



THE BELFAST
EMPIRE

JAN/FEB 2019



BOOKING INFORMATION

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
THE EMPIRE BAR (no booking fees)
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24 hr booking line 0844 277 445
www.ticketmaster.ie

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Please note that some performances may use special effects, such as strobe lighting and smoke effects.

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Dear all,

Who says January is a quiet time of the year? We've tons going on in The Empire, as per usual and we'd love to see you down! CC HOULIHAN'S ELVIS SPECTACULAR is as much a part of January as a new calendar and misused gym memberships, so we're thrilled to have him return for another celebration of the King's Birthday. Speaking of returns, we've the 7th annual ROCK FOR ALZHEIMER'S show. This award winning fundraiser has been doing the business for a great cause since 2012, and with AC?DC and ARMS OF VENUS DE MILO on board, good times are pretty much guaranteed.

THE ADVENTURES are a band that won't be back to The Empire – because their January deuce of dates are the last ever shows for this cult outfit, so don't say you weren't warned. We've drag queens coming out of the fabric, with ALASKA and MIZ CRACKER both planning visits, a packed GIFTED showcase or two and JARROD DICKENSON, who's practically part of the furniture, will make a welcome return.

Tributes wise we've the ultimate tribute to The Jam, A BAND CALLED MALICE, THE ILLEGALS and PLEASUREDOME'S 80s themed Valentine's Prom. Originals, there's THE CINELLI BROTHERS for the January Blues Festival, THE OLD FIRM CASUALS and A NIGHT OF BELFAST MUSIC. All this, and our anarchic pub quiz, Empire Comedy and lashings of KEN HADDOCK, and there's no excuse to stay in.

As always, I remain yours,

Kitty 





EVERY NIGHT IN THE BAR

ENTERTAINMENT

SUN	10PM - BELFAST'S BEST SUNDAY NIGHT KEN HADDOCK SUPPERCLUB																
MON	10PM - LIVE IRISH TRADITIONAL & FOLK THE RARE AUL STUFF																
TUE	11PM - HIP, HAPPY AND HAIRY DISCOBEARD																
WED	10PM - THE ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE PUB CHALLENGE THE BIG EMPIRE QUIZ																
THU	10.30PM - EMPIRE BLUES RAB MCCULLOUGH & BAND																
FRI	5.30PM - SWEET BEATS JACKIE RAINEY																
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ALL
NEW

DRINK OFFERS | LATE BAR | FREE ADMISSION
FOOD SERVED MON-SAT 12-9PM SUN 12.30-6PM

FRIDAYS | 10.30PM



100% FRESH ROOTS

ORIGINAL ARTISTS PLAYING THEIR OWN MUSIC & MORE!

4 JAN **CORMAC NEESON
& DONAL SCULLION**

1 FEB **THE UNHOLY
GOSPEL BAND**

11 JAN **JOE MCVEIGH**

8 FEB **CROW BLACK CHICKEN**

18 JAN **THE PEACE PROCESS**

15 FEB **THE VIBES**

25 JAN **LONESOME GEORGE**

22 FEB **HOT SAUSAGE
& MUSTARD**



COMEDY TUESDAY



BEER BUCKET £12 | COCKTAIL JUG £13.95 | HOUSE WINE £13

8PM

£8/£7 STUDENT



THE BELFAST
EMPIRE
MUSIC HALL



THE ADVENTURES

FRI 4 & SAT 5 JAN | 8.30PM | £17.50

We're thrilled to have not one, but two final ever shows from THE ADVENTURES. It was supposed to be a wee night to dust the instruments off and celebrate some of the great lost songs of the 80s, but once word spread that THE ADVENTURES were reforming in January of last year, The Empire soon sold out.

People trekked from across the globe to see the cult outfit on home turf, to hear songs like Broken Land and Drowning in the Sea of Love. And they're back, for the last ever time, this January in The Empire. With extra special guests booked it's going to be one hell of a celebration. And it's your last chance to catch this seminal outfit live.



