



BUALADH BOS CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

1-10 OCTOBER 2026, LIMERICK

BOOKING & ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Family Performances and Workshops can be booked directly on our website below:

 WWW.BUALADHBOSFESTIVAL.IE

School Performances can be booked via our Box Office by contacting

 **061 953 400**

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Our central Box Office operates from **Belltable, 69 O'Connell Street**

OPENING HOURS:

Mon-Fri, 12pm-5.30pm

and for 2hrs prior to an event.

ACCESSIBILITY

Bualadh Bos Children's Festival is committed to providing welcoming and accessible arts events to all children, families and caregivers. We believe every young person deserves the opportunity to get involved in the arts regardless of their abilities, access needs or financial circumstances.



Festival venues all provide step free access and accessible toilets.



Venue assistance is available via members of the festival team who will be visible at all Bualadh Bos events.



Accessibility information is listed on each event page in this brochure and online our website, this includes event duration where available.



Sensory Kits are available at all venues which include ear defenders and fidget toys.



Carers and support workers There are a limited number of Carer and Support worker spaces available no-cost via the Box Office.

PAY IT FORWARD

If you would like to donate a ticket to a child in vulnerable circumstances, please select the **Pay it Forward to Donation** option when booking your tickets online.

You can also donate directly via  WWW.BUALADHBOSFESTIVAL.IE



CURATOR'S NOTE

Bualadh Bos Children's Festival is a very special two weeks in our cultural calendar when we host brilliant arts events for young people all across Limerick. We are so excited to share our diverse programme with you, packed full of theatre, music, film, dance, creative writing, poetry and visual art, with community engagement remaining central to what we do.

2026 represents an exciting new chapter for **Bualadh Bos**. We are entering a three year development phase made possible through the generous support of our funders. This new stage of development will allow the festival to expand its artistic ambition and further establish Limerick as a vibrant centre for children's arts and creativity.

We hope this big step forward will mean we'll be able to include many more children in our festival's activities, particularly those who haven't had the chance to engage with us before. We're delighted to work alongside our brilliant **Bualadh Bos Children's panel** and to collaborate with wonderful artists locally, nationally and internationally. We can't wait to welcome you to our festival this October.



DANCE • PARTICIPATION

 4TH, 5TH & 6TH CLASS

PRESENTED BY DE STILTE

1-2s

An encounter between two dancers.
Dance Workshops and Performance in your School.

Two dancers present a duet dance performance on location in your school. The dance duet is followed by an interactive workshop, where children can experience the joy of dancing as a duet.

de Stilte is a world renowned professional dance company based in the Netherlands that focuses entirely on developing productions and performing for children. The company aims to take as many children as possible out of the everyday world into the abstract world of the senses. **de Stilte** performs hundreds of shows every year for both the public and for schools.



VENUE:
Your School



SCHOOLS:

Tue 29th - Wed 30th Sept,
Thur 1st Oct | Various times

Please contact Box Office
directly for further information
and to book your school.

THEATRE

 AGES 3-7 | PRE-SCHOOL TO 3RD CLASS

 DURATION: 45 MINS

PRESENTED BY TEATER PERD

ASTON'S STONES

Aston is a little dog who wants to take care of all the stones he can find. Some are big and some are small. One is sad, another one feels cold. All of them need to be taken care of.

Every stone gets to follow Aston home and is greeted with a warm and cosy bed. His two parents, although very patient and understanding, gradually get more and more worried about the increasing number of stones in their living room.

"Lovely live, jazzy music from three hilariously deadpan performers adds sophisticated swing to this simple family tale."

– THE HERALD



BOOK NOW



VENUE:
Belltable



FAMILY:

Sat 3rd Oct | 2.30pm & 5pm

Tickets: €12 per person



SCHOOLS:

Thur 1st Oct | 10am & 11.30am

Fri 2nd Oct | 10am & 11.30am

Tickets: €8 per pupil

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and to book your school.

RELAXED PERFORMANCES:

Sat 3rd Oct | 2.30pm

Fri 2nd Oct | 10am

THEATRE • PUPPETRY • MUSIC

 AGES 4+ | JNR INFANTS AND OLDER (4YRS+)

 DURATION: 45 MINS

PRESENTED BY BRANAR

HOW TO CATCH A STAR

*Once there was a boy who was always looking up.
He dreamt of having a star as a friend. This is the
story of his adventure.*

This adaptation of the beloved book by award-winning Irish author **Oliver Jeffers** combines puppetry by Cillian O Donnachadha and Neasa Ní Chuaaigh with stunning puppets by Suse Reibisch. Featuring a magical original score by Colm Mac Con Iomaire and directed by Marc Mac Lochlainn, Branar's signature storytelling creates a show which reminds us all to follow our dreams.

