: 016774567



So much has been said about Ireland's original superpub that mentioning it here seems predictable – but essential: any place that can pack in 1,500 odd people and keep serving them to the wee hours simply must be remembered. The music on the dancefloor is primarily mainstream, making it a good choice if you're out with a group that has markedly different tastes.

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

**COPPER FACE JACKS**

29, Harcourt Street -  
Dublin 2  
Tel: 014758777



When Robbie Keane and his Spurs teammates came to Dublin on the pull, they came here, while Ray D'Arcy's hunt for the father of a child born from a Coppers romance was radio gold. Whatever the haters say about this (in)famous pick-up spot, but Coppers has given us all so much. The blend of chart music and strangers flinging themselves at each other with abandon is still wildly popular.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 21:00 to late.

**DTWO**

60, Harcourt Street -  
Dublin 2  
Tel: 014764603



It's easy to see why this club still packs them in late into the night - Dtwo has a great location, room to lounge around in over an evening, and a very busy dance-floor. The pinkish hue in the lighting is a lot nicer than it sounds, while the seats are comfy if you can grab them. Music is typically chart-based, though they have live acts on Thursday evenings if you fancy something a little more offbeat.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to late.

**KRYSTLE**

21-25, Harcourt Street -  
Dublin 2



Two words come to mind when we survey Krystle's décor: Miami Vice. Amazingly, it works, as does the music - a hip-hop, house, funk and rock mix is interesting. There are two large bars, including a fully-heated roof garden, giving more of a relaxed vibe than many of the places here. It's a space to relax – and maybe bust a few moves – rather than the full-on clubbing experience.

Opening hours: Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 22:30 to late.

**LILLIE'S BORDELLO**

Adam Court Grafton  
Street - Dublin 2  
Tel: 016799204



Another relatively laid-back spot, Lillie's is still popular with visiting a-listers for lounging around. If you fancy a dance in the plush surroundings, though, you're in luck: Monday to Wednesday features cool Lounge Lovers DJs, Thursday is all R'n'B and trusted floor-fillers, while Tommy Stewart is on the decks every Friday and Saturday, spinning classic and current club tunes.

Opening Hours: Open Monday to Saturday, 23:00 to 02:30.

**PACINOS**

18, Suffolk Street -  
Dublin 2  
Tel: 016775651



Pacinos boasts two great club nights: Friday night is all rock'n'roll with Shakedown, showcasing live music from the best Irish underground groups along with surprise guest DJs. Saturday night, meanwhile, is Latino night, with dine and dance packages, classes taught by the experienced Obsession Salsa teachers and a late club.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 08.00 (09:00 Saturday, 10:00 Sunday) to 23:00 (22:00 Sunday and Monday). Late clubs from 23:00.

**PANTIBAR**

7-8, Capel St -  
Dublin 1



Rory O'Neill (aka Panti, grand dame of Dublin drag) hasn't just lent approval to this place: he co-owns the lease and, we fancy, has a big say in the entertainment. Aside from the drag acts (Panti takes to the stage on Mondays and Thursdays), there's a late downstairs club featuring a mix of hot new tunes and some campy classics. The very popular Furry Glen takes over on the decks every third Saturday.

Open seven days a week, from 17:00 to 02:30 (23:30 Sunday to Tuesday).

**Q BAR**

1, Burgh Quay -  
Dublin 2  
Tel: 016777435



Between the upstairs bar and a more 'clubby' downstairs, there's ample room for many drinkers at this long-standing cocktail bar-cum-club. The sound system is dominated by popular dance tracks at night-time, with a little funk and R'n'B thrown in by a few of the resident DJs. Plenty of drink promotions help get things started even on weekdays. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 10.30 (12:00 Sunday) to 02:30 (23:00 Sunday) Food served until 14:30.

**RÍ-RÁ**

11, South Great George's Street -  
Dublin  
Tel: 016711220



Nestling below the Globe Bar, Rí-Rá has a team of house DJs banging out an eclectic mix of tunes, from electro and indie to golden oldies. It's a casual, cosy little place that's ideal for hitting on a whim: they don't levy a cover charge any evening aside from special occasions, and you can be sure there'll always be someone more dressed-down than you – trust us.

Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 23:00 to 02:30.

**SOUTH WILLIAM**

52, South William Street -  
Dublin 2  
Tel: 016725946



Having already displayed much more staying power than many bars on the street, South William has carved out a nice little niche for itself in afro-Caribbean themed club nights. Babalonia on Fridays and Island culture on Mondays are particular highlights for clubbing with a tropical feel.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 (16:00 Sunday) to 23:30 (02:30 Thursday to Saturday, 01:00 Sunday). Food served from 12:00 (15:00 Sunday) to 22:00.



**SPY**  
Powerscourt Townhouse, South William Street - Dublin 2  
Tel: 016770014

Soundcheck, the Thursday night club, has organised everything from a screening of Tommy Wiseau's cult film *The Room* to a flash mob apparently intended to mark the death of the phenomenon. It's a sign of a club that prides itself on being relentlessly, obsessively plugged into twentysomething culture. Spy is fun for all that, though, and the Georgian townhouse setting is cool.

Opening hours: Open from Wednesday to Saturday, from 16:00 to 03:00.



**THE ACADEMY**  
57, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1  
Tel: 018779999

Having mercifully replaced Spirit, The Academy puts on a mix of live gigs from up and comers and more offbeat artists – from Fight Like Apes in December to the Brian Jonestown Massacre this month – plus some hopping club nights. Foreplay Friday (R'n'B, hip hop, garage and reggae) and Reloaded (electro) on Saturdays are highlights.

Opening hours: Opening times vary depending on schedule – turn to event listings or visit [www.2night.ie](http://www.2night.ie) for details.



**THE BUTTON FACTORY**  
Curved Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2  
Tel: 016709202

Another venue doing a mix of live music and club nights, The Button Factory has three main clubs: student night Muzik does indie and electro on Wednesdays, Transmission on Saturdays offers loud indie and rock with special guest DJs and the odd live act, while Dancehall styles on Sunday nights is reggae central.

Opening hours: Opening times vary depending on schedule. Late clubs Wednesday to Sunday, daytime café open Monday to Saturday.



**THE CHURCH**  
Junction Of Mary Street And Jervis Street - Dublin 1  
Tel: 018280102

Any place where you can have an afternoon drink followed by dinner, before getting your groove on late into the night, is a winner in our book. The club's décor is retro – red and orange lighting abounds – and a few classic tracks are chucked in to enliven a mainly chart-driven mix. 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.



**THE DRAGON**  
64-65, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2  
Tel: 014781590

A relative young 'un among Dublin Gay bars, The Dragon boasts a hip décor – dark with Asian influences, mosaics, and statues – and impeccable retro credentials in a pool table and Space Invaders machine. The music on the dancefloor consists usually of cooler floor fillers, though some quality drag action comes from Dolly on Monday nights and Davina Devine on Tuesday.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 20:00 to late.



**THE EXCHEQUER**  
3-5, Exchequer Street - Dublin 2  
Tel: 016706787

If clubbing for you is a frenzied, sweaty dance-off followed by a tryst with a stranger who'll horrify you next morning, The Exchequer will surprise you. The hip gastropub has drifted in heavy house DJs Lectrosoul and the sunnier Marina Diniz to work the decks in laid-back, sophisticated surroundings – we reckon it's the way forward.

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



**THE GEORGE**  
89, South Great George's St - Dublin 2  
Tel: 016713298

If the George is anything to go by, it's worth pushing yourself to keep up with the younger crowd – even if you are the oldest gay bar in the city. Popular acts like Shirley Temple Bar's Sunday bingo are retained, though the George also recruits top acts in the form of Veda on Wednesdays and Davina Devine on Mondays and Thursdays. Campy pop fun prevails. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:30 to 02:30 (23:30 Monday and Tuesday, 01:30 Sunday).



**THE MEZZ AND THINKTANK**  
23-24, Eustace Street - Dublin 2  
Tel: 01 6707655

The Mezz and Thinktank draws in a mixed crowd by hosting live cover acts most evenings, and booking some stars power – Phil Hartnoll of Orbital played a storming set here last year, while the Datsuns also impressed. The décor is gloomy-cool.

Opening hours: The Mezz is open seven days a week, from 17:00 to 23:30 (00:30 Friday and Saturday, 23:00 Sunday). Thinktank opens Wednesday from 19:00 to 03:00, Friday and Saturday from 22:00 to 03:00.



**THE PALACE**  
84, Camden Street - Dublin 2  
Tel: 014880808

It takes all sorts to make a world, they say, – you're sure to find all sorts at this Camden street spot, from oompaloompas and rugger lads to indie kids engaged in a bit of cultural slumming. It's looking well since getting a 2009 renovation – they've added a cocktail bar and a VIP area, but it's still got the usual atmosphere of barely suppressed mayhem (and hormones) that we know and love.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 22:00 to late.



