



THE BELCAST
EMPIRE

SEP/OCT 2019





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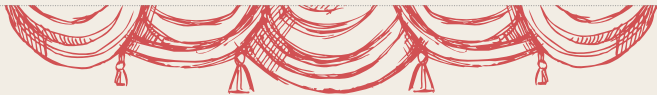
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Dear all,

The nights are closing in and we can all cosy up and get comfortable, with a bumper crop of gigs guaranteed to warm the cockles of your heart.

We've former Orange Juice legend EDWYN COLLINS, touring his new album *Badbea*, an amazing chronicle of recovery and nostalgia. Country and Western superstar in the making CAM calls by as part of her European tour and Dublin wunderkinder THE ACADEMIC.

We've BALLROOM BLITZ paying tribute to sadly missed frontman Paul Rowan, a good friend of The Empire, by playing another great gig in support of the Eilish Degnan Cancer Foundation. Another charity concert celebrates the life of Billy McCoy, and benefits the British Lung Foundation.

There's comedy, covers from THE STYLE COUNCILLORS and MACK FLEETWOOD, and a very special show celebrating 21 years of RAB MCCULLOUGH's residency in The Empire Basement!

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	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>
SAT	10.30PM LIVE ROCK & SOUL <div>7 SEP THE PRETTY BOY TOUGH GUYS 14 SEP BLACK MARKET ICONS 21 SEP BLACK MARKET ICONS 28 SEP MOTHERS LITTLE HELPERS 5 OCT ARMS OF VENUS DE MILO 12 OCT ARMS OF VENUS DE MILO 19 OCT THE MOONSHINES 26 OCT STRICTLY NO BALLROOM</div>

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!

6 SEP **THE UNHOLY
GOSPEL BAND**

4 OCT **THE UNHOLY
GOSPEL BAND**

13 SEP **THE MOONSHINES**

11 OCT **DAMIEN MCERLEAN**

20 SEP **HOT SAUSAGE
& MUSTARD**

18 OCT **THE VIBES**

27 SEP **LONESOME GEORGE**

25 OCT **LONESOME GEORGE**



CAM

SAM WILLIAMS

SUN 1 SEP | 7PM | SOLD OUT

Camaron Marvel Ochs, better known to her fans as CAM started her appreciation for Country and Western at her Uncle's ranch, before starting a vocal group at university, and learning the guitar in Nepal. She turned her back on a promising career in academia to pursue her first love - music.

With a sparkling career as a songwriter, knocking hits out of the ballpark for the likes of Sam Smith and Miley Cyrus. Cam's solo style is as much influenced by Joni Mitchell as Johnny Cash, and has since released two well received albums, with a third on the way.



THU 5 SEP | 9PM | £3

FERALS

FIERCE PIT BOSSES

STEVEN VX & THE ART RATS
VALE



Birthered on the North Coast and honed in Belfast, FERALS' leftfield alternative rock leanings have been winning them fans throughout the local music scene, alongside plaudits from the Thin Air, ATL and Joe.ie. essential stuff for fans of ASIWFYA, Biffy and QOTSA.



Support comes from Donegal based folk-punk crossover FIERCE PIT BOSSES, STEVEN VX & THE ART RATS and up and coming outfit VALE, who's frontman has been compared to Freddie Mercury. Gifted is Belfast's longest running regular band showcase.



THU 3 OCT | 9PM | £3

PAPER TIGERS

SIT TIGHT

CLOAKROOM Q

LONELY ASTRONAUTS



PAPER TIGERS aren't here to mess around. A jagged five piece power punk outfit formed around the nucleus of livewire vocalist Megan Sylvan, the Belfast outfit are definitely going places with their biggest headline show to date.

SIT TIGHT, CLOAKROOM Q's and PANDORA ILLS complete another amazing Gifted line-up!



RAB MCCULLOUGH BAND

CELEBRATING 21 YEARS AT THE EMPIRE KATMANDU & GUESTS

SAT 7 SEP | 8.30PM | £7

RAB MCCULLOUGH is part of the fabric of the Empire Basement. He's been playing every Thursday, more or less, for 21 years. That's longer than Posh and Becks have been a couple. Or older than Hit Me Baby One More Time.

Which we think deserves a party. We're moving Rab upstairs and he's bringing a bunch of his best friends with him to make a night of it. And with Rab's phone book to hand you know these special guests will be very special indeed, including a rare gig from the legendary Katmandu.



SO:NI

SOUNDS OF NORTHERN IRELAND

FRI 13 SEP | 8.30PM | £5

LIVE
LOUD
LOCAL



THE STYLE COUNCILLORS

SAT 14 SEP | 8.30PM | £15

Grab your cappuccino and don your Breton top, as the ultimate tribute to Weller's other band make their Empire Music Hall debut.

Formed in 2013 by Darren Fletcher (who's graced the stage with Weller's own band) and featuring the Bad Manners Horn Section, funk and soul vocalist Dani Clay and Craig Read, THE STYLE COUNCILLORS recreate the musicianship and style of Weller's most underrated period.

Shout to the Top, Walls Come Tumbling Down & You're the Best Thing – the Style Council introduced a generation to a more sophisticated take on new wave.



EDWYN COLLINS

GABI GARBUTT & THE ILLUMINATIONS

SUN 15 SEP | 7.30PM | £24

Co-founder of unlikely pop idols Orange Juice as well as the legendary Postcard Records, EDWYN COLLINS' pedigree was beyond reproach, even before the massive Britpop smash *A Girl Like You* in 1995 made him a household name.

Inspired by his return to the village where his grandfather lived, his new album, *Badbea* is an inspiring mix of Northern Soul stompers, reflective melancholia and relentless positivity, with all Collins' trademark ear for a pop hook. Bonafide legend and inspiration.



SAINT SISTER

THU 19 SEP | 8PM | £16

Formed in 2014, SAINT SISTER will be playing their biggest headline tour to date for one of the most talked about bands in Ireland. Debut single Madrid was playlist on Radio 1, RTE and across Europe and saw them shortlisted for the prestigious Choice Prize.

Festival appearances at Electric Picnic and Latitude and support slots with everyone from Hozier to The National pay tribute to their live chops. Essential stuff for fans of Clannad, the Staves and Kate Bush.



CLOUDBUSTING

THE MUSIC OF KATE BUSH

SAT 21 SEP | 7.30PM | £22.50

Just passed 60, Kate Bush is the true definition of a national treasure. Topping the UK