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€25 Venue Ticket

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HOW TO BOOK

Online

Tickets for all performances are now available to book online at www.gaytheatre.ie

In Person

Book in person or over the phone at our Festival Box Office from 29 April – 19 May, 2019 Mon – Sat: 12pm – 3pm

Festival Box Office

Street 66 33-34 Parliament St, Temple Bar, Dublin 2 t / +353 (0) 89 219 6898

If you have any queries please email our box office team at **boxoffice@gaytheatre.ie**

WELCOME

Welcome to our "sweet 16th!" We are honoured to present twenty one plays in four city centre venues from Ireland, UK, USA, Canada, South Africa and Australia this year. We are in awe of the work of these innovative writers and companies who choose our festival as one of the world's best spaces for LGBT+ theatre to thrive and to be appreciated. What is even more encouraging is that we are not without choice. Almost 100 companies were in contact this year and had we more resources and support to offer, they could have joined us too. We are delighted to welcome new Irish writers and companies this year and hope this small international cultural networking event we host will mean their work will be showcased abroad too.

Thanks to the increased support of the Arts Council and Dublin City Council and our kind commercial sponsors, we are still here. Most especially, after 15 years, we were rewarded with an influx of new and generous volunteers on our hard-working executive team. They have made the difference in pushing out new boundaries and in broadening our welcome for all. Thank you.

We welcome everyone as our audience and appreciate it when you share our information online. If you have a new play for next year or want to volunteer check out www.gaytheatre.ie for information. Ireland has changed a lot since year one. Many countries continue to discriminate and silence LGBT+ voices in the arts. It is important that Dublin provides a stage and an audience for this quality art form. Thank you for your company during the artistic celebration of diversity that is the 16th International Dublin Gay Theatre Festival!



Brian Merriman Founder and Artistic Director

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Party Boy is the explosive new Irish play by Brian Merriman inspired by the true story of Ireland's first international gay go-go dancer. Meet shy boy Patrick, his mother and a string of porn star boyfriends as he journeys from humble beginnings in 1990s Dublin through Australia and the European sex club circuit of a drugs and ego fuelled entertainment industry. Casting aside all inhibitions, Patrick is determined to party but will he survive?

Written and Directed by Brian Merriman

Cast

Dave Flynn, Colin Malone and Maria Blaney

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Players Theatre Trinity College Dublin

Dates: Mon 6 – Sat 11 May, 7:30pm

Matinee: Mon 6 & Sat 11 May, 4pm

75 mins approx.
Contains nudity

USA

SCHLONG SONG

By Woody Shticks



Stand-up storytelling, hip-hop heroics, and emotional nudity collide in this smash-hit smackdown of sexual misadventure. Days inside a puritan cult gave way to nights inside consenting adults on a quest to answer the timeless query: "What is gay shit, and where do I find it?" Hop on the scenic route to the bone zone - through good sex, bad luck, and the warmest corners of your own sticky mind — in this honest onslaught of hanky-panky hijinks!

"It's often easy to forget comedy is a serious business, but not today. I'm clearly in the presence of a serious artist — serious, but not solemn." Seattle Star

Written and Directed by Woody Shticks

Cast Woody Shticks

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Players Theatre
Trinity College Dublin

Dates: Mon 6 -Sat 11 May, 9pm

Matinee: Mon 6 & Sat 11 May, 2:30pm

70 mins approx.

Contains nudity

USA

BORDERLINE AHOLE**

By Julie Gieseke



After years of chasing unavailable women, Julie found her ideal girlfriend. She's really into Julie. Miracle: This doesn't make Julie want to run.

The only trouble is they can't agree on one thing — that Julie is the problem. Is Julie an asshole or a borderline? Julie can't tell.

"There is an immense genuineness at the heart of Borderline A**hole. Gieseke sucks us into her compelling narrative. If you see only one show Borderline A**hole is a great choice." Adrienne Urbanski, Theatre is Easy Written by

Julie Gieseke

Directed by

Nina Wise
Co-created by Martha
Rynberg and Tanya

Taylor Rubinstein

Cast Julie Gieske

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The Ireland Institute
27 Pearse Street

Dates: Mon 6 – Sat 11 May, 7:30pm

Matinee: Mon 6 & Sat 11, 2:30pm 60 mins approx.

DOUBLE BILL

Short plays are shown consecutively with no interval

Crave Productions, USA A DRUNK LESBIAN LOVE AFFAIR By Thalia Gonzalez Kane



They're young. They're drunk. They're in love until they sober up. *A Drunk Lesbian Love Affair* chronicles the escapades of Sally and her "drunk lesbian lover" through a haze of whiskey and wine. A one-person show, performed and written by Gonzalez Kane explores the vulnerability of love, sexuality, gueerness and coming into one's own.

