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GREAT VALUE EATING OUT IN DUBLIN

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Welcome to the September issue of our magazine. This month, our special feature is at least partly brought to you by the 'R' word. Being optimists, we've refrained from dwelling on the big bad recession for quite a while, but we can't help but observe that more and more restaurants are striving to beat it by offering better value than ever before. Having noticed that, and the impending return of cash-conscious students to Dublin, we figured it's as good a time as any to round up the best places for great value food in Dublin. You can check out the results of our research on page 4.

Of course, 'free' is always even better than 'cheap', so anyone pinching the pennies would do well to check out our competitions on page 12. In addition to dinner for two at Pacino's, we're giving away tickets to great acts playing Dublin soon, including DJ Shadow, Field Music and Little Dragon. There's another great act in town this month too - in fact, Republic of Loose are kicking off a string of monthly gigs at the Academy. We chat to Mick Pyro about the funk-rockers' comeback, their Dublin roots, and their new kick-ass album. There are many more events in September, of course, and we've picked out the most interesting things to do on every day of the month starting at page 18. You can also get the inside scoop with our discerning cinema round-up on page 14, and our best of Dublin section featuring over 250 great venues on page 29. In other words, no matter how much you have to spend, you won't be stuck for something to do thanks to this handy little tome.

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THE PRICE IS RIGHT!

2night rounds up the best places for a good value meal in Dublin

There are some reasons to be cheerful when you look at the fall-out from Ireland's great economic bellyflop of 2008 to 2010 – and not just if you happen to work in company liquidations.

First of all, we're no longer embarrassed not to have off-the-wall salaries when we're talking to old acquaintances. Secondly, cool artists and theatre groups can actually get their hands on studio and performing space without remortgaging their overpriced shoebox apartments. And thirdly, restaurants have realised that they can't take the mick when it comes to the prices on their menus anymore.

That's not to say, of course, that every eatery fleeced us in the good times – indeed, certain places have been pretty commendable for their efforts to offer high quality, good-value food for years, and are thriving as a result. Equally, some brand new places have sprung up over the past two years to give the cost-conscious food-lover real choice. Therefore, as students start returning to Dublin for a new year, and the recession (nominally) ends, this feature celebrates one of its few positive results: great value eating

out. We've selected 30 of our favourite places here, and explained just why we think they're a bit special. However, new places are opening up every day, and we like to keep track of things. That's why we're asking you, our readers to help us out by giving us your feedback. Log on to www.2night.ie, where you can comment on the venues that impressed (or depressed) you, and let us know if there's a venue you've seen that's worth checking out. That way, we can all enjoy great food at a great price in this fine city.

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Do you think it's possible to get good value food in Dublin today, or should restaurants do more?

It's very hard to find good food at a good price in restaurants, same goes for supermarkets. The choice in food isn't very extensive either: no seasonal veg or fruit as such.

Where's your favourite place in the city for good, cheap food?

Yamamori. Great food, reasonably priced and they don't skimp out on portions either. There is a choice for all price ranges too.

The Big Mac - a guilty pleasure or a ghastly mess?

It's a guilty pleasure if you need something quick to eat in town. But be prepared to be hungry an hour later. Personally, I'd rather go to Subway or Burger King!

Do you think it's possible to get good value food in Dublin today, or do restaurants need to do more?

I find supermarkets offer very little fresh or unprocessed food. Even the ready meals are packed full of salt - on one occasion, I purchased a meal from Marks & Spencers which happened to contain 50 per cent of your GDA of SALT. I feel restaurants are good value but the food selection is no better, unless American cuisine is your thing.

Where's your favourite place in the city for good, cheap food?

I like Lemon for a quick bite as it's fairly cheap and caters for sweet and savoury tastes alike.

The Big Mac - a guilty pleasure or a ghastly mess?

I wouldn't touch a Big Mac unless copious amounts of alcohol were consumed in advance – the mere thought of one sober makes my stomach churn...

101 TALBOT

101, Talbot Street –
Dublin 1.
Tel: 018745011

This wilfully unpretentious restaurant is comfortably honest, and focused on top-drawer food mixing Mediterranean and African themes at mid-range prices. Main courses start at €16.95, but you'll be hard pressed to spend more than €25 on a meal here, and an excellent set dinner deal offers two popular courses with tea or coffee for only €21.95.

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

BAR PINTXO

12, Eustace Street,
Temple Bar – Dublin
2.
Tel: 01 672 8590

Cosy, candle-lit surroundings feel miles away from the paddy-whackery of Temple Bar, while Pinxtos (the Basque take on classic Spanish tapas) practically transports diners into the heart of Bilbao. Prices evoke value-conscious Spain too: we're huge fans of the chorizo al Vino at a mere €6.50.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 17:00 (12:00 Saturday, 12:30 Sunday) to 21:30 (00:30 Friday and Saturday, 23:30 Sunday).

CAFE MANILA

74, Middle Abbey
Street – Dublin 1.
Tel: 018729573

One of the more interesting restaurants to open its doors in the last five years, Café Manila draws on the melting pot of Filipino cuisine. A lunchtime buffet is perfect for trying several things, but the hidden highlight of this place is the tapsilog, a traditional Filipino breakfast made with beef, fried rice and a fried egg.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 10:00 to 20:00 (22:00 Thursday to Sunday).

ACAPULCO RESTAURANT

7, Georges Street –
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016771085

As cheap lunches go, this place is one of the best in town, offering smaller versions of their evening main courses for a fiver. The atmosphere is fairly quiet at this time, and the warm red décor and simple furniture is best appreciated at candlelit dinner, when mains weigh in at roughly €15 each.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 (14:00 Saturday and Sunday) to 22:00 (23:00 Friday and Saturday, 22:30 Sunday).

CAFE IRIE

11, Fownes street,
Temple Bar – Dublin
2.
Tel: 016725090

Even after some 15 years, this hippyish and colourful place remains a favourite spot for students and arty types with a little extra to spend on lunch or a light evening meal – or button-down bankers pining for their laid-back youth. They've introduced pizzas and noodles to the menu, but their sausage panini with onion marmalade is probably the most popular dish.

Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 09:00 to 20:00.

CAFE TOPOLIS

37, Parliament Street
– Dublin 2.
Tel: 016704961

A pleasantly intimate Italian spot just on the edge of Temple Bar, Café Topolis has had a laid-back feel any time we visit. There are some great fixed-price menus on offer for both lunch and dinner, and the pizza menu has some interesting combinations too. The unusually accommodating and friendly staff also add to the experience.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 (12:30 Sunday) to 22:00 (23:00 Thursday to Saturday)

GREEN NINETEEN

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

This relatively new restaurant offers a nice and simple menu: breakfast dishes for a fiver, lunch for €8 or less, and dinner for €10. The food itself – think well-made Irish staples with the odd international dish thrown in – is worth travelling up to Camden Street for: they do a mean venison pie, while their handmade ketchup is a unique touch.

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

HELL

36, Wexford Street –
Dublin 2.
Tel: 0189045666

Definitely one of the more interesting restaurant names to hit this city in recent years, Hell is actually the first outlet opened in Ireland of a popular New Zealand chain. Devilish branding – complete with dramatic-sounding pizza names – is backed up with good-quality pizza and keen prices: an all you can eat for €10 deal runs on Monday and Tuesday.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to 22:30 (23:00 Thursday to Saturday, 22:00 Sunday).

HONEST TO GOODNESS

25, Market Arcade,
Georges Street –
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016337727

A bright little space that serves unpretentious food made with top ingredients, Honest to Goodness is a frantic place at lunchtime. The mix of traditional and more inventive sandwiches and panini – plus some really tempting sweet treats – helps keep it that way. Great soup, along with any panini or a sandwich, is on offer for only €7 to take away.

Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 09:00 to 18:00.

GRUEL

68a, Dame Street –
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016707119

The well lived-in décor (imagine a country kitchen, circa 1954) of Gruel is a nod to an old-school approach, and so too is the menu: From the taxi driver's bacon sandwich to the ever-popular roast-in-a-roll, Gruel serves food your mother would make – if your mother bought top-class ingredients and should have become a TV chef.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Breakfast served from 07:00 (09:00 Sunday) to 12:00, lunch from 12:00 to 17:00, dinner from 17:00 to 23:00.

HERBSTREET

Hanover Quay –
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016753875

Docklands workers have long been spoiled by this place, with a relaxed but up-tempo environment, polite and efficient service, and a seasonally-changing menu loaded with great-value, top-drawer dishes. Particular highlights include the herbstreet burger and the pressed picnic sandwich, though more exotic treats are also done well.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 07:30 (10:00 Saturday and Sunday) to 17:00 (16:00 Saturday and Sunday).

BOOJUM

Millenium Walkway –
Dublin 1.
Tel: 018729499

An informal little place with bare wooden seating (you could easily pass by without a second glance), Boojum's small selection of tex-mex grub is fresh, with good-quality produce used: try the shredded beef fajita burrito to see what we mean. Huge portions and friendly staff will also leave you with a warm, satisfied glow.

Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 11:30 (12:00 Friday and Saturday) to 21:00.



JIMMY CHUNGS
8 Eden Quay -
Dublin 1
Tel: 018740888

Having already launched seven buffet restaurants across Scotland, Jimmy Chung's has brought its unique artery-clogging offer to Dublin. Go here to gorge yourself on as many chicken balls, curries and spare ribs as you can stomach in one sitting. The price won't make your wallet too thin either: €10.90 for a lunchtime feast from Monday to Thursday is very doable.
Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Lunch from 11:45 to 17:00, dinner from 17:00 to 22:30.



