

A woman in a vibrant red, sleeveless, floor-length dress stands in a lush green park. She is looking upwards with her hands raised, as if reaching for something. The background is filled with tall, leafy trees, including a prominent weeping willow on the right. The overall scene is serene and artistic.

# 6 October – 7 November 2021

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**BELFAST**  
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# Belfast International Arts Festival

## In-person and online

BIAF returns this Autumn for its 59th edition with compelling drama and dance, experimental genre-busting works, topical talks and the latest literary releases, classical music, toe-tapping folk and roots, independent film, contemporary visual arts and outdoor spectacle.

"Join us this autumn for the ultimate gathering of world class artists from home and abroad and audiences seeking new voices and fresh perspectives, all delivered in a safe and accessible way!"

**RICHARD WAKELY,**  
**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

## Box Office:

**Book online 24/7:**  
**[BelfastInternationalArtsFestival.com](https://BelfastInternationalArtsFestival.com)**

**Call Box Office at:**  
**Visit Belfast Welcome Centre**  
**on 028 9024 6609**

**Opening Hours:**  
**Monday - Saturday**  
**9:00am - 5:30pm**  
**Sunday**  
**11:00am - 4.00pm**

## Stay in Belfast

Official accommodation partner **Hastings Hotels** are offering special rates to BIAF visitors during festival dates 6 October – 7 November.

### **SPECIAL BIAF RATE:**

**From £65 pps double or twin including breakfast at THE GRAND CENTRAL**

**From £45 pps double or twin including breakfast at THE EUROPA HOTEL**  
**USE PROMO CODE BIAF**

*\*Subject to availability*



# The Great Irish Songbook

Featuring Dervish. With special guests Eddi Reader, Cara Dillon, Brian Kennedy, Karen Matheson, The Open Arts Community Choir and more.

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE**  
**Thursday 21 October**  
**7:30pm (Doors 6:45pm)**  
**£35 - £25**

Legendary Irish folk group Dervish celebrate some of Ireland's most iconic folk songs with a stunning line-up of much celebrated performers in this special gala concert.

# The Bunting Collection

Laoise Kelly & Tiarnán Ó Duinnchinn  
with Stephen Rea

**BLACK BOX**  
**Sunday 17 October**  
**7pm (doors)**  
**£16 / £14 concession**

**WORLD  
PREMIERE**

Explore Belfast's unique place in the history of harp music with harpist and TG4 Musician of the Year 2020 Laoise Kelly, acclaimed Monaghan uilleann piper, Tiarnán Ó Duinnchinn, and narrator Stephen Rea.

# Another Lover's Discourse

By Riham Isaac (Palestine)

WORLD  
PREMIERE

THE MAC

Friday 29 - Saturday 30 October

7.45pm

£14 / £12 concession

This irreverent look at romance will resonate with anyone who has ever wondered: is this really all there is?



# Sea Sick

The Theatre Centre/  
Alanna Mitchell (Canada)

IRELAND/  
NI  
PREMIERE

THE MAC

Saturday 16 - Sunday 17 October

Saturday 7.45pm. Sunday 3pm

£16 / £14 concession

Join Alanna Mitchell for her critically acclaimed production about climate change and the state of the global ocean. This urgent call to action coincides with COP26.





# Uncle Ray

CoisCéim Dance Theatre (Ireland)

## THE MAC

Wednesday 13 October-  
Thursday 14 October  
7.45pm  
£16 / £14 concession

The wonders of reality,  
imagination and family lore  
collide in this touching new  
dance duet by David Bolger.

UK LIVE  
PREMIERE



# Epilogue: A Dancer Dies Twice

Eileen McClory and Maiden Voyage Dance

SAINT ANNE'S SQUARE  
Monday 11 October-  
Wednesday 13 October  
8pm (Monday) / 7pm  
(Tuesday and Wednesday)  
Free (Booking required)

UK AND  
IRELAND  
PREMIERE

Inspired by Martha Graham's quote, "a dancer dies twice — once when they stop dancing, and this first death is the more painful"; this stunning film projection is a reflective and emotive piece on lifetime past and present by Eileen McClory and collaborators Conan McIvor, Sandy Cuthbert, Jane Mooney, and Maria McManus. Commissioned and produced by Maiden Voyage Dance.



