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Autumn 2019

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This Autumn at the MAC

August 2019 – January 2020

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“This Autumn, the MAC takes us on a series of incredible journeys. We travel from the roaring twenties, to the electric ‘80s, from ‘the North’ to the USA, from exotic forests to the outer reaches of the cosmos. All without ever having to leave the theatre.

This year, the National Lottery celebrates 25 years of funding for the arts. The Arts Council, as both a Lottery distributor and principal funder of the arts in Northern Ireland, is proud to support the inspiring range of entertaining, enriching and thought-provoking arts experiences enjoyed by so many people at the MAC.”

Roisín McDonough, Chief Executive Arts Council of Northern Ireland

The Luminaire Club at the MAC

The Luminaire Club transforms our theatre into something altogether more intimate, complete with drinks-to-table waiter service for a truly unforgettable evening.

Bouncers

21 September – 5 October

£27.50 (premium cabaret)

£25 - £12.50 (standard)

Bounce back! By popular demand, the men in black are back.

Bouncers, by John Godber was one of our most popular ever shows last season. In fact, you loved it so much that the four singing, dancing, philosophising big lads are back in town. One night in a Belfast disco in the 1980s; with all the familiar characters: the boys, the girls, the cheesy DJ and of course, the men in black.

Powered by an amazing soundtrack featuring all the hits of the era, you'll hear from Lucky Eric, Judd, Les and Ralph as they share their stories in this outrageous and often poignant disco parody. So, stick your name on the guestlist and come on in to enjoy what The Guardian called, 'not so much a play as a social phenomenon'.

New Bouncer, Sean Kearns joins the original trio of NI's finest comedic actors, Ciaran Nolan, Conor Grimes and Chris Robinson.

Written by John Godber

A MAC and Big Telly co-production

Don't Tell Ma Ma

11 – 12 October, 7:45pm

£27.50 (premium cabaret)

£25 - £12.50 (standard)

Following her sensational performance as Sally Bowles in Cabaret 2014, Kerri Quinn returns to the MAC for an intimate evening of cabaret in our Luminaire Club. Kerri's unique style promises plenty of sass and sophistication, as she performs an exclusive choice of show songs with a few surprises thrown in - emotion, grit and great night out guaranteed.

Accompanied on piano by the Musical Director of Cabaret, Matthew Reeve. With special guest appearance by Ross Anderson-Doherty.

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Downstairs at the MAC

Muldoon's Picnic

11 August, 7:45pm

£25 - £12.50

Pulitzer Prize-winning Irish poet Paul Muldoon returns to the MAC for one night only, following a successful 2017 Irish tour and nine sold out seasons at the Irish Arts Centre in New York.

An omnium-gatherum of poetry, prose and music, Muldoon's Picnic is a cabaret-style evening where audiences can expect a 'music-and-literature extravaganza' (Time Out).

Paul Muldoon and his house band, Rogue Oliphant will be joined by an exciting mix of guests from the world of music and literature, including Moya Brennan, Cormac DeBarra, John Banville and Leanne O'Sullivan.

Produced by Poetry Ireland

How to Fail with Elizabeth Day

14 November, 7:30pm

£27.50 - £12.50

An uplifting and reassuring show about learning from our mistakes

and not being afraid – because learning how to fail is actually learning how to succeed better.

Inspired by her hugely popular podcast and book, *How to Fail*, join award-winning author and journalist Elizabeth Day for a brilliantly funny, painfully honest and insightful celebration of the things that haven't gone quite right.

Plus, there's the opportunity to ask Elizabeth your own questions: Is 'success' a myth? How can we turn crisis into clarity? And does it really matter if you're rubbish at tennis?

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Offer available on selected MAC shows

Art at the MAC

19 July – 13 October

Mark McGreevy: Flop Sweat

Tall Gallery

This exhibition brings together a major new body of work by the Belfast-based painter Mark McGreevy. His practice has long been celebrated for offering possible windows into other imaginary worlds and distorted realities, creating visual conundrums that imply quizzical and intimate overviews of imagery and speculative spaces.

