

THE BELFAST
EMPIRE

JAN/FEB 2020





BOOKING INFORMATION

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

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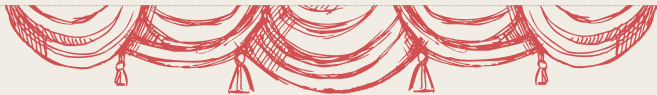
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Please note that some performances may use special effects, such as strobe lighting and smoke effects.

All patrons must be aged 18 or over.

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Dear all,

Who says nothing happens in January or February?
We've got it all, whether it's CC HOULIHAN'S
ELVIS SPECTACULAR on Valentine's Night or
Texan post-progressive rock from POLYPHIA
there's something for everyone.

New year, new you. Make a resolution to laugh more with
The Empire Comedy Club every Tuesday. Or try the pub quiz
on a Monday night - we love a bit of brain training.

THE ADVENTURES return for their now annual January
reunion gig, while ROCK FOR ALZHEIMER's returns for its
8th year. This brilliant night has raised nearly 40 grand for
Alzheimer's Society NI and hope to crack 50.

ISOBEL CAMPBELL, formerly of Belle and Sebastian
pops by thanks to Open House Festival while
Out to Lunch brings us TURIN BRAKES.

And there's the usual big screen football, free live
entertainment and the 6 NATIONS on the horizon.
Kick off 2020 in style at The Empire.

As always, I remain yours,

Kitty





EVERY NIGHT IN THE BAR

ENTERTAINMENT

SUN	10PM - BELFAST'S BEST SUNDAY NIGHT KEN HADDOCK SUPPERCLUB																		
MON	10PM - THE ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE PUB CHALLENGE THE BIG EMPIRE QUIZ																		
TUE	11PM - HIP, HAPPY AND HAIRY DISCOBEARD																		
WED	9.30PM - SINGER-SONGWRITER NIGHT IN THE ROUND																		
THU	10.30PM - EMPIRE BLUES RAB MCCULLOUGH & BAND																		
FRI	5.30PM - SWEET BEATS JACKIE RAINEY																		
FRI	10.30PM 100% FRESH ROOTS <small>SEE OVERLEAF</small>																		
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ALL
NEW

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

FRIDAYS | 10.30PM



100% FRESH ROOTS

ORIGINAL ARTISTS PLAYING THEIR OWN MUSIC & MORE!

3 JAN **CORMAC & DONAL**

10 JAN **THE HANDSOME
PRINCES**

17 JAN **PEACE PROCESS**

24 JAN **MYLES MCCORMACK**

31 JAN **LONESOME GEORGE**

7 FEB **THE UNHOLY
GOSPEL BAND**

14 FEB **THE HANDSOME
PRINCES**

21 FEB **MYLES MCCORMACK**

28 FEB **LONESOME GEORGE**



THU 9 JAN | 9PM | £3
KING CREEPER
ANTO & THE ECHOES
THE CAGED HEARTS
FAGASH MCCANN



KING CREEPER are a filthy punk blues outfit from the wilds of Lisburn. There's a massive buzz building around these boys, who are fresh out of the studio of the legendary Mike Mormecha and breaking out of the small-town circuit.



Support comes from ANTO AND THE ECHOES (Frank Turner by way of Queen's a Night at the Opera), live music from THE CAGED HEARTS and FAGASH MCCANN's head-on garage blues explosion.



THU 6 FEB | 9PM | £3
PROBLEM PATTERNS
EVA
COLOUR ARCADIA
ALUMNA



The self-described 'bunch of women screaming in a room' have been attracting all sorts of admiration with their righteous fury and hi-end songwriting chops. Think L7 meeting Whitney at a protest rally.



Support comes from Lurgan based EVA, the haunting grunge of COLOUR ARCADIA and the up and coming ALUMNA.





THE ADVENTURES

SAT 4 JAN | 8.30PM | £18

It was two years ago when THE ADVENTURES announced that they would reform for a one-off show in The Belfast Empire. The show sold out in a week, so they announced another. Then returned for two more the year after – it seems that people can't get enough of the biggest cult band this country has ever seen.

They're back this year, and with people travelling from Europe and beyond to be reminded of just how great this band are! With hits like Sea of Love and Broken Land, as well as the rest of the back catalogue, THE ADVENTURES continue to inspire.



