



ISLAND

Arts and Entertainment

Jan-Jun 2025



ISLAND Arts Centre Essential Info

Opening Times

- Mon-Fri: 9:30am-10pm
- Sat: 9:30am-5pm*
- Closed: Sundays & Bank Holidays

*Hours may vary; check our socials or call before visiting.

Holiday Closures

1 Jan | 17 Mar | 18, 21, 22 Apr
5 May | 26 May

Booking Charges

- Online: Free
 - Phone: £1/transaction
 - In-Person: 50p/transaction
- Fee waived for access requirements.

Refunds & Exchanges

- Refunds/exchanges only for cancelled events.
- Full Terms: Visit islandartscentre.com/your-visit/how-to-book

Data Protection

Your details are securely stored in line with GDPR 2018. Learn more: islandartscentre.com/your-visit/privacynotice

Planning Your Visit & Access

Address: The Island, Lisburn BT27 4RL
Parking: Free onsite, including Blue Badge and Parent/Carer & Toddler bays.

Access: Essential companions go free with Buddycard Holders. For support, call 028 9244 7452. ISLAND Arts Centre is a 'Just. A. Minute.' friendly venue.

Give Gifts with HeART

- ISLAND Arts Gift Vouchers: Redeemable for events, workshops, or retail items. Vouchers can be sent directly to the recipient.
- ISLAND Arts Retail: Features crafts from independent local artists and makers.



Venue Hire

Flexible spaces available for meetings, workshops, film screenings, live gigs, and parties. Email: islandartshires@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

LCCC reserves the right to amend the programme.

JMG Music Group presents
Legends of the 60s Show

Thurs 16 Jan | 8pm | Island Hall | £26, under 16s £21.50



A brand-new production for 2025. Join a multi award-winning all-star cast performing high quality tributes to icons like The Beatles, The Monkeys, Roy Orbison and many more! We will transport you all the way hand clapping, swinging and singing back to the golden decade of the 1960s.



Fairy Tale Stage Show presents
Little Bo-Peep & The Three Little Pigs Live!

Sat 25 Jan | 2pm | Island Hall | £12, conc. £10, Family of 4 £40

Help Little Bo-Peep to find her lost sheep in this incredible interactive production. The second half features the classic story of the Three Little Pigs alongside the 'Not Too Bad' Big Bad Wolf!

Perfect for children aged 2-6, with lots of sing-along songs, games and puzzles to create lasting memories.

Darren Beckett & Ronnie Greer

Thurs 23 Jan | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £25



A special opportunity to hear international drummer Darren Beckett play alongside the great Ronnie Greer. From performing at world class venues to playing on over 50 albums of global stars including Van Morrison and Brandon Flowers, the Antrim teenager who won a prestigious Bass Ireland Award, has had a meteoric career.



James Huish and His Band
Classics of our time

**Fri 31 Jan | 7.30pm | Island Hall
£20, under 16s £17**

James Huish known for being Irelands King of Swing covers all his big band favourites, plus Musical Theatre classics and songs of our era that have special meaning.

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Bruce Springsteen Born to Run

Fri 31 Jan | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £12

An ISLAND favourite, Ralph McLean takes a fresh look at Bruce Springsteen's iconic Born to Run. In its 50th anniversary year, relax and enjoy a bespoke evening as Anthony Toner performs some of his favourite tracks and Ralph, and Steven Cockcroft share insights, before a full album playback.



David Hull Promotions presents
Jake O'Kane's

The Absent Intelligence Tour

Sat 1 Feb | 8pm | Island Hall | £25

Jake O'Kane, one of the country's most popular stand-up comics returns along with the talented Terry McHugh for his annual end of year review show. A high-tech presentation of photos and videos picking apart the great, the good and the not so good from the previous year. Over 16s only



NI Comedy presents
**Paddy McDonnell
 Dagger**

Thurs 6 Feb | 8pm | Island Hall | £15

Following three sold-out SSE Arenas in 2023 and 2024, Paddy McDonnell brings his new show to the ISLAND. Dagger dives into the hilarious chaos of Paddy's legendary stag do in Spain, with stories so outrageous they've gone viral on podcasts and social media!

Subish Ltd. presents
The Fureys

Fri 7 Feb | 8pm | Island Hall | £30

Legends of Irish music & song, The Fureys, bring their blend of Irish Folk and traditional music to Lisburn, playing their renowned hits 'The Green Fields of France', 'The Old Man', 'Leaving Nancy', 'When You Were Sweet 16' and many more. Their emotive songs stir many emotions, tears and laughter, sadness and joy.



JMG Music Group presents
**Legends of American
 Country Show**

**Fri 14 Feb | 8pm | Island Hall | £26,
 under 16s £21.50**



This hit country show returns for another fantastic night of toe-tapping Country nostalgia! Showcasing tributes to all the Country greats from Dolly Parton to Garth Brooks and everything in between, this show is full of all the well-known singalong hits.

Two Sides of Elvis

Sat 15 Feb | 8pm | Island Hall | £25

Jim Brown, after working with Elvis Presley's musicians The Memphis Boys, The Imperials and Sweet Inspirations, presents an alternative Elvis show, incorporating the formative musical influences that defines Elvis Presley's legendary status.

With 'Two Sides of Elvis', Jim Brown pays tribute to Elvis' religious roots alongside the country material and hits. **Contains Strobe Lighting.**



Leesa Harker Ltd. presents
Maggie

Sun 16 Feb | 7.30pm | Island Hall | £25

Missed the Feg Run? Yer Ma sold out? Didn't see the original 50 Shades of Red, White and Blue? Well, now is your chance to catch up with 'Le Muff!'

