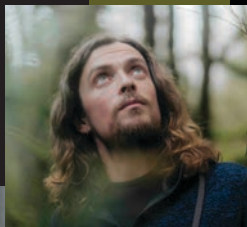


BRIERY GAP

AUTUMN 2026



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The place where **culture** happens

Welcome to Briery Gap.

This season is the widest-ranging programme we have put together since we reopened. Over the coming months you will find comedy and drama, folk, Traditional Irish music and dance, classical music, Irish country music, film, conversation, folklore, and a whole lot more.

You will also find a great deal of Macroom and the surrounding areas in these pages. Musicians and writers from a few miles down the road share this programme with artists travelling from Clare, Limerick, Galway, Donegal, Dublin, from Estonia, and from further afield again — and that is exactly as it should be. Our community being represented on our stage; a reflection of the wonderful talent that we hold in this part of the world.

In my first season at the helm in this wonderful theatre, I am immensely grateful to the Briery Gap team and the broader community for giving me such a heartfelt welcome. I hope to repay that generosity and faith in the years to come.

Whether you are a Briery Gap regular or coming through our doors for the first time, you are very welcome. We look forward to seeing you.



Pat Carey
Director

■ PROGRAMME | AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

10 & 11 SEP 2026 | **COMEDY**

Chris Kent
That's All I Need Now!

12 SEP 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Paul Spring &
Macdara Ó Faoláin

14, 16, 21 & 23 SEP 2026 | **CINEMA**

IFI@BrieryGap
The Odyssey

18 SEP 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Culture Night
As If I Always Knew
The Irish Guitar Quartet

25 SEP 2026 | **COMEDY**

Anne Gildea
Further Adventures in Womaning

28 & 30 SEP 2026 | **CINEMA**

IFI@BrieryGap
Celtic Utopia

OCTOBER

01 OCT 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Timeless Jazz

02 OCT 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Freddie White

03 OCT 2026 | **COMEDY**

Bernard O'Shea
Pick Up Drop Off

08 OCT 2026 | **BILINGUAL COMEDY**

Áine Gallagher
For the Love of Milseáin

09 OCT 2026 | **CONVERSATION**

Seán Ronayne
Untold Sounds

10 OCT 2026 | **COMEDY**

Tadhg J Devery
Pints, Dentures & Rock 'n' Roll

15 & 16 OCT 2026 | **THEATRE**

Lee Side Drama Group presents
The Dowry

17 OCT 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Jake Carter presents: Let It Be
The Music of the Beatles

23 OCT 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Hermitage Green

30 OCT 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Dezperado

31 OCT 2026 | **CINEMA**

Halloween Film Screening

NOVEMBER

05 NOV 2026 | **CINEMA + Q&A**

Tadhg McSweeney, Painter
A Film by Dónal O'Céilleachair

06 NOV 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Emma Langford

07 NOV 2026 | **THEATRE**

Hunters Moon Theatre Co. presents
The Field

12 NOV 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Oisín Leech

13 NOV 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Maria Doyle Kennedy

14 NOV 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Kíla

20 NOV 2026 | **COMEDY**

Bernard Casey

21 NOV 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

John Spillane

27 NOV 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

KOOS . LE CHÉILE

28 NOV 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Patrick Feeney
Voice of Hope Concert

DECEMBER

04 DEC 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Lisa Lambe presents
Bess Cronin, The Queen of Muscraí

05 DEC 2026 | **THEATRE**

Hubcap Theatre presents
Mary's Hopes & Dreams

06 DEC 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC + DANCE**

Tides of Tradition

11-13 & 18-20 DEC 2026 | **PANTO + FAMILY**

A Briery Gap Christmas Panto

22 DEC 2026 | **LIVE MUSIC + KIDS & FAMILY**

Christmas Concert

2027

15 JAN 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

NSQF presents
Carducci Quartet

20 FEB 2027 | **COMEDY**

Shane Daniel Byrne
Baby This Time

21 FEB 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Jimmy Buckley
Anything Goes Variety Show

25 FEB 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Niamh Bury

26 FEB 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Hothouse Flowers

27 FEB 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Ortús Festival presents
Zoë Conway and John McIntyre

03 MAR 2027 | **KIDS & FAMILY**

The Littlest Yak

06 MAR 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Louise Morrissey

13 MAR 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Greenshine

04 APR 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Kammerphilharmonie Europa

08 APR 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Declan Nerney

11 APR 2027 | **KIDS & FAMILY**

Joe the Magician

25 APR 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC + KIDS & FAMILY**

Future Sounds
A Youth Bands Showcase

15 MAY 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Legends of American Country

22 MAY 2027 | **LIVE MUSIC**

Icons of the 70's

BRIERY GAP

The place where **culture** happens

At the heart of **Macroom**, Briery Gap is a cultural hub where stories are shared, creativity is celebrated and communities come together. Our year-round programme spans theatre, live music, comedy, film, family events and community performances, showcasing both acclaimed artists and emerging talent.

