

The Word

programmed by Marty Mulligan

FRIDAY

15.00 - 15.50

JACK GAUDET

A rising star from Mullingar, songwriter and musician Jack Gaudet.

16.00 - 16.50

AUDIBLE CHOCOLATE

Audible Chocolate are the world's greatest three-piece confectionery funk ensemble.

17.00 - 17.50

ADORE

Adore are a garage punk trio hailing from Galway, Donegal and Dublin whose music is informed by surf, disco and pop, and more specifically The Breeders, Elastica, Echobelly, The Undertones, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and Sleeper among others.

18.00 - 18.50

OSCAR DUNBARR

Oscar was born and raised in amongst the West London hustle and bustle of Ladbroke Grove and Portobello, where his mother would blast the Pointer Sisters as she danced in the kitchen.

19.00 - 19.40

JAVILLE

JaVill are a five piece Rock band from Dublin, Ireland. Blending styles from 90's grunge and industrial rock ,to a more anthemic stadium sound.

20.00 - 20.40

BIG LOVE

BIG LOVE's first live performance was to a sold out crowd of adoring fans in the Workman's club. Since then the band have proven themselves as one of the most exciting live acts on the Irish music scene.

21.00 - 21.40

BOBBY AND THE BLUNTS

"Jazzy Freakouts" - Stephen Porizo of Hotpress Magazine is one way to describe the quartet.

22.00 - 22.40

THE LOVE BUZZ

The Love Buzz, known for their high energy sets and hypnotic melodies, describe themselves as "a steamy, tongue in cheek beacon of hope with optimism and irony for the vagrants of Cork City and further afield".

23.00 - 00.00

THE LOST MESSIAHS

The Lost Messiahs have always remained independent and like to pursue the road less travelled.



SATURDAY

12.00 - 12.50

WISH I WAS A WARRIOR

Caoimhe Weakliam, Daniel Breslin and Kenan Flannery.

13.00 - 13.50

STAN NOTTE, LAUREN MCNAMARA AND A PART OF EVERYTHING

Stanley Notte is a writer, poet, artist, performer and mental health advocate whose words, art, and poetry films have featured in numerous print and broadcast media outlets. Lauren McNamara is a poet and playwright from Limerick. Her work has been published widely and has featured on television and radio and at festivals such as Glastonbury and Indiependence. Fergus Costello and Aleksandra Górna-Kozłowska have been brought together by the Universe to become Part of Everything. Spellbinders and shapeshifters. They delight in shamelessly practicing alchemy in plain sight, transmuting and transforming.

14.00 - 14.50

THE POETRY KILN -

Annie Peter, Anna D, David Hynes, Seamus Bradley, Juan Genovese. The kiln is a creative collective that focuses on the immediacy of the spoken word.

15.00 - 15.50

MIKE GARRY

Described by iconic designer Peter Saville as "a genius", Mike's work focuses on the city and its people, championing the underdog and finding beauty amongst the ugliness and triumph amongst tragedy.

16.00 - 16.50

SHAUNNA LEE LYNCH, JIM CRICKARD, DANIEL GALVIN

Shaunna Lee Lynch is a writer and performer from Cork. She has performed her satirical and imaginative poems at arts events all around Ireland and abroad. Jim Crickard is a poet from the Cork scene with a unique style of poetry that entertains audiences with camp, witty one-liners that cover culture, sexuality and identity. Daniel Galvin is a poet from Ballinspittle, Co.Cork. He has had his poetry published by The Moth, The Rose, Pulsar, Hidden Channel, Cold Coffee Stand and The Scum Gentry. He came first place in the Spoken Word Platform at Cuirt International Literary Festival 2017, and won the May 2017 Sunday Slam in Dublin.

17.00 - 17.50

CATHAL HOLDEN, SIONNACHAI AND THE SICK SISTERS

Cathal Holden is a poet and storyteller from the dingle peninsula. His words grow at the crossroads between the old world and the new, rooted in the Irish oral tradition of the seanachai and branching into modern realms of spoken word and hip hop. He writes for firesides and forests, for love lost and found, for the festival stage and the city street alike. Sionnachai is the stage persona of Katie ní Mathúna, a beann fheasa, witch and shaman from the island of Ireland. Her work is informed by a collective sense of homecoming. Introducing Sick Sisters, a musical duo hailing from the marshlands of Offaly, Ireland. Nikki found Niamh while looking for her shoe in a boghole in the early 2000s and they've been following each other around ever since.

18.00 - 18.40

UNDER STARLING

Hailing from the Viking City of Ireland, Under Starling are breathing fresh air into the Irish music scene with their unique brand of alternative rock.

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THE BALLYBOYZ AND SCALLY

The Ballyboyz are made up of Dee the Antisocial and Spaceman Steve, two brothers who have been rapping and producing together for the last eight years and Mullingar rock n roll animal Scally.

20.00 - 20.40

GUUD GRIEF

Guud grief are a new Dublin band who arrive with a mission statement, a purpose and a vision, built "around a belief in the rugged rhythms of community."