"Visually stunning with a twinkling score."

- **THE IRISH TIMES**



BOOK NOW



VENUE:

Lime Tree Theatre



FAMILY:

Sat 3rd Oct | 12.30pm & 2.30pm

Tickets: €12 per person



SCHOOLS:

Fri 2nd Oct | 9.30am & 11.30am

Tickets: €8 per pupil

NON-VERBAL SHOW

RELAXED PERFORMANCES:

Sat 3rd Oct | 12.30pm

Fri 2nd Oct | 11.30pm

VISUAL ART

 **9-12 YRS**

 **DURATION: 90 MINS**

PRESENTED BY KATE ESCOLIN

LET'S MAKE COMICS WORKSHOP

An introduction to comic making with artist **Kate Escolin AKA Tiny Greens**. Explore the art of comics and learn how to tell a complete story in just a few panels! Learn how to craft concise and impactful narratives, and master the essentials of comic storytelling.

Whether you're new to comics or looking to improve your skills, you'll leave with your own unique short story comic ready to share!



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VENUE:

**Limerick City
Gallery of Art**



FAMILY:

Sat 3rd Oct | 12pm & 2.30pm

Tickets: €6 per person

DANCE • MUSIC • PARTICIPATION

 **AGE: STRICTLY UNDER 4 YRS**

 **DURATION: 45 MINS**

PRESENTED BY YOUNG AT ART

BABY RAVE

Baby Rave TM, the original and ravers' favourite from Young at Art, is a participatory dance event for children under 4 and their grownups, encouraging you and your baby to dance and explore rhythm and music together. Our DJ spins while you and your baby bounce with a team of dance facilitators in an ambient 'club' environment decorated with funky lights, soft materials and parachutes.

We can't wait to get our groove on with ravers young and old(er) in Limerick. Boogie to a soundtrack of dance classics from the 70s, 80s, 90s and noughties specially curated by our new resident DJ Venus Dupree.

Presented in partnership between Dance Limerick and Bualadh Bos Children's Festival.



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VENUE:

Dance Limerick

 **FAMILY:**

Sun 4th Oct | 10.30am, 12pm,
2pm & 3.30pm

Tickets:

€12 for 1 adult plus child
€6 for each additional ticket.

VISUAL ART

 4TH, 5TH & 6TH CLASS

 DURATION: 60-75 MINS

PRESENTED BY DUFFY MOONEY SHEPPARD

I AM A BADGER, A WREN, A FOX: VISUAL ART PORTRAIT WORKSHOP

Today I am a badger, strong, quiet and watchful.
A wren, joyful and singing. A fox, cool and quick and clever.

A portrait can capture what you look like or something about how you are inside. In this workshop we will explore our inner selves through animals, using their special characteristics to create our very own animal representation. In stories these are sometimes called Daemons.

Your class will make an individual piece about themselves to take home and we will create a collaborative class portrait that will be displayed at **Belltable** during the festival.



VENUE:

**Lime Tree
Theatre Stage**



SCHOOLS:

Tue 6th Oct | 9.30am & 12pm

Wed 7th Oct | 9.30am & 12pm

Tickets: €8 per pupil

Please contact Box Office directly for further information and to book your school.

FILM

 4TH, 5TH & 6TH CLASS

 DURATION: 86 MINS

FILM SCREENING

PRESENTED BY ABÚ MEDIA

FIDIL GHORM

Irish-language feature *Fidil Ghorm* tells the story of a 10-year-old girl Molly, whose father is in a coma. She believes that if she learns to play the fiddle like her dad did and win an All Ireland contest that she can wake him up.

Whilst in a coma, her Dad is moved to a rehab centre where Molly befriends an elderly grumpy man called Malachy whom she hears play the fiddle beautifully. Along the way she is told that he has 'magic in his hands' and learns that had been a champion fiddler once upon a time. Through their connection, she coaxes him to teach her to play the fiddle and together they go in search of the magic that only music can bring.