Following an extensive redevelopment supported by Cork County Council, the historic venue reopened in 2024, continuing a cultural legacy that began with the Palace Cinema in 1953. Today, Briery Gap combines a state-of-the-art theatre and cinema with Macroom Library, creating a welcoming space for culture, learning and connection.

Bearna na Sceiche
The Briery Gap

Cork County Council
Cork County Council
Amharclann & Leabharlann
Theatre & Library

MACROOM LIBRARY

Briery Gap is proud to share its home with Macroom Library, located on the ground floor of our building.

Working in conjunction with the library allows us to create a richer cultural space for the community, bringing books, ideas, arts and entertainment together under one roof. From library events and exhibitions to

talks, workshops and performances, we're delighted to support each other in making Briery Gap a welcoming hub in Macroom.

Macroom Library hosts several community group events each month including the Purlies Knitting Group, Creative Writing Workshops, Rhyme-Time as well as Music Mornings. They are involved in local festivals

and national campaigns such as Seachtain na Gaeilge, Heritage Week and Healthy Ireland. All this takes place alongside their primary library services such as lending of books, online learning and free internet access.

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN TUESDAY TO SATURDAY, 9.30AM–5.30PM

BRIERY GAP

2026 AUTMUMN PROGRAMME

COMEDY

10 & 11 SEP 2026 | 8PM

SOLD OUT

CHRIS KENT

THAT'S ALL I NEED NOW!

Cork comedian Chris Kent returns with his trademark storytelling, sharp observations and hilariously relatable take on the chaos of everyday life.

€27



LIVE MUSIC

12 SEP 2026 | 8PM

PAUL SPRING & MACDARA Ó FAOLÁIN

Two exceptional contemporary folk artists share the stage for an intimate evening of masterful musicianship.

€22



CINEMA

14, 16, 21, 23 SEP 2026 | 8PM

THE ODYSSEY

IFI@BRIERYGAP

Christopher Nolan transforms Homer's enduring epic into a sweeping, visually spectacular tale of courage, destiny, and the search for home.

€12

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LIVE MUSIC

18 SEP 2026 | CULTURE NIGHT @ BRIERY GAP

5PM

AS IF I ALWAYS KNEW

Cork composer Cian Sweeney invites audiences to an immersive meditation blending breathwork, improvisation, stillness and deep listening.

 FREE

8PM

THE IRISH GUITAR QUARTET

Four acclaimed classical guitarists come together for a captivating musical journey spanning Latin, Folk, Far East and American classics.

 FREE



COMEDY

25 SEP 2026 | 8PM

ANNE GILDEA

FURTHER ADVENTURES IN WOMANING

A brilliantly funny take on modern life, womanhood and getting older.

 €24



CELTIC UTOPIA



CINEMA

28 & 30 SEP 2026 | 8PM

CELTIC UTOPIA

IFI@BRIERYGAP

Follow the artists reshaping Irish music in this documentary that celebrates tradition, rebellion, and the ever evolving story of modern Ireland.

 €12

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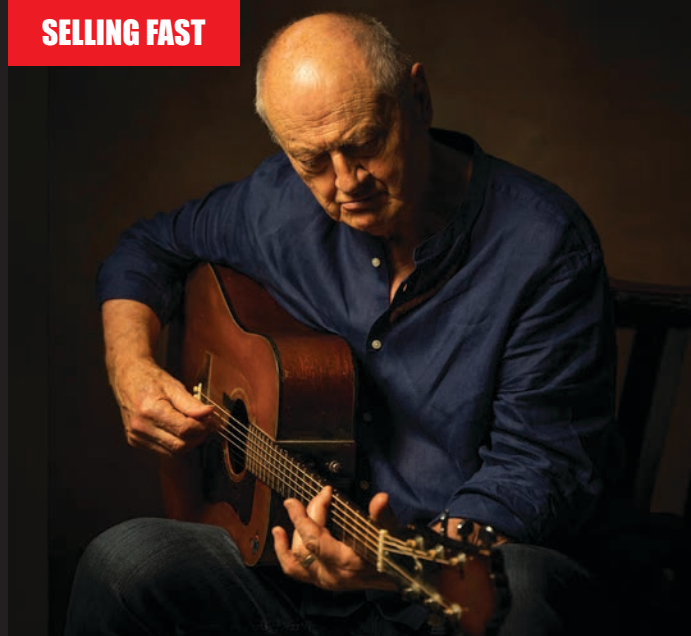
01 OCT 2026 | 8PM

MURRAY, PRIESTLEY, FLEMING & WHITCOMB TIMELESS JAZZ

Four exceptional musicians come together for an evening of timeless jazz.