J.L.'S CAFÉ
4, Upper Abbey Street
- Dublin 1.
Tel: 0872858545

This recently-opened café is ideal for good food that's fast and fresh. There's an all-day breakfast starting at €5, and great value daily special main courses – from homemade burgers to tasty chicken dishes – costing a mere €6 each. The value extends to the range of coffees too, as you can grab any take-away drink for only €2.
Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 07:00 to 16:00 (10:00 to 16:00 Saturday).



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

Hearty fare at reasonable prices is offered here at breakfast, while lunch and evening features Italian classics. Classic and gourmet pizzas – plus the delicious Carbonara – are all cooked to perfection, and a recession-biting menu offers two courses for €12.95 all evening from Sunday to Wednesday.
Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 07:30 (09:00 Saturday, 10:00 Sunday) to 23:00 (22:00 Monday). Late club Friday and Saturday from 23:00.



NYONYA MALAYSIAN RESTAURANT
76, Dame Street -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016707200

On a street dominated by fast food and pubs, this new restaurant stands out by offering genuinely authentic Malaysian cuisine, with a menu that positively celebrates the diversity of the country and its food. Prices are very keen for the high quality too: noodle dishes start at €8, the 'hawker's food' is tasty, and very substantial dishes are on offer from €11.
Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:30 (14:30 Saturday and Sunday) to 23:30.



JUICE
9 Castle House,
Georges Street -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 014757856

Dublin's first full sit-down veggie restaurant has a pretty young and fresh feel. The food is similarly liberated, and even convinced carnivores will find something to their tastes, while prices are very keen for the quality ingredients used: Sunday brunch is particularly strong, with a selection of unusual dishes on the menu.
Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 11:00 to 23:00.



KEOGH'S CAFÉ
1-2, Trinity Street -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016778599

From the traditional décor and furniture to the self-service style, there's much about Keogh's that's comforting, and the place is usually packed out with people enjoying coffee with their creative, in-house-cooked muffins or scones. Their selection of wraps and other more substantial dishes is an unexpected delight, with generous side portions and homely cooking.
Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 07:00 to 20:00 (23:00 Thursday to Saturday).



THE STEPS OF ROME
1, Chatham Court -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 01670630

The first restaurant to peddle quality pizzas, inventively combining fresh ingredients, at €5 a slice has stayed ahead of the competition. Huge trays of the delicious pizza are still baked freshly, and queues to buy slices still extend out the door. There's a comfortable little dining room, of course, but few fans are patient enough to wait for a table.
Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 10:00 to 23:00.



ROTANA CAFÉ
31, South Richmond
Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 014759969

You might think that a Lebanese restaurant within staggering distance of Wexford Street would go downhill fast, but owner Mohammed Abuissa has kept standards high. Authentic, well prepared fare and a bring your own wine policy also makes this one of the best-value places to enjoy good Middle Eastern cuisine in the city.
Opening hours: Open Tuesday to Wednesday, from 11:30 (16:00 Tuesday and Wednesday) to 00:00 (23:30 Tuesday and Wednesday).



KESHK CAFÉ
129, Upper Leeson
Street - Dublin 2.
Tel: 016689793

This unassuming Greek restaurant has hit on a very simple way to develop massive goodwill among the Dublin dining public: a 'bring your own booze' policy. Even if they did charge for the wine, this would be a great little place anyway, with tasty mains (the lamb Moussaka is gorgeous) and a huge variety of dishes at reasonable prices. The value's so good that reserving in advance is a must.
Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to late.



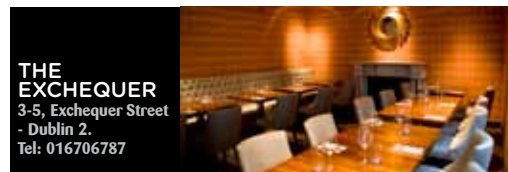
MILK & HONEY
68, Aungier Street -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 014759144

One of the top places for a relaxing coffee among clued-in Dubliners, Milk & Honey also offers a table service with affordable and tasty food. The menu changes with the seasons, but we're committed devotees of the chicken and avocado sandwich with lime alioli. Their rocky road is a superb way to finish off a meal.
Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 07:00 (08:30 Saturday, 10:00 Sunday) to 18:00 (17:00 Saturday).



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

Along with a beautiful Liffey-side location, this friendly cafe offers a nice line in casual, quality food. Along with a great breakfast, you'll find tasty sandwiches, paninis, wraps, and baked potatoes for manageable prices. There's a broad range of coffees and speciality teas, while an all-day deal offers any regular take-away coffee for €2.
Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 08:00 (11:00 Saturday and Sunday) to 19:00 (18:00 Sunday).



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

This place serves pub grub par excellence, exorcising the Tiger-era stereotype of the overpriced gastropub too. The daily fish special and the chargrilled rack of pork (€14.95) are particularly good at dinner, while there's a very nice brunch on the go at weekends. It's no wonder that it picked up the Best Gastropub gong at the last Irish Restaurant Awards.
Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 (11:00 Sunday) to 23:30 (01:30 Thursday, 02:30 Friday and Saturday, 23:00 Sunday).



SOUP DRAGON

168, Capel Street -
Dublin 1.
Tel: 018723277

Eight years after the folks behind Soup Dragon got the keys to this boarded-up former pub, their menu dominated by hearty soups is still going strong. Try the more inventive choices, like the beef chilli or spicy vegetable gumbo, for a treat: the home-made deserts, though, are also well worth saving room for.

Opening hours: Open Monday to Saturday, from 08:00 (09:00 Saturday) to 17:00 (16:00 Saturday).



TASTE OF EMILIA

1, Lower Liffey
Street - Dublin 1. Tel:
018788188

This authentic Italian wine bar and aperitif spot has welcoming staff and a nice buzz. More than that, though, it boasts a great selection of both wine and rustic food. Bruschetta and Salami are enjoyable, but it's the generous cheese and meat platters that win us over - they're ideal for students keen on a cheap, light meal.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week. Open Monday to Tuesday from 17:30 to 22:30, Wednesday to Saturday, from 12:00 to 22:30, Sunday from 15:00 to 21:00.



THE ORMOND WINE BAR

6, Ormond Quay -
Dublin 7.
Tel: 018749778

This place has more than a cool decor to recommend it - though we continue to be impressed by the sheer breadth of the place and the constantly changing art inside. While the primary focus here is, as you'd imagine, on grape juice, the people behind The Ormond Wine Bar also offer gourmet food at pre-boom prices: a half-dozen Irish oysters, for example, weigh in at only €9.

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



THE DUKE

9, Duke Street -
Dublin 2.
Tel: 016799553

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

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



THE ITALIAN CONNECTION

95 Talbot St - Dublin
1.
Tel: 018787125

This place disproves the notion that Italian cuisine is best enjoyed in ultra-modern, expensive and soulless restaurants by serving delicious, authentic food drawn from across Italy with considerable panache and a warm welcome. There's a rotating menu of daily specials costing between €10 and €10.95, and a great early-bird menu for €14.95.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 08:00 (10:00 Sunday) to 22:00.



YO! SUSHI

Brown Thomas,
Clarendon Street -
Dublin 1.
Tel: 016728950

In the wake of AYA, this conveyer-belt Sushi bar has converted even more people to the modern Japanese eating experience. The sushi itself is tasty, and there's plenty of value to be had, but eating here is as much an experience as a meal - sometimes, it's fun just to watch all the little dishes trundle by you and pick whatever you fancy.

Opening hours: Open seven days a week, from 12:00 to 22:30 (21:00 Sunday to Tuesday).





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COMPETITIONS

WIN FREE TICKETS AND GREAT NIGHTS OUT WITH **2NIGHT!**

CHATHAM COUNTY LINE

This North Carolina bluegrass outfit have been playing together since 1999, building up a strong following among loyal country fans and sticking doggedly to the mantra of writing original music that doesn't suck. It's served them well across four albums - Chatham County Line in 2003, Route 23 in 2005, Speed of the Whippoorwill in 2006, and IV in 2008 - and as a live act too. They're playing *Crawdaddy* on September 25, and we've two pairs of tickets to give away. To win, just let us know why you fancy a bit of bluegrass in September.

DINNER FOR TWO AND ENTRY TO SCENE UNSEEN AT PACINOS

Following on from the massive success of their Friday and Saturday night clubs, one of Dublin's favourite Italian restaurants and late venues has launched Scene Unseen, a great theatre and supper club that takes centre stage every Thursday night at 22:00 in the Suffolk Street restaurant. We've dinner for two and free entry to Scene Unseen to give away. To win, just leave your own review of Pacinos in their venue page on 2night.ie. We'll select the most insightful or interesting review and get in touch with the winner.

DJ SHADOW

After a storming Tripod set this summer, hip-hop pioneer DJ Shadow returns to Ireland with his spectacular new show. The act involves playing classic tracks as well as new material from inside a giant 3D sphere, imposed with stunning live visuals courtesy of audio-visual genius Ben Stokes, and is hitting Tripod on October 1. And we've two pairs of tickets to give away for the show! To win, just tell us why you want to see this perpetual innovator in action.

FIELD MUSIC

The Sunderland indie rockers revolve around creative brothers David and Peter Brewis (who at one time played drums for fellow Sunderland band The Futureheads). In the wake of their second album, 2007's *Tones of Town*, a split was rumoured, though they've rowed back on that in style, dropping a 20-track release in February, and getting back in the touring saddle. They hit *Crawdaddy* on September 9, and we've two pairs of tickets to give away! To win, just let us know why you want to catch their triumphant comeback.



