

THE BELFAST
EMPIRE

MAY/JUN 2018





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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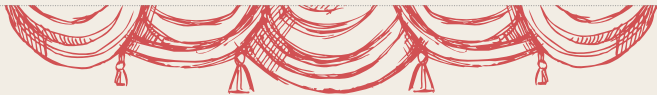
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All patrons must be aged 18 or over.

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Dear all,

Welcome to a bumper edition of the Line-Up!
You know what this means, plenty for everyone, no matter what
your taste! We've big football in the form of
The World Cup tournament, we've big Comedy every
Tuesday throughout and big entertainment every night
of the week in the Empire Basement.

Then there's the touring acts. Country Noir superstar
LINDI ORTEGA, and the mighty DAVID FORD, now with added
JARROD DICKENSON on the bill!

There's two great fundraisers with the MEN ON THE HILL and
BALLROOM BLITZ supporting local Special Olympians and
The Eilish Degnan Trust respectively, great causes both!
We've local line-ups from GIFTED and a Music Hall show
from our Sunday night saviour KEN HADDOCK.

That and shows from THE SKALLIONS, JEALOUS OF THE
BIRDS, HUE & CRY....whatever the weather outside,
you're sure of a hot night in the Empire!

As always, I remain yours,

Fitty *h.h.*





EVERY NIGHT IN THE BAR

ENTERTAINMENT

SUN

10PM

KEN HADDOCK SUPPERCLUB

MON

10PM

THE RARE AUL STUFF

TUE

11PM

DISCOBEARD

THU

10.30PM

RAB MCCULLOUGH & BAND

FRI

5.30PM

JACKIE RAINEY

FRI

10.30PM

100% FRESH ROOTS

SAT

10.30PM

**LIVE
ROCK
& SOUL**

5 MAY THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS

12 & 19 MAY STRICTLY NO BALLROOM

26 MAY THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS

2 JUN THE BREAKFAST CLUB

9 JUN THE RENEGADES

16 & 23 JUN ... ARMS OF VENUS DE MILO

30 JUN MOTHERS LITTLE HELPERS

**LATE BAR | FREE ADMISSION | 7 NIGHTS A WEEK
FOOD SERVED MON-SAT 12-9PM SUN 12.30-6PM**

FRIDAYS | 10.30PM



100% FRESH ROOTS

ORIGINAL ARTISTS PLAYING THEIR OWN MUSIC & MORE!

4 MAY	THE EL DUDE BROTHERS	1 JUN	MONGREL STATE
11 MAY	LONESOME GEORGE	8 JUN	LONESOME GEORGE
18 MAY	UNHOLY GOSPEL BAND	15 JUN	CHRIS KEYS BAND
25 MAY	THE VIBES	22 JUN	UNHOLY GOSPEL BAND
		29 JUN	THE MOONSHINES



COMEDY TUESDAY



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

8PM

£8/£7 STUDENT



THE BELFAST
EMPIRE
MUSIC HALL



ALPHA MALE TEA PARTY

BOSCO RAMOS | BICURIOS
WILLOWARE JACKSON | SHIZZNIGH DJ

WED 2 MAY | 8.30PM | £6

ALPHA MALE TEA PARTY place themselves somewhere between Paramore and your dad's record collection and have just released a new album. The new album is called Droids, and a lot of people like it, including Total Guitar and Rock Sound.

We hope you like ALPHA MALE TEA PARTY as well. We think you might if you're into bands like Three Trapped Tigers and Adebisi Shank.

"Tear-jerkingly beautiful... furious, and all in all, it's pure, 18-carat fun. Fun is never a bad thing, right?" – 8/10 Rock Sound



THU 3 MAY | 9PM | £3

MOSMO STRANGE
MUNKY
PART TIME PILOTS
FERALS

MOSMO STRANGE are simply one of the hardest working bands in the county, and it shows – you'll be hard pressed to find a tighter, groovier four piece for miles around. Mosmo Strange want to make you dance, and we're going to let them.