Maggie is BACK with a brand-new show which is the whole story – all FOUR Maggie plays – in one show! Please note this show contains adult themes. **Over 16s only**

Live Events

National Theatre Live

The Importance of Being Earnest

Thurs 20 Feb | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £12



Catch this hilarious reimaging of Wilde's much loved, classic comedy, live from the National Theatre, London. With three-time Olivier Award-winner Sharon D Clarke and Ncuti Gatwa (Doctor Who), Max Webster (Life of Pi) directs this hilarious story of identity, impersonation and romance.

SD Entertainment presents

An Evening with Paul Riley

Thurs 27 Feb | 8pm | Island Hall | £22, VIP area, meet & greet and photo opp £42



An Evening with Paul Riley 'Winston' in BBC & Netflix sitcom, Still Game. Join us for an unforgettable evening with the BAFTA award-winning actor and comedian. Paul will not appear as the character 'Winston'. Pre-show meet and greet, with photo and merchandise signing opportunity. Please note: Ages 14+ Merchandise limited to max. of 4 per person.

String Ninjas

Fri 21 Feb | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £12



The thrilling mix of Gavin Ferris' fingerstyle guitar and the electric violin of Mick Conlon, coupled with their energetic live performances and warm, engaging chat make this duo a must see. From 90s dance music to classic rock, pop to jazz and bluegrass to trip-hop, two musicians create big sound and vibes.

Ruth Trimble

Fri 28 Feb | 8pm | Island Hall | £20

Ruth Trimble makes a long-awaited return to the Island Hall for her third hometown album release show. 'Peace Of Mind' is her fourth to date and her first for eight years. Don't miss the rare opportunity to hear her live with a band of stellar musicians and string quartet.



Rising Promotions presents

Adventures on Old MacDonald's Farm

Sat 1 Mar | 12pm and 3.30pm | Island Hall | £11

Join us down on Old MacDonald's Farm for fun, songs and excitement. Friendly Sammy Scarecrow is enjoying his first day on Old MacDonald's Farm and loves meeting all the colourful characters that live there. An original script and brand-new songs, along with many singalong favourites, this show is a thrill for younger children. Aged 1 - 7 years

Terra Nova Productions presents

Romeo! Romeo!

Thurs 6 Mar | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £12



Shakespeare with a difference! Director Andrea Montgomery and her cast invite you to an exciting, interactive evening with Romeo and Juliet. Enjoy iconic scenes as they come to life, choose what happens next, and discover the story in a fresh and thrilling way—where you get to help shape the action!

c21 Theatre Company presents

Under the Lights

Sat 1 Mar | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £12

Josh Blair was never any good at team sports - until his first rugby training session, and he is hooked! Towards the end of a game, something's not right. Josh is unsure about going back on, but his team needs him. Josh takes up his position on the pitch and stands in line, under the lights.



Fusion Theatre presents

The Sound of Music

Wed 5 - Sat 8 Mar | 7.30pm, Saturday Matinee 1pm | Island Hall | Wed/Thurs/ Sat matinee £16, Fri/Sat evening £18



Fusion Theatre is thrilled to bring The Sound of Music to the Island Hall for the first time in their 22-year history! Winning the hearts of audiences worldwide why not 'Climb Ev'ry Mountain' and 'Do-Re-Mi' to the Island Hall for an unforgettable evening! Group discounts are available. **Suitable for all ages.**

The Boondocks

Sat 8 Mar | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £18



Hank Williams, Glen Campbell, Willie Nelson - I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry, Galveston, Sea of Heartbreak. Beautiful melodies, touching words, soaring harmonies and intricate solos are at the core of great country music. Anthony Toner, Mark Crockard and Marcus McAuley play old school country songs they love.

An Evening with Baillies Mills and Friends

Thurs 13 Mar | 7.45pm | Island Hall | £12.50

Now in their 86th year, this ever-popular and well renowned local band of talented musicians looks forward to welcoming folk group Stonewall and other special guests. The evening will include music of all genres, including timeless classics, film scores and contemporary surprises, not confined to the accordion.



Exhibition on Film

Dawn of Impression: Paris 1874

Thurs 20 Mar | 2pm | Studio Theatre | £7



Find out why The Impressionists changed the art world. Who were the mavericks who painted in such a radical way? The spectacular Musée d'Orsay exhibition brings fresh eyes to this extraordinary tale of passion and rebellion. The story is told in the words of those who witnessed this new dawn - the artists, press and people of Paris, 1874.



David Hull Promotions presents Give My Head Peace

Fri 14 Mar | 8pm | Island Hall | £27.50

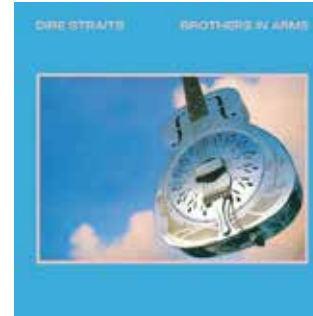
A brand-new show from the Give My Head Peace gang. The Gang are back with their unique take on life and the year's events in Northern Ireland.

If you've seen the gang before you'll want to book early. If you haven't been before... book early.

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Dire Straits - Brothers in Arms

Fri 21 Mar | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £12



Ralph McLean's record club returns, this time with a tribute to Dire Straits' Brothers in Arms, marking the album's 40th anniversary. Relax and enjoy a bespoke evening as Anthony Toner performs some of his favourite tracks and Ralph, and Steven Cockcroft share insights, before a full album playback.