LITTLE DRAGON

Swedish-japanese singer Yukimi Nagano and her chums have made waves with their electronica since releasing their eponymous debut album in 2007. The rub of true a-listness came from a collaboration with Gorillaz, and 2009's *Machine Dreams* earned considerable critical acclaim. And, unlike many electronica artists, they seem keen to build up their following through dedicated touring. They're hitting *Crawdaddy* on September 29 - and we've two pairs of tickets to give away. To win, just tell us why you want to check out this intriguing outfit live.



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HOW TO ENTER

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entry, and announce the winner on our Facebook page. We'll ask for your contact details to get in touch with you when you've won, but will respect your privacy - have a read of the privacy policy on our website by all means. Full terms and conditions are available at www.2night.ie.

THE FRONT ROW


2NIGHT SURVEYS THE MAJOR MOVIE RELEASES IN SEPTEMBER.

SEPTEMBER 3 THE SWITCH



Jennifer Aniston has long traded off her likeable girl-next-door charm for much of her movie career: with the exception of the excellent-but-unsuccessful *The Good Girl*, she's pretty much reprised her Rachel Green character in a string of middling rom-coms. This is yet another outing for Aniston/Green, but at least it's set up with an original premise: after years of hunting for Mr Right, singleton Kassie decides to turn to a sperm donor, despite the objections of her neurotic best friend Wally (Jason Bateman) – who also happens to have a huge crush on her. However, at a party to celebrate the big event, Wally gets drunk and swaps a conveniently-placed sperm sample with his own 'product', and the switcharoo only comes to light when Kassie reunites with him seven years later. If you can overlook the ridiculous tee-up (who leaves sperm samples, unrefrigerated, in their bathroom before artificial insemination?), it's an interesting idea. There are a few fresh jokes, Bateman is perfectly adequate (though he's overshadowed by Jeff Goldblum's small part as Wally's friend), and Aniston does her thing as well as ever.


JONAH HEX



Yet another comic book adaptation hits our screens, but at least this differs from the norm by being set in the wake of the American Civil War. Jonah Hex (Josh Brolin), a Confederate fighter, betrays commanding officer Quentin Turnbull (John Malkovich) to save a hospital – killing Turnbull's son while he's at it. Turnbull takes revenge, of course, killing Hex's family and branding his face. Revived by red Indians and given mystical powers, Hex rides around a strange version of the old west, befriending a prostitute named Lilah

(Megan Fox) and hunting for Turnbull. Cue an action story that's clearly intended to be daft fun, but just comes off as, well, daft. Josh Brolin is capable of much better, even though he's working with a particularly two-dimensional character, while Malkovich resorts to lazy, hammy form. Even at a short 80 minutes, the plot is all over the place, with ropey action sequences and a bizarre ending particularly notable. Imagine *Wild Wild West* without the charm of Will Smith, and you're not far off.


SEPTEMBER 10 RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE



Zombies are awkward horror monsters – they've spawned excellent flicks including *Dawn of The Dead*, and some true stinkers, even since the days of *Plan 9 From Outer Space*. The original *Resident Evil* – an adaptation of the video game franchise – fell so firmly into the latter category that the merely mediocre follow up (*Resident Evil: Extinction*) seemed like a triumph. Now it's the third instalment. In a world ravaged by a zombie-inducing virus, Alice (Milla Jovovich) continues her battle with the Umbrella Corporation (couldn't they have thought up a better name?) and her efforts to find survivors. She travels with her ramshackle crew to L.A., only to find the city teeming with the undead, and blasty action ensues. If you've ever seen a zombie movie in your life, though, said blasty action will probably be deeply predictable, which is a shame. Having said that, the effects are perfectly decent, and Milla Jovovich is refreshingly convincing as an action heroine.


! **WHERE TO SEE THEM**
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SEPTEMBER 17 THE OTHER GUYS



Does everything Will Ferrell touch turn to gold? Well, not really – remember *The Ladies Man* – but he does add a certain amount of yuks to even middling scripts. Fortunately, as an affectionate pastiche of buddy-cop films featuring Samuel L. Jackson and Dwayne Johnson signals early on, this is a funny little piece that revels in the daftness of the cop-movie genre. The focus isn't on the cops played by Jackson and Johnson, but on New York City Detective Allen Gamble (Ferrell), a forensic accountant more interested in paperwork than fieldwork, and his reluctant partner Terry Hoitz (Mark Wahlberg). Both admire the clichéd hero cops, so jump at the chance to break a major case, though things don't exactly go as planned. The jokes are original and coy, Mark Wahlberg is seriously coming on as a comic actor, and Ferrell's shouty, geeky shtick is perfect.

SEPTEMBER 24 THE TOWN



The Massachusetts tourist board must wonder what they did to so annoy one of the state's most famous sons: Ben Affleck's *Gone Baby Gone*, a cracking detective story starring younger brother Casey, showed Boston's seamier side, and *The Town* promises a similarly gritty look at the New England underworld. An adaptation of Chuck Hogan's novel *Prince of Thieves*, the film focuses on four Massachusetts bank robbers, particularly one robber Ben Affleck – who's fallen for bank manager Rebecca Hall after a particularly dangerous heist. Quite apart from this unwanted complication, the group faces the attentions of a tenacious FBI agent played by John Hamm of *Mad Men* fame. The story is exciting, Affleck proves that the excellent pacing of *Gone Baby Gone* was no beginner's luck, and John Hamm continues to make us wonder why he wasn't discovered earlier.



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BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE

2night chats to Mick Pyro, the taboo-hating, phenomenally talented frontman for Republic of Loose.



It's sometimes hard to believe that Mick Pyro – lead singer of the anarchic, inventive and frequently offensive funk and blues act Republic of Loose – ever spent much time playing in garden-variety indie bands. But, he reveals, it took some time for him to find his musical feet. "I was into blues and soul music my whole life, but I only really started playing it when I was 20, nine years ago now. I was into rock, and metal as well. I just wasn't playing the music I wanted to play," he says today, explaining that a certain stigma contributed to that delay. "At the time, there was The Commitments – if you were playing soul, [people thought] you were just kind of ripping them off. There's also a stigma about white guys doing soul, and it's very hard to find the musicians who can play it. So, when I assembled that group of musicians, that's when we started being able to play that kind of stuff," he says.

By 2003, though, Pyro and his bandmates had developed quickly – and even recorded much of what would later be released as This is The Tomb of The Juice. Along with follow-ups *Aaagh* and *Vol IV: Johnny Pyro and the Dance of Evil*, the mix of funk, rock and soul had many Irish music journalists gushing – and singles including *Comeback Girl* and *The Steady Song* proved a surprising hit with Irish fans too. "We've had success in Ireland, particularly on the live circuit," says Pyro. "We've had singles that a lot of people like and that, but we're not selling millions of albums, or even hundreds of thousands. It's similar to how it's always been, except now we're able to keep it going as a full-time venture."

That's not to say that the band's rise has been entirely sure-footed: their debut single, while blessed with a catchy, funky bassline, also had a title and lyric that ensured few DJs would play it – *Girl I'm gonna F**k You Up*. Today, Pyro is ready to take the blame for that early misfire. "I've something wrong with me: if I write a really good pop song, I kind of want to subvert it in some way. It's

not enough to leave it alone. I suppose I feel guilty making pop music, but I tend to shoot myself in the foot sometimes. I couldn't get that lyric out of my head, even though now I regret it. I kept trying to fit other lyrics in, but nothing seemed to sound right. I was trying for months and months to find a lyric that had the same atmosphere, but I couldn't!" he says, insisting that his need to subvert – or just offend – has been brought under control for their fourth album, which drops in October. "I've made myself a promise that there'll be no cursing on this album – no cursing and no satanic, evil stuff. No lies about shenanigans. I'm still kind of trying to put subversive stuff in, but none of the evil. It's more political I think, more well-thought-out than just trying to break taboos, which is what I was doing before," says Pyro.

A more measured lyrical style isn't the only way the band's fourth album, recorded after major line-up changes, differs from previous efforts. "It's more up-tempo, slightly more rocky, and more mature in some ways. And there are songs that are more pure pop than we've done before. It's weirder, more left-of-centre. I don't know if it's commercial but, to me artistically, it's the most coherent thing we've ever done. And musicianship-wise, the lads are on a different level. Most of the album is done quite loose, and we had that live energy. There's more of a dance vibe, and there are Latin and African influences as well," reveals Pyro, who this summer had a chance to see how an Oxegen audience reacted to the new material. "We played six songs I think. They went down great – some we pulled off better than others. We got a good reaction. We've done a lot of gigs now,

and the reaction has been great. It's handy that it's fast – we kind of designed it so it would work well live!"

The new album has also been influenced by recording in Baltimore rather than Dublin, he says, revealing also that the band almost quit altogether before making it. "It was a bit of a traumatic year: we had two guys leaving and I stopped drinking. We weren't going to make another album to be honest.