Flop Sweat, the title of this exhibition of new work, refers to the sudden, heavy perspiration caused by embarrassment, especially by the fear of failing.

Danilo Correale: They will say I killed them

Upper Gallery

A major new film commission by Italian artist Danilo Correale.

For Correale's first exhibition in Ireland, the MAC presents *They will say I killed them*, a major new film work curated by Martina Angelotti and produced by Careof, Milan, in partnership with the MAC.

They will say I killed them is the result of an in-depth investigation into Italian cinema from the 1950s to the 1980s, that for different reasons, were left on shelves in the form of screenplays, or filed away in the minds of directors, without ever becoming films because of censorship.

Rationalism on Set: Glamour and Modernity in 1930s

Italian Cinema

Sunken Gallery

Rationalism on Set: Glamour and Modernity in 1930s Italian Cinema explores a little-known period of Italian cinematic history, highlighting the strong Modernist influence apparent in the set designs created for a number of romantic comedies during the inter-war years. The photographs in the exhibition are primarily sourced from the Cineteca Nazionale, Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia (Rome), the Museo Nazionale del Cinema (Turin) and the RIBA Collections. Curated by Valeria Carullo.

On Refusal: Representation & Resistance in Contemporary American Art

All three galleries

25 October 2019 – 19 January 2020

This October, we are pleased to present an exhibition featuring new and recent works by artists Paul Stephen Benjamin, Elliott Jerome Brown Jr, Aria Dean, Troy Michie, Arcmanoro Niles and Sable Elyse Smith, curated by MAC Assistant Curator, Clare Gormley.

Proposing the body as a site of political enquiry, *On Refusal* explores a return to figuration in the practices of a generation of artists currently working out of the United States, and examines the political impetus for this reinvestment in the body and notions of embodiment as a subject of art in the context of contemporary America.

Specifically, the exhibition highlights the ways in which the six featured artists trouble, and in many ways collapse, historical

traditions of bodily representation, and ultimately how – each in very different ways – their works use representations of, or allusions to, the body as a vehicle for thinking through resistance: for imagining other possible futures and other modes for living.

Curated by Clare Gormley

Free Admission

Experience More

Want to find out more about the work in our galleries?

We've got lots of resources available to enhance your gallery experience, from additional reading materials, bespoke audio guides and a creative programme of events.

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Theatre Upstairs at the MAC

Family Fun

When it comes to families, the MAC is the perfect spot for a day out. Enjoy a fun filled family show, grab lunch at our Café Bar from 12-4pm with tasty options for little kids (and big kids too), or indulge in some serious play time in our free to visit Family Room.

Secrets of Space

3 – 13 October, various times

£12.50 (adult)

£8 (child)

Suni and Mae are dreamers. As young girls they dreamt about journeying far beyond our solar system, singing among the stars and discovering all that was unknown to them; The

Secrets of Space.

Award-winning children's theatre company, Cahoot's NI present this out-of-this-world new show packed full of magic and illusion. Join our space sisters on an interactive journey across the galaxy, exploring with dazzling imagery, the wonders of the cosmos, while finding out the scientific secrets and technological truths of the universe.

Secrets of Space has been developed with leading space industry experts and features curriculum connections for primary school audiences in STEAM learning.

Suitable for all ages, but kids aged 7+ will get the biggest kicks.

Shh! We Have A Plan

14 – 18 August, various times

£12.50 (adult)

£8 (child)

Perfect for 3+

Packed full of magic, music and puppetry, your little adventurer will be enchanted and amazed as they follow three madcap explorers on a quest to catch the most beautiful bird in the forest.

This captivating non-verbal show is based on the book by Chris Haughton and presented by multi award-winning children's theatre company, Cahoots NI. A truly enchanting show that young audiences will love.

Shh Fest

14 – 18 August

To honour the return of **Shh! We Have A Plan**, we're hosting a sensory summer **Shh Festival** for the whole family to enjoy.

