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September 2026 – January 2027

Welcome To The Next Season

One of the highlights of the programme is the Christmas Celebration Concert which takes place on Friday 4th December. Malachi Cush returns with his much-loved collection of Christmas hits following two sold-out concerts in 2024 and 2025. Children from the Traditional Music in Schools Programme with Donald Canavan & Ryan McGarrity and Cookstown Youth Choir will also perform (supported through Mid Ulster District Council Arts Programme).

Enjoy workshops, exhibitions, and events this season including a day of spooky fun with the Nerve Centre on Saturday 24th October. This event combines digital creativity, music, film, and gaming through a series of taster workshops and experiences for children! Mr Hullabaloo is back on stage in early December with 'Mr Hullabaloo's Winter Wonderland'.

Claudia Buckley, Cash Returns, Emer Maguire, Michael English and Phil Coulter, are all on stage before Christmas! Jake O'Kane's 'Subtle as a Sledgehammer' is coming to the Theatre on Tuesday 29th December. Jake is supported by Terry McHugh!

Stewartstown Amateur Dramatics Society return to the stage with 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs', directed by Brian Morgan in January 2027!

We look forward to welcoming you to the Burnavon Theatre this season.

The Burnavon Team

Helpful Hints For Your Visit

Arrive on time; all shows start at the time advertised in the programme, and once curtain is up latecomers may not gain admission until the interval. To save time at the interval pre-order any drinks you require at the first-floor bar which is open to patrons before, during and after performances.

Cameras and recording devices are not permitted in the auditorium without prior permission from Burnavon management. All mobile phones must be switched off out of consideration for the enjoyment of other patrons.

Food, drink, E-cigarettes, and vaporisers are not permitted in the auditorium. Smoking, E-cigarettes, and vaporisers are not permitted inside the building.

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Tuesday 8 September	Irish Language Social Group	20	Language Class
Saturday 12 September	Nashville Live	7	Music
Saturdays 12, 19 & 26 September	The Sensory Submarine	23	Children's Workshop
Tuesdays 15, 22, 29 September 6, 13, 20 October	Dancing with Angus	23	Adult Workshop
Saturdays 26 September, 24 October & 28 November	Cookstown Conversation Circle	20	Language Event
Thursday 1 - 29 October	Art by Kieran B	35	Exhibition
Thursday 1 October	The Man Who Swallowed a Dictionary	7	Drama
Friday 2 October	Claudia Buckley in Concert	8	Music
Saturday 3 October	Cash Returns – The Man in Black	8	Music
Saturday 3 October	Autumnal Candle Making	24	Adult Workshop
Wednesday 7 October	Music Therapy with Cathy Quinn	25	Adult Workshop
Thursday 8 October	Bad Bridget	19	Talk
Friday 9 October	How's Your Father? - Starring Conal Gallen	9	Comedy Drama
Saturday 10 October	Flavours of Thailand	25	Adult Workshop
Tuesdays 13, 20, 27 October & 3 November	Pastel Painting for Adults (Intermediate)	26	Adult Workshop
Wednesday 14 October	Little Perch Pumpkins	26	Adult Workshop
Saturday 17 October	Kids Chocolate and Pancake Art	27	Children's Workshop
Saturday 17 October	The Bjorn Identity	9	Music
Tuesday 20 October	The Thistle, the Red Hand and the Sash	19	Talk
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Thursday 22 October	Legends of the 60s Show	10	Music
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Saturday 24 October	Pause, Create, Restore	28	Adult Workshop
Wednesday 28 October	Floral Jam Jars	28	Adult Workshop
Friday 30 & Saturday 31 October	School of Rock – The Musical	10	Music
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Tuesdays 3, 10 17, & 24 November	Christmas Calligraphy	29	Adult Workshop

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Saturday 7 November	Festive Soap Making	29	Adult Workshop
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Friday 13 November	Christmas Survival Guide	11	Comedy
Saturday 14 November	The Greatest 80s Show	12	Music
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Wednesday 2 – 30 December	The Wider Community Exhibition	36	Exhibition
Friday 4 December	Christmas Celebration Concert	14	Music
Saturday 5 December	Carol & Jimmy's Christmas Cracker	14	Comedy
Saturday 5 December	Sew a Festive Quilted Bow Wreath	33	Adult Workshop
Sunday 6 December	Mr Hullabaloo's Winter Wonderland	15	Family
Wednesday 9 December	Christmas Afternoon Tea Dance	22	Dance
Thursday 10 December	JD Dance Winter Showcase	15	Dance
Saturday 12 December	Christmas Country Music Showtime with the Stars	16	Music
Saturday 12 December	Kiln Fused Glass Painting	33	Children's Workshop
Thursday 17 & Friday 18 December	Sperrin Choir Sings Christmas	16	Music
Saturday 19 December	The Muddlers Club	17	Music
Saturday 19 December	Fresh Christmas Flower Arrangement	34	Adult Workshop
Tuesday 29 December	Jake O'Kane - Subtle as a Sledgehammer	17	Comedy
Wednesday 30 December	The Christmas Country with the Stars	18	Music
January 2027	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs	18	Pantomime
Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 January & 2 February	Silk Painting	34	Adult Workshop
Monday 25 January	The History and Legacy of Robert Burns	19	Talk

Presented by Apex Music Centre

SHOWS THROUGH THE YEARS (H)

Get ready to travel through the years and experience an amazing theatrical performance filled with emotion, creativity, and powerful storytelling.

Date: Saturday 8 August

Times: 2pm & 8pm

Tickets: Adult £10 / Child £5

Warnings: Contains flashing lights

Featuring the youth of Mid-Ulster taking part in Apex Music Centre's Dramatic Society's Summer Musical Theatre Programme. This show will feature singing, dancing and acting from shows such as *Annie*, *Legally Blonde*, *Bugsy Malone* and *More*.

All proceeds go towards the funding of Apex Music Centre programmes.



Presented by JMG Music Group



Icons of the 70s Show! (H)

The electrifying Icons of the 70s Show is rolling into The Burnavon Theatre, bringing together an all-star cast to perform the unforgettable hits of the decade's biggest superstars — live on stage! This high-energy concert experience is a dazzling tribute to the artists who defined a generation. Audiences will be treated to the timeless music of The Jackson 5, ABBA, Queen, Earth, Wind & Fire, Blondie, Gloria Gaynor, Diana Ross, The Bee Gees, Donna Summer, Tina Turner and many more!