€22

SELLING FAST



LIVE MUSIC

02 OCT 2026 | 8PM

FREDDIE WHITE

With a career spanning more than four decades, Freddie White remains one of Ireland's most distinctive singer-songwriters, and brings his celebrated songs and superb musicianship to Briery Gap.

€28

LOW TICKETS



COMEDY

03 OCT 2026 | 8PM

BERNARD O'SHEA

PICK UP DROP OFF

Bernard O'Shea finds the funny in family life, school runs and everyday chaos in this new stand-up show.

€27

"FOR THE LOVE OF MILSEÁIN"

THE BILINGUAL SHOW THAT PROMISES TO TICKLE THE
IRISH OUT OF YOU, EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW A WORD



COMEDY

08 OCT 2026 | 8PM

ÁINE GALLAGHER

FOR THE LOVE OF MILSEÁIN

A sharp, playful stand-up set packed with Irish humour and bite from "The Queen of Offbeat."

€22

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CINEMA @ BRIERYGAP

Our cinema programme is constantly evolving, with new screenings added throughout the year. Alongside our regular IFI screenings, we bring you family films at weekends, as well as throwback classics, special screenings and concert films. OAP discounts are available on most films.

Make a visit to our Bar & Shop a part of your experience, with our wide range of concessions and beverages including wines, beers and spirits.

Join the Briery Gap Film Club — it's free and easy! Simply pick up a loyalty card from the Box Office on your next visit.

For the latest screenings and booking information, follow us on Facebook and Instagram, sign up to our monthly newsletter, or visit www.brierygap.ie.



SELLING FAST



CONVERSATION

09 OCT 2026 | 7PM

SEÁN RONAYNE

UNTOLD SOUNDS

Join acclaimed wildlife sound recordist Seán Ronayne for a journey into the hidden sounds of nature.

€24

LOW TICKETS



COMEDY

10 OCT 2026 | 8PM

TADHG J DEVERY

PINTS, DENTURES & ROCK 'N' ROLL
IN THE COUNTRY

Tadhg J Devery brings a cast of unforgettable characters to life in this hilarious one-man show.

€28.50

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LOW TICKETS

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THEATRE

15 & 16 OCT 2026 | 8PM

THE DOWRY

LEE SIDE DRAMA GROUP

A gripping story of family, tradition and the changing face of rural Ireland.

🎫 €22



LIVE MUSIC

17 OCT 2026 | 8PM

LET IT BE

JAKE CARTER PRESENTS:
THE MUSIC OF THE BEATLES

Relive the magic of one of the greatest songbooks ever written.

🎫 €30



LIVE MUSIC

23 OCT 2026 | 8PM

HERMITAGE GREEN

With powerful harmonies, infectious rhythms and a modern take on Irish roots, Hermitage Green is one of Ireland's most exciting live acts.

🎫 €40

SELLING FAST

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LIVE MUSIC

30 OCT 2026 | 8PM

DEZPERADO

Dezperado celebrate the legendary music of the Eagles with soaring harmonies, classic guitar work and a set packed with timeless hits.

 €22



CINEMA

31 OCT 2026 | 8PM

HALLOWEEN SCREENING

Gather your bravest friends and join us for a spooky Halloween night at the cinema.

 €12



CINEMA + Q&A

05 NOV 2026 | 8PM

TADHG MCSWEENEY, PAINTER A FILM PORTRAIT BY DÓNAL Ó CÉILLEACHAIR

Dónal Ó Céilleachair's acclaimed film explores the life and work of artist Tadhg McSweeney. Followed by a post-screening Q&A with the director.

 FREE



LIVE MUSIC

06 NOV 2026 | 8PM

EMMA LANGFORD

A powerful voice and thoughtful songwriter, Emma Langford has become one of Ireland's most compelling folk artists, blending traditional influences with her distinctly personal sound.

 €22

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THEATRE

07 NOV 2026 | 8PM

THE FIELD

HUNTERS MOON THEATRE COMPANY

John B. Keane's iconic drama about land and ambition, where possession comes at a devastating cost.

