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## Welcome to our May issue!

As summer rolls in, we've decided to check out the best places for long drinks over long evenings - you'll find our round-up of 30 great cocktail bars on page 4! Of course, a little bit of entertainment is also welcome when you're partying late into the night, and Dubliners are increasingly discovering the joys of burlesque. So we've chatted to a veteran of the burlesque scene in Karl X Byrne, producer of the Burlesque and Cabaret Social Club. You can read his views on everything from the perfect striptease to swinging your tassles at 40 on page 16.

You can also check out the views of our increasingly opinionated cinemaphiles as they tear into the turkeys and celebrate the quality films on page 12. While you're at it, you can celebrate some neat competitions on page 14, and the chance to win tickets to some of the most interesting gigs in the city this month.

If those gigs don't sate your appetite for entertainment, don't fret: you'll find the most exciting events in May rounded up on page 18 - all we can say here is that we're looking forward to a busy month! And finally, our Best of Dublin section, with over 200 great venues to party hard in the city, means you'll never be caught looking for a place to go. We've produced a packed little mag this month, so enjoy!

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## The Mixmasters

2night rounds up the best places for cocktails in the city

There's a reason why, after the boom turned to bust in 2008, that year's annual Ross O'Carroll Kelly tome was named This Champagne Mojito is the Last Thing I Own.

Along with the 100 per cent mortgage, many of us predicted that the classy cocktail was up for the chop. Now that we were skint, the logic went, we'd all be spending our scarce money on bottles of Bucky and pints of Beamish. Yet somehow, the Dublin cocktail didn't die, and we're left fathoming the reasons why. Perhaps it's because Dubliners are going out less, but still looking for a good time when they do. Perhaps creative concoctions have genuinely caught on rather than being a symbol of Tiger-era excess. Or maybe it's just that the bars we have here are genuinely worthwhile, and are doing great drinks that don't cost the earth. More and more, we're leaning towards that last school of thought. That's why we've celebrated 30 of our city's best cocktail bars this issue as our special feature. You can find some of the best places for drinks in the city over the next few pages, and just what makes them special.



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2NIGHTERS AND THEIR NIGHTLIFE

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### What's your favourite cocktail, and why?

I don't like fussy cocktails, those with too many ingredients (a long island ice tea which has every spirit under the sun in there) or those cocktails with too many, or any, appendages: sparklers and umbrellas have no right to be in a drink. This leaves the classics and, for me, I like a rum based cocktail. My favourite would be a caipirinha, a mix of Cachaça (a rum made from fresh sugar cane juice), more sugar and limes... and that's it. I love the fresh taste, the acid of the limes and I love the memories of buying bags of limes and making them ourselves in Brazil.

### Where do you think is the best place for cocktails in Dublin?

The Exchequer bar is a great place to get a cocktail as it's the no name bar or whatever it's (not) called! The Exchequer bar however pips it for me, as you usually get served quicker and they have a great food menu too so that's a winner.

### What do you look for from a cocktail bar?

Staff. That's it. I'm not talking about a juggling tom cruise style cocktail waiter, just professional bar staff that know what they're doing and can turn out a good and consistent cocktail each and every time. Dimly lit places with jazz flute float my boat too!



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### What's your favourite cocktail, and why?

The mojito is probably my favourite cocktail: the mint makes it so refreshing. A white Russian is my close second for when I fancy something sweet.

### Where do you think is the best place for cocktails in Dublin?

The Dylan Hotel off Baggot Street is a great place to chill out with a few cocktails on a sunny day. They've got two outdoor areas, one at the front of the hotel and one at the back so you can always catch the sun and you get free nibbles with your drinks. The decor and atmosphere in the Dylan is top notch too.

### What do you look for from a cocktail bar?

A wide choice on the cocktail menu with twists on the classics (like the Lemon, Lavender & Basil Mojito at the Dylan) so you can be tempted to try something new and friendly, well-informed bar staff. Some cocktail bars can get a bit carried away with their prices, so good value for money is another consideration.

## 4 DAME LANE

4, Dame Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016790291



The location – up a small side street away from the buzz of Dame Street and Georges Street – gives the impression of having stumbled across something secret and special. Most cocktail bars worth their salt are decorated in tight clean lines and shiny surfaces that can almost verge on sterile, but 4 Dame Lane mixes a drinks menu that would be at home in any top end bar with the feel of a trendy venue. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 17:00 to 02:30.

## GILBERT & WRIGHTS DUN LAOGHAIRE

128, Lower George's Street, Dun Laoghaire - Co Dublin. Tel: 016636148



This branch of the Gilbert and Wright night-life empire is a little bit special, as someone has gone to town on the retro-glam – and there are plenty of old favourites playing on the sound system too. If you fancy having cocktails in a place with atmosphere, then this is the place to go.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 17:00 (15:00 Friday, 12:00 Saturday and Sunday) to 23:30 (00:30 Friday and Saturday, 23:00 Sunday).

## GREEN NINETEEN

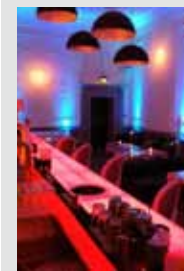
19, Lower Camden Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014789626



Green Nineteen does simple good food at reasonable prices. It's also a good place to go to if you're looking for inventive drinks at €9 a pop. We like the Business Time, a refreshing mix of Bombay Sapphire Gin, raspberries and mint. If you're feeling a little daring, you can go for the Scotch Bonnett, a vodka based cocktail with chilli and vanilla jam. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 11:00 (12:00 Sunday) to 23:00 (18:00 Sunday).

## LOST SOCIETY

Powerscourt Townhouse, South William Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016111777



Lost Society adds a modern twist to its setting, an 18th-century townhouse, while retaining its grandeur. Their cocktails are simple drinks, with quality fresh ingredients. They won't break the bank either, with their standard cocktails costing just €6.50. We like the Basil Brush, gin mixed with apple liqueur, lemon wedges, honey and of course basil. Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 12:00 to 02:30 (18:00 Monday and Tuesday).

## CAPITOL

2, Aungier Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014757166



Capitol was one of the first bars to offer cocktails that were decadent enough to feel sophisticated, but priced so that you could still afford your taxi fare home. The majority of their drinks will set you back a fiver or even less, but are made with decent ingredients and are packed full of flavour. The decor inside is pleasant, but the real pull is an extensive menu of cheap drinks. Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 15:00 to late.

## GILBERT & WRIGHTS MALAHIDE

1, Ross Lane - County Dublin. Tel: 018456580



If you're going for the laid back 70s, head here. The décor is inspired by the decade, with classic prints, comfy couches and even shag pile carpets. At €9 each, the cocktails are also delicious: we're big fans of The Italian Job, with a shot of espresso, vodka cacao brown, Kahlua and Baileys.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 16:00 (12:30 Saturday and Sunday) to 23:30 (00:30 Friday and Saturday, 23:00 Sunday).

## HARRYS ON THE GREEN

2, South King Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014758504

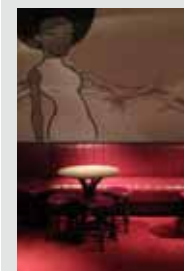


The folks behind this place have gone for a Manhattan style bar, and they're not far off. A staff of 12 mixologists have all had an input into a cocktail menu with over 90 cocktails. We dig the lemon and ginger martini (€9.50) and they do a mean gimlet with Bombay gin and home-made lime cordial for €8.90. The decor is also modern, while the furniture will make you happy to stay for a few hours.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 11:30 to late.

## NUMBER 6 SMITHFIELD

Smithfield Square – Dublin 7. Tel: 018749231



The former Thomas Reid bar has been revamped, and we're impressed: the look is stylish, and the vibe is also nice and relaxing for a tipple. The cocktail menu includes some interesting drinks, including the 'Japanese Slipper' with melon liqueur, triple sec and fresh lemon juice, and the Acapulco gold, with chilli infused tequila, galliano, lemon juice and syrups.

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

## DYLANBAR

Dylan Hotel Eastmoreland Place - Dublin 4. Tel: 016603000



If you like a bit of luxury, then this bar is for you. The cocktail menu runs to several pages, and features all of the classic drinks with some originals thrown in there too. If you're feeling decadent, you can choose something from their Connoisseurs Club menu. We like the Bleu Salzerac, a cognac and whiskey concoction served in an absinthe-rinsed glass.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week from 09:00 to 23:00 (01:00 Friday and Saturday).

## GIN PALACE

42 Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018748881



Unsurprisingly, this bar with a Victorian decor specialises in the juniper-berry juice. The bar has a wide selection of gins from around the world, most of which you never knew existed. You can have them with the traditional tonic, or as part of one of their cocktails. They also do a range of drinks with other spirits.

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

## HOGAN'S

35 South Great Georges St - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775904



Once super-cool, Hogan's has settled down a bit, becoming a haunt for the more mature gen-ex crowd. With three bars - a main standing bar, a side bar with comfortable seating, and a downstairs bar hosting weekend DJ sets - the place has a lot to offer most punters, and the service is very snappy. There's a good range of both spirits and other ingredients to choose from.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 13:00 to 23:30 (Thursday 01:00, Saturday 02:30, Sunday 23:00).

## PORTERHOUSE CENTRAL

45, Nassau Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016774180



Judge Roy Beans was one of the city's most popular places for cheap and cheerful cocktails. Since taking the place over, the Porterhouse group haven't overhauled it – they've simply added to the selection of affordable and potent drinks. And of course, if some of your friends aren't into cocktails, you'll find one of the widest selections of beers in the capital.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 10.30 (12:00 Sunday) to 23:30 (02:30 Friday and Saturday, 23:00 Sunday).

**RON BLACK'S**

37, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016728231



**A** long cocktail bar with a modern, minimalist design, Ron Black's does a handy enough lunch from Monday to Friday but is better known for its cocktails. It's recently cut its prices dramatically too, offering a range of drinks from €5 each. Service is still high end, and the cocktail list has considerable variety to keep you interested all night.

Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 12:00 (17:00 Saturday) to 23:30 (02:30 Friday and Saturday).

**THE BERNARD SHAW**

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



**F**or a few years now, this old school bar has been hopping with events that attract the studenty sneaker-chic set in droves. Bands or DJs play most nights of the week, while a handy little gallery gives a space for up-and-coming artists. Bodytonic's 'ten for €10' deal invariably offers two cocktails for only a tenner. Good times.