Date: Saturday 29 August

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £27.50

Presented by JMG Music Group



NASHVILLE

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TRIBUTE SHOW

Nashville Live (H)

The upcoming tour will showcase highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Alan Jackson, Tammy Wynette and Kenny Rogers and new tributes to icons Laney Wilson, Shania Twain, The Chicks, Josh Turner and the new kid on the block Luke Combs with countless other well-known singalong anthems in this must-see musical extravaganza that sings you through the decades right up to the present day performing 40 timeless hit songs. One thing is for sure, if it's Country music you like then this is the only show in town!

Date: Saturday 12 September

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £27.50

Performances September

Presented by Greenshoot Productions

The Man Who Swallowed a Dictionary

Date: Thursday 1 October

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £21 Adult / £19 Concession

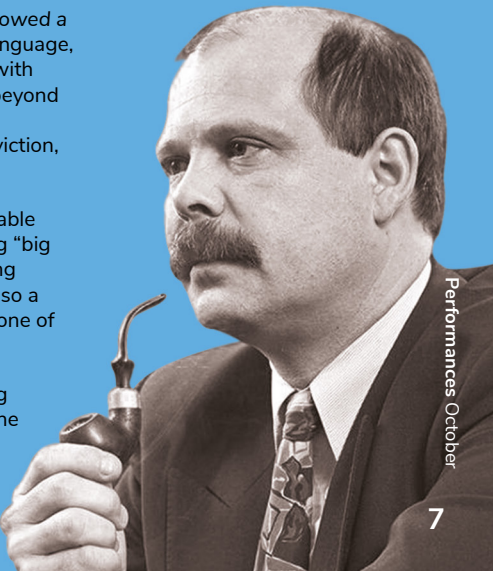
Suitable for: ages 14+

Green Shoot Productions presents *The Man Who Swallowed a Dictionary*, a powerful one-man drama about the life, language, and legacy of David Ervine. Written by Robert Niblock with Martin Lynch and Matthew McElhinney, the play looks beyond the headlines to reveal the human story behind Ervine's transformation. It explores how conflict, education, conviction, and language shaped a life.

Known for his sharp mind, political courage and remarkable command of words, Ervine earned a reputation for using "big words" in television interviews, giving the play its striking title. But this is more than a story about one man. It is also a window into the experience of everyday people during one of the most turbulent periods of the Troubles.

The Man Who Swallowed a Dictionary is a vivid evening of theatre about identity, conflict, class, language, and the possibility of change.

Visit www.burnavon.com for more information



Performances October

Presented by Claudia Buckley Music

Performances October



Claudia Buckley: The Galway Girl in Concert (H)

With special guests Jimmy Buckley & Sandy Kelly

Following a sellout 2025 tour, Claudia Buckley, returns with her 2026 touring show. The four times female vocalist of the year winner brings her brand-new show to the theatre this October for an unforgettable night of music. With her unique blend of traditional country music, singing songs from her number one albums and self-penned hits like 'Honey Bee' music lovers are in for a real treat.

Date: Friday 2 October

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £26.50

Performances October



Presented by JP Mac Promotions Ltd

Cash Returns – The Man in Black (H)

Experience this high-octane performance that will take you through the years, picking out all the best songs from Johnny & June's back catalogue of iconic hits including: 'Jackson', 'Ring of Fire', 'Hurt', 'Ghost Riders in the Sky', among many more! Hotter than a pepper sprout, this much-revered show will take you right back to the magic of the Grand Ole Opry and the fever-pitch atmosphere of the mess halls at Folsom Prison and San Quentin.

Date: Saturday 3 October

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £28

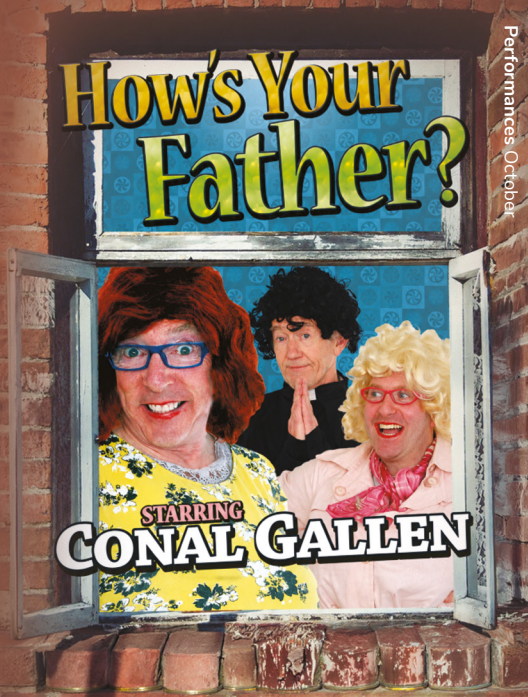
Presented by Little Round Records Ltd

How's Your Father? Starring Conal Gallen (H)

Father and son team, Conal and Rory Gallen, have written probably their funniest comedy play to date! A B&B! A Landlady! A Priest! A Jockey! A Mystery! Bridie Murphy opens Bridie's Boutique B&B, much to her husband Willie's bewilderment! "This is a B&B which has to be seen to be believed!! - Tripadvisor"

With their young, confused neighbour, Dick, having some family problems, Bridie steps in to help! There's only one thing for it! Bring in the Priest! Which only serves to make things even more confusing!! It's a side-splitting tale of love, deceit, mystery, bad food and a bit of "How's Your Father" thrown in for good measure!