21.00 - 21.40

MARTY MULLIGAN AND THE SKAMM

After 16 years of hosting and programming The Word Stage, Mullingar Man Marty Mulligan is finally giving himself and his full on ass kicking, straight talking, bullshit walking rock band a gig.

22.00 - 22.40

BACK ROAD SMOKERS CLUB

Waterford ensemble Backroad Smokers Club blend funky beats, jazzy chords and psychedelic rock.

23.00 - 00.00

ROWAN

Rising Cork trio Rowan are bursting out the traps with their visceral new album "Does It Make You Happy?"

SUNDAY

12.00 - 12.50

SMITHFIELD CREATIVES / CIRCLE SESSIONS

A grass root creatives movement that started on the streets of Smithfield Square during the pandemic by Dublin locals who wanted to share their art with the world. Circle Sessions, now in it's tenth year, is a weekly open-stage event at The International Bar that fosters the breadth of performing art forms and welcomes performers of all levels.

13.00 - 13.50

SHEILA RYDER, CARLA BEATTIE, HELEN HASTINGS, SHELOVESCALPOL

Sheila Ryder is a poet and dramatist from Dublin. She has written for stage and screen but over the last 4 years has become known for her poetry and spoken word. Carla Beattie is a poet from Dublin who has been writing since she was a child but only began performing two years ago, when she won the Fingal Slam Poetry Competition in 2021. Helen hails from county Down and has been on the spoken word scene for nine years. Her poetry adventures have taken her to numerous events including festivals and poetry slams. shelovescalpol [SLC] are an alternative electronic Cork duo of award winning Spoken Word Poet Julie Goo, and Tír na gCasta music producer & DJ Millis.

14.00 - 14.50

A-MUSING:

Liam McCabe, Joe Carroll, Rude Jules, David Hynes, Cormac MacGearailt

A-musing has been running now for the last 11 years. We have performed at festivals up and down the country bringing the best of spoken word, comedy, comedy sketches and general mayhem to full houses everywhere. This will be our 8th year at The Word tent and we can't wait to entertain you once again. This year's festivities will be brought to you by Liam McCabe, Joe Carroll, Rude Jules, Cormac Mac Gearailt and David Hynes.

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LEON DUNNE, LEANNE AND JAMES WILLIAM DILLON

A Dublin-based poet, Leon's work focuses primarily on giving a voice to topics outside the mainstream conversation. Leanne is an actor, searchaf and playwright. In October 2022 she had a residence with Fringe lab Ireland for her one woman show RETCH- a production which will now do a theatrical run in the upcoming 2023 Dublin Fringe Festival. James William Dillon, fondly known as Jimbo, is a poet hailing from Coolock in Dublin Ireland. He is the 2022 Fingal poetry Slam Champion, a gifted wordsmith with a unique style that seamlessly blends humor and depth.

16.00 - 16.50

FRANK RAFFERTY AND MEL BRADLEY; RACHEL LALLY AND THE POET GEOFF

Mel Bradley is a spoken word artist, writer, actor, playwright/ theatre-maker, multimedia artist and life model. A gatherer of the untold stories of women. An outspoken queer feminist performer with a candid voice and an unhealthy obsession in the Virgin Mary. Rachel is a multidisciplinary artist who has toured as an actor, performer, street theatre performer, model and metal and punk singer. She has performed in some way or another at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Prague fringe festival, Hell fest, Knockanstockan, Electric Picnic and The Moulin Rouge! Geoff Finan was the Writer in Residence for Dublin City Council for the Dublin North West area in the summer of 2018 and again in 2019 and is currently lecturing in poetry in the National College of Art and Design on and also in Maynooth University.

17.00 - 17.50

SOME ONES SONS

18.00 - 18.40

SHASKEEN

Between the jigs, the reels, the songs and the banter, you will not find a contemporary, traditional Irish traditional band to engage with and entertain an audience as brilliantly as SHASKEEN.

19.00 - 19.40

GEORGE MURPHY AND THE RISING SONS

Combining stellar vocals with traditional Irish instrumentation and the classic rock n roll sound, George and The Sons treat their audience to some revamped old classics as well as their much loved original material in a show that has everyone the length and breath of the country talking.

20.00 - 20.40

BOG BODIES

Heavy Folk from the banks of the Shannon.

21.00 - 21.40

BILLOW WOOD

Chiselled from the wilds of the raw and rugged West of Ireland, comes the freshest sound this side of the Atlantic. Billow Wood, create a modern magic with their original fusion of folk, traditional Irish music and indie pop rock.

22.00 - 22.40

MEGATRAD

MEGA-Trad, and we do exactly what the title says :-) It's big, rich, foot-stompin', headbanging, full on trad session.

23.00 - 00.00

RUAILE BUAILE

From a small start to the world stage in only a few short years Ruaile Buaille are making a name on the festival scene around the world with their own style of high energy ground thumping celtic beats with a little irish charm and flare.