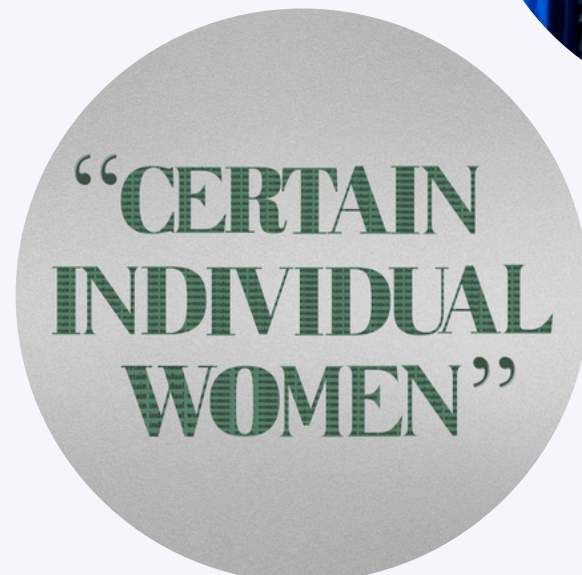
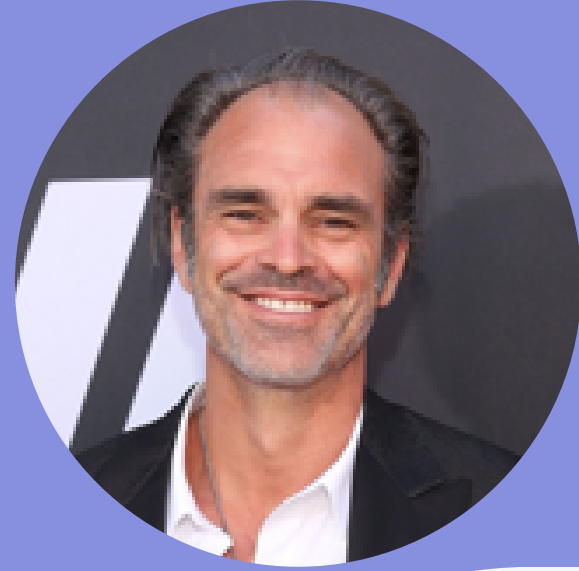