Date: Friday 9 October **Time:** 8pm
Tickets: £25 **Suitable for:** ages 16+



Performances October

THE BJÖRN IDENTITY[®] TRIBUTE TO ABBA



Legacy of Dancing Queen at 50
1976-2026

Date: Saturday 17 October **Time:** 8pm
Tickets: £26
Warnings: Contains cold sparks and foggers

Presented by Musicon Entertainment

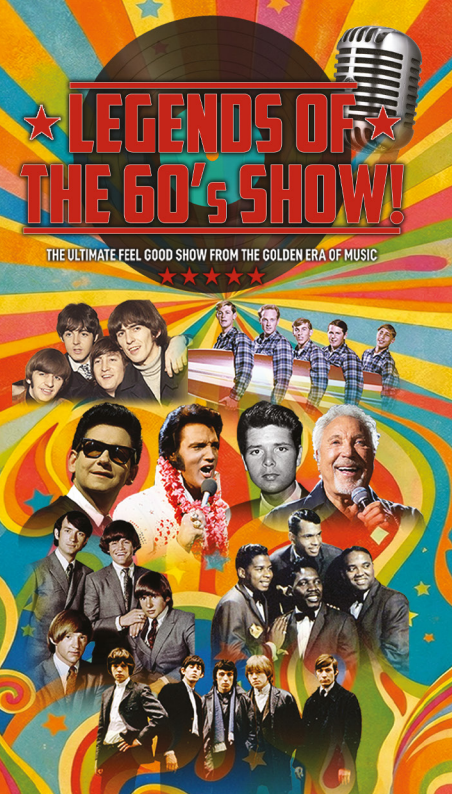
The Björn Identity – Celebrate 50 Years of Dancing Queen (H)

Europe's No.1 live ABBA show makes a much-anticipated return to The Burnavon Theatre this Autumn. Marking the legacy of their greatest song – Dancing Queen at 50!

Expect to be blown away by unrivalled vocals & physical likeness, attention to costume detail as well as Benny's iconic spinning white piano. A two-hour disco throwback full of ABBA's greatest hits and more. Early booking advised for this perfectly stage crafted authentic ABBA 'in concert' production.

Performances October

Visit www.burnavon.com for more information



Presented by JMG Music Group

Legends of the 60s Show (H)

Following a sellout debut tour to nightly standing ovations and rave reviews join a multi award-winning all-star cast of musicians and singers Stephen, Raymond and Chris for the musical masterpiece that is the "Legends of the 60s Show". Performing high quality tributes to icons like Elvis, The Beatles, The Monkeys, The Rolling Stones, Roy Orbison, Tom Jones, Cliff Richard, The Beach Boys and the Drifters to name but a small few, all in one night, let us deliver to you an entertaining musical live experience featuring over 40 iconic hit songs.

Date: Thursday 22 October

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £27.50

Presented by Apex Dramatic Society

School of Rock - The Musical (H)

An Amateur production by arrangement with LW Entertainment Ltd, Apex Dramatic Society presents – School of Rock the Musical!

Featuring shredding guitar licks, thundering drum fills, rumbling bass lines, angelic harmonies and much more - Apex Dramatic Society take to the stage with Andrew Lloyd Webber's arrangement of the HIT movie featuring Jack Black.



This production is not to be missed for all lovers of the movie, musicals, and rockers alike. Based on the Paramount movie written by Mike White, Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Book by Julian Fellowes & Lyrics by Glenn Slater.

Dates: Friday 30 & Saturday 31 October, Friday 6 & Saturday 7 November

Time: 8pm **Tickets:** Adult £20 / Child £15 (under 12)

Warnings: contains flashing lights and smoke.

Michael English in Concert with Hugo Duncan (H)

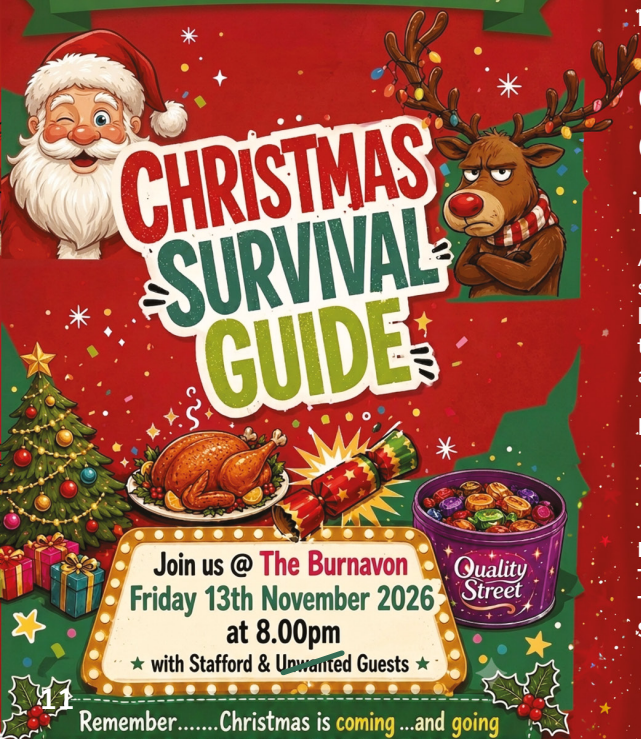
Fans can look forward to an unforgettable evening of music and entertainment at the Burnavon Theatre on Thursday 12th November as Michael and his superb band present an all-new show filled with his biggest hits, including 'Locklin's Bar', 'Tuam Beat', 'Nearest to Perfect' and many more.

One of the biggest names on the Irish music scene, Michael English continues to sell out theatres and concert venues not just in Ireland, but also across England, Scotland and the USA. His live shows are renowned for their energy, musicianship, and connection with audiences.

Date: Thursday 12 November
Time: 8pm
Tickets: £30



Presented by Open Door Theatre • Produced by Carol Doey



Presented by Open Door Theatre

Christmas Survival Guide (H)

Nobody does it like Carol...

A combination of humorous sketches, insights on Christmas and life itself! A funny entertaining and thoughtful show, with Stafford and a table full of unwanted guests!

Produced by Carol Doey

Date: Friday 13 November
Time: 8pm
Tickets: £12.50
Suitable for: ages 18+

Presented by The Greatest 80s Show



The Greatest 80s Show

After two sell-out tours and unforgettable nights across the country, the show everybody is talking about visits the theatre for the second time with a brand-new production, massive live sound and lighting, and even more of the anthems that audiences will love. This is a high-impact live concert. Powerhouse vocals. Incredible musicianship. Hit after hit from the decade that defined a generation.

If you've been before, you know the energy! If you haven't, this is your chance! **The Greatest 80s Show. Bigger! Better! Unmissable!**

Date: Saturday 14 November

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £26.50

Warning: Contains flashing lights and haze machine

Presented by Four Seasons Music Ltd

Phil Coulter – Gold and Silver Days (H)



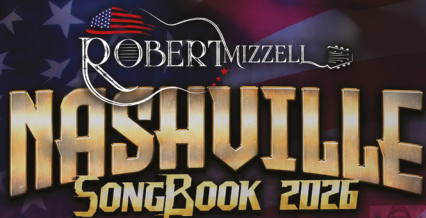
In recent years Phil Coulter's annual nationwide tour has become, for his legion of fans, a hugely popular and welcome relief from the cold of the Irish winter. His 2026 tour promises to be a heartwarming trip down memory lane, as Phil takes his audience through some of the highlights of his glittering 60-year career. Fans will relax in the glow of nostalgia as they hear piano favourites from his Tranquility series alongside his classic songs, from "Puppet on a String" to Elvis Presley, from "Scorn Not His Simplicity" to the Bay City Rollers. They will feel the power of "The Town I Loved So Well" and sing along with "Ireland's Call".