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

**THE GARAGE BAR**

East Essex Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2



**L**ocated at the 'artsy and hip' end of Temple Bar, The Garage Bar is about as far away from the stag party paradises at the other end of Dublin's cultural quarter (or even The Clarence a few doors down) as you can imagine. The place is solidly unpretentious - they've even got sawdust on the floor - but does a fine little menu of cocktails to enjoy.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 17:00 (14:00 Friday and Saturday) to 00:00 (01:00 Friday and Saturday).

**THE MINT BAR**

The Westbury Hotel, College Green - Dublin 2. Tel: 016451322



**T**his underground bar is set in a former bank vault, and there's also more than a little hint of 'old money' in the renovated space: a low but graceful vaulted ceiling and granite walls add a timeless feel. Their cocktails are superb - the elderflower Collins in particular has a wonderfully subtle flavour.

Open seven days a week, from 12:00 (16:00 Sunday) to 23:30 (02:00 Friday and Saturday, 23:00 Sunday). Food served from opening to 22:30.

**SOLAS**

31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583



**F**ew places in Dublin blend slickness and substance quite so comprehensively - so we were delighted to see it land the 2010 Hospitality Ireland award for Best Cocktail bar. Drop in at a busy time to see why: aside from the sheer range of drinks on offer (they do classics well, along with some novel drinks of their own) the quality of service is admirably high.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to 01:00 (03:00 Thursday to Saturday).

**THE CHOCOLATE BAR**

Tel: 014763374



**C**redit where it's due to POK Design: they've managed to transform an old train tunnel in the POD group's extensive Harcourt Street complex into an intimate, cozy little bar for lounging in while retaining some impressive features. In addition to the usual selection of beers and spirits, The Chocolate Bar serves five very popular bespoke cocktails and some fine wines too.

Opening hours: Open Tuesday through Saturday from 16:30 to 23:30 (00:30 Friday and Saturday).

**THE GREEN HEN**

33 Exchequer Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707238



**W**e'll forgive the people behind this place for replacing the old Leon bistro, partly because they've maintained the charm of the decor. The bar at the front of the restaurant is retained, though smartened up, as is the unmistakably Gallic feel. A quality-driven approach to cocktails makes this a fine spot for pre-dinner drinks.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 (11:00 Saturday and Sunday) to 23:00 (21:00 Sunday). Dinner served from 18:00.

**THE MORGAN BAR**

10 Fleet Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016437000



**T**he Morgan bar has quite a funky look from the outside and a luxurious interior. The oversized chandeliers are bound to catch your eye, as are the many different mojitos on offer - they clearly feel that rum goes with everything from strawberries to mangos. And they're right. A good tapas menu and a chic atmosphere makes this popular with young 'uns.

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

**SOUTH WILLIAM**

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



**T**he South William doesn't feel 'worthy' or stuffy in the slightest: it's a fun, unpretentious bar and club with plenty of events running throughout the week to keep its fans busy. Those fans are also kept well-lubricated: on South William's broad cocktail menu, we've yet to find a dud, and they do a mean sidecar. Open seven days a week, from 16:00 (12:00 Thursday to Saturday) to 23:30 (02:30 Thursday to Saturday, 23:00 Sunday).

**THE EXCHEQUER**

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



**T**he Exchequer is one of our favourites, with a revamped cocktail menu packed with original creations and classic recipes given an innovative twist by chief mix-man Darren Geraghty. The drinks are best enjoyed until late in the stylish bar, where talented DJs add to the atmosphere from Thursday through the weekend.

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 MARBLE BAR**

The Westbury Hotel, Harry Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016791122



**A** delightfully plush, laid back little nest just off Grafton Street, the Marble Bar is one of the most luxurious cocktail bars in the city. A black-and-white marble floor, rich shades of red and purple on the walls, and comfy half-moon seating makes it perfect for enjoying quality drinks: we recommend the Wilde, a signature Westbury cocktail. Great nibbly bits complete the package.

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

**THE OCTAGON BAR**

The Clarence Hotel, Wellington Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 014070800



**T**his place doesn't do 'hip', 'trendy', or 'sleek' - just understated class.

The bar staff are highly skilled, and it shows on the first sip. Well-known cocktails such as the daiquiri, mojito and margarita are perfectly prepared, while the bar's original creations (particularly the Russian Passion, a worthy winner at the 2009 National Cocktail Championships) are a delight.

Opening hours: Open Tuesday to Saturday, from 17:00 until 23:30.

## THE ODEON

57 Harcourt St - Dublin 2. Tel: 014782088



There's something nice about visiting a venue that you always thought was fun, but a mite too full, and discovering that a thinner crowd allows you to appreciate a dramatic but classy décor. The Odeon has cut the prices of its cocktails to €8.50, with a special menu available of five favourites for a fiver a pop. Can't say fairer than that.

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

## THE SECRET BAR

3, Fade Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 017645681



This converted building filled with nooks and crannies has become one of Dublin's most popular spots. It has a distinctly cool and laid-back feel, with a décor that mixes cool minimalism and more rustic features. The music – a blend of funk and light house – helps too, along with a cocktail menu mixing classic recipes and modern twists. They love rum here.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 13:00 to 23:30 (01:00 Thursday and Sunday, 02:30 Friday and Saturday).

## THUNDER ROAD CAFÉ

52, Fleet Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016794057



Along with the thumping rock music and artery clogging food at this American-themed place, you'll find a range of drinks that are very handy for boozers on a budget. Old favourites feature on the menu, but we dig the West Indies yellowbird, with morgan's spiced rum, crème de banana and Galliano shaken with pineapple and orange juices.

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

## UKIYO

7-9, Exchequer Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016334071



Ukiyo is a stylish, welcoming little shrine to the best of Japanese nightlife: sushi, a late night bar, and the obligatory karaoke. Their cocktail menu features the usual classics, but also has some with a Japanese twist. Try the Tokyo Tea or the Plum Sake Martini, two innovative steals at €10, or the elderflower Collins if you're in a more conservative mood.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to late. Main menu served all day. Karaoke runs until 02:30.

## VENU

Anne's Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706755



More than the laid-back atmosphere, an extensive cocktail menu makes this bar and restaurant special. Since opening in 2006, Venu has offered diners top class ingredients, mixed by bar staff who know the difference between a sidecar and a martini with brandy in, and are capable of pulling together virtually any tippie on request. No wonder it's usually buzzing.

Opening hours: Dinner from 18:00, Tuesday to Saturday. Brunch from 12:00 on Saturday. Last food orders at 23:00.

## WRIGHTS CAFÉ BAR

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



Perhaps it's the interesting decor that encourages the unmistakable buzz in the place, though we fancy the quality cocktails have something to do with it too. A mean French martini and their signature drink, a Wright Flirt (which features Smimoff, Kiwi Liqueur, Peach Schnapps, orange and cranberry juice) are both exquisite.

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



# COMPETITIONS

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### TALVIN SINGH AND NILADRI KUMAR

When it comes to mixing traditional music and technology, Talvin Singh and Niladri Kumar are at the top of their game. Singh is a Mercury prize winning musician, and widely considered to be the father of modern Asian electronica. Kumar, meanwhile, is a classical and fusion sitar player, and is famous for producing a new instrument in the zitar – a mix between a guitar and a sitar. The two have played together before, fusing their knowledge of classical Asian music with modern styles and technology to produce a unique and innovative sound, and are once again hitting the road. The pair are set to play Crawdaddy on May 7, and we have a pair of tickets to give away!

### THE PAINS OF BEING PURE AT HEART

Another success story from New York's indie scene, The Pains of Being Pure at Heart have been exciting aficionados worldwide since their self-released debut EP emerged in 2007. Their self-titled debut album broke into the top ten of Billboard's Heatseekers chart, and second album *Belong* landed in March. The hype bandwagon, therefore, will be gearing up when the band perform at The Button Factory on June 1 – we're sending one reader to the show.

### WARPAINT

The all-girl group gimmick may be past its best (let's face it, the thing peaked with *The Runaways* and *Bananarama*), but Warpaint are much more than just a gimmick. A tour of the US with Mercury winners *The xx* and a string of sold-out headlining dates in the UK showed that this L.A. foursome can rock, with driving post-punk beats, intricate guitar lines and strangely hypnotic vocals. Warpaint will be playing a Tripod gig on May 15, and one 2night reader will win a pair of tickets to the gig!

### HOW TO ENTER

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# THE FRONT ROW

2NIGHT PREVIEWS THE MAJOR FILM RELEASES HITTING SCREENS IN MAY.

## MAY 6 WATER FOR ELEPHANTS

Robert Pattinson's effort to translate his Twilight success into a lasting Hollywood career may continue but this film is, on balance, a setback. Based on the New York Times bestseller, Water For Elephants casts the solidly-jawed one as a veterinary school student who, suddenly orphaned, joins the circus. Of course, rather than simply keeping his head down, he meets and falls in love with Marlena (Reese Witherspoon), the star performer and wife of his charismatic but dangerous boss, August (Christopher Waltz). As you've probably guessed, the ensuing story involves plenty of odds-overcoming, bonding over circus animals (unsurprisingly, the ethics of forcing a particularly special elephant to do tricks that cause it agonising pain don't come up) and vapid observations spoken with strange import. Reese Witherspoon has an affecting fractured quality, and we could watch Christopher Waltz performing all day, but Pattinson is increasingly looking like a pony with one fairly mediocre trick.

## BLITZ

One can't help but wonder if Jason Statham would much rather be featuring in emotionally draining dramas, or performing Shakespeare, than starring in action flicks with more explosions than sense: his sending up of the well-worn hard man persona in Gnomeo and Juliet shows that, at the very least, he has a sense of humour about his type-casting. In any case, Statham is in deadpan mode for Blitz, a straight-up thriller where he plays a hard-nosed policeman on the tail of a serial cop-killer (Aidan Gillen) in London. There are more head-games and less credibility-stretching fight sequences here than in the Transporter series, but director Elliot Lester doesn't tamper with the formula all that much. As a pure adrenalin fix, it also delivers – Statham is still convincing as an action hero, even if Gillen isn't half as sinister as he should be, and Lester's pacing keeps things thumping along.