FRI 11 JAN | 9PM | £3
PROBLEM PATTERNS
REEVAH
GEMMA BRADLEY
JESS EDLIN



Girls Rock School NI alumni **PROBLEM PATTERNS** have 'it' – if by it you mean varying degrees of anxiety. Taking their influence from a variety of bands like Pussy Riot, Petrol Girls and Pissed Jeans, this up and coming outfit have jumped into 'real contenders' pole position



Support comes from Derry native **REEVAH**, who's had a busy year playing everything from Stendhal to Across the Line. **GEMMA BRADLEY** fuses the best of contemporary R&B with the avant-garde and classic reggae, while **JESS EDLIN** counts everyone from RJD2 to Fiona Apple as influences.



THU 7 FEB | 9PM | £3
MOSMO STRANGE
SUGARWOLF
TETHERS
BLXXD



Beginning as song-writing project for founding members Gavin Scott and Nolan Donnelly, **MOSMO STRANGE** only came to life with the addition of Eamonn Doherty on bass and Conor Bradley on drums. Wary of labels and genres, **MOSMO STRANGE** want to bring you into their own, unique and groovy world. The artists formerly known as Making Monsters, the newly monikered **SUGARWOLF** are throwing around their new name, attitude and tunes. Acclaimed by Drowned in Sound, **TETHERS** are a forward-thinking alternative rock prospect and **BLXXD** is the live incarnation of producer Syeva Bondarenko. All are essential listening for anyone interested in local music!







CC HOULIHAN'S ELVIS SPECTACULAR

SAT 12 JAN | 8.30PM | £12

We're caught in a trap and can't get out...of constantly booking what is undoubtedly Ireland's greatest Elvis tribute act. Winner of the Best Gospel Elvis award, and champion of the Elvis 4 nations tournament (yes, again, there is such a thing), CC. HOULIHAN returns to the Empire Music Hall, resplendent in cape and jumpsuit, to channel the spirit of the King.

From the Sun years, through to the Comeback Special and the Las Vegas spectaculars, it's the three ages of Elvis as you've never seen them before, with a extra-special show to celebrate what would have been the great man's 80th birthday. From the instruments, to the outfits, Houlihan's eye for detail make this a must-see Elvis experience!



THE CINELLI BROTHERS

FRI 18 JAN | 8.30PM | £12.50

This is the only sort of January blues we endorse, as THE CINELLI BROTHERS take to The Empire Music Hall. From the red-hot blues of 60s and 70s Chicago and Texas, the glory days of Stax, Chess and Motown, Marco and Alessandro have formed a formidable team to showcase massive trunks of funk.

Releasing the acclaimed *Babe, Please Set Your Alarm* in May of 2018, THE CINELLI BROTHERS are striving for the next step, and it's a privilege to welcome them to the Empire. Support comes from our very own Rab McCullough.



A BAND CALLED MALICE

SAT 19 JAN | 8.30PM | £13.50

Bandstand return with their annual salute to all things mod, soul and rock and roll. This year The Jam are due some love, and rightly so. With sharp suits and sharper songs, The Jam proved an antidote to the scruffy oiks at the tail end of the punk rock revolution.

A BAND CALLED MALICE are the ultimate tribute to the music of Foxton, Weller and Butler, and putting together the outfit proved quite the challenge, as not only did they need to love The Jam, play to the same exacting standards, but be fit and active enough to recreate the stage dynamics of one of the best regarded live bands of their day!



JARROD DICKENSON

THU 24 JAN | 7.30PM | £13.50

Born in Texas and based in Brooklyn, JARROD DICKENSON has been exposed to almost everything the Great American Songbook has to offer. With his unique perspective and indomitable touring ethic, Jarrod's debut album saw him tour the world, perform at Glastonbury and gain near universal acclaim.

Already working on the follow-up to sophomore album *Ready the Horses* due to drop this autumn, Jarrod is embarking on an intimate European tour. Life on the road is in his blood, so come down and see why Huey Morgan compared him to a young Gram Parsons.