Date: Thursday 19 November

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £38

Presented by JMG Music Group



ROBERT MIZZELL

NASHVILLE

SONGBOOK 2026

STARRING ROBERT MIZZELL & THE COUNTRY KINGS

Robert Mizzell - Nashville Songbook (H)

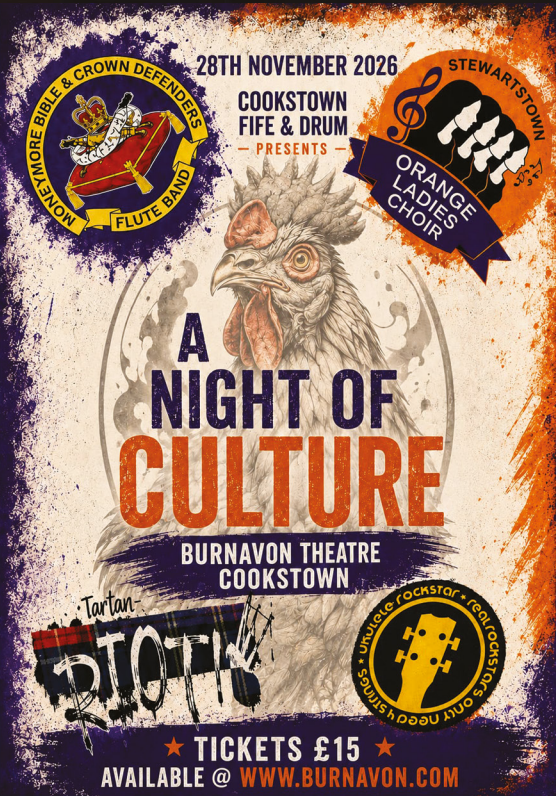
Featuring The Country Kings, Kelan Browne & Stacey Breen

Robert Mizzell has made Ireland his home for over 25 years. He served his apprenticeship in Country Music since he first arrived here. Robert is now one of the top Country Music Artists in Ireland, enjoying nationwide success. Robert Mizzell is extremely busy, both on and off the road and proving to be a huge hit wherever he plays. His warm character and genuine personality do not fail to earn him a host of new fans.

Date: Friday 27 November

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £27.50

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Presented by Cookstown Fife and Drum

Cookstown Fife and Drum: Heritage & Cultural Show (H)

A night of music and cultural history, featuring acts that would normally not appear together. Featuring The Stewartstown Orange Ladies Choir, The Ukulele Rockstars, The Tartan Riot and Moneymore Bible and Crown Defenders.

Come along and enjoy a wonderful evening celebrating the musical talents of our members and other gifted musicians.

Date: Saturday 28 November

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £15

Presented by Mid Ulster District Council

Christmas Celebration Concert

Get into the festive spirit at our annual Christmas Concert. In 2026, we welcome two groups to the stage who are supported through Mid Ulster District Council's Community Arts Plan; in the first half there will be performances from pupils from the Traditional Music in Schools Group and Cookstown Youth Choir.

Malachi Cush returns following two sold-out concerts in both 2024 and 2025 and brings his much-loved collection of Christmas hits to the stage. Audiences can look forward to hymns such as 'Oh Holy Night', classics such as 'Fairytale of New York' and his own beautiful composition of 'Sleep, Oh Infant Child'. Malachi will be joined on stage by his full ensemble band and Drummond String Quartet.

Date: Friday 4 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £14 Adult / £12 Concession



Presented by Open Door Theatre



Carol & Jimmy's Christmas Cracker (H)

Christmas doesn't start until you see "Carol & Jimmy's Christmas Cracker"! Keep your eye on The Burnavon social media pages for the announcement of this year's special guests.

Date: Saturday 5 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £12.50

Suitable for: ages 18+

Mr Hullabaloo's Winter Wonderland

Mr Hullabaloo the Magical storyteller returns this December with his festive family show. Each year, children can experience this enchanting performance packed full of festive fun. Combining live storytelling with puppetry, music, movement and lots of audience participation, it is a sleigh ride full of fun for the whole family. There will be a meet and greet and photo opportunity at the end of the show.

School performances (£5 per child) will take place on Monday 7 & Tuesday 8 December 2026. Suitable for Early Years and Key Stage 1. Class places can be booked by calling 028 8676 9949.

Full of Festive Cheer!

Date: Sunday 6 December
Time: 1pm
Tickets: £8



Presented by JD Dance

JD Dance Winter Showcase (H)

Join us at The Burnavon Theatre on Thursday 10 December for a fun-filled evening of music and dance! Enjoy jazz, ballet, hip-hop, Solostyle, acrobatics, and more as talented JD Dance students showcase all their hard work and world champion performances. The perfect event to get you in the festive spirit!

Date: Thursday 10 December
Time: 7pm
Tickets: £12 Adult / £8 Child

WINTER
Showcase
2026



Presented by Sean Wallace Entertainments

CHRISTMAS

COUNTRY MUSIC SHOWTIME

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

★ *with The Stars* ★

Christmas Country Showtime with the Stars! (H)

Christmas Country Showtime with the Stars makes a welcome return to the Burnavon theatre on Saturday 12th December. This year's fantastic lineup features Keith and Lorraine McDonald, Michael Mawhinney, Stacey Breen, Caillin Joe, and Kenny Archer, accompanied by the brilliant Country Harmony. Compere is Sean Wallace.

Date: Saturday 12 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £20



SPERRIN CHOIR *sings* CHRISTMAS



Presented by The Sperrin Choir

Sperrin Choir Sings Christmas (H)

The Sperrin Choir invites you to celebrate the season in 'Sperrin Choir Sings Christmas' at the Burnavon Theatre this December. This uplifting concert weaves together a rich tapestry of sacred and secular carols, from cherished traditional favourites to lighter festive gems. With the choir's warm, distinctive sound and the joy of shared music-making, this is a perfect opportunity to pause, reflect, and embrace the spirit of Christmas. Join us for an evening of harmony, hope, and festive cheer. Watch out for news of a special guest on Thursday and as always, the Youth and Kidz Choirs will perform on Friday 18th December.

