

ISACS

Irish Street Arts Circus
and Spectacle Network



Artist **SHOWCASE**

Meet ISACS Network at FiraTàrrega 2024

Presenting Ireland

Meet and greet

Date and time

07/09/2024 10:00 am

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Join the Irish Street Arts, Circus and Spectacle Network (ISACS) to find out how to collaborate with Irish artists & companies.

Come along and learn about some of our International projects; such as:

- the Irish Focus at Ciclop Festival de Teatre Visual De Sineu 2024 (Balearic Islands),
- the International Residency Initiative Scheme "IRIS" involving Cairde Arts Festival, Earagail Arts Festival (Ireland) and FiraTàrrega (Catalunya).

Discover the supports available to present Irish artists and their work overseas.

Meet the ISACS team - Lucy & Cristina, our artists, our festival programmers & producers, from Promenade, Earagail Arts Festival, Cairde Sligo Arts Festival, Spraoi Festival and Festival of Fools - and join the conversation.

Supported by Culture Ireland and the Arts Council of Ireland.



Artist: **Aoife Carry**

Company name **Twisted Lane Productions**

Show name **Prologue**

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Bio:

Twisted Lane Productions is a Spectacle Theatre Company founded by Aoife and Mark Carry. We aim to excite, intrigue and astonish audiences with the highest quality, unique spectacle experiences. We have been working Internationally

for companies such as Cirque Du Soleil and Franco Dragone and we are excited to bring this extensive experience into our own work. Aoife is a director and writer with a background in theatre. Mark is a production manager with a background in technical theatre. Together, they collaborate on all projects. Twisted Lane Productions were recipients of the European Festival Association's Emerging Artist Award 2023.

Trailer Link :



<https://youtu.be/11j7rgvNKhU>



Artist: Tara Brandel

Company name

Croí Glan Integrated Dance Company

Show name Tilt

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Bio:

Founded in 2006 and led by Artistic Director Tara Brandel, Croí Glan is an award winning Integrated dance company

celebrating diverse bodies on stage. Often featuring aerial techniques, many productions sit as comfortably in integrated circus as in dance: production highlights include Edge, Ireland's first integrated aerial circus show commissioned by the Junction Festival; Liz Roche's An Outside Understanding (nominated Best Performers Dublin Fringe 2013); the multi award winning short film Armour Off!; and David Bolger's On the Wall (performed in multiple locations including Miami, San Francisco, Barcelona, Bern, Turku and Minneapolis).

Trailer Link:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwzUMKe5gn4>



Artist: Kristyn Fontanella

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Show name Miss Mary

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Bio:

As a choreographer/dance artist Kristyn Fontanella focuses her past knowledge of Irish step dancing and presents it in a contemporary context. Having toured for many years with Riverdance, Lord of the Dance & as lead soloist in Gaelforce Dance, her current mission is to show another side of the complex world of Irish Step dancing (a traditional dance form) to future generations.

Kristyn creates, directs and produces her own work which has successfully toured across Ireland as well as showing in DRFI

in NYC, Dublin Dance Festival, Echo Echo Dance Platform, Marseille New Danse Festival & Tanzmesse Germany. Her creative focus now is on a new outdoor solo work tracing her dance/family tree, with support from Town Hall Theatre Patrons Donation Award, Galway International Arts Festival Elevate Bursary and a Bursary Award from the Irish Arts Council. She is also 2024 artist in residence through the International Residency Initiative Scheme with Earagail Arts Festival, Cairde Festival, ISACS and Fira Tárrega.

In October 2023, Kristyn was appointed as Executive Director of Galway Dance, a dance resource organization supporting the development of professional dance practice across Galway city/county and the west coast of Ireland. She is thrilled to bring her experience as a dance artist to this role to expand the dance sector in the west.

Trailer Link:



<https://vimeo.com/955227135>



Artist: **Rob Heaslip**

Show name **Strawboys | Man & board**

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Bio:

Rob Heaslip works internationally as a choreographer, dancer, movement director and teacher. He creates his own solo, ensemble and collaborative works spanning dance theatre, live performance, installation, dance-on-screen, and T.V. & Film.

Rob began his career with the National Folk Theatre of Ireland, training at both the Scottish School of Contemporary Dance and the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance at The University of Limerick.

As an artist he is interested in how he can re-imagine human rituals for the viewer of today; abstracting the performing body as a vessel for intertwining dance, voice and design. Rob's work has been presented in Ireland, U.K., U.S.A., Sweden, Spain, Germany, China and others, with highlights including The Made In Scotland Showcase at Edinburgh Fringe, Tanzmesse Dusseldorf, Dublin Dance Festival, AGITART, and Dance International Glasgow.