MUNKY explore the hitherto neglected genre of Grunge-Disco, while PART TIME PILOTS are working on their EP follow-up to both their albums. The line-up is completed by FERALS, definitely ones to watch. And all for the low, low price of three quid!





MACK FLEETWOOD

SAT 5 MAY | 8.30PM | £12

Ireland's finest tribute to one of the biggest bands ever returns to the Belfast Empire, in what's bound to be another sell-out spectacular. Emerging from the 60s as the world's best white blues outfit, the classic era of Fleetwood Mac formed around Lyndsey Buckingham and Stevie Nicks, giving us the canonical Rumours.

Excess, heartbreak, redemption and reformation, Fleetwood Mac's story is interpreted lovingly by the Dublin based-six piece. No matter what your favourite ear, there's something for every fan of the group that helped define the 70s.



HUE & CRY

SUN 6 MAY | 8PM | £25

We're chuffed to be able to announce that HUE & CRY, postponed earlier on this year due to inclement weather, has been rescheduled. It's a rare chance to see the Scottish duo in action in such an intimate venue, and while all tickets for the original show remain valid, there's still a few left if you're quick enough!

HUE & CRY were one of the proponents of the Blue-Eyed Soul movement, bothering the charts with such classics as Looking for Linda, and Labour of Love. Further albums would see them explore jazz, world and art rock, never compromising, and continuing to play the music they love.



MEN ON THE HILL

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES FUNDRAISER

THU 10 MAY | 8.30PM | £5

MEN ON THE HILL are a six piece indie-rock band, brought together not in the bars of Belfast or the practise rooms of the back streets, but at the school gates. They all had children in the same class, and randomly discovered a shared love of live music.

First performing in 2013, the band have developed their skills together and will be playing their biggest show to date in the Belfast Empire. This is a fundraiser for a very special cause – all proceeds from the night will go on to help three young athletes, Kirsty, Lucia and Sophie, compete in the Dublin Special Olympics.



DIRTY DC

SAT 12 MAY | 8.30PM | £13

We can't get enough of AC/DC here in the Empire - loud, catchy and what other band can survive Axl Rose having to do lead vocals from a giant throne? That's why we love DIRTY DC – simply the best tribute to Australia's biggest band about.

Still going strong after 45 years, AC/DC are responsible for some of the seminal albums of the whole genre of rock and roll. DIRTY DC bring the love that only true fans of the band have to a high octane hell-ride through the antipodean outfit's back catalogue.

From Thunderstruck to Rock and Roll Train, DIRTY DC never fail to entertain.



DAVID FORD JARROD DICKENSON

FRI 18 MAY | 7.30PM | £14.50

Returning to the Empire, DAVID FORD has since proven himself one of the great voices of this early part of the 21st century. His one man show, aided only by the tasteful use of the loop pedal, has taken him around the world and back, honing his craft and reflected in his latest album *Animal Spirits*, due this May.

The tour kicks off in the Belfast Empire, as part of the BBC Biggest Weekend Fringe extravaganza. This new album takes on board David's view of love, loss and rage, while adding a wry wit and eye for social commentary that wouldn't appear out of place on an Elvis Costello album.



THE SKALLIONS

ELECTRIC OCTOPUS | BELWOOD

SAT 19 MAY | 8.30PM | £6

Belfast's finest ska-reggae fusion outfit, THE SKALLIONS (think more 'skahallions' than spring onions) will be playing their biggest headline show to date in the hallowed Music Hall at the Empire. Covers, classics and new material all combine into a heady stew of good times and dancing feet, from the energetic dancing machine.

Support comes from Electric Octopus, who are currently on a massive tour of Europe, and brand new melodic punk outfit Belwood, who cite early Green Day and Husker Du as influences.