Dates: Thursday 17 December and Friday 18 December

Time: 8pm **Tickets:** Adult £15 / Concession £12

The Muddlers Club (H)

The Muddlers Club is a collective of individually accomplished musicians — festival regulars both as a band and as artists in their own right — who gig throughout Ireland, the UK and far beyond.

The Muddlers Club are no strangers to the Burnavon or events around Mid-Ulster; they have been contributors to community events and the celebration of St. Patrick's Day regularly over the last decade.

Expect Irish folk songs and traditional music from nine musicians and singers with arrangements and harmonies that capture the best of both worlds. This is a new venture: their first album is in the works, and this gig is both a first live airing of the material and a fundraiser towards the recording costs. It will be a set that can only be done in a theatre - some of it familiar and some brand new.

Band: Ciaran Bell, Ciaran Clifford, Terry Conlon, Michael Glackin, Niall Hanna, Kevin Hughes, Dermot Mulholland, Joe Murray, Enda Rafferty.

Date: Saturday 19 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £20



Presented by ORW Promotions

Jake O'Kane - Subtle as a Sledgehammer (H)

Jake O'Kane's legendary End of Year Review Show returns for another year of sharp wit, fearless comedy, and hilarious frustration at the state of the world.

From global political chaos to the madness of Northern Ireland — where somehow the headlines get stranger every year — nothing escapes Jake's trademark biting commentary and brutally funny take on modern life.

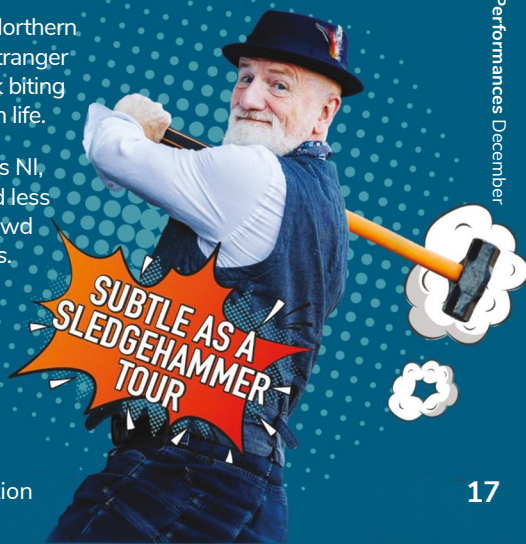
After over a decade of sold-out theatres across NI, the annual favourite is back bigger, louder, and less subtle than ever. Joining Jake once again is crowd favourite Terry McHugh as support. Big laughs. Hard truths. Absolute carnage.

Date: Tuesday 29 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £28

Suitable for: ages 16+



A Christmas Country with the Stars! (H)

Celebrate the festive season in style with *A Christmas Country with the Stars*, arriving at the Burnavon Theatre for a night of top-class entertainment. This special Christmas show features Mick Flavin, Shawn Cuddy, Hugo Duncan, Owen Mac, Curtis Magee, and Boxcar Brian. With the lively sounds of Country Harmony, the evening promises a wonderful mix of country classics, festive favourites, and much-loved hits. Each performer brings their own personality and charm, creating a warm, uplifting atmosphere full of music, laughter, and seasonal cheer.



Date: Wednesday 30 December
Time: 8pm
Tickets: £28.50

Presented by Stewartstown Amateur Dramatics Society

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (H)

Join us in January 2027 for the enchanting story of Snow White, whose kindness and gentle nature make her loved by everyone-except her wicked stepmother, the Evil Queen. Obsessed with being the fairest in the land, the Queen will stop at nothing to get rid of Snow White.

Fleeing into the forest, Snow White discovers a little cottage where she meets the seven dwarfs. With plenty of laughter, friendship, music, and a little bit of magic, they help protect her from the Queen's evil plans.

Directed by Brian Morgan. Packed full of comedy, colourful characters, songs, audience participation, and magical moments for all ages, this pantomime is a timeless fairy tale that promises fun, laughter for the whole family to enjoy.

Dates: Saturday 9 January (2pm + 8pm), Sunday 10 January (3pm), Saturday 16 January (2pm + 8pm), Sunday 17 January (3pm), Saturday 23 January (2pm + 8pm), Sunday 24 January (3pm)

Tickets: Adult £15 / Child £12



A talk by Leanne McCormick

Talks

Bad Bridget: Irish women behaving badly in North America

From notorious murderers to thieves and vagrants, this talk uncovers the stories of Irish women who clashed with the law in North America in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Based on the Bad Bridget project, it explores their complex lives and offers a fascinating glimpse into the realities of migration, and how the promise of the American dream could take unexpected turns.

Date: Thursday 8 October **Time:** 7pm **Tickets:** £5



A talk by Deirdre Speer - Whyte & John Hagan

The Thistle, the Red Hand and the Sash

Discover local personalities in Ulster-Scots and Orange Culture. This talk will look at the ups and downs of Ulster-Scots in the Orange Order and will follow the personalities who stood out in different periods of time up until the beginning of the 20th century.

Date: Tuesday 20 October **Time:** 7pm **Tickets:** £5

A talk by Deirdre Speer-Whyte

Family Names – Frae the Lowlands till the Lough

Discover the complex journey of Ulster-Scots family names from their origins in Scotland to Mid Ulster.

Date: Tuesday 24 November **Time:** 7pm **Tickets:** £5

A talk by Charles Neville

The History and Legacy of Robert Burns

Dr. Charles Neville, Development Officer with the Ulster-Scots Community Network, will provide an overview of the history and Ulster-Scots legacy of the National poet of Scotland Robert Burns (1759-1796).

Date: Monday 25 January **Time:** 7pm **Tickets:** £5

Presented by Mid Ulster District Council

An Mhaidin Ghaelach / Irish Language Social Group

Sraith de cheardlanna neamhfhoirmeálta bunaithe ar ghnéithe éagsúla de chultúr na Gaeilge.

A series of informal workshops based on various aspects of Irish language culture. All levels of ability of welcome. Booking essential.