MIZ CRACKER: IT'S TIME

FRI 25 JAN | 6PM/7.30PM | £25

You fancy something thin, white and salty? Try MIZ CRACKER on for size! The rising star of RuPaul's Drag Race Series 10, MIZ CRACKER has not only sparkled on stage, but been a voice for equality and activism, marching for equal marriage rights and writing for Vice, amongst others.

Originally from Seattle, MIZ CRACKER'S hobbies include her YouTube channel Review with a Jew, and Karate, and she promises one of the most outrageous shows the Belfast Empire has ever seen. And if you don't like it, then dill with it.



THE ILLEGALS

SAT 26 JAN | 8.30PM | £12

If the 60's kicked the doors in for the stadium rock band, the 70's saw them taking over. The Eagles were one such outfit, alongside Led Zeppelin and Fleetwood Mac that released albums that sold by the million, embarked on tours that crossed the world and set the private jet as the very peak of rock excess.

THE ILLEGALS pay tribute to those glorious pre-CD days and manage to do justice to Henley and Co.'s massive back catalogue. With the tunes, the experience and the vintage instruments to boot, THE ILLEGALS do justice to the band that defined American Rock.

AT A GLANCE...

EVERY TUE | 8PM | £8/£7 PAY AT THE DOOR

COMEDY

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THE ILLEGALS

THU 31 JAN | 7PM | £15+BKG

THE OLD FIRM CASUALS DEFECTS UNITED BOTTLES

FRI 1 FEB | 8.30PM | £12+BKG

A NIGHT OF BELFAST MUSIC

LEAH MCFALL | DAVID C CLEMENTS | LARKS | EMMA WALLACE | REBECCA FITCH

SAT 2 FEB | 8.30PM | £11

PLEASUREDOME 80'S VALENTINE'S SPECIAL

THU 7 FEB | 9PM | £3

GIFTED

MOSMO STRANGE | SUGARWOLF
TETHERS | BLXXD

SAT 9 FEB | 8.30PM | £15

MILLION DOLLAR RELOAD

WED 13 FEB | 7.30PM | £12

TOY

MELTS

FRI 15 FEB | 8.30PM | £5

SO:NI

LIVE AND LOCAL

SAT 16 FEB | 8.30PM | £15

ROCK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

AC?DC | ARMS OF
VENUS DE MILO
THE FOYER INCIDENT

WED 20 FEB | 7PM | £22.50

GEOFF TATE'S

OPERATION
MINDCRIME

SAT 23 FEB | 6.30PM/8PM | £25/£45 VIP

AN EVENING WITH ALASKA

THU 28 FEB | 8.30PM | £12.50

KNEECAP

JYELLOWL
DIRTY FACES

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THE OLD FIRM CASUALS

SAT 31 JAN | 7PM | £15+BKG

THE OLD FIRM CASUALS are the new side project from Rancid's Lars Frederiksen. Described by Lars himself as 'new American Oi!' this side project which consists of himself, Casey Watson (bass/vocals) and Paul Rivas (drums/vocals).

Tapping into the energy and verve of the classic street punk second wave of the late 70s and Early 80s, familiar to anyone that ever donned a pair of Docs and a Harrington in anger.

It's a rare European tour for THE OLD FIRM CASUALS, and an even rarer opportunity to catch Lars in such an intimate venue!