**THE PURTY KITCHEN**  
34/35, East Sussex Street - Dublin 2  
Tel: 016770945

By day, The Purty Kitchen is a traditional looking place and a nice pub to grab a meal in, but night-time sees three floors of action positively cooking. Alternative bands and singer-songwriters ensure a lively evening, as do generous drinks promotions. The DJs take over from 23:00, and generally go for off-beat and indie fare rather than chart hits.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Food served from 12:00 to 22:30, late club Monday to Saturday.



**THE SYCAMORE CLUB**  
9 Sycamore St - Dublin 2

Dublin's newest members club and rooftop bar has some strong club nights: Thursdays feature Aidan Kelly playing classic 45s, including Aretha Franklin and Motown staples with a bit of brassy hip-hop and funk thrown in for variety. On Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Feel Bass takes the decks with a very tech-house influenced style. Finally, Sunday is hosted by the house-music collective Some Like It Deep.

Opening hours: Open Thursday to Sunday, from 18:00 to 02:30.



**THE SUGAR CLUB**  
8, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2  
Tel: 016787188

Arguably Dublin's best spot for intimate gigs also does a line in off-beat clubbing at the weekends. Friday night's residents include the burlesque and cabaret social club and crème de la crème, while the Saturday club features party bands knocking out top-drawer salsa, latin, ska and soul.

Opening hours: Opening times vary depending on programme – visit [www.2night.ie](http://www.2night.ie) or turn to event listings for details. Clubs run from 23:00 until 03:00.

**THE TURK'S HEAD**

27, Parliament Street  
- Dublin 2  
Tel: 016792606



Thank goodness, it's no longer chic to be disdainful of this restaurant-cum-pub and club. The varied events, including salsa dancing classes (every Monday night) live music and drinks promotions, make it interesting. Check out Tarantula Tuesdays, when Subway Mike plays a mixture of disco re-edits, house, break beat, party music and electronica.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week from 12:00. Club nights run from 23:00 until late.

**THE TWISTED PEPPER**

54, Middle Abbey St -  
Dublin 1



The Bodytonic lads have found success here with a mix of live music, clubbing, the odd dash of stand-up (!) and solid club nights. Pogo on Saturday night is a popular one, with internationally-respected DJs, as is Thursday's Mr Jones, a mix of house, electro and gritty urban music.

Opening hours: Opening times vary depending on schedule, check [www.2night.ie](http://www.2night.ie) or events listings for details. Typically open 18:00 to late, Thursday to Saturday.

**THE VILLAGE**

26, Wexford Street -  
Dublin 2  
Tel: 014758555



Established in the same spot where the Mean Fiddler wowed crowds just a few years ago, The Village has gone for the popular mix of live gigs and good club nights. There's a bit of creativity to what these guys do, though: sure, Juicy Beats (Tuesdays) is a straightforward indie club, but the rock'n'roll karaoke at Songs of Praise on Wednesdays is pretty special if you prefer singing MGMT to Bonnie Tyler.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to late.

**TRAMCO BREWERY**

121, Lower Rathmines Road -  
Dublin 6  
Tel: 014968050



Since being taken over by the Messrs Maguire crowd, Tramco has pushed the craft beers during the day – but it's still a swinging student spot when it gets dark. The resident DJs have a knack for getting the crowd hopping through a mix of pop hits and more offbeat tracks. Drinks promotions (pints are €3.50 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday) also get things going.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 07:00 (11:00 Saturday and Sunday) to 03:00.

**TRIPOD**

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



There are clubs that make an effort, and then there's Tripod. This is actually three venues rolled into one, meaning there's something for everyone, including live acts, top international DJs and established club evenings – popular student night No Disko has recently relocated here from The Academy.

Opening hours: Opening times vary depending on schedule – visit [www.2night.ie](http://www.2night.ie) or turn to listings section for details.

**TWENTYONE**

21, D'olier Street -  
Dublin 2  
Tel:



Credit to Twentyone, 21, XXI, or whatever it's called this weather – it doesn't pretend to be something it's not. With club nights like the Eurosaver Mondays (all drinks are €3), and Frat Fridays, plus DJ Free Gaff on the decks every Tuesday, this is an unabashed student spot. Music is dominated by chart hits, with a little electro and techno to make it interesting. Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 23:00 (22:00 Friday and Saturday) to 03:30.



# COMPETITIONS!

WIN FREE TICKETS AND MORE WITH 2NIGHT

**CHIC**

Disco greets Chic have seen such an overwhelming demand for tickets to their Dublin debut at Tripod on May 28 that another headliner – on Saturday May 29 – has been added to the bill. Chic, famous for such 70s mega-hits as Freak Out, Everybody Dance and Good Times, disbanded back in the 80s but hooked up again at a 1989 birthday party. When band members dusted off the hits, the response was so rapturous that they got back in the touring saddle. With critically acclaimed new material, and despite the sad passing of some bandmates, they're still going strong. Tickets to see them live are available from €37.50, but we've free tickets for their May 29 gig to give away for free! To win tickets, just head to the 'free and promo' section of [www.2night.ie](http://www.2night.ie) and tell us exactly why you want to see these disco legends in the flesh.

**NEW YOUNG PONY CLUB**

This promising five-piece is nothing if not eclectic – though grounded in post-punk and new wave, New Young Pony Club have displayed a wide range of influences across their debut album Fantastic Playroom (which earned them a Mercury Nomination) and new effort, The Optimist. Expect plenty of interest when they storm into The Button Factory for their rescheduled gig on May 29. Tickets cost €20, but you can go for free with 2night! To win free tickets, just head to the 'free and promo' section of [www.2night.ie](http://www.2night.ie) and tell us exactly why you want to go to check out these promising outsiders.

**A FLOCK OF SEAGULLS**

Famous not just for their eighties-tastic synthpop – hits include Wishing and I Ran So Far Away – but also for that haircut, the New Romantic legends A Flock of Seagulls are following up on a stonking Irish debut at last year's Electric Picnic with a Tripod gig this October. Mike Score and chums have developed a passionate (read: obsessive) fanbase since they first broke into the scene in 1982, so we can expect this headliner show to sell out pretty sharpish. Tickets are available from €22.50, but we've a pair of tickets to give away! To win tickets, just head to the 'free and promo' section of [www.2night.ie](http://www.2night.ie) and tell us exactly why you want to see these New Romantics making their comeback.

**HOW TO ENTER**

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

# Radio Shah-Shah

2night chats to Q 102's Ray Shah, a Big Brother veteran and now an up-and-coming DJ.

**B**y now, most of us have had our fill of Big Brother and the quasi-celebs the show spawned (remember Bubbles from season two? Nah, didn't think so). But there are some, of course, that one can't help but like, and Ray Shah is clearly one of them. An easygoing attitude and a willingness to do anything for charity – from dressing in drag to participating in a celebrity boxing tournament – has helped him stay in the public



eye for longer than most. More to the point, he's actually doing something rather than merely flitting around on the social scene: aside from a Saturday morning show on Dublin's Q102, Shah is an increasingly common sight behind the DJ decks at Dublin's best clubs.

As it turns out, Shah's move into DJing stemmed from even before he made his reality TV debut. "I was big into the club scene anyway. I'd been to Ibiza about ten times before going on Big Brother, and a couple of my friends used to DJ. But I was always afraid to get in front of the decks because they looked really complicated to use!" he admits, adding that learning how to DJ was just as tricky as it seemed. "I bought a pair of CDJ 1,000s – Pioneer decks – when I first started out and left them in the box for about four months. When I opened it, I thought 'how the hell am I ever going to learn this?' and was afraid to go near them. A friend of mine – Stephen Cooper, he works on 98 FM – came around to my house and just showed me the basics of how to use it. After that it was just practice, practice, practice," says Shah.

Even after learning the basics of DJing, though, Shah found that his celebrity status was a double edged sword. "People book you because you've got a certain notoriety, and I know when I started off, I was very conscious of that. I knew that, if I did a bad mix, a lot of people would comment more about it because of who I am. I know some DJs within the circle, maybe who'd been DJing for years. When I first

started, a couple weren't too happy that I was getting a lot of the gigs," he reveals. "There was that kind of stigma attached to it as well."

However, Shah says, sticking at it – and improving his own work – has helped him overcome that. "I'd meet a lot of the DJs out now and they've heard me. Fair enough, when I played, I'd be the first to admit that I wasn't great. But every DJ, when they first start out, isn't great – it's all about getting the gigs, practicing and making a name for yourself. I've had DJs come to gigs now and they've said 'Jesus, you've improved a million times from when I first heard you'. That's good, especially when you hear it from a fellow DJ," he says. "I'd class myself now as very capable of holding my own on any nights really. I can mix everything from chart to dance and R'n'B. A lot of DJs I'd meet can't really mix across different genres. I can even mix 80s in too. So I've definitely learned a lot, but I still haven't learned all you can – especially on the Pioneer decks with all the little tricks," adds Shah.

When you're making a living on the Dublin DJ scene, the kind of versatility Shah talks about is essential – and he's had to compromise on his own tastes too. "When I first started, I wanted to focus on house music but, unfortunately, there isn't much of a scene for that in Ireland. The agency I worked for pretty much said 'if you want to get regular gigs, you're going to have to play everything'. So I went down the road of being more a commercial DJ than in house," he says. "It's a shame, because in the

UK you can make a name for yourself doing one style of music, but it's very hard to do that in Ireland. The market just isn't there really."