Date: Commences Tuesday 8 September for 10 weeks

Times: 10am - 11:30am

(Feabhsaitheoir/ Improvers)

and 12 noon - 1:30pm

(Tosaitheoir/ Beginners)

Tickets: £30



Presented by Mid Ulster District Council

Ciorcal Comhrá na Comhrá Críche / Cookstown Conversation Circle

Deis do Ghaeilgeoirí áitiúla teacht le chéile chun smaointí a roinnt agus a gcuid Gaeilge labhartha a chleachtadh.

An opportunity for local Irish language speakers to come together and exchange ideas whilst practicing their spoken Irish.

Dates: Saturdays 26 September, 24 October & 28 November

Time: 10am – 12 noon **Tickets:** FREE



HALLOWEEN FUN DAY

Taster Sessions



Events October

Join us at the Burnavon Theatre on Saturday 24th October for a day of spooky fun with the Nerve Centre.

This event combines digital creativity, music, film, and gaming through a series of taster workshops and experiences!

Two sessions will take place from 11am – 12:30pm and 1pm – 2:30pm where children will move between the following stations during the 90-minutes. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

Horror
Orchestra

Halloween
Green Screen

Minecraft Build
Challenge

Animation
Ghost

Halloween
Retro Game



Date: Saturday 24 October
Times: 11am-12:30pm
or 1pm - 2:30pm
Suitable for: ages 7+
Tickets: £1



Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster

Christmas Afternoon Tea Dance

Kickstart the festive season at Mid Ulster District Council's Christmas Tea Dance on Wednesday 9th December. The afternoon will be a fun way to get out, connect and to keep active with music and entertainment by Country Harmony! Tea/Coffee and refreshments will be served. Advanced booking is required.

Date: Wednesday 9 December

Time: 12:30pm

Tickets: £3.50



With Rachael Armstrong of Little Perch Designs

Sewing for Beginners

Over the course of six weeks participants will learn all the basic skills to independently use a sewing machine. Participants will complete four projects: a drawstring bag, a zippy makeup style bag, an applique cushion cover and a tote bag. Each project will introduce new skills and techniques whilst reinforcing current skills. Sewing machines provided for all classes. Rachael will provide resources for the first project.

Dates: Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 September & 6 October

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Tickets: £80

Suitable for: ages 16+



Dive Into Fun With The Sensory Submarine

These inclusive classes are for children aged 6 months – 5 years and are packed with messy play, movement, games, songs, arts & crafts, and sensory adventures - designed for children of all abilities. A playful, inclusive and welcoming space where little ones can explore, create, learn, and thrive together. All workshops are ASD-Friendly. Parents / carers required to stay.

Dates: Saturdays 12, 19 & 26 September

Time: 10am – 11am

Tickets: £8 (Child Only)

Suitable for: ages 6 months – 5 years



Dancing with Angus

Elevate your dance skills with Angus! Master popular dances like the quick step, foxtrot, waltz, jive, and line dancing. Suitable for all levels (including beginners). A dance partner is required.

Dates: Tuesdays 15, 22, 29 September,

6, 13, 20 October

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Tickets: £30

Suitable for: ages 16+

Workshop September - October

With Memory Makers



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Workshop October

Autumnal Candle Making

Awaken your senses this autumn with a Candle Making Workshop hosted by Memory Makers. Explore a selection of essential oil blends and discover the simple science behind hand pouring your own beautifully scented candle to take home and enjoy.

Please note candles require approximately 1 hour to set before they can be transported.



Date: Saturday 3 October
Time: 11am – 12:30pm
Tickets: £30
Suitable for: ages 16+

With Cathy Quinn



Music Therapy

This workshop is part of Positive Ageing Month

Through singing, listening, movement, and shared musical experiences, participants will have the opportunity to connect, express themselves, and support emotional well-being in a warm and welcoming environment. No musical experience is needed, just a willingness to enjoy music and explore its positive impact on health, mood, and social connection.



Date: Wednesday 7 October

Time: 11am – 12 noon

Tickets: £5

Suitable for: ages 50+

With Thai Arts & Cooking NI

Flavours of Thailand: A Hands - on Cooking Experience

Join our authentic Thai cooking workshop for a hands-on culinary experience led by a skilled Thai chef. Participants will learn traditional techniques, prepare three delicious and authentic Thai recipes from scratch, and enjoy the dishes together at the end of the session. Perfect for newbies or food lovers looking to try something new, this interactive workshop combines learning, creativity, and great flavours in a fun and relaxed atmosphere that everyone can enjoy together. Two sessions available to book.

Date: Saturday 10 October

Times: 10am-12 noon OR 1pm - 3pm

Tickets: £32

Suitable for: ages 16+

Visit www.burnavon.com for more information



With Grace Scott

Pastel Painting for Adults (Intermediate)

These workshops are for those who have some previous experience of working with pastels and who would like to enhance their skills in this medium. Participants can choose from photos supplied by Grace, but may bring a good quality A4 image of their own. Please ensure you own the photograph or have permission to use a photo or picture taken by someone else. Participants have the choice of working on A4 or A3 size paper.

All materials provided.

Dates: Tuesdays 13, 20, 27 October & 3 November

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Tickets: £48

Suitable for: ages 16+



With Rachael Armstrong of Little Perch Designs

Little Perch Pumpkins

This workshop is part of Positive Ageing Month

Make the cutest little pumpkins to use as a pin cushion or to decorate your home for Autumn. Participants will use a sewing machine as well as some hand sewing. Instructions on how to use a sewing machine will be provided if required. This is a simple, but very satisfying project. Participants will have time to make more than one!

Date: Wednesday 14 October

Time: 11am – 1pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for: ages 50+



Kids Chocolate and Pancake Art

Suitable for: ages 7-12 years

Acrylic Painting



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Suitable for: ages 50+

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With Noreen Donnelly of Ciúnas Space



Pause, Create, Restore

This workshop is part of Positive Ageing Month

Pause, Create, Restore is a gentle and welcoming one-day workshop where participants are invited to slow down, reconnect and explore creativity without pressure. Designed to support people living with stress, persistent pain, fatigue and the natural transitions of life. Participants will explore therapeutic art practices, mindfulness, and person-centred support, to improve emotional and physical wellbeing. Please note that there will be a break for lunch. Lunch is not provided.

Date: Saturday 24 October

Time: 10am – 3pm

Tickets: £30

Suitable for: ages 50+



With Memory Makers



Floral Jam Jars

This workshop is part of Positive Ageing Month

Choose from a beautiful selection of hand pressed flowers and autumnal foliage to decorate your own glass jar. The finished piece becomes a charming keepsake to take home - perfect as a tea light holder, a desk tidy, or a pretty storage jar.

