

Get ready for a night of laughs with Red Line Comedy

Red Line Comedy is bringing the Wild Galway Comedy Club Experience to the Backstage in Longford as part of an Irish and European tour.

The Red Line lads are travelling Europe. Fresh off the boat from Prague and Amsterdam shows, they're coming home (well some of them are) and they have brought trouble!

Your host for the night is Moshtrim/Longford-grown international comedian and Red Line co-founder Enda Whitney.

The headliner for the evening is none other than Tom O'Mahony. With several critically acclaimed nationwide tours under his belt including the most re-

cent "O'My Honey", as well as starring in shows like Damo & Ivor and Bridget & Eamon, Tom is one of the busiest headline acts in the country.

Special guest is Jimmy Jests – another Edgeworthstown comedian fresh off his nationwide tour "Who's laughing now". Jimmy couldn't stay away from the venue where he kicked off last year's outstanding tour.

Completing the line-up are Cathal Shanagher, Ken Lindsay and Sean Ryan.

Tickets for Red Line Comedy at Backstage Theatre on Saturday, April 25th at 8 p.m. are available on 0433347888 or backstage.ie



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Junior Brother comes to The Dock for special gig

One of the most distinctive voices in contemporary Irish folk, Junior Brother, comes to The Dock in Carrick-on-Shannon on Friday, May 8th for a special one-night performance that promises to be both powerful and unforgettable.

Hailing from County Kerry, Junior Brother has become a mainstay of the alternative folk scene, renowned for carefully pushing the boundaries of what modern Irish folk can look and sound like. His work is idiosyn-

cratic, challenging and richly lyrical, earning him widespread critical acclaim in recent years, along with multiple award nominations such as RTE's Irish Album of the Year 2025.

His much-anticipated third album, *The End*, arrived in September 2025 to strong critical response.

Featuring singles such as *Take Guilt*, *Small Violence*, *Welcome To My Mountain* and *A Lot of Love*, *The End* is a deeply instinctive yet carefully considered response to



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the chaos of modern life. Tickets are available from www.thedock.ie or 071 965 0828.

Youth Theatre ready to bring 'Pay The Price' to stage

The performers and stars of the future are set to take to the stage for the County Roscommon Youth Theatre's (RCYT) annual production.

This year the group is staging an original production entitled 'Pay The Price,' written by the group's artistic director, Boyle native, Catherine Sheridan.

The play features a cast of 26, hailing from Roscommon, Strokestown, Kiltoom, Ballygar and all points in-between.

The production will be performed over two nights - Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th from 8 p.m. at Roscommon Arts Centre. Tickets, priced €16 with a special concession rate of €14 available from the Arts Centre box office.

There will be a couple of shows for local schools with morning performances from 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 23rd and Friday, April 24th. Tickets for these productions are €12 each.

The production is a highly stylised and thought-provoking piece of theatre, asking pertinent questions of the world today and the price one pays to conform and equally the price one pays to be one's true self.



Members of Roscommon Youth Theatre pictured rehearsing for their new production 'Pay the Price' written and directed by Catherine Sheridan. The play runs from April 23rd-25th at Roscommon Arts Centre. Pic: Brian Farrell



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'Sweep Down to the Sea' tribute to Percy French

'Sweep Down to the Sea' is a celebration of one of Ireland's most enduring cultural figures, Percy French.

The show, coming to The Dock in Carrick-on-Shannon on May 15th, will explore French's life and work through music, song, and storytelling, highlighting the wit, warmth, and humanity that have kept his writing alive in Irish culture for generations.

Percy French (1854–1920) was one of Ireland's most influential songwriters and entertainers, remembered for his sharp observations, gentle humour, and deep affection for everyday Irish life.

The Carrick performance is led by three highly regarded musicians, Eleanor Shanley, Ultan Conlon, and Jimmy Higgins.

Combining rich har-

monies, emotive storytelling, and spellbinding performances, the trio will breathe new life into French's songs, connecting his genius with contemporary audiences.

'Sweep Down to the Sea' will appeal to long-time admirers of Percy French, as well as audiences with an interest in Irish song, history, and storytelling.

Tickets are available from www.thedock.ie or 071 965 0828.