JUSTIN CURRAN

THE HIGH LONESOME

SUN 20 MAY | 7.30PM | £10

Splitting his time between the idyllic Lake District and the micro-climate of the Channel Islands, Belfast native JUSTIN CURRAN has returned to the land of his birth to launch his new album. Taking Neil Young, Bob Dylan and Merle Haggard as his cue, he's written a country-rock album that's simply stirring in its honesty.

While the songs may seem somewhat black on the surface, it's a case of still waters running deep as Justin brings some of his trademark humour and warmth to the table, ably backed by his very own band Fossilised Bourbon. Copies of his new album will be available to purchase on the night.



JEALOUS OF THE BIRDS

OWEN LAMONT BAND | SUSIE BLUE

WED 23 MAY | 8.30PM | £7

The vehicle for singer-songwriter Naomi Hamilton, JEALOUS OF THE BIRDS have many touchstones – indie, folk, the angular beauty of post-punk – which have combined to find this prodigiously talented young lady at the heart of a storm of quiet hype.

With a deal just signed with the legendary Atlantic Records and a spot at the prestigious Great Escape Festival in Brighton, things are definitely looking bright for JEALOUS OF THE BIRDS – we think you'll do very well to catch them in the intimate surroundings of the Empire before it's too late.



SO:NI

SOUNDS OF NORTHERN IRELAND

LIVE : LOUD : LOCAL

THU 24 MAY | 8.30PM | £5

THE BBC BIGGEST WEEKEND FRINGE!

MONKEY BATH

MOSA (MIND OPEN SOUL AWAKE)

AVERAGE SWINE

KID TRENCH

THU 14 JUN | TO BE ANNOUNCED

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CHRIS CORNELL ANNIVERSARY SHOW
HARD ROCK COLLECTIVE | THE YEAR GRUNGE BROKE

SUN 27 MAY | 7PM | FREE

KEN HADDOCK SUNDAY SUPPER CLUB
MUSIC HALL SPECIAL

SAT 2 JUN | 8.30PM | £10
PLEASUREDOME SCHOOL'S OUT

SUN 3 JUN | 7PM | £16
LINDI ORTEGA

THU 7 JUN | 7PM | £19
THE MAGIC NUMBERS MARSHALL & MORRISSEY

SAT 9 JUN | 8.30PM | £12
TINA: SIMPLY THE BEST REBECCA O'CONNOR

SUN 10 JUN | 7.30PM | £14
ROLO TOMASSI HORNETS | NO GREAT LOSS

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ANNIVERSARY SHOW

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THE YEAR GRUNGE BROKE

HARD ROCK COLLECTIVE

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Chris Cornell was the voice behind the massive Soundgarden, and Audioslave. With one of the most powerful voices of modern times, and tunes like Black Hole Sun, Jesus Christ Pose and Cochise, his talent is much mourned.

THE YEAR GRUNGE BROKE have become well known for their Chris Cornell and Soundgarden shows, taking them the length and breadth of the county to universal acclaim. They're joined on the night with the fantastic HARD ROCK COLLECTIVE who provide a live and loud crash course in the basics of Grunge rock and all things plaid.



FIFA WORLD CUP
RUSSIA 2018

SHOWING ALL THE
LIVE ACTION
ON BIG SCREENS

MATCH
BURGER &
FRIES £6

ADD BACON & CHEESE £2

ADD PINT £3.50





PLEASUREDOME SCHOOL'S OUT

SAT 2 JUN | 8.30PM | £10

It's back. And this time it's seasonal...

Summer PLEASUREDOME is the best. Think Club Tropicana. Think Miami Vice. Think Goose and Maverick playing Volleyball in their shorts. That's the sort of thing you like, isn't it?

Ahem. Anyway, join Maurice Jay, the PLEASUREDOME and all the regulars for what's become the go-to night for anyone who loves a bitta yacht rock, Top of the Pops classics and the odd power ballad thrown in for good measure.

Dressing up isn't mandatory, though it might as well be!