Check out what we've planned for your perfect summer's day out at **themaclive.com**.

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Theatre Upstairs at the MAC

Now For The North

7 – 28 September, various times

£18 - £12.50

28 women leave NI each week, crossing the waters seeking treatment. Behind every statistic is a real woman.

Journey around the MAC exploring reproductive rights in Northern Ireland as Three's Theatre Company present their latest site specific, immersive piece of 'choice' theatre.

You'd normally get a choice of the journey to take, but as NI women don't have that option, Three's will choose for you.

“We're not ashamed. We will stand for our sisters, our mothers, our grandmothers, our cousins, our friends. Northern Ireland, we want change”.

- Anna Leckey, Artistic Director, Three's Theatre Company.

The Man in the Woman's Shoes

11 – 14 September, 8pm & 3pm

£20 - £16

It's October 1978, and with Pope John Paul not long dead, Pat Farnon has some business to do in town. This utterly simple yet equally astonishing show, written and performed by Mikel Murfi, follows Pat as he walks to town and back again. Funny, tender, and at times, downright daft.

I Hear you and Rejoice

13 – 14 September, 8pm

£20 - £16

Late in his life, Pat Farnon, a cobbler and all-round contented man, embarks on a journey he had not quite planned and finds that every twist in the road can bring its own surprises. After this, you may never look at life in the same way again.

Make a night of it

Coming to see a show?

Why not enjoy a delicious pre-theatre dining experience in our Café Bar. Our pre-theatre deli boards are perfect for two and are served with two glasses of wine for only £20.

Christmas at the MAC

A Christmas Carol

27 November – 5 January

£25 - £12.50 (adult)

£12.50 - £11 (child*)

*£11 early bird child ticket available until 30 September

For full show times visit **themaclive.com**

Relaxed, Signed & Audio Described: Fri 13 Dec, 6pm

Relaxed Performance: Sun 15 & Sun 29 Dec, 1pm

This festive season we're excited to present our fun filled version of the classic Dickens fable, **A Christmas Carol**. We'll be visiting Christmases past, conjuring up Christmases yet to come and seeing if our friend Scrooge can learn from previous mistakes.

There'll be lots of fun along the way, with toe-tapping tunes, laugh-out-loud capers and of course the special, memorable experience you've come to expect from Christmas shows at the MAC. If your family has yet to make our festive show an annual tradition, this is the year to start, with one of the world's most enduring seasonal tales.

“We have been the last few years - it's been fantastic making our very own family traditions.”

- Customer Comment

Deck the Falls

10 – 21 December, various times

£20 - £16

This Christmas, comic duo Ciaran Nolan and Gerard Jordan are back with plans, scams and skulduggery to **Deck the Falls** at the MAC. 2 doormen have a cunning plan, 2 doggy men have a dilemma, 2 auld dolls have an epiphany and 2 greyhounds go on the run... and that's just in act 1! Don't miss this hilarious festive comedy by Vincent Higgins.

I Heart NYE: Roaring 20s

31 December, 8:30pm

£17

The roaring 20s are back! Don those flapper dresses or get suited and booted as we swing into the New Year in style.

Expect bubbles on arrival, art deco décor and dancing until late as we welcome 2020.

Remember, this is just a taster of what's on at the MAC this season. For everything visit **themaclive.com** Looking for Christmas gift ideas? Here's what's coming up in the New Year...

Dirty Dancin' in Le Shebeen

14– 26 January, £27.50 - £12.50

Maggie Muff is back with a bang to banish those January blues. Picking up where she left off (for the very last time!), the dust has settled in the estate and it's time to get planning a party in the Shebeen, but can anyone find some rhythm, a dress, or a leotard to fit?!

My Last Supper with Jay Rayner

22 February, £20

It's your last meal on earth. What are you going to have? It's the question that restaurant critic and MasterChef judge Jay

Rayner asks as he tells stories behind the ingredients that make up his menu. It's a show to die for.

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