DAVID KEENAN

SAT 11 JAN | 7PM | £17

Dundalk native DAVID KEENAN has taken the myth and the people of his hometown childhood and immortalized them through music. His keen eye for a vignette and local character has translated to one of Ireland's most anticipated albums, the incoming (at time of print) Beginner's Guide to Bravery.

Compared to Van Morrison, Tim Buckley and Samuel Beckett, David's music has entranced everyone who's heard it to date. This is a vital talent and a great time to see him before he departs for grander stages.



CHASE RICE

SUN 12 JAN | 7.30PM | £18

The small but perfectly formed stage of The Empire Music Hall is a long way from the massive stadia that CHASE RICE is used to playing in his native USA. One of modern Country's biggest stars, Chase hits Europe this winter for the Pint of Everything tour, following well-received sets at C2C.

Singer, songwriter, college football star and NASCAR pit crew, Chase has managed to pack a lot in his 34 years – but it's on stage where he's in his element. Don't miss this rare chance to catch modern Nashville on your doorstep.



BORN AS GHOSTS & HARD ROCK COLLECTIVE

FRI 17 JAN | 8.30PM | £10

The dream of the 90s is still alive and well in the Empire Music Hall, as this double headliner attests! BORN AS GHOSTS are the ultimate tribute to the band that politicised a generation. With a set spanning all of Rage Against the Machine's back catalogue this is the perfect chance to reacquaint yourself with their work ahead of the reunion.

HARD ROCK COLLECTIVE dive through the highlights of the Seattle sound, with a set featuring all your grunge favourites from the Muddy Banks of the Wishka and beyond!

... BOB & RUSSELL'S ...

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LIVE VOCAL / APPEARANCE BY

Berri ★

SINGING SUNSHINE AFTER THE RAIN + SHINE LIKE A STAR



NICKY MODELLE

DJS

KENNY K + STEVEY W

HOSTESSES

MISS PENNY PUSSY
+ SANDRA

DELANEY'S | THE PINK BEACH CLUB
TOKYO JOE'S | THOMPSONS

SAT 18 JAN | 8PM | £10/£15



SETH LAKEMAN

WED 22 JAN | 7.30PM | £25

The incredibly talented multi-instrumentalist SETH LAKEMAN returns to Belfast in support of his new album *A Pilgrim's Tale*, released on February 2020. Marking the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage to America the album seeks to bottle the spirit of the pioneers who settled New England.

There's few more qualified to tell the tale than Seth, with his extensive study of English folk music and mastery of traditional instrumentation. Like the Mayflower itself, this is a bold statement of intent and independent spirit.



TURIN BRAKES

FRI 24 JAN | 7.30PM | £20

Out to Lunch festival are really spoiling us with this hefty acoustic line-up, as TURIN BRAKES are joined by the brilliant Sound of the Sirens, who you might remember from supporting the Oh Hellos last year.

TURIN BREAKS first came to the public attention in 2001 with the Optimist LP, the record buying public warming to the band's songwriting chops and ear for a melody. With seven albums under their belt, this band have quietly evolved into a national treasure.



THE ILLEGALS

SAT 25 JAN | 8.30PM | £13

It was in the 70s that music really took off. No longer just the preserve of the teenager, adult orientated bands tapped into a new vein of popularity as the boomers grew up, moved to suburbia and bought records by the tonne.

The Eagles found themselves vying with the likes of Zep or Mac for the title of biggest band in the world, with egos and drug habits to match.

Travel back to that mystic time with THE ILLEGALS, who'll be taking the work of Henly and Co. to the limit with their two hour show.

AT A GLANCE...