David Hull Promotions presents

Foster and Allen 50 Years of Hits

Sat 22 Mar | 8pm | Island Hall | £30

International recording artists Foster & Allen are celebrating an amazing milestone of 50 years in the music business. With hit singles like Bunch Of Thyme, Old Flames, Maggie, as well as performing new recordings from their latest album, We'll Meet Again. For a night to remember don't miss Foster & Allen's 50 Years Of Hits tour 2025



Stephen Butler presents

Thunder Rolls, The Garth Brooks Tribute Show

Fri 28 Mar | 7.45pm | Island Hall
£22, Over 65s £20

Friends in Low Places, Thunder Rolls, The Dance, and Garth's biggest hits are performed by this spectacular live band alongside a performance of a lifetime by Ireland's own, Stephen Butler. So come along, raise your glass, sing along, and be part of this amazing live show.

David Hull Promotions presents

Kieran Goss & Annie Kinsella

Thurs 27 Mar | 8pm
Studio Theatre | £25

Kieran Goss, one of Ireland's top singer-songwriters, and Annie Kinsella bring us a night of heartfelt music. Expect tracks from their debut, joint album Oh, The Starlings, as well as many new, and yet, unreleased songs. Don't miss this chance to see the duo live, as part of a select, short run of shows.



Colin Murphy

Murphy Beaucoup!

Sat 5 Apr | 8pm | Island Hall | £20



Colin Murphy, star of The Blame Game, is back with a hilarious new show, after his sell out tours of Colinization and Whatchamacolin. With cheeky humour, audience banter, plenty of swearing and scenes of a sexual nature, he tackles everything from dog poo etiquette to ageing.



Lisnagarvey Operatic Society presents Beauty and the Beast

Tues 8 – Sat 12 Apr | 7.30pm, Sat
Matinee 2pm | Island Hall | £20

Bonjour! Lisnagarvey Operatic Society proudly invites you to 'Be Our Guest' as the most enchanted musical of all time, Beauty and the Beast comes to Lisburn.

This beloved tale as old as time has been brought to life on stage with all the charm and elegance that audiences expect from Belle and her Beast.

Sarah McQuaid

Sat 26 Apr | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £14

Experience and savour the lush, chocolatey voice and engaging personality of Sarah McQuaid live. Presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Ards International Guitar Festival in 2017, Sarah's last album, St Buryan Sessions, featured on Best of 2021 lists on three continents and showcases Sarah's distinctive, soaring vocals.



Dance Inspirations UK & Ireland Tour presents Dance Inspirations Express Yourself Live Tour

Sun 27 Apr | 9am | Island Hall
£20, under 16s £14

Express Yourself Live Tour provides a whirlwind of opportunities to influence and inspire the next generation of dancers. From mesmerising competitive performances in every style, live challenges, and incredible awards, this is an explosive experience of dance and entertainment.

Book your spaces now
www.danceinspirationstour.com

Neil Delamere

Achilles Neil

Fri 25 Apr | 8pm | Island Hall | £26



Comedy hero, Neil Delamere, is back at the ISLAND with a brand new, epic standup show. Join one of Ireland's favourite comics as he takes on life's absurdities in his own inimitable way. A celebration of the altogether too frequent weaknesses that make us human. No Greek mythology included!



Bright Umbrella presents Stuck in the Middle with You

Fri 11 & Sat 12 Apr | 8pm
Studio Theatre | £20 (concession £18)

2012 - Writer Paula Davey receives an award from fellow journalists for her 'true life' book, 'Stuck in the Middle with You: An RUC Story'. September 1996, Davey's story begins with five RUC officers in a land rover during a riot on Belfast's Albertbridge Road. Ordinary people caught in extraordinary times - come hear their stories.



White Orchid Promotions presents

MOVICALS

Wed 30 Apr, 7.30pm | Island Hall
£30, Over 65s £28, under 16s £26

A movie musical extravaganza like no other. so, get ready to be swept off your feet with MOVICALS - the ultimate lights, camera, action experience!

You'll be taken on a journey through some of the most iconic movie musicals of the last 50 years, from the heart-wrenching drama of Les Misérables to the irresistible charm of Mamma Mia - this show has it all and more! Sit back and enjoy this spectacular evening of entertainment.

JMG Music Group presents

Declan Nerney

Thurs 1 May | 8pm | Island Hall | £26.50



With over four decades at the top of Irish Country music, winning many accolades and scoring countless hits, Declan and his live band are joined with special guests John McNicholl and Hugo Duncan. Join them for a nostalgic night of music, song and laughter on the 2025 Round and Round concert tour.



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Johnny Cash Live at Folsom Prison

Fri 2 May | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £12

The legend that is Johnny Cash is the focus of Ralph's record club as he pays homage to Cash's live set at Folsom Prison. Sit back and soak up a bespoke evening with Anthony Toner performing his favourite tracks and Ralph McLean and Steven Cockcroft sharing insights, before a full album playback.

Bruiser Theatre
Murder for Two

Wed 14 May | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £21.50



A hilarious high-energy musical whodunit with a twist. Two actors play thirteen characters... and the piano. They put the LAUGHTER into MANSLAUGHTER!

This award-winning Broadway show is gloriously silly, devilishly clever and fantastically funny. You won't want to miss this killer musical comedy!

Exhibition on Film
Michelangelo: Love and Death

Thurs 22 May | 2pm | Studio Theatre | £7

Celebrating the 550th anniversary of Michelangelo's birth, this cinematic journey through the great churches and museums of Florence and Rome, takes a fresh look at the genius of this master artist. Gain an understanding of Michelangelo's tempestuous life, his relationship with his contemporaries and his incredible legacy.