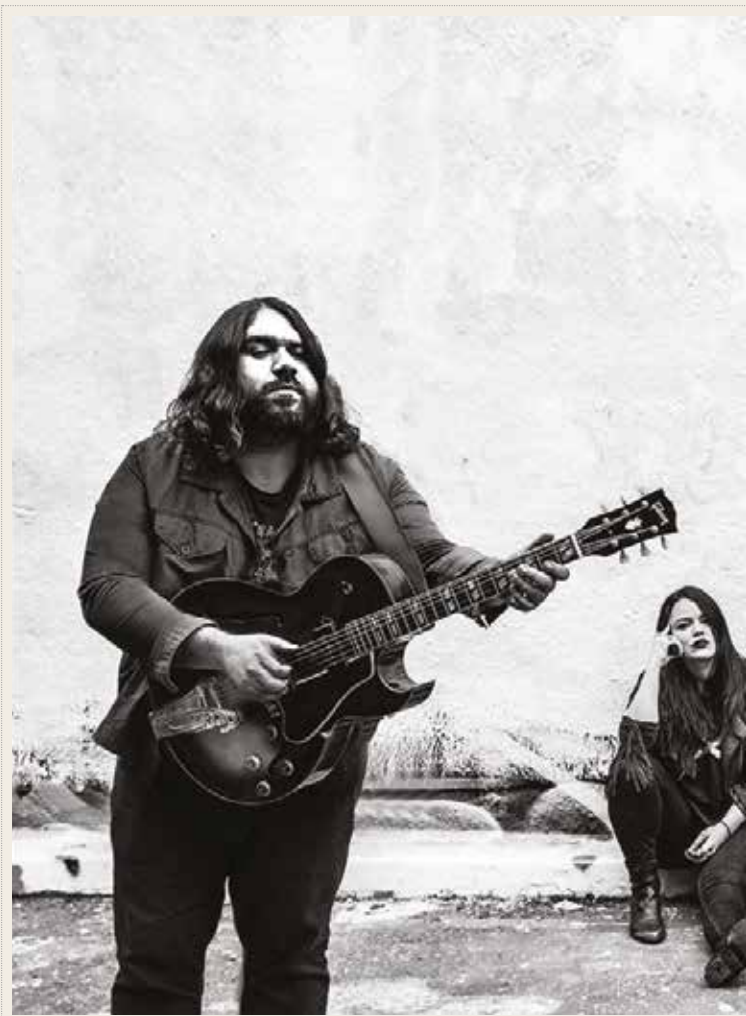


LINDI ORTEGA

SUN 3 JUN | 7PM | £16

Liberty is the name of LINDI ORTEGA's new album, seeing her take on board the wide open skies and pedal steel of the old West, with Ennio Morricone's influence never far away. This 'cowboy noir' masterpiece has netted the Canadian songstress universal acclaim and added to her cult status.

An Empire favourite, Lindi returns as part of her massive European tour in support of Liberty. If you like a dash of Cash, Emmy Lou Harris and Dolly Parton, alongside a hefty dose of Tarantino or Lynch, Lindi's your lady.



THE MAGIC NUMBERS MORRISSEY & MARSHALL

THU 7 JUN | 7.30PM | £19

In the early days of the new Millennium, two sets of siblings combined to form THE MAGIC NUMBERS. Championed by the Chemical Brothers and signed to Heavenly, they soon found themselves in the centre of a swarm of hype, based around the divine Hymn for Her single.

Fortunately this was not a case of style over substance, and their self-titled debut was a massive dose of summery good times and perfect festival fodder. THE MAGIC NUMBERS continue their harmonious path through the modern indie landscape, leading right up to this intimate show in the Empire!





REBECCA O'CONNOR

AS TINA - SIMPLY THE BEST

SAT 9 JUN | 8.30PM | £12

Just listen to the timeless production of River Deep, Mountain High. The build, the Spector 'wall of sound' and the voice of Tina Turner. It's, frankly, peerless and remains a staple in Tina's set to this day, 50 years on! And that's just the start – throughout the 60s, 70s and 80s Tina Turner helped define soul music.