## MAY 11 PRIEST

After two years of wearying, predictable and overwhelmingly safe action blockbusters, it's refreshing to see a movie this batshit crazy hitting the big screen. Based on Min-Woo Hyung's graphic novels, Priest is set in a semi-dystopian world where the all-powerful Catholic Church protects humans huddling in grim cities from vampires outside. If the war on terror parallel isn't obvious from that, don't worry – it'll come up to batter you with a crucifix later on. Our hero, Paul Bettany, is a priest more prone to ass-kicking than hearing confession. So, when his niece is kidnapped by vampires out in the desert, he defies the church and sets out to rescue her, only to discover an even more dangerous adversary than garden-variety vampires. For all the scenery-chewing going on, Priest is strangely winning: one can't help but admire the creative ambition underpinning the story, and it's visually exciting too.

## MAY 18 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES 3D

And so an increasingly joyless franchise – and Johnny Depp's continuing slide into irrelevancy – rumbles on. Whatever the critics say, the first Pirates of the Caribbean movie was good clean fun. Orlando Bloom may have been wooden, but Keira Knightly more than atoned for that, and the true star of the show was the campy Jack Sparrow, which Depp reportedly modelled on Keith Richards. By now, however, Sparrow has gone from campy, via hammy, to just plain grating. In this fourth instalment of the series, he encounters Angelica (Penélope Cruz), who forces him aboard the 'Queen Anne's Revenge,' the ship of the legendary pirate Blackbeard (Ian McShane) in her efforts to fabled Fountain of Youth. There's plenty of swashbuckling action from that point but, unless you missed the first three Pirates of the Caribbean films, producer Jerry Bruckheimer and director Rob Marshall don't offer anything new.

## MAY 20 RED HILL

Fueled by The Coens and other talented directors, the once-moribund Western genre is enjoying something of a resurgence in recent years. Red Hill may be set in modern-day Australia, but there's no mistaking the story of a wounded lawman who moves to an isolated spot in search of a quiet family life, only to find his plans upended. First time director Patrick Hughes tinkers around the edges of the genre rather than rewriting the formbook, and it works: the result is a taut thriller that kicks off when news of a local prison break arrives, along with a convicted murderer in search of revenge against our hero. Some critics have attacked the film as being low on imagination, but that's rather missing the appeal of this satisfying genre film.

## MAY 27 THE HANGOVER 2

A follow-up to one of the biggest comedy hits of 2009, The Hangover 2 has reunited Phil (Bradley Cooper), Stu (Ed Helms), Alan (Zach Galifianakis) and Doug (Justin Bartha) for another round of slapstick mayhem. This time, the foursome are on the way to exotic Thailand for Stu's wedding, and he's determined to have a subdued, refined pre-wedding brunch. Naturally, things don't quite go according to plan. If you missed the original or have a particular appetite for big dumb and fun comedies, this will probably be a treat. If The Hangover wouldn't normally have been your thing, but won you over through sheer force of its lunatic charm, don't bank on experiencing the same magic again.

## WHERE TO SEE THEM

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## MOULIN VIEWS

**2night chats to Karl Byrne, Producer of the Burlesque and Cabaret social Club.**

Even as new burlesque performers and shows step onto the stage every month, one veteran is still near the top of the scene. "I'm a forty year old grandfather, and I'm still out there swinging my tassle occasionally," says Karl Byrne, promoter of the Burlesque and Cabaret Social Club. Byrne's show runs monthly in The Sugar Club, and we picked his brains about the Irish scene, what it takes to succeed in Burlesque, and why he'll never leave The Sugar club.

### How did you get into burlesque?

I got into it in Ireland, quite literally right at the very beginning, when Sar Colohan started the Tassel Club. I started off, actually, as a performer in the very first couple of shows. Finding a male burlesque performer is actually quite a hard thing to do, and I'm still one of the few that do it. As the show was going along, I fell in love with the fashion, styles and the music, and I saw jobs that needed to be done. I was Musical Director for the show after about a year, and just fell in love with the scene, doing a little bit of work with the Dublin Burlesque Ball when the Tassel Club moved to London. Then I started up my own show.

### As a performer, what did you start out doing?

My very first performance was vastly different to the ones that I do now, but I have two characters. One's called Lord KXB, which is a drunken Amadeus type character – like baroque meets rock, the music is from the AC/DC tune Big Balls. And the other one I do is Lord Adamant, which is basically an Adam and the Ants routine. I have a full house for that, and that seems to go down very popular.

### Since you were there at the start, is it our imagination or has the Irish scene come on considerably recently?

It certainly has come a long way. It's been a slow progress. A lot more people seem to be aware of what burlesque is now, rather than thinking it's cheesy or sleazy. I'd imagine the film's probably helped as well – the one with Christina Aguilera – but I still haven't taken the time to see it yet. I can only imagine what's in it, and I've heard from various different people that it's the typical Hollywood type of treatment. We go for the real burlesque; that's as much about the audience, and the participation, and the dressing up, and the vintage style, as opposed to the actual performances on the stage. That's why I called my night the Burlesque and Cabaret Social Club, because it really is about the people gathering and the dressing. But yeah, the scene has really developed, and a lot more people are getting interested, because they realise that it's not just about tassle twirling; there's a lot more to it.

### You talked about loving the scene. Is it possible to pin down what draws you to it above other performance?

I think it's all down to the whole style of the night, as well as the actual performance, the sense of occasion, the dressing up. And the audience are very different to a regular audience. Any time we have visitors over from the UK, they're impressed with them. It's about the whole experience with burlesque, but definitely that bit of style and class that goes with it is a big appeal.

### What's tough about running a burlesque show in Ireland?

You're dealing with a large amount of performers, but I don't think there's anything particularly tough about it. All the performers are a joy to work with and, if they're not, then I just don't hire them again. So there are only nice people there who work around it. Everybody at the show sort of knows the job. It's just trying to get fresh acts – that would be my largest problem. But, rather than spending a lot of money bringing in acts from the UK, I've spent a lot of time working with people here, and at the social club we've had many debut performances which I'm really proud of. Sometimes you'll be talking to someone only for a few weeks, and you know straight away that they have what it takes to get on stage, other times it can take a few months to get on stage. Indeed, there was a girl that I'd been nagging and nagging. I knew she should be on stage, and it took her over a year to get there and feel confident enough and right, and then she did an absolutely amazing performance at the last show, and blew everybody away. There's no one tough thing, it's

actually a joy to do. Keeping on top of it is...there's a lot to do, but yeah, it's a joy.

### What does someone need to be a good burlesque performer?

Confidence is absolutely everything, but it doesn't come down to shape or size whatsoever. Most people, when they imagine what a burlesque performer would be, would be a skinny girl, which is far from the truth. There's plenty of very curvy women there. And even with regards to some of the men that I have now performing on stage, one of them is physical fitness instructor, and he's a big beefcake. But another guy is of a much slighter frame, and he's not considered muscular at all, and his routines would be more comedy based. It's not about being saucy or sexy within the performance. It's just having a good story is good for a routine. People have a character and they want to get something across in it – it's not just a straight forward strip, which sometimes happens as well.

### How do you plan your show?

With the Social Club it developed over a while. At first we were only doing from eleven to close, and then I couldn't reserve seats for anyone, so I decided to take the venue for the entire night, which is a much bigger challenge, filling from eight o'clock in the evening until half two in the morning, is a long time to fill. I focused on, there's a certain crew that I would consider family that I use very regularly. I start with The Sugar Bessies, a three girl troupe, made of Lexi Lace, Bonnie Petite and Saphira Swann. These are three girls that I discovered individually as well, and then I just thought that they'd work perfectly together. They came up with the name,

they developed and worked, and they're at almost every show now. And then there'd be other members that I'd have back on a semi-regular basis, because I want to encourage and keep the scene here in Dublin. But, it developed then that there's a very set format. Between nine and ten o'clock I have an hour where I invite different bands, or possible acts if I can find something very interesting to fill that hour with for the audience. I usually have two singers – I have four that are very regular for the show, and we use two of them. So we slot the acts in between there. So there's a set format now, but it kind of gets tweaked every now and then.

### Is it possible to make a decent living in Irish burlesque?

I would tell most people, when they're interested in getting into it that you're not likely to make a full-time living out of it. I wouldn't be able to live off just the show that I'm doing. Sometimes we come in very close to the budget in what I spend and what I take in. Sometimes there's not very much left over, but it's never cost me a penny, which is good. You have to be doing a variety, and when someone is making a debut, I say "You realise that the chances of you making a living out of this are minimal, you're going to have a few average paid gigs around the place. There are only so many shows that are running around, as well. So it's really just a fun, paid-for hobby. On rare occasions, someone will go further, to London or other places, but not all the time.

### What do you want to accomplish within burlesque?

Well, I'm kind of quite happy with the way it is now. Giving people

a stage, a chance to shine, it's always been something I really enjoyed doing, and that's why the Social Club has such a strong focus on it. I love seeing people getting up and doing what they love to do, and knowing that's a lifetime memory that they're never ever going to forget. I very much like where it is: I don't see it's necessary to develop. If younger performers come in with their ideas, more modern things, that's also acceptable, because burlesque will evolve a bit. But it's good where it is. It's an event, it's an occasion, it's an excuse to get dressed up. It's a good night out rather than just some banging tunes.

### And do you think of moving to a bigger venue?

I love The Sugar Club, it's very important to it. If you have a wrong venue and it's mostly standing, once you're three people deep, you can't see anything. And, with a burlesque performance you really do need to see. Even if the Burlesque and Cabaret Social Club got a lot more popular, and a lot more people wanted to come to it, I'd be very reluctant to leave the likes of The Sugar Club. I'd rather turn people away, because, it's just the right place. It happened with The Tassel Club and The Dublin Burlesque Ball: when they left The Sugar Club, it was never quite the same again. It's been the home of Irish burlesque since it started. It has that certain charm, with the tiered seating and the big screen behind. It's something special about the venue that makes The Social Club look better than anywhere else.

