

RORY GALLAGHER FESTIVAL - PROGRAMME 2026

THURSDAY – 28th May 2026

1pm ~ LIVE @ Rory Gallagher Statue – Mark Black & Friends

2pm ~ Open Air Concert @ Rory Gallagher Place

Gerry Quigley's Shinkickers & Aiden Pryor & Whisky Flowers & The Stonecold Hobos

3pm ~ Wild Atlantic Way Gig @ Rory Gallagher Statue – Johnny Gallagher & Guests (Boxy)

5pm ~ MAC 2 @ Rory Gallagher Statue

6.30pm ~ Festival Opening Reception at The Rory Gallagher Theatre

Festival Introductions with Special Guests

7pm ~ Rory Gallagher Theatre - The Legacy Gig

TAJ FARRANT & BAND (Australia) & THE ZAC SCHULZE GANG (UK)

at The Rory Gallagher Theatre, Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon

Adm. €25 – Book in advance – <https://abbeycentre.ie/events/>

7pm ~ Open Air Concert @ Rory Gallagher Place

Rusty Jacks & The Shlacks

3pm ~ Jack Austin Despy at Dicey Reilly's Pub

5pm ~ Doctor Doctor at Melly's Bar

6pm ~ Lonesome Pete at Dicey Reilly's Pub

7pm ~ Stoney & The Dogs at Fin McCool's Pub

7pm ~ The Stonecold Hobos at McIntyre's Saloon Bar

7pm ~ Cian O'Donnell at The Bridgend Bar

Thursday Night – Pub Gigs

10pm ~ Seamie O'Dowd Band at McIntyre's Saloon Bar

10pm ~ Deuce at Max Bar

10pm ~ Aiden Pryor & The Whisky Flowers at Owen Roe's Bar

10pm ~ Gerry Quigley's Shinkickers at Sean Og's Pub

10pm ~ Jack Austin Despy Band at Melly's Pub

10pm ~ Continental Op at O'Donnell's Bar

10pm ~ Peter Price – The Bluesman at Fin McCool's Pub

11pm ~ Heavy Duty at Bridgend Bar

FRIDAY – 29th May 2026

12 noon ~ LIVE @ Rory Gallagher Statue with Peter Price & Coldshot Band

12pm ~ "From The Beginning" - At the Rock Hospital

* Aiden Pryor Band * The Stingin' Kings * Whiskey Flowers

at The Grounds at The Rock Hospital, The Rock, Ballyshannon

1pm ~ LIVE @ Rory Gallagher Statue – Gerry Quigley's Shinkickers

2pm ~ IMPACT - The Rock Hall Gig – Bringing it all Back Home

featuring CREST OF A WAVE & Special Guests

Arrive Early to avoid disappointment ...

2pm ~ Open Air Concert at Rory Gallagher Place – "Let's go to work"

JOHNNY D'FAWKES & CIARAN HODGINS BAND & DAVY K BAND

3.30pm ~ Wild Atlantic Way Gig @ Rory Gallagher Statue

BUZZED & CONTINENTAL OP

2pm ~ Simone Galassi Band at Max Bar

2pm ~ Lonesome Pete at The Lantern Bar

2pm ~ Seamie O'Dowd at Dicey Reilly's Pub

3pm ~ Banshee at McIntyre's Saloon Bar

3.30pm ~ Cian O'Donnell at The Bridgend Bar

4pm ~ Barry McGivern Band at Dorrian's Hotel

5pm ~ Doctor Doctor at Melly's Pub

5pm ~ Peter Price – The Bluesman at Sean Og's Pub

5pm ~ Stephen Brennan Acoustic Blues at Dicey Reilly's Pub

6pm ~ The Stingin' Kings at Max Bar

7pm ~ Patrick Warde Band at McIntyre's Saloon Bar

7pm ~ Rory O'Dowd & Friends at Bridgend Bar

7pm ~ Open Air Concert at Rory Gallagher Place – “Let’s keep workin”
THE MISSISSIPPI SHEIKS & DEUCE

FESTIVAL BIG TOP – Friday Night – Gates Open at 6.15pm

From 7pm **BAND OF FRIENDS**
PAT McMANUS BAND with Jim Lockhart & Barry Devlin (Horslips)
HEAVY DUTY

7.15pm ~ Heavy Duty 8.30pm ~ Pat McManus Band 10.30pm ~ Band of Friends

Adm €40 euro – Advanced Tickets – www.rorygallagherfestival.com/tickets

Tickets available at the Festival Ticket Office or at 6pm at the Festival Big Top Entrance

