



Pavilion **Theatre**
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**Pavilion Theatre in association with DLR Events
presents**

**FLIP FLOP International Children's Theatre Festival
2008**

A celebration of the very best of children's theatre!

Sunday 19th – Sunday 26th October 2008

Pavilion Theatre

Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

Tickets for all shows €7

Booking & Information: 01 231 2929, www.paviliontheatre.ie

The week before Halloween means the 2nd FLIP FLOP Children's Theatre Festival takes place in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

At yesterday's launch in Pavilion Theatre's Gallery, Councillor Jane Dillon-Byrne, on behalf of An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Tom Joyce said "We have made enormous strides in making culture a meaningful part of the lives of our citizens, and Flip Flop is a recent and extremely welcome further development in this area."

Expanded to seven days, FLIP FLOP is a celebration of the very best of children's theatre and this year features a 9ft Scottish Giant and his uncouth dog, a delightful production of *Hansel and Gretel* from acclaimed Lyngo Theatre Co. (UK/Italy), and the return of those dysfunctional storytellers from Theatre Lovett with their hilarious *Fables, Tales & Tattlers*. Also Púca Puppets, the 2nd *Flip Flop Children's Fiction Slam*, workshops in Pavilion and throughout DLR, and for the first time we will team up with the Mill Theatre, Dundrum, to bring that certain *Flip Flop* feeling to the whole of the county.

Again, FLIP FLOP tempts with very reasonable ticket rates, a 'come in costume' performance, many workshops in libraries around the county and in the Pavilion Theatre, a school's writing event and an evening event for budding children's writers.

Flip Flop, Pavilion's International Children's Theatre Festival is made possible through the generous support of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

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THE 2008 Flip Flop Events are:

Lyngo Theatre

Circus Minimus (UK/Italy)

Every family is a circus – in lots of ways. Toddling clowns, teenage lions, mums who spin plates and dads who fly by the seat of their pants. Growing, eating, sleeping and dreaming has all the fun of the fair. Circus Minimus puts our everyday life in the spotlight and takes it beyond the ordinary, into dreams, up to the stars and beyond. A delightful must for small children.

Director's note: Displaying the company's trademark attention to detail and perfectly pitched for its audience, Lyngo's production, in association with The Egg, Theatre Royal, Bath, creates a uniquely peculiar and magical world that is instantly recognisable to all its audience

Place Mill Theatre

Date Sun 19th Oct

Time 12pm & 2pm

Length 40 mins

Tickets e7 Ph: 01 296 9340 www.milltheatre.com

or Ph: 01 231 2929 www.paviliontheatre.ie

Age 2+ years

Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire, in association with Theatre Lovett (Ireland), presents:

Fables, Tales and Tattlers

What if Hansel and Gretel never got out of the forest? And Little Red Riding Hood was really eaten by the Wolf? What then? No worries. Billy and Jilly are on the case, ready to pit their wits against any problems the task of story-telling might throw up. But...erm...they might just need a hand. So brush up on your fables and tales and get down to the Pavilion and Mill Theatres, because when Billy and Jilly start telling stories, you never know what to believe.

Director's note: An instant popular hit when it was first produced at Pavilion last year, Theatre Lovett's marvellous show takes familiar stories to places you never dreamed of - and then forgets the way back! Interactive theatre at its very best.

"The opportunities for audience support are.....availed of with enthusiasm. (The performers) are very funny throughout" Irish Times

Place Pavilion Theatre

Date Mon 20th & Tue 21st Oct

Time 10am & 12pm

Length 50 mins

Tickets e7 Ph: 01 231 2929 www.paviliontheatre.ie

Age 4+ years

Place Mill Theatre

Date Wed 22nd Oct @ 4pm & Thu 23rd Oct @ 10am & 12pm

Length 50 mins

Tickets e7 Ph: 01 296 9340 www.milltheatre.com

Age 4+ years

Púca Puppets (Ireland)

Róisín agus an Rón - Scáth Dhráma Cruthaithe Róisín and the Seal - A Shadow Puppet show

Éiríonn Róisín mór le rón. Níl a fhios aici go n-iompóidh an rón ina bhuachaill aon uair a mbeadh sí i mbaol. Buaileann siad le hiascaire santach. Tá an t-iascaire sin chun dochar a dhéanamh don saol iontach fo-thoinn atá feicthe ag Róisín. Caithfidh Róisín cabhrú leis an mbuachaill teacht ar a chraiceann róin - tá a chraiceann róin cailte aige agus ní bheidh sé in ann dul abhaile gan é.