Written and Directed by

Thalia Gonzalez Kane

Cast

Thalia Gonzalez Kane

The Ireland Institute

6 – 11 May, 9pm

Matinee:

Mon 6 & Sat 11, 4pm 40 mins approx.

Moonshock Productions, Ireland ${f CELLO}$

By Lesley-Ann Reilly

A grieving daughter comes across a series of letters left by her deceased father, a passionate cellist. The letters bring to life the story of her father's love for a man called Bill, a cello-maker. The story reflects on her father's devotion and the sacrifice he made for his family.

Written and Directed by Lesley-Ann Reilly

Cast William Brady, Paul Canning and Ella-Marie Carmen

The Ireland Institute

6 – 11 May, 9pm

Matinee: Mon 6 &
Sat 11, 4pm

15 mins approx.





When Claire's concerns over the welfare of her two year old cousin are dangerously validated, she begins to question the family's principles and ability to parent. A crucial new play exploring same-sex parenting, race and contemporary family values.

"A fascinating examination of how quickly intimates can resort to self-serving, backstabbing deception just when their loyalty is most needed."

Theatre Scene

Opplaud New York

Written and Directed by

Antonio Miniño & David Stallings

Cast Leo Goodman, Mel House, Amanda Jones, Antonio Miniño, Greta Quispe and David Stallings

The Teachers' Club 36 Parnell Square Dates: Mon 6 – Sat 11 May, 7:30pm Matinee: Mon 6 & Sat 11, 4pm 75 mins approx

Eastrogen Rising, Ireland

REVOLTING WOMEN - A REBEL CABARET

By Sonya Mulligan



Revolting Women – A Rebel Cabaret is a show about women in Irish history who have fought for their country, their honour, for love and respect. Told through a variety of acts, it remembers women lost to Irish history, by bringing them to life and telling their stories through song, dance, film, poetry and drama. It is a show of honesty, disgust, delight, heartbreak and strength.

Revolting Women – A Rebel Cabaret is a vibrant and moving artistic celebration of the power of women.

Written and Directed by Sonya Mulligan

Cast Michelle Costello, Fionnuala Halpin, Davina Brady, Catherine Anne Cullen, Yvonne Kavanagh, Bern, Mary Lally and Abby Oliveira

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Fíor Scéal Theatre, Ireland

I SEE YOU - TOM KENNEDY

By Tom Noone



Sean Flanagan is a retired Garda. He was on the beat in Dublin when being gay was a crime. He did his duty whether he found these 'criminals' in the clubs or in the Force. He thought and reacted like everyone else did. Times have changed now and he is not exactly happily retired. Sean knows he needs to face his past and to make amends with those who are no longer 'criminal'. But is everyone from that time open to revisiting the past or is it a time best left where it is?

Edinburgh Fringe Festival, 2018

Written and Directed by

Cast Tom Noone, Clodagh Whelan and Tom McGrath

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The Teachers' Club 36 Parnell Square

Dates: Mon 6 – Sat 11 May, 7:30pm

Matinee: Mon 6 & Sat 11, 2:30pm

DOUBLE BILL

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Champion Productions, USA A SOUTHERN FAIRYTALE By Ty Autry



Based on true events, A Southern Fairytale artfully illuminates the challenges facing a young, gay Christian growing up in the US Deep South. As we accompany him through multiple journeys in and out of the closet, the audience emotionally connects with the very real impacts of conversion therapy, excommunication, and a father who believes that a demon has possessed his son.

Written and Directed by

Ty Autry

Cast Tv Autrv The Teacher's Club

6 - 11 May, 9pm

Matinee: Mon 6 & Sat 11, 4pm

45 mins approx

Firedoor, Ireland **THE NUMBER**By Simon Murphy

Where were you in 1993, when homosexuality was decriminalised in Ireland? Narrator Philip reflects on his 18 year old self, recently relieved of his virginity but still closeted, in this bittersweet coming of age tale.

Written by Simon Murphy

Directed by Geraldine Crowley

Cast Simon Murphy The Teacher's Club

6 – 11 May, 9pm

Matinee: Mon 6 & Sat 11, 4pm





Bobby works on Woolies' record counter. Ralph dreams of being a teacher. One kiss and they're hooked. But it's 1967 and their love is illegal. A UK National Octagon prizewinner inspired by real accounts of gueer life from 50 years ago.

"Kathrine Smith's brilliantly researched play is exactly the kind of writing British theatre needs – gritty, thought-provoking, honest and intelligent. Totally spellbinding from beginning to end"

★★★★ Northern Soul

"A truly remarkable piece of theatre."