NI Comedy and Bluebook Artist Management present
Diona Doherty
Get Your Pink Back!

Fri 23 May | 8pm | Island Hall | £15



Diona Doherty is trying to get her pink back. Just like flamingos, whose pink colour has been drained by the stresses of motherhood, Diona is on a mission to find out who she is after having kids. Her new show is filled with hilariously relatable anecdotes and a whole lot of brutal honesty.

Songs From Stage and Screen
Lisburn Harmony Ladies Choir & The Leading Ladies

Fri 16 May | 7.30pm | Island Hall | £10, under 16s £8



Lisburn Harmony Ladies Choir is delighted to share the stage with The Leading Ladies for a night of music from stage and screen. With songs spanning the decades from the classic My Way to the James Bond inspired Skyfall, from Les Misérables to Pitch Perfect, there will be plenty to entertain and delight.



Swing Gals

Sat 17 May | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £15

The Gals, a vocal harmony trio of Ruth Jennings, Clare Galway, and Orla McKeagney, are renowned for their innovative arrangements of swing and jazz. In the month commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, the Gals and four-piece band celebrate with a glorious trip down memory lane.

Hotbuckle Productions presents
Little Women

Sat 24 May | 8pm | Studio Theatre | £15



Hotbuckle's fast-paced, fun adaptation of Alcott's enduring story about family, love, and growing up in 19th Century Massachusetts. Following last year's sell out of 'Pride and Prejudice', Hotbuckle returns to the ISLAND with another unique version of a classic novel. Don't miss this fresh take of a timeless tale.



JMG Music Group presents
The Summer Country Show

Wed 11 Jun | 8pm | Island Hall | £26.50

This unmissable show includes the gentle giant of Country music Mick Flavin, the hilarious Gary Gamble, the young rising sensations Owen Mac and Co. Down's Gavin Gribben, the hugely popular Curtis Magee and the truckers favourite Boxcar Brian showcasing their trademark songs in the company of Ireland's multi-award winning band Keltic Storm!

Courses

Your Tutor for all Pottery Courses is Andrea McCullough-Alderdice at £145 that includes materials & firings.

Pottery Beginners Level

Wed
Block 1: 22 Jan-26 Feb
Block 2: 5 Mar-9 Apr
7-9pm

For those new to pottery, you will be introduced to simple hand building skills, throwing on the potter's wheel and the magic of glazing.

Thurs
Block 1: 23 Jan-27 Feb
Block 2: 6 Mar-10 Apr
10am-12pm

Whether you're a beginner or want to brush up on existing skills, build confidence in throwing, hand building and tackling your own projects.



Pottery Intermediate Level

Thurs
Block 1: 23 Jan-27 Feb
Block 2: 6 Mar-10 Apr
7-9pm



Build your skills to further develop your throwing and hand building techniques, and experiment with decoration and glazing.



Pottery Advanced Level

Tues
Block 1: 21 Jan-25 Feb
Block 2: 4 Mar-8 Apr
7-9pm

Perfect for the confident potter, enhance your throwing and hand building skills, hone your decorating and glazing abilities, and develop projects.



Acrylic Painting

Angela Hackett

Mon 3 Feb-14 Apr (no class 17 Mar)
11am-1pm | £105

Explore acrylics use in a relaxed, creative course. Be guided in techniques and approaches. Perfect for beginners, and for those who have painted before and would like guidance in a supportive, artistic environment.



Watercolour Painting

Angela Hackett

Mon 3 Feb-14 Apr (no class 17 Mar)
2-4pm | £105

Learn watercolour techniques, from colour mixing to brushwork. Perfect for beginners or those looking to refresh their skills, with hands-on guidance to help you create paintings with confidence.

Improvers Crochet

Nancy Moreland

Thurs 6 Mar – 10 Apr | 7-9pm | £72

This is crochet that looks a bit like knitting. Its appeal is that it takes much less time than knitting. It is essential that you can already crochet to learn this versatile technique.

Tunisian Crochet

Nancy Moreland

Mon 24 Mar – 14 Apr | 7-9pm | £48

Learn how to make a sampler blanket, a unique piece to treasure, showing your crocheting. Comprehensive handouts and patterns included so you can continue crocheting at home.



Learn to Crochet

Nancy Moreland

Mon 12 May – 30 Jun (not 26 May)
7-9pm | £77

Learn how to make a sampler blanket, a unique piece to treasure, showing your crocheting. Comprehensive handouts and patterns included so you can continue crocheting at home.

Mixed Media Drawing

 Sorrel Wills

Wed 5 Feb-9 Apr | 11am-1pm | £95

Explore a range of drawing techniques, various media (including pencil, charcoal, soft pastels), subjects, styles and develop your drawing style in a relaxed, creative environment.

Please bring along a range of pencils, charcoal and soft pastels, paper etc.

