

Welcome

Welcome to our fabulous new programme of events! We have a host of high profile shows to take us into our spring season.

Disney's **High School Musical** is set to storm our stage in February. This is the biggest show ever to come to our theatre and we wait its arrival with much anticipation. There are some last remaining tickets available – so get them while you can!

Another feature of this season is the West End extravaganza, **Evita**. This critically acclaimed production by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber is brought to us by Bill Kenwright. Described as an “exhilarating and dramatically intense musical,” it features some of the most famous and inspiring music ever written and promises to be the theatrical event of the year!

Popular comedian, **Des Bishop**, is back this season, while Brendan O'Carroll makes a welcome return with his hilarious persona, **Mrs Brown**. There is music with **Nanci Griffith** in February and **Tommy Fleming** joins us in the same month. **Jools Holland**, **Elkie Brooks** and the **Kings of Swing** join us as part of the City's ever-popular Jazz Festival in April. In addition, there is much, much more – so enjoy our new season!

Remember you can book online at www.millenniumforum.co.uk

David McLaughlin
Chief Executive

First Trust Bank is delighted to be associated with such a successful theatre and conference centre and very much looks forward to working in partnership with the Millennium Forum to make 2009 their best year to date.

Brendan Dowdall
Senior Manager, First Trust Bank, Meadowbank

The Wolfe Tones

Date: Sunday 4th January

Time: 8:00pm

Tickets: £15.00, £17.50, £19.50 (Includes Development Fee)

The hugely popular Irish traditional/folk group, The Wolfe Tones, returns to the Millennium Forum for what promises to be another sell-out performance. Throughout the year, they have performed to capacity audiences worldwide including the Royal Albert Hall in London, the plush Old Olympia in Paris and many concerts and festivals throughout Europe.

Derry has always been close to The Wolfe Tones and Byrne, Nagle and Warfield look forward to spending a few days once again with their loyal fans in the Maiden City.

Ireland's Showbands – Do You Come Here Often?

Date: Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th January

Time: 8:00pm

Tickets: £19.00, £21.00, £23.00 (Includes Development Fee)

Last year over 11,000 people flocked to see this series of concerts celebrating the sounds of the showband era, packed with a wealth of stars. Presented by showband veteran, George Jones, this year's line-up includes legends Brendan Bower, Dominic Kirwan, Mary Duff, The Miami, Hugo Duncan, Eileen Reid, DJ Curtain and many more!

New Year Viennese Concert Ulster Orchestra

Date: Thursday 8th January
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £9.50, £14.50, £16.50 Concessions available
(Includes Development Fee)

Christopher Bell – Conductor
Anna Devlin – Soprano

Tap your toes into 2009 with Music 55-7's annual Viennese concert featuring the Ulster Orchestra. With much-loved waltzes, sparkling polkas and arias by Johann Strauss and others, let the U.O. whisk you off your feet to the magnificent style and enchantment of the ballrooms of 19th Century Vienna. Expect such immortal melodies as The Blue Danube, the Radetzky March and exhilarating tunes from Die Fledermaus. True delight – music simply brimming with a zest for life!

Des Bishop 'Unbearable'

Date: Saturday 10th January
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £14.50, £17.50 (Includes Development Fee)

Ireland's adopted son of comedy returns to the Millennium Forum with a brand new show that promises to leave you in stitches.

Widely recognised as one of Ireland's biggest comedic assets, Des has performed to capacity audiences in some of the world's most prestigious comedy festivals. A native of New York, his explosive brand of comedy draws on his efforts to fit into his adopted country – with hilarious results!

N.B. may contain adult material.

Isla Grant '09 Irish Tour

Date: Sunday 18th January
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £17.50, £19.50 (Includes Development Fee)

A household name in the UK and in Ireland, Scotland's most popular singer-songwriter, Isla Grant, makes a welcome return visit following hugely successful tours of New Zealand, Australia and the UK.

Receiving double platinum sales with albums such as 'Only Yesterday,' 'Mother,' 'A Dream Come True' and 'Childhood Memories,' Isla combines an easy listening vocal style with the purity and warmth of her distinctive brand of country/folk music. Tonight she performs a selection of her best known hit songs along with material from her latest album, 'Isla Sings Hank.' The show also features Isla's talented husband, Al Grant.