# The Grimm Hotel

Cahoots NI

WORLD  
PREMIERE

**CITYSIDE RETAIL  
& LEISURE PARK**

**Tuesday 12 October -**

**Sunday 31 October**

**(not open Mondays)**

**Various Times: 5pm - 8pm**

**(Weekdays)**

**and 1pm - 8pm (Weekends)**

**£15 - £12.50 per person**

Featuring magic, music, cutting edge technology and some of the most recognisable characters from fairytale folklore, Cahoots NI's The Grimm Hotel takes inspiration from the much loved 'Grimm's Fairy Tales' in this ground-breaking new walk-through theatre experience.



# Department Story

WORLD  
PREMIERE

Big Telly Theatre Company

**CITY CENTRE LOCATION & ONLINE**

**Wed 20 October- Sun 31 October**

**Times: 8.30pm Weds - Sat and**

**6pm Fri - Sun**

**In-Store Shoppers: £16 /£14 concession.**

**Online Shoppers: £15 per device**

A new site-specific production for physical and remote audiences by Jack Hardiker and Zoe Seaton, Department Story smashes together flash theatre and physical fiction in a killer spree through a department of stories, where everything returned has a tale to tell.





# Electric Arcade

With Éimear Noone & Ulster Orchestra

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE**  
**Saturday 23 October**  
**7.30pm (Doors 6.45pm)**  
**£25 - £17.50**

In a special event for Belfast International Arts Festival, festival favourites the Ulster Orchestra and 'the Irish Queen of Game Music', conductor Éimear Noone, join forces to take video game music to a symphonic level in this exhilarating, not-to-be-missed night!



## On Blueberry Hill

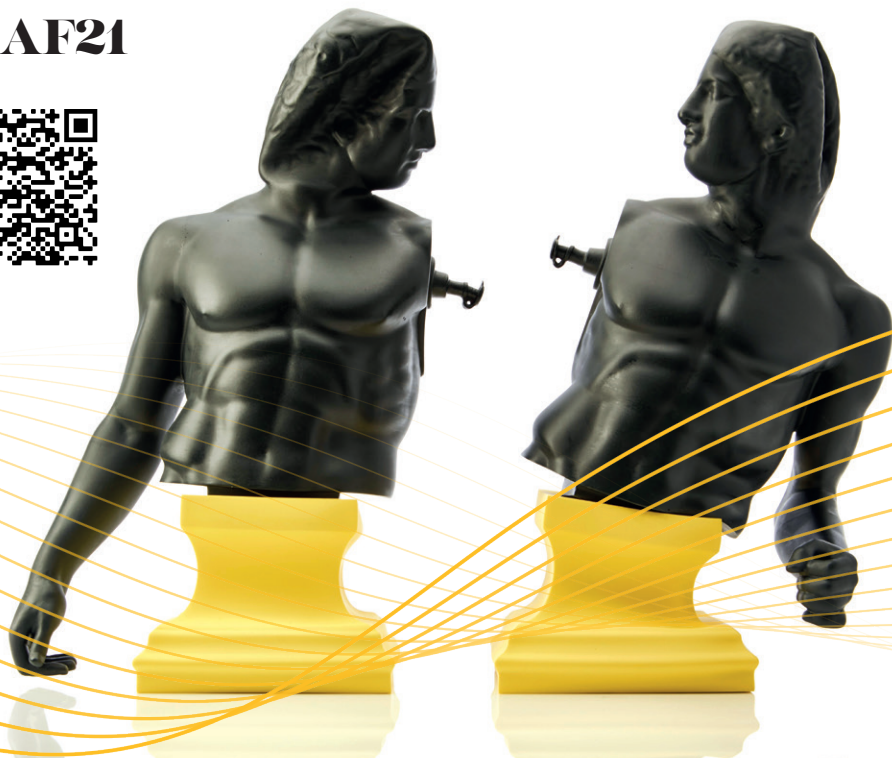
By Sebastian Barry. Presented by Fishamble

**ONLINE**  
**Monday 1 November -**  
**Sunday 7 November**  
**£10**  
**Captions available**

A very special online screening of Sebastian Barry's latest play, On Blueberry Hill. Directed by Fishamble's Jim Culleton, and starring Niall Buggy and David Ganly, it explores forgiveness, survival and, ultimately, love.



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