An file mór le rá, Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, a chum agus Colm Ó Snodaigh ó Kila a chuir ceol leis an dráma corraitheach seo.

Róisín befriends a seal little knowing he will change into a boy to save her whenever she is in danger. When they meet a greedy fisherman who threatens the underwater wonderland he has shown her, Róisín has to help the boy find his lost sealskin – his only means to return to his world.

Written with humour and zest by poet Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, with music by Colm Ó Snodaigh of Kíla.

Director's note: Stunning images in a beautiful story from one of Ireland's foremost poets. Púca Puppets' show is produced in association with Poetry Ireland and IMRAM Irish Language Literary Festival.

Place Pavilion Theatre

Date Thu 23rd Oct

Time 10am & 12pm

Length 60 mins (inc 15 mins post-show talk)

Tickets e7 Ph: 01 231 2929 www.paviliontheatre.ie

Age 7+ years

Lyngo Theatre (UK/Italy)

Hansel and Gretel

Is hunger stronger than love?

Hansel and Gretel's journey takes them from a house with empty cupboards and a mother who doesn't like children to a house made of sweets and someone who just loves children – on toast!

Award-winning Lyngo Theatre serve up this well-loved fairy tale in atmospheric style presenting a musical theatre enchantment of spooky characters, captivating songs and haunting imagery.

Director's note: Winner of the prestigious "Strega Gatto" award for children's theatre in Italy, Hansel and Gretel is Lyngo's signature show. Beautiful performances, and filled with lyricism and ingenious theatricality.

Place Pavilion Theatre

Date & Time Fri 24th Oct @ 12pm

Fri 24th Oct @ 4pm Special Halloween show. Come in fancy dress - prizes for best costumes!

Sat 25th Oct @ 1:30pm & 4pm

Length 60 mins
Tickets e7 Ph: 01 231 2929 www.paviliontheatre.ie
Age 5+ years

Katzenjammer (UK)

The Four Hands on One Piano Music and Comedy Duo

Spectacular piano gymnastics, hilarious comic banter and a finale that's sure to go with a bang all combine as Katzenjammer present you with a fast paced show you won't forget! They will dazzle you with their own arrangements of everything from Liszt to The Simpsons, while the resulting tangle of hands and arms are projected onto a large screen so that the mesmerising display of their playing can be marvelled at. You've never seen a piano played like this before!

Director's note: Tchaikovsky meets the Marx Brothers in a "laugh- out-loud" show for children who have never seen a keyboard, and adults who wish they hadn't.

Place Pavilion Theatre
Date Sun 26th Oct
Time 3pm
Length 100 mins (inc 15 min interval)
Tickets e7 Ph: 01 231 2929 www.paviliontheatre.ie
Age 6+ years

Workshops

The Story Hunt

A book thief has stolen all of the words from the books! Using clues and characters given by the Story Queen the children are invited to act out their own stories.
Facilitated by Orla Maher.

Wednesday Oct 8th
3:30 - 4:15pm (3-6yrs)
Dún Laoghaire Library
Booking 280 1147

Thursday Oct 9th
3:30 - 4:15pm (3-6yrs)
Dalkey Library
Booking 285 5277

Friday Oct 10th
3:30 - 4:15pm (3-6yrs)
Cabinteely Library
Booking 285 5363

Thursday Oct 16th
3:00 - 3:45pm (3-6yrs)
Deansgrange Library
Booking 285 0860

Friday Oct 17th
3:30 - 4:15pm (3-6yrs)
Stillorgan Library
Booking 288 9655

Reely Clowning

Become a clown in Clown
Looley Lu's favourite films and help her win an Oscar!
Facilitated by Valerie Coyne

Saturday Oct 11th
11am - 12pm (5-8 yrs)
Stillorgan Library
Booking 288 9655

Saturday Oct 11th
2:30 - 4pm (9-12 yrs)
Stillorgan Library
Booking 288 9655

Saturday Oct 18th
11am - 12pm (5-8 yrs)
Pavilion Theatre Green Room
Booking 231 2929

Saturday Oct 18th
2:30 - 4pm (9-12 yrs)
Pavilion Theatre Green Room
Booking 231 2929

Dance with the Stars

Creating dances from head to toe with rhythm, energy and fun!
Facilitated by Michelle Cahill (Danceabout)

Saturday Oct 11th
2:30 - 4pm (7-12 yrs)
Deansgrange Library
Booking 285 0860

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11am - 12:30pm (7-12 yrs)
Pavilion Theatre Gallery
Booking 231 2929

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Just So Masktastical

Mask-making inspired by Rudyard Kipling’s wonderful animal tales.
Facilitated by Liz Smith

Saturday Oct 11th
11am - 12pm (5-8 yrs)
Dundrum Library
Booking 298 5000

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2:30 - 4pm (9-12 yrs)
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Booking 298 5000

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2:30 - 4pm (7-12 yrs)
Pavilion Theatre
Booking 231 2929

Family Workshops

All Library workshops are free on a first-come first-served basis but booking is essential with the individual libraries.