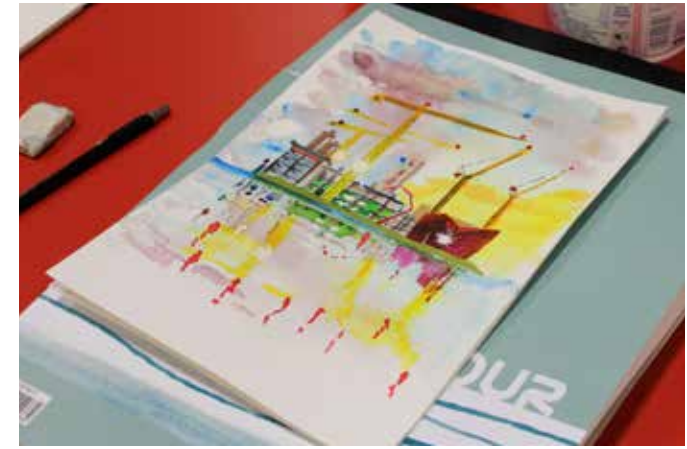


Landscape Studies

 Anushiya Sundaralingam

**Tues 21 Jan-8 Apr
1-3pm | £114**

Learn about composition and colour, and how to capture light in a relaxed, sociable setting. Bring your materials and get creative.

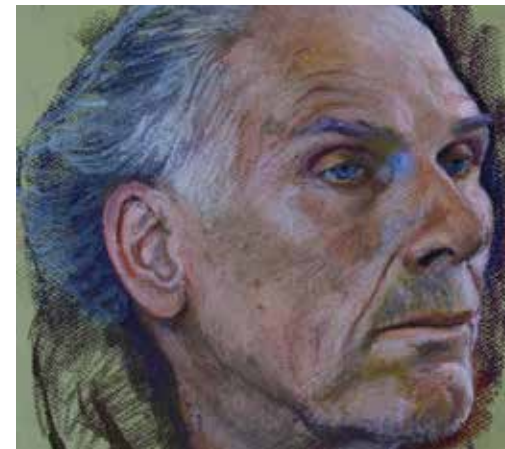


Play the Ukulele

 Rowan Warner Leicester

**Mon 3 Feb-14 Apr (no class 17 Mar)
7.30-8.30pm | £68**

Master strumming, rhythms, and play songs with confidence. Discover the fun and camaraderie of music in a relaxed, supportive class. Remember to bring your ukulele!



Pastel Painting

 Sorrel Wills

Tues 4 Feb-8 Apr | 7-9pm | £95

Master colour mixing, mark-making and composition, while exploring landscapes, animals, and flowers through weekly guided demonstrations. Suitable for all skill levels.

Painting for Pleasure

 Anushiya Sundaralingam

**Tues 21 Jan-8 Apr
10.30am – 12:30pm | £114**

A relaxed, sociable class of all abilities, drawing and painting what inspires you. Bring your favourite materials and enjoy expert guidance and demonstrations.



Painting Techniques

 Michelle McKeown

Thurs 6 Feb-10 Apr | 10am - 12pm | £95

Friendly, step-by-step guidance in working with different media; mixing of colours; sourcing and using equipment. Build confidence through fun projects explore line, shape and the illusion of space.



Adult workshops

All suitable for beginners | Cost includes all materials | Aprons useful | Snacks/ lunch recommended for full days.

Masterclass in Children's Animation

Erin Bunting

Sat 25 Jan
10am–1pm | £24

Explore the diversity of styles and multidisciplinary approaches in contemporary illustration and animation, with tips on creative resources. Try drawing exercises inspired by poetry and music, and get feedback on personal projects.



Bannocks & Butter Making

Erin Bunting

Sat 25 Jan
1.30–3pm | £24

Learn to make traditional bannocks (griddle bread) and butter from scratch. Then enjoy the breads, butter and homemade jam before taking home the recipes.



Fermenting for Beginners

Erin Bunting

Thurs 30 Jan
7–9pm | £35

Learn the art of fermentation for food preservation and sauerkraut, kimchi and pickle to take home and share.



Life Drawing

Louise McCartney

Wed 12 Feb, 12 Mar, 9 Apr,
14 May, 11 Jun
7–9pm | £14 per session

Improve and develop your observation skills. Drawing the human figure in timed poses is challenging but ultimately very rewarding. Bring paper/ sketchbook, pencils, paints.

Pierogi & Beyond

Erin Bunting

Thurs 27 Feb
6.30–9pm | £40



Learn how to make classic Eastern European dumplings with delicious fillings. We'll practice pleats, folds and different dumpling shapes, and then sit down to enjoy what we've made.



3D Needle Felt

Wendy McKinney

Sat 1 Mar
10am–1pm | £32

Learn the basics of needle felting, using specialised needles to sculpt wool into life-like 3D figures. For World Wildlife Day shape creatures of your choice!



Copper Creations

Matthew Walton & Caron Ang

Sat 8 Mar
10am–4pm | £70

Through hands-on guidance and demonstrations, learn to shape copper into creations that reflect your unique style. Craft bespoke pieces for you or to gift.



Writing for Spring

Maggie Doyle

Thurs 13 Mar
7–9.30pm | £12

Celebrate the season of awakenings with prose and poems that capture the beauty of spring. With opportunities to spring into words with your own seasonal thoughts.

Dim Sum Dumplings

Erin Bunting

Thurs 27 Mar
6.30–9pm | £40

Master the art of classic dim sum making with delicious fillings, then feast on the creations before taking home recipes.



Adult workshops

Wire-work Swallow

👤 Julie Murphy

Sat 29 Mar
10am–4pm | £40

Learn expert techniques as you craft black annealed wire into a life-sized swallow sculpture. If placed outdoors, watch a lovely rusty, patina develop with time.



Leather Tote Bag

👤 Enda Kenny

Sat 5 & 12 Apr
10am–4pm | £145



Learn how to punch, stitch and shape leather before adding a practical pocket and straps to suit you, as you make a bespoke, useful bag.