Trailer Links :

Strawboys:

https://youtu.be/oLZyVHEc_gs?si=G1sOSY8ES5hfN3Fc

Man & board:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwR3dhqa-iA>



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Bio:

Édaein Samuels is a multidisciplinary artist working in aerial, physical comedy, duo acrobatics and also visual arts, a common thread through all her work is exploration of the resilience & fragility of the human condition, driven by a need to connect with & support others through shared experience. Collaboration & connection are integral to her creative process, enhancing exploration and enriching the depth of her artistic expression.

Through aerial performances and visual creations, she delves into mental & physical struggles, offering poignant narratives and gritty reflections on existence.



Previous works which exemplify this are Entanglement (aerial hoop-sling, 2023), Confined (aerial hoop, 2021), and Stuck (aerial hoop, 2021). Édaein is currently developing an aerial theatre production in collaboration with a fellow diabetic aerialist in Germany. The work aims to be a touching and humorous reflection on the ups and downs of life with Type 1 Diabetes, staging the nuanced complexities of an 'invisible' condition.

Trailer Link:



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=y6WHOhwnweE>

Artist: Paul Curley

Company name Paul Curley Theatre

Show name The elephant in the room

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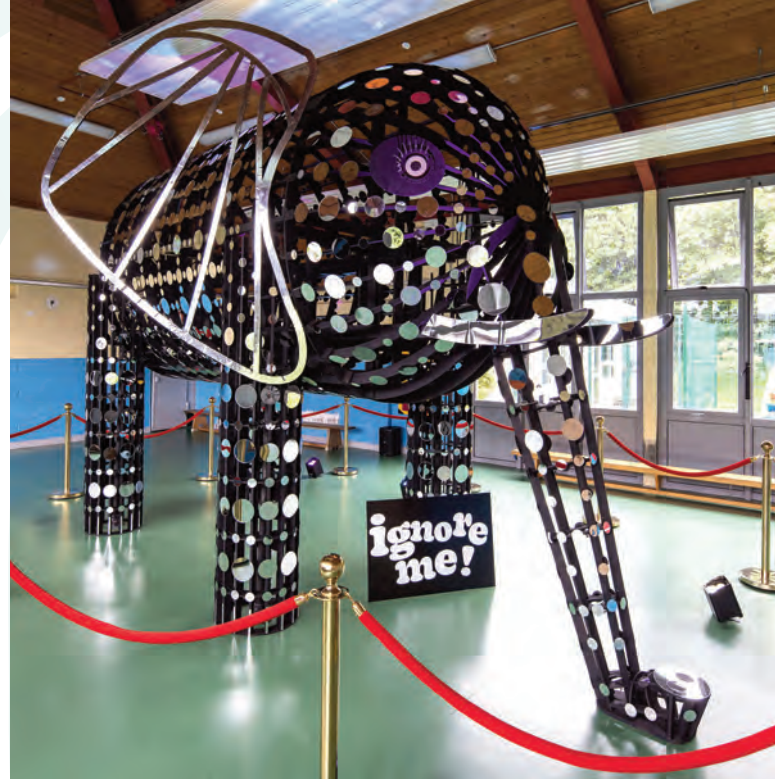
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Bio:

Paul Curley is a theatre artist with particular expertise in making theatre for young audiences. Work includes: GOLD IN THE WATER (with Shane O'Reilly & Denis Clohessy); POLAR BEAR & PENGUIN (with John Currivan). NIGHT LIGHT (Teater Refleksion, DK); WHITE (Catherine Wheels, Scotland); BLACK BEAUTY (Red Bridge Arts, Scotland); THE BOCKETY WORLD OF HENRY & BUCKET (Barnstorm Theatre Company); HOW TO KEEP AN ALIEN (Sonya Kelly & Rough Magic); FARM (WillFredd Theatre); With Designer Ger Clancy, Paul has created BAKE! and THE DIG and most recently large-scale sculpture THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM and GREY MATTER.

Paul's work is produced by Creative Producer Claire O'Neill. Paul is a member of TYA Ireland and an alumnus of Meitheal CPS.



Trailer Link:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTvPYJ2yMAw>

Artist: **Colm O'Grady**

Company name Ouch Productions

Show name Cabaret UNO (Outdoor) /
O! (Outdoor) /

The Lonesome Boatman (Indoor)

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Bio:

Based between Ireland and France, Ouch Productions creates multidisciplinary indoor and outdoor comic shows.