Bolton Live

Written by Kathrine Smith

Directed by Ben Occhipinti

Cast

Christian Edwards and Ciarán Griffiths

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Players Theatre Trinity College Dublin

Dates: Mon 13 – Sat 18 May, 7:30pm

Matinee: Sat 18, 4pm

work.Theatre, UK

VELVET

By Tom Ratcliffe



Set against the backdrop of the 2017 #Me Too movement, Velvet, the Edinburgh Fringe hit play, explores the complex realities of harassment within the entertainment industry and sexual demands made on a young actor. Velvet's darkly comic elements push how far a young artist is willing to go in order to achieve their dreams. Velvet is not only topical and touching, but a brilliant hard-hitting expose of the side of an industry kept far away from the bright lights.

"Refreshingly emotional."
Theatre Weekly

Edinburgh Fringe Review, 2018

Written by

Tom Ratcliffe

Directed by Andrew Twyman

Co-produced by Jenna Fincken; lighting by Jack Weir & sound by Callum Wyles

Cast Tom Ratcliffe

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Players Theatre Trinity College Dublin

Dates: Mon 13 – Sat 18 May, 9pm

Matinee:

Sat 18, 2:30pm 60 mins approx

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Refractive Lens Theatre, Ireland **BINGO**By Alan Flanagan



What do you get the man who has everything? This is the question Cormac finds himself asking as he stumbles out of an STI clinic shortly after being told he's contracted the colloquial "Full House".

From the writer of festival hits 'Billy Redden', 'I Run, Sing, I Swim, I Dive' and 'Dupont & Davenport', comes a story of falling down and growing up when all the dicks have finally come home to roost.

"A well written and thought-provoking piece performed beautifully and with integrity."

★★★★ London Theatre **Written by** Alan Flanagan

Dan Hutton

Cast Alan Flanagan

The Ireland Institute
27 Pearse Street

Dates: Mon 13 – Sat 18 May, 9pm

Matinee: Sat 18, 4pm

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THE LITTLE PINK BOOK OF MASCULINITY By John Best



After his sell-out run at the Manchester Fringe Festival, John is back on the prowl for gym buds and bro jobs, but no camp lads thanks, real men only. The Little Pink Book of Masculinity is a hilariously camp frolic, filled with a plethora of witticisms and astute observations on the pressure to conform to masculine stereotypes.

Written and Directed by John Best

Cast John Best The Ireland Institute

Mon 13 – 18 May, 7:30pm

Matinee:

Sat 18, 2:30pm

25 mins approx

Australia THE MEASURE OF A MAN By Gavin Roach

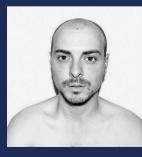
How do you measure a man? The critically-acclaimed Gavin Roach makes his Dublin debut with his one man show, *The Measure of a Man*. Told in a humorous, raw and deeply candid style, *The Measure of a Man* will stare into the heart of one man's sexual anxieties.

Written by Gavin Roach

Directed by Lauren Hopley

Cast Gavin Roach **The Ireland Institute** Mon 13 – 18 May, 7:30pm

Matinee: Sat 18, 2:30pm





This award winning lyrical and completely absorbing script delves into the extraordinary relationship between the writer Gertrude Stein and her long time companion Alice B. Toklas. Writer Stein moved to Paris in 1903 and remained there until her death after World War II. What was it like for two strange and eccentric Jewish ladies who were committed to living their lives to the full, in an era where women were supposed to conform?

Nominated for a Fleur de Cap National Theatre Award in South Africa

"Both Lynita Crofford, as Alice, and Shirley Johnston, as Gertrude, are superb."

Megan Furniss, Weekend Special, 2018

Written by

Win Wells by special arrangement with Samuel French, LTD.

Directed by

Christopher Weare

Cast

Shirley Johnson and Lynita Crofford

Teachers Club

36 Parnell Square Dates: Mon 13 -

Sat 18 May, 7:30pm Matinee: Sat 18, 4pm

Theatre Outré, Canada **LIKE ORPHEUS** By Brett Dahl



Following the violent assault of a young boy dancing in an underground club, he encounters a man being haunted by reoccurring visions of horror. Through fragments of this chance meeting their stories collide and the lines of fantasy and reality are blurred. The award winning Theatre Outré company in this ground breaking production explores what love, trauma, and fear can do to us. *Like Orpheus* is a movement and text that jumps around in time and place immersing you inside a waking dream.

Brett Dahl won the Theatre Calgary Stephen Hair Emerging Actor Award, 2018 Written by Brett Dahl

Directed by Jay Whitehead

Cast Jay Whitehead and Brett Dahl

Teachers Club 36 Parnell Square

Dates: Mon 13 -Sat 18 May, 9pm

Matinee: Sat 18, 2:30pm

Ireland

MONASTIC By David Donovan



What's hotter than the devil's backside? A priest on Grindr.