Date: Wednesday 28 October

Time: 11am - 12:30pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for: ages 50+



With MaryClare of Script Adventures

Christmas Calligraphy

Take some time out and learn a new skill. This modern calligraphy workshop is suitable for beginners.

Over the four weeks participants will learn the basics of calligraphy, alphabet design, use of coloured inks and how to create sparkling gift tags, labels and Christmas cards. All materials provided including calligraphy templates and coloured inks.

Date: Tuesdays 3, 10 17, & 24 November

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Tickets: £64

Suitable for: ages 16+



Workshop November

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With Naturally Soap

Festive Soap Making

Tutors, Pamela Mawhinney and Irene Gourley from local business *Naturally Soap*, will teach the ancient craft of soap making using the traditional cold process method. The basic skills taught in this workshop will enable participants to go home and make their own soap with ease. All materials provided; however, attendees must bring their own apron, disposable gloves, a small towel and wear long sleeves and fully enclosed shoes.

Date: Saturday 7 November

Time: 10:30am - 1pm

Tickets: £25

Suitable for: ages 18+



Visit www.burnavon.com for more information

With Sharyn Kelly

Wet Felting with Fibre Art

Over the four weeks participants will learn the art of wet felting using soft roving wool to create a landscape. Needle felting will be used to enhance designs using a selection of mixed fibres and wool. Participants will also create a flower using wet felting and a snowman using 3D needle felting techniques.

Dates: Tuesdays 10, 17, 24 November & 1 December

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Tickets: £64

Suitable for: ages 16+

With Sharyn Kelly

Kids Christmas Felting

Children will explore the process of wet felting using wool creating a sensory and fun experience to create a Christmas themed piece of wet felted art.

Date: Saturday 14 November

Time: 10:30am-12 noon

Tickets: £10

Suitable for: ages 6+

With Sheena Wilkinson

We Can All Write Stories!

Do you love making up stories? Would you like to work with an award-winning writer to help make your stories even better? This fun, interactive workshop will help children to take a story from the first idea to the finished product.

Whether you're a seasoned scribbler, or just fancy trying something different, children will leave this session with lots of ideas. This workshop is ASD-Friendly.

Date: Saturday 14 November

Time: 10am - 12 noon

Tickets: £15

Suitable for: ages 8-12 years

Workshop November

With Nancy Moreland of Nifty Needles

Crochet a Granny Shawl

Learn to crochet a beautiful granny stitch shawl in this relaxed one-day workshop with Nancy from Nifty Needles. Participants will explore shaping, increasing techniques, and pattern reading while creating a wearable shawl using this modern take on a traditional design.

This workshop is suitable for confident beginners and improvers who can work basic crochet stitches and follow a written pattern.

Date: Saturday 21 November

Time: 10am - 4pm

Tickets: £30

Suitable for: ages 16+

Visit www.burnavon.com for more information

Workshop November

With Rachael Armstrong of Little Perch Designs

Sew a Christmas Stocking for Kids

After this fun project, children will be SEW ready for Christmas! Participants will learn how to operate a sewing machine and sew a stocking choosing from a range of fabric options. Kids will get creative by decorating their stockings using trim and appliqué shapes.

Date: Saturday 28 November

Time: 10am - 1pm

Tickets: £18

Suitable for: ages 10+



With Navar Willow

Willow Weaving Bird / Fairy House

Celebrating Ulster-Scots Leid Week

Learn the ancient heritage craft of willow weaving in this fun relaxed unique workshop. In this workshop participants will make a Willow Bird House / Fairy House. It can also be used as a lovely rustic lantern by the simple addition of fairy lights. Get creative and learn to weave with traditional techniques and tools to create a unique and functional item.

Date: Saturday 28 November

Time: 2pm - 5pm

Tickets: £45

Suitable for: ages 16+



With Rachael Armstrong of Little Perch Designs

Sew a Festive Quilted Bow Wreath

Make a wreath with a difference using quilted bows that participants will learn how to sew, choosing from a range of pretty, festive fabrics that have all been prepared and cut in advance. Ribbon trim, baubles and bells will be used to make every wreath completely unique. This is suitable for all levels of sewing experience, including complete beginners.

Date: Saturday 5 December

Time: 10am - 4pm

Tickets: £38

Suitable for: ages 16+



Workshop December

With Shauna McCann

Kiln Fused Glass Painting

Come along and create in glass. Learn the colourful technique of kiln fused glass painting. A choice of Christmas themed designs will be provided to work off. Participants will create a frame of kiln fused glass around their design, using frits, stringers and other decorative glass pieces, to complete their glass hanger. All work will be taken away and fired in a glass kiln. Attachments will be added to create a beautiful window glass hanger. Work can be collected the following week once kiln fired. **Please note masks will be provided for use during workshop for lung safety.**

Date: Saturday 12 December

Time: 10am - 1pm

Tickets: £15

Suitable for: ages 12-16 years



Workshop December

Visit www.burnavon.com for more information

With Kelli of Lets Craft NI

Fresh Christmas Flower Arrangement

Celebrate the season, making a stunning holiday table centrepiece arrangement. Using fresh seasonal greenery, decorative berries, baubles, and festive embellishments, participants will create a beautiful centrepiece bursting with Christmas charm. This workshop is the perfect way to embrace the spirit of the holidays. Suitable for all abilities. Participants will leave with a unique handmade arrangement and plenty of festive inspiration.

Date: Saturday 19 December **Time:** 11am - 1pm **Tickets:** £55 **Suitable for:** ages 16+



With Andrea Hayes

Silk Painting

In these workshops (four weeks) participants will be guided through a variety of painting techniques using specialist paints and will discover how to paint freely onto silk.

At the end of the workshop, participants will have an A4 sized silk painting to take home. Example images will be provided but feel free to bring a reference image or ideas (A4 sized) to use as a starting point.

Dates: Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 January & 2 February

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Tickets: £64

Suitable for: ages 16+



Presented by Maria Mitchell

Maria Mitchell Art Exhibition

"Art expresses an idea that cannot be conveyed by words alone".