Within that slightly constrained scene, Shah's recipe for a great night is pretty simple: "Choose the right music! As a DJ, I do play a lot of the big hits, and you can't go wrong by playing the likes of Lady Gaga and the Black Eyed Peas, stuff like that. A lot of my music is upbeat, up-tempo. I wouldn't play many slow songs – my stuff has a good beat to it, and that's what I think keeps things going," he says. "You've got to have a good DJ, who plays the music the crowd wants to hear – you have to be able to read the crowd. With a good looking club as well, you're guaranteed to get a good crowd in."

As for his own nights out, he's more than a little eclectic in his tastes. "I'd be pretty much all over the place – I do go to the likes of Krystle and Lillie's. But I like staying local as well. Going into town, I like Dandelion from time to time. It depends what you're looking for in a night! If you want a good, dancey night, you go to the likes of Tripod or The Academy. But if you're looking for a bit of a bop and nothing too fancy, you might go to the bars on South William Street or something like that." If you're interested in checking out Shah's work yourself, though, you needn't head to Krystle or Dandelion: you can catch his Big Saturday Show every week on Q102 at 11:00, or simply visit [www.rayshah.com](http://www.rayshah.com).

# CINEMA

2NIGHT'S GUIDE TO THE MAJOR FILMS BEING RELEASED IN MAY.

## 7 MAY

### HOT TUB TIME MACHINE

We'd love to say this sounded like a great idea at the time. But a movie about four friends, bored with their adult lives, who somehow find themselves travelling through time via their hot tub was always going to be breathtakingly stupid. Not only are there gaping holes in the plot even according to the credibility-defying rules the film sets itself, but the jokes that the premise sets up are hackneyed and predictable. This flick is only elevated above straight-to-DVD level by the presence of Craig Robinson and John Cusack, and neither star seems motivated to turn in any kind of decent performance.

### NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET

Rather like Freddie himself, Nightmare on Elm Street has become the film that would not die. Michael Bay is in the producer's chair (mercifully, direction comes from Wes Craven) for this reboot of the series, which goes right back to the origins of Freddie Kruger. Freddie, for the uninitiated, was a psychopathic murderer set free in the 1980s only to be burned alive by vigilantes. However, he returns to the dreamworld to terrorize and kill the children of those responsible for his death, and a festival of carnage kicks off from there. Anyone who complains about the excessive gore, the lack of characterisation and the odd predictable sequence clearly doesn't get the point: this is good, harmful fun with lots of scares, and the story gets new life from the advances in special effects since Freddie made his 1984 debut.

### THE BACK-UP PLAN

Jennifer Lopez is her usual love-or-hate self in The Back-Up Plan, a comedy that purports to explore dating, marriage and family 'in reverse'. She plays Zoe who, after years of fruitless searching for Mr. Right, decides to visit a sperm bank. Naturally, she soon meets Stan (Alex O'Loughlin) who might just be the man she gave up on finding. A comedy of errors kicks off and, when Stan learns about the pregnancy,

he decides to still give the relationship a try. Even if this film isn't half as profound as it thinks it is (the assumption that anyone who has kids before marriage is unusual says a lot about the scriptwriter's innate conservatism), there are a few funny moments as Stan and Zoe take a comic trawl through the pregnancy experience.

## 14 MAY

### ROBIN HOOD

Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe team up again in an historical action film that owes less to Gladiator than to Braveheart. Crowe plays the semi-legendary hero, and the script (while remaining faithful to the classic tale) is more overtly political than most versions of the story, with plenty of talk about not being slaves to kings and whatnot. Crowe is, of course, one of the best at the stony-faced, heroic everyman character, while the film has strong effects and as good a sense of the grim midlands in medieval days as one could wish for. Well-directed action scenes also separate Scott's Robin Hood from previous film takes on the tale.

## 21 MAY

### LETTERS TO JULIET

When Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) travels to the city of Verona in Italy (where Romeo and Juliet met their fate), she finds one of the many letters to Juliet that are left at the fictional lover's Verona courtyard. Despite the fact that it was composed back in 1951, she decides to write back with her advice and, remarkably, the original author takes her lead by travelling to Italy in search of a long lost love. Taking Sophie and her handsome grandson with her. The by-the-numbers road romance with a serious stretch at the heart of the plot is made a bit more watchable by scenes of gorgeous countryside.

## PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME

It's a wonder that it took this long for the behemoth video game franchise that featured an insanely agile chap running around a castle and slaying baddies to hit the big screen. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer (remember him from Pirates of the Caribbean?) has roped in Jake Gyllenhaal to play the daring Prince Dastan, and based much of the plot on the 2003 version of the video game. This means, for the less geeky among us, that our hero has to team up with Princess Tamina (Gemma Arterton) to rescue the Sands of Time, a gift from the gods that controls time, from the hands of the villainous nobleman, Nizam (Ben Kingsley). This film has all the jaw-dropping action you'd hope for from a Bruckheimer flick, a good yarn behind it (even if the script itself isn't that innovative) and a surprisingly good leading man in Gyllenhaal. He's come on since Donny Darko, you know.

## STREET DANCE

Max Giwa and Dania Pasquini direct this made-for-Imax 3D flick about, well, street dancing. There's the classic (less charitable critics might say tired) 'a star is born' story going on, but it's really just a vehicle for the likes of George Sampson and Britain's Got Talent stars Diversity and Flawless to strut their stuff. And lord do they do it. Direction is solid, and the soundtrack does its bit too.

## 28 MAY

### SEX AND THE CITY 2

Carrie and the girls get together for another adventure two years after the original Sex and the City movie left off. Star appearances (Mariah Carey and Miley Cyrus turn up, sans Victoria Beckham) and a trip to Morocco enliven the action, but the focus remains on friendship, fun and many shots of New York. At this stage, you probably know already whether you'll like it or not.

### THE TOOTH FAIRY

Remember 'The most electrifying man in sports entertainment', aka Dwayne Johnson? He's now in this comedy about a minor league hockey player nicknamed 'the tooth fairy' for his habit of collecting them from opponents. For the penalty of killing a youngster's dreams, he's sentenced to serve time as a more traditional kind of tooth fairy. The jokes may be familiar in this family comedy but, for kids that haven't seen them before, this should be fun.



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BY RURAIDH CONLON O'REILLY



MAY 5

## FLIGHT OF THE CONCHORDS\*

Every so often, comedy throws up something so fresh and instant that, if you're out of the loop, it's just baffling. Simpsons quotes are still a way of life for some people. The Office was either a knowing work of genius or a social embarrassment. It's pretty hard to explain why The Mighty Boosh is funny even if you're a fan. Flight of the Conchords works like that: mention "that song with the kebab", and you'd better be sure your mates have seen it. New Zealand folk music/comedy pair Bret McKenzie and Jermaine Clement struck gold with their self-titled TV series in 2007. Parodying sitcoms, their home country and every style of music going, the duo stumble through love, the music industry and New York through the medium of some unimaginably funny songs. Show companions Anj Barker and the hilarious Kirsten Schall (mad stalker Mel) support as the Conchords take to the stage. The show runs for two nights.

€39.20, 20:00

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

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## MAY 1

### BLACK EYED PEAS\*

Two nights from Will.i.Am's hip-hop/dance megastars, riding a wave on the back of last year's hugely successful The E.N.D album, and possible follow-up this year. Support comes from celebrity totem and Will.i.Am collaborator Cheryl Cole. Meanwhile, catch some of the band at the aftershow party, slated for Tripod after each gig - admission's €20, with doors at 22:30. From €54.80, 20:00  
**The 02**, North Wall Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

### KRAPP'S LAST TAP\*

Beckett's one-man play continues, with Michael Gambon playing Krapp - a man who records and replays his memories on each birthday, and wonders if life is coming up to scratch. Michael Colgan directs. The play runs until May 15. From €25, 20:00  
**Gate Theatre**, Cavendish Row, Parnell Square - Dublin 1. Tel: 018744045

### COMEDY IN THE FEZZ - ERIC LALOR\*

The Bodytong gang muscle their way into comedy, not content with being at the cutting edge of clubbing and live music. MC Dave O'Gorman introduces Eric Lalor, fresh from doing Joy In The Hood with Des Bishop and MCing at the Laughter Lounge. Kieran Lawless supports. €5, 21:00  
**The Twisted Pepper**, 54, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018734800

## MAY 2

### FELIX DA HOUSECAT

The Chicago dance legend returns after a sold-out gig last year. €30, 23:00  
**The Academy**, 57, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

### FLORENCE AND THE MACHINE

At some point very soon, poor Florence Welch will be overexposed. Perhaps literally, too - being on every TV advert for the past six months is one thing, but flashing one's knickers on magazine covers is another. How and ever: she deserves the fame and fortune. Debut album Lungs was a revelation in an unusually strong year for female artists, and her interviews revealed a thoughtful and interesting character. Now, after this two-night lap of honour, and the summer's festival duties, she really needs to go and make a new record. €28, 19:30  
**Olympia Theatre**, 72, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

### CARI LEKEBUSCH

Earwiggle brings us a 90s techno set from Stockholm DJ Lekebusch, with Adam X (New York), Reeko (Oviedo), Defekt (Dublin) and Nathan Jones also on the bill. €15, 21:00  
**Andrew's Lane Theatre**, 9-17, Andrew's Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016795720

## MAY 3

### DUBLIN GAYTHEATRE FESTIVAL\*

Oscar Wilde is popping up on posters around town, and that means it's that time of year again: eight world premieres, eight European premieres and four Irish premieres are on the cards this time round. Organisers point to The Laramie Project (USA, May 3-8) and Kiss The Women (South Africa, May 10-15) as international plays of note, whereas Irish



plays Working Late and Under The Rainbow (both May 3-8) might be a good place to start closer to home. If you're stuck for cash, volunteer and you might get free stuff. Full details and programme on www.gaytheatre.ie. Runs until May 16. Various venues.