# EVENTS

WEEK | MAY 1 - 8



MAY 1 TO 3

## PETER KAY\*

Back when Peter Kay lost a job at his local cinema and, rather than looking for another menial gig, decided to pursue his dream of comedy, he can hardly have imagined that he'd be selling out arenas around the world. The Bolton-born comedian has seen such public demand for a run of shows from April 28 to May 2 that he's added a sixth and final date for May 3. What's more, Kay is donating all proceeds from the show to Irish Autism Action. Even though success has come relatively quickly for Kay (he entered and won Channel 4's So You Think You're Funny contest in 1997, and snagged a Perrier award at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival the following year), he only really cracked the mainstream after 200's Live at the Top of the Lower and a string of chat-show appearances. However, he's moved quickly, unveiling Phoenix Nights in, spin-off Max & Paddy's Road to Nowhere, and plenty of live work. 44.20, 18:30

**The 02 Arena**  
North Wall Quay  
Dublin 1  
Tel: 018198888

**LIVE MUSIC** **CLUBBING** \* ONGOING EVENT  
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## MAY 1

### FRED COOKE

Continuing the run of comedy gigs at this traditionally indie venue, the Republic of Telly, Savage Eye and Liffey Laughs veteran takes a break from writing his musical comedy (City West Side Story) to perform live. €12, 20:00

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

### STEVE ANGELLO

The Swedish born DJ and producer drops in for a Bank Holiday Sunday Set. A prominent member of the Swedish House Mafia, Angello is currently touring in support of his latest release, Size Matters, which includes the Steve Angello Rave



and Roll exclusive and a stunning remix of Pendulum's The Island. The rising house star, now dividing his time between LA and his native Sweden, will be joined by Size Records labelmate AN21 and breakthrough artist Max Vangeli as well as Dublin's own Al Gibbs. From €27.50, 21:00  
**Tripod.** Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

### THE HUMAN LEAGUE

Time has been kind to 80s Synth-pop pioneers The Human League. Since they unveiled their landmark album, Dare, in 1981, they've influenced a-list artists from Madonna to Moby and from Pet Shop Boys to dubstep masters Darkstar, who cover the League's 1982 B-side You Remind Me Of Gold on current album North. And, unlike so many 80s hit-makers, they haven't gone away: in fact, ninth album Credo arrived just last month. The name, we're told, is a nod to Human League fans who never stopped believing in the band in the decade following their last album, 2001's Secrets. €33.60, 19:30

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

### SCUBA DICE

The south-of-England pop-punk four-piece are touring latest album The Lost Art Of Romance. €13.50, 19:00

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

### MODESELEKTOR

It's a blow-out finale to the latest Beatyard Weekender, with Modeselektor, Joy Orbison and Martyn presiding. €25, 22:30

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

### KID KOALA

Having been on Dublin's digital music radar since stealing an Ambassador show a few years back, Kid Koala is set for a Dublin return. The Canadian-born DJ, signed to British label NinjaTune, is also a member of alternative hip of supergroup Deltron 3030, and also throwing plenty of effort into a new project (The Slow). Even though it's been five years since his last full-length album, the sometime Eric San is still a dab hand behind the decks. €13, 23:00

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

## MAY 2

### WILKO JOHNSON

It's been some years now since Wilko Johnson helped shake rock'n'roll from its pre-punk complacency as the guitarist for Dr. Feelgood, but the machine gun frenzy of his playing style, and his onstage dynamism, helped set the template for many leading six-stringers over the following decades. These days, he's running with the Wilko Johnson Band, who've been on the road since 1999. €26.50, 19:30

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

### KATZENJAMMER

We had no idea what a 'Katzenjammer' was, so we decided to look it up: apparently, it's a loud, discordant noise, a hangover, or a state of depression. None of these meanings really do justice to this all-girl multi-instrumental folk outfit. Anne Marieg, Solveig, Marianne and Turid are heavily influenced by contemporaries Gogol Bordello, but the Oslo band have a sound of their own, with eclectic taste and plenty of energy live. Their debut album, Le Pop, impressed reviewers on its 2008 release, and they've been touring steadily since.

€16, 19:30

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

### REA GARVEY

The Tralee born frontman of Reamonn has worked with major names including Nelly Furtado, Paul Van Dyke and Mary J. Blige. Though currently based in Germany, he's managed to make it over for a rare Dublin appearance. €14.50, 20:00

**The Workman's Club.** 11, Wellington Quay – Dublin 2. Tel: 016706692

## MAY 3

### JOHN GRANT

The former Czars frontman is back in the game. John Grant recently released his impressive solo debut, Queen of Denmark, on the Bella Union label to considerable critical acclaim: Mojo hailed it as "a work of transcendent wonder", The Guardian described it as "a colossus", and Q put it neatly as "an album of strength and beauty" – and they're just three of the many publications won over by the dreamy soft-rock that displayed heavy influences from collaborators Midlake. €19.50, 20:00

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

## MAY 4

### TERRY REID

Over a forty-year career, the Brit has worked with some of the most creative acts in the world, while also recording some intriguing solo albums: 2004's Alive was critically well received, and Reid also scored the controversial drama Wonderland. €10, 19:30

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

## MAY 5

### BILL CALLAHAN

Hailing from Silver Springs, Maryland, the sometime 'Smog' (no – we don't know why he's called that either) has been part of the American music scene for the last twenty years. Callahan is known for his deep baritone voice and his understated style of delivery, with his songs taking a more rambling form than the usual verse-chorus pattern that is used in most songs. €19.50, 19:30

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

### RYAN SHERIDAN

The rising singer-songwriter Ryan Sheridan plays as part of a whistle-stop Irish tour in support of his debut album, The Day You Live Forever, due for release on May 6. After tonight's gig, he hits Cork's Cyprus Avenue, the Roisin Dubh in Galway, Dolan's Warehouse in Limerick, Monaghan's The Garage and The Set in Kilkenny, before rounding off at Whelan's on May 12. €12, 19:30

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

### KITTY DAISY & LEWIS

The Durham siblings dabble in everything from old-school R'n'B, to swing, jump blues, country and Western, blues, Hawaiian and rock'n'roll. €11.95, 19:30

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

### DANNY ELLIS

Multi-talented musician Danny Ellis belongs to two Irish traditions. First, as a professional trombonist he played with several showbands including The Jim Farley Band, and Dickie Rock's Miami Showband. As a solo performer, Ellis continues the prevalent theme in Irish music of using song as oral

history. His album, 800 Voices, tells the moving story of his own experiences in Artane Industrial School in the late 1950s. €25, 20:00

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

### JUSTIN SULLIVAN AND DEAN WHITE

The New Model Army veterans play an intimate Academy 2 show. €15, 20:00

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

## MAY 6

### RICHIE HAWTIN

Hawtin is something of a darling in the Detroit techno scene. Aside from earning recognition as a DJ, he is also well regarded for work on his label Plus8 and as an artist in his own right. He's also released some celebrated tracks under the names Plastikman and F.U.S.E.. Playing under his given name, though, Hawtin will be bringing a bit of Motor City to Tripod's main hall. €26.50, 21:00



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

## NEIL DELAMERE

The Offaly comic never seems to get off the live stage – his *Implement of Divilment* tour brings his surrealist sense of humour back to Vicar Street. €25, 20:30

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

## RAKIM

This New Yorker is one of the most influential names in American rap history. A gifted poet, Rakim was a pioneer of the use of internal rhyme in rap lyrics, bringing a new layer of artistry to the movement. The album he recorded with Eric B., *Paid In Full*, was released during the golden age of hip hop, and its legacy lives on today. €23, 19:30

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

## SOMEWHERE UNDER THE RAINBOW



Liza Minnelli's life, from child stardom via critically acclaimed movie appearances to the 'international treasure' status she enjoys today, is ripe with drama and human interest. It's only logical, then, that a new musical show has emerged to delve beneath the surface of sequins, feathers and razzle dazzle to get at one of the most captivat-

ing characters in showbiz. Sharon Sexton, playing Liza, is set to perform pieces from her impressive musical catalogue and share the secrets, stories and memories that make up a mesmerising career. €20 (€16 concessions), 20:00  
**Civic Theatre.** Town Centre, Tallaght Village – Dublin 24. Tel: 014627477

## THE LEAGUE OF DECADENT BASTARDS

Joe Black, Mr Pustra, Frank Sanazi, Neil Watkins and BigChief RandomChaos bring a touch of Cabaret noir to Dublin. €16, 20:00

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

## MAY 7

### TALVIN SINGH AND NILADRI KUMAR

Two pioneers blending digital and traditional Asian music play an intimate show. For a chance to win tickets, visit page 11.

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

### THE HIGH KINGS

The Platinum-selling Celtic quartet play a triumphant homecoming gig. €33.60, 19:30

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

### DRIVE BY TRUCKERS

Trying to pin down 'alt-country', even for aficionados, is a tricky business. You're on safe ground, though, if you single out these Georgia hellraisers as a prime example of the genre. A distinctly southern sensibility, a seriously complicated relationship with their homeplace, a knack for bitersweet lyrics and a surprising degree of musical accomplishment characterise the six-piece. €20, 19:30

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

### THE BIG FELLAH

At once a straight-up madcap comedy and sharp satire, Richard Bean's play focuses on Michael Doyle, a young New York fireman who joins the IRA. Soon, however his Bronx apartment is overrun with a fast-quipping Irish killer; a beautiful woman who he really mustn't fall in love with; and charismatic boss David Costello, the "Big Fella" himself. Spanning three decades, and veering from farce to deadly danger, *The Big Fella* is a witty story of loyalty, disillusionment and betrayal. This is the final night in a strong Gaiety Theatre run. From €25, 19:30



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

### DJ STEFFI, PROSUMER AND GREG WILSON

Three of the most influential DJs in Europe team up for a session. Dutch DJ Steffi has residencies in Berlin and in Stockholm, while maintaining a formidable touring schedule. Berliner Prosumer, meanwhile is an expert in Chicago House and Detroit Techno, with Mancunian Greg Wilson playing his trademark electro-funk.