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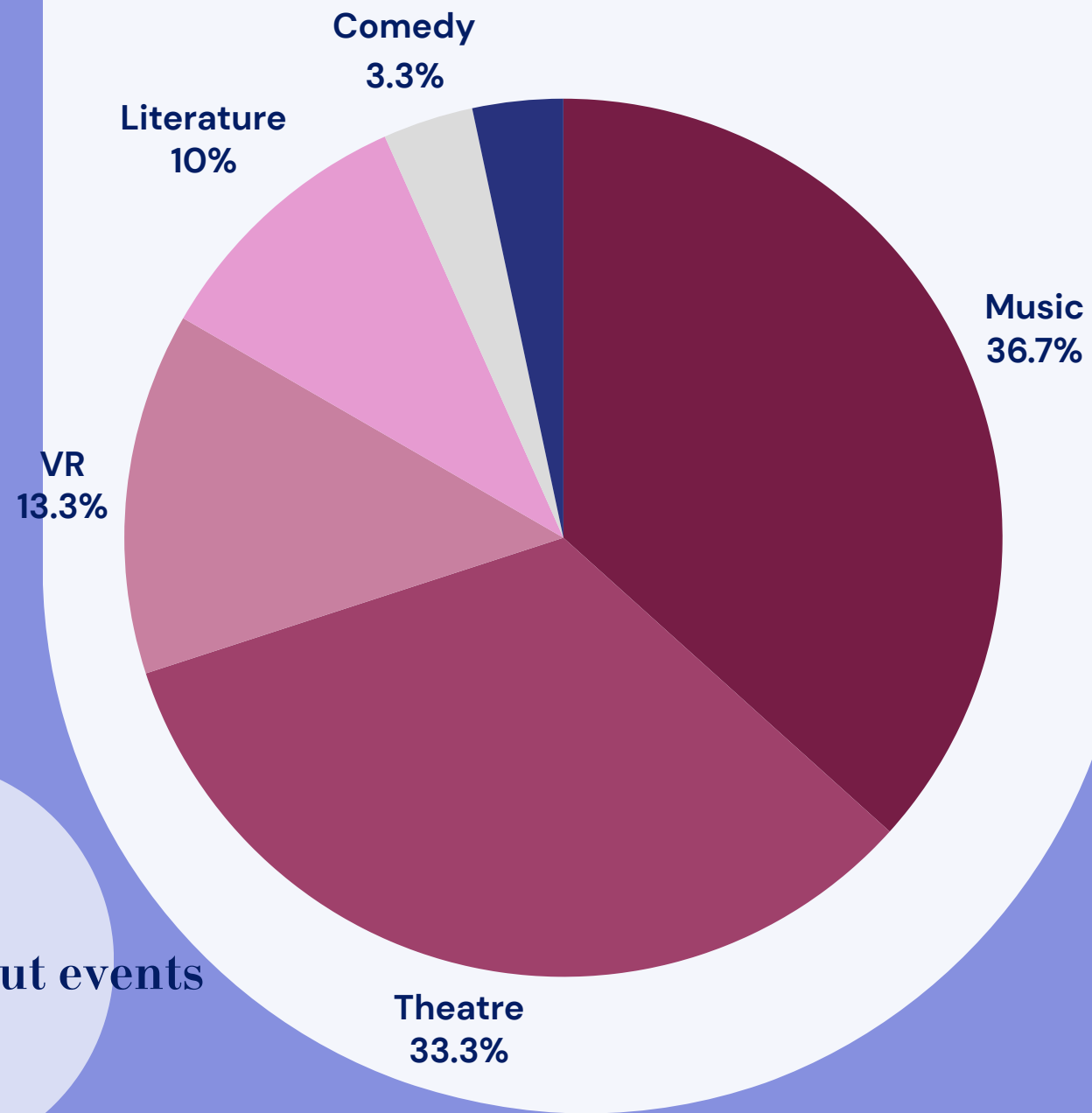
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STATISTICS

“There is no barrier between the art and the audience; it is right in front of you, real and raw. It is the purest convergence of talent: actors and singers, writers and musicians, lighting and audio engineers, scholars and - most importantly - the audience.”

Ella Conneff, Student of Performance and Screen Studies

■ Music
 ■ Theatre
 ■ VR
 ■ Literature
■ Comedy
 ■ Circus



12 sold out events

30 successful events

€14,650 spent on artists

Across 11 artforms

80 artist collaborations

54 female, 25 male, 1 non-binary

951 orders

2,167 audience members

“With weekly mid-day performances in 2023 that have featured Aboriginal singer activist Jessie Lloyd, filmmaker Linda Bhreathnach and Róisín Stack’s immaculate No Woman is an Island the programme treats audiences to an ever broadening range of live arts without missing a beat.”

Julie Twamley, Performance and Screen Studies

Supporting CASSCS Signature Research Areas

Creativity, Culture and Inclusion: 30 events

Transnational Encounters and Global Legacies: 17 events

Childhood, Youth and Family: 3 events

Human and Environmental Health: 1 events

Discipline Partners, University of Galway

Music

Performance and Screen Studies

Drama and Theatre Studies

Irish Studies

English

Creative Writing

Gaeilge

German



Internships

Arts in Action is supported by various student internships. 2x MA internships of 30hrs and 100hrs, with 37x minor internships by undergraduate students of 4hrs.

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PARTNERSHIPS

THE PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTED THE MANY PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS OF ARTS IN ACTION



MUSIC FOR GALWAY

“Galway is truly a place of the arts, with classical and contemporary music as a distinctive strength.”

Through our partnership with Music for Galway we have had four sold out concerts this year. Our missions of bringing high quality arts to a diverse and everchanging audience continue to align annually.



IMMERSIVE EMPATHY PROJECT

“Immersive Empathy responds to the current homelessness crisis by adopting an engaged research approach to empower those experiencing homelessness to give expression to their experiences via immersive technologies.”

Collaborating with a project at the forefront of cutting edge technology this partnership pushed the interdisciplinary nature of Arts in Action.