3 young seminarians find themselves tired, triedw and tested as each struggle with their own path to salvation. Jack, lan and Harry are all put to the test as they hope to fit in as future priests in the Catholic Church. They all search for answers in very different and conflicting ways. Brotherhood isn't easy, especially when your sexuality keeps getting in the way.

This play is inspired by the true story of the Maynooth Grindr Seminary scandal of 2016.

Written and Directed by

David Donovan

Cast Antoinette Conroy, Brian Briggs, Connor Molloy and Kit Geraghty

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Teachers Club 36 Parnell Square

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Matinee: Sat 18,

2:30pm

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Amelia Cane and Carolyn Gage, USA
OBLIGATORY SCENE
By Carolyn Gage



Rape culture has contaminated women's sexuality and intimate rituals. Is it too late to change? Award winning Carolyn Gage's play challenges the construction of intimacy and romance between women. Grad students Vivey and Dru are living together in a committed relationship. Viveys assignment triggers an argument over sexual colonisation and the lack of sex in their relationship. Deeply in love, they struggle between the *Obligatory Scene* of a break-up or a sexual stalemate.

Written by Carolyn Gage and Directed by Amelia Cain

Cast Alice Sia Kabia and Carli Rhoades

Teachers Club Mon 13 – 18 May, 9pm Matinee: Sat 18, 4pm 50 mins approx

Provincetown Dramatic Arts, USA

MISS FURR AND MISS SKEENE

By Gertrude Stein, adapted by Lynn C. Miller

Gertrude Stein's word portrait Miss Furr and Miss Skeene (about artists Ethel Mars and Maud Hunt Squire, two habituees of Stein's salon) portrays their life together and apart from Paris to Provincetown. When published in 1922 in Vanity Fair, it was the first published use of the word "gay" to mean same - sex relationships.

Directed byMargaret Van Sant **Cast**

Lynda Sturner and Jane Macdonald **Teachers Club** Mon 13 – 18 May, 9pm

Matinee: Sat 18, 4pm



Ireland **QUILT**By Brian Merriman



Quilt is a new play about AIDS. An older man and woman and a young man and woman tell the story of a "plague" that devastated the gay community at home and internationally when it emerged in the 1980s.

Using many testimonies from lovers, volunteers, activists, sons, daughters, husbands, wives and parents, *Quilt* tells a story that knew no discrimination from celebrity to the marginalised.

With HIV rates rising again, the stories of Rock Hudson, Vincent Hanley and tens of thousands of others will move you to action. *Quilt* is a profound story of eternal love and survival.

Written by

Brian Merriman

Cast Lia Monahan, Lucia Kennedy, John Kelly and Brian Merriman

Post show discussion facilitated by Dr Kerric Harvey, Washington, USA

The George S. Grt George's St, Dublin 2

Dates: Sun 12 May, Doors: 2:30pm

GALA AWARDS NIGHT 2019

Join us for our closing celebration at **The Teachers Club**. A highlight of the International Dublin Gay Theatre Festival, the **Gala Awards Night 2019** will feature the talented acts which have entertained throughout the festival with the addition of some very special guests.

Celebrate the best of the festival as we present awards in the names of Oscar Wilde, Micheál Mac Liammóir, Hilton Edwards, Doric Wilson, Sean Meehan, Patrick Murray and Eva Gore-Booth and Amy Dalton.

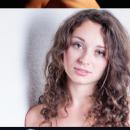
Sun 19 May, 8pm Tickets €15

The Teachers' Club 36 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1

To attend the **Gala Awards Night 2019** please visit our website **gaytheatre.ie** or **Festival Box Office** at Street 66, 33/34 Parliament Street, Dublin 2











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The International Dublin Gay Theatre Festival is a volunteer-led, not-for-profit organisation and your support will help us to continue giving a voice to the LGBT+ community and friends to tell their stories

Become a festival friend for €100

You will recieve a special mention on our website. and two tickets to the opening night of a performance of your choice.

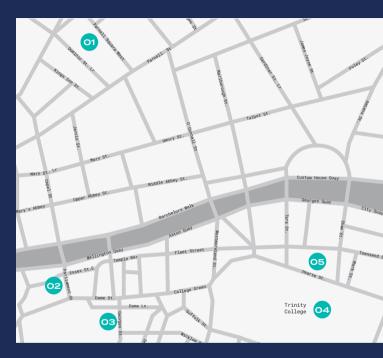
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For more information on how to be a friend of the festival visit our website **gaytheatre.ie**



Venue Map



O1 The Teachers Club 36 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1

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O5 The Ireland Institute* 27 Pearse Street, Dublin 2

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