Friday Night – Pub Gigs

9pm ~ Happy Inc Blues at Dicey Reilly’s Pub
10pm ~ Lonesome Pete at Fin McCool’s Pub
10.30pm ~ Mark Black Band at Melly’s Pub
10.30pm ~ Davy K Band at Sean Og’s Pub
10.30pm ~ Crest of a Wave at Max Bar
10.30pm ~ The Rusty Jacks at McIntyre’s Saloon Bar
10.30pm ~ Barry McGivern Band at Dorrian’s Hotel
10.30pm ~ Banshee (Belfast) at Owen Roe’s Bar
10.30pm ~ Jack Austin Despy Band at O’Donnell’s Bar
10.30pm ~ The Stonecold Hobos at the Lantern Bar
11.00pm ~ Seamie O’Dowd Band at Bridgend Bar

SATURDAY – 30th May 2026

11am ~ CIARAN HODGINS BAND – “Shadow Play” at the Rory Gallagher Statue

11.45am ~ LIVE @ The Gables – Irish Women of The Blues

Grainne Duffy Band & Clara Rose Band & Dubh Lee

12 noon ~ High Noon Session at Owen Roe’s Bar with ZAC SCHULZE GANG UNPLUGGED

12pm ~ Edged in Blue at McIntyre’s Saloon Pub

1pm ~ Peter Price – The Bluesman at Bridgend Bar

1.30pm ~ Jack Austin Despy Band at Melly’s Pub

1pm ~ The Stingin’ King’s @ Live at The Rory Gallagher Mural

1pm ~ Traditional Irish Rock & Southern Blues

at Allingham Park (opposite the Rory Gallagher Theatre)

***** Crow Black Chicken – Blues Rock from Ireland’s Deep South *****

with Sword of Light (Tribute to Horslips)

Celebration of Music, Culture, Irish Crafts & Food

2pm ~ OPEN AIR CONCERT ~ Rory Gallagher Place

SEAMIE O’DOWD BAND & PATRICK WARDE BAND & BANGIN’ YOLKS

2pm ~ Wild Atlantic Way Gig @ Rory Gallagher Statue

MAC 2 & PROJECT M & RUSTY JACKS

2pm ~ Whisky Flowers at Dicey Reilly’s Pub

2pm ~ The Shlacks at Max Bar

2pm ~ Stoney & The Dogs at Fin McCool’s Pub

3pm ~ Continental Op at McIntyre’s Saloon Pub

3.30pm ~ Johnny D’Fawkes at Bridgend Bar

4pm ~ Lonesome Pete at O’Donnell’s Bar

4pm ~ Bourbon Smoke at The Lantern Bar

4pm ~ Barry McGivern Band at Dorrian’s Hotel

4pm ~ Big Blues Jam – Gerry Quigley & Co at McGinley’s Bar

5pm ~ Peter Price – The Bluesman at Dicey Reilly’s Pub

5pm ~ Davy K – Solo Show – Live at Sean Og’s Pub

5pm ~ Doctor Doctor at Melly’s Pub

6pm ~ Simone Galassi Band at Max Bar

7pm ~ Crest of A Wave at Bridgend Bar

7pm ~ The Stingin’ Kings at McIntyre’s Saloon Pub

7pm - Rory Gallagher Place – “The Gathering”

ZAC SCHULZE GANG & BANSHEE BAND (Belfast)

FESTIVAL BIG TOP – Saturday Night – Gates Open at 6.15pm

From 7pm **BILLY F. GIBBONS AND THE BFG BAND**
JOHNNY GALLAGHER & BOXTY
MOONCHILD (Ire) & DEUCE (Ire)

7pm ~ Deuce (Dublin)

7.50pm ~ Moonchild (Ballyshannon)

8.45pm ~ Johnny Gallagher & Boxty

10.30pm ~ Billy F Gibbons And The BFG band

Adm €65 euro – Advanced Tickets – www.rorygallagherfestival.com/tickets

Some Tickets may be available at the Festival Ticket Office in advance – but no guarantees !!!