CÚIRT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE

“Cúirt is rooted in Galway on the west coast of Ireland, and underpinned by our core values of equality and inclusion, we are committed to creating spaces where our audiences are empowered to engage with literature.”

Partnering with Cúirt enables us to offer more to the vibrant fabric of the university and strengthen our aims of inclusion and diversity.



GALWAY COMMUNITY CIRCUS

“Giving opportunities to young people to live their best life by supporting their physical, mental and social wellbeing.”

As the University Artist in Residence, Arts Council we are delighted to partner with an organization whose values align with the ethos of the programming.



GALWAY MUSIC RESIDENCY

“Everyone should have the right to listen to, learn about and love music.” Galway Music Residency’s mission aligns with the heart of Arts in Action. Providing high quality art and entertainment for members of our eclectic community.



UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S NETWORK

“The University of Galway’s Women’s Network aims to promote gender equality and to build and strengthen our university communities.”

Partnering with University Women’s Network has allowed the programme to include a more diverse range of programming, with an emphasis on equality.



BABÓRÓ

“Baboró International Arts Festival for Children is Ireland’s flagship arts festival dedicated to children and families.”

Collaborating with a festival dedicated to children and families allows for educational crossover and artistic enrichment, truly embodying the value that Arts in Action is for all.



BRANAR

“Branar is one of Ireland’s leading theatre companies making work for children. Based in the West of Ireland, Branar are renowned for creating highly imaginative and beautiful work.”

This partnership enriches the programme through presentation of high-quality theatrical works,



DRUID

“Founded in 1975, Druid is a touring theatre company, anchored in the West of Ireland and looking to the world.”

As an official educational partner, Druid offers artistic content of the highest quality, and access to one of Ireland’s top theatre companys.



FISHAMBLE, THE NEW PLAY COMPANY

“Fishamble discovers, develops and produces new plays of national importance with a global reach.”

The aim of Fishamble to push the boundaries and develop new work aligns with Arts in Action’s commitment of diversity and inclusion.



GALWAY TRAVELLER MOVEMENT

“Full equality, social justice and human rights realised for members of the Traveller community, and meaningful participation of Travellers in social, economic, political and cultural life.”

Equality is at the heart of the Arts in Action ethos, partnering with Galway Traveller Movement is a natural step.



MISLEÓR FESTIVAL OF NOMADIC CULTURES

“Misleór Festival welcomes all. We celebrate the diversity within nomadic communities with a vibrant programme of music, theatre, film, poetry, and visual art.”

Equakity, diversity, and inclusion are core to the ethos of the community within which Arts in Action serves.



MOTH AND BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL

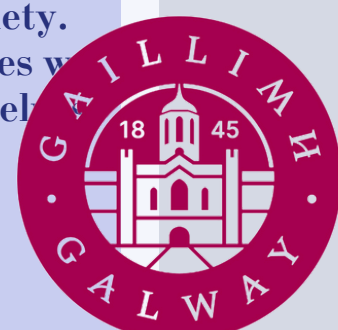
“Moth & Butterfly is a storytelling and arts collective based in the west of Ireland.”

Storytelling is of the utmost importance to Arts in Action and Arts and Culture in Irish society. Through telling stories we can better know ourselves and each other.

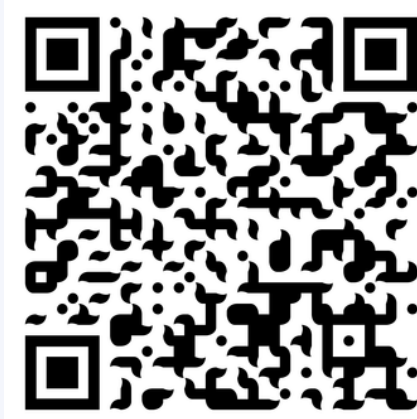


CREATIVE WRITING

“Giving opportunities to young people to live their best life by supporting their physical, mental and social wellbeing.”