VENUE:
Belltable



SCHOOLS:

Tue 6th Oct | 10am

Tickets: €8 per pupil

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**IRISH LANGUAGE SCREENING
WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES**

WRITING

 4TH, 5TH & 6TH CLASS

 DURATION: 90 MINS

PRESENTED BY CLARA KUMAGAI

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

We all visit imaginary worlds - whether in books, movies, tv and video games. In this workshop with author **Clara Kumagai**, we'll focus on building our own worlds through observation, description and imagination. No writing experience necessary!

Clara Kumagai is from Ireland, Japan and Canada. Her debut YA novel, *Catfish Rolling*, was a YOTO Carnegie Medal nominee, shortlisted for the Great Reads Award and winner of the 2024 KPMG Children's Books Ireland Books of the Year. Her sophomore novel, *Songs for Ghosts*, was longlisted for the YOTO Carnegie Medal for fiction and the Jhalak Children's & Young Adult Prize 2026.



VENUE:

Hunt Museum



SCHOOLS:

Tue 6th Oct | 10am & 12pm

Tickets: €8 per pupil

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THEATRE

 4TH, 5TH & 6TH CLASS

 DURATION: 50 MINS

PRESENTED BY GRAND STRETCH

NOVEL IDEAS

BY DARREN YORKE

Here sits a writer who cannot write..

Now there's an idea! He scribbles it down. Reads it aloud. Edits. Erases. Tears out the pages. Novel ideas hit the bin and, again, nothing begins.

Award-winning improvisation-led theatre-maker **Darren Yorke** abandons the writing desk and plays an idea forward to create a new novel in each performance, in real time.

No outline. No draft. No edits. Novel Ideas is a genuine risk for author and audience alike, but it might also be a remedy to perfectionism and creative paralysis.



VENUE:

Limerick Libraries



SCHOOLS:

 **Dooradoyle Library**

Tue 6th Oct | 10am

 **Limerick City Library**

Wed 7th Oct | 10am

Tickets: Free, pre-booking essential.

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DANCE

 **AGES 4+ | JUNIORS - 5TH CLASS**

 **DURATION: 40 MINS**

PRESENTED BY MÓNICA MUÑOZ

FLIP

... a whirling, twirling, tumbling, rumbling, jumping and flipping stream of playful necessity.

FLIP is an unstoppable ode to differences and connection. A dance performance full of movement, rhythm and beautiful chaos for children and grown-ups who can't keep still. FLIP follows the journey of two characters as they move from isolation to community. It is a charming show that offers a one-of-a-kind portrayal of diversity, alternately humorous and profound.

Dancers Cristian Dirocie and Martijn Joling push the boundaries between breakdance and contemporary dance in this electrically charged performance, transforming ordinary objects into extraordinary and magical creations.



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**"Charming, playful and skilful
show for young audiences"**

**- THE IRISH TIMES ON
MÓNICA MUÑOZ'
PREVIOUS WORK**



VENUE:
Belltable



FAMILY:

Sat 10th Oct | 2.30pm

Tickets: €12 per person



SCHOOLS:

Fri 9th Oct | 9.30am & 11.30am

Tickets: €8 per pupil

MAGIC

 ALL AGES, FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

 DURATION: 70 MINS

PRESENTED BY

JOE THE MAGICIAN

It's Joe the Magician from 'Dizzy Deliveries' on RTÉjr, and he's bringing his spectacular children's comedy magic and illusions show back to Limerick for an evening of mind boggling fun!

Joe's show fuses laugh out loud comedy magic with absolutely jaw dropping spectacular illusions live on stage. It's a rollercoaster theatrical ride that reinvents children's entertainment, and grown ups love it just as much.

A magical friendly dancing ghost that audience members interact with, a crazy mind reading duck with a mind of his own, the impossible hypnotic box that bends reality... oh, and a live snowstorm! Just a hint of what you can expect from Joe the Magician.

"Joe Daly is Ireland's leading children's magician."

– THE IRISH TIMES



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VENUE:

Lime Tree Theatre



FAMILY:

Fri 9th Oct | 7pm

Tickets: €12 per person

POETRY

 5-8 YRS

 DURATION: 60 MINS

PRESENTED BY SARAH BRADLEY

LAUGH OUT LOUD POETRY HOUR

Tick-tock, tick-tock... it's Poetry O'Clock!

Are you ready to giggle, rhyme and get wonderfully silly? Join poet and drama teacher **Sarah Bradley** for a relaxed, joyful hour where children (Aged 5-8) and their grown-ups listen to funny poems and create their very own masterpiece together.