## MAY 4

### PAVEMENT

Stephen Malkmus's reunited band make Dublin an early stop on their first tour in yonks. Pavement are considered lo-fi presidents for life: a sort of raw, ramshackle DIY sound will forever be associated with their work. Anyone who tries to get in without wearing scruffy Converse will be barred forever. From €34, 19:30  
**Tripod**, Old Harcourt Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

### THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Peter Sheridan directs another run of the film classic's stage adaptation, following its success this time last year. Kevin Anderson plays Andy Dufresne, with the play running until May 29. From €22.50, 19:30, some matinees.  
**Gaiety Theatre**, 46, South King Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016795622

### THEATRECLUB STOLE YOUR CLOCK RADIO WHAT THE FUCK YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT?\*

It's a good question. No, it's a great question. Claiming to be "ruining lives all over this city," the Theatreclub group are all about being young and diddled over by the recession. Their Show runs until May 8. €8/12, 20:15  
**Project Arts Centre**, East Essex Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 018819613

## MAY 6

### THE SLITS

The British punk veterans return, having released a third album last year. Notable for taking reggae by the hand and having more cajones than most of their (male) compatriots, they're joined by Sex Pistols drummer Paul Cook's daughter on keyboards and vocals. €16, 20:00  
**Crawdaddy**, Old Harcourt Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

## MAY 7

### RANDY NEWMAN

The legendary American singer-songwriter and Disney-Pixar composer makes a rare visit - he had to cancel his scheduled 2008 shows here due to illness. From €59.80, 19:00  
**Grand Canal Theatre**, Grand Canal Square, Docklands - Dublin 2. Tel: 016777999

### DEADMAUS

The sometime Joel Zimmerman returns after a set in the Academy last year. The geeked-up Canadian innovator proudly depends on an array of technological gadgetry and hilarious/terrifying huge mouse mask to push his live sets as far as possible. Support comes from German DJ/producer Moguai. €39.20, 21:30  
**Olympia Theatre**, 72, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

### HOPE SANDOVAL AND THE WARM INVENTIONS

The bewitching former Mazzy Star frontwoman tours the finally-arrived second solo album ahead of a slot at the Matt Groening-curated ATP Festival. €28.00, 20:30  
**Whelan's**, 25, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

## KISS

Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons' facepainted heavy metallers are one of the most easily-identifiable acts in the last 50 years of music - you'd spot them 1.609344km away. Last year saw their return with album Sonic Boom after a gap of 11 years. Who needs Spinal Tap? Support is courtesy of Taking Dawn. The 02, North Wall Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

## SHORTSTUFF, JAMES BLAKE, BENNY PAGE

Wobble presents Hertfordshire DJ Shortstuff and the up-and-coming James Blake in the basement at Bodytonic's weekly Mud night, while the stage belongs to Reading drum and bass artist Benny Page. €8, 23:00  
Twisted Pepper, 54, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018734800

## MAY 8

### RAY DAVIES

The Kinks' main man deserves the status of living legend like few others, but he's rarely one to cash in his chips. It's hardly been an easy few years either: he was shot in the leg in while chasing thieves in 2004. He recovered to release Working Man's Cafe in 2008, while a choral collection of reworked Kinks songs emerged last year. From €49.80, 19:00  
Grand Canal Theatre, Grand Canal Square, Docklands - Dublin 2. Tel: 016777999

## MAY 9

### LIGHTNING SEEDS

It's coming home, it's coming home... Well, football's usually coming home this time every two or four years, depending on the fortunes of the Eng-ger-land. Never mind that Three Lions business though: behind the ultimate terrace anthem lies damn fine guitar-pop songwriting, disguised as it always was by football and Britpop. Ian Broudie has enjoyed decent critical attention in recent solo years, and his return with the vehicle that made his name means it's probably time to dig out the greatest hits again. €24, 19:00  
The Academy, 57, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

## DON MCLEAN

Go on, name a Don McLean song that isn't American Pie. Vincent? That'll do. The veteran folk singer-songwriter is a long way from his early 70s high watermark, but remains active - last year saw the release of new album Addicted To Black, and Dublin falls in the middle of a European tour. From €44.50, 19:00  
Grand Canal Theatre, Grand Canal Square, Docklands - Dublin 2. Tel: 016777999

# EVENTS

## WEEK | 10 - 16 MAY

BY RURAIDH CONLON O'REILLY



## MAY 15

### DAVID O'DOHERTY

A few books, columns and slots on RTE helped along the comedy career of this peculiar Dublin philosophy graduate, but it was glory at the 2008 Edinburgh Fringe that really propelled him out of his native underground and into the limelight. Shambling with lo-fi DIY charm - and a childlike Casio keyboard - this date was added due to big demand for his new show in February. Seize that second chance. The aim is to "rock our world - in quite a gentle way," according to the former jazz pianist and telemarketer (there are precious few jobs in philosophy, after all). He does this through laconic comedies that sound limp on paper but electric on YouTube: everyday mundanities like accidentally sending a text to the person the text was about - we've all been there - are delivered with deadpan wit. Plans for 2010? "A world tour and a new children's book." Frankly, we can't wait.

€25, 20:30

Vicar St, 58, Thomas Street - Dublin 8. Tel: 014546656

## MAY 10

### DUBLIN DANCE FESTIVAL

Guided by the title of Raimund Hoghe's Young People, Old Voices (May 18/19), the sixth annual festival features 24 artists and companies from nine countries across 15 days in eight Dublin venues. The highlights? Try the headphone disco in Meeting House Square on the opening night (May 8) or the festival's closing flamenco moment Soledad Barrio and Noche Flamenca (Vicar St, 23 May). The full programme is available from from [www.dublindancefestival.ie](http://www.dublindancefestival.ie). Various venues

### REAL ESTATE

The first Irish visit from a New Jersey psychedelic-ish pop band that sits in nicely among the current crop of US indie but still sounds pretty new. Support is from Dublin's Cloud Castle Lake. €15, 20:00  
Crawdaddy, Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

## MAY 11

### ROD STEWART

Two nights from the Duracell Bunny-like Faces and Jeff Beck Group hellraiser have proved so popular that they've tagged on a third date at the end of the tour in July. Latest album Soulbook should get fans in the mood if Rod's appearance on the Helping Haiti single was too fleeting.

From €65.70, 19:30

The 02, North Wall Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

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### MILK AND COOKIE STORIES

"Dublin needs a place for people to come to hear a good story, and maybe tell one," say those in control of said milk and cookies. An open mic storytelling night aimed at bettering the usual pub/TV/internet slump. Anyone can turn seanachai - but try to keep it under ten minutes. Free, 18:30

Exchange Dublin, Exchange Street Upper, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016779264

### COCOROSIE

Paris-based American sisters Bianca and Sierra - Coco and Rosie - come to town around the release date of fourth album Grey Oceans. Collaborations with Devandra Banhart and Antony (minus The Johnsons) are in the past, as is The Guardian's nomination of album Noah's Ark's cover as one of the worst ever. €21.50, 20:00

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

### TRUE STORIES: FRUIT AND NUTS

Guaranteed fun as Fruit And Nuts return to play this regular Tuesday night, with drinks promogalounding. 20:30

The Bernard Shaw, 11-12, South Richmond Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 0857128342

## MAY 12

### MACBETH

It's a good night to catch Shakespeare's Scottish Play before it wraps up on the May 15. Jimmy Fay directs Aidan Kelly and Eileen Walsh in the classic tale of power and corruption. From €18, 19:30

Abbey Theatre, Lower Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018787222

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## MAY 13

### REELING IN THE SHOWBAND YEARS

The dust has settled on showband nostalgia somewhat – maybe because the country's screw-balled and everyone's emigrating again and it isn't as fun as we remember it. Even so, here's RTE radio bloke Ronan Collins, whose compilation CDs have propped up the revival, and a host of yesteryear's stars including Sonny Knowles and Paddy Cole. Proceeds go to All Hallows College. €35, 20:00

**Vicar Street**, 58, Thomas Street - Dublin 8. Tel: 014546656

### DUBLIN ROCKS! FESTIVAL

A three-day series of gigs and the subject of some provocative street art/lots of annoying wall-scribbling. Today, Friday, sees Ladydoll, Hassle Merchants and Readers Wives take to the stage. Saturday hosts Grades Of Shade, Robotnik and former JJ72 guy Mark Greaney's Concerto For Constantine. The DC Experiment, Cat Dowling (ex-Alphastates) and The Gandhis polish things off on Sunday night. €TBA, 19:00