From €12, 22:30

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

### THE FRANK & WALTERS

The fate of the two eccentric Cork characters that gave this band their name is unknown, but, The Frank & Walters have been on the go for over twenty years. Their last album, *Renewed Interest In Happiness*, was released in 2006. After a hiatus, the band released four singles in 2010 to correspond with the four seasons of the year, and the response has been so encouraging that they're saddling up and hopping in the tourbus yet again. €21, 2:00

**The Workman's Club.** 11, Wellington Quay – Dublin 2. Tel: 016706692

## MAY 8

### NOAH AND THE WHALE

No, these folksters aren't into mangling Old Testament stories: the band got its name by merging the title of their favourite film, *The Squid And The Whale* with the name of the film's director, Noah Baumbach. €23, 19:30

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

### WALLIS BIRD

Whatever you may say about the Meath-born singer-songwriter, she's got a pair of lungs on her and a unique style of playing the guitar – check out her lively cover of *Just Can't Get Enough* if you're in any doubt. €23, 19:30

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

# EVENTS

## WEEK | MAY 9 - 15



MAY 1 TO 31

## CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF\*

Sometimes, tragedy can be all too convenient for the showbiz world. The Gate originally planned its staging of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* to coincide with the centenary of playwright Tennessee Williams' birth, but many will know the play from the late Elizabeth Taylor's stunning performance in its screen incarnation. Like the film, the play tackles issues of family and the deep south, centring on a wealthy family as it gathers to celebrate Big Daddy's 65th birthday. He is dying of cancer, which the family decide to hide from him and Big Mama as they try to boost their own cut of the estate. The beautiful but desperate Maggie 'the Cat' (married to the alcoholic Brick) came from humble beginnings and will go to any length to secure what is hers. The Gate's new production will be directed by Mark Brokaw, and is set to run all month. From €25, 19:30

**The Gate Theatre**  
Cavendish Row, Dublin 1  
Tel: 018744045

## MAY 9

### ERIC CLAPTON

Addiction, tragedy, infamous racist rants... the bluesman has weathered many storms that would topple other musicians. The former Yardbirds and Cream singer is the only performer to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame three times, but it's also a solo artist that Clapton has achieved his greatest success, with no less than 19 studio albums under his belt. From €70.70, 20:00

**The 02 Arena.** North Wall Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

## MAY 11

### PYGMALION

Shaw's play has plenty of modern resonance in a X-Factor age – Eliza Doolittle, an impoverished flower girl, is taken in hand by linguistics professor Henry Higgins and turned into a lady for a bet – and the sharpness of its satire hasn't blunted in the slightest. This new production features full period costumes and some heavy hitters of Irish theatre too – Risteard Cooper plays Hig-

gins, and Annabelle Comyn directs – while the play will run to June 11. From €25, 19:30  
**The Abbey Theatre.** 26, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018787222

### THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE

After a highly successful 2010, Druid Theatre Company return to the stage tonight with a new production of this black comedy by Martin McDonagh. First staged in 1996, *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* tells of Maureen Folan, a 40-year-old spinster who takes care of her 70-year-old, selfish and manipulative mother Mag. Maureen's sisters may have escaped into marriage and family life, but poor Mags is trapped in a dysfunctional relationship with her mother. Until, that is, she receives a surprise visit from Pato Dooley, a middle-aged construction worker fed up with living and working in England, and

his younger brother Ray. As Mags' hopes grow for a late romance with Pato, a plot full of deceptions, secrets and betrayals kicks off in a production that runs to June 4. From €30, 19:30

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

## MAY 12

### RUSH

One of the most inventive groups in rock history, Rush have long been known for musical accomplishment and a flair for provocative songwriting. The mix clearly has a public appeal – the only band with more consecutive gold and platinum albums behind them are The Beatles and The Rolling Stones. Geddy Lee, Alex Lifeson and Neil Peart have long been known as a compelling live act but, oddly enough, never found the time to grace these shores – until now. As part of the

Time Machine tour 2011, Rush will be performing their seminal album *Moving Pictures* in its entirety, with time in the three-and-a-half hour gig for plenty of other hits.

From €57.80, 18:30  
**The 02 Arena.** North Wall Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

#### THE TINKER'S CURSE\*

It's the opening night for this show, acted by author Michael Harding, and accompanied by live music from Finbar Coady. *The Tinker's Curse* tells the story of a traveller who climbs Croagh Patrick to do penance for his sins and, along the way, we meet his wife, his daughter who is coming of age, and a settler who comes to play court. The play's Civic Theatre run will go until May 14.

€10, 20:00  
**Civic Theatre.** Town Centre, Tallaght Village – Dublin 24. Tel: 014627477

#### KATHERINE LYNCH\*

Following a nationwide tour and 12 nights at Vicar Street, Leitrim funny lady Katherine Lynch is taking to the stage again. Her latest show, *The Hack of Ya*, has brought all-new characters and her own kooky sense of humour to stages around the country. Having scored a hit DVD and TV success with RTE series *Single Ladies*, Lynch is bringing Tallaght-fornian man wrangler Sheila Chic, Carpet Crooner Bernie Walsh, and Irish Born Again Christian Folk Group, Go Folk Yourself back to Vicar Street tonight, tomorrow and on May 14.

€28, 20:30  
**Vicar Street.** 57, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 017755800

#### MAY 13

##### DODGY

Eighties nostalgia is so 2005 – now, it's time to celebrate the hip-hop and pop infected nineties. Powerpop trio Dodgy, who rose to

prominence around the time Blur and Oasis were taking pot-shots at each other in the music press, may not be known to many fans, but they've a few hit singles under their belt, including *Staying Out For The Summer*, *Thinking of Me*, and *Good Enough*, which reached number 4 in the UK singles chart.

€13.50, 20:00  
**The Turk's Head.** 27, Parliament Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016792606

#### MOON DUO

Hailing from sunny San Francisco, Ripley Johnson and Sanae Yamada use guitar, keyboards and vocals to create their own brand of Krautrock-ish fare that's been heavily endorsed by hipster bibles like *Pitchfork* and *Tiny Mix Tapes*. Support comes from another electronic duo in Kim Ki O.

€16.45, 20:00  
**The Workman's Club.** 11, Wellington Quay – Dublin 2. Tel: 016706692

#### LEGEND – A TRIBUTE TO BOB MARLEY

The reggae icon will be celebrated in style at this late night gig.

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

#### MAY 14

##### ROYSEVEN

Originally hailing from Dublin, Royseven have storming performances at *Oxygen 2007* and as support for *The Kaiser Chiefs* at *Bud Rising* to their credit. The band's second album *You Say, We Say* was released on March 11 and entered the top ten on the iTunes download chart – they've since had several sell-out gigs, and are playing two *Academy 2* gigs today. In the afternoon, there will be a show geared at all ages, and in the evening there will be an over eighteens show.

€13, 19:00  
**The Academy.** 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

#### SCOUT NIBLETT

English indie singer Scout Niblett doesn't just have sadistic parents to blame for her name – born as plain old Emma, she dubbed herself Scout in honour of the character in Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Niblett is best known for her minimalist style, and frequently sings accompanied by either guitar or drums, which she usually plays herself. She has released five albums of the stuff, including latest effort, *The Calcination* of Scout Niblett, on the Drag City label last year.

€16.50, 19:30  
**Whelan's.** 25, Wicklow Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

#### DUBPECHE MODE

If you weren't able to score tickets to Depeche Mode's 02 show, or just can't get enough (groan) of the dark synth-poppers, this gig is for you.

€12.50, 20:00  
**The Village.** 26, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014758555

#### FEBRUARY & MARS

Pogo presents the new indie act, promising indie bliss and plenty of theatrics.

€10, 22:30  
**The Twisted Pepper.** 54, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018734038

#### MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT

The Monty Python troupe were well-known for their willingness to rip off ideas – and even real characters – from the staid-but-sometimes surreal world that surrounded them (famously, Basil Fawlty was based on a real hotelier the group encountered filming in Torquay). Therefore, they reacted fairly well to this loving rip-off of *The Search for the Holy Grail* – as Terry Gilliam mischievously observed, "it helps with the pension fund". Amid the irreverent parody of Arthurian legend, there are also fun little barbs directed against Lloyd Webber

musicals and Broadway theatre in general, and Python veteran Eric Idle wrote the musical's book and lyrics, collaborating with John Du Prez on most of the music. The show has been a massive success since debuting in 2005, and is now embarking on a world tour – tonight is your last chance to catch *Spamalot* in Dublin.

€20, 19:30  
**Grand Canal Theatre.** Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 016777999

#### MAY 15

##### WARPAINT

This L.A. foursome can rock, with driving post-punk beats, intricate guitar lines and strangely hypnotic vocals – turn to page 11 for a chance to win tickets.

€17, 19:30  
**Tripod.** Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

#### LENNY HENRY

Unless you've been looking out for him, Comedy veteran Lenny Henry has seemed fairly quiet in recent years. However, he's been broadening his horizons – most notably playing *Othello* in Northern Broadsides' award-winning Shakespeare production – and his latest show is yet another extension of that. Cradle to Rave sees Henry returning to his musical roots (he first got his break impersonating Stevie Wonder in 1975), going through the decades and exploring the role that music has played in his life.

From €30, 19:00  
**The Olympia Theatre.** 72, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

# EVENTS

## WEEK | MAY 16 - 22



MAY 17-18

## SUFJAN STEVENS\*

He's churned out more intriguing and off-beat albums in his career to date than most artists manage in a lifetime – from his five disk Christmas album, via Christian record *Seven Swans* to his concept albums devoted to obscure American states, Sufjan Stevens is definitely an original. His latest release, *The Age of Adz* (2010), was his first song-based effort in five years, and well worth the wait: electronics, heavy orchestration and apocalyptic themes have never felt so bouncy or accessible. It's yielded instant success for the singer, who hit number 7 in the *Billboard* chart and broke into the UK top 30 album chart in the first week of the LP's release. On the back of this news and a short US tour, Stevens is gearing up to tour Europe with a full band for the first time since 2006. He's set for two Olympia gigs with support from DM Sth.

From €39.20, 19:30

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

#### MAY 16

##### MANIC STREET PREACHERS

The politically charged Welsh rockers are touring their latest album, *Postcards from a Young Man*.

€39.20, 19:30  
**The Olympia Theatre.** 72, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

##### COMPANY

Stephen Sondheim's musical has graced the stages of Broadway, relating the story of five couples and their relationship as seen through the eyes of their single friend Robert. The production explores both the good and bad aspects of relationship, as well as the fear of loneliness, and will be performed by Bull Alley Theatre Training Company. Tonight is the first night of the musical's run, which will go until May 21.

€19 (€16 concessions), 20:00  
**Civic Theatre.** Town Centre, Tallaght Village – Dublin 24. Tel: 014627477

##### EXPLOSIONS IN THE SKY\*

Texas instrumental outfit Explosions in the Sky are gearing up for a bumper year in 2011: the group are hitting the road to promote latest album *Take Care, Take Care, Take Care*.