SIMPLY THE BEST is REBECCA O'CONNOR's tribute to the Queen of Rock and Roll. There's no backing tracks or miming here, only the raw power of a 100% live band behind Rebecca's formidable lungs. Fresh from a tour of Botswana and South Africa, Rebecca is Simply the Best.



ROLO TOMASSI

HORNETS | NO GREAT LOSS

SUN 10 JUN | 7.30PM | £14

It's hard to believe it's nearly 15 years since ROLO TOMASSI burst onto the live music scene in a flurry of busted guitar strings and split lips. Their formidable live reputation, aided by a series of shows that verged on the unhinged, marked them as ones to watch. The debut album wowed critics across the board, and a career was born.

Playing by their own rules and remaining true to the classic DIY aesthetics, ROLO TOMASSI have carved themselves an enviable niche in the 21st century music scene, with the fury of The Fall and musicianship of Sun Ra. Essential stuff for fans of 65DoS and Gallops.



DANNY BRYANT

WED 13 JUN | 7.30PM | £15

2017 was a BIG year for DANNY BRYANT, with the release of his massive live album, cementing his ascendance into the premier league of classic British Blues guitarists. Those are some pretty large shoes to fill, but Danny's been wielding his axe from the age of 15, and supported everyone from Carlos Santana to Joe Cocker since.

New album *Revelation* was a difficult one for Danny, dealing with depression and bereavement, but has proven to be one of his best received albums yet. He's touring with his big band, and wants you to be part of the spectacle.



UK SUBS

BUCK EEJIT | CONFRONTATION TIME DJ TERRI HOOLEY

SAT 16 JUN | 8.30PM | £20

Punk never died. It might have a mortgage and a couple of kids at university, but scratch the surface of an old trooper and the filth and the fury still remains.

UK SUBS practically invented street punk, surfing the first wave of the spirit of 77 and giving us the classic *Down on the Farm*, famously covered by no less than GnR.

With over 26 studio albums, a similar number of 'official' live albums and a list of ex-band members (including Lars Fredriksen) that would put The Fall to shame, the UK SUBS are true rock and roll survivors.



BALLROOM BLITZ FUNDRAISER

FRI 22 JUN | 8.30PM | £10

BALLROOM BLITZ are Northern Ireland's premier live 70s and Glam Rock tribute, playing the best of Bowie, The Sweet and T-Rex for this wonderful charity. The Eilish Degnan Cancer Foundation was formed by Eilish's family following their mother's passing to raise funds for children and their families affected by terminal cancer, in order to give comfort and respite from this horrible condition.

The money raised on this night will go towards funding nights out and special events for children who face life-changing conditions who otherwise might not get to experience what we take for granted.



RAISED ON ROCK

SAT 23 JUN | 8.30PM | £10

Easily one of the most popular bands here at the Empire, RAISED ON ROCK are simply the finest local hard rock and metal musicians playing the finest in metal and hard rock. It's so easy.

From AC/DC through to Zeppelin, Free to Springsteen, it's a thrill-ride along the highway to hell that is our dark mistress, Rock and Roll. Nearly two hours of the finest fist-punching, formation clapping, crowd surfing (careful now) night out you could ever wish for.

RAISED ON ROCK will raise the roof!