**The Twisted Pepper**, 54, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018734800

### MARK GEARY

The Dubliner has been a staple of singer-songwriting scenes both here and in his adoptive New York for the best part of a decade. Last year's Live, Love, Lost It NYC, a live album, is the most recent offering. As for the future, he's "working away on something very exciting that I can't actu-

ally mention but it's a beauty if it comes together." Such is life. €20, 20:00

**Whelans**, 25, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

### MODENA CITY RAMBLERS

Long-running genre-evading Italian "combat folk" outfit, happy to mix the tin whistle, The Clash and the mandolin with every world music influence available. €15, 20:00

**The Village**, 26, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014758555

## MAY 14

### CATHY DAVEY

Having charmed many with 2004's Something Ilk, then declared it wasn't really her thing and come up with 2007's acclaimed Tales Of Silversleeve, Davey is releasing third album The Nameless this month. It's been over a year since the last Dublin headliner: a year well spent in the company of folk like Conor O'Brien of Villagers and Neil Hannon, who makes a guest appearance here in return for Cathy's help with a controversial and hilarious new national anthem. €26, 20:00

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

### STRICTLY COME DANCING

This touring adaptation of the hit BBC dance contest – subtitled The Professionals – offers all the stars of the TV show, no judges, and a big ole live band too. The show runs for three nights until May 16, with some matinees. From €45, 19:30 (18:30 Sunday)

**The 02**, North Wall Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888



### FOALS

The math-rock revolution seems to be a lot quieter than it was two years ago, but good whisperings are in the airwaves for this Oxford band's second offering Total Life Forever, set for release around now. €TBA, 20:00

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

### JOEY NEGRO

UK garage and house DJ Dave Lee reverts to the Joey Negro alias, one of several used by the Republic and Z Records man – Jakatta and The Sunburst Band are two others. If you're curious to hear more but despise Take That, avoid his disco remix of Relight My Fire until you're fully up to speed. €14, 23:00

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

## MAY 15

### THE LAST WALTZ TRIBUTE

The latest in a series of homages to The Band's guest-laden 1976 farewell gig, as lovingly captured on film by Martin Scorsese. The Group (germit?) provide the music with a 10-piece band and 13 special guests to provide that Dylan-Clapton-Joni Mitchell magic. €25, 19:30

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

### 65 DAYS OF STATIC

Sheffield post-rock band tour latest album We Were Exploding Anyway. Support is from Loops Haunt. €14, 20:00

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

## MAY 16

### PETER GREEN

Before Rumours and drugs and cheating' and all that sort of stuff, Fleetwood Mac were something different. Founded by this guy, an inventive and influential electric blues guitarist, this was the Mac of Albatross vintage, and after his departure the powerful '70s balladry took over. In 2009, Green took to the road again after an absence of many years, fitting in a night at Dublin's Academy along the way. €33, 19:30

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

### KELE

Bloc Party frontman Kele Okereke takes advantage of a lull in band-work to strike out on his own. Solo album The Boxer is good to go in mid-June, and sees a change in direction: "I've said from the beginning I'm into dance, it gets me excited and I think this record is going to go some way to prove that to people, hopefully," he told the NME. It's ok, we believe you Kele. €20, 19:00

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

### FAME THE MUSICAL

Set to monopolise the telly in the way previous effort You're A Star did, RTE have lined up Simon Delaney, Robert C Kelly and original Fame actress Erica Gimpel as they talent hunt for suitable all singing, all dancing flesh. The winners get to tour the musical nationwide. It's being filmed for live TV, so behave yourselves. From €20, 18:30

**The Helix**, DCU, Collins Avenue, Glasnevin - Dub-

lin 9. Tel: 017007000

### TIM HECKER

Montreal sound artist and merchant of "foreboding, abstract pieces in which static and sub-bass rumbles open up around slow moving notes and chords, like fissures in the earth waiting to swallow them whole" according to The New York Times. Admit it, you're curious. €12, 20:00

**Twisted Pepper**, 54, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018734800

# EVENTS

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MAY 21

## ALICIA KEYS

It seems like years since *Songs in A Minor* and the youthful New Yorker named Alicia Augello Cook exploded on our consciousness and stayed there – in truth, it's been close to a decade since her most famous release. All the same, Keys (who began composing songs at age 14) has been keeping busy during that time: The *Diary of Alicia Keys* and an unplugged album, plus a collection of unreleased poems (*Tears for Water*) proved she's no flash-in-the-pan. Big-screen appearances (*Smoking Aces* and *The Nanny Diaries*, plus a deal with Disney for future films) thankfully haven't stopped her either: third studio album *As I Am* debuted at number one on the *Billboard* 200 chart when it landed in 2007, as did *The Element of Freedom* late last year. In other words, even though she's no longer popping up everywhere, Keys is as popular as ever. Don't be surprised if this gig, part of her *Freedom* tour, sells out.

From €44.20, 20:00

The 02 Arena, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1. Tel: 01819 8888

## MAY 17

### 'SING INTO THE SUMMER' WITH KEABLE YOUNG GENERATION

This award-winning young musical company has been on the go since 1981 and has good productions of much-loved musicals such as *Annie* and *The King and I* under its belt, as well as the world premiere of *Goodnight Mr. Tom* last year. This performance brings a selection of musical classics and all time favourite tunes to the NCH stage.

€20, 20:00

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

## SANDI THORN

The Scottish singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Aberdeenshire makes a Dublin stop-off supporting third album *Merchants and Thieves*. She's best known, though for debut single *I Wish I Was a Punk Rocker (With Flowers in My Hair)*, which annoyed Lily Allen, The Fratellis and *The Automatic*. So we like her.

€19.75, 20:00

Whelans, 25, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

## MAY 18

### WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND!

It's a good night to check out Andrew Lloyd Webber's stage adaptation of the 1961 novel by Mary Hayley Bell, in Dublin for a two-week run. Set in the American deep south just before Christmas, the musical follows three children who discover a man hiding in the barn on the farm where they live. Thinking him to be Jesus, they hide him from the adults without realising that he's actually an escaped criminal. The show runs from May 11 to May 22, with Jonathan Ansell (lead vocalist in *X-Factor* runners-up *G4*) providing a bit of star power.

From €35, 18:30 (some matinées)

Grand Canal Theatre, Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 2. Tel: 01677999

## DUM DUM GIRLS

Having started out as the one-woman garage-pop project of California girl Dee Dee (real name Kristin Gundred), the Dum Dum Girls are recent additions to the roster of the legendary Sub Pop label. They're currently touring iWill Be, which blends 1960s gang-pop with lots of distortion – imagine if the Shangri-Las discovered Punk and you're not far off.

€15, 19:30

Whelans, 25, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

## MAY 19

### DAY

Jean Butler (Riverdance) is the feature performer in this specially commissioned piece by Tere O'Connor. Day, we're told, explores the ways we come to know people beyond their life story, and is a centrepiece of the Dublin Dance Festival. The show runs from May 19 to May 22, with a Saturday matinee at 14:30.

From €17, 20:00

The Abbey Theatre (Peacock Stage), 26, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018872200

## FAITHLESS

The house-pop pioneers' salad days may have come in 1996 with singles *Salva Mea* (one of the biggest dance hits of the year), *Insomnia* and *Reverence*, but Sister Bliss, Jamie Catto and Maxi Jazz are still plugging away – and well able to put on a show.

From €44.20, 19:30

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

## MARK KNOPFLER



The Dire Straits man has proved there's more to him than a striking pose and big hair in his solo career. Debut album *Golden Heart* landed in 1996, and he's mined a rich seam of blues and Americana ever since through excellent soundtracks (*Wag the Dog*) and smart collaborations with the likes of Emmylou Harris.

From €54.80, 20:00

The 02, North Wall Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 01819 8888

## MAY 20

### BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE

If the award-winning rockumentary *Dig!* showed the Dandy Warhols as a very lucky bunch of indie-kids, it also provided a fascinating insight into the mind of Anton Newcombe, whose prolific talent is only matched by his self-destructive loathing of just about everything. Put it this way: his band has seen some 40 different members come and go. Now into his forties, he's showing no sign of slowing down or disenchantment with big-sounding 60s psychedelia. Latest album *Who Killed Sergeant Pepper?* is a good introduction.

€23, 19:00

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

## THE WAILING SOULS

No, these guys aren't a Bob Marley tribute act – they're part of the small surviving group of Reggae and Roots originators still musically active today. Their

most recent release, *Classic Jamaica Flava*, dropped in 2006. From €22.50, 20:00  
Crowdaddy, Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

## WOLF PARADE

Yet another band of indie-rockers from Montreal's thriving scene, Wolf Parade have been on the go since 2003 and are currently signed to the Sub Pop label. Currently touring sans Hadji Bakara (who is pursuing a Doctorate in English literature at the University of Chicago), the group are expected to release their third album in June.