For The Love of Mrs Brown Starring Brendan O'Carroll

Date: Monday 19th – Saturday 31st January
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: Tues-Wed: £12.50, £15.00, £17.00, £19.00 Concessions available; Thurs-Sat: £14.50, £19.50, £20.00, £23.00
No show: Sun 25th & Mon 26th (Includes Development Fee)
Opening Night Offer: All Seats £15.50.

We have followed Agnes Brown through many family traumas in the Mrs Brown trilogy of The Last Wedding, Good Mourning Mrs Brown and Mrs Brown Rides Again. Now the saga continues with For the Love of Mrs Brown.

Having discovered the internet, Agnes Brown accidentally sets up a date with a man she knows only as HairyHarry25. Despite some of her family's protests, Agnes is determined to see her date through. We follow Agnes as she prepares for her big date.

**Last Remaining
Tickets**

Disney's High School Musical

Date: Monday 2nd – Saturday 14th February
Time: Mon-Thurs 7:30pm, Fri 5pm & 8pm, Sat 3pm & 7.30pm
Tickets: Mon-Thurs: £17.50, £22.50, £26.50, £29.50. Fri-Sat:
£19.50, £25.00, £29.50, £33.00 (Includes Development
Fee) No show: Sun 8th Feb.

Get ready for “the start of something new!” The stage production based on the Disney Channel Original Movie, High School Musical, is going live at the Millennium Forum as part of its first UK national tour. Prepare yourself for the chance to see your favourite movie brought to life in this spectacular production – this show is everything you love about the movie with added fun!

Watch the twists and turns of the loveable schoolmates – Troy, super-popular captain of the basketball team, and Gabriella, super-smart transfer student and a genius in science class – as they surf the tricky tides of peer pressure and canteen cliques to follow their dreams and score the leads in the big school show, and a place in each other's hearts.

Disney's High School Musical Onstage follows the much-loved story of the movie, featuring all your favourite characters and songs, together with two brand new numbers performed by the country's hottest dancers and an electrifying live band. So “get'cha head in the game!” and go totally wild for Disney's High School Musical.

In association with the Derry Journal.

Nanci Griffith

Date: Sunday 15th February
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £27.50 (Includes Development Fee)

The 'Queen of Folkability' brings her own brand of folk and country roots music to the Forum for one night only. The Grammy Award winner and five-time nominee has enjoyed a hugely successful career that has seen her perform to sell-out audiences in prestigious venues worldwide including New York's Carnegie Hall, Nashville's Grand Ole Opry and London's Royal Albert Hall.

A gifted songwriter, Nanci has penned some of country music's most enduring compositions including Emmylou Harris and Willie Nelson's 'Gulf Coast Highway,' Kathy Mattea's 'Love at the Five and Dime' and 'Listen to the Radio.' Nanci was also the first to record Julie Gold's Grammy winning classic, 'From a Distance.' Don't miss the unique voice of Nanci Griffith in her much anticipated return to our city.

Conal Gallen – Live & Still Full of It

Date: Friday 20th February
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £20.00 (Includes Development Fee)

Hot on the heels of a sell-out show in November, Conal returns with another show to delight his many local fans.

Two hours of non-stop belly laughter mixed with hilarious songs make this, without doubt, the funniest show in Ireland. The beauty of Conal's show is that no-one knows what's coming next (including himself!)

Don't miss out this time and get your tickets early!

Country 1st

Date: Wednesday 25th February

Time: 8:00pm

Tickets: £9.50, £12.50, £15.00 (Includes Development Fee)

The best Country show in town...fuelled by Hugo Duncan's boundless energy and fun. The wee man from Strabane gives you a great night of foot stomping country music with special guest TR Dallas, Sean Wilson, Louise Morrissey and the laugh-a-minute Big O.

An Evening with Our Jimmy

**Discount Deal
Comedy p.16**

Date: Thursday 26th February

Time: 8:00pm

Tickets: £15.00 (Includes Development Fee)

Following on from the successful TV Christmas Special 'An Evening with James Young' and the hugely popular stage show 'Our Jimmy,' William Caulfield returns for the latest version of this hilarious show.

