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05-08
2026

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Sat 2 May | 8pm | €20 / €18

NINETEEN EIGHTY SOMETHING

THEATRE

In the middle of the night in 1981, a young Irish migrant is wakened by a strange woman in a German underground station. She tells him to run, and so begins nine years of running and searching: for love, work, escape, meaning, and hope. This wildly entertaining autobiographical tale from writer and performer Declan Gorman hurtles him from the squats, car factories, and bars of Munich and Berlin to the deserts of Morocco and back home to Dublin during a time of unemployment and protest. With video montage, movement, a pumping 80s soundtrack, and moments of high comedy, Gorman recreates a decade of global and Irish political upheaval and tells his own story in a visceral live performance.



Sat 9 May | 8pm | €35 / €32

VLADIMIR JABLOKOV: UP CLOSE

MUSIC

Following last year's sold-out performance, internationally acclaimed violinist Vladimir Jablovkov returns to Swift for one night only. Once a street busker who chose to step away from the predetermined path, he fought his way to major stages, including headlining Dublin's 3Arena for three consecutive years. For this year's concert, Vladimir will be joined by his sister, pianist Olga Jablovkov. The programme features favourites such as Flight of the Bumblebee, Libertango, Danny Boy, My Way, and The Last Rose of Summer, alongside stories that reveal another side to the artist. An exhilarating and heartfelt night of music not to be missed.



Sat 16 May | 8pm | €25 / €23

SHIRLEY VALENTINE

THEATRE

Meet Shirley, a 45-year-old housewife, trapped in a dreary marriage and humdrum life. As she prepares her husband's dinner - egg and chips - Shirley wonders when she lost her hopeful, youthful self. So, when an unexpected chance to travel to Greece appears, Shirley takes a leap, digs deep into her flagging confidence and discovers it's never too late to reclaim your dreams, your joy, and yourself. Forty years on from its debut, winning Tony and Olivier Awards as well as inspiring an Oscar-nominated film, this new production starring Norma Sheahan promises laughter, poignancy, and an unforgettable evening with one of theatre's most iconic characters.

Sat 23 May | 8pm | €25 / €23

THE LOVE HUNGRY FARMER

THEATRE

John Bosco McLean is a man who has never lain down with a woman but has had romantic blood pulsing through his veins all his life. Always an optimist, and virgin in equal measure, he embarks on a search for an ideal companion regardless of age, failure rate or dammed advice! ...and in a community where advice is ample and women few, he follows his heart in an ultimate bid to procure himself a wife. Performer Seamus O'Rourke brings to life the wistful, blundering, romantic John Bosco McLean, matching stride for stride Keane's fantastic wit and way with words in an uproarious evening of laughter, love, hope and desire...



Sat 13 Jun | 8pm | €20

SEANCHAÍ IORRAIS: WE HAVE HIM BACK!

THEATRE

Set in 70s Leigue Cemetery, Ballina, Co. Mayo. This play, performed by Seanchaí Iorrais (Eriss Storytellers) is a historically accurate and deeply human account of the events surrounding the three funerals of Frank Stagg.

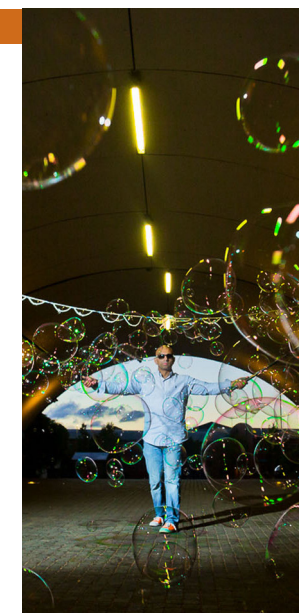
Developed with the blessing and factual input of the Stagg family by writer Brian MacSuihbhne, *We Have Him Back!* tells the story of a mother watching her son die, a wife confronting official falsehoods, a sister struggling to understand, and a brother whose love and resolve would not allow history to be buried in silence. Weaving documented conversations, world and national news, music, and life in 1970s rural Ireland, this story grounds a personal tragedy in a wider historical moment.

Sun 14 Jun | 2pm | €14 / €12 (under 12) / €50 (family of 4)

THE ULTIMATE BUBBLE SHOW

FAMILY

Ray Bubbles, international bubbleologist and Guinness World Record holder, is on a mission to master the art of bubble-making and create the ultimate square bubble! This show promises a whirlwind of excitement as Ray uses various gases to craft stunning bubble sculptures and magical displays. Prepare to be amazed as Ray creates a volcano bubble, a soap bubble carousel, a bubble ghost, and even a tornado inside a bubble. The performance is suitable for children and adults with additional needs.





Sun 21 Jun | 2:30pm | €25

TRIM MID-SUMMER JAZZ WEEKEND: ZASKA

FESTIVAL

As part of the Trim Mid-Summer Jazz Weekend, we're thrilled to welcome ZASKA to Swift. Led by guitarist, songwriter, and producer Max Zaska, the band brings a distinctive blend of modern soul and indie jazz, shaped by influences such as Silk Sonic, Snarky Puppy, Tom Misch, and Nubiyah Twist.

With a guitar style inspired by legends including Wes Montgomery, John Scofield, Nile Rodgers, and Carlos Santana, ZASKA crafts a sound that is both rich and unmistakably their own. Known for collaborations with leading Irish vocalists, including Hozier, their music combines technical brilliance with infectious groove.

ZASKA's high-energy live performances have earned praise as "masterful," "incomparable," and "joyous," captivating audiences from Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London to international festivals such as Mladí ladí Jazz in Prague and the Guinness Cork Jazz Festival. Expect an evening of vibrant musicianship, uplifting energy and irresistible rhythm.

Fri 10 Jul – Fri 7 Aug | All are welcome, no booking required

SWIFT SUMMER OPEN 2026

VISUAL ARTS

Swift Cultural Centre invite artists from Meath, particularly from Trim and surrounding areas, to submit works to our group Summer Open exhibition. Supporting, valuing and encouraging Meath visual artists of all disciplines in the development of their practices and creative careers, this open exhibition presents an overview of contemporary visual arts practice in the area.

To find out more and for details on how to submit, please visit our website.

Online
submission
deadline: Fri 29
May, 5pm



Sat 15 & Sun 16 Aug

MEATH MADE CREATES

FESTIVAL

Join Meath Made for a weekend celebrating creativity, craft and community. Browse a wonderful craft fair, watch talented makers at work during live demonstrations, enjoy live music and refreshments throughout the day, and for those who'd like to try something creative, a range of workshops will run across the weekend. Whether you're local or visiting from further afield, come along, meet the makers, discover beautiful handmade work and be inspired by the creativity of Meath.



Mon 17 - Fri 21 Aug | 10:30am-3:30pm each day

TRIM YOUTH THEATRE SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP

Trim Youth Theatre is back again this summer with a theatre intensive workshop, with a focus on devising, improvisation, and collaborative creation under the directorship of actor Stephen Cromwell. This is a week filled with laughter, teamwork, and confidence building,

€100

Ages 13-17



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Tickets

Box Office: 046 908 7000

Website: swiftculturalcentre.ie

Tickets can be purchased in person, over the phone, or online at www.swiftculturalcentre.ie

Call our box office on: 046 908 7000 or email: info@swiftculturalcentre.ie

Box office opening hours

10am–2pm, Monday to Saturday and 1 hour before performances.

All card transactions are subject to a €1 booking fee (for in person and phone bookings). All online bookings are subject to a €1 booking fee per ticket.

Refund Policy

Tickets are non-refundable once purchased unless the event is cancelled. If an event was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, you are entitled to either i.) full refund, ii.) credit note, or (if possible) iii.) a rescheduled date.

Access

Swift Cultural Centre is fully accessible with a lift to the auditorium entrance on level 1.

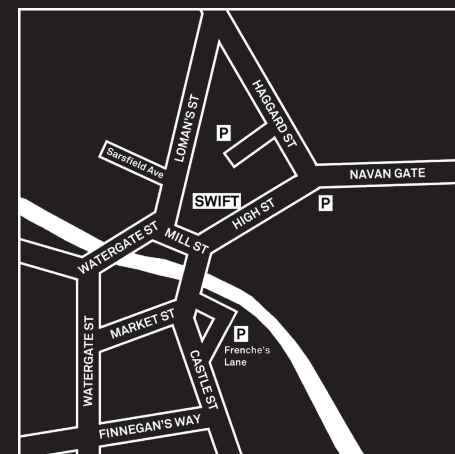
The auditorium has space for up to 6 wheelchair users in the front row.

Please contact box office at time of booking if you have any special requirements.

Guide dogs are welcome at Swift. Please let the Box Office know when booking your ticket so that we can arrange an aisle seat.

Where to Find Us

On-street Pay Parking is in operation between the hours of 9:00 and 18:00, Monday to Saturday (excl. bank holidays). Parking is available at Haggard St Car Park, James Griffin Pub Car Park on High St, and French's Lane Car Park. Please note that you may be required to pay for parking. PARKING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN SARSFIELD AVENUE AND THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS SURROUNDING SWIFT. PLEASE NOTE THAT GARDAÍ WILL BE ADVISED OF ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS.



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