€19, 20:30

Vicar Street, 58, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 014545533

## ANA GOG

A Dublin-based collective of musicians generating serious buzz in recent months. Formed in 2006 when its members were studying music at university, Ana Gog pride themselves on diversity: live performances can include anything from five to twelve musicians, and the pacing ranges from wild frenzy to deathly calm. They're resuming a fortnightly residency here at the Pepper.

Free, 20:00

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

## MAY 21

### RTE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 2009-2010 SEASON

Schubert's eighth (unfinished) symphony, (Seven Early Songs by Berg and Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 8 are on the programme for this performance with a heavy Viennese theme. Raymond Deane has done the arrangements, while Claudia Barainsky is the soprano.

From €10, 20:00

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

## MUD: FABIO

Drum and Bass pioneer Fabio has been firmly at the forefront of the Dance/Rave/D&B/Jungle scene for over two decades, rising from pirate radio to the dizzy heights of BBC Radio 1. He makes a return to the Twisted Pepper basement with a fresh bag of liquid funk and support from Hertz-U's Synergy.

€10, 23:00

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

## BOYZ II MEN

Long before anyone had heard of Gary Barlow and chums, these lads (formed in 1988) were the original heart-throb group of boys with soulful melodies and an instantly long chart life. According to official sales stats, they're the most commercially successful R'n'B group of all time, with their flush of early 90s hits (*I'll Make Love to You*, *End of the Road*) primarily responsible. 2007's effort *The Remedy* arrived after a split with Motown Records and the departure of Michael McCarty.

From €36, 19:30

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

## MAY 22

### RIHANNA

The original 'good girl gone bad' won a lot of sympathy after a split nobody would wish on anyone with rapper Chris Brown. Unfortunately, TMZ headlines and the long fall-out obscured what should have been a massive story in itself: how the Bajan diva conquered the world with

massive, distinctive hits such as *Umbrella* and collaborations with hip-hop/dance royalty including Jay-Z, Ne-Yo, and Timpaland. She's back in the touring game again, though, in support of new studio album *Rated R*. She's also in action on Wednesday May 26.

From €43.70, 18:30

The 02, North Wall Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 01819 8888

## AFRONOVA

Lex Woo's Afrodiskobeat features two live jazz horns. We're highly impressed.

Free, 20:00

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

## MAY 23

### STEVE HARLEY AND COCKNEY REBEL

The man best known for the sneery folk-rock hit *Come Up and See Me* (amazingly, it's been covered more than 100 times in seven different languages) is still in the touring game.

€21.80, 19:30

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

## THE PRIESTS

Their profession may not be high in the public esteem right now, but Eugene O'Hagan, Martin O'Hagan and David Delargy certainly are. The vocal trio have sold over two million albums in more than 40 countries and topped the charts all over the world from New Zealand to Norway. The hits include *Ave Maria*, *Pie Jesu*, *Amazing Grace* and *You'll Never Walk Alone*.

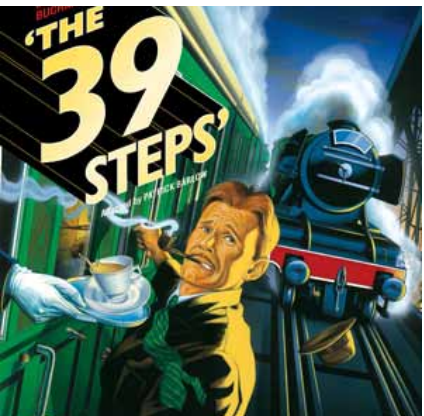
From €30, 20:00

Grand Canal Theatre, Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 2. Tel: 01677999

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MAY 25

## THE 39 STEPS

In its various forms (the original World War I adventure novel by John Buchan, Hitchcock's 1935 film adaptation, and this very different play by Patrick Barlow), the tale of a jaded gentleman who encounters a dastardly plot to undermine the British war effort has plenty going for it. Sure, there are more far-fetched coincidences than you can shake a stick at, but that's all part of the boyish charm. Barlow's play adds a dose of manic energy to the mix – though it stages every scene from Hitchcock's classic movie, it does so with an eyebrow raised, and the spectacle of four actors rapidly switching to play 139 different characters in 100 minutes provides plenty of amusement in itself. Go to laugh and marvel at the cast's inventiveness rather than to be taken in by a gripping tale – but there's a reason why this is the West End's longest-running comedy. The play runs until June 4.

€31.20, 20:00

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

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### MAY 24

#### SAME DIFFERENCE WORLD APART

Traveller Wagon Wheel Theatre Company exists to enable Traveller potential, giving them ability and skills to address the issues that affect the quality of their lives through the medium of arts, and they've incubated an intriguing tale from Michael Collins: a young Traveller woman is forced to flee her home because of domestic violence, and finds a new home in England and a new love in the arms of an African man. When she becomes hospitalised, her partner Tíga enlists the help of her brother Miley, and the two outsiders must pull together in the face of tragedy.

€15/€12, 20:00

Project Arts Centre, 39, Essex Street East – Dublin 2. Tel: 018819613

### MAY 25

#### ARCADIA

It's the opening night for a new production of Tom Stoppard's comic tale, spanning multiple centuries but dealing with the eternal quest for knowledge. The play opens in a in a stately home in Derbyshire during the early 1800s, where the gifted Thomasina proposes a startling theory beyond her understanding. Around her, the adults (including her tutor Septimus) are more interested in their secret desires, illicit passions and professional rivalries. But two hundred years later, academic rivals Hannah and Bernard are piecing together puzzling clues that recall these earlier events. Direction comes from Patrick Mason, and the show runs until July 3.

€32, 20:00

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

#### GIFT GRUB LIVE

Gift Grub (aka impressionist, comedian and satirist Mario Rosenstock) comes to Grand Canal Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday. With

nine Top 5 albums and over half a million CD sales, Gift Grub is the biggest selling Irish comedy/spoken word CD of all time, and super Mario is bringing all your favourite characters – from Daniel and Jose to Bertie and Biffo – to life live. Interesting note: Rosenstock's portrayal of José Mourinho singing José And His Amazing Technicolor Overcoat so impressed The Special One that a private show was ordered for the entire Chelsea squad. Reports were positive.

€38.70, 20:00

Grand Canal Theatre, Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 2. Tel: 016777999

### MAY 26

#### FRANKIE BOYLE

His new show is entitled I Would Happily Punch Every One of You in The Face, and we believe him: Frankie Boyle isn't what you'd call a people person. He's popular enough on the comedy quiz show circuit, though: credits include Have I Got News For You, 8 Out of 10 Cats, and Mock The Week – his falling out with the team behind the latter (Boyle was very critical of their attempts to tone down his risqué act) shows he's still got a bite... Boyle is on the Vicar Street stage from May 25 until May 29 – given the extent to which he improvises, it's fair to expect a show more refined for the Dublin audience tonight.

€28, 20:30

Vicar Street, 58, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 014545533

### MAY 27

#### DUBLIN CITY SOUL FESTIVAL

The four-day celebration of peace, unity and love is now in its fourth year, and promises a free Soul Picnic at Merrion Square on Sunday as well as a showcase of rising soul stars. Rather in keeping with the loved-up and laid-back vibe, the festival hasn't announced its full programme as we go to press, but keep an eye on www.

dublincitysoulfestival.ie and www.2night.ie for details.

€TBC

Various venues

### MARINA AND THE DIAMONDS

Marina and The Diamonds (otherwise known as plain ol' Marina Lambrini Diamandis) cites a pretty eclectic list of influences: everyone from Madonna to Elliott Smith get a look in. It's a good indication of a singer with a style that defies categorisation, but no shame indulging a pop sensibility. Debut single Mowgli's road is a good primer.

€19.85, 19:30

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

### MAY 28

#### CHIC

These disco legends, famous for such 1970s mega-hits as Freak Out, Everybody Dance and Good Times, disbanded back in the 1980s but hooked up again at a 1989 birthday party. When band members dusted off the hits, the response was so rapturous that they got back in the touring saddle. With critically acclaimed new material, and despite the sad passing of some bandmates, they're still going strong – in fact, they've seen such an overwhelming demand for tickets to their Dublin debut at Tripod on May 28 that another headline – on Saturday May 29 has been added to the bill.

€37.50, 19:30

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

#### FIREHOUSE SKANK

The cream of roots and culture music downstairs at South William, brought to you by

Afrobass and Babalonia.

Free.

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

### MAY 29

#### TITANIC: THE ARTIFACT EXHIBITION

If you're at a loose end early in the day, it's one of the last weekends where you can check out this selection of items recovered two and a half miles below the surface of the North Atlantic. Blended together, they tell the story behind the legendary Titanic's short journey from construction and destruction to eventual recovery. Visitors can walk the luxury liner's decks, peer into her cabins, and meet her passengers and crew. The exhibition runs all month and until June 19.

€18, 10:00

New Convention Centre, Citywest Hotel, Saggart – Co. Dublin. Tel: 014101500

#### JOHN GARCIA (KYUSS)

As the frontman of stoner rock/metal icons Kyuss, John Garcia always had a voice deeply rooted in blues and baked solid by the searing desert sun. His bandmates have gone on to play in acts ranging from Queens of the Stone Age to Björk (!), but Garcia's in town to run through an entire set of Kyuss songs.