Join favourite characters Lily O'Condriach, Willie Simpson, Billy Hulk, Big Sadie, Derek and the Wee Schoolboy for an evening crammed full of laughter. Apart from a few popular sketches and monologues, most of the material will be entirely new.

Tommy Fleming
A Journey Home Irish Tour '09

Date: Friday 27th February
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £20.00, £22.50 (includes Development Fee)

Often described as 'the voice of Ireland,' Tommy has carved a hugely successful career spanning over 14 years. One of Ireland's top entertainers, he returns to the Forum as part of an extensive nationwide tour.

Tommy's latest release, 'A Journey Home' has been one of the Sligo man's most successful to date, having achieved Number One status in the Irish charts for many weeks following its release. Don't miss this hugely talented singer accustomed to playing to full houses at every concert.

Brendan Grace

Date: Tuesday 3rd March
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £17.50, £19.50 (Includes Development Fee)

Celebrating 38 years in the business, Brendan Grace returns for another night of hilarity. Brendan's latest show features the best and most requested pieces from a hugely successful career that has taken him to the very top of his profession, along with some brand new material. A brilliant comedy actor, his 'Bottler' character is legendary and is now featured at every performance.

His performances in Ireland are regular sell-outs events and his welcome return to the Millennium Forum will be no exception. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Mac Productions Presents
The History of the Troubles (Accordin' to my Da!)
Back by popular demand!

Discount Deal
Comedy p.16

Date: Thursday 5th – Saturday 7th March
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £9.50, £14.50, £16.50, £18.50 (Includes Development Fee)

With new additional material bringing the story of the Northern Ireland Troubles bang up-to-date, this favourite with local audiences returns for two hilarious performances.

Playwright Martin Lynch and double act Alan McKee and Conor Grimes bring out the best of the Troubles in this laugh-a-minute gallop through 30-odd years of civil unrest, as seen through the eyes of their man at the scene, Gerry Courtney played by Ivan Little. Book immediately as tickets for this show sell fast.

City Theatre Dublin & MCD presents
Mrs Whippy

Discount Deal
Drama p.16

Date: Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th March
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £9.50, £12.50, £15.00 (Includes Development Fee)
Opening Night Offer: All seats £17.50 – Buy One Get One Free

Author of the hit novel and film, PS I Love You, Cecilia Ahern's first play, Mrs Whippy, tells the story of Emelda, a 46-year-old woman who is struggling to cope with life after her husband Charlie left her for a 23 year old dancer. Her five difficult sons worship their father and blame Emelda for his leaving. For comfort she turns to her only true friend – ice cream.

Sitting on her battered old sofa, eating her way through another tub of 'Ben and Jerry's', mourning all that she has lost, she hears the gentle tinkling sound that send children rushing outside. The soothing sounds of a Mr Whippy van arrive at just the right time for Emelda, however, now it's not just the ice cream that is her only true friend...
Directed by Michael Scott.

Mike Denver and Guests '09 Tour

Date: Thursday 12th March
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £17.50, £19.50

Ireland's most popular Country singer, Mike Denver, stops off at the Forum on his nationwide tour. Mike has already built up a huge following in his relatively short time on the Irish circuit and has achieved five hit albums and a best selling DVD. With his excellent band and a super stage show as well as special guests, the legendary Roly Daniels and Ray Lynam, early booking is advisable.

Bill Kenwright

By special arrangement with the Really Useful Group
Presents the theatrical event of the year

Evita

Discount Deal Musicals p.16
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Date: Tuesday 17th – Saturday 28th March
Time: Tues-Thurs 8pm, Thurs 3pm, Fri & Sat 5pm & 8.30pm
Tickets: Wed-Thurs: £11.50, £15.00, £22.50, £26.50, £29.50
Thurs 3pm & Fri 5pm: £10.00, £15.00, £19.50
Fri 8.30pm & Sat 5pm & 8.30pm: £12.50, £17.50, £29.50,
£32.00 (Includes Development Fee). Opening Night Offer:
£10.00, £15.00, £19.50. Signed performance Wed. 18th
March ISL & BSL

Featuring some of the most famous and inspiring stage music ever written including the classic songs 'Don't Cry For Me Argentina,' 'On This Night of a Thousand Stars,' 'You Must Love Me,' 'Another Suitcase In Another Hall' and many more.