€25, 20:30  
**Vicar Street.** 57, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 017755800

##### NO IRISH, NO BLACKS, NO DOGS\*

With a new Tory Government in power across the water, and many of us crossing the Irish sea in search of work, it seems an ideal time for this play, set against the backdrop of Thatcherism, 'suss laws', Brixton riots, an IRA bombing campaign, The Yorkshire Ripper and a royal wedding. Four people, Tommy, Silk, Sandra and Sidney are the focus of *No Irish, No Blacks, No Dogs*, all of them living on the fringe of society that's itself in

disarray. As they strive to carve out a new life – and leave their mixed pasts behind – they're faced with a grim future, and the bitterness of discrimination. The play will run from tonight until May 21.

€15 (€12 concessions), 20:00  
**The New Theatre.** 43, East Essex Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016703361

##### MATMOS

Hailing from San Francisco but now based in Baltimore, Matmos are an experimental electronic music duo. Aside from releasing eight critically-lauded albums in their own right, they have also worked a lot with experimental singer Björk, having pitched in on her albums *Vespertine* and *Medúlla*, and also worked on her *Vespertine* and *Greatest Hits* tours.

€16.50, 19:30  
**The Button Factory.** Curved Street, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 016709202

##### BLOW UP THE LIFFEY BRIDGES\*

Vogue Williams of *Fade Street* fame, 13,000 taxis, three scousers and a city divided fuel this new comedy by Nicky Alt, author of *One Night in Istanbul*. The story, a battle between northside and southside taxi firms, culminates in a batty plan to sever the two halves of Dublin once and for all. The play runs until May 21.

From €25, 19:30  
**Grand Canal Theatre.** Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 016777999

#### MAY 17

##### COLD WAR KIDS

The California rockers make a return to Ireland after releasing their album, *Mine Is Yours*, at the start of 2011. Formed in 2004, the band started making waves after stunning performances at the 2006 South X Southwest and Lollapalooza

festivals. They were subsequently signed to Downtown Records, and released their debut album *Robbers and Cowards* in October 2006 - *Hospital Beds, We Used to Vacation* and *Hang Me Up To Dry* were stand-out tracks on the well-received effort, which was followed up by 2008's *Loyalty to Loyalty*. Bob Dylan, Nina Simone and Velvet Underground are cited as influences by the band, who've enjoyed plenty of success on these shores too.

€26.50, 19:30

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

## MAY 18

### PERFUME GENIUS

The artist formerly known as Mike Hadreas may be riding a wave of critical acclaim for debut album *Learning*, but that success was borne out of frustration. When the Seattle native moved from his New York home to his mother's suburban pad and a spell of self-imposed isolation, the story goes, Hadreas sat down at a piano to channel pent-up emotion and frustration into haunting music, with emotionally charged vocals and self-lacerating lyrics.

€19.50, 20:00



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

### MERCURY REV

The band have been surprising - and sometimes enlightening - audiences with their sound, which ranges from gentle compositions to full-on sonic assault, ever since the 1980s. None of their

albums, however, have topped *Deserter's Songs*, which they're performing in its entirety tonight.

€33.60, 20:30

**Vicar Street.** 57, Thomas Street - Dublin 8. Tel: 017755800

### THE SECRET SISTERS

The Alabama duo of Laura and Lydia Rogers are mentored by ubiquitous roots man T Bone Burnett. Greatness awaits.

€14.25, 19:30

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

## MAY 19

### QUEENS OF THE STONE AGE

The seminal hard-rockers may have been quiet in recent years, but they're set to get a lot louder: they're touring across Europe this month, playing their breakthrough debut album in its entirety. The 22-date tour ties in with the LP's re-release in March.

€44.20, 19:30

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

### RELISH

It's another bunch of platinum-selling rockers who've been off the radar for a while. After the success of their debut album *Wildflowers* in 2001 and *Karma Calling* in 2003, Relish's album *Three Times* was released only in Japan in 2009. They're on the comeback trail, though, and releasing a new single, *Something To Believe In* this June. This is their first Dublin gig in five years.

€17.50, 20:00

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

## MAY 20

### BOYCE AVENUE

The Florida based brothers have come a long way since following the

well-worn route of would-be singer-songwriters, uploading acoustic covers of popular rock and pop tracks to youtube. For one, the trio have won a real online following for their melodic covers of Justin Timberlake's *LoveStoned*, Rihanna's *Umbrella*, Coldplay's *Viva la Vida* and more. More importantly, the internet adulation has turned into real-world success: a sold-out show at Dublin's Academy last year was one of several well-received gigs across Europe, the United States, and even major festivals in the far east.

€23, 19:30

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

### LEGENDS OF ROCK

'Legends' may be overstating it, but this triple header sees Guns 4 Hire, Crash, and Voodoo Vegas hitting the Village.

€12.50, 19:30

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

### DAVID BURKE

The singer-songwriter is launching his new single.

€10, 20:00

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

### SIMON MUNNERY AND EDWARD ACZEL

The comedy double-act make a change from live music in this venue.

€18, 20:00

**The Workman's Club.** 11, Wellington Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706692

## MAY 21

### JASON BYRNE

With almost two decades on the comedy circuit under his belt, Dubliner Jason Byrne has plenty of stories to tell - and fans scattered around the world. His latest show, *Cirque du Byrne*, promises

audiences an evening inside one of the strangest heads in showbiz, and has already run over Australia.

€28, 20:00

**Vicar Street.** 57, Thomas Street - Dublin 8. Tel: 017755800

### MY DYING BRIDE

The British doom-metallars have ten studio albums to their credit from a 20-year career.

€25, 19:00

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

### SPRING BREAK

The 80s seven-piece promise a good time, and have billed tonight as a 'royal gala reception'. No, we've no idea why.

€26.50, 19:30

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

## MAY 22

### THE MOUNTAIN GOATS

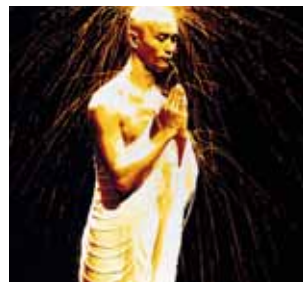
You've got to love persistence. John Darnielle is the founder and, for many years, was the sole member of this indie band. At live shows he'd walk onstage and say "Hi, we're The Mountain Goats" to a bemused and confused audience. Since then, however, Darnielle has hooked up with a variety of other artists, and so doesn't play on his own anymore. He has been described by New Yorker critic Sasha Frere-Jones as 'America's best non-hip-hop lyricist'. That's heady praise indeed from one of the most intellectual music hacks out there.

€17.45, 19:30

**Wheelan's.** 25, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

# EVENTS

WEEK | MAY 23 - 31



MAY 13 TO 28

## DUBLIN DANCE FESTIVAL\*

After a successful showing in 2010, it's been confirmed that the Dublin Dance Festival will take place once again in May 2011. The Festival is headlined by the Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan, Asia's leading contemporary dance company, who'll be performing Lin Hwai-min's signature work, *Songs of the Wanderers* with some 20 extraordinary Cloud Gate dancers. Other highlights include a head-phone disco at the Irish Museum of Modern art on May 14, the Japanese-American duo of Eiko and Koma performing at Samuel Beckett Theatre on May 16 and 17, and Indonesia's Mugyo Kasido performing *Bagaspati* and *Kabur Kabur* at Project Arts Centre on May 19 and 20. Overall, 21 artists and companies from ten countries will perform over 16 days in six venues - check out the full listings at [www.2nighy.ie](http://www.2nighy.ie).

Various times

Various venues

## MAY 23

### ROGER WATERS'

The driving force behind much of Pink Floyd's best work (*Remember Dark Side of the Moon?* Yeah, that was him) may have left after the tortured, neurotic masterpiece that was *The Wall*, but has enjoyed a strong solo career. He re-emerged in 1984 with *The Pros and Cons of Hitchhiking*, which went gold, and followed with *Radio K.A.O.S.* in 1987, and went on tour to promote the release. After pink Floyd reformed sans Waters (and Waters' unsuccessful court case he mounted to try and stop them touring under the name) he returned to perhaps his greatest musical achievement, staging an all-star concert at the site of the recently-felled Berlin Wall. The result (*The Wall: Live in Berlin*) was hailed as a return to form, as was follow-up *Amused to Death* in

1992. Though he dropped off the mainstream radio for a while (in fact, he was working on an opera at the time), the new decade has seen fairly significant touring from Waters, including a one-off reunion at Live 8 with his Pink Floyd bandmates. He's currently touring *The Wall* as a solo artist, though, demand for this concert has been so high that an extra show has been set for tomorrow. From €59.80, 20:00

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

## MAY 24

### SUEDE

Long before Blur and Oasis changed the mid-90s rock scene, a band named Suede was creating some of the best albums to emerge from Britain in a decade. Their self-titled Mercury Award Winning Debut, *Dog Man Star* and *Coming Up* were

among the most exciting albums in the early 90s and, even though they missed out on the Britpop boom and called it quits in 2003, they've proved hugely influential on acts that followed in their footsteps. Last March, the group enjoyed a triumphant return, with several acclaimed shows proving they still had it. Ireland's been a very fruitful place for Suede, and they're set to return here this May for three special Olympia Theatre gigs. The band will play their debut album in its entirety tonight, *Dog Man Star* on May 25, and *Coming Up* on May 26. From €44.20, 19:30



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

## THE PRIDE OF PARNELL STREET



Written by acclaimed novelist and playwright Sebastian Barry, *The Pride of Parnell Street* has been one of the sleeper successes of Irish theatre since its London Premier in 2007. The play toured internationally in 2008, and was presented as part of the first Irish Festival in New York in 2009 as critical adulation piled up from the *New York Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Irish Times*. Now, Fishamble Theatre Company are reviving the intimate portrait of

inner city life and the relationships between men and women for an eight-venue tour of Ireland in 2011. The play, conducted in a series of intercutting monologues, sees Janet and Joe charting the intimacies of their love and the rupturing of their relationship, as well as their enduring love affair with Dublin city itself. It's set to run at The Helix from tonight until May 28. From €20, 20:00  
**The Helix.** DCU, Collins Avenue – Dublin 9. Tel: 01700700

### THE FLEADH COWBOYS

Though they've a modest discography – two LPs, 1988's *High Ace to Heaven* and 1997's *Time of Your Life* – the Fleadh Cowboys have a long history in Dublin – during the rock-friendly eighties, these lads had a residency at The Olympia Theatre. With their mix of folk and rock music the band have toured with other notable musicians including Bob Dylan, The Pogues, The Waterboys and Emmylou Harris. €28.90, 19:30  
**The Button Factory.** Curved Street, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 016709202