 €24



LIVE MUSIC

12 NOV 2026 | 8PM

OISÍN LEECH

Oisín Leech brings a haunting blend of alternative folk and Americana, with atmospheric songwriting shaped by love, loss, landscape and the sea, delivered with understated intensity.

 €26



LIVE MUSIC

13 NOV 2026 | 8PM

MARIA DOYLE KENNEDY

Acclaimed singer-songwriter and actor Maria Doyle Kennedy performs an intimate evening of beautifully crafted songs and soulful storytelling.

 €22



LIVE MUSIC

14 NOV 2026 | 8PM

KÍLA

Blending tradition with global influences and contemporary rhythms, these legendary folk innovators deliver magnetic energy, world-class musicianship, and an unmistakable sound.

 €35



COMEDY

20 NOV 2026 | 8PM

BERNARD CASEY

Bernard Casey's down-to-earth comedy combines rural wit, storytelling, and a uniquely relatable take on modern Irish life.

 €28



LIVE MUSIC

21 NOV 2026 | 8PM

JOHN SPILLANE

Renowned singer-songwriter John Spillane returns to Briery Gap with his unmistakable voice, lyrical storytelling and uniquely Cork perspective.

 €28



LIVE MUSIC

27 NOV 2026 | 8PM

KOOS . LE CHÉILE

CORMAC MCCARTHY & AOIFE NÍ BHRIAIN | DUO RUUT

Two musical worlds collide as Ní Bhriain & McCarthy bring Ireland's rich traditions together with the evocative folk sounds of Estonia's Duo Ruut.

 €27

LOW TICKETS



LIVE MUSIC

28 NOV 2026 | 8PM

PATRICK FEENEY

VOICE OF HOPE CONCERT 2026

With his powerful voice and beloved repertoire, Patrick Feeney takes to the stage for an evening of inspiring songs and uplifting music.

 €32

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LIVE MUSIC

04 DEC 2026 | 8PM

LISA LAMBE PRESENTS: BESS CRONIN, THE QUEEN OF MUSCRAÍ

Lisa Lambe honours the life of legendary
Sliabh Luachra fiddle player Bess Cronin.

 €24



THEATRE

05 DEC 2026 | 8PM

MARY'S HOPES & DREAMS PRESENTED BY HUBCAP THEATRE

A madcap comedy about one woman's journey
from ordinary housewife to unexpected adventurer.

 €24



LIVE MUSIC & DANCE

06 DEC 2026 | 8PM

TIDES OF TRADITION

Celebrate Ireland's rich musical heritage as Tides
of Tradition returns, bringing an electrifying evening
of traditional music and spectacular dancing.

 €37



KIDS & FAMILY

11-13 & 18-20 DEC 2026

CHRISTMAS PANTO

Our annual Christmas panto returns with music,
mayhem, laughs and plenty of audience participa-
tion. A festive family tradition for all ages!

 €22-€27

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LIVE MUSIC

22 DEC 2026 | 8PM

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

An evening of seasonal favourites, live music and Christmas cheer for the whole family.

🎫 €25



LIVE MUSIC

15 JAN 2027 | 8PM

CARDUCCI QUARTET

NATIONAL STRING QUARTET FOUNDATION

The internationally acclaimed Carducci Quartet bring world-class musicianship and a captivating programme of chamber music to Briery Gap.

🎫 €24



COMEDY

20 FEB 2027 | 8PM

SHANE DANIEL BYRNE

BABY THIS TIME

With his distinct perspective and outrageous honesty, Shane explores the absurdities of modern parenthood.

🎫 €28

SELLING FAST



LIVE MUSIC

21 FEB 2027 | 8PM

JIMMY BUCKLEY

"ANYTHING GOES" VARIETY SHOW

Country favourite Jimmy Buckley brings classic country, Irish favourites and good humour to the stage for a night of music, memories and laughter.

🎫 €32

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LIVE MUSIC

25 FEB 2027 | 8PM

NIAMH BURY

With a voice of both fragility and strength, Niamh Bury creates a unique blend of folk, tradition and contemporary sound.

 €22



LIVE MUSIC

26 FEB 2027 | 8PM

HOTHOUSE FLOWERS

ACOUSTIC

Hothouse Flowers are celebrated for their fusion of rock, traditional music and gospel, and always deliver an energetic, unpredictable performance.