EVERY TUE | 8PM | £10/£8 PAY AT THE DOOR

COMEDY EMPIRE LAUGHS BACK
COMEDY CLUB

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SAT 1 FEB | 8.30PM | £15

RODDY RADIATION & THE
SKABILLY REBELS

MON 3 FEB | 7PM | £17.50

THE SLOW READER'S CLUB

THU 6 FEB | 9PM | £3

GIFTED PROBLEM PATTERNS | EVA
COLOUR ARCADIA | ALUMNA

FRI 7 FEB | 8.30PM | £5

SOUNDS OF NI

SAT 8 FEB | 8.30PM | £11

PLEASUREDOME

SUN 9 FEB | 8PM | £16

POLYPHIA

FRI 14 FEB | 8.30PM | £14

ELVIS AT VALENTINE'S

SAT 15 FEB | 8.30PM | £15

ROCK FOR ALZHEIMERS AC?DC | ARMS OF
VENUS DE MILO

THU 20 FEB | 7PM | £17.50

RICHARD DAWSON

SAT 22 FEB | 8.30PM | £15

THE LONG TALL TEXANS

THU 27 FEB | 7.30PM | £17.50

KEVIN MCALEER

SAT 29 FEB | 8.30PM | £13

MACK FLEETWOOD

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ISOBEL CAMPBELL

FRI 31 JAN | 7.30PM | £22.50

ISOBEL CAMPBELL was instrumental in the early days of indie-pop legends Belle and Sebastian during that classic run of early albums, including the band's shock Brit Award win.

After gaining cult acclaim with her own outfit, The Gentle Waves, Isobel would collaborate with cult hero Mark Lanegan over three amazing albums.

Back from hiatus, this is a rare chance to catch a real cult icon in action.



RODDY RADIATION & THE SKABILLY REBELS

SAT 1 FEB | 8.30PM | £15

As the guitarist in The Specials, Roddy Radiation has helped define the sound of a generation with classics like Rat Race, Rich Girl and Too Much Too Young. The 2-Tone sound continues to influence and define music long past the label's demise.

Roddy formed his very own Skabilly Rebels to explore the rockabilly roots of the ska scene, with his own unique take on the high energy, socially aware genre. Playing venues a fraction of the size he's used to, expect a full on night of classics and new tunes!



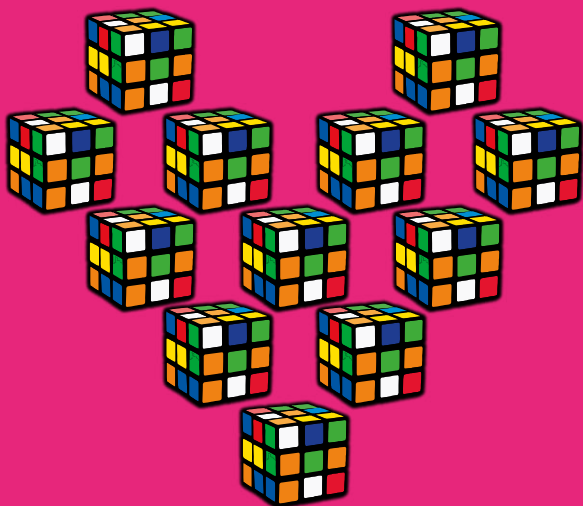
THE SLOW READERS CLUB

MON 3 FEB | 7PM | £17.50

Manchester, so much to answer for. There's something in the water of the second city, or maybe it's the wind coming off the Pennines, but there's always something special bubbling under.

In their hometown THE SLOW READER'S CLUB regularly pack out the Ritz and the Academy, and now you can see why they're so special. For fans of The Smiths and The Cure.

This is a rescheduled concert, tickets for the original date are still valid.



PLEASUREDOME VALENTINE'S SPECIAL

SAT 8 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!



POLYPHIA

SUN 9 FEB | 8PM | £16

Breaking the boundaries of the sometimes staid world of instrumental rock, POLYPHIA take the exquisite musicianship and atmospherics of djent and forge it with hip-hop and jazz influences, producing a live concert described by Kerrang as 'enveloped by a tsunami of guitar flurries, bass grooves, and breakneck beats.

The Texan four piece are touring in support of their latest release, *New Devils, New Levels*, an album that's seen them hit the next level of live and critical acclaim. The time is ripe to let POLYPHIA into your life, especially if you're a fan of Battles, ASIWFYA and Sikth.



ELVIS AT VALENTINES

FRI 14 FEB | 8.30PM | £14

Elvis is for lovers and so who better to serenade you than winner of the Best Gospel Elvis award, and champion of the Elvis 4 nations tournament (yes, again, there is such a thing), CC. HOULIHAN!

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!

From the instruments, to the outfits Houlihan's eye for detail make this a must-see Elvis experience!



ROCK FOR ALZHEIMERS

SAT 15 FEB | 8.30PM | £15

Now in its 8th year, ROCK FOR ALZHEIMERS is The Empire's favourite charity gig, with nearly 40 grand raised for Alzheimer's Society NI since the first gig in 2011.

Join AC? DC, ARMS OF VENUS DE MILO and THE FOYER INCIDENT for a night of all filler, no killer rock, metal and indie anthems. All in an absolutely wonderful cause.