€TBC, 20:00

Andrews Lane Theatre, 9-17, Andrews Lane – Dublin 2. Tel: 016795720

#### NEW YOUNG PONY CLUB

This promising five-piece is nothing if not eclectic – though grounded in post-punk and new wave, New Young Pony Club have displayed a wide range of influences across their debut album Fantastic Playroom (which earned them a Mercury Nomination) and

new effort, The Optimist. There's a lot of underground/credible buzz about them – even though Lily Allen's a fan – so don't be surprised if they sell out this show, rescheduled from March 13.

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

#### CLIMAXX CLUB

Chewy and guests take over the South William basement on the last Saturday of every month, offering an eclectic mix of disco, Italo, Tropical and even Balkan tunes.

Free.

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

#### CLANCY

Once upon a time, this chap was a singer-songwriting drummer with The National Prayer Breakfast (NPB) a band who released three albums worth of garage rock at the turn of the last century (The Irish Times called them 'important' and NME compared them favourably to Lou Reed). But the world turns, and he's about to release his very first solo album. The Twisted Pepper, 54, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018734038

#### DUBLIN ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR

An oddity but a goodie here, in this annual event staged by the Workers Solidarity Movement. Their site is out of date as we go to press (cue tired jokes about anarchists and organisation) but the book fair has been scheduled for this date. The fair – which includes talks as well as the opportunity to read up on alternative politics – usually draws some 1,000 people annually, so they must be doing something right. Log on to www.wsm.ie for the full programme.

€TBC

Various venues.

#### THE REVENGE (INSTRUMENTS OF RAPTURE)

There's plenty to recommend this interesting clubbing evening in the very-swish surroundings of the Ormond Wine Bar. Mr Revenge himself has DJ'd around the world, including an appearance at the renowned Southport Weekender, plus gigs in Japan and all over Europe. Able support comes from DJs affiliated with Nightlight and Subject / Galactic Beat Club, and there's a selection of beers and spirits available too.

€10, 23:00

The Ormond Wine Bar, 6, Upper Ormond Quay. Tel: 018749778

### MAY 30

#### BILLY OCEAN

The Grammy-award winning popstar of yesteryear is enjoying an Indian summer after commencing his first British tour for over 15 years in October 2007 and releasing a new album, Because I Love You, in February of 2009. When the going gets tough, he wrote, the tough get going – and keep doing so, apparently.

From €45, 20:00

Vicar Street, 58, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 014545533

### MAY 31

#### CROWDED HOUSE

In a good month for nostalgia gigs (witness the success of Chic's Tripod concert), one of Oceania's most famous musical exports are stopping by. Between Don't Dream It's Over, Not the Girl You Think You Are, and a bevy of other hits, there's plenty to encourage interest in this, the second of two Olympia Theatre dates.

From €54.80, 19:30

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

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### MONDAYS

#### NO FIXED ABODE

A weekly reading group laid on by youth gang Exchange Dublin. Be generous if the donations bucket passes your way. Donations, 18:00  
**Exchange Dublin**, Exchange Street Upper, Temple Bar – Dublin 2 Tel: 016779264

#### ISLAND CULTURE

As laidback as a Malibu ad, this Caribbean cocktail party offers rum cocktails, Jamaican soul and good times. Free, 20:00  
**South William**, 52, South William Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016725946

#### UPBEAT GENERATION

The Dublin covers band do a neat line in modern rock hits every Monday night. Free  
**The Mezz**, 23-24 Eustace Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016707655

#### HEFTY HORSE

Beating those post-gig blues, cheap drinks and free entry are on the cards at this weekly night of bands trying a bit of the ole DJing. Free, 23:00  
**Whelans**, 25, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

#### LOUNGE LIZARDS

Guest DJs are on hand at the ever-chilled and loungey Solas. Free, 20:00  
**Solas**, 31 Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583

#### LIVING FOR SPITE

An alternative band using Irish trad instruments playing rock, indie and traditional classics, followed by an indie and mixed house DJ. 20:00  
**The Purty Kitchen**, 34-35 East Essex St – Dublin 2. Tel: 016770945

### TUESDAYS

#### ANDREW MANN

A weekly slot from the singer-songwriter, mixing popular covers and stuff off his forthcoming debut album. DJs from 23:00, drinks from €2 throughout. Free  
**The Purty Kitchen**, 34-35 East Essex St – Dublin 2. Tel: 016770945

#### C.U.N.T.

When your ma asks where you're off to tonight, lie, or at least make up a nicer name than this. Three rooms full of indie, hip hop and upbeat

floorfillers, with plenty of healthy drinks promos too. €5, 23:00  
**Tripod**, Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

#### JUICY BEATS

The Village's resident DJs cue up indie, rock, classic pop, synth pop and electro music at this weekly club. **The Village**, 26, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014758555

#### SUGAR FREE

DJ Tone Bee and friends deliver the soul/ska/indie/disco/whatever you're having yourself. Free, 23:00  
**Rí Rá**, Dame Court – Dublin 2. Tel: 016711220

### WEDNESDAYS

#### SWITCH

Indie/electro DJs, live music, drinks promos, theme nights and more at this student-friendly night. Get a €2 discount with a flyer – print one from their Facebook if needs be. €6/8, 23:00  
**ALT – Andrew's Lane Theatre**, 9-17 Saint Andrew's Lane – Dublin 2. Tel: 016795720

#### BLASPHEMY

Vogueish electro upstairs, cool indie downstairs, a student-friendly night where drinks start at €3.50.  
**Spy**, Powerscourt House, South William Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016770014

#### ANTICS

The long-established weekly celebration of all things indie, with cheap booze flowing freely. €5, 23:00  
**Crawdaddy**, Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

#### SONGS OF PRAISE

Nothing like a bit of karaoke sometimes, and this long-running night has just moved to Wednesdays after getting sick of kick everyone out early on a Sunday night. Check out the full playlist on [www.therescuesquad.com/songsofpraise](http://www.therescuesquad.com/songsofpraise). Free, 21:00  
**The Village**, 26, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014758555

#### HEAT

A wide range of music and drinks promos at "the ultimate student clubbing experience," every Wednesday – prepare for indie, electro and chart toppers. €8, 22:30

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

### THURSDAYS

#### NOIZE

Live bands, indie and electro, with bribery such as bottles of Miller or shots of schnapps for €2.50, or vodka and splashes for €4. €5, 21:30  
**ALT – Andrew's Lane Theatre**, 9-17 Saint Andrew's Lane – Dublin 2. Tel: 016795720

#### ODEON MOVIE CLUB

Relax to classic films while being pampered by a full bar and waiter service. This month it's Bullitt, Sexy Beast, The Enforcer and The French Connection. The theme: cops and robbers. To reserve seats or a table, e-mail [hello@odeon.ie](mailto:hello@odeon.ie). Free, 20:00  
**The Odeon**, Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782088

#### THE PANTI SHOW

An eclectic music, performance and kitchen sink show starring Panti, Bunny, and good old-fashioned games of Connect 4. 22:00  
**Pantibar**, 7-8, Capel Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018740710

#### MR. JONES

Weekly house/electro/urban takeover with a varying selection of live music, art and performance. €8, 23:00  
**Twisted Pepper**, 54, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018734800

#### SOUNDCHECK

Weekly indie pop electro "music, people, movies, cakes, karaoke, lightening bolts, riots, smiles, indie, pop, electro and fun", with films and table quizzes and stuff if you arrive early enough and drinks promos until late. 19:00  
**Spy**, Powerscourt House, South William Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016770014

#### THE LITTLE BIG PARTY

Dance along to everything from indie through rockabilly and on towards total cheese, with DJ Brendan Conroy. Free, 23:00  
**Rí Rá**, Dame Court – Dublin 2. Tel: 016711220

### FRIDAYS

#### SCRIBBLE RECORDS

Weekly residency from the funk/soul/hip hop label DJs, with guests and live acts. Free, 20:00  
**The Bernard Shaw**, 11-12, South Richmond St, Dublin 2. Tel: 0857128342

#### HYPE

Local and international DJs play disco, house and electronica in the Palace of Dance. €10, 21:00  
**POD**, Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

#### WAR

For lovers of glitz and glamour – and €20 buckets of Corona. Entry is free before 10pm, €5 before midnight, €10 after. Free/€5/€10, 19:00  
**Spy**, Powerscourt House, South William Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016770014

#### LECTROSOU

Richie Rock, Mark Kiernan and Warren Kiernan hit the decks from 23:00-03:00, with a set from Marina Diniz every fourth Friday at 23:00.  
**The Exchequer**, 3-5 Exchequer Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016706787

### NO DISKO

Formerly in The Academy, it's time to say hello to No Disko's new Crawdaddy home. If you don't like the indie and electro fare or live guests, you can just pop next door to hear some classic '60s or up-to-date techno. Drinks promotions help remove inhibitions. €6/8, 23:00  
**Crawdaddy**, Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