 €35



LIVE MUSIC

27 FEB 2027 | 2PM

ORTÚS FESTIVAL PRESENTS ZOË CONWAY AND JOHN MCINTYRE

Acclaimed duo Zoë Conway and John McIntyre will play a captivating afternoon of traditional and original songs.

 €27



LIVE MUSIC

06 MAR 2027 | 8PM

LOUISE MORRISSEY

Louise Morrissey returns to Briery Gap, and brings her unmistakable voice and much-loved repertoire to an evening of country music favourites.

 €28



KIDS & FAMILY

03 MAR 2027 | 11AM & 2PM

THE LITTLEST YAK

Join Gertie, the Littlest Yak, on a dazzling Himalayan adventure in this joyful musical adaptation of the award-winning children's book by Lu Fraser and Kate Hindley. Featuring beautiful puppets, catchy tunes, and a heartwarming message celebrating friendship and self-acceptance.

€16



LIVE MUSIC

13 MAR 2027 | 8PM

GREENSHINE

With beautiful harmonies and a distinctive roots sound, Greenshine have become one of Ireland's most engaging contemporary folk acts.

€24



LIVE MUSIC

04 APR 2027 | 8PM

KAMMERPHILHARMONIE EUROPA

Kammerphilharmonie Europe return to Macroon with an elegant evening of classical favourites, featuring Vivaldi, Mozart, Elgar and Grieg.

€18

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LIVE MUSIC

08 APR 2027 | 8PM

DECLAN NERNEY

WITH SPECIAL GUEST OLIVIA DOUGLAS

Two of Ireland's favourite country stars join forces for a night of first-class entertainment.

🎫 €30



KIDS & FAMILY

11 APR 2027 | 3PM

JOE THE MAGICIAN

Prepare to be amazed as Joe the Magician combines incredible tricks, comedy and audience participation in an unforgettable magical show for all ages.

🎫 €15-19

A graphic for the 'Future Sounds' event. It features a central collage of four small images showing different youth bands performing on stage. The collage is set against a background of vertical bars in various colors (yellow, pink, purple, blue, green) and radiating lines. The text 'FUTURE SOUNDS' is prominently displayed in large, stylized, teal letters with a white outline.

FUTURE SOUNDS

LIVE MUSIC

25 APR 2027 | 2:30PM

FUTURE SOUNDS

A BRIERY GAP YOUTH BANDS SHOWCASE

Celebrating Cork's next generation of musicians, Briery Gap gives young bands a chance to take to the stage and shine.

🎫 FREE

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The Legends of AMERICAN COUNTRY SHOW



LIVE MUSIC

15 MAY 2027 | 8PM

LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY

A foot-stomping celebration of country music's greatest stars, packed with all the classics.

€32



LIVE MUSIC

22 MAY 2027 | 8PM

ICONS OF THE 70'S

Celebrate the beloved music of the 1970's with a nostalgic trip back to this unforgettable decade, featuring iconic songs, legendary artists and non-stop hits.

€32

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Championing live music,
musicians and community
music-making for over 40 years.

Find out more about our tours, funding opportunities, artists residencies, training programmes and more.

www.MusicNetwork.ie



BOX OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Sat | 10am - 2pm & one hour before events
Sun & Mon | Open one hour before events

PURCHASING TICKETS

Tickets can be booked online, by phone or in person at the Box Office. Our team is happy to assist with special bookings, seating queries, accessibility requirements and any other questions you may have.

SUPPORT US

Help us keep great theatre, music, comedy, film and community events thriving in Macroom. Enquire at our Box Office today on how you can donate. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

GIFT VOUCHERS

Give the gift of a great experience with a Briery Gap Gift Voucher. Available in any amount from the Box Office.



STAY IN TOUCH

Be the first to hear about new shows, films, special events and community happenings by following us on social media, and signing up for our monthly newsletter using the QR code or by visiting www.brierygap.ie.



ACCESSIBILITY

Briery Gap offers step-free access throughout the building, with accessible seating as well as accessible toilets. We also provide a hearing loop system, lift access to all floors, and Braille signage.

Visitors who require accessible seating may bring a companion free of charge. If you have any specific access requirements or would like assistance planning your visit, contact our Box Office.



BRIERY GAP

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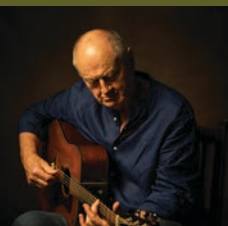
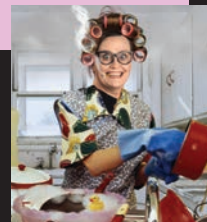
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