RICHARD DAWSON

THU 20 FEB | 7PM | £17.50

Universal acclaim is a hard cross to bear, but RICHARD DAWSON wears it well.

Ever since the release of his 2014 album *Nothing Important*, Dawson has been a much lauded live act, insanely popular on the folk circuit and releasing two more amazing albums.

We're thrilled to have Dawson join us for what's bound to be another legendary Empire Music Hall experience!



THE LONG TALL TEXANS

SAT 22 FEB | 8.30PM | £15

Dust off the brothel creepers and start primping the quiff now, THE LONG TALL TEXANS are in town.

It was the heady days of 1985 when three fresh faced young men recorded a demo with Box Borer. The rest, as they say, is history.

Take a massive dash of rockabilly, a splash of classic horror, and bags of slap bass action, and you've got THE LONG TALL TEXANS.

With support from THE HOTKNIVES.



KEVIN MCALEER

THU 27 FEB | 7.30PM | £17.50

Kevin might have recently stolen the show in Derry Girls with his star turn as the incredibly boring uncle Colm, but this won't be his first Empire rodeo. He's one of the veterans of our famed Empire Laughs Back nights, and we're thrilled to have him back.

Acclaimed as the 'most naturally funny man alive' by no less than Stuart Lee, Kevin brings his Guru tour into the big smoke - meet Tyrone's finest mindfulness guru, clear your mind and exercise your funny bone!



MACK FLEETWOOD

SAT 29 FEB | 8.30PM | £13

Scotland's biggest tribute to the biggest band of the seventies, (that are still with us), MACK FLEETWOOD take you on an unforgettable journey into some of the songs that defined a generation and continue to influence bands to this day, with everyone from Florence to Clean Bandit professing a love for the Mac.

From the early blues days of Peter Green, through to the arena bothering Rumours, the experimental excesses of Tusk and the not as bad as everyone will try to tell you 80's output, Fleetwood Mac's music is interpreted by some of the finest musicians around, with a set bound to please everyone from the casual newcomer to die-hard fans.

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

FOXES ROCK AMERICAN STYLE IPA



£3.95

BEER

ADNAMS GHOST SHIP



£3.95

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Graham Norton
Pink with
Fentimans Mixer



£7.50

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Copeland Raspberry
with
Fentimans Mixer



£7.50

COCKTAIL

Dark n Stormy
Hrakon Rum, Ginger Beer, Fresh Lime



£5.95

COCKTAIL

Cosmopolitan
Vodka, Bols Triple Sec,
Fresh Lime, Cranberry Juice



£5.95



RUGBY

FEBRUARY

SAT 1	IRELAND V SCOTLAND	16.45
SAT 8	IRELAND V WALES	14.15
SUN 23	ENGLAND V IRELAND	15.00

MARCH

SAT 7	IRELAND V ITALY	14.15
SAT 14	FRANCE V IRELAND	20.00

**MATCH
BURGER,
FRIES &
PINT £10**

ADD BACON & CHEESE £2

SERVED 12 - 9PM DURING MATCH DAYS



BEER BUCKET £12

4 X COORS LIGHT / SAN MIGUEL (330ML)

COMING UP...



TEMPLE

SUN
1 MAR



Hayseed Dixie

FRI
2 MAR



now
the 90s

SAT
14 MAR



DIRTY DC

SAT
28 MAR



HOT HOUSE
FLOWERS

FRI
3 APR



Pleasuredome

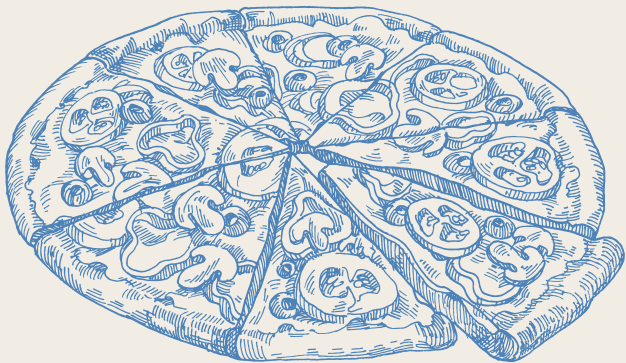
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4 APR

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE ...

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£3 PIZZA



10" Margherita,
rolled fresh in-house when
purchased with a drink
Monday - Friday 12 - 9pm



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