Playing with a unique mix of circus, theatre, live music, eccentric dance and ridiculousness.

Colm O'Grady has been performing for 30 years and is just getting started.



Trailer Links :

Cabaret UNO

<https://colmogrady.com/creation/cabaret-uno/>



The Lonesome Boatman

<https://vimeo.com/884328735>



Artists: Sean McIlraith & Monika Palova

Show name **Red Lines**

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Bio:

Sean McIlraith and Monika Palova are two Dublin-based aerialists, acrobats, and movement artists who began their collaboration in 2021 with a focus on duo rope work. Driven by a deep interest in exploring human connection and trust, their creative journey naturally expanded to include elements of physical theatre, dance, and duo floor acrobatics.

Their work seeks to tell the stories of everyday life with a unique, abstract perspective-hovering between the extraordinary and the familiar-creating performances that are both intimate and deeply human.

Trailer Link:



https://youtu.be/i_kC8UbTFrI

Artist: Amy Hegarty

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Bio:

Puppetfingers is Amy Hegarty, a designer, maker and performer in the outdoor arts world, specialising in costume, puppetry and community arts. She has worked with a range of renowned organisations such as St Patrick's festival, Walk the Plank, Wild Rumpus and Thingamajig Theatre.

Amy's work is collaborative and playful. She enjoys the buzz of performing and creating art that communities can engage with. She is currently developing her own work, so watch this space.

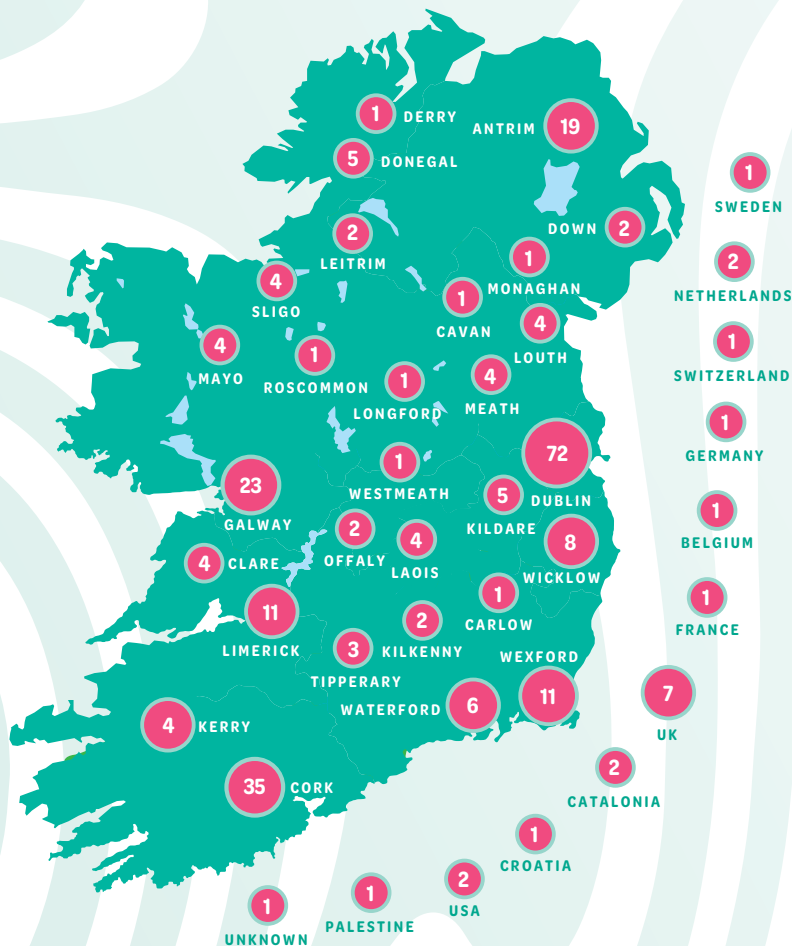


Trailer Link:



<https://www.puppetfingers.com>

Location map of ISACS members in 2023



Artists:

Amy Hegarty
Aoife Carry
Colm O'Grady
Édaein Samuels
Kristyn Fontanella
Rob Heaslip
Paul Curley
Oran Leong - representing Tara Brandel
Sean McIlraith

Programmers:

Tara McGowan (Cairde Sligo Arts Festival)
Paul Brown (Earagail Arts Festival)
Mike Leahy (Spraoi Festival)
Anna Treanor (Festival of Fools)

Producers:

Juley Ann Collins
Ciara O'Mahony - Promenade
Alex Maronna - Promenade

ISACS Team:

Lucy Medlycott
Cristina Ciampaglione



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