Colour is the motivating theme behind each piece of artwork. This exhibition uses local imagery and notable landmarks to set the scene and has been created to express rural Ireland, along with figurative work which explores healing of the inner child. The paintings capture the joy and vitality of life which we all experience and transport the viewer to striking and beautiful rolling countryside, imbued with innocence, capturing a timeless world for us to absorb.

Dates: Tuesday 1 – Tuesday 29 September



Exhibition September

Presented by Kieran Bell Art

Art by Kieran B

There will be floral pieces, landscapes, buildings of note and places of interest, spiritually influenced pieces along with some animal art on display. The centre pieces of the exhibition will be two large commemorative pieces that not only show the diversity of this island but also the diversity of many families within it.

One piece will commemorate two souls who fought and died in the 1st World War, the 2nd piece will commemorate the memory of two relatives who joined the Irish Army both before and after the partition of Ireland in 1921. Both pieces will be deep, respectful and represent both sides of the divide and portray in part the huge complexity of the island at what was a very turbulent time.

Dates: Thursday 1 – Thursday 29 October



Exhibition October

Visit www.burnavon.com for more information

Presented by The Ulster-Scots Agency

US Declaration of Independence Exhibition

The Ulster-Scots Agency's US Declaration of Independence Exhibition is a celebration of a wonderful achievement for the Ulster-Scots community, helping to establish the United States of America.

The cultural ties that bind Ulster and America – particularly during the 250th anniversary of American Independence in 2026 – are deep, wide and strong, with beliefs and convictions shaped by events here, and then carried across the Atlantic from these shores, helping to provide the foundation for a truly pivotal moment in world history.

Dates: Monday 2 – Friday 27 November



ULSTER-SCOTS AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Presented by Ardboe, Moortown and Moneymore Art Groups



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The Wider Community Exhibition

Ardboe Art Group has teamed up with Moortown and Moneymore art groups to present a collection of their members beautiful pieces at The Burnavon Theatre during December 2026. The artwork includes oil, watercolour and acrylic paintings, pastel drawings, and mixed media. There will also be a display of paintings on silk and artwork created by felting and needle felting.

A launch night will take place in the Burnavon Theatre on Wednesday 2 December at 7pm. Original artwork, prints and cards will be for sale on the night and during the month of December. Call / text Dona Kelly on 07742181583 to register attendance at launch.

Exhibition supported by Mid Ulster District Council.

Dates: Wednesday 2 - Wednesday 30 December



Box Office: 028 8676 9949

General Information

How to Book

At The Box Office: 028 8676 9949

Opening Hours: Mon – Sat 9am - 5pm and 1hr before scheduled performances

Book Online: www.burnavon.com

24hrs a day, 7 days a week

Please note: Tickets can be posted for a £1.00 fee.

In Person

The Burnavon, Burn Road, Cookstown, BT80 8DN

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Management reserves the right to alter or cancel performances without prior notice if circumstances make this unavoidable. Management accepts no responsibility for unused tickets if a performance proceeds as scheduled. This includes issues such as customer error, inclement weather, or transport difficulties.

Concessions

Concession rates, when applicable, are included in the ticket price and apply to individuals under 16 and over 60, unless stated otherwise. Please bring photo ID for age verification.

Attendance of Children at Performances

The Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre requires all attendees, including children, to have a valid ticket. Complimentary 'Babes in Arms' tickets for children up to 2 years are available at the manager's discretion for certain children's performances. Please note that not all shows are suitable for children. For health and safety reasons, baby carriers and prams are not permitted in the auditorium. We kindly ask parents and carers to adhere to the recommended age guidelines for events, ensuring everyone's safety and enjoyment.

School & Group Bookings

For schools or groups of 10 or more, please contact the Box Office to find out about potential discounts on your booking.

Accessibility

For comprehensive accessibility details, visit www.burnavon.com/your-visit/accessibility.

Contact our Box Office Team at 028 867 69949 for further information.

The Burnavon adheres to DDA legislative standards and has received multiple accessibility awards. The theatre features designated seating, an induction loop hearing system, a lift, and an adapted WC.

Please inform us of any specific requirements at time of booking, so staff can assist you effectively. This brochure is available in alternative formats, including Braille, CD, audio tape, and large print upon request. To obtain a copy, contact the Box Office at 028 8676 9949.

Data Protection

The personal details required to administer your booking will be securely stored by the Burnavon. Please inform us if you do not wish to receive Burnavon information. We will not pass on your details to other arts organisations unless you have given your permission to do so. All information detailed within the Burnavon Season Programme is correct at time of going to print. From time-to-time additional events may be added and patrons are advised to check out www.burnavon.com for new performances, exhibitions & workshops.

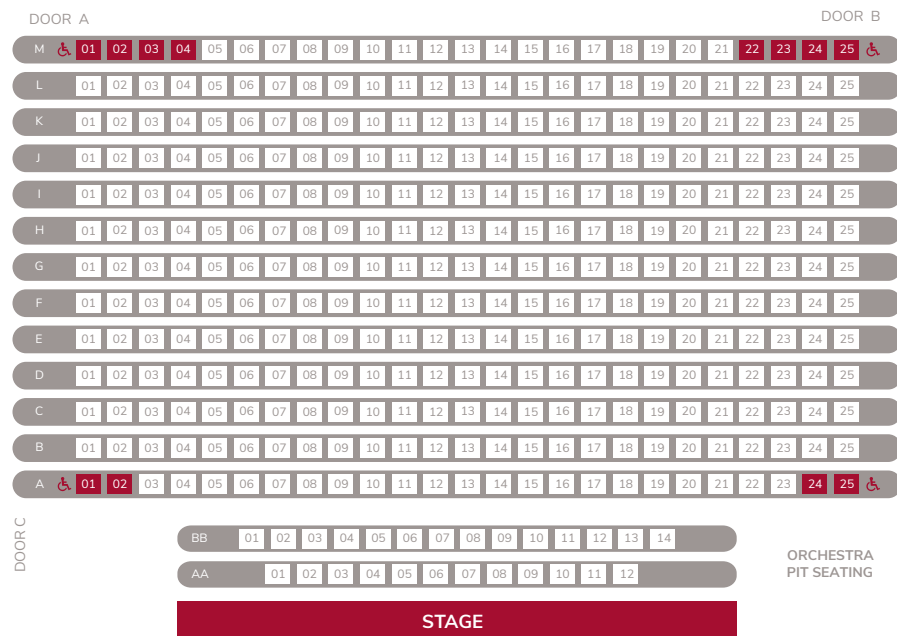
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