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COMMUNITY
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9-11 May
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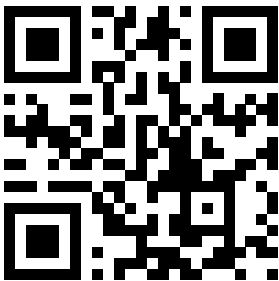
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Phizzfest endeavours to provide a wide range of events and to make them accessible to as many people as possible. Tickets are priced keenly to ensure access to events across age and affordability levels. We regret that, due to the restrictions of the environments in which we operate, not all venues are fully accessible.





WELCOME WELCOME TO PHIZZFEST

We're thrilled to bring you the 2025 Phizzfest lineup! Every year, our festival grows stronger within the community, and this time, a new generation is making its mark – both on stage and behind the scenes. This May, get ready for our most exciting and diverse weekend yet, packed with over 75 events for all ages and interests.

Kicking things off on Friday, the spell-binding Camille O'Sullivan takes the stage. Expect big laughs from comedian David O'Doherty, live music from the brilliant Katie Kim, and a must-see show by Little John Nee. Book lovers can catch talks with leading authors Paul Murray and Katriona O'Sullivan, while Donal O'Kelly mixes performance and conversation in a unique event.

Film fans won't want to miss a special screening of *Blue Road*, the acclaimed documentary about author (and former local) Edna O'Brien, plus a diverse film lineup. In visual arts, stunning exhibitions from Eileen Ferguson and Oisín Tozer will be on display.

And that's just the start! The festival is packed with unique events, from a historic pub crawl and the Festival of Football History to Phizzfest Rising, our showcase of fresh talent. Get hands-on with circus workshops, kayaking, chess, crafts, and a Japanese Ikebana session. Families can enjoy a treasure hunt, a Mad Hatter's tea party, and an outdoor 'bloc' party. Plus, don't miss Sunday's community day at Shandon Gardens by the canal, filled with music, entertainment and fun for all ages.

It's going to be an unforgettable weekend – book your tickets early, and we'll see you there!

Friday, May 9

MUSIC

Camille O'Sullivan

Doors 19.30 All Saints Church

A love letter in song, Camille's new show celebrates her dear friend Shane MacGowan, plus the work of Sinéad O'Connor, David Bowie, Radiohead, Nick Cave and more. Performing with accompaniment from long-time collaborator Feargal Murray, Camille has created an intimate, heartfelt show capturing the honest response to those much loved and lost.



FREE

MUSIC

Phibsborough Bopping Centre

20.00 The Back Page

Join us for Phibsborough Bopping Centre, where we're bringing you the best of Dublin's emerging artists. Prepare to boogie from 8 to late. See you there!



COMEDY

David O'Doherty

Doors 20.30 McGowans

The dishevelled prince of €10 eBay keyboards tries to make you feel alive with a new pageant of laughter, song and occasionally getting up from a chair. It's gonna be a big one.

Star of *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown* (Channel 4), *Live At The Apollo* (BBC) and *Along For the Ride with David O'Doherty* (Channel 4).



DAY

May 09

OUTDOOR

Royal Canal Walk with Peter Clarke

19.00 Meet at Binns Bridge

Fascinating local historical insights featuring Brendan Behan, Mountjoy Gaol, Mallet's Mill, King's Inns, the old Broadstone Railway Station, the old Canal Harbour and much more! A walking tour that brings the everyday around us to life in fresh and interesting ways.

Image: William Murphy



LITERATURE

Neglected Heroes Celebrating the Everyday Individuals in Harry Kernoff's Art

14.30 Phibsborough Library



Inspired by his poetry collection, *Harry Kernoff's Guest*, this talk by poet Vitor Vicente explores how Kernoff's art immortalized Dublin's everyday heroes – labourers, bartenders, and street characters – capturing their dignity and resilience. Discover his unique celebration of folks' struggle and the enduring impact of Kernoff's work on Ireland's cultural and social history.

HISTORY

Phizzfest Best Pub Phibsborough Historical Pub Crawl 2025

16.30 Meet at the Bald Eagle Pub

Step back in time on our Phibsborough Historical Pub Crawl, lead by Quinn Bonta and Lee Stafford. Discover hidden gems, listen to fascinating local stories, and sample the ambiance at each stop. Participants will vote to crown Phizzfest's Best Pub. Welcome drink and sampler platter Included in ticket price.



PHIBSBOUROUGH HISTORICAL PUB CRAWL

PHIZZFEST 2025





FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL HISTORY

**Crowds, Curiosities
and Entertainments**

**A Bohemian FC talk
In Two Parts**

**18.00 McGeough's
Bohemian Lounge**



Bohemian FC historian Gerard Farrell will give a talk on the alternative uses of Dalymount from 1901 to 1970, including a wide variety of other sports, cultural events, carnivals and plenty of the weird and wonderful.

Brian McMahon, author of *Brand New Retro* and resident stadium vinyl DJ at Bohemian FC, will discuss the many-fabled rock concerts held at Dalymount between 1977 and 1995.

MUSIC

The Fegans Sessions

20.30 McGeough's Bohemian Lounge

Dublin's most eclectic session returns to Phizzfest! All welcome, all styles, all abilities, all formats and all ages. Come join us to perform or listen. No mic, no stage, no pressure.

Normal pub rules re age apply.



Saturday, May 10



OUTDOOR

Yoga

10.00-11.00 Great Western Square

Inspire your day with a one-hour yoga session in the park. Led by Nicky Lewis. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel. And why not come out for a second session on Sunday?!

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FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL HISTORY

Tour of Dalymount Stadium

11.00 Meet in Dalymount Lane under the Arch

The tour will be led by Bohemian FC historian Gerry Farrell. Over the course of 90 minutes, you will learn about Dalymount's rise to one of the best stadiums in Ireland, home to the iconic Bohemian FC, from its famous architect, to the great players who graced its pitch and its wild and raucous existence as an entertainment venue.

Saturday, May 10

FAMILY

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

11.00 St Peter's Church Garden

Musician and teacher Shane McGrath will take us on a wonderful musical journey. We will be singing along, playing percussive instruments and using our acting skills to bring stories to life. Wear your silly hat and come ready to enjoy a whimsical adventure. Don't be late for this very important date! *Suitable for children aged 2-6 years. Maximum 20 participants.*



Booking note: 1 ticket per child attending. Accompanying adult attends for free!



May 10

DAY



FAMILY

Bohemia Flea Market

11.00-17.00 (Saturday and Sunday)
Kelly's Yard, North Circular Road

Another great reason to make Phizzfest Dublin's hangout destination this 10-11 May. The city's most popular indoor and outdoor market showcases an eclectic mix of vintage, retro, antiques, art, mid-century, vinyls, collectables and curios.



Visit to the Phibsborough Fire Station

11.00-12.00 and 14.30-15.30

Visit to the Fire Station for children aged 5-12 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult and under 5s will not be admitted.

€10 cash refundable deposit payable per child. Booking via Phizzfest Pop-Up Booking Office in the Spark, Bohemian FC, Phibsborough Tower, Saturday 26 April between 10.30-12.00. Strictly one adult per booking.

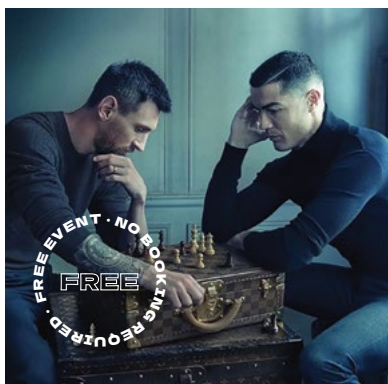


FAMILY

Chess Challenge

11.00-15.00 St Peter's School Hall

Phibsborough Chess Club, known for its friendly and inclusive atmosphere, caters to players of all ages. We are inviting all comers to pit your skills against members of the club in a series of rapid games (10-minute duration). *All levels welcome. Ages 5+, children must be accompanied by an adult.*



ARTS AND CRAFTS

Outdoor Knit Along

11.00-13.00 The Knitting Room, 90 Phibsborough Road

The Knitting Room and Phizzfest Stitchers invite you to bring along your current knitting or crochet project and join us for an outdoor 'craft in the community' event. All levels welcome.

Email info@theknittingroom.ie to book.





FREE EVENT • NO BOOKING REQUIRED • FREE

FAMILY

Phizzfest Bike Bop!

11.50 Bohemian FC Car Park, St Peter's Road

Get ready for an exciting family-friendly bicycle ride through our vibrant neighbourhood! Bring your family and friends as we cycle together in a large, joyful group. Event highlights include musical bikes and a free raffle. Light refreshments afterwards (approx. 12.50pm).

FAMILY

Shane Hegarty

12.00 Phibsborough Library

Join bestselling children's author Shane Hegarty (*Darkmouth, Boot, The Shop of Impossible Ice Creams*) for Magic Ice Creams and Monster Mayhem, as he shows you where he finds his funny and fantastical ideas. Then

it's the turn of the kids to come up with their own wild ideas. Suitable for age 7+.



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ARCHITECTURE

Architectural Tour of the Phibsboro Centre

12.15 Meet at Stairwell beside ATM

Join architect Cormac Murray for a visit to our 1969 concrete landmark: The Phibsboro Centre. This guided tour will tell the fascinating story behind the building: its history, its international design influences, its construction and opening.



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Saturday, May 10

FAMILY

Hidden in Plain Sight Treasure Hunt

Registration 12.30-13.00 at Soldier Statue (opp. Phibsborough Library)

Calling all sleuths! Spend an entertaining afternoon deciphering cryptic clues on this leisurely two-hour hunt through Phibsborough's past & present. Concluding with apres hunt at Doyle's Corner pub for refreshments, chats and prizes. *Adults and older kids (not suitable for little ones).*



MUSIC

Choral Busking

13.00-15.30

Phibsborough Library Garden

Experience an eclectic mix of musical genres and choral harmonies from a host of Dublin choirs. Bring a blanket, grab a coffee, relax and enjoy the magic of soaring harmonies, infectious rhythms and the vibrant community spirit embodied by the best of our city's choirs.

FAMILY

Introduction to Circus Skills

14.00 Panama Scout Hall

Sharon O'Brien aka The Fire & Light Fairy will be hosting our Circus Skills Workshops at Phizzfest 2025. You will learn the basics of juggling, hula hoops, poi, flower sticks and balance. Aimed at 12- to 16-year-olds, it is suitable for all levels of attendees. Come run away with the circus, for just a little while! *Limited to 15 participants, early booking essential.*



LITERATURE

In Conversation
**Paul Murray
and Kevin Power**

Doors 13.30 All Saints Church



Paul Murray, whose bestselling novel *The Bee Sting* won numerous awards and was shortlisted for the Booker Prize, is joined by fellow author, and academic, Kevin Power (*Bad Day in Blackrock*) to discuss novel writing, the author's life and why, if a book is gripping, you don't care about the page count. A festival highlight – booking essential.



HISTORY

**The Royal Canal
from 1789**

14.30 Phibsborough Library

This illustrated talk by local historian Peter Clarke takes us from the building of the canal from 1789 to its closure to traffic in 1951 and its restoration to the present day. At that time, the future of the canal looked bleak, yet today, close to seventy-five years later, the canal is restored for all of us to enjoy.

MUSIC

Burp Sound x Phizzfest

14.00 -18.30 Lane between McGeough's Beer Garden and Dalymount

Phibsborough-based sound system specialising in punk, techno, breaks and hip-hop DJ's holding it down on wax for all the dance music lovers at Phizzfest.



Saturday, May 10

FILM

Girl with the Green Eyes (1964)

**15.00 The Pillar Centre,
Mater Hospital (Eccles St)**

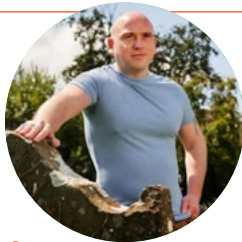
Phizzfest celebrates the life and work of Edna O'Brien with the screening of the adaptation of her novel *The Lonely Girl*. It follows the adventures of *The Country Girls'* characters Kate Brady (Rita Tushingham) and her flatmate Baba (Lynn Redgrave) in their new Dublin life. Includes many iconic Dublin locations.



HISTORY

The Dublin Time Machine

15.00 The Hut



Join Rob Buchanan for a thrilling trip in The Dublin Time Machine! We'll explore Dublin's secret darkest moments – gruesome crimes, deadly epidemics, and natural disasters – while uncovering the resilience of its people. From past struggles to a future United Ireland, we'll connect history's lessons to the city's ever-evolving story.

LITERATURE & ENVIRONMENT

In Conversation Jane Clarke and Anja Murray

15.30 McGeough's Bohemian Lounge

Nature poet Jane Clarke, whose collection *A Change in the Air* was shortlisted for major awards, will read from her work and she and ecologist, broadcaster and author Anja Murray (*Wild Embrace*) will discuss Ireland's natural world, the environmental challenges we face and how creativity can inform and shape a response to them.



Saturday, May 10

FREE EVENT · FREE EVENT
FREE



TALK/POP CULTURE

Ireland Goes Pop

16.00 The Penthouse, Doyle's Corner

Brian McMahon of Brand New Retro – the online pop culture hub – brings us on a rollercoaster ride through the rise of pop culture in Ireland since the 1960s. Ireland may have been isolated, religious and heavily censored but, in this show, we see a country trying to have fun too, just like everyone else.

LITERATURE

The Writer's Block

17.00 The Hut

Join The Writer's Block for an afternoon of stories and poems in an open mic session. We are a group of local writers who meet every two weeks to share and discuss our work. We'd love to have you at our event and hear what you've been writing. You can sit back and soak it up if that's your preference, but if you're up for reading that would be fantastic too.



TICKET EVENT · BOOK ONLINE
€10

FILM

Blue Road - the Edna O'Brien Story

17.00 The Pillar Centre, Mater Hospital (Eccles St)

A special festival screening of 2025's critically acclaimed documentary on Edna O'Brien, *Blue Road*. The film includes interviews with the writer just months before her death in 2024 at the age of 93, as it explores stunning archive material from the life of this extraordinary writer, as well as extracts from her personal diaries, read by Jessie Buckley.

Followed by a Q&A with writer and director Sinéad O'Shea.

Saturday, May 10

MUSIC

**Songwriters
Circle curated
by Gavin James**

**Doors 17.30
Doyle's Corner Pub**

Phizzfest is thrilled to be joined this year by international star and local resident Gavin James, who will curate a songwriters' circle in Doyle's Corner Pub, featuring performances from rising talent along with some very special guests. Not to be missed!



Image: Tore Sætre

THEATRE/DISCUSSION

**In Conversation
Louise Lowe and
Austin O'Carroll**

**17.30-18.30 McGeough's
Bohemian Lounge**

Louise Lowe is director and co-founder of multi-award-winning ANU Theatre Company, whose socially engaged work encompasses both theatre and visual art. Dr Austin O'Carroll is a GP whose radical rethinking of health care systems has created alternative possibilities for many of our most vulnerable citizens. Both work in and share a passionate interest in the north inner city and will discuss place-making and community.



Saturday, May 10

FAMILY

Taking Flight Aerial Circus Performance

18.30 Unit 4, Crossguns Business Park

Prepare to be amazed as gravity-defying artists take flight in an aerial circus show. Suspended high above, these daring performers deliver a mesmerising showcase of strength, grace and spectacle. This family-friendly event will leave everyone wanting to run away with the circus.

**performance may contain flashing lights*

Book through website takingflight.ie under Bookings/Scratch Night.



THEATRE/SPOKEN WORD

Phizzfest Rising

20.00 The Back Page

Join us for Phizzfest Rising, an unmissable scratch night hosted by writer and spoken word artist Emmet O'Brien. Showcasing the best emerging poets, spoken word artists, musicians and theatre makers, Phizzfest Rising will celebrate the vibrant creative talent of Dublin 7 and beyond.

THEATRE/DISCUSSION

According to Our Lights: 25 Years of Direct Provision

19.00 McGowans

Writer/actor Donal O'Kelly navigates the roiling quagmire of historical influences that drove Irish policy makers to concoct the system of Direct Provision for accommodating people needing international refuge a quarter-century ago.

Performance followed by a panel discussion. In association with Afri, Action from Ireland.



Saturday, May 10

FILM

Breaking Brothers

(COIS CÉIM 2024) 24 MINS

19.30, The Pillar Centre, Mater Hospital (Eccles St)

The story of Cristian & Cosmo, two brothers who arrive in an Irish seaside town from the Dominican Republic. In a coming-of-age story, their award-winning break dancing skills are the key to gaining acceptance in contemporary Ireland. A drama/dance/documentary film that will entrance audiences from the first beat.



FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL HISTORY

The Bohs Effect on Football and Phibsborough

19.00 Dalymount Park, Members' Bar

This lively panel discussion will cover the growth of Bohemian FC in the Free State, referring to key events and personalities in the club's history and social history. The panel will include Gerry Farrell, Irish football and Bohemian club historian; Dr Gerri O'Neill, DCU history tutor and former Bohemian FC PRO; and Brian Trench, retired DCU lecturer and former Bohemian FC media officer.

MUSIC

Katie Kim

Doors 19:30 All Saints Church

Mood is central to the expansive musical landscape throughout Katie Kim’s releases: darkened corners, icy atmospheres and hypnotic knife-edge soundscapes. Cinematic in scope and tectonic in delivery, many have used her scores in documentaries, film and TV. With over six albums and an impressive collective of collaborators, she performs at Phizzfest with her band, drummer Ellie Myler (Percolator, Lankum) and Irish Psychedelic-Folk musician Elaine Malone.

Booking Essential.



MUSIC

Saturday Evening Supplement

20.30 McGeough’s Bohemian Lounge

A festival favourite, the Saturday Evening Supplement returns for its fourth year. Join us for a rousing evening of poetry, song and craic, laced with traditional music. Featuring singer Sharyn Ward and local poets and singers. Teallach provide the musical backing.



MUSIC

Secret Gig

Doors 20.30
Doyle’s Corner Pub

Doyle’s Corner will host a fantastic night of music – with some very special guests! All in aid of a great cause, Down Syndrome Ireland.

Sunday, May 11



OUTDOOR

Yoga

10.00-11.00 Great Western Square

Inspire your day with a one-hour yoga session in the park. Led by Nicky Lewis. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

SUM

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Ikebana Workshop

Workshop 1: 10.30

Workshop 2: 13.30

St Peter's School Hall

Experience the beauty of Ikebana, Japanese ancient floral art, in a hands-on workshop led by Tomoko Sempo Yanagi, Professor of Ikenobo Ikebana. Explore its history, techniques and philosophy while creating stunning floral arrangements that embody balance, minimalism and mindfulness. Flowers and foliage supplied.



Tickets: €35 if you have your own kenzan (steel pin flower frog) or €55 to include purchase of kenzan. Booking Essential.



FAMILY

Sketch along with Fintan

11.00 Crafty Studio, Harts Corner

Fintan will be drawing and painting a master study. Come along and watch the demonstration or join in and sketch as he does.

Booking essential craftystudio.ie

FREE EVENT
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May 11

DAY



FAMILY

Bohemia Flea Market

11.00-17.00 (Saturday and Sunday)
Kelly's Yard, North Circular Road

Another great reason to make Phizzfest Dublin's hangout destination this 10-11 May. The city's most popular indoor and outdoor market showcases an eclectic mix of vintage, retro, antiques, art, mid-century, vinyls, collectables and curios.

Sunday, May 11

OUTDOOR

Amazing Underwater World of the Royal Canal

11.00 Royal Canal, 6th Lock



Join us as we explore what lies beneath the placid surface of the Royal Canal. A family-friendly event co-hosted with Phibsboro Village Tidy Towns and Shandon Residents Association supported by the Local Authority Waters Programme.



OUTDOOR/FAMILY

Classic Cars Parade

13.00 Broadstone Plaza
(at the Luas Stop)

For all motor enthusiasts, or those with just a passing interest, an ensemble of classic cars will gather at Broadstone Plaza at 1pm and parade from 1.30pm, with a Garda escort, along Phibsborough Road to Des Kelly's at Cross Guns Bridge where they will be on further display.



Sunday, May 11

LITERATURE

In Conversation
**Katriona
O'Sullivan and
Richard Hogan**

Doors 12.30
Doyle's Corner Pub

Award-winning author Katriona O'Sullivan, whose memoir *Poor* became an international bestseller, will be interviewed by leading psychologist and author Richard Hogan. From her journey through poverty and early motherhood to overcoming barriers to education, Katriona has become an inspiring voice for equality and inclusion. A festival highlight – booking essential.



HISTORY

Remembering An
Gorta Mór with Afri

13.45 Meet at Des Kellys Carpark –
Cross Guns Bridge

Join us in retracing the steps of our ancestors who journeyed from Strokestown Park Estate, Roscommon, along the Royal Canal to embark on the perilous voyage to North America during An Gorta Mór. Together, we'll remember their stories and struggles.



ARTS AND CRAFTS

Crafternoon with Ann-Marie

13:30 Crafty Studio Harts Corner

Sew, stitch, felt, draw, paint or make your version of the Phizzfest logo. All materials provided, just bring your creativity. Logos may then be entered into a competition to win a €100 voucher for Crafty Studio.



Booking essential @ craftystudio.ie

FILM

All in This Together

TWO FILMS BY DENNIS HARVEY

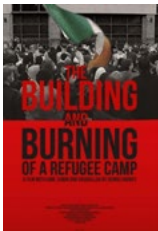
16.00 The Pillar Centre, Mater Hospital



I Must Away (2023)

75 mins

In his first feature, director Dennis Harvey explores what it means to be a migrant. Narrated through a series of letters to his grandmother in Galway.



The Building and Burning of a Refugee Camp (2024)

20 mins

Three men seeking sanctuary in Ireland find themselves caught on the streets between a hostile asylum policy and an increasingly militant far-right.

Dennis Harvey will join us for a post-screening Q&A. Presented in collaboration with Phibsboro For All.



MUSIC

Offbeat Ensemble

16.00 All Saints Church

Phibsborough's community string orchestra will be joined by musicians drawn from the area's vibrant local traditional Irish music scene, for an hour of contemporary, classical and trad music.

The ensemble was founded in 2013 by string players and teachers Ciara Cavanagh and Nathan Sherman, open to all adult learners, and played its first concert that year in King's Inns. Since then, it has performed in an array of amazing venues.



MUSIC

Irish Traditional Music - Open Session

17:30 Doyle's Corner Pub

Calling all trad musicians! Join us in Doyle's for a traditional music session with renowned piper Néillidh Mulligan. All players are welcome to take part and play – bring your instrument. Starting with a slow session at 17:30 followed by open session at 18:30. All players and listeners welcome. Entertainment guaranteed in a convivial atmosphere. Organized in conjunction with Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Navan Road.



THEATRE/MUSIC

Zeitgeist Jukebox

Doors 18:00 McGowans

An immersive theatre experience framed by Little John Nee's masterful storytelling; a soulful antidote to the disconnection of our times, and a testament to the healing power of music. Let the fun go deep.



FILM

The GalPal Collective

SHORT FILMS ON THE THEME OF HOME

19.00 The Pillar Centre, Mater Hospital (Eccles St)

A curated programme of short films for Phizzfest exploring 'home' in the literal sense as well as family, complexity of identity and cultural belonging. Opens with Fatoumata Gandega's *Where the Heart Is*, an experimental documentary on diasporic, Muslim and Black experience in the West.



MUSIC

DJ Brand New Retro

20.00 The Back Page

Brian McMahon, resident stadium vinyl DJ for Bohemian FC at Dalymount Park, brings his Brand New Retro mobile disco to the Back Page on Sunday with guaranteed good grooves all night long.



Sunday, May 11

PHIZZFEST COMMUNITY & FAMILY DAY

ALL EVENTS · FREE EVENTS
FREE

13.00-18.00

Shandon Gardens by the Royal Canal

13.30

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann

The stage is set for a wonderful community day, kicking off with the Craobh Páidí Bán Ó Broin Comhaltas Ceoltóirí branch from Navan Road, who are sure to give us a lively and energetic start. Bring your dancing shoes!

Join us stage-side for an entertainment-packed afternoon of Phizzfest fun at the canal! Featuring great musical acts, a magician, children's toys, canoeing and other water-based activities, lots of information from the Royal Canal Amenity Group and not forgetting the annual festival highlight - the Duck Race. Bring all the family and, weather permitting, why not bring a picnic too?

14.00

Try Kayaking

Try something new, outdoors and fun – kayaking with Canoeing Ireland's sit-on-top kayaks. Safety equipment provided and instructors on site. 30-minute rides. *Strictly for ages 8 years +. Booking Essential.*





14.15

Finglas Concert and Marching Band

Finglas Concert and Marching Band are an energetic and enthusiastic ensemble with a varied repertoire, from big band hits to modern-day pop. Sure to delight audiences young and old.



14.30

Phizzfest Raft Race

Details on Website

14.30

Magician Quentin Reynolds

Quentin Reynolds, member of the Magic Circle, will delight and astound both children and adults with his repertoire of tricks, wheezes and surprises. Come for the craic and the amazement.

15.00

The Walkaleles

Back by popular demand for another Phizzfest appearance are the Walkaleles, who will bring their unique and magical ukulele interpretation to songs we all know - guaranteed to have you dancing!

Sunday, May 11

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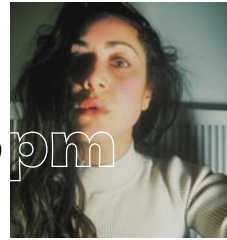
16.30

The Musical Suspects

The Musical Suspects under conductor Niamh McDonough have been singing both traditional and modern repertoire in close harmony for many years. They perform regularly in Dublin in the John Field Room and St Ann's, Dawson Street.

15.45 pm

Galia Arad



Self-described as Bob Dylan meets Britney Spears, songwriter Galia moved to Dublin from NYC twelve years ago after somehow convincing Shane MacGowan to feature on her record *Ooh La Baby*. Galia has done about 100 shows supporting Jools Holland and has a passion for working with incarcerated youth on music and writing.

17.30

Duck Race

Prizes galore in this tension-filled festival favourite! Keep an eye out for our yellow barrow selling ducks at pop-up locations in Phibsborough in the week before and on the canal during the Community and Family Day. The race itself will take place west of the 6th lock.



All Weekend

CoisCéim Cinematheque

3 BILLBOARDS @ CROSSGUNS

All Weekend

Buckle up for an electrifying ride, dance aficionados! Phizzfest 25 is turning up the heat with CoisCéim Cinematheque in partnership with Micromedia.



Imagine this: strolling past the Cross Guns Billboard, now transformed into a pulsating Dance Directory, as your phone becomes your passport to a whirlwind of dance magic!

VISUAL ART

ALL EVENTS
FREE

POP UP EXHIBITION

Area C, Eileen Ferguson

Friday 18.00-20.00

Saturday & Sunday 12.00-17.00

Ulster St - Rear 48 Connaught Street



Paintings, prints and sculpture investigating themes of social, political and cultural landscape. Eileen's imagery focuses on isolation, occupation, land, borders and barriers. Research was undertaken and imagery collected during the artist's visit to the Occupied Territories in 2019 when she took part in the Olive Tree Campaign organised by the Joint Advocacy Initiative.

The Walk to the Workhouse

BY JIM DONNELLY

Saturday 13.00 - 17.00

Sunday 13.00 - 17.00

The Spark, Phibsborough Tower



This is an exhibition of mixed media sculptures created as a response to Ireland's Great Hunger of 1845-1852. Echoing the failure of the potato crop, they are created using 'hessian', the material of the potato sack.

All Weekend

Open Studios

Fri 9th: 18.00–20.00

Sat 10th: 12.00–17.00

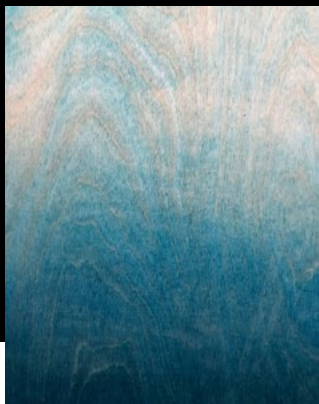
Sun 11th: 12.00–17.00

**Richmond Road Studios, Entrance on 1st Floor,
The Tower, Phibsborough Shopping Centre**

Richmond Road Studios opens its doors once again for Phizzfest 2025. From sculpture to painting, printmaking, photography and more, this is a chance to glimpse the working spaces of our diverse artist members – and enjoy the view from our home in Phibsboro Tower.

Solo Exhibition, Oisín Tozer

Featuring in the Open Studios is Yearn, a solo exhibition by the multidisciplinary artist Oisín Tozer, whose practice incorporates a range of media and materials. The work explores ideas around nature, materiality and time, drawing upon the unique context of the brutalist Phibsborough Tower.



BKB Visual Arts Studios

OPEN STUDIOS

Glasnevin Industrial Estate

Please see phizzfest.ie for opening hours and exact location

BKB are celebrating their 6th year of supporting artists with affordable studios on Dublin's northside. BKB and their member artists invite you to visit and experience the range of talent housed in the studios. Work includes illustration, drawing, embroidery, painting, sculpture and more from our 12 artist members. We look forward to seeing you.





All Weekend

ALL EVENTS • FREE EVENTS

CASA MEXICO

Lucha Libre Art Exhibition

Opening Friday 9 May 12.00 runs until 25 May

Dive into the vibrant world of Lucha Libre with our exciting art exhibition! Explore a dynamic collection of paintings that celebrate the energy, culture and iconic wrestlers of this beloved sport, showcased through a variety of artistic styles. Whether you're a fan or new to Lucha Libre, this exhibition promises a thrilling homage to its spirit and artistry!

Kids' Cooking Class

Saturday 14.00-16.00

Let the little chefs unleash their creativity in this engaging cooking class designed just for kids! They'll learn to make delicious dishes while having a blast in the kitchen.

Charro Dublin

Saturday 16.30-17.30

Enjoy the vibrant sounds of traditional Mexican music with "Charro Dublin" Johnny Arias! Sing along to popular favourites and immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere.

*Places are limited for workshop, to book a place contact:
T: 0851552007
E: artpromoter2cmx@gmail.com*

Watercolour Beginner Art Class

Saturday 12.00-13.30

Discover the beauty of watercolour painting in this hands-on class where you'll learn various techniques to create your own masterpiece. No experience is necessary!

Mexican Food Tasting

Sunday 14.00 until the food runs out!

Indulge in a delightful array of traditional Mexican cuisine, including tamales, beans, rice, chicken with mole, desserts, and refreshing non-alcoholic drinks. Come hungry and savour the flavors of Mexico



EVENTS EVENTS BY CATEGORY

COMEDY

David O'Doherty	Friday	21:00
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MUSIC

Camille O'Sullivan	Friday	20:00
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Phibsborough Bopping Centre	Friday	20:00
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Fegans Sessions	Friday	20:30
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Choral Busking	Saturday	13:00
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Burp Sound x Phizzfest	Saturday	14:00
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Mexican Music	Saturday	16:30
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Songwriters' Circle curated by Gavin James	Saturday	18:00
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Katie Kim	Saturday	20:00
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Saturday Night Supplement	Saturday	20:30
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Secret Gig @ Doyle's Corner	Saturday	21:00
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Off Beat Ensemble	Sunday	16:00
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Navan Road Comhaltas Slow Session	Sunday	17:30
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Navan Road Comhaltas Open Session	Sunday	18:30
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DJ Brand New Retro	Sunday	20:00
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THEATRE

According to Our Lights	Saturday	19:00
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Phizzfest Rising	Saturday	20:00
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Zeitgist Jukebox	Sunday	18:30
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FILM

Girl with the Green Eyes	Saturday	15:00
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Blue Road	Saturday	17:00
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Breaking Brothers (CoisCéim)	Saturday	19:30
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All in this Together (two films by Dennis Harvey)	Sunday	16:00
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The GalPal Collective	Sunday	19:00
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CoisCéim Cinematheque	All Weekend	All Day
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TALKS, WALKS & TOURS

Phizzfest Best Pub Historical Pub Crawl

Royal Canal walk with Peter Clarke

Architectural Tour of Phibsboro Centre

The Royal Canal from 1789

Dublin Time Machine

Ireland Goes Pop, Brand New Retro

Louise Lowe in Conversation with Austin O'Carroll

Amazing Underwater World of the Royal Canal

Remembering An Gorta Mór

FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL HISTORY

Crowds, Curiosities and Entertainment

Tour of Dalymount Stadium

The Bohs Effect on Football and History

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Visit to the Firestation

Chess Challenge

Shane Hegarty Children's Author

LITERATURE & POETRY

Neglected Heroes

Paul Murray in Conversation with Kevin Power

Jane Clarke and Anja Murray

Writer's Block

Katrina O'Sullivan in Conversation with Richard Hogan

Friday	16:30
Friday	19:00
Saturday	12:15
Saturday	14:30
Saturday	15:00
Saturday	16:00
Saturday	17:30
Sunday	11:00
Sunday	13:45
Friday	18:00
Saturday	11:00
Saturday	19:00
Saturday	11:00
Saturday	11:00 & 14:30
Saturday	11:00
Saturday	12:00
Friday	14:30
Saturday	14:00
Saturday	15:30
Saturday	17:00
Sunday	13:00

ART, CRAFT & WORKSHOPS

Phizzfest Knit-Along	Saturday	11:00
Watercolour Beginner Art Class	Saturday	12:00
Kids' Cooking Class	Saturday	14:00
Ikebana Workshop	Sunday	10:30 & 13:30
Crafty Sunday	Sunday	11:00
Crafternoon with Ann-Marie	Sunday	13:30

OUT AND ABOUT

Yoga	Saturday	10:00
Yoga	Sunday	10:00
Bohemia Flea Market	Saturday & Sunday	11:00
iBike Cycle	Saturday	11:50
Treasure Hunt	Saturday	12:30
Classic Cars Rally	Sunday	13:00

CIRCUS

Intro to Circus Skills	Saturday	14:00
Taking Flight Aerial Display	Saturday	18:30

COMMUNITY DAY & CANAL EVENTS

Comhaltas Navan Road	Sunday	13:30
Finglas Concert Band	Sunday	14:15
Quentin Reynolds Children's Magician	Sunday	14:30
Raft Race	Sunday	14:30
Walkaleles	Sunday	15:00
Galia Arad	Sunday	15:45
The Musical Suspects	Sunday	16:30
Duck Race	Sunday	17:30
Kayaying with Canoeing Ireland	Sunday	14:00-17:00



Our Sponsors

Huge thanks are due to our 2025 Gold, Silver and Bronze festival sponsors.

Without the support of the following local businesses, Phizzfest wouldn't be possible. With their help, the festival has gone from strength to strength every year, becoming synonymous with all that's great about the area - and what's good for the community is good for the local economy. We thank all of you for your continued support.

Please check our website for more on this year's Gold Sponsors.

Gold

- **McGowans of Phibsboro**
18 Phibsborough Rd
- **Capital Loan & Investment Society**
23 Nth Great Frederick St, Dublin 1
- **McGeough's Bohemian Lounge**
66 Phibsborough Rd, Doyle's Corner
- **HJ Byrne Estate Agents**
357 North Circular Rd, Phibsborough
- **Doyle's Corner Pub**
160/161 Phibsborough Rd

Silver

- **Lappin Estates**
154 Phibsborough Rd
- **PTSB**
69-71 Phibsborough Rd
- **The Back Page**
99 Phibsborough Rd

Bronze

- **Sherry Fitzgerald**
64-65 Phibsborough Rd
- **Mason Estates**
148 Phibsborough Rd
- **Prospect Law**
10 Prospect Rd, Glasnevin
- **DNG**
138 Phibsborough Rd
- **Bohemia Flea Market**
Kelly's Yard, North Circular Rd

Teamwork

We would like to sincerely thank all in the community who contribute to the success of Phizzfest – from the volunteers to the local organisations and businesses, who come together every year to unite the people of Phibsborough and extend a welcome to our wider neighbours, for an unforgettable weekend of arts, culture and family fun.

To all our event venues – Mater Hospital, Bohemian FC, Panama Scout Hall, Phibsborough Library, Phibsborough Fire Station, St Peter’s Parish, All Saints Parish, McGeough’s Bohemian Lounge, McGowans of Phibsboro, Doyle’s Corner Pub, The Back Page, The Hut and The Spark – thank you for hosting us over the festival weekend. Special thanks to Alan and Seamus of McGeough’s for facilitating our regular planning meetings and always going the extra mile in support of the festival.

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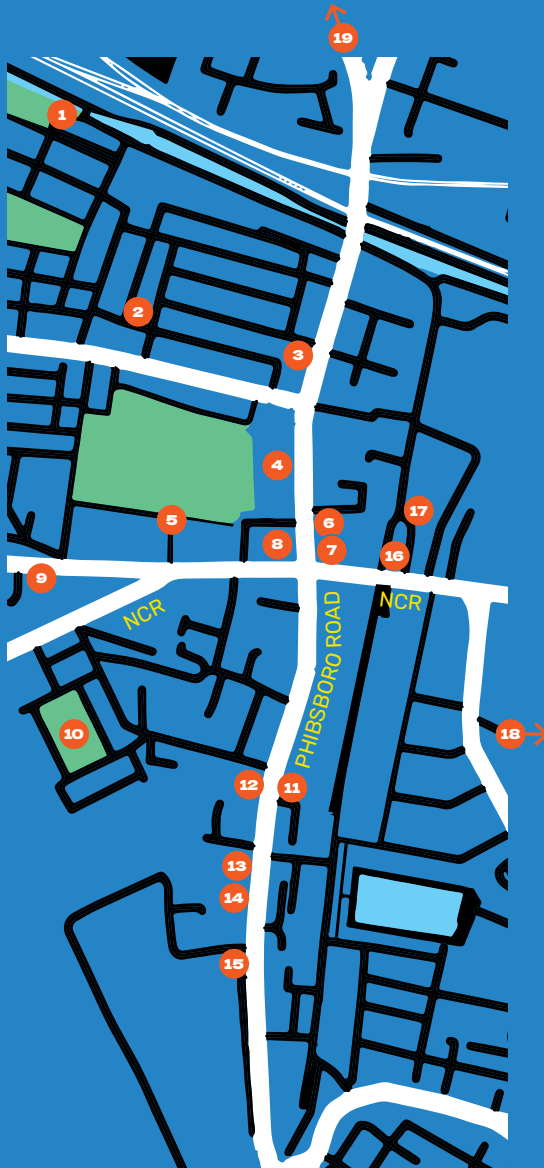
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Venues map



- Canal Bank at Shandon **1**
- Ulster St - Rear 48 Connaught St **2**
- The Knitting Room **3**
- Phibsborough SC **4**
- Dalymount Park **5**
- The Hut **6**
- Doyle's Corner **7**
- McGeough's Bohemian Lounge **8**
- St Peter's Church Garden **9**
- Great Western Square **10**
- The Back Page **11**
- Casa Mexico **12**
- All Saints Church **13**
- Phibsborough Fire Station **14**
- McGowans of Phibsboro **15**
- Phibsborough Library **16**
- Panama Scout Hall **17**
- Mater Hospital, Eccles St
(Pillar Centre) **18**
- BKB Studios **19**



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