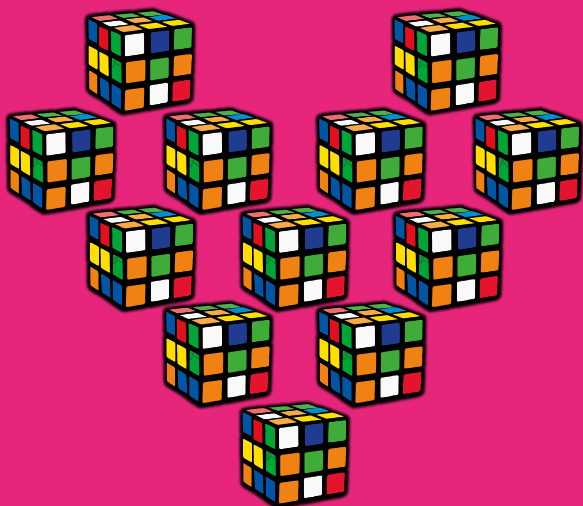


A NIGHT OF BELFAST MUSIC

FRI 1 FEB | 8.30PM | £12.50+BKG

Featuring the talents of LEAH MCFALL, DAVID C. CLEMENTS, LARKS, EMMA WALLACE and REBECCA FITCH, this isn't just a chance to enjoy some of the hottest up and coming talent that the city has to offer, but to support a brilliant charity as well.

Extern is a leading social justice charity operating across the island of Ireland. Every day, Extern works alongside children, young people and families to empower positive change and support family unity. All proceeds go to this wonderful, empowering charity that supported over 18,000 young people last year.



PLEASUREDOME VALENTINE'S SPECIAL

SAT 2 FEB | 8.30PM | £11

Who's your favourite movie couple? Nick and Alex from Flashdance? Andie and Blaine from Pretty in Pink? Goose and Maverick from Top Gun? Whoever floats your boat, PLEASUREDOME'S Valentine's Special will be channelling the spirit of the 80's power couples.

With the greatest drive-time anthems at their disposal, the PLEASUREDOME band will be dragging you along in your own personal Delorean to a time of shoulder pads, ankle warmers and an underqualified celebrity in the White House! We're expecting this to sell out really fast, after both PLEASUREDOME's Christmas dates sold like hotcakes!



MILLION DOLLAR RELOAD

SAT 9 FEB | 8.30PM | £15

One last time, One More Show, One Night Only! Tyrone's finest classic rock outfit achieved more in their brief years in action than most local bands achieve in a lifetime. With only one 'official' album to their names, but a massive live reputation that included support slots with the likes of Alice Cooper, The Quireboys and The Darkness, the crew behind MILLION DOLLAR RELOAD felt that there was unfinished business.

That's why, for one night only, they're back. With a full original line-up, and full supporting cast of local acts, this is shaping up to be a night to remember for the local, hard rock scene. And when they're gone, they're gone, so don't miss out!



TOY

WED 13 FEB | 7.30PM | £12

Rising from the ashes of former flavour of the month Joe Lean and the Jing Jang Jong, Brighton based shoegazing types TOY are making a long overdue trip to Belfast for their first headline date – and where better than The Empire?

They'll be kicking off their European tour in support of their forthcoming studio album *Happy in the Hollow* (due in January), TOY have developed a rabid fan base, with some travelling as far as from China to catch their delay-pedalled goodness.

For fans of Ride, the Mary Chain and The Horrors.



SO:NI

SOUNDS OF NORTHERN IRELAND

FRI 15 FEB | 8.30PM | £5

LIVE
LOUD
LOCAL

Leading the fight
against dementia

Alzheimer's Society





ROCK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

SAT 16 FEB | 8.30PM | £15

One of the winter highlights for The Empire, and now in its seventh year, the award-winning charity fundraiser will be raising the roof of the Music Hall for a great cause this February! As is traditional, AC?DC, ARMS OF VENUS DE MILO and THE FOYER INCIDENT will all be taking to the stage – if it ain't broke, don't fix it!

AC?DC live, breathe and sweat the works of Australia's finest band, with over 20 years' experience playing the tunes of Scott et al. ARMS OF VENUS are the go-to covers band for indie and rock, and have a longstanding and loyal fanbase, while THE FOYER INCIDENT redefine acoustic rock. All proceeds for the Alzheimer's society, a brilliant cause, you'll agree.



GEOFF TATE'S OPERATION:MINDCRIME

WED 20 FEB | 7PM | £22.50

GEOFF TATE is one of the defining voices of heavy metal – his work with Queensrÿche, in particular the masterful Operation:Mindcrime – possibly the finest metal concept album since Zentipede's General Inzanity. With over 20 million albums sold, there's no doubting their influence.