Then we were listening to a lot of Baltimore music, house and the indie music that's coming out of there." That influence – coupled with the fact that recording stateside was actually cheaper than in Ireland – helped them take the plunge again. But, despite the Baltimore sound seeping into their new album, Pyro insists that Republic of Loose is still primarily shaped by Ireland and Dublin. "There are elements of Ireland that are amazing to me. There's a huge spiritualism, and a huge cynicism that's so well-thought-out that it's almost spiritual. There's a healthy suspicion of value systems which is beneficial to society. There are also a lot of people who kept stuff up just because it was what everyone else is doing," he says, adding that this unique band couldn't have come together anywhere else. "We're a part of Dublin. Even where it sits, because we're right in the middle of Britain and the states, you soak in different cultural influences. It's post-colonial, but also a modern capitalist country. It's a weird mix of stuff, and we're a product of that"

Check them out

Republic of Loose's fourth album is scheduled for release in October. The band play The Academy on September 10.

Find out more

To read the full transcript of our interview with Mick Pyro, log on to www.2night.ie.

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SEPTEMBER 1

GUNS'N'ROSES

You might think that, given how spectacularly Guns'n'Roses man Axle Rose seemed to drop off the scene after The Spaghetti Incident?, some people may have lost interest in the outfit that single-handedly made hard rock cool again. However, to judge by the response to new album Chinese Democracy, people think that it was worth an extraordinarily long wait. Released in November 2008, it hit the treble platinum mark in Canada, and platinum in the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Romania, Switzerland, UK, Argentina, New Zealand and South Africa. Earlier this year, it hit the platinum mark in the U.S. Now, it's time for the gruelling world tour, which will include a long-awaited Irish date.

From €65.70, 18:30

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

CHIEF

A California four-piece with a fine line in spaced-out rock, Chief are currently touring in support of recent release Mighty Proud. Expect a good fast pace, laid back guitars and more-than-competent harmonies.

From €65.70, 18:30

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

SEPTEMBER 2

NEIL HAMBURGER

This anti-comedian is definitely an acquired taste – from his unique sartorial style to cruel jokes about deceased celebrities, Neil Hamburger's act seems designed as much to unsettle as to entertain. Last time he came here, reportedly, he was booted off stage by a posse of Ardal O'Hanlon fans.

€22, 20:30

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

SEPTEMBER 3

DJ REDWOOD

With ten years of experience behind the decks, the Irish-Nigerian DJ is a dab hand with R'n'B, soul and African sounds.

€14.50, 21:00

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

SLUMBERJET

The Dublin based powerpop trio led by Barry O'Brien count Tom Dunne and 2FM's Dan Hegarty as fans, and have hit the live circuit once again. This free album launch party is an ideal time to check them out.

Free, 20:00

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

PHANTOM'S FIRST FRIDAY

The City's favourite indie-rock radio station showcases a selection of bands that tickle the DJs' collective fancy. Past artists include the Republic of Loose, Readers Wives and the Riptide Movement. It's a great way to hear artists you've never caught before on the very cheap: entry is free before 22:00 and €5 afterwards.

Free/ 5, 20:00

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

SEPTEMBER 4

THE QUARE FELLOW

Brendan Behan's muscular, visceral prose and plays still have resonance today – we submit the extension of The Quare Fellow's run at The New Theatre into September as evidence of that. This, though, really will be your last chance to see a production involving

some genuine up-and-coming talents. Ronan Wilmut directs a cast including P.J. Brady, Declan J. Connaughton and Mick Fitzgerald.

From €10, 20:00

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

THE COLLEEN BAWN

It's the final evening of this play from Bedrock Productions, which brings the classic Irish love triangle tale to the stage once again. When Hardress Cregan's family falls on hard times, only his marriage to a wealthy heiress, Anne Chute, can save them from ruin. But there's a snag – Hardress is already secretly married to the beautiful, and not so wealthy, Eily O'Connor; and Anne is in love with someone else, Hardress' best friend Kyrle. Love, money, and a murderous plot are the central themes.

From €12, 20:00

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

LITTLE GEM

This play about romance, courage and comedy as told through the lives of three Artane women has already met huge success, with a sell-out run at the 2008 Dublin Fringe Festival, an appearance at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival (where it became the first ever Irish production to receive the Carol Tambor Award) an off-Broadway run and an excellent homecoming at the Abbey. An Olympia

run has capped off a very good debut for author Elaine Murphy, and this last night of the show should have a certain party feel.

From €22.65, 19:30

The Olympia Theatre. 72, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 0167933323

METROPOLIS

Mention Metropolis to any movie geek worth their salt and be prepared to watch them go all misty-eyed. However, Fritz Lang's monumental silent film classic didn't set the world alight on its initial release, and for four decades was thought to be lost altogether. A mammoth restoration effort, however, has spliced the film together from the various sections gathering dust in cinemas, and the culmination of several years' painstaking work gets a special screening tonight. A newly adapted music score for Salon Orchestra under the direction of conductor Helmut Imig, based on the original score of 1927, will accompany the screening.

€25, 19:30

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

IJMEON

The world's favourite laid-back Irishman from Australia returns to Dublin offering 70 minutes of quality stand-up. The humour and delivery is disarmingly relaxed, cheeky and sometimes surreal, and recent TV shows have gone down well too.

€29, 20:00

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

KING RAT

A dark and menacing exhibition originally inspired by all things gothic, King Rat presents a series

of pieces by gallery that's been filled with a sense of unease and discomfort. There's an international selection of artists including David Bennewith and Joseph Churchward from New Zealand, Pae White from the United States, and Matthias Bitzer from Germany, with today marking your last chance to see their work.

Free, 11:00

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

MOUTH TO MOUTH

This modern day ghost story and tragic-comedy revolves around a dysfunctional cast of characters, including Laura (an obsessively dotting mother), and her friend Frank, a playwright with a failing career and a terrible wasting illness. When Laura's son returns home from abroad, Frank appears at the celebration to spark off a terrible chain of events. This is the first night of the production, which has already earned some glowing praise from audiences.

€16/12, 20:15

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

SEPTEMBER 5

AN EVENING WITH SEAMUS HEANEY

Seamus Heaney has been the middle-of-the-road staple of the Leaving Cert English paper for so long that it's sometimes hard to remember he's still writing away. His new collection, Human Chain, is in familiar territory, looking at "the stepping stones of the day," and "the weight and heft of what is passed from hand to hand, lifted and lowered." In this special Abbey Theatre evening, he's sharing some of his work with an audience of intimates.

From €20, 19:30

The Abbey Theatre. 26, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018782200

LOUIS SCULLY

12/DiscoTekken and Dublin Bus Disco regular Louis Scully holds The Bernard Shaw fort as the first Sunday of the back to school season kicks in.

Free, 16:00

The Bernard Shaw. 11 – 12, South Richmond Street, Portobello – Dublin 2. Tel: 085712 8342

FERRAN GARCIA SEVILLA EXHIBITION

Ferran Garcia Sevilla, a leading Spanish artist whose career has embraced many of the most influential art movements of the past 40 years, has drawn many admirers to the Irish Museum of Modern Art since June. This exhibition includes 42 paintings in the artist's characteristically eclectic style, which draws on influences as diverse as his travels in the Middle East, philosophy, Eastern cultures, comic books and urban graffiti, and today is your last chance to see it.

Free, 12:00
Irish Museum of Modern Art. Royal Hospital, Kilmainham – Dublin 8. Tel: 016129900

FAME - THE MUSICAL

It's a fine time to see this musical-cum-reality TV show, which featured a starring role in the production for one lucky winner. The classic 80s movie, TV show and stage musical is very familiar – a 2009 movie remake introduced a new generation to the song-and-dance spectacular too. The play runs until September 12.

From €25, 18:30
Grand Canal Theatre. Grand Canal Square, Docklands – Dublin 1. Tel: 01 6777999



SEPTEMBER 3-5

ELECTRIC PICNIC

A considerably more laid-back affair than the high-profile Oxegen, Electric Picnic has tended to attract acts that are a little bit more offbeat too: think Nick Cave over Green Day. They're also keen to have vendors selling more nutritious grub, rounding out an offering that appeals to many more mature festival-goers. The organisers have gone for quite a retro feel this year, with Roxy Music and Massive attack as the chief attractions, plus appearances by veterans Gil Scott Heron, Seasick Steve, The Waterboys, Steve Earle and even Paul Brady. However, there are a few up-and-comers too: Mumford & Sons, Imelda May, Fight Like Apes and The National surely still have their best days in front of them. Mid-card acts like The Frames, Leftfield, LCD Soundsystem and Modest Mouse fall somewhere in the middle. It's a fairly packed line-up, and you can check it out in full at www.electricpicnic.ie.

€240 (weekend camping ticket), 09:00

Electric Picnic
Strabally Hall
Co. Laois



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ABSOLUT FRINGE

SEPTEMBER 11

ABSOLUTE FRINGE FESTIVAL*

The Absolute Fringe Festival is celebrating its sweet 16 in style, with 16 days of artsy action kicking off from September 11 and a packed programme taking in comedy and music, exhibitions, installations, theatre and dance. The highlights include Liffey Town, a visual art installation by Irishman Fergal McCarthy, which will float in Dublin's Liffey River throughout the festival, an appearance from Reykjavik electro trailblazers FM Belfast, and Theatreclub, a young Dublin-based collective that came together at last year's Fringe. They have three shows at this year's festival - Heroin (a two hander starring Barry O'Connor and Ryan O'Connor, with obvious subject matter), Shane Byrne left his Sleeping Bag in the Car (directed and performed by Shane Byrne) and MAXIMUM JOY (directed and performed by Doireann Coady). Log on to www.2night.ie's event listings and www.fringefest.com to feast your eyes on the full line-up.

*ETBC, Various times
Various locations.