### EMERALDS

For the past five years, this trio from Cleveland Ohio have been bringing their distinctive take on ambient drone electronica to the airwaves. They have mixed traditional ambient music with 80s style synthesizer textures on their four albums, including last year's *Does It Look Like I'm Here?*, and a host of EPs and cassettes. Though all of them have their fingers in various musical pies, Emeralds are on tour this summer. €16.50, 20:00  
**Whelan's.** 25, Wicklow Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

### MICHAEL BALL

The actor and singer is best known for recording *Love Changes Everything* and for his West End work. A 2008 turn as Edna

Turnblad in *Hairspray* also landed him a Laurence Olivier Award. From €41.20, 20:00  
**Grand Canal Theatre.** Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 016777999

### REPUBLIC OF IRELAND V NORTHERN IRELAND

The two parts of the island clash on the football field at the rebuilt Aviva. €45, 19:45  
**Aviva Stadium.** Lansdowne Road – Dublin 4. Tel: 016689300

## MAY 25

### PERVE

Weird theatre is set to hit The Abbey with a band when Stacey Greg's play shows on the Peacock Stage. Perve is centred on 23-year-old Gethin, who's just completed a film course. His mother is urging him to do Adam and Kelly's wedding video – before they get divorced – but Gethin is interested in a much more daring project, one that will test his friendships, shatter his idealism and turn his life and that of his family upside down. The loss of naïveté, ambiguity and innocence in our highly-sexualized world is explored in this sometimes unsettling effort directed by Róisín McBrinn. Tonight is opening night for the production, which runs to June 25. From €13, 20:00

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

### BLACK LIPS

Hailing from Atlanta Georgia, Black Lips have been playing the punk circuit for over a decade. Their live shows are renowned for antics that include – but are not limited to – vomiting, flaming guitars, public urination, fireworks, remote controlled car races and a chicken on stage. We can't promise that the staff at The Button Factory are going to be down with that sort of thing (careful

now), but it'll be interesting to see. €20, 19:30

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

### AND YOU WILL KNOW US BY THE TRAIL OF THE DEAD

Started in 1994 by childhood friends Conrad Keely and Jason Reece, this indie outfit has come a long way in the last seventeen years. After a period with Interscope, the band have returned to their spiritual home of an indie label, which they believe has helped them regain their creative independence. Critics seem to agree: their last album, *The Century of Self*, was well received, with The New Yorker calling it 'ferocious... a new brand of progressive rock infused with anarchic execution'. €19, 20:00

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

### HENRIETTA GAME

Two girls, two guys, alternative folk aplenty. €10, 20:00

**The Workman's Club.** 11, Wellington Quay – Dublin 2. Tel: 016706692

## MAY 26

### SADE

The elusive soul-pop megastar Sade makes a rare Irish appearance as part of a 70-date world tour. The tour, which includes her first European appearances in 17 years, comes on the back of the platinum album *Soldier of Love*, which has already shifted some three million copies. From €54.80, 20:00

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

### CLOUD GATE DANCE THEATRE OF TAIWAN

The Dublin Dance Festival headliners perform Lin Hwai-min's signature work, *Songs of the Wanderers*. From €15, 20:00

**Grand Canal Theatre.** Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 016777999

### RODDY WOOMBLE

The Idlewild frontman is embarking on a solo tour, with a more stripped down contemporary folk sound. €15, 20:00  
**The Workman's Club.** 11, Wellington Quay – Dublin 2. Tel: 016706692

## MAY 27

### JACK L

Jack is back with his full band and feature an 18-piece Gospel Choir. This show will revisit much of the material from last year's number 1 album 'The Story So Far'. €35, 20:30  
**Vicar Street.** 57, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 017755800

### LIFE FESTIVAL

Belvedere House is once again bracing itself for the arrival of this weekend-long festival promoted by Neutronix Ireland. From €99, 12:00

**Belvedere House and Gardens.** Mullingar – County Westmeath.

### CHRIS DE BURGH

It's hard to pin down what makes Chris de Burgh – even after a 36-year performing career that included *Lady in Red* – likeable. Perhaps it's the sheer raffishness of his softer-than-marmalade pop. Perhaps it's his charming lack of self awareness, as evidenced by a recent *Sindo* interview where he declared himself "an object of desire for young women" (!). Or perhaps it's the slightly mad inventiveness of his lyrics, as evidenced on mega-hits

like *Spanish Train*, *Don't Pay The Ferryman* and *A Spaceman Came Travelling*. Either way, one of Ireland's most famous musical exports is still going strong, and unveiled latest album *Moonfleet* in 2008. From €44.50, 20:00  
**Grand Canal Theatre.** Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 016777999

### PETE DOHERTY

The former *Libertine* frontman's rise to prominence may have been fuelled as much by his tabloid-friendly antics and frequent trips to court, but we shouldn't forget either that he was an extremely promising songwriter once upon a time. A reunion of The Libertines last year showed what made them special, and plenty of that was down to Doherty: he's still got the humour, slightly-cracked voice and gift with a rhyming couplet that made him a talent worth watching even in the aptly-named *Babyshambles*. €28, 19:30  
**The Academy.** 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

### GARETH EMERY AND MARCO V

Two of the biggest names in trance music – perhaps best known for their work with Ministry of Sound – are teaming up for a late night double-header. €20.95, 23:00  
**Tripod.** Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

### JACK WISE

The Irish Magician promises a cabaret show with mystery, magic, ventriloquism and a three-course dinner tonight and tomorrow. €36, 20:00  
**Civic Theatre.** Town Centre, Tallaght Village – Dublin 24. Tel: 014627477

## MAY 28

### EMMYLOU HARRIS

Alabama-born singer-songwriter Emmylou Harris has enjoyed quite a career since shooting to prominence as the crystal-clear voiced collaborator/muse of Gram Parsons. Over forty years in the business, the twelve time Grammy Award winner has covered a number of genres from folk and country to rock and bluegrass. She's also teamed up with artists as varied as Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton and Alison Krauss. Her new album *Hard Bargain* landed last month, and she'll be playing from it tonight with her Red Dirt Boys in tow. From €57, 20:00



**Grand Canal Theatre.** Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 016777999

### LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III AND LUCY WAINWRIGHT ROCHE

The folk legends drop in for a rare appearance. From €35.60, 20:00  
**The Olympia Theatre.** 72, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

### KINGS OF LEON

By now, it's hard to tell if the storied Tennessee rockers or the shared history of Slane Castle as a music venue had this gig selling out the better part of a year ago. €79, 15:00  
**Slane Castle.** Slane – County Meath. Tel: 0419824080

### KATHERINE JENKINS

With performances for The Queen, The Pope and The Prime Minister under her belt, 30-year-old Welsh-woman Katherine Jenkins has become the leading ambassador bringing classical music across to a mainstream audience. From €49.80, 20:00  
**The O2 Arena.** North Wall Quay – Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

## MAY 29

### JESSICA LEA MAYFIELD

The young singer-songwriter specialises in plaintive, minimalist folk and rock. €16, 20:00  
**The Grand Social.** 35, Liffey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018740076

## MAY 30

### BLOODKNOT

It's the opening night for this play, telling the story of two half brothers trapped in the madness of South Africa's apartheid. Morris is light-skinned enough to pass for white, unlike Zach who is unmistakably black. Living together in a tumble-down shack, after years of estrangement and betrayal, they wrestle with the terms of their fate and dreams – and long-simmering tensions explode over a woman. Athol Fugard's play is directed by Aibhínn Marie Gilroy, and runs until June 11. €18 (€16 concession), 20:00  
**Project Arts Centre.** 2, Essex Street East – Dublin 2. Tel: 018819613

## MAY 31

### JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Andrew Lloyd Weber's very first musical – originally performed as a 15-minute pop cantata at a London school in the sixties – proved that, with a few catchy tunes, a story from the book of genesis can become a Broadway show. Bill Kenwright has revived the musical for a new touring production, featuring *Any Dream Will Do* runner-up Keith Jack and all the unforgettable songs of the original from *Any Dream Will Do to Close Every Door To Me* and *One More Angel*. Tonight is opening night for the show's Dublin stint, which will continue to June 11. From €20, 19:30



**Grand Canal Theatre.** Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 016777999

# EVENTS

## REGULAR EVENTS

### MONDAYS

#### LOUNGE LIZARDS

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

Free, 20:00

**Solas.** 31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583

#### THE HEP CAT CLUB

The Grand Social swings to the strains of Jazz era classics, kicking off with a beginners Swing class.

€8, 20:00.

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

#### KING KONG CLUB

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

Free, 21:00

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

#### PISS UP WITH PEACHES

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

Free, 21:00

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

#### TASTE

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

Free, 21:00

**Solas.** 31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583

#### DOLLY DOES DRAGON

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

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Free, 22:00

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

#### HEFTY HORSE

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

Free, 22:00

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

#### MAKE AND DO WITH PANTI

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

Free, 22:00

**Pantibar.** 7-8, Capel St - Dublin 1. Tel: 018740710

### TUESDAYS

#### SHEBEEN FLICK

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

Free, 19:30

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

#### FREE GAFF

There's a new broom in the Thomas House, and a new night - Crackity Jones veterans bring this alternative club night to the table.

Free, 20:00

**Thomas House.** 86, Thomas Street - Dublin 8. Tel: 016772619

#### TASTE

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

Free, 20:00

**Solas.** 31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583

#### THE IRISH BLUES CLUB

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

€8, 20:00

**JJ Smyths.** 12, Aungier Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014752565

#### ANDREW STANLEY'S COMEDY MISH-MASH

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

€TBC, 21:00

**The International Bar.** 23, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016779250

#### BATTLE OF THE AXE

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

€7, 21:00

**The Ha'penny Bridge Inn.** 42, Wellington Quay - Dublin 2. Tel: 016770616

#### GENTLE TUESDAYS

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

Free, 21:00

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

#### GROOVALIZATION

Brazilian food and music fill this hopping club every Tuesday.