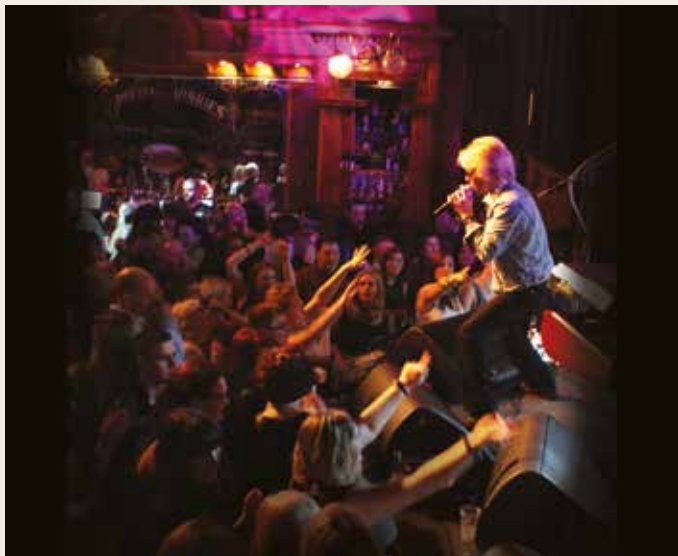


JOSHUA BURNSIDE

FRI 29 JUN | 8.30PM | £7

We're chuffed to be able to host the mighty JOSHUA BURNSIDE's EP launch for *The Light All Around Said*. Previous release *Black Dog Sin* gained airtime from the likes of Lauren Lavern and Gideon Coe, which earned him an acclaimed US tour and the Northern Ireland Music Prize for his subsequent debut album.

With a hint of afrobeat, stuttering guitar loops, dark matter and love and death, Joshua's onstage persona is as darkly compelling as his recorded work. 'It makes you glad to have a pair of working ears' - Phil Taggart, BBC Radio 1



THE BON JOVI EXPERIENCE

SAT 30 JUN | 8.30PM | £12

You've got to hold on, to what we've got! And what we've got here is a real live wire, the best BON JOVI EXPERIENCE short of seeing the native New Jersey dweller himself, a rare enough event at the best of times. That's right, the only Bon Jovi tribute band to have played with the man himself make a welcome return to the Empire Music Hall for what's bound to be another sell out blue collar gig! With the approval of Mr Avril Lavigne (Chad Kroeger) and the most authentic equipment that money can buy, front man Tony has appeared as his idol on several TV appearances and has been playing the music of Bon Jovi for well over 20 years. Get the denim on, the fists pumping and the singalong going for a sweaty night of classic rock anthems.

COMING UP...



THE BOSS UK

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY

SAT
7 JUL
8.30PM | £13



NEW PAGANS

CATALAN | SISTER GHOST

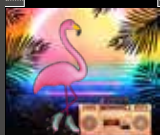
SAT
21 JUL
8.30PM | £7



LEGEND

A TRIBUTE TO BOB MARLEY

SAT
4 AUG
8.30PM | £12



MAURICE JAY'S

Pleasuredome

SUMMER SPECIAL

SAT
11 AUG
8.30PM | £10



STEVEN PAGE

MON
13 AUG
7.30PM | £25



The roadhouse doors

SAT
18 AUG
8.30PM | £12

AND MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED...

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DRINK OFFERS

OF THE MONTH



BOURBON

JIM BEAM APPLE

SINGLE & MIXER

£4.95

DOUBLE & MIXER

£6.95

SUN - THU



BOURBON

JIM BEAM DOUBLE OAK

SINGLE & MIXER

£4.95

DOUBLE & MIXER

£6.95

SUN - THU



BEER

ADNAMS GHOST SHIP

£3.95



BEER

FOXES ROCK PALE ALE

£3.95



GIN

Malfy Orange
with Fentimans
Mixer

£7.50



GIN

Martin Miller's with
Fentimans Mixer

£7.25



COCKTAIL

Amaretto Sour
Luxardo Amaretto, Lemon juice,
sugar syrup, bitters

£5.95



COCKTAIL

Moscow Mule
Vladivar, Lime juice, ginger beer, bitters

£5.95





KEN HADDOCK'S

SUNDAY SUPPER CLUB

MAY BANK HOLIDAY
MUSIC HALL SPECIAL

SUN 27 MAY | 7PM | FREE ADM

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