Saturday Night – Pub Gigs

9pm ~ Patrick Warde Band at Dicey Reilly's Pub
10.30pm ~ Davy K at Fin McCool's Pub
10.30pm ~ Jack Austin Despy Band at McIntyre's Saloon Bar
10.30pm ~ The Mississippi Sheiks at Melly's Pub
10.30pm ~ Gerry Quigley's Shinkickers at Owen Roe's Bar
10.30pm ~ Coldshot Big Band at Sean Og's Pub
10.30pm ~ The Rusty Jacks at Max Bar
10.30pm ~ Barry McGivern Band at Dorrian's Hotel
10.30pm ~ The Stonecold Hobos at O'Donnell's Bar
10.30pm ~ Edged in Blue at the Lantern Bar
11.00pm ~ Aiden Pryor & The Whisky Flowers at Bridgend Bar

SUNDAY – 31st May 2026

11am ~ The Rory Gallagher Symposium – “Rory’s Impact & lasting legacy”
Panel Discussion with Rory Gallagher Family members, Rory’s Band members & Special Guests
at the Rory Gallagher Theatre, Abbey Arts Centre – Adm. €10 – <https://abbeycentre.ie/events/>

12.45pm ~ Film Premiere --- “Do You Read Me”- Rory Gallagher Festival” –
- Feature Film on the mystique of Rory Gallagher Festival and its International appeal –
by Film makers Stephen O’Dowd & Sarah Ploss at the Rory Gallagher Theatre, Abbey Arts Centre

11.45am ~ LIVE @ The Gables
PAT McMANUS BAND & JACK AUSTIN DESPY BAND & PROJECT M

12 noon ~ Guitar Session at the Bridgend Pub with Mark Black & David Hawkins (Deuce)
12 noon ~ The Shlacks at McIntyre's Saloon Bar
12.30pm ~ An Acoustic Tribute to Rory at Owen Roe's Bar with Aiden Pryor & Whisky Flowers
1pm ~ Blues Guitar Masterclass with Peter Price at Melly's Pub

1pm ~ DAVY K BAND @ Live at The Rory Gallagher Mural

2pm ~ GALA OPEN AIR CONCERT ~ Rory Gallagher Place
CLARA ROSE BIG BAND & PHEONIX & MARK BLACK BAND

2pm ~ Wild Atlantic Way Gig @ Rory Gallagher Statue
EDGED IN BLUE & CIARAN HODGINS BAND

followed by Open Mic for Busking Bands at 5pm

2pm ~ The Mississippi Sheiks at O'Donnell's Bar
2pm ~ Continental Op at Max Bar
3pm ~ Project M at McIntyre's Saloon Bar
3.30pm ~ Crow Black Chicken at Bridgend Bar
4pm ~ Happy Inc Blues – Live at Dicey Reilly's Pub
4pm ~ Big Blues Jam – Gerry Quigley & Co at Lantern Bar
4pm ~ The Stonecold Hobos at McGinley's Bar
4pm ~ Barry McGivern Band at Dorrian's Hotel
5pm ~ Crest of A Wave at Melly's Pub
5pm ~ Buzzed at Sean Og's Pub
6pm ~ Edged in Blue at Max Bar
7pm ~ Paul Sherry Band at McIntyre's Saloon Bar
7pm ~ The Stingin' Kings at Dicey Reilly's Pub
7pm ~ Mark Black Band at Bridgend Bar
7pm ~ Banshee Band at Sean Og's Pub

7pm ~ Rory Gallagher Place ~ “Roarin’ for Rory Gig”
HEAVY DUTY & MOONCHILD

FESTIVAL BIG TOP – Sunday Night – Gates Open at 6.15pm

From 7pm **RORY GALLAGHER ALL-STAR BAND**
ZAC SCHULZE GANG
NINE BELOW ZERO

7pm ~ Nine Below Zero 8.30pm ~ Zac Schulze Gang 10.15pm ~ Rory Gallagher All-Star Band

Adm €40 euro – Advanced Tickets – www.rorygallagherfestival.com/tickets

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Sunday Night – Pub Gigs

9.30pm ~ Buzzed at Fin McCool's Pub
10.30pm ~ Aiden Pryor & The Whisky Flowers at Melly's Pub
10.30pm ~ Davy K Project at Sean Og's Pub
10.30pm ~ Bangin' Yolks at McIntyre's Saloon Bar
10.30pm ~ Patrick Warde Band at O'Donnell's Bar
10.30pm ~ Gerry Quigley's Shinkickers at the Lantern Bar
10.30pm ~ Barry McGivern Band at Dorrian's Hotel
10.30pm ~ The Rusty Jacks at Owen Roe's Bar
10.30pm ~ Coldshot Blues Big Band at Max Bar
11.00pm ~ The Mississippi Sheiks at Bridgend Bar