Free, 21:00

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

#### THE RUBY SESSIONS

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

€6, 21:00

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

#### WHITE CHOCOLATE

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

€TBC, 21:30

**The Mezz.** 23, Eustace Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707655

### JUICY BEATS

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

€5, 22:00

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

### C. U. NEXT TUESDAY

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

€12/5, 23:00

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

### WEDNESDAYS

#### THE WORKMAN RESIDENTS

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

Free, 18:00

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

#### LAUGH OUT LOUD

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

€7/€5, 20:30

**Anseo.** 18, Camden Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014751321

#### SONGS OF PRAISE

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

Free, 21:00

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

### SPACE'N'VEDA

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

Free before 22:00/€10, 21:00

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

### THE SONG ROOM

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

Free, 21:00

**The Globe.** 11, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016711220

### THE ZODIAC SESSIONS

An acoustic showcase featuring some promising talent at Bruxelles.

Free, 21:00

**Bruxelles.** 7-8, Harry Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775362

### SEVEN DEADLY SKINS

Ignore the lame pun in the name, and focus on the musicianship of this quality reggae cover band.

€TBC, 21:30

**The Mezz.** 23, Eustace Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707655

### INTERGALACTIC

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

Free, 23:00

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

### VOGUE

Pop, pop, and more fantastic pop - with lots of drinks promotions.

€8 (€6 with flyer), 23:00

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

### THURSDAYS

#### PHANTOM 105.2 DJS AND GARAGE BAR RESIDENTS

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

Free, 18:00

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

#### ISOTOPE

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

€10, 20:00

**JJ Smyths.** 12, Aungier Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014752565

#### THE ODEON MOVIE CLUB

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

Free, 20:00

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

#### MASH

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

Free, 21:00

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

#### MUZIK

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

€6, 21:00

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

### OCTOPUSSY

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

€8 (€4 early bird, €5 students), 22:00

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

### THE PANTI SHOW

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

Free, 22:00

**Pantibar.** 7-8, Capel St - Dublin 1. Tel: 018740710

### TANKED UP

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

€5, 22:30

**Tramco Brewery.** 121, Lower Rathmines Road - Dublin 6. Tel: 014968050

### PARTY ANIMAL

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

€8 (€6 concession), 23:00

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

### THE LITTLE BIG PARTY

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

Free, 23:00

**Ri-Rá.** 11, South Great George's St - Dublin 2. Tel: 016711220

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**EATING AND DRINKING** **THEATRE** **ARTS**

## FRIDAYS

### FRIDAYS AT MY HOUSE

The master room includes upcoming DJs Ray Shash, Keith Feely and Rafiq. €TBC, 23:00

**Buck Whaleys.** 67, Lower Leeson Street – Dublin 2.

### LECTROSOUL

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

**The Exchequer.** 3-5 Exchequer Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016706787

### SHAKEDOWN

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

**Pacinos.** 18 Suffolk St - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775651

### WAR

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

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

## SATURDAYS

### THE MATINÉE BRUNCH CLUB

Another Odeon film club, this time featuring more family-friendly movies. But then again, who wouldn't like to see Up over brunch with a pint? Free, 12:00

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

### DADDY OR CHIPS

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

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

### INDIETRONIC

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

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

### MICROFUNK

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

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

### PROPAGANDA

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

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

### GOSSIP

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

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

### PENTAGON

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

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

### TRANSMISSION

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

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

## SUNDAYS

### PLAY!

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

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

### M.A.S.S

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

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

### SUNDAY SUSHI

Jazz is dished up with a Far Eastern flavour.

Free, 19:30

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

### COMEDY CRUNCH

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

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

### SAUCY SUNDAYS

A new weekly live music session running in the loft venue.

Free, 14:00

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

### SWING NIGHT

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

€10, 20:00

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

### DANCEHALL STYLES

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

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

# BEST OF DUBLIN

### AFTER WORK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CAFÉ 7.7.** St Andrew's Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016792988. A welcoming place with a great selection of wines.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**INSOMNIA.** 2, Lower Mayor Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016720320. This place dishes up a much-needed caffeine fix for docklands workers.

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

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

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

**INSOMNIA.** Custom House Quay, IFSC, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 016720320. Another great place to grab a coffee near the Liffey.

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

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

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

**KENNEDY'S.** 31, Westland Row – Dublin 2. Tel: 016611124. You'll find this place packed out at lunchtimes – they do some of the best pub-grub in town, and have a hopping late club too.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MUNCHIES.** 2, South William Street – Dublin. Tel: 0187333455. The original Munchies restaurant, this place has recently started serving late night tapas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OLESYA'S WINE BAR.** 18, Exchequer Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016724087. Well-stocked wine bar with a mix of Irish and continental fare.

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

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

**RON BLACK'S.** 25, Dawson Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016728231... A still-chic cocktail and champagne bar.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TASTE OF EMILIA.** 1, Lower Liffey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 0876402448. A great place for a rustic, Italian-style aperitif.

**THE BAGEL FACTORY.** 34, Lower Liffey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018782935. Shoppers surely appreciate this convenient place for grabbing bagels on the go.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## WRIGHTS FINDLATER HOWTH

*Findlater House, Howth Road, Howth - Co Dublin  
Tel: 018384488*

This renovated and extended pub/bar manages to be a cosy café bar, an impressive restaurant and funky wine bar all under the one roof. The downstairs level (Findlatters Lounge) probably sees more action during the day as visitors

to Howth and locals tend to drop in for a quiet drink or top-drawer pub-grub. Those looking for a particularly special eating experience don't need to travel far either: The Findlater Grill Restaurant is just upstairs, and feels like an oasis of great dining in a village dominated by chip shops. As you can imagine, fish features prominently on

the menu, though there are plenty of dishes that appeal to landlubbers tastes too. Perhaps the highlight of the venue, though, is the top-floor wine bar, which offers unmatched views across the harbour, a funky décor and a fine choice of drinks and finger food. With a comfy smoking terrace to recommend it too, it's little wonder that this part

of the venue is a favourite late night spot for Howth visitors who've done their homework. *Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to 23:30 (02:30 Friday and Saturday, 23:00 Sunday).*

**THE CLARENDON.** 32, Clarendon Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016710060. A stylish bar with some nice grub during lunchtime and early evening.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE MARKET BAR.** 14a, Fade Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 0167139094. No piped music, a tapas menu, and a surreal decorative display of foot measures. You can't accuse it of being unoriginal!

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

**THE OLYMPIA THEATRE.** 472, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323. The popular live venue and theatre still heaves with action on gig nights.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE TURKS HEAD.** Junction of Parliament Street and Essex Gate, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 876764657. Criminally underrated nightspot with lashings of atmosphere and a fun crowd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### DINNER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CAFÉ DES IRLANDAISE.** 12, George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 017664567. So long Cafebardell, make way for this new French restaurant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GOTHAM CAFÉ.** 8, South Anne Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016795266. A menu packed with delicious salads, innovative pizzas and other treats ensures Gotham is packed out even on weeknights. A great place for a weekend brunch.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MUNCHIES.** Millennium Walkway, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018733455. The perfect spot

for grabbing a quick and healthy sandwich on your break.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## THE EXCHEQUER JUST GOT EVEN BETTER! DAZZLING NEW COCKTAIL MENU AT TOP GASTROPUB.

One of Dublin's hottest places just got a little hotter with the introduction of an impressive new cocktail menu. Designed by main mixman Darren Ragerty, the menu includes an altogether unique creation in Breakfast in Manhattan, which includes bacon-infused Wild Turkey 101 bourbon, sweet vermouth, maple syrup and Ger-

aghty's own home-made mushroom bitters. Another highlight is the Farmhouse Gin Punch, with Hendricks gin, fresh strawberries, fresh cucumber, beetroot glaze, sugar syrup and lemon juice giving a taste of the summer. All the drinks can be enjoyed with some of the best DJs in Dublin, including Lectrosoul's Richie Rock and Mari-

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Getting there: From the bottom of Grafton Street (facing towards*

*Stephen's Green, turn right onto Wicklow Street. Keep following the street as it winds - and becomes Exchequer Street - for roughly eight minutes. You should see The Exchequer on your right.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE BAD ASS CAFÉ.** Temple Bar Square, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016712596. There are great pizzas to be tasted, along with plenty of

unpretentious fare at this spot in Temple Bar Square.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

nothing if not stylish, with both the food and cocktail menus having plenty of appeal.

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

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

#### AFTER DINNER

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

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

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

**BRANNIGANS.** Cathedral Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 018725315. An old-school northside pub with a friendly welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HOGANS.** 35, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775904. The former jazz club is beloved by

the over-thirties, and rightly so: it's still wonderfully mellow and the service is top-notch.

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**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 décor of a traditional and modern café bar, and a trendy crowd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OLIVER ST JOHN GOGARTY'S.** Fleet Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 0167711822. A traditional pub that's very popular with tourists.

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

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

**PYGMALION.** Powerscourt Townhouse Centre, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014539890. This place has taken over Bar Mizu's prime location, and offers a great atmosphere.

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

**QUEEN OF TARTS.** 3-4, Cow's Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 0166334681. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE CHURCH.** Junction of Mary Street and Jarvis 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: 014078000. One of the city's best hotels and home to both the Tea Rooms and the Octagon Bar.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE FLOWING TIDE/NEPTUNE BAR.** 9, Abbey Street Lower – Dublin 1. Tel: 018744108. Very popular

with the post-theatre crowd, and home to a comedy club that's generating considerable buzz.

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

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

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

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

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

**THE HUT.** 159, Phibsboro Road, Phibsboro – Dublin 7. Tel: 018302238. A decidedly old school bar – in a good way. Friendly service and a fine pint of Guinness are both on offer.

**THE LONG HALL.** 51, South Great George's Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014751590. A popular pub with impeccable traditional credentials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### LATE NIGHT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GRAFTON CAPITOL HOTEL.** Lower Stephen Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016334100. Good rooms, great rates, and helpful staff – it's all anyone really needs from a city-centre hotel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ICE BAR.** Four Seasons Hotel, 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.

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

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

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

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

**O'SHEA'S HOTEL.** 19, Talbot Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 014568901. A hotel promising great food, drink and fun without walking distance of O'Connell Street.

**PARAMOUNT HOTEL.** Parliament Street & Essex Gate, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 014719900. This venue gives you'd expect.

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

**RÍ-RÍ.** 11, South Great George's Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016711220. A hugely popular student nightclub.

**RIPLEY COURT HOTEL.** 37, Talbot Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 018365892. A new three-star hotel based in the centre of the city.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TRINITY LODGE HOTEL.** 12, South Frederick Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016707000. A hotel with excellently appointed rooms in a great location.

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

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

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

**WYNN'S HOTEL.** 35-39, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018745131. A very comfortable hotel that still manages to have a lively historic feel.

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

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