

# RORY GALLAGHER FESTIVAL - PROGRAMME 2026

## THURSDAY – 28<sup>th</sup> 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 (Boxty)**

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

4pm ~ Davy K – "The Solo Show" at Sean Og'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

**5pm ~ MAC 2 @ Rory Gallagher Statue**

**7pm ~ Open Air Concert @ Rory Gallagher Place**

**Rusty Jacks & The Shlacks**

**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**

*Tickets may be available on the door – Advanced Tickets only*

## 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 – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

**12 noon ~ "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**

**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 & MICHAEL J McCOLGAN**

**4.30pm ~ Mark Langan at St. Anne's Hall**

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 ~ The Recliners 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](http://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 – 30<sup>th</sup> 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 \*\*\***

**\*\* Sword of Light (Tribute to Horslips) & Sean Brennan & The Bullfrogs” \*\***

*Celebration of Music, Culture, Irish Crafts & Food*

**2pm ~ OPEN AIR CONCERT ~ Rory Gallagher Place**

**SEAMIE O'DOWD BAND & THE RECLINERS & MAC 2**

**2pm ~ Wild Atlantic Way Gig @ Rory Gallagher Statue**

**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](http://www.rorygallagherfestival.com/tickets)**

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

### **Saturday Night – Pub Gigs**

9pm ~ The Recliners 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 – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 & FRONTIER & MARK BLACK BAND**

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

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**

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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 ~ The Recliners 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

10.30pm ~ TBC

11.00pm ~ The Mississippi Sheiks at Bridgend Bar