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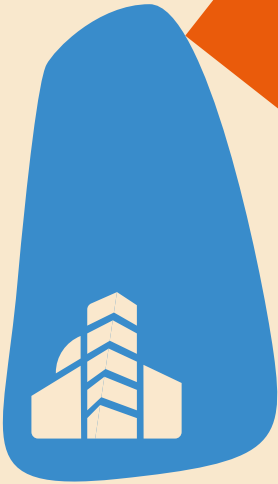
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**Phibsborough
Community
& Arts Festival**

Welcome to PHIZZFEST

We're thrilled to welcome you to Phizzfest 2026 – the weekend when Phibsborough comes alive with the full force of its creativity and community spirit. This year's programme is one of our richest yet, weaving together big ideas and bold artistry with our neighbourhood's unmistakable buzz.



Across performances, literature, screenings, talks and exhibitions, you'll find powerful reflections on some of the defining issues of our time: home and exile, memory and belonging, and the human stories that emerge from conflict and displacement – as Phizzfest 2026 invites us to look closely at the world we share – and the futures we imagine together.

But it's also a festival that embraces joy, play and celebration. In the iconic Dalymount Stadium, you can expect a blistering live set from fast-rising Dublin band Madra Salach, and a very special In Conversation event, The Rodfather, with former Bohs manager Roddy Collins joined by author Paul Howard. Elsewhere are high-energy DJ sets, and intimate gigs from some of Ireland's most distinctive voices. Add to that a packed programme of comedy, theatre, circus, literary heavyweights, a festival Book Club, children's events, local walks, wildflower tours, creative workshops and beloved community traditions, and you have a festival weekend that truly has something for everyone.

This is your festival so dive in, explore widely – and enjoy every minute.

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tickets:



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.

Please note:

- All ticket prices include booking fee.
- There are no toilet facilities in All Saints Church or the Library.
- Normal pub rules re age apply for all events in pubs.

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MUSIC

THE GIG AT DALYMOUNT Madra Salach

21:00 (Doors 20:00)
Dalymount Stadium

PHIZZFEST HIGHLIGHT AT DALYMOUNT PARK

Get ready for a top festival highlight as rising Dublin folk-experimentalists Madra Salach take to the stage in Dalymount Park. Fusing raw traditional vocals with distortion, synths and a modern edge, this genre-bending six-piece have been hailed as forging a 'raw new folklore' from Dublin's restless spirit. With rapturous live shows and a fast-growing following, they're set to deliver an unforgettable night in one of the city's most iconic grounds.



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TICKETS
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TALKS, WALKS AND TOURS

Celebrating the Life and Work of Sculptor Albert G. Power (1881–1945)

18.30 Pillar Room in the Mater Hospital

TICKETS €5 BOOK ONLINE

Join Sharon O'Meara for a personal reflection on the remarkable legacy of her great-grandfather, Phibsborough resident Albert G. Power RHA, the leading sculptor of the Irish Free State. For over three decades, Power's work shaped the country's architectural, religious and political landscape through his distinctive public commissions.

The evening will also feature a contribution from Art Historian Síghle Bhreathnach-Lynch, author of *Expressions of Nationhood in Bronze and Stone: Albert G. Power RHA*, offering further insights into the artistic significance of Power's life and work.

MAY 07 THURSDAY

LITERATURE

PHIZZFEST BOOK CLUB with Author Henrietta McKervey

19.00 Fion Eile

Join us for a special festival Book Club featuring *The Woman in the Water* – an atmospheric gothic thriller inspired by Daphne Du Maurier's *Rebecca*. Described as 'Intense, mysterious and wonderful' by Xiaolu Guo, this is a chance to bring your copy, meet acclaimed author Henrietta McKervey, hear about the inspirations behind the novel, and join a lively discussion. The book is available in all good bookstores and online.

Ticket Price includes glass of wine.

TICKETS €20 BOOK ONLINE



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THEATRE

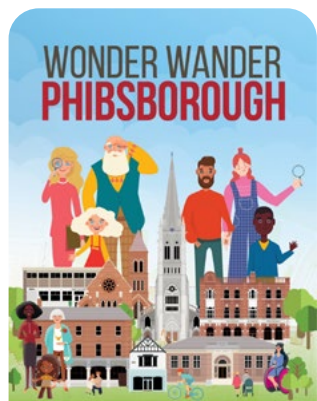
Ivy

19:30 McGowans of Phibsboro

Writer-performer Helen McGrath and director Esosa Ighodaro tell the story of Ivy, a woman forced into hidden homelessness and clinging to the memories of a home she can't return to. Caught between what's real and imagined, Ivy navigates a path through a broken system, in this 'thought-provoking, theatrical experience which is poignant, at times comic, but at all times absorbing' (No More Workhorse).

TICKETS €15 BOOK ONLINE





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TALKS, WALKS AND TOURS

Wonder Wander Walking Trail Launch

11.30 Phibsborough Library

Join us to celebrate the launch of the Wonder Wander Walking Trail for Phibsborough Architectural Conservation Area. This community-led trail map celebrates the area's unique character and fascinating history. Always remember to glance up, peer down and never cease to wonder!

EVENT IS
Free
 NO BOOKING
 REQUIRED

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Pitch & Putt Juvenile Open Day

15:00 Shandon Pitch & Putt Club

Shandon Pitch & Putt Club is delighted to host a free juvenile open day, ages 13–17 years. All levels catered for, all equipment will be supplied and tuition will be provided.

This event is limited to 20 players.

