

## 5 Reasons to Check Out Galway Theatre Festival 2018

### 1. What is your heart made of?...

This year's festival theme, 'What is Your Heart Made Of?' is a reminder and a challenge to think about what it is that nourishes our heart and our spirit. Explore how theatre can allow us to stop, be in the moment and appreciate the world outside our frantic bubble, with the beautiful show **Remnants**, presented by *Turas Theatre Collective*. A free, outdoor show, **Remnants** is a beautiful and powerful meditation on displacement, created by three artists in response to their experiences of performing in refugee camps with the organisation Clowns Without Borders.

### 2. Set your heart racing...

This year's programme highlights the physical, with many productions using choreographed performance to heighten awareness of the body and stimulate the mind. The acclaimed *Brick Wall Theatre* returns to the festival with a cascade of first kisses in an intimate and touching expose of **The Messiness of Human Relationships**. Elsewhere Michelle Cahill's **Thirteen Steps to the Attic** promises a powerful montage of movement set to tracks from the band *Thieves of Silence*. *The Nth Degree* tours its five-star success **The Words Are There**, a powerful piece of physical theatre that sheds light on a taboo subject with great sensitivity and humanity.

### 3. Journey to the heights of your imagination...

The festival offers plenty of opportunities to embark on both personal and physical journeys into the unknown and unexpected. Travel to many destinations, from epic adventures to the intensely personal journeys of those whose lives have seen great upheaval. For those seeking a more fantastic voyage, *Morgan Creative* are set to delight young and old with their reimagining of the classic story **The Little Prince**. *Macnas Youth Ensemble* sets a giant loose in their latest work in progress **The Crom Project**. There's also a tragi-comic trip into bowels of hell (or more accurately, the hell of bowels) in *Caitríona Ní Chonaola's* **Glutened**, a one-woman show on living with Coeliac's disease.

### 4. Celebrate the changing face of Ireland...

Past legends, local history and contemporary issues combine into a celebration of Irish culture. Different takes on the Celtic legend of Cuchulainn are offered by *Candlelit Tales*, and *DancePlayers'* production of W.B. Yeats' **The Only Jealousy Of Emer**. *Gúna Nua* presents the internationally acclaimed and multi award winning **The Morning After The Life Before**, a personal tale of Ireland before and after the Marriage Equality referendum. Audiences also get to devise a blueprint for Ireland's next decade as they navigate shark infested waters of the post-truth era in *Sarah Hoover's* playful theatre-game **Two Truths**.

### 5. Kick off Galway's Festival Season in style...

Craic and divilment are in abundance as the Theatre Festival launches Galway's thrilling summer of eclectic events. The travelling *Theatre Festival Club* will regularly set up camp in the city's many bars and clubs, promising late night music and chat for thirsty audiences and thespian nightflys. Quirky Galwegian electro-folk act *My Fellow Sponges* also present their unique live music video performance **Fuzzy Air**. We've also teamed up with *Little Cinema* to present short films that challenge film-makers to create films using the rules of theatre - no second takes, no edits!

The festival runs from **4th-12th May 2018**

For the full Festival line-up and online ticket sales check out [www.galwaytheatrefestival.com](http://www.galwaytheatrefestival.com).

Read and download the **full programme** at:

[http://galwaytheatrefestival.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/GTF-2018\\_-Programme.pdf](http://galwaytheatrefestival.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/GTF-2018_-Programme.pdf)

Early Bird ticket deals of just €8 per ticket are available for one month only from March 26th - April 22nd.

Tickets can also be bought online, by phone, or in person through the Town Hall Theatre Box Office - [www.tht.ie](http://www.tht.ie) / Telephone: (091) 569777.

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