Bringing to life the dynamic, larger-than-life persona of Eva Peron, Evita tells the story, from her young ambitious beginnings to the enormous wealth and power she gained and her ultimate rise to sainthood. With more than 20 major awards to its credit, including the Oscar winning film version starring Madonna and Antonio Banderas, this brand new production of the smash hit show truly promises to be the theatrical event of the year!

In association with Airporter.

Londonderry Musical Society Presents
Thoroughly Modern Millie

Discount Deal
Musicals p.16

Date: Tuesday 31st March – Saturday 4th April
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: Contact Box Office
Opening Night Offer: Contact Box Office

Winner of the 2002 Tony award for Best New Musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie is a high-spirited musical romp that has all of New York dancing the Charleston; it's the zany 1920's musical that has taken Broadway by storm! Set in New York City in 1922, Thoroughly Modern Millie tells the story of young Millie Dillmount, who has just moved to the city in search of a new life for herself.

It's a New York full of intrigue and jazz – a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behaviour were changing forever. Based on the popular movie, the stage version of Thoroughly Modern Millie includes a full score of new songs and bright dance numbers including 'Not The Life For Me,' 'Forget About The Boy,' 'What Do I Need With Love' and of course 'Thoroughly Modern Millie.'

www.londonderrymusicalsociety.co.uk

Derek Acorah

Date: Sunday 5th April
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £19.50 (Includes Development Fee)

Derek is known as the UK's No. 1 Spirit Medium. The star of Living TV's 'Paranormal Egypt,' 'Ghost Towns' and 'Most Haunted Live' brings his hugely entertaining evening of psychic abilities to the Forum by popular demand. Wherever he appears his shows are sell-outs, so book early to avoid disappointment.

N.B. An evening with Derek Acorah is experimental and investigational. There are no guaranteed or certain results and the show is for the purposes of amusement and entertainment.

Ian Dickens Production Presents
Murder with Love by Francis Durbridge

Discount Deal Drama p.16

Date: Wednesday 22nd – Saturday 25th April
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: Thurs-Sat £10.00, £14.50, £16.00 (Includes Development Fee). Opening Night Offer: All Seats £9.50

Many people dislike Larry Campbell, but none with more reason than David Ryder who pursues his vendetta by obtaining a key to Campbell's flat with the intent to exact his revenge, but his plans do not go as expected. Deceit, suspicion, blackmail and incrimination are woven into this web of crime, culminating in a tantalising twist in the tail. Fast-paced, exciting and packed full of blind alleys and red herrings, this thriller from the master craftsman of the genre will keep audiences on the edge of their seats.

Talon: The Best of the Eagles

Date: Tuesday 28th April
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: £9.50, £12.50, £16.00 (Includes Development Fee)

Regarded as the very best in its genre, Talon's new show is a musical and vocal spectacular featuring the timeless and classic hits of The Eagles as well as those from the individual solo years of Henley, Walsh and Frey.

After over a decade together, Talon's authentic replication of The Eagles has now established the band as the closest thing in the UK to the real deal. 'Lyn' Eyes,' 'Hotel California,' 'Peaceful Easy Feeling,' 'Take it to the Limit,' the hits go on and on.

Jools Holland & his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra

Featuring Gilson Lavis with special guest star Dave Edmunds
And guest vocalist Ruby Turner & Louise Marshall

Date: Thursday 30th April & Friday 1st May

Time: 8:00pm

Tickets: £29.50, £32.50, £34.50 (Includes Development Fee)

Undoubtedly the highlight of previous Jazz Festivals, Jools Holland brings his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra to the Millennium Forum once again for two shows that are guaranteed to have you dancing in the aisles!