Expect wiggly words, cheeky rhymes, and the occasional poem that refuses to behave itself. It's playful, imaginative, and delightfully un-serious — the perfect way to spend an hour laughing, listening, and making memories. When the clock strikes “fun”, a poem has begun!



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VENUE:

Belltable Foyer

 **FAMILY:**

Sat 10th Oct | 11am

Tickets: €6 per person

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY A TICKETED ADULT.**

STORYTELLING

👤 AGES 9-12 YRS

🕒 DURATION: 60 MINS

PRESENTED BY SINÉAD O'BRIEN

WANDERING STORIES

Wandering Stories is an immersive storytelling event, facilitated by expert storyteller Sinéad O'Brien. Children will be treated to tales from the Irish folklore canon, before being invited to build their own stories themselves.

During Wandering Stories, participants will be guided through an interactive workshop experience, where they will be encouraged, through group work and individual reflection, to tell their own stories.

Sinéad is a professional storyteller, performer and theatre maker originally from Limerick. She believes that everyone has a story worth telling and she's passionate about helping people find their voices and share their stories.



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VENUE:
The Gaff



FAMILY:

Sat 10th Oct | 12pm

Tickets: €6 per person

FILM



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DURATION: 101 MINS

FILM SCREENING

LABYRINTH

To mark the 40th anniversary of Jim Henson's much-beloved fantasy classic, **Bualadh Bos Festival** presents **Labyrinth**.

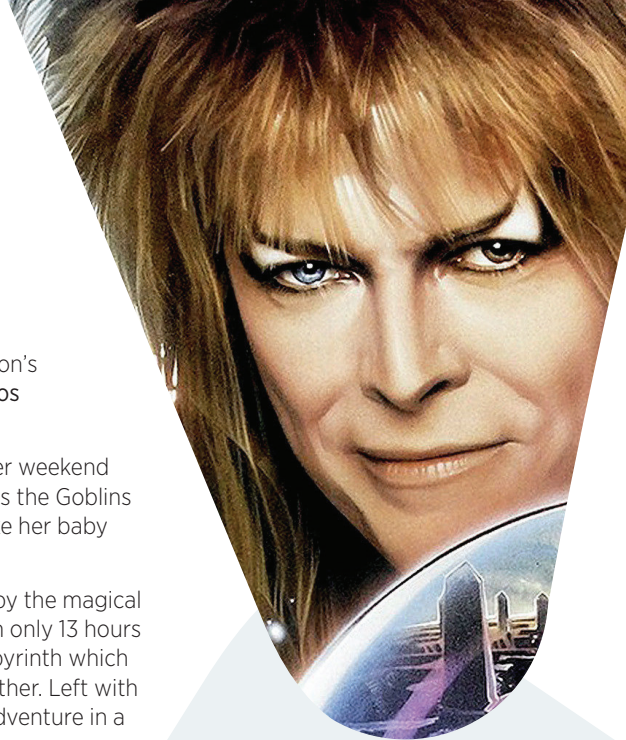
Frustrated with babysitting on yet another weekend night, Sarah (**Jennifer Connelly**) summons the Goblins from her favourite book, **Labyrinth**, to take her baby step-brother away.

When this wish is unexpectedly granted by the magical Goblin King (**David Bowie**), Sarah is given only 13 hours to solve the dangerous and wonderful labyrinth which leads to Goblin Castle and rescue her brother. Left with no choice, she sets out on a dangerous adventure in a land where nothing is what it seems.

Fancy Dress encouraged, prize for best dressed!



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VENUE:
Belltable



FAMILY:
Sat 10th Oct | 6.30pm
Tickets: €8 per person

THEATRE

 5-8 YRS

PRESENTED BY MOONFISH THEATRE

WHY THE MOON TRAVELS

PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOP

A work-in-progress adaptation of Oein DeBhairduin's book of Traveller folktales, *Why the Moon Travels* (winner at the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards) presented by **Moonfish Theatre**. This version, designed specifically for touring to schools and community settings, features a short live performance combined with hands-on creative engagement activities, centred on the theme of "passing on the story."

The work is presented and facilitated by professional artists from the Traveller community. It offers young children a unique opportunity to explore Traveller culture and heritage in a positive and open way. The theme of folktales and their value to a community is also to open up exploration of other cultures and heritages, promoting diversity and inclusion in the classroom.