SEPTEMBER 6

BELLE-ILE EN MER

If you're lucky enough to have time to kill on Monday (yes, we envy you), why not check out this exhibition of photographs by Pierre Jamet at the Alliance Francaise? The exhibition, covering Jamet's work from 1930 to 1960, runs until September 10. The Alliance Francaise is open until 21:30 on weeknights and 13:00 on Saturday. Free, 09:00/10:00. Alliance Francaise, 1, Kildare Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016761732.

SEPTEMBER 7

LISSIE

This promising young singer released her debut album, *Catching A Tiger*, June 18, proving that behind the wholesome Midwestern looks lies a songwriter with talent and a certain appetite for rocking sounds. You'll also find elements of blues and a pop sensibility too: check out a nifty cover of Bad Romance on Youtube if you're curious. €12, 19:00

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

KEEPERS OF THE FLAME: A HISTORY OF THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS

Tying in well with their acclaimed production of Sean O'Casey's classic play, this talk explores the political and performance history of *The Plough and the Stars*. It kicks off in the Abbey Bar, and admission is free to members. €3, 18:00

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

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SEPTEMBER 8

BOSS GRADY'S BOYS

It's the penultimate evening in a nine-night Olympia stint for this play, which tells the story of two elderly brothers, Mick and Josey, old-timers working on a hillside farm on the Cork-Kerry border, who dream of freedom and the Wild West. Comedian Pat Shortt and Tom Hickey play the leads. From €12.50, 19:30 The Olympia Theatre, 72, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

SEPTEMBER 9

FIELD MUSIC

The Sunderland indie rockers revolve around creative brothers David and Peter Brewis (who at one time played drums for fellow Sunderland band The Futureheads). In the wake of their second album, 2007's *Tones of Town*, a split was rumoured, though they've rowed back on that in style, dropping a 20-track release in February. €14, 20:00 Crawdaddy, Old Harcourt Street Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014763374

PVT

The band formerly known as Pivot play *The Workman's Club* in one of the first shows at the new venue, located next door to the Clarence Hotel on Wellington Quay. The band's new album, *Church With No Magic*, dropped on August 6. €13.50, 20:00 The Workman's Club, Wellington Quay - Dublin 2.

SEPTEMBER 10

ED RUSH

Longtime UK Drum and Bass star Ed Rush (of Virus and No U-Turn fame) returns to

Mud after a basement mash-up back in summer 2009 lifted the roof off the gaff. Upstairs in the mezz, a new local dubstep crew Dubstortion will be on the decks. €10, TBC

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

REPUBLIC OF LOOSE

After one hell of a year, one of the city's most original outfits returns to the Academy for the first of four monthly shows. Their new, Baltimore-recorded album is set to drop in October, and don't be surprised to hear some fresh sounds. Check out our interview with Mick Pyro on page 16. €22.50, 19:00 The Academy, 57, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

WINTERSLEEP

The Nova Scotia indie-rockers are scarily productive, balancing a busy touring schedule with a prolific approach to songwriting. Fourth album *New Inheritors* landed this time last year. €13.50, 19:30 The Academy, 57, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

THE DOORS ALIVE

1960s Rock gurus The Doors inspire awe-struck devotion and uncomprehending derision in equal measure today - these lads, the UK's number one tribute act, are clearly devotees, and have even gone to the lengths of sourcing a vintage Fender Rhodes Bass keyboard, a vintage Vox Continental keyboard and a vintage Gibson S.G. guitar to add to their authenticity. €16.50, 23:30 The Academy, 57, Middle Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

AIRTRICITY LEAGUE: BOHEMIANS VS UCD

It's a Dublin Derby as the Airtricity League enters what Alex Ferguson memorably christened 'squeaky bum time'. As we go to press, the Bohs are still in title contention, with fellow Dublin teams St Pat's and Shamrock Rovers making a three-horse race of it. And, after early disappointment in their European campaign, a bounce-back into next year's Championship League would be very welcome. The students, meanwhile, appear safe from relegation, but a nasty shock could yet bring them down if they fail to pick up points from matches like this. €15, 19:45 Dalymount Park, St Peter's Road, Phibsboro - Dublin 9.

SEPTEMBER 11

DISCOTEKKEN 1ST BIRTHDAY

The new Dublin promoters celebrate the first of hopefully many birthdays. I-F of Viewflex fame, Louis Scully and Untz are on the decks. €10, 23:00

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

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

13-year-old Anne Frank's diary remains one of the most heart-rending journals of modern times, encapsulating the destroyed innocence and lost potential of the holocaust. Little wonder, then, that in addition to being translated into several languages, the diary has also spawned stage plays and films. A lesser known (but nonetheless affecting) artefact is this opera written by Russian composer Grigory Frid in 1969. Sung in English, the focus is on Anne Frank's original words, and Ani Maldjian

is a capable performer. This is the second of two evening performances on the Peacock stage. From €25, 20:00 The Abbey Theatre, 26, Lower Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 018872200

CATHAL COUGHLAN

The former Microdisney and The Fatima Mansions man is solo now and, it appears, loving it. His fifth and latest album, *Rancho Tetrahedron*, landed in August, with input from Oliver Knights of Turin Brakes (who also sang). Andy Ramsay of Stereolab and Coughlan himself mixing. Support comes from The Grand Necropolitan Quintet who, even if they were useless, would deserve props for their name. €20, 19:30 Whelan's, 25, Wicklow Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

SEPTEMBER 12

DUBLIN TOY AND TRAIN FAIR

It's a good time to unleash your inner child at this quarterly market, giving you a chance to snap up diecast models by Dinky, Corgi, Minichamps and Vitesse, construction sets by Meccano, lead soldiers by Britains, and trains by Bachmann and Hornby. There's also a selection of antique dolls, comics, and annuals from the 1940s to the 1980s, and an entire section of the fair devoted to the beautiful world of furniture for miniature dolls houses. Yes, it's deeply geeky, but strangely cool for all that. €TBC, 10:00 Clontarf Castle, Castle Avenue, Clontarf - Dublin 3. Tel: 018332321

DARA O'BRIAIN

Though currently based in the UK and keeping busy on the TV circuit with *Mock The Week*, Dara O'Brian

still dutifully comes back to the auld sod for live shows - a marathon *Vicar St* run in January and February of this year deservedly won rave reviews. The considerably slimmed-down O'Brian has nailed 'sophisticated bewilderment' about as well as anyone, aided by his considerable intelligence (he's a trained scientist, after all) and a tendency to only direct his ire at those who really have it coming. This means that fantasies about putting homeopaths in a big sack and hitting them with sticks seem entirely understandable and hilarious at the same time, and the gentle ribs he directs at selected members of the audience in every show tickle rather than sting. He has a few shows on earlier in the month, but this is his last Dublin date before a brief trip to the west of Ireland and a return to his fruitful UK stomping ground. €28, 20:30 Vicar Street, 57, Thomas Street - Dublin 8. Tel: 017755800

JIMMY CARR

Since his emergence on the comedy scene, Jimmy Carr has been a dab hand when it comes to observational, dark humour, and there are few people better equipped to deliver a deadpan quip than he. Occasionally, his willingness to offend lands him in trouble - an interview with Lindsay Lohan turned truly toe-curling when he went into the particulars of her bedroom preferences, and Anne Widdecombe didn't have nice things to say after sharing a *Have I Got News For You* set with him. "His idea of wit is a barrage of filth and the sort of humour most men grow out of in their teens" she wrote in the Express. Thankfully, most of us don't agree. This is the final night in the Irish leg of his *Laughter Therapy* tour. From €32.60, 20:00 The Olympia Theatre, 72, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

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SEPTEMBER 16 MGMT*

It's been a heady few years for this Brooklyn duo. Since forming at Wesleyan University and getting signed up by Columbia Records, they've had huge chart and critical success with debut album *Oracular Spectacular*, and followed up with *Congratulations*, which landed on April 13. Before it could be unveiled, though, the album leaked to the web, so they made the best of an awful situation by making the entire album available to stream on their official site. It's a more laid back approach than we're used to from the band – back in 2009, they took French President Nicolas Sarkozy to court for using their hit *Kids* at political events without permission. Legal settlements and website money won't pay the bills, though, so it's little wonder that they're hitting the road for another lengthy tour, which will take in three dates at The Olympia Theatre from September 16.

From €30, 19:30

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

SEPTEMBER 13

DEATH OF A SALESMAN*

It's a good night to check out this revival of Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece, which has had its Gate Theatre run extended until September 25. The play, often referenced as one of the twentieth century's great literary triumphs, emerged back in 1949, but the tale of veteran salesman Willy Loman has a certain timeless quality. Though he's always gotten by on charm, this play opens on a Willy Loman that has lost his edge and is increasingly haunted by missed opportunities as his life unravels. Harris Yulin has been drafted in to play Loman, and David Esbjornson is in the director's chair.

€25, 19:30

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

BIORHYTHM: MUSIC AND THE BODY*

If you can't get a certain song from the weekend out of your head and don't know why, check out the Science Gallery's latest exhibition, which explores the impact that music has on our senses and our bodies. The exhibition runs until October 1.

Free, 12:00

Science Gallery, Trinity College, Pearse Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018964091.