The former front man of the hit group Squeeze, Jools' career spans over 30 years having enjoyed huge success with million-selling hits such as 'Cool For Cats' and 'Up The Junction.' Today, he is the most popular pianist and bandleader in the UK and his fabulous Rhythm & Blues Orchestra has evolved into an amazing 20-piece band that performs to yearly audiences in excess of 500,000! The innovative 'Later...with Jools Holland' is now in its 33rd series and the exuberant annual New Year's Eve show, 'Hootenanny,' celebrates its 16th anniversary this year, confirming his ever-growing popularity among television viewers.

www.cityofderryjazzfestival.com

On Sale Now:

Elkie Brooks

Date: Saturday 2nd May

Time: 8:00pm

Tickets: £25.00, £27.50 (Includes Development Fee)

Elkie Brooks is one of the most successful and popular singers the UK has ever produced and is still proving to be one of the most powerful and versatile vocal talents of our generation.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

The Kings of Swing

Date: Sunday 3rd May

Time: 8:00pm

Tickets: £12.50, £16.50, £18.50 (Includes Development Fee)

The Kings of Swing bring back the music and style of a bygone era, telling the story of the greatest crooners of all time and singing the hits that made them famous. From Perry Como to Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra to Dean Martin, relive the hits that defined a generation as sung by the star of the Irish Rat Pack, Jason O'Callaghan.

Ross Noble

Date: Tuesday 5th May

Time: 8:00pm

Tickets: £20.00 (includes Development Fee)

Ross Noble was voted one of the top ten greatest stand-ups of all time by Channel 4 viewers. Here's your chance to see why.

Suitable for those aged 15+.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Date: Thursday 14th – Saturday 16th May

Time: 8:00pm

Tickets: Fri & Sat: £9.50, £12.50, £14.50 Concessions available
(Includes Development Fee)

Starring Alan Wright, Judith Cornette, Kieran Griffiths, Michelle Forbes.

Ki Productions presents Broadway's longest running musical. Follow four actors as they celebrate the modern day suburban mating game.

N.B. Ki Production recommends a strictly 16-year+ policy due to partial nudity and language.

The BFG

By Roald Dahl

Adapted by David Wood

Directed by Phil Clark

Date: Tuesday 9th – Saturday 13th June
Time: Tue: 7pm; Wed & Thurs: 10.30am & 1.30pm; Fri:
10.30am & 7pm; Sat: 11am, 2pm, 6pm
Tickets: £10.00, £15.00, £17.00 Concessions available. School
rates available. Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children £50.00)

The BFG is classical Dahl and this brand new stage show promises to mix up heart-pounding adventures with life-long friendships, jumbly words and even some whizz-popping in front of the Queen!

Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance

Date: Tuesday 25th – Sunday 30th August
Time: Tues-Sun: 8:00pm; Sat: 2.30pm & 8pm; Sun: 3pm & 8pm
Tickets: Wed-Thurs, Sun 3pm: £22.50, £25.50, £28.00, £32.00;
Fri-Sun: £24.50, £27.00, £30.50, £35.00 (Includes
Development Fee). Opening Night Offer: £15.50, £20.00

Lord of the Dance returns due to popular demand.

Development Fee:

The Development Fee is your chance to contribute to the future of the Millennium Forum and to invest in our future development. Since 2008 every ticket purchased for any show became subject to a small premium of 50 pence.

Millennium Forum Discount Deals

Comedy

**An Evening with Our Jimmy &
The History of The Troubles**

Book for both and get 25% off both – any evening

Drama

**Mrs Whippy &
Murder with Love**

Book for both and get 25% off both – any evening

Musicals

**Evita &
Thoroughly Modern Millie**

Book for both and get 25% off both on the following dates:

Evita – Wed 18/03/09 @ 8pm and Thurs 19/03/09 @ 3pm and Fri
20/03/08 @ 5pm.

Thoroughly Modern Millie – any evening except Tues 31/03/09

Concessions:

Concessions will be available for most of our performances to Senior Citizens, Children under 16, Students (valid I.D. card required) and the Unemployed (valid I.D. required). For selected performances a discounted ticket is now available for personal assistants / companions of people with disabilities. Please ask at Box Office for further details.