Presented as part of the TRACKS Network, a partnership between Baboró International Arts Festival for Children, Dublin Fringe Festival, Cork Midsummer Festival and Bualadh Bos Children's Festival.



WORK-IN-PROGRESS



VENUE:
Your School



SCHOOLS:

Please contact Box Office directly for further information and to book your school.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BUALADH BOS ON TOUR

Community Engagement is at the heart of everything we do. This year we are delighted to champion our **Bualadh Bos on Tour** workshop programme in local schools, libraries and communities. **Bualadh Bos on Tour** is a multi-disciplinary and fun-filled approach to experiencing art inside and outside of the classroom. Working alongside teachers and children across Limerick, we produce a series of workshops in many artforms facilitated by many artists. Keep an eye out on our social media as a selection of the children's art work will be shared online throughout the festival. If your school or community group is interested in getting involved, please email boxoffice@limetreetheatre.ie

THE BUALADH BOS CHILDREN'S PANEL

The **Bualadh Bos Children's Panel** is a group of children from Limerick city and county who respond to and engage with the festival's artistic programme. Participating in **Bualadh Bos** events each year, these children inform the curation and organisation of the festival.

DISCOVERING THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES DAY: OPEN CALL

In association with the **Talking TYA Research Network**, this programme offers artists and artist collectives working in any artistic discipline a unique opportunity to pursue professional TYA practice. Participants will meet with established artists, collaborate with peers, and enhance their professional development and creative skills through learning sessions. More details on this initiative will be announced in August, please check our online platforms for information.



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FAMILY SHOWS

EVENT	TIME	VENUE	AGE
SAT 3RD OCT			
Aston's Stones	2.30pm & 5pm	Belltable	3 years + Family Friendly
How To Catch A Star	12.30pm & 2.30pm	Lime Tree Theatre	4 years +
Let's Make Comics Workshops	12pm & 2.30pm	Limerick City Gallery of Art	9-12 yrs
SUN 4TH OCT			
Baby Rave	10.30am, 12pm, 2pm & 3.30pm	Dance Limerick	Strictly under 4 yrs
FRI 9TH OCT			
Joe The Magician	7pm	Lime Tree Theatre	All Ages
SAT 10TH OCT			
Laugh Out Loud Poetry Hour	11am	Belltable Foyer	5-8 yrs
Wandering Stories	12pm	The Gaff	9-12 yrs
Flip	2.30pm	Belltable	4 years +
Film Screening: Labyrinth	6.30pm	Belltable	PG

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

SCHOOLS SHOWS

EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CLASS
TUE 29TH SEPT			
1-2s	Various Times	Your School	4 th , 5 th & 6 th
WED 30TH SEPT			
1-2s	Various Times	Your School	4 th , 5 th & 6 th
THUR 1ST OCT			
Aston's Stones	10 & 11.30am	Belltable	Pre-School - 3 rd Class
1-2s	Various Times	Your School	4 th , 5 th & 6 th
FRI 2ND OCT			
Aston's Stones	10 & 11.30am	Belltable	Pre-School - 3 rd Class
How To Catch A Star	9.30am & 11.30am	Lime Tree Theatre	Jnrs +
Why The Moon Travels	Various Times	Your School	5-8 Yrs
TUE 6TH OCT			
I Am A Badger, A Wren, A Fox	9.30am & 12pm	Lime Tree Theatre Stage	4 th , 5 th & 6 th
Film Screening: Fidil Ghorm	10am	Belltable	4 th , 5 th & 6 th
Creative Writing Workshop	10am & 12pm	Hunt Museum	4 th , 5 th & 6 th
Novel Ideas	10am	Limerick Libraries	4 th , 5 th & 6 th
WED 7TH OCT			
I Am A Badger, A Wren, A Fox	9.30am & 12pm	Lime Tree Theatre Stage	4 th , 5 th & 6 th
Novel Ideas	10am	Limerick Libraries	4 th , 5 th & 6 th
FRI 9TH OCT			
Flip	9.30am & 11.30am	Belltable	Jnrs - 5 th Class



LIME TREE

40 SHOWS

LIME TREE THEATRE
presents

ROBIN HOOD

Written by LIAM MCCARTHY
Directed by JOAN SHEEHY

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FESTIVAL TEAM:

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Administrator and Communications **Emer Casey**

Workshop and Children's Panel Facilitator **Aisling Ryan**

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LIME TREE THEATRE | BELLTABLE TEAM:

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FESTIVAL FUNDERS



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