Returning to The Empire Music Hall, Geoff's musical resurrection with new outfit Operation:Mindcrime. Embarking on an even more ambitious trilogy of interconnected concept albums over the past three years has shown that there's far more than misplaced nostalgia to the GEOFF TATE experience.



AN EVENING WITH ALASKA

SAT 23 FEB | 6.30/8PM | £25/40 VIP

Winner of RuPaul's Drag race All Stars Season 2, the artist currently known as ALASKA Thunderfuck 5000 has arrived from Parts Unknown to bring a bit of razzle dazzle into your grey lives. This campy, well-travelled extra-terrestrial does have her perks and irritations, and is bound to provide some probing entertainment.

Tickets are selling fast for the ALASKA experience, alongside a very limited number of VIP Meet and Greet places available for the Stans. All singing, all dancing, expect outrage and tracks from her debut album, the cheekily titled 'Anus.'



KNEECAP JYELLOWL | DIRTY FACES

THU 28 FEB | 8.30PM | £12.50

West Belfast's finest Bi-lingual B-Boys will be playing their biggest headline show to date in the hallowed Empire Music Hall. Hailed as one of the most unique break-out artists of the year by tastemaker Nialler9, their debut mixtape was labelled 'Hip-hop gold as Gaelge'.

It's no mere gimmick to be rhyming in Irish, these fellas have the beats and attitude to match. After a successful summer at Body and Soul and Electric Picnic, as well as being 'kinda' banned from RTE, the future looks bright for the hip-hop hooligans. Support comes from socially aware soul poet JyellowL and Dirty Faces.



RUGBY

FEBRUARY

SAT 2	IRELAND V ENGLAND	16.45
SAT 9	SCOTLAND V IRELAND	14.15
SUN 24	ITALY V IRELAND	15.00

MARCH

SUN 10	IRELAND V FRANCE	15.00
SAT 16	WALES V IRELAND	14.45

MATCH BURGER & FRIES £6

ADD BACON & CHEESE £2

ADD PINT £3

SERVED 12 - 9PM DURING MATCH DAYS



BEER BUCKET £12

4 X COORS LIGHT / SAN MIGUEL / PRAVHA (330ML)

DRINK OFFERS

OF THE MONTH



BOURBON

JIM BEAM ORIGINAL



SINGLE & MIXER

£4.95

DOUBLE & MIXER

£6.95

SUN - THU



BOURBON

JIM BEAM HONEY



SINGLE & MIXER

£4.95

DOUBLE & MIXER

£6.95

SUN - THU

BEER

BOYNE BREWHOUSE
AMBER ALE



£3.95

BEER

ADNAMS
GHOST SHIP



£3.95

GIN

Hla'penny Rhubarb
with
Fentimans Mixer



£8.95

GIN

Jawbox Pineapple
with
Fentimans Mixer



£7.50

COCKTAIL

Dark n Stormy
Dark Rum, Ginger Beer, Bitters



£5.95

COCKTAIL

Valentino
Brugal Rum, Crème de Violette,
Lime Juice & Sugar Syrup



£5.95

COMING UP...



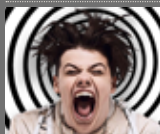
JACK LUKEMAN

FRI
1 MAR
7.30PM | £17.50



Hayseed Dixie

SAT
2 MAR
8.30PM | £18.50



YUNGBLUD

THU
7 MAR
7.30PM | £11



VONDA SHEPARD & SHARON CORR

WED
13 MAR
8PM | £35



LEE SCRATCH PERRY

THU
28 MAR
7.30PM | £19



IDLES

MON
1 APR
7.30PM | SOLD OUT

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE ...

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JANUARY BLUES SALE

ALL PINTS
£3.30

CRAFT BEER
2 for £6.50

HARDY'S VR RANGE
SMALL GLASS £4
LARGE GLASS £5



SUNDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 18TH
ALL DAY EVERYDAY

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