Pavilion Workshops

Pavilion Theatre workshops are e5 or e10 including a ticket to a show. Please ring the Box Office at 01 231 2929 for further details.

Big Rory & Ochie (Scotland)

Sat 18th & Sun 19th October

Big Rory, a 9ft loveable Scottish rogue, will be out for a walk with his wayward mongrel in Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum and anywhere else Ochie can cause Caledonian canine chaos. Ring Pavilion Box Office at 01 231 2929 to find out when this friendly giant and his frisky mutt will be near you!

Children’s Fiction SLAM

To coincide with the Children’s Book Month, Flip Flop proudly presents the second Children’s Fiction SLAM, in Pavilion Theatre on Tuesday October 21st at 7pm. Hosted by author and comedienne Aislinn O’Loughlin, the event is an opportunity for unpublished children’s authors to read a short extract from their work in front of an audience of their peers, friends and two invited judges from the Irish publishing world - novelist Sarah Webb, and award-winning fantasy author Conor Kostick. No cash prizes, no three book deals to be won, just the respect of your peers, and maybe a modest award.

Writers who wish to enter the SLAM should email flipflop@paviliontheatre.ie for details. Anyone can enter as long as you have never been published. And even if you're not entering come down to hear what undiscovered talent is on show.

Closing date for entries: Friday October 17th. Entries on a first come first served basis. Numbers of readers strictly limited.

Place Pavilion Theatre
Date Tue 21st Oct
Time 7pm
Length 120 mins (inc 15 min interval)
Tickets e7 Ph: 01 231 2929 www.paviliontheatre.ie

Children's Book Festival 2008 runs from 1st - 31st October.
For details see www.childrensbooksireland.ie

Ticket Bookings

* Please note all seating for Flip Flop performances is unallocated

Booking for all Flip Flop performances and Pavilion workshops available from Pavilion Theatre

Tickets: e7
Phone: 01 231 2929
Online: www.paviliontheatre.ie
In Person: Pavilion Theatre, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

Booking for Mill Theatre performances only

Tickets: e7
Phone: 01 296 9340
Online: www.milltheatre.com
In Person: Mill Theatre, Dundrum Town Centre, Dublin 14

Box Office Hours for Pavilion and Mill Theatre are 10am-6pm, Monday to Saturday

Free Tickets for Teachers

Complimentary tickets for two teachers per class group. Further complimentary seats available for groups including children with special needs.

How to Book Tickets for Workshops and/or Children's Fiction Slam

Library Workshops - free. Please book directly with the relevant library (see Workshops page for contact details).

Pavilion Theatre Workshops - tickets e5. Contact Pavilion Box Office. Please note the differing age ranges and times.

Children's Fiction Slam - tickets e7.

To enter email: flipflop@paviliontheatre.ie

Flip Flop Schedule of Events 2008

Sunday 19th to Sunday 26th October

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Sat Oct 18th	Street Theatre – Big Rory and Ochie the Dog	All day	Dundrum/Dún Laoghaire	Info: 231 2929	Free
Sun Oct	Street Theatre – Big Rory and	All day	Dundrum/Dún	Info: 231	Free

19th	Ochie the Dog		Laoghaire	2929	
Sun Oct 19th	Performance – Circus Minimus	12pm & 2pm	Mill Theatre	296 9340	e7
Mon Oct 20th	Performance – Fables, Tales and Tattlers	10am & 12pm	Pavilion Theatre	231 2929	e7
Tues Oct 21st	Performance – Fables, Tales and Tattlers	10am & 12pm	Pavilion Theatre	231 2929	e7
Tues Oct 21st	Children’s Fiction SLAM	7pm	Pavilion Theatre	231 2929	e7
Wed Oct 22nd	Performance – Fables, Tales and Tattlers	4pm	Mill Theatre	296 9340	e7
Thur Oct 23rd	Performance – Fables, Tales and Tattlers	10am & 12pm	Mill Theatre	296 9340	e7
Thur Oct 23rd	Performance – Róisín agus an Rón	10am & 12pm	Pavilion Theatre	231 2929	e7
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Sun Oct 26th	Performance – Katzenjammer	3pm	Pavilion Theatre	231 2929	e7

* or workshop + performance - ticket e10

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