### LATE NIGHT FRIDAYS

The Sugar Club's weekly Friday party, with the resident burlesque and cabaret social club and Crème de la Crème. **The Sugar Club**, 8, Lower Leeson Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016787188

### SATURDAYS

#### DOMINION

Release the bats! The city's gothiest Saturday night, this long-running alternative club is now back in its usual home after a few years of wandering. **The Cellar**, Murray's Bar, 33-34 O'Connell Street – Dublin 1. 018787505

#### PROPAGANDA

Lily Allen, the Kaiser Chiefs and Zane Lowe have called this place home at some point or another. It's finally made it

across the water, with plenty of visual entertainment too. €8/10, 22:30  
**The Academy**, 57, Middle Abbey St - Dublin  
1. Tel: 018779999

#### **SALSA CLUB**

Pacinos on Suffolk Street and Obsession Salsa have joined forces for a regular Saturday salsa night, featuring a class for adults, a late club and a special tapas menu. €5, 22:00  
**Pacinos**, 18, Suffolk Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 0858338558

#### **SATURDAY NIGHT SKYY**

The biggest night of the week for New Buck's Townhouse, with international DJs and resident DJ Rafiq on hand. Also available for parties beforehand - book in advance.  
**Buck Whalley's**, 67, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016334200

#### **STRICTLY HANDBAG**

Celebrating its 15th anniversary with a move from Rí Rá last year, "music with words for your dancing pleasure" is on the cards - in other words, a good dose of indie and alternative. Drinks are two for the price of one until midnight.  
**The Odeon**, Old Harcourt Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782088

#### **EIGHTIES ELECTROCLASH**

An '80sish set courtesy of Gaviscom, with everything from classic Bowie and Blondie brought right up to date with the latest New York dance punk.

**4 Dame Lane**, 4, Dame Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016970291

#### **DIZZY DISKO**

Techno and electro from Dublin and international acts. "Dressing and/or behaving like an animal encouraged but not essential," they say. €10, 22:30

**Andrew's Lane Theatre**, 9-17, Andrew's Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016795720

#### **CLUB CLASSICS AND WHAT'S HOT**

Tommy Stewart combines familiar clubland anthems and the most up-to-date dancefloor hits every Friday and Saturday night. €10/15, 23:00  
**Lillie's Bordello**, Adam Court, Grafton Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016799204

#### **GR80S**

Club Nassau is "the home of the slow set", and this fun, nostalgic night will tick all your Bon Jovi/Prince/Michael Jackson boxes. €10, 23:00  
**Club Nassau**, 1-2, Nassau Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016794388

#### **SUGAR CLUB SATURDAYS**

Salsa, ska, Latin, swing and soul - purest party music. €15, 23:00  
**The Sugar Club**, 8, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016787188

#### **ROCK AND ROLL CIRCUS**

The alternative to bland dance 'hits' and indie-by-numbers boredom, the Rock & Roll Circus fills the Purty Kitchen's five floors with karaoke, resident DJs playing indie, rock and genuinely cool pop, and a one man band on the roof terrace. Pleasant pandemonium is the order of the day.

**The Purty Kitchen**, 34-35 East Essex St - Dublin 2. Tel: 016770945

#### **SUNDAYS**

##### **DANCEHALL STYLES**

A weekly Sunday night reggaethon at the Button Factory, with foundation reggae, dancehall classics and contemporary jamaican music all getting a look in. €5, 23:00

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

##### **SALSA VS SAMBA**

World music and dance classes every week: salsa classes are in the upstairs bar from 18:00, with the Latin Beat band on the dancefloor from 20:00 €5, 18:00

**The Odeon**, Old Harcourt

Station, Harcourt St - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782088

#### **THE MAGNIFICENT 7S**

Bringing back the glory of the 7" single, Beatfinder Records guru Gerry Molunby crosses every genre just so long as it's a 45. He'll even let you bring your own. Drinks promos and cheap cocktails are also to be had. Free, 20:00

**4 Dame Lane** - Dublin 2. Tel: 016970291

#### **ELBOW ROOM**

Jazz, soul, funky disco and hard partying. Free, 20:00

**South William**, 52, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016725946

# BEST OF DUBLIN

#### **AFTER WORK**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**COSTA COFFEE**. South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 012921422. Part of the hugely successful UK chain, this South William Street place is ideal for kicking back over an hour or so.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

**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.

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

**LE CIRK**. 2, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016350058. The boutique hotel-cum-cocktail bar and jazz club is nothing if not original, and the décor is plenty interesting too.

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE DICE BAR.** 79, Queen Street, Smithfield - Dublin 7. Tel: 016746710. Part-owned by fun loving criminal Huey Morgan, this cool little bar has a lot of noo yawk charm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE ISAAC BUTT.** Store Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018555021. A large hotel bar with a great downstairs music venue in The Good Bits.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

014782088. With more room to breathe, you can appreciate the wonderfully restored décor of this place all the better – arrive before the late-night rush.

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

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

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

#### THE TEMPLE BAR HOTEL.

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

**THE 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.

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

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

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

#### DINNER

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

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

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

**BAR PINTXO.** 12, Eustace Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016728590. An intimate tapas bar just on the fringes of Temple Bar.

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### CHATHAM BRASSERIE.

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

**CHEZ MAX.** 133, Baggot Street - Dublin 4. Tel: 0166618899. Max's full-scale bistro is one of the nicest spots on Baggot Street.

**CHEZ MAX.** 1, Palace Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016337215. A wonderful little French bistro, with an intimate atmosphere.

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

**DAWIN'S.** 80, Aungier Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014757511. 'Evolutionary food' is promised at this relocated bistro. It's delivered with style.

**DIEP LE SHAKER.** 55, Pembroke Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016661829. This trendy Thai place is one of the most consistently good restaurants at any stage in the day.

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

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

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

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

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

**GOVINDAS.** 18, Merrion Row - Dublin 2. Tel: 0166615095. A smaller version of the popular vegetarian restaurant in a great location.

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

**GREEN NINETEEN.** 19, Camden Street Lower - Dublin 2. Tel: 014789626. Popular

good value restaurant. All main courses cost €10.

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

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

**HARRY'S MEDITERRANEAN CAFE & WINE BAR.** 22, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel:

012808337. Popular sit-down café bar with a branch in Dun Laoghaire.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PACINO'S.** 18, Suffolk Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775651. A

very lively Italian restaurant and club just off Grafton Street.

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

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

**PLAN B.** 56, Manor Street - Dublin 7. Tel: 016706431. Ambitious restaurant with a dash of local charm in Stoneybatter.

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

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

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

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

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

**SUSHI KING.** Baggot Street Dublin 2. Tel: 016449836. Cheap – and tasty – sushi will always appeal to tastebuds. 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.

**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.

## JAMES JOYCE CAFÉ BAR AND ULYSSES VENUE

52, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018728188

This relatively new addition to the cosmopolitan and constantly evolving Middle Abbey Street has recently become a Mecca for Dublin's avid Live Act cohorts, fastidious clubbers and avant-garde diners. To describe the property as merely a café/bar, restaurant or late night venue would be discourteous to the new owner George O Gara, as all these aspects are seamlessly amalgamated into a patron experience that even the most astute of customer could not falter.

From contemporary international dining, Paul Cassin's fresh signature cocktails that the venue is swiftly becoming synonymous with and resident DJ's such as Peter Vambeck that entertain with a mix of house, soul and funk that can only be compared to their "Blueberry Martini's" as fabulous. "Ulysses Venue" recently launched is presently becoming synonymous with quality for Ireland's Live Acts on Friday night's and a rumored Saturday club night set to start before the summer, there is lots to look forward to in this venue that provides a comfort level for patrons that would embarrass its competition. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 08.00am to 01:30am weekends (00.30am weekdays). Saturday club night open until 02:30.



## THE SYCAMORE CLUB

9, Sycamore Street, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 014743942  
Dublin's newest members club and rooftop bar certainly doesn't go in for the classic/stuffy Kildare Street Club style – instead, the décor of this place is strikingly post-modern and stylish, with pale walls and coloured mood lighting across its 4,500 square feet. The series of deceptively comfortable lounges and gallery space is impressive enough, but we're particularly taken with the top-floor 'open air' bar, featuring an aperture in the roof, heated seats and restored brick feature walls. Naturally, the cocktail menu is pretty lengthy, with classic recipes and a couple of original creations. Access to and membership of the club is limited to the over 25s, with a raft of cool events and the kind of personal service you hope for available for the chosen few.  
Opening hours: Open Thursday to Sunday, from 18:00 to 02:30.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### AFTER DINNER

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

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

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

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

**DOYLES.** 9, College Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016710616.

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

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

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

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

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

**DOYLES.** 9, College Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016710616.

A traditional bar by day and student mecca by night. Opens late at weekends.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 is based on Dame Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE BANK.** 20-22, College Green - Dublin 2. Tel: 016770677. This lovingly-

restored bank building now houses a very popular bar and restaurant.

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

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

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

**THE CLARENDON.** 32, Clarendon Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016170060. A stylish bar with some nice grub during lunchtime and early evening.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### LATE NIGHT

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HOWL AT THE MOON.** 7-8, Lower Mount Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016345460. A spacious club with many levels – and lots going on most evenings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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