Hand-dyed Silk Scarf

👤 Angela Turkington

Sat 3 May
10.30am–4pm | £70



Work with botanicals to create unique prints on luxurious silk. Experiment with flowers and plants to make samples before progressing to a beautiful, bespoke scarf.



Vietnamese Cooking Basics

👤 Erin Bunting

Thurs 8 May
6.30–9pm | £35

Refresh your cooking repertoire - hands-on making and cooking demonstrations in how to make Vietnamese summer rolls, Vietnamese noodle salad, simple pickles and more.

Creative Calligraphy

👤 Rosie Parkes

Sat 17 May
10am–12.30pm | £20



Learn modern brush-lettering and master thick and thin lines with easy pen pressures, blending colours for smooth gradients with letter-spacing to make your writing really pop.

Contemporary Embroidery

👤 Heather Burgess

Sat 31 May
10am–3pm | £38

Using a wide range of materials like wire, stuffing, threads, beads and ribbon, create contemporary stump work inspired by the 'Heritage Threads' exhibition.



Nature Writing for Summer

👤 Maggie Doyle

Thurs 5 Jun
7–9.30pm | £12

Reflect on poems and prose that capture dazzling summer landscapes, then write and share your thoughts on this rich and colourful season.



Slow Stitch on Irish Linen

👤 Millie Moore

Sat 14 Jun
10.30am–12.30pm | £16



Take time out to slow down and be creative. Work with Irish linens and threads, and draw inspiration from textile 'maps' in Millie's exhibition 'Grounded' to create your own works of art.



Glass Windchime

👤 Keith Sheppard

Sat 21 June
10am–4pm | £68

Make a unique feature for your home or garden combining fused glass with driftwood. With guidance in design and assembly of your personalised work of art.

Exhibitions



**A World of Wonder
Children's Illustrators**
9 Jan-8 Feb | Galleries 1&2

This showcase of children's illustrators celebrates the variety of styles, creativity and talent bursting forth in a blooming, energetic scene.

From fantastical faraway lands to familiar fields; charming to chilling characters; vivid colour to atmospheric black and white, this captivating exhibition will appeal to the child in us all.

Inside Take Q&A with A World of Wonder Illustrators

Sat 1 Feb | 2pm

For aspiring illustrators or anyone curious about the world of visual storytelling, come and meet exhibiting artists as they share their experience, insight and wisdom about the creative processes, challenges, and joys of being a professional illustrator.



Into Light Alison Gault & Andrew Gault

13 Feb-15 Mar | Galleries 1&2

An exploration of light, colour and texture on the Irish landscape.

Andrew Gault's paintings, in the chiaroscuro method, use strong contrasts between light and dark, to create a dramatic composition with a highlighted area in the canvas set against a shadowed, almost black, background. His work explores the relationship between people and their landscapes to rediscover connections with a sense of place, past and the narrative of their lives.

Alison Gault explores the rich colours, textures and transparent values of paint to layer and capture the emotion and allure of the landscape. Her paintings are not literal translations, rather they engage with the mood and energy in the earth and skies, to inspire and find beauty in mark-making.



Exhibitions



Peter Meanley A Journey

20 Mar-17 Apr | Galleries 1&2

A retrospective exhibition celebrating an over sixty year career as a potter. Known for his salt glaze stoneware, Peter Meanley's inspiration comes from museum collections and from drawing the world around him.

After studying ceramics at the Royal College of Art he gained a doctorate at the Ulster University where he taught for many years. Peter's work is held in worldwide collections including Victoria and Albert Museum, National Museum of Ireland, and the State Collection of Australia.

Talk and Tour with Peter Meanley (advance booking required)

Sat 29 Mar, 2pm
Thurs 27 Mar, 11am
Sat 5 Apr, 2pm



Heritage Threads: A Local Textile Collection Reimagined

175th Anniversary of Belfast School of Art

29 Apr-31 May | Galleries 1&2

This unique exhibition showcases students' creative responses to a family's historic textile collection. 'Heritage Threads' offers an intimate exploration of how history, memory, and craftsmanship intertwine. It presents a dialogue between a family's cherished textile heritage and the vibrant new works it has inspired. Each piece showcases the students' connection to textiles' cultural and artistic importance while honouring the tradition of collecting and preserving cloth within families.

Celebrating the continued relevance of textile art and design, and bridging generations in a compelling tribute to heritage, creativity, and community, this exhibition invites you to connect with the past and present.

Grounded Millie Moore

5 Jun-5 Jul | Galleries 1&2

Exploring themes of migration, humanity, the plight of displaced people and the matched compassion shared by many, these works, investigated through paint, sculpture and textiles aim to present a dialogue between man, movement, and place.



ISLAND Youth Theatre (IYT)

Block 3:

18 Jan - 1 Mar (no class 15 Feb)

Block 4:

8 Mar - 12 Apr

Block 5:

3 May - 14 Jun

Minis (4-5 years):

10-10:45am | £36/block

Juniors (6-9 years):

11am-12pm | £36/block

Seniors (10-17 years):

12-2pm | £45/block



If your kids love drama, dance, and singing, they'll have a blast at IYT. Plus, Juniors and Seniors get to be part of the Mayor's Carnival Parade!



Children's Arts Festival

Ages:

5-14 years

Dates:

Mon-Fri / 10am-4pm

Week 1: 28 Jul-1 Aug

Week 2: 4-8 Aug

Week 3: 11-15 Aug

Cost:

£90 per child per week

(multiple weeks and sibling discounts available)



The Clay Club

Sat 25 Jan-15 Feb

Sat 22 Feb-15 Mar

2-4pm | £64 per block | 6-13 years

Try hand, coil and slab building, use moulds, experiment with slips and glazes, explore texture, shape and decoration – most of all have fun!