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Autumn/fómhar



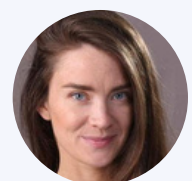
Nine Stories About Love Childrens' Theatre

07/09/23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Padraig Jack Contemporary Traditional Folk Music

14/09/23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Linda Breathnach Film

21/09/23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Fishamble Theatre Presents: Certain Individual Women Theatre

25/09/23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



In Partnership with Misleor Festival: Jessie Lloyd Aboriginal Folk Singing

28/09/23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



No Woman is an Island by Róisín Stack Theatre

05/10//23 | 13:00 | Bank of Ireland Theatre



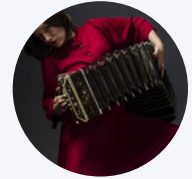
ALAW Welsh Language Folk Music

12/10//23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



In Conversation with Jess Rowell Inclusive Dance Theatre for Children

19/10//23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



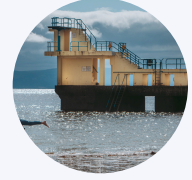
Agustina Taborda Argentinian Folk Music

26/10//23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Imperceptible Theatre

02/11/23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Galway Community Circus Circus

09/11/23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Garry Hynes: A Life in Theatre Theatre Talk

16/11/23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Andreea Banciu and Aileen Cahill Classical Music

30/11/23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Branar presents: Grand Soft Day Children's Theatre

07/12/23 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre

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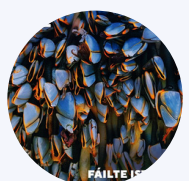
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Spring/earrach



Poet Jessica Traynor in Conversation with Elaine Feeney Poetry

18/01/24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



IMLÉ Contemporary Electronic Irish Music & Song

25/01/24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



In Association with Moth & Butterfly Festival: Saoirse Exton Storytelling & Climate Action

01/02/24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



In Association with Galway Music Residency: Megan O'Neill & Teresa O'Donnell Classical Music

15/02/24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Film Screenig and Q&A with Cody Farren Film

22/02/24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Music for Galway Presents Aidan Chan Piano Music Classical Music

29/02/24 | 13:00 | Emily Anderson Concert Hall, Aula Maxima



In Conversation with Elaine Feeney & Steven Ogg Film, Gaming, Theatre Talk

07/03/24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Diarmuid & Gráinne Theatre

14/10//24 | 13:00 | Bank of Ireland Theatre



Pauline Scanlon & LOLZ from the GASH collective Music as Activism

21/10//24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre



Galway Music Residency Presents ConTempo Quartet Poetry & Classical Music

28/03/24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre

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Summer/samhradh

Reaching over 2,167 audience members this year, Arts in Action is an example of access, diversity, and opportunity for Arts in Galway and Beyond.



 **Siobhán McKenna Inaugural lecture featuring keynote Lelia Doolin Theatre**

16/04/24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre

 **Cúirt and Arts in Action: While We Were Dreaming Literature: Fiction & Poetry**

24/04/24 | 13:00 | Bank of Ireland Theatre

 **Music and activism with the Wild Geeze Activism through Burlesque**

29/04/24 | 19:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre

 **BEAUTIFUL RESISTANCE: Dr Abdelfattah Abusrour, Palestinian Artist, Educator Theatre as Activism**

13/05/24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre

 **We Built this City on Rock and Coal Environmental Improv & Theatre**

30/05/24 | 13:00 | O'Donoghue Centre Theatre

“The Arts in Action programme has been an invaluable asset to the cultural life of the University and to its teaching this past academic year. As a member of the University, I attended multiple inspiring events in the series over both semesters and found it a greatly enriching experience. As a lecturer, the programme has served an especially important purpose for one of our 1BA English modules, EN1101 Literature and the Social World, which has 393 students registered.

The assessment for this module includes two Field Work assignments requiring students to attend and critically reflect upon a cultural event in the region. The Arts in Action series was our primary recommendation for this assignment. The impressive range of its events allowed students to write on elements of the module featuring literature, music, dance, film/media, and/or environmental creativity. It also served a crucial equality function: many students struggle with finding time and/or money for attending cultural events, whereas the Arts in Action programme allowed us to direct them towards events that were free and readily accessible to them on campus.” Dr. Muireann Ó Cinnéide, Lecturer of English, University of Galway
Head of Second-Year English 2023-24
Course Director of Culture and Colonialism

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