REDISCOVERED MASTER OF THE DUTCH GOLDEN AGE*

One of the most remarkable – and underrated – painters of the Dutch seventeenth century, Gabriel Metsu (1629-1667), is the subject of the National Gallery's autumn exhibition opening this month. Metsu's work included a large number of scenes from daily life that rank among the finest of the Dutch Golden Age, and this tribute to the artist features 40 of his finest paint-

ings from collections around the world. The exhibition runs into December. Free, 09:30
National Gallery of Ireland, Merion Square West and Clare Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016615133

SEPTEMBER 14

JOANNA NEWSOME

The Californian harpist, pianist, and singer-songwriter has a certain marmite-like quality: either her off-the-wall lyrics and very unique warble will strike you as kooky and charming, or it'll make you want to put your fist through the stereo. Enough people fell into the first camp, though, to make *The Milk-Eyed Mender* and *Ys* slow-burning indie hits, and 2010's *Have One on Me* broke the UK top 40. She's chosen a stately setting for this welcome Irish visit.

From €33.60, 18:30

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

MILK AND COOKIES

The storytellers return, with open-mike narrative stylings, free cookies and plenty of charm. Be generous on the donations front – all the money is ploughed into keeping Exchange Dublin open, and baking the delicious things you're guzzling.



Donation, 18:00
Exchange Dublin, Exchange Street Upper, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 016779264

SEPTEMBER 15

EUGENE VON BRUENCHENHEIN EXHIBITION

It's the last day of this exhibition, featuring work from the self-styled "Freelance Artist, Poet and Sculptor, Innovator [sic], Arrow maker and Plant man, Bone artifacts constructor, Photographer and Architect, Philosopher". During his lifetime, Von Bruenchenhein created thousands of works known only to his wife, Marie, and a handful of friends, including scores of visionary, apocalyptic paintings and several sculptures. This exhibition, though, focuses on one painting and nineteen photographs of the artist's wife. Free, 11:00

The Douglas Hyde Gallery, Trinity College – Dublin 2. Tel: 018961116

SEPTEMBER 16

JOE PUG

The American singer-songwriter stops off for an Upstairs gig at Whelan's. He's perhaps most notable for sending out unlimited copies of a free 2-song sampler CD across the United States, just to spread the word. Which was nice.

€12, 19:30

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

JACKMASTER

A UK DJ with a very fine line in blending dancefloor and funk drops in for a late-night *Twisted Pepper* set as part of Mr Jones.

€9.45, 23:00

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

SEPTEMBER 17

APRES MATCH*

It's been close to 15 years since a trio of comedians first appeared on screen to puncture the pomposity of our football pundits. By now, Barry Murphy, Risteárd Cooper and Gary Cooke are probably more popular than the commentators and characters from the football world they mercilessly lampoon – we doubt people would pay good money to see Bill O'Helihy et al holding forth onstage anyway. To be fair to Bill, he seems to enjoy watching them too, and recently hailed them as "best comedy team for a long, long time." Though the sketches have become more elaborate over the years – interviews with real-life players are a massive opportunity for devilement – the key ingredient of *Apres Match's* success remains the same: on-the-button, deadpan impersonations of familiar faces that bring out their absurdities in riotous fashion.

Their post-World-Cup tour includes a three-night stand at Vicar Street, and tonight's as good an evening as any to catch them. €28, 20:30

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

SEPTEMBER 18

DUBLIN DOOM DAY CHAPTER 2

If you need proof that metal has a devoted following in this city, just drop in to this second instalment of Dublin Doom Day. Bands like Mourning Beloveth, Hour of 13 and Pagan Alter may not get on the radio too much, but they're on course to sell out Fibbers without breaking a sweat. €28, 14:00

Fibber Magees, 80, Parnell Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018722575

PENELOPE

It's the final night for this play's run at the Pavilion theatre and, with Enda Walsh writing, Penelope is intense from the off. It's 11.30 and already it's 33 degrees Celsius. At the bottom of a drained swimming pool, four ridiculous men face their inevitable deaths, and play for an unwinnable love. Mikel Murfi is in the director's chair, with Niall Buggy, Denis Conway, Tadhg Murphy, Karl Shiels and Olga Wehrly playing the four men and, presumably, that love interest.

€25.00, 20:00

The Pavilion Theatre, Pavilion Deck, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire – County Dublin. Tel: 012312929

THE JETS

The Jets – otherwise known as the Wolfgramms – were a Minneapolis-based family pop-cum-R'n'B outfit whose original line-up officially fizzled out in the 1990s. However, the parents happily introduced their younger kids to music, and The Jets have enjoyed something of a revival at the dawn of a new century. April's

25th Anniversary Reunion show saw almost the entire original line-up perform, and they're evidently enjoying being back in the touring circuit. Even if you don't remember them now, hits like *Crush on You*, *Sendin' All My Love and You Got It All* will be familiar. €15, 19:30
The Button Factory, Curved Street, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 016709202

SEPTEMBER 19

JOHNNY FLYNN

Johnny Flynn's new album *Been Listening* comes after years of impromptu sets in the back rooms of pubs, and this show is set to capture some of that intimate atmosphere. "It was an adventure to turn up at a half-empty pub where nobody knew who you were and see if by the end of the night you could share an experience together," he says today. We reckon most of the crowd here will be up for that too. €14, 19:30

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

JOHN ANGOTT

Here's an interesting one: an unabashed Christian rocker comes to a venue better known for profanity spewing comedians. Latest effort *Extraordinary Love* is an intimate album, packed with high energy and some very interesting melodies. €20, 20:00

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

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SEPTEMBER 23 ARTHUR'S DAY

Last year's celebration of a certain Arthur Guinness and the drink he invented went down so well that they've decided to have another knees-up this year.

With more time to prepare, though, the people behind Arthur's Day 2010 have done a bang up job in attracting top talent to play at venues around the city. Eliza Doolittle, The Hoosiers, The Macca-bees take up Vicar Street, Brandon Flowers, Plan B and Jose Gonzales will play the Academy, and The Chapters play The Olympia along with Carbon/Silicon. Snow Patrol, meanwhile, have landed the plum location of James' Gate Brewery itself, and there are smaller gigs taking place at Whelan's, Hogan's, Doheny & Nesbitt's, Pygmalion and many more places. To have a look at the full programme, log on to www.2night.ie or www.guinness.com.

€TBC, Various times
Various locations.

SEPTEMBER 20

FRANTIC JACK

This acoustic rock outfit cite influences ranging from Dire Straits to Dave Matthews Band and Pearl Jam. Debut album Independence comes after enjoying success with two Top 20 chart singles, and this Dublin date is part of a six-week tour.

€6, 20:00
Whelan's, 25, Wicklow Street –
Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

SEPTEMBER 21

JOHN COOPER CLARKE

The British performance poet is considered a major figure in punk poetry and punk literature, even if his look reminds contemporary observers of Bob Dylan circa 1965. He's been embraced by a younger generation too – poem *Out of Control* Fairground was printed inside the Arctic Monkeys' single *Fluorescent Adolescent*, and it also inspired the music video. Now it's time for the renegade artist to hit Whelan's in an inspired stroke of booking.

€23, 19:30
Whelan's, 25, Wicklow Street –
Dublin 2. Tel: 014780766

SEPTEMBER 22

THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS

It's nearing the endgame for The Abbey's timely production of *The Plough and The Stars*. Set in a tenement house, against the backdrop of the Easter Rising in 1916, *The Plough and The Stars* is both an intimate play about the lives of two ordinary people, Jack and Nora Clitheroe, and a unique take on the birth of our nation. Wayne Jordan is in the director's chair for this lengthy run, which finishes up on September 25.

From €20, 19:30
The Abbey Theatre, 26, Lower Abbey
Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018872200

SEPTEMBER 23

IN THE MAD MEN WOOD

If, like us, you're glued to season four of *Don Draper* and chums' adventures, you can get even further into the 1960s mood with this evening of music featuring numbers popularised by artists including Bobby Darin, Andy Williams and Matt Munro – *The Most Beautiful Girl in the World*, *Wives and Lovers*, *Beyond the Sea*, *The Girl from Ipanema* and *Music to Watch Girls By*. Matthew Ford is the vocalist for the evening, with John Wilson conducting.

From €11, 20:00
The National Concert Hall, 2, Earlsfort
Terrace – Dublin 2. Tel: 01470077



SEPTEMBER 24

MICHAEL BUBLE

Ireland can't get enough of this jazzy Canadian, it appears, and you'll need to beg, borrow or bag tickets to this one. Buble's unstoppable rise began in 2003, with the release of his self-titled debut album. Putting a new jazzy swing on old standards and well-loved songs from other genres, the album was a top ten hit in the UK and elsewhere. Follow-up *It's Time* was a number one hit in Canada, Japan, Italy, and Australia, and made the top ten of both the UK and US selling 250,000 copies in the UK alone.

From €50, 18:00
Aviva Stadium, Lansdowne
Road – Dublin 4.

SEPTEMBER 25

THE SAW DOCTORS

Long a by-word for easy-going, feel-good rock, The Saw Doctors have never needed to change their act much – after all, when you get a live crowd hopping by singing about the N25, you must be doing something right.

From €31.80, 19:15
The Olympia Theatre, 72, Dame
Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

SEPTEMBER 26

BARENAKED LADIES

It's been a long time since these boys had a breakthrough hit with just-a-little-bit angsty, upbeat tune *One Week*. Nonetheless, they've a sufficiently large following to make this Olympia date a success.

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

SEPTEMBER 28

LISA WILLIAMS

In one of the odder events to grace Dublin this month, self-professed psychic and healer Lisa Williams drops into Grand Canal Theatre for the evening. She's famous state-side for two Lifetime TV shows – *Lisa Williams: Life Among the Dead* and *Lisa Williams: Voices From the Other Side* – and is also a common sight on certain UK networks too.

€30, 20:00
Grand Canal Theatre, Grand
Canal Square, Docklands –
Dublin 1. Tel: 01 6777999

SEPTEMBER 29

SANTANA

Mexican-American guitar wizard Carlos Santana may be best known for *Smooth*, a duet performed with yer man from Matchbox 20 that stayed in the charts for donkey's years. However, he's got an impressive body of work to draw on from, including over 25 albums with his eponymous band, plus a smattering of solo pieces and collaborations. Rolling Stone rightly named Santana number 15 on their list of the 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time in 2003. Santana is known for enjoying the odd live surprise – in fact, he proposed to his current wife (and drummer) onstage. Even if you don't see anything that quite compares to that, this should be a fun night.

From €60.55, 18:30
The O2 Arena, North Wall Quay
– Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

DREADZONE

This eclectic little band have blended dub, reggae, techno, trance, folk and rock with considerable success across six studio albums. The John Peel-championed *Second Light* is a good introduction to their singular sound, and so too is this year's effort, *Eye on the Horizon*.

€17.50, 19:30
The Button Factory, Curved
Street, Temple Bar – Dub-
lin 2. Tel: 016709202

SEPTEMBER 30

THE DIVINE COMEDY

It's been some time since The Divine Comedy had a rash of Irish hits including the brilliantly biting *National Express*, and a technical break-up of the band has intervened, but Neil Hannon is still merrily playing away with a shifting line up. A *Best Of* collection,

2004's *Absent Friends* and tenth album *Bang Goes The Yearbook-hood!* (which arrived this year) also showed Hannon to be rather more than just a composer of jaunty, witty ditties. For more devoted Hannon fans, a smattering of side projects (including a few tunes lobbed in for *The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy* soundtrack) provided succour too. *Bang Goes The Yearbook-hood!* broke the UK's top 20 album chart, making it The Divine Comedy's most successful release since 2001 – presumably buoyed by this, Hannon has announced a run of live shows including this Olympia date.

€25, 19:00
The Olympia Theatre, 72, Dame
Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016793323

FIGHTING WITH WIRE

The Derry-formed alternative rock and punk band draws influences from bands including At the Drive-In, Nirvana, Weezer and Fugazi. Debut album *Man vs Monster* was well received, and their currently plugging away on their sophomore effort with the Atlantic label.

€10, 20:00
The Workman's Club, Wellington
Quay – Dublin 2.

BILL BAILEY

Perhaps the finest comedian Britain's West Country has ever produced (feel free to write in and tell us if we're wrong) and a firm *Have I Got News For You* favourite, Bill Bailey's gone far with a singular blend of keen observation, surreal imaginings and musical stylings: onto the set of the excellent *Black Books* (opposite fellow comic Dylan Moran) and across the globe – he deservedly broke into the top ten of a 2007 Channel 4 poll on the greatest comics around today. With influences ranging from Monty Python to his classical music training, Bailey's live shows

are typically raucous affairs, and popular here in Ireland – so much so, in fact, that Bailey has added a second O2 date to an already-scheduled show. He'll be playing the O2 tonight and on October 1.

€38, 20:00
The O2 Arena, North Wall Quay
– Dublin 1. Tel: 018198888

MARSHMALLOW LADYBOY JESUS

Once of the more peculiar events this month is curated by Marshmallow Ladyboy Jesus, a new online satire magazine from the makers of *Trinity College's rag Piranha!*, offering post-modern stories, obscure cartoons and videos, original comedy writing and more. They've taken to the live stage, with comedy and storytelling events like this one to the fore. Check out www.ladyboyjesus.com to see if it's your bag.

€3-€5 suggested donation, 19:00
Exchange Dublin, Exchange
Street Upper, Temple Bar –
Dublin 2. Tel: 016779264

SONGBIRDS OF THE SILVER SCREEN

Broadway veteran Kim Criswell stars in this tribute to the singing stars from the golden age of the Hollywood movie musical, including *Judy Garland*, *Doris Day*, *Julie Andrews*, *Marilyn Monroe*, *Liza Minnelli*, *Barbra Streisand* and many more. The Highly-regarded John Wilson devised the show, which includes classic songs such as *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, *Get Happy*, *Secret Love*, *Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend*, *Maybe This Time* and *Don't Rain on My Parade*.

From €11, 20:00
The National Concert Hall,
2, Earlsfort Terrace – Dub-
lin 2. Tel: 01470077

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MONDAYS

NO FIXED ABODE

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

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

HUGH COONEY DON'T LIKE MONDAYS

The renegade video comedian/artist has a regular slot at the Pygmalion bar. Free, 20:30
Pygmalion. 59, South William Street – Dublin 2.

SKA NIGHT

It's not just Ska on the menu – there's a bit of rocksteady and house to be danced to at this evening. Free, 20:30
Thomas House. 86, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 016772619

LIVING FOR SPITE

Quite possibly the coolest name for a live music evening in Dublin, Living For Spite features an alternative band playing mostly traditional Irish instruments. The set-list incorporates trad, popular rock and indie covers. A DJ takes over from 23:00, playing indie and mixed house. Free, 21:00
The Purty Kitchen. 34/35, East Sussex Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 0868149717

WEEKEND WORKERS PARTY

DJ Graham Palmer keeps cocktailing office workers content with popular tunes. Free, 21:00
Dandelion. 130, Stephen's Green – Dublin 2. Tel: 014760870

HEFTY HORSE

A simple concept for a Monday night club - live 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

ISLAND CULTURE

A Caribbean cocktail party, with rum cocktails and Jamaican soul on the menu, at this club with a definite penchant for the easy-going life. Free, 22:00
South William. 52, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016725946

WEEDWAY

A six-piece reggae band take over the Turk's head. Free, 22:30
The Turk's Head. 27, Parliament Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016792606

TUESDAYS

ANDREW MANN

Singer-songwriter Andrew Mann plays an energetic weekly set at the Purty Kitchen, mixing popular covers with some of the original material that features in his soon-to-be-released debut album. DJs take over from 23:00, with drinks starting at €2. Free, 20:00
The Purty Kitchen. 34/35, East Sussex Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 0868149717

TASTE

Classics, soul and more make for an easy Tuesday night. Free, 20:00
Solas. 31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583

SUBTERANNEAN

Rock, punk and metal sounds are on at Thomas House. Free, 20:30
Thomas House. 86, Thomas Street – Dublin 8. Tel: 016772619

ALEX MATHIAS TRIO

In a rare break from comedy, the jazz threesome have a weekly residency at this popular bar. Free, 21:00
The International Bar. 23, Wicklow

Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016779250

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

COCKTAIL SCHOOL

Learn how to make great drinks at Dandelion's coolest evening. Free, 21:00
Dandelion. 130, Stephen's Green – Dublin 2. Tel: 014760870

THE ROCKABILLY SESSIONS

Accomplished performers The Pavement Kings preside. Free, 21:00
The Leeson Lounge. 148, Upper Leeson Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016603816

WHITE CHOCOLATE

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

DECADES

Jim Kenny plays 60s, 70s, and 80s tunes at the heart of Temple Bar. €TBC, 23:00
Alchemy. 13-17, Fleet Street, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 016773333

WEDNESDAYS

SYNERGY

A mid-week mix of some well known and some not so well known tunes at this fine cocktail bar. Free, 20:00
Solas. 31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583

LAUGH OUT LOUD

A regular comedy night featuring MC Aidan Kilian 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 just moved to Wednesdays after getting annoyed at having to kick everyone out early on Sundays. Check out the full playlist on www.therescuesquad.com/songsofpraise. Free, 21:00
The Village. 26, Wexford Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 014758555

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 SINS

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

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

SHAKER

A mash-up of electro, hip hop, indie and decent pop. €8/6, 23:00
The Academy. 57, Middle Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018779999

THURSDAYS

THE ODEON MOVIE CLUB

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

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

MASH

Matjazz, LexWoo, Baby Dave, Marina Diniz and friends spin late into the evening at South William. Free, 21:00
South William. 52, South William Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016725946

MUZIK

An unabashed student night, Muzik is packed with upbeat indie and electro tunes, with plenty of drinks promotions to get the party going in earnest. €6, 21:00
The Button Factory. Curved Street, Temple Bar – Dublin 2. Tel: 016709202

THE UNDERGROUND

Dublin's anything goes alternative comedy knees-up, with a full bar all night and a DJ. €8/€5, 21:00
Thomas Read's. 1 Parliament Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016771487

THIRTYTHURSDAY

DJ Al Redmond spins a mix of RNB and chart hits. €8/6, 21:00
Twentyone Club. 21, D'olier Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016712089

NOIZE

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

DEEPIIN THE BOWELSOFFHOUSE

They've promised the best house DJs Dublin has to offer – but they need an audience to prove them right. €5, 22:00
The Turk's Head. 27, Parliament Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016792606

THE LITTLE BIG PARTY

DJ Brendan Conroy takes over the decks at Rí Rá, beneath the Globe bar, every Thursday. An eclectic mix of soul, indie and rock'n'roll prevails. Free, 22:00
Rí-Rá. 11, South Great George's St – Dublin 2. Tel: 016711220

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

MR. JONES

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

THE SICK AND INDIGENT SONG CLUB

One of the city's favourite acoustic acts continue their Thursday Night Residency at The Mercantile. Free, 23:30
The Mercantile. 28, Dame Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016790522

FRIDAYS

ROTATE

OliverT Cunningham plays his own brand of Funk, Latin and whatever takes his fancy. Free, 20:00
Solas. 31, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780583

BASEMENT TRAXX

DJs Half Dutch and De-jackulate preside. Free, 22:00
Hogan's. 35, South Great Georges Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016775904

FRIDAYS AT MY HOUSE

The master room includes upcoming DJs Ray Shah, Keith Feely and Rafiq. €TBC, 23:00
Buck Whaleys. 67, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2.

LATE NIGHT AT THE SUGAR CLUB

Why attach a fancy title to a club night when a plenty of entertainment and a cool setting will do? Residents include the burlesque and cabaret social club. Free, 22:00
The Sugar Club. 8, Lower Leeson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016787188

LECTROSOUL

Richie Rock, Mark Kiernan and Warren Kiernan hit the decks from 23:00 to 03:00, with a set from Marina Diniz every fourth Friday at 23:00. Free, 22:00
The Exchequer. 3-5 Exchequer Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706788

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 or warshirts) 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

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

THE ROCK'N'ROLL CIRCUS

Saturdays get seriously silly at the Purty Kitchen in Temple Bar with cool tunes, classic karaoke and lots of clowning around. €10, 22:30

The Purty Kitchen. 34/35, East Sussex Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 0868149717

GOSSIP

Yes, the popular Spy club night has moved - it's still loaded with indie-pop and fun times though, and there's now two pool tables too. €TBC, 23:00
McGrattan's. 76, Fitzwilliam Lane, Baggot Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016618808

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

PENTAGON

Local residents and special guest DJs play across five rooms of the Tripod complex. €10, 23:00
Tripod. Old Harcourt Street Train Station, Harcourt Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014780225

SUNDAYS

SALSAS SAMBA

Enjoy dance classes in the Lounge, a salsa band and DJs playing until late. €5, 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.

QUE PEZON!

A world music project takes over the Mezz. Free, 22:00
The Mezz. 23, Eustace Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707655

DANCEHALL STYLES

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

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

BEST OF DUBLIN

AFTER WORK

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

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

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

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 2. Tel: N/A. A new café that's bustling without being too frantic. There's a selection of sandwiches and whatnot, plus daily specials.

BUSYFEET & COCO 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. A very pleasant little place just off O'Connell Street.

CAFÉ SOL. 135, Lower Baggot Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 01 662 8001. A bright and breezy, well-run café.

CAFÉ SOL. 61-63, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. A small-but-friendly branch of the coffee chain.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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 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.

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.

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.

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

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

INSOMNIA. 40-43, Nassau Street - Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. On of the first branches in the chain, this is still one of the best places to nip in for a coffee just off Grafton Street.

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

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

INSOMNIA. Custom House Quay, IFSC, Docklands - Dublin 1. Tel: 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? Rewards yourself with a nice cuppa.

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

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

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 2. Tel: N/A. Whisper it – this little place does some of the nicest Italian coffee in the area. And in Dublin, for that matter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MUNCHIES. Lower Baggot Street – Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. A welcoming branch of the popular sandwich chain.

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. Harbourmaster Place, IFSC – Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. A conveniently-located sandwich bar for IFSCers.

O'DONOGHUES. 15, Merrion Row – Dublin 2. Tel: 0166607194. A legendary trad music pub that was loved by The Dubliners, and is still popular today.

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

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

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

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

QUEEN OF TARTS. 3-4, Cow's Lane – Dublin 2. Tel: 016334681. Known internationally for both savoury tarts and sweet treats. This is the larger of the two twinned restaurants, and the original Queen of Tarts is based on Dame Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 BAGEL FACTORY. 33, Wicklow Street – Dublin 2. Tel: 016334588. A great selection of bagels to take on the go.

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

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

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

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



THE WRIGHT VENUE

South Quarter, Airside, Co Dublin
Tel: 01 8900099 - www.twv.ie

The Wright Venue is one of those places that invites superlatives. With a capacity of 2700, it's truly on an epic scale and its location, adjacent to the airport, means it is just 15 minutes from the city centre via the port tunnel. Opened to huge acclaim just a year ago, the venue houses a spacious club and performance space, a terrace bar, a members-only Penthouse Club, the laid-back Purple Room that evokes a 1920's Harlem Jazz Club, plus The Cities – luxurious private hire booths with plasma screens, gaming consoles and pre-stocked fridges available from €750 (with half the value back in drinks!). In other words, the people behind the Wright Venue haven't just attempted to match the super clubs of Miami and Ibiza in terms of size – they're recreating the experience too.

Top Irish and International DJs appear regularly and don't miss at the monthly Urban Friday (featuring resident spinner Frank Jez, plus lots of R'n'B and Hip Hop). It may be a relatively new addition to the city's clubbing scene, but it's already a landmark venue with residencies from international clubbing marques Fierce Angel and regular slots from the DJ premier league like Roger Sanchez, Dirty Vegas et al alongside top notch resident DJs and a huge cast of performers and dancers to entertain the thousands who make it their dance floor destination every weekend.

The Wright Venue is open every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Bank Holiday Sunday from 22:00, and is also available for private hire, launches and film shoots.

Getting there; Coming out of Dublin Airport (the Swords Road/Airport Roundabout), turn left and head north on the Dublin Road. Take the seventh right (at a roundabout) onto the Swords Road, which then becomes Lakeshore Drive. At the fork in the road, take a right, and the Wright Venue should be on your left. Alternatively, you can journey to the venue by the Wright Venue Coaches. Buses leave at 22.00, 23.00 and 00.00 from Westmoreland Street and more the 30 other locations across the city and county – check out www.thewrightvenue.ie for details or call 01 8900099.

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 CAPEL STREET BRIDGE. Lower Ormond Quay - Dublin 1. Tel: 016707744. A charming river-side café.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE PAVILION BAR. Trinity College - Dublin 2. One of the cheapest places in the city, the pav is a Mecca for students and those who still wish they were.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

TIFFIN CAFÉ. 4, Molesworth Place - Dublin 2. Tel: 016761040. A friendly little spot for soup or a sandwich.

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.

URBAN OUTFITTERS. Cecilia Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 016706202. A shop that's loaded with cool clothes, music and general bits-and-bobs.

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.

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

WOLFES. 153, Capel Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 1 8749570. This lovely little food and wine store has a cosy feel and plenty of treats - it's now serving dinner too.

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.

BRASSERIE SIXTY6. 66, George's Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 014005878. A popular spot for dinner and cocktails, this place also has a highly-regarded brunch to offer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CASANOSTRA. 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 2. Tel: 018732266. Quite possibly the best restaurant in this fine city. Top food at very competitive prices.

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

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

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

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

DIEP LE SHAKER. 55, Pembroke Lane - Dublin 2. Tel: 0166611829. This trendy Thai place is one of the most consistently good restaurants at any stage in the day.

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

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

FIRE. Mansion house, Dawson Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016767200. Fire has food to do its beautiful setting justice. The flatbread 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 Merion Row and Angier Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KYLEMORE AT THE SPIRE. 1, Upper O'Connell Street - Dublin 1. Tel: 01 8780498. This Dublin institution has benefited greatly from a major sprucing-up.

L'GUEULETON. 1, Fade Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 01 6753708. Long a stalwart of the Dublin dining scene, this restaurant does great French Cuisine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NUDE. 21, Suffolk Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016774804. The original uber-wholesome, organic café-cum restaurant.

NYONYA MALAYSIAN RESTAURANT. 76, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016707200. Genuine dedication to quality and authenticity makes this place a little bit special.

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.

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

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

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

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

PINOCCHIO. Luas Kiosk, Ranelagh - Dublin 6. Tel: 014722444. A very authentic Italian restaurant and wine bar.

RAY'S PIZZA. Upper Fownes Street, Temple Bar - Dublin 2. Tel: 018561633. A modern Malaysian restaurant set with views over the Liffey.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. 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.

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

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

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

AFTER DINNER

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

CITIBAR. 46-49, Dame Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016794455. A 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

DUBLIN TOURISM 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.

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

FÉILE. 11, Wexford Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 0861057573. Opened up where carnival once stood, this pub has a more traditional, laid-back feel.

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

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

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

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

JLS CAFÉ. 4, Upper Abbey Street - Dublin 2. Fresh and tasty home-cooked food is served up quick here.

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

KEHOE'S. 7, South Anne Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016778312. A welcoming, popular pub just of Grafton Street.

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

LA DOLCE VITA. 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.

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

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 expresso, even lovelier leather seating.

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

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

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

O'REILLY'S. Tara Street Station - Dublin 2. Tel: 016716769. This place offers great value on pints and cocktails, and has an interesting décor too.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE CLARENDON. 32, Clarendon Street - Dublin 2. Tel: 016770060. A stylish bar with some nice grub during lunchtime and early evening.

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

THE 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 GAILEYTHEATRE. 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: 016771220. Also home to the popular student night Ri-Rá, the globe is a consistently-packed bar with a friendly vibe all round.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE PLOUGH. Lower Abbey Street - Dublin 1. Tel: N/A. A cozy 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 PORTOBELLO. 33, Richmond Street South - Dublin 2. Tel: 014752715. The canal-side location makes this pub a very nice spot on sunny days.

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

THE 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 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.

THOMAS READS. 1, Parliament Street - Dublin 2. Tel: N/A. Still a very popular bar among clueed-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.

LATE NIGHT

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

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

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

CELTIC LODGE. 81-82, Talbot Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 0187888110. Great facilities, bars and restaurants nearby, and a spot by the Luas are all in this establishment's favour.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE 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 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 or 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: 016709000. 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.

WYNNS HOTEL. 35-39, Lower Abbey Street – Dublin 1. Tel: 018745131. A very comfortable hotel that still manages to have a lovely historic feel.

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



THE EXCHEQUER

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

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