Minis Meet & Make

Block 1: Thursdays 6 Feb – 6 March

Block 2: Thursdays 20 Mar – 17 Apr

10.30am-12pm | £60 (1 adult & 1 child)

18 mths - 4 years

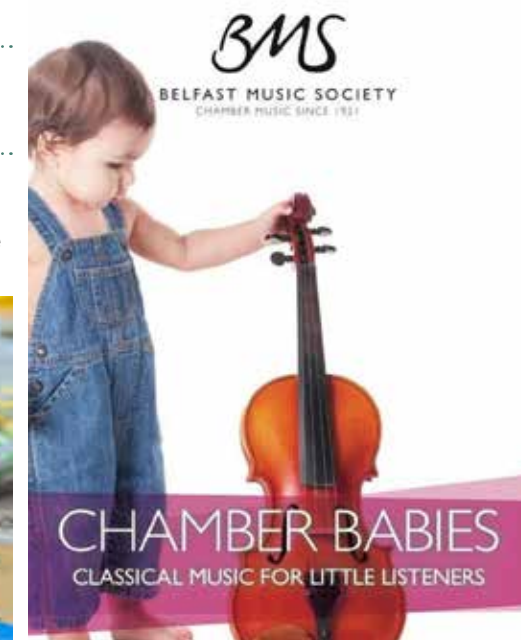
Fun play sessions designed for parents and children filled with crafts, drumming and singalongs

Chamber Babies Concerts Belfast Music Society

Sat 22 Feb, 22 Mar, 24 May

10am | £9 for 1 adult & 1 baby up to 18 mths

Walk, sway, crawl, roll or chill to live classical music performed by professional musicians. Guaranteed to engage and enchant or even soothe little ones to sleep!

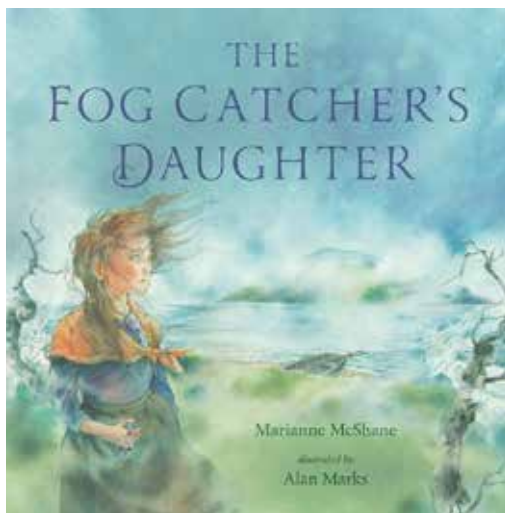


Chamber Cherubs Concerts Belfast Music Society

Sat 22 Feb, 22 Mar, 24 May

11am | £9 for 1 adult & 1 child per session | 1-3 years

A fun, relaxed, and engaging live classical music experience for little listeners, performed by professional musicians.



The Fog Catcher's Daughter Storytelling & Charm Making

Sat 25 Jan | 2-4pm | £12 | 6-11 years

Join writer and storyteller Marianne McShane as she weaves her magical tale, then guides children in making their own protective amulet, inspired by her story's themes of bravery and wonder.



Bannocks & Butter Making

Sat 25 Jan | 10-11.30am | 4+ years
Price: £24 for one child & one adult

Make griddle bread and butter from scratch. Then enjoy with homemade jam before taking home the recipes. Be prepared for messy! (Not gluten or dairy free).

Character Creators

Sat 1 Feb | 2-4pm | £12 | 6-11 years

Learn about character design with illustrator Corrina Askin, as she sparks imagination and shares animation techniques to bring to life your personality filled 3D creation!



Pottery Throwing for Teens

Sat 8 Feb | 10.30am-1pm | £20 | 13+ years

Get clay creative in our pottery studio and learn how to throw on the potter's wheel. Try lots of times and then choose three of your best pots for firing and glazing.



School's Out - Pottery Play

Fri 14 Feb | 10am-3pm | £35 | 6-11 years

A day of fun in our professional pottery studio - slap, pat, roll and shape your clay creations, then they will be glazed and ready for collection the following week.



Family Time Pottery Make a Fairy House

Sat 22 Feb | 10.30am-12.30pm
£45 for family of three
(£12 per extra place)

Enjoy experimenting with wonderful tactile clay in a welcoming environment, and as a family create a fantastical fairy house for your garden or windowsill.

Fabulous Frescoes

Sat 1 Mar | 10.30am-12.30pm
£12 | 6-11 years

550 years ago Michaelangelo was born! Be a mini master and paint on wet plaster, just like he did for the Sistine Chapel, to create your own masterpiece.



Pots for Tots for Mother's Day Cupcake Creations

Sat 22 Mar | 10.30am-12.30pm
£32 | 1-4 years

Little ones go potty for our creative clay workshops. Using simple hand-building techniques and a clay piping bag, create pretty cupcake pots that look good enough to eat.





Ceramic Bees

Sat 17 May | 10.30am-12.30pm
6-11 years | £20

Mark World Bee Day by making bright, big, beautiful bees for your garden or room. Have fun with clay as you recreate and celebrate these glorious, essential creatures!



Easter Baking

Sat 12 Apr | 10-11.30am
4+ years | £26 for one child & 1 adult

Get Easter ready with macaroon nests and lemon curd cupcakes with naturally coloured icing and edible flowers. Be prepared for messy! (Not gluten or dairy free).



Pots for Tots for Father's Day Seawater Bowls

Sat 7 Jun | 10.30am-12.30pm
£32 | 1-4 years

It's World Oceans Day – mark it by making a seawater ceramic bowl to use when you explore the shore with your dad on holidays or fun days out.

Arts at the heART of your community!

Art improves our wellbeing and sparks creativity in every community. Get involved in events like the Mayor's Carnival Parade, the ISLAND Community Film Club, ISLAND Youth Theatre, or Silver Film Screenings. There's something for everyone. Learn how you can bring ISLAND Arts to your community!



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Season Highlights:

Apply for free **Arts Encounters** and **Buzz Visits**, offering tailored arts workshops in your community.

Community Arts Training Scheme (C.A.T.S.) help leaders, staff, and volunteers run arts-based workshops.

Support for local artists through Grants, Bursaries, and Professional Development Sessions.

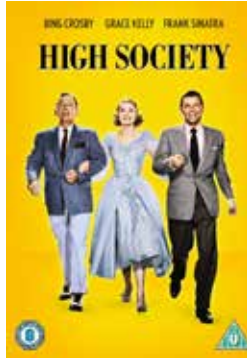
Explore our **Community Arts Walkway** at ISLAND Arts Centre showcasing local group work.

Get involved in our Mayor's Carnival Parade and Children's Arts Festival.

Community Arts

Silver Screen Socials

All Mon | 2pm | Free



Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council over 50's residents are welcome to join us in the Studio Theatre for an afternoon matinee. Enjoy classic films and make new friends.

13 Jan: On Moonlight Bay (1951)

10 Feb: By the Light of The Silvery Moon (1953)

10 Mar: The Quiet Man (1952)

14 Apr: On the Town (1949)

12 May: The Ghost Breakers (1940)

9 Jun: High Society (1956)

ISLAND Community Film Club (ICFC)

Partnership funded by Film Hub NI, join this monthly alternative screening experience promoting local and international films with guest speakers and Q&A.

14 Apr: Dungeons and Dragons

12 May: SERC Showcase of short films

13 Jun: Bump Along the Way

10 Feb: Northern Ireland Now: Creating Community Archives

10 Mar: Seachtain na Gaeilge Song of The Sea



Seachtain na Gaeilge le Energia 2025



Sat | 1 - 17 Mar

Taking place from 1-17 March, join us as we celebrate the world's largest Irish language festival with an evening of Irish music, dance, and culture!

All Ability Circus

Mon: Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 | Mar 3, 10, 24, 31 (no class Mar 17)

Mon: 28 Apr | 12, 19 May | 2, 9, 16, 30 Jun

10am-12pm | Island Hall/Studio Theatre

These free circus workshops are open to people of all abilities.

They're designed to support those with disabilities, so everyone can join in the fun!

Advance booking essential via the Box Office.



Tuesday Magpies

14, 28 Jan | 11, 25 Feb | 11, 25 Mar | 8, 29 Apr | 13, 27 May | 10, 24 Jun

In partnership with LCCC Waste Management, there will be a chance for your community group to upcycle records, jewellery, t-shirts, and much more. Tuesday Magpies is a safe, fun space. **Booking Essential with Lucie.**

Professional Arts Development

This season, we're focusing on Wellbeing in the Arts for the Northern Ireland Mental Health and Arts Festival in May. We're also offering grants, bursaries, and sessions on topics like marketing and finance.

Improve awareness of Mental Health and Wellbeing amongst those who work in the industry and provide Mental Health First Aid training.

Dates: Fri 16 May | Time: 11am | FREE

SATURDAY 10 MAY 2025

MAYOR'S CARNIVAL PARADE

AND FAMILY FUN DAY
WONDERS OF NATURE



**CARNIVAL PARADE LEAVES ISLAND ARTS CENTRE AT 1PM APPROX.
FAMILY FUN DAY AT WALLACE PARK FROM 12 NOON APPROX.**

For further details check: www.ISLANDArtsCentre.com [f](#) ISLANDArtsCentre [@](#) ISLANDArtsbiz [@](#) islandartscentre
T&C's apply. Assistance Dogs only. The council reserves the right to alter the programme.



Art Education

ISLAND Arts Education programme provides schools in the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area with opportunities designed to stimulate creativity, develop skills and confidence, and motivate young people of all ages.

Key Highlights include:

Chinese New Year in January that commences the season with a celebration of Chinese arts and literary workshops. Pupils from across the city will then be onboarding to further the design of our Fairy Trail in Moat Park, Dundonald as well as a Spray-Painting Project to leave a fun, artistic stamp on local areas.



World Book Day makes a welcome return to ISLAND Arts Centre in March and special Filmmaking & Music workshops will see pupils enjoy the opportunity to delve into music and the art of digital storytelling.



Be a pART of our Exhibition programme throughout this season too with school visits welcomed to Meet the Artists or study the range of local talent on display to inspire artistic endeavours.

Set a reminder date in your diaries for this year's 43rd Annual Schools' Arts Competition closing on Fri 11 Apr with categories including Poetry, Short Story, Drama Performance, Musical Performance & Visual Art with the awards ceremony in June.

Visit our FREE seasonally themed Arts Zone open daily during ISLAND Arts Centre's opening hours, where you and little ones can draw, play, dress-up and read stories. Children must always be supervised by adult.

For more details, please see our ISLAND Arts Education Pages at islandartscentre.com or contact: Susannah McKenna, Arts Information & Education Officer (Job-share) at susannah.mckenna@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

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