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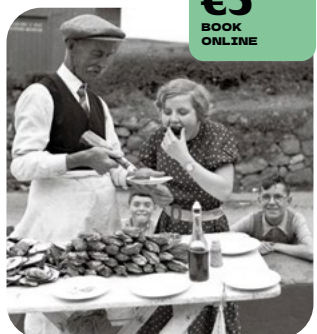
TALKS, WALKS AND TOURS

Ireland on a Plate: A Culinary Journey Through Time

18:00 McGeough's Bohemian Lounge

Take a fascinating trip through Ireland's food history with renowned gastronomic scholar Dr Máirtín Mac Con Iomaire, co-editor of the award-winning book *Irish Food History: A Companion*. In this lively and accessible talk, Máirtín explores the dishes, customs and cultural forces that have shaped Irish cuisine across centuries. A feast of stories about how Ireland came to taste the way it does.

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FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL HISTORY

The First Game

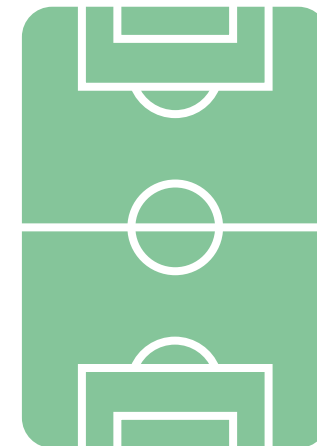
Film by Naoise Hallissey
 Short film & panel

18:00 Mono's Bar, Dalymount Park

A powerful short documentary tracing the beginnings of the Republic of Ireland Women's National Football Team, who played their first international match in 1973. Featuring pioneering player Linda Gorman, it uncovers the quiet revolution that shaped the early squad and paved the way for future generations.

Post-screening panel/Q&A.

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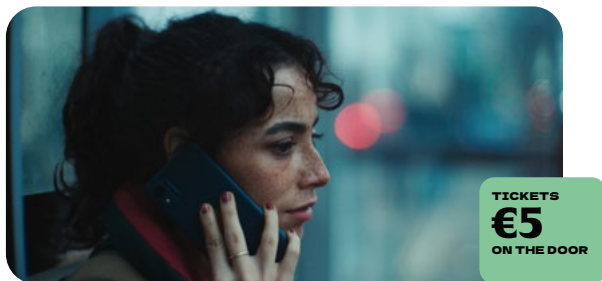
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TALKS, WALKS AND TOURS

Hidden Histories of the Royal Canal

19:00 Meet at Binns Bridge

Explore the Royal Canal in a whole new way on this lively guided walk led by Peter Clarke. Discover the stories woven into its banks – from Brendan Behan's haunts and Mountjoy's imposing walls to Mallet's Mill, King's Inns, the old Broadstone Railway Station, the former Canal Harbour, and more. A fascinating journey that brings familiar streets and landmarks to life through unexpected history and local lore.



FILM

Short Cuts

19:00 Racket Room, The Bernard Shaw

A night of curated short films from Dublin production company Motherland, showcasing bold voices and standout local talent.

An exciting mix of documentary, drama and comedy from resident directors including Tara O'Callaghan, Ellius Grace, Ross Killeen and more. The programme opens with an introduction by artist John Byrne, followed by a screening of his film *Boot Boy*.



MUSIC

Seachrán شروذ

19:30 (Doors 19:00) All Saints Church

In a new project that brings together Irish, Palestinian and Lebanese music and dance, Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin, Loor Amin, Niamh Keady-Tabbal and Sarraj Alstersawi explore stories of exile, emigration, love and resistance.

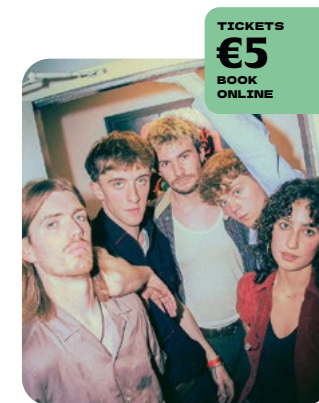


TALKS, WALKS AND TOURS

Créatúr: A Whiskey-Oiled History

19.30 The Hut

Join whiskey historian Dr Fionnán O'Connor for an atmospheric journey through the story of Irish whiskey, with a preview reading from his forthcoming book *Créatúr: Irish Whiskey Through the Histories of Its Tastes*. Featuring a Killowen Distillery tasting and a rare recreation of a 1960s poitín from UCC's Ó Riada archives, this promises an evening steeped in flavour, folklore and discovery. There may be song.



MUSIC

Phibsborough Bopping Centre

20:00 Doyle's Corner Pub

A beloved festival favourite returns! Phibsborough Bopping Centre once again brings the best of Ireland's emerging artists together for a night of unstoppable energy and late-night grooves. Big sounds, fresh talent and a dancefloor that keeps the neighbourhood moving till late. Boogie on down and have yourself a bop.



MUSIC

The Fegan Sessions

20:30 McGeough's Bohemian Lounge

Dublin's most eclectic open session returns once more to Phizzfest! All styles, abilities, formats and ages welcome. No mic, no stage, no pressure. Performers and listeners alike – we look forward to welcoming you!

OUT AND ABOUT

Yoga in the park

10.00–11.00 Great Western Square

Unroll your mat and ease into the day with a calming, outdoor yoga session that leaves you grounded, refreshed and festival-fit. Led by Andrea Keohane, this gentle, inclusive practice helps you stretch out, breathe deeply and reset before the day's adventures unfold. Bring a mat and enjoy. All levels welcome.



EVENT IS
Free
NO BOOKING
REQUIRED

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Nature's Neighbours Breakfast Party

11:00 (workshop time 45 mins)
Four Masters Park

We welcome back musician and teacher Shane McGrath for Nature's Neighbour's Breakfast Party – a musical journey to an imaginary community garden in the morning. This is interactive storytelling at its best, using props, sound effects and plenty of singing and movement to music. Suitable for children aged 2–6 years and their families.

Adults attend free with participating child.



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ART, CRAFT & WORKSHOPS

Outdoor Knit Along

11:00–13:00 The Knitting Room,
90 Phibsborough Road

The Knitting Room and Phizzfest Stitches invite you to grab your needles or hook, bring your current project, and join us for a relaxed outdoor 'craft in the community' session. Expect chats, colour, creativity – and that lovely shared rhythm that happens when people make things together under the open sky. All levels welcome.

Email info@theknittingroom.ie to book.



EVENT IS
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TALKS WALKS AND TOURS

Séan Fitzgerald – Musical Tour

11:00 Meeting place
details available on booking

Hit the streets for a lively musical ramble with ballad singer and storyteller Séan Fitzgerald, member of The Deadlians and champion of Dublin's folk traditions. This spirited walking tour brings the neighbourhood's musical past to life, weaving in surprising tales of the singers and legends who once called Phibsborough home – including Vera Lynn!



TICKETS
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MAY 09 SATURDAY



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Phizzfest Children's Special Edition Sketchbook Club

11:00 All Saints Hall, Phibsborough Rd

Open your sketchbook and fire up your imagination! Sketchbook Club is a fun, guided drawing adventure led by local artists Selkies and Kate Escolin for ages 11-14. Bring your sketchbooks, your brightest ideas, and get ready to doodle, dream and create together.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Wanda Broom Workshop with Ciara Geraghty

11:00 Phibsborough Library

Discover the magic of storytelling in this playful, witch-themed creative writing workshop inspired by Ciara Geraghty's book *Wanda Broom*. Guided by the Dublin author, young writers will conjure characters, brew up ideas and craft their own spellbinding tales in a fun, imaginative session.



MUSIC

Burp Audio x Phizzfest – Daytime Party

12:00–18:00 Lane between McGeough's Beer Garden and Dalymount

Back again for Phizzfest 2026 with a brand-new DIY, hand-built sound system, this daytime party is one for dancers and music lovers across Phibsborough. Expect a vibe-filled session packed with vinyl-only selections – from techno to breaks and plenty more – guaranteed to get the neighbourhood moving long before sunset.



OUT AND ABOUT

Phizzfest Community Cycle

12:00 Meet Bohemian FC Car Park, St Peter's Rd

Now in its third year, this much-loved Phizzfest community cycle brings families together for a fun, colourful ride through the streets of Phibsborough during Bike Week. Everyone who takes part goes into a draw for fantastic prizes – so decorate your bike, pull on a costume and enjoy a relaxed, all-ages slow roll to celebrate your community on wheels. After the ride, relax and catch up with neighbours over tea and coffee.

Phizzfest #BetterByBike.

LITERATURE

On Tuesdays I'm a Buddhist – Michael Harding

TICKETS €15 BOOK ONLINE

12:00 All Saints Church

Join award-winning author and storyteller Michael Harding for an intimate hour of readings, reflection and conversation. Harding, one of Ireland's best-loved writers and chroniclers of the inner life, will draw from his memoir that shares the event name, along with other works including his recent bestseller *Midwinter*. There will be humour, honesty and Harding's signature blend of heart and wit, with plenty of time for audience questions at the end.





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OUT AND ABOUT

Hidden in Plain Sight Treasure Hunt

12:30–13:00 Collect clue-scripts at the Soldier Statue opposite the library.

15:00: Après-hunt gathering at The Bernard Shaw for refreshments, chats and prizes.

Spend an entertaining afternoon deciphering cryptic clues on this leisurely two-hour hunt through Phibsborough's past and present – an annual festival staple that brings out the sleuth in everyone.

Perfect for curious adults and older kids who enjoy a good puzzle (3.5km route; not suitable for little ones).

OUT AND ABOUT

Historical Pub Crawl

14.00 Meet at The Bald Eagle

Raise a glass to the past on the 2nd Annual Phibsborough Historical Pub Crawl. Led by Quinn Bonta and Lee Stafford, we're returning to the streets to uncover more secrets behind Phibsborough's most iconic haunts. Sip, socialise and soak up the local lore as we visit a curated selection of pubs. The night ends with our signature tradition: the crowning of Phizzfest's Best Pub, as voted by you.

TICKETS
€20
BOOK ONLINE



Your ticket covers your first drink and a selection of snacks on our crawl.

OUT AND ABOUT

Mexican/Aztec Dance Workshop

14.00 Four Masters Park, Berkeley Road/Eccles St



EVENT IS
Free
NO BOOKING
REQUIRED

Step into a 50-minute immersive experience inspired by Mexica (Aztec) tradition. This workshop invites participants to connect with ancestral wisdom through ceremony, the creation of a Tlamanalli (sacred offering), and traditional dance. Together, we explore the connection between body, earth and spirit in a respectful, community-centered space.

OUT AND ABOUT

Lung Ying Kung Fu & Tai Chi Class

14:00 Great Western Square

EVENT IS
Free
NO BOOKING
REQUIRED



Embrace the spirit of Lung Ying Kung Fu and the harmony of Tai Chi. Observe traditional demonstrations and practice alongside our instructors in an interactive session. Cultivate mindfulness, vitality and self-defense. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Reading and Drawing with Gerry Daly

14:30–15:30 Phibsborough Library



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Dive into the wild world of the Skelligs and Irish woodlands with award-winning author-illustrator Gerry Daly. Meet favourite creatures from the bestselling *Puffing* series and discover new surprises from his latest picture book *What's That Spooky Sound?*. With lively puppets, fun drawing moments and lots of creature-spotting magic, this is an irresistible event for young nature lovers.

For Children aged 4–8.

IN CONVERSATION

LITERATURE

Love, Lies & Modern Lives – Authors Maggie Armstrong and Sophie White

15.00 All Saints Church

Two of Ireland’s most exciting contemporary writers – Sophie White and Maggie Armstrong – come together for a rich discussion about shaping narrative, writing modern relationships and capturing the tensions of everyday life. Drawing on Armstrong’s sharply observed linked stories in *Old Romantics* alongside White’s compelling exploration of relationships in *Such a Good Couple*, the pair will delve into craft, character and the messy brilliance of human connection. An engaging, thoughtful exchange with time for audience questions.



TICKETS
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TALKS WALKS AND TOURS

Stories of Home

16:00–18:00 McGeough’s Bohemian Lounge, First Floor

Join Afri (Action From Ireland) for an uplifting afternoon of storytelling through song, poetry, spoken word, theatre and photography. Bringing together a rich mix of artists and community voices, this event explores what ‘home’ means – from identity

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and belonging to the memories and migrations that shape us. A reflective, creative celebration that invites audiences to connect with the stories that define who we are and how we imagine home in a changing world.

For Ages 16+



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NO BOOKING
REQUIRED

LITERATURE

The Writers’ Block Open Mic

16:00 The Hut

Join this local writing group for an afternoon of stories and poems in an open mic session. The Writers’ Block, who meet regularly to share and discuss their work, would love to have you at their event, to share your work and hear about what you’ve been writing.



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FILM

Testimony – Film Screening

16:30 The Pillar Centre, Mater Hospital (Eccles St)

Testimony is a profoundly moving documentary tracing the long struggle for justice led by survivors of Ireland’s Magdalene Laundries and Mother and Baby Homes. Centring on women’s voices and their fight for accountability – supported by Justice for Magdalenes (JFM) – the film exposes decades of institutional abuse and the determined campaign to hold the Irish state to account. A vital work of witness.

ART, CRAFT & WORKSHOPS

Phizzfest Special Edition Sketchbook Club

17:00 Fíon Eile

Sketchbook Club is a guided drawing session for adults of all artistic ability (or none!) to socialise and relax in a creative setting. Bring yourself, your sketchbook and settle in for a relaxed ‘sip and sketch’ – we’ll provide the rest. Hosted by artists Selkies and Kate Escolin.

Ticket price includes glass of wine.



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CIRCUS

Taking Flight – Aerial Circus Scratch Night

18.30 Unit 4, Crossguns Business Park

Get ready to look up. This high-energy showcase brings together daring aerial artists debuting fresh work on silks, hoop, rope, trapeze and more. There will be bold new ideas, breathtaking physicality and striking visual moments as athleticism and art come together to blend risk, beauty and pure creative lift-off. A mesmerising night of airborne invention!

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

FILM

Faust with live quintet and special guest Iarla Ó Lionáird

20:00 The Pillar Centre, Mater Hospital

Marking the 100th anniversary of F. W. Murnau's silent masterpiece *Faust, Unshaped Form* creates a new live score. Featuring Cameron Doyle, Lioba Petrie, Aislinn Ennis, Sam Perkins and special guest Iarla Ó Lionáird, the performance revives this timeless struggle between good and evil with a haunting, immersive soundtrack. Supported by the Goethe Institute.



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THEATRE

Phizzfest Rising

20:00 McGowans of Phibsboro

Our showcase of the most exciting new creative voices breaking through in Dublin is back! Hosted by Emmet O'Brien, this vibrant night brings together emerging poets, spoken-word artists, theatre-makers and musicians for a fast-moving celebration of what's next. Expect surprises, big talent and the thrill of catching artists on the rise. Full line-up announced on the Phizzfest website.



TICKETS
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MUSIC

Tony St Ledger

20:00 The Hut (Upstairs)

A legend of Dublin's music underground takes the stage for an intimate night at The Hut. Tony St Ledger brings five decades of raw, hard-won musical craft to this special Phizzfest performance, drawing on his years with Trouble Pilgrims (formerly The Radiators From Space) and offering a first live taste of his forthcoming solo album *Man on a Bridge*. Prepare for grit, melody and stories.



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IN CONVERSATION

LITERATURE

Story and Truth in a time of Genocide – Authors Hugo Hamilton & Fintan Drury

18:00 All Saints Church

How do writers respond when the world is on fire? Hugo Hamilton, whose novel *Conversation with the Sea* confronts inherited trauma, war and displacement, joins Fintan Drury, author of *Catastrophe: Nakba II*, examining decades of oppression in Palestine and Gaza. Together they explore what drives writers to confront unfolding crises, how personal history shapes moral perspective, and the role of storytelling when facing violence, erasure and state power.

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TALKS WALKS AND TOURS

The Rodfather – Roddy Collins in Conversation with Paul Howard

20:00 Doors 19:00
Dalymount Park (NCR Entrance)

Get ready for a riot of stories, slagging and pure Dublin mischief as Roddy Collins returns to his childhood theatre of dreams – Dalymount Park – for an unmissable live event with Paul Howard, creator of Ross O’Carroll-Kelly. Expect a fast-paced evening packed with outrageous tales from the dugout and beyond, moments of heart, and the kind of comic timing only this duo can deliver. Tears and laughter guaranteed.

Please note that the bars will be closed from 19:45 until after the event

PHIZZFEST
HIGHLIGHT
AT DALYMOUNT PARK

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IN CONVERSATION



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MUSIC

Saturday Evening Supplement

20:30 McGeough’s Bohemian Lounge

Now in its fifth year at Phizzfest, the Saturday Evening Supplement once again brings a lively mix of trad music, song and spoken word. This year’s special guest is renowned songstress Niamh Parsons, accompanied by Graham Dunne. With nine albums, Niamh has gathered an exceptional repertoire from traditional and contemporary sources. Also featuring poets John Cummins and Rue McQuinan, the evening is completed by the Saturday Evening Trad Ensemble, showcasing the rich musical talent of the local community.

TICKETS
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COMEDY

The Comedy Hut

21:30 The Hut (Upstairs)

Come join us for a wonderful Night of Comedy at The Comedy Hut featuring two fantastic Dublin acts, Willa White and Eric Lalor, hosted by Zac Lee. Sharp stand-up, big laughs and a lively room.





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TALKS WALKS AND TOURS

Guided Wildflower Walk on the Royal Canal

Siúlóid threoraithe bláthanna fáine ar an gCanáil Rioga

11:00 Meet at the Sixth Lock
Ag tosú ag an Séú Loc

Discover the hidden plant life of the Royal Canal with nature broadcaster and folklorist Aedín Ní Thiarnaigh. This gentle outdoor event invites you to slow down, look closely and learn how wildflowers carry stories of place, people and tradition. An engaging mix of botany, folklore and sensory exploration as you wander by the water's edge.

FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL HISTORY

Dalymount before the Bulldozers – Tour of Dalymount Park

11:00 Meet Dalymount Lane

Grab one of the last chances to tour the home of Irish football before the stadium is redeveloped at the end of the 2026 season, in this guided tour with Bohemian FC historian Gerry Farrell.

Lasting approximately 90 minutes. Please note: Advance booking is required to join the tour.



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TALKS WALKS AND TOURS

Phibsborough 1926 – A Suburb in Full Swing

13:00 McGeough's Bohemian Lounge

Step back a century and discover Phibsborough as it was in 1926 – a lively, sophisticated neighbourhood buzzing with trams, cinemas, churches, wine merchants and bustling public houses. This richly illustrated talk brings the area's past to life through remarkable National Library photographs, headline-grabbing stories of the day and insights drawn from the 1926 Census. A vivid, entertaining window into the Phibsborough our great-grandparents knew.

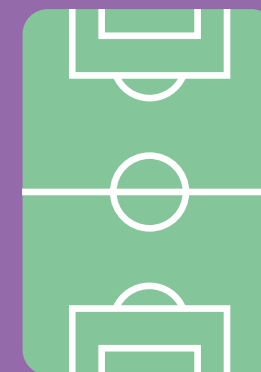
FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL HISTORY

The Dublin Clubs History

14:00 Mono's Bar, Dalymount Park

Journalist Aidan Fitzmaurice takes the helm as MC, leading a lively panel of club historians from Bohemians, Shelbourne, Shamrock Rovers and St. Patrick's Athletic. Together, they'll dive into the rich histories of Dublin's great clubs – and explore how each has shaped the sporting and social fabric of the city.

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MAY 10 SUNDAY

TALKS WALKS AND TOURS

Bronze Shoes: Migration and Memory

14:00 (Meet from 13:45)
Meet at Des Kelly Car Park
1A Prospect Rd, Glasnevin

Join Afri (Action from Ireland) and a local historian to uncover the story of the 1,490 Strokestown emigrants forced to flee during An Gorta Mór – the Great Hunger. Gathering at the Bronze Shoes at the 6th Lock on the Royal Canal, we reflect on loss, survival and the harrowing coffin-ship voyages of 1847 across the Atlantic.

Suitability: Ages 14+



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TALKS WALKS AND TOURS

Tour of All Saints Church

14:00 All Saints Church,
Phibsborough Road

Step inside All Saints Church for a guided tour that brings the story of Phibsborough’s Church of Ireland parish vividly to life. Discover its pivotal role at the heart of Ireland’s 19th-century Tractarian movement, and take in the striking architecture and richly crafted Irish Arts & Crafts design that still defines the building today.

MUSIC

Irish Traditional Music – Open Session

17:00 Doyle’s Corner Pub

Calling all trad musicians!

Join us in Doyle’s for a traditional music open session, hosted by renowned uilleann piper Néillidh Mulligan. All players are welcome to take part and play – bring along your instrument. Listeners and friends are also welcome. Enjoy a couple of hours of great traditional music in a relaxed atmosphere. Bígí linn!

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Image: Salem Rizk

IN CONVERSATION

LITERATURE

Stories That Refuse Silence – Sally Hayden & Fintan O’Toole

17:00 All Saints Church, Phibsborough Road

Following her internationally acclaimed *My Fourth Time, We Drowned* (2022) comes a new book from award-winning journalist, writer and photographer Sally Hayden. In this pre-publication interview, she discusses her forthcoming book, *This Is Also A Love Story: Searching for Good in a Divided World* with journalist and writer Fintan O’Toole.





SONGWRITER SALON
McGeough's Bohemian Lounge

TICKETS €15
BOOK ONLINE

MUSIC

Songwriter Salon with Ben Prevo, Marion & Cathy McEvoy

19:30 McGeough's Bohemian Lounge

Don't miss this specially curated songwriter event, where the hosts will perform selections from their own catalogues and will accompany guest music creators from the community. Bring open ears and enjoy an evening of diverse original material!



SINEAD CULBERT

I'M NO WONDER WOMAN

ONE HALF OF DIRT BIRDS

TICKETS €25
BOOK ONLINE

COMEDY

Comedy with Sinead Culbert

19:00 McGowan's of Phibsboro

Fresh from her smash-hit run with comedy duo The Dirtbirds, Sinéad Culbert brings her brand new solo show that dives into the extreme dangers of growing up in the 80s, the pitfalls of parenting, the myths about marriage and the genuine joy of not giving a shit!

MUSIC

That's a Wrap

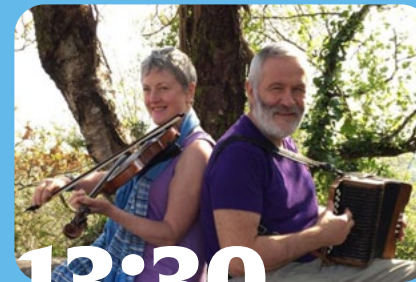
20:00 The Back Page

The versatile multi-genre DJ, Brian from BrandNewRetro.ie with an impeccable ear for the perfect groove is back again with a dynamic, crowd-filling mix of house, soul, pop, disco, electronic, post-punk, and indie-sleaze bangers. Expect the dancefloor to pack out once more at this year's Wrap Party. Best known in Phibsborough for his residencies as Bohemian FC's stadium vinyl DJ at Dalymount Park and at Le Zeitgeist Flea Market.



TICKETS €10
BOOK ONLINE

BRAND NEW RETRO



13:30

Linda and Hammy

Linda and Hammy perform a mixed set of traditional Irish music featuring lively tunes, songs and instructions for easy community dances to suit all levels and ages. Playing many years together, you can look forward to lots of ceol, craic agus rince.

14:00

EVENT IS Free
BOOK ONLINE

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 +.

COMMUNITY FAMILY DAY

ALL EVENTS Free

13:30 to 18:00 **MAY 10 SUNDAY**

Shandon Gardens by the Royal Canal

Join us stage-side for an entertainment-packed afternoon of Phizzfest fun at the canal! Featuring great musical acts (including more yet to be announced), a magician, hula hooping, children's toys, canoeing and other water-based activities, and not forgetting the annual festival highlight – the Duck Race. Bring all the family and, weather permitting, why not bring a picnic too?!



14:15

The Finglas Concert and Marching Band

The festival regulars bring their energy and enthusiasm back to Phizzfest to share their varied repertoire, from big band hits to modern-day pop. Sure to delight audiences young and old.

14:30

Magician Quentin Reynolds

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

15:45

Te Waka Aumihi Maori Choir

A Dublin-based waiata group formed by New Zealanders living in Ireland. Through song, they share the stories and spirit of Aotearoa, building community abroad while staying connected to the culture, language, and traditions of home.

14:30

Phizzfest Raft Race

The challenge is simple! Build your homemade raft, launch it into the canal and try to stay out of the water while racing your way to the finish line. This fun event will have prizes for those who manage to stay dry, most inventive designs and most creative decoration! Bring your own life jacket if you have one, otherwise we can supply. Capable swimmers only.

Entry forms must be filled out in advance of the race. For all info contact Mary at: fuzzyduck57@yahoo.co.uk or via WhatsApp @ 086 3736488
Now get building!

15:00

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.



15:30

Ingrid O'Beirne

Come get involved with the circus and learn to hula hoop with CIRCOBEIRNE! Explore your creativity, give it a go, and have some fun – suitable for all ages.

16:30

Steve Flynn, Solo Artist

American-born, Ireland-based guitarist Steven Flynn blends blues, country, and folk using soulful open tunings.

15:00

EVENT IS
Free
BOOK
ONLINE

Drumology

Join Drumology for a one-hour interactive and fun drumming workshop using an African drum called the Djembe. No experience needed – just bring your enthusiasm! Connect and create powerful feel good rhythms together. Boost your well-being and experience the joy of community through music in an uplifting outdoor session.

*Maximum of 20 participants
- aged 8 or over.*

17:30

Phizzfest Annual Duck Race





SCULPTURE

Shrine to the Housing Gods

Friday and Saturday
Phibsborough Library Garden

A sculptural art project uses salvaged building materials and glass to speak to the Irish housing crisis. This tongue-in-cheek interactive installation by Irish glass artist Alison Byrne of WildBird Studio draws on Irish folklore, humour and ritual, with the Lady on the Rock herself starring as the housing goddess. Here, offerings are made, frustrations aired, and rage given somewhere to vent.

VISUAL ARTS

All Weekend

EXHIBITION

The Diceman

Saturday 9 May 12.00–17.00
Sunday 10 May 12.00–17.00
The Spark, 1st Floor, The Tower,
Phibsborough Shopping Centre

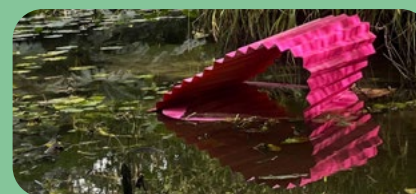
This unmissable Diceman Exhibition celebrates the life and legacy of gay icon, stillness artist and activist Thom McGinty – aka The Diceman. Original costumes, props, newspaper cuttings, photographs, film and visual material chart his legendary silent street incarnations, from the Dandelion Clown and Dracula to the Mona Lisa, Cupid, a Condom and the infamous Rocky Horror – all delivered with a cheeky 😏. The exhibition is opened by Thom’s close friend, acclaimed artist Mick O’Dea on Sat 9 May at 11:45.



SCULPTURE

Croí Briste

Croí Briste is a floating hand-pleated metal sculpture by artist Roisín Murphy. Originally made for the National Botanic Gardens Sculpture in Context exhibition 2025. It is reborn in the canal, as a floating love symbol.



EXHIBITION

Neither Time Nor Beauty is Absent

Fri 9th: 18.00–20.00
(Exhibition launch and drinks reception)
Sat 10th: 12.00–17.00
Sun 11th: 12.00–17.00

Daylight Glasnevin, 106 Lagan Rd, Dublin Industrial Estate, Dublin 11, D11TX99

A multi-disciplinary art project by urban researcher Jackie Bourke and artist Dorothy Smith. Through creative mapping, photography, writing and a short film, this project explores the past, present and future of the Dublin Industrial Estate. Peering behind the doors of seemingly dull warehouse buildings it finds a vibrant world of artists, musicians, Evangelical Churches, metal fabricators, fruit and vegetable wholesalers, prestige car repair services and more.

EXHIBITION

Richmond Road Studios

Fri 8th: 18.00–20.00
(open night with drinks reception)
Sat 9th: 12.00–17.00
Sun 10th: 12.00–17.00

Richmond Road Studios opens its doors once again for Phizzfest 2026. Visitors are invited to explore the working spaces of our diverse artist members, spanning sculpture, painting, printmaking, photography and more. Alongside the open studios, a group exhibition in our gallery showcases work from our members, plus a great view of Phibsborough!

Suitable for children but be advised some artworks may contain adult/NSFW themes.

Special events at Daylight Glasnevin

Sat 9th 14.00–15.15
Walking and drawing:
An exploration of the estate for all levels

Sun 10th 13.00–14.00
In Conversation:
Artists and special guests discuss exhibition and evolution of estate

Texture of Colour Exhibition

FREE
ENTRY

Opens 13:00, 8 May.

Runs until 10 June.

Showcasing 27 local and Mexican artists, this contemporary exhibition presents over 45 vibrant oil paintings alive with colour, texture and emotion. Spanning realism, impressionism, expressionism, cubism, geometric abstraction and surrealism, each piece reveals a distinct artistic voice.

Cheeses! cooking class

TAUGHT BY MEXICAN CHEF ADRIAN

16:30-17:30

Fresh and Oaxaca Cheeses

TICKETS
€35

Cochinita Pibil! cooking class

TAUGHT BY MEXICAN CHEF ADRIAN

18:00-19:00

TICKETS
€35



ALL CLASSES BOOKING INFO

Email or whatsapp:

Email: artpromoter2cmx@gmail.com

WhatsApp: 085 155 2077

Places Limited.

Events at

CASA MEXICO

Mexican cooking class for children

TAUGHT BY THE YOUNG CHEF ERIC GUDEA

13:00-14:00

For children aged 7-12 years

TICKETS
€15
PER CHILD

Tortilla! cooking class

TAUGHT BY MEXICAN CHEF ADRIAN

13:00-14:00

'Tortillas' gluten-free Corn Tortillas, Gorditas with beans, Sopes and Quesadillas.

TICKETS
€35

Salsas & Chilli! cooking class

TAUGHT BY MEXICAN CHEF ADRIAN

15:00-16:00

Salsa Class, and types of dried chillies, uses and varieties, as well as the preparation of four different salsas.

TICKETS
€35

Birria! cooking class

TAUGHT BY MEXICAN CHEF ADRIAN.

17:00-18:00

A deeply flavourful traditional Mexican meat stew.

TICKETS
€35

Classic Mexican cocktail class

TAUGHT BY CHEF ADRIAN.

18:30-19:30 Tickets €60

Including Tequila, Mezcal, Sangrita Viuda de Sanchez and Beers. Drinks for tasting! For ages 18 and over.

TICKETS
€60

Tasting of Mexican Food

13:00-15:00

Choose from a wide

selection of delicious traditional Mexican dishes including tamales, tacos, quesadillas. Vegan options.

MAIN COURSE €15
DESSERTS €8
TRADITIONAL DRINKS €5

Birria! cooking class

TAUGHT BY MEXICAN CHEF ADRIAN.

15:30-16:30

A deeply flavourful traditional Mexican meat stew.

TICKETS
€35

Carne al Pastor! cooking class

TAUGHT BY MEXICAN CHEF ADRIAN

17:00-18:00

The most famous Tacos in Mexico Pastor in very delicious Tacos and Gringas!

TICKETS
€35



Events by Category

COMEDY

The Comedy Hut	Saturday	21:30
Sinead Culbert	Sunday	19:00

MUSIC

Seachrán	Friday	19:30
Phibsborough Bopping Centre	Friday	20:00
The Fegan Sessions	Friday	20:30
Madra Salach	Friday	21:00
Burp Sound x Phizzfest	Saturday	12:00
Tony St Ledger	Saturday	20:00
Saturday Evening Supplement	Saturday	20:30
Irish Traditional Music - Open Session	Sunday	17:00
Songwriter Salon	Sunday	19:30
DJ Brand New Retro	Sunday	20:00

THEATRE

Ivy	Friday	19:30
Phizzfest Rising	Saturday	20:00

FILM

Film Shorts	Friday	19:00
Testimony	Saturday	16:30
Faust with live quintet & special guest Iarla O Lionaird	Saturday	20:00

FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL HISTORY

The First Game	Friday	18:00
Dalymount before the Bulldozers Tour of Dalymount Park	Sunday	11:00
The Dublin Clubs History	Sunday	14:00

TALKS, WALKS & TOURS

Celebrating the Life and Works of Sculptor Albert G Power RHA	Thursday	18:30
Wonder Wander Phibsborough Launch	Friday	11:30
Ireland on a Plate - History of Food talk	Friday	18:00
Hidden Histories of the Royal Canal	Friday	19:00
Créatúr: A Whiskey-Oiled History	Friday	19:30
Sean Fitzgerald Musical Tour	Saturday	11:00
Stories of Home (with AFRI)	Saturday	16:00
The Rodfather - Roddy Collins in conversation with Paul Howard	Saturday	20:00
Guided Wildflower Walk on the Royal Canal	Sunday	11:00
A Suburb in Full Swing Phibsborough in 1926	Sunday	13:00
Bronze Shoes: Migration and Memory	Sunday	14:00
Tour of All Saints Church	Sunday	14:00

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Pitch & Putt Juvenile Open Day	Friday	15:00
Nature Neighbours Breakfast Party	Saturday	11:00
Sketchbook Club	Saturday	11:00
Wanda Broom Workshop with Ciara Geraghty	Saturday	11:00
Reading and Drawing with Gerry Daly	Saturday	14:30

OUT AND ABOUT

Yoga in the Park	Saturday	10:00
Phizzfest Community Cycle	Saturday	12:00
Hidden in Plain Sight Treasure Hunt	Saturday	12:30
Historical Pub Crawl	Saturday	14:00
Mexican/Aztec Dance Workshop	Saturday	14:00
Kung Fu & Tai Chi Demonstration Class	Saturday	14:00

ART, CRAFT & WORKSHOPS

Phizzfest Knit-Along	Saturday	11:00
Sketchbook Club	Saturday	17:00

CIRCUS

Aerial Circus Scratch Night	Saturday	18:30
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COMMUNITY DAY & CANAL EVENTS

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Te Waka Aumihī Maori Choir	Sunday	15:45
Steve Flynn, Solo Artist	Sunday	16:30
Duck Race	Sunday	17:30

LITERATURE

Phizzfest Book Club with Henrietta McKervey	Friday	19:00
On Tuesdays I'm a Buddhist Michael Harding	Saturday	12:00
Love Lies & Modern Lies Maggie Armstrong & Sophie White	Saturday	15:00
The Writers' Block	Saturday	16:00
Story and Truth in a Time of Genocide. Hugo Hamilton & Fintan Drury	Saturday	18:00
Stories That Refuse Silence Sally Hayden & Fintan O'Toole	Sunday	17:00

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23 Nth Great Frederick St, Dublin 1
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66 Phibsborough Rd, Doyle's Corner
- **The Back Page**
99 Phibsborough Rd
- **Twinlite**
Phibsborough Tower,
Phibsborough Road, Dublin 7

Silver

- **Heritage Credit Union**
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Phibsborough, D07 WD68
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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 give Phibsborough and our neighbours in Dublin 7 and beyond an unforgettable weekend of arts, culture and family fun.

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To our dedicated team this year:

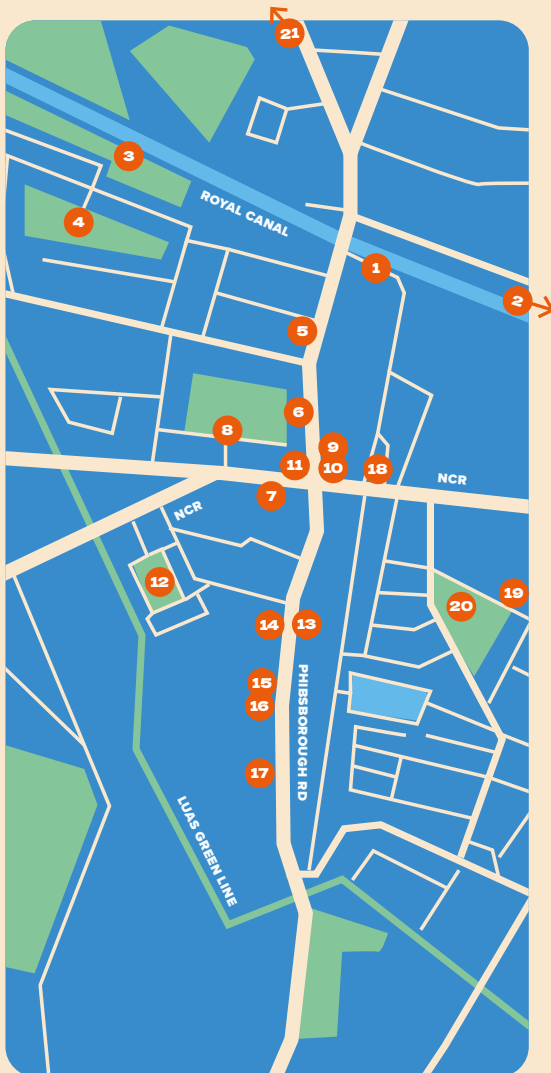
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Special thanks to Dublin City Council Local Area Office for their continued support, to Mountjoy Garda Station, Dublin City Council – Parks Department and Phibsborough Village Tidy Towns for getting the village 'festival ready'.

All in this together.

Venues map



- Crossguns Business Park **1**
- Royal Canal, Binns Bridge **2**
- Canal Bank at Shandon **3**
- Shandon Pitch & Putt Club **4**
- The Knitting Room **5**
- Phibsborough SC **6**
- Fion Eile **7**
- Dalymount Park **8**
- The Hut **9**
- Doyle's Corner **10**
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- Great Western Square **12**
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- Casa Mexico **14**
- All Saints Church **15**
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- Four Masters Park, Berkeley Road **20**
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106 Lagan Rd, Dublin Industrial
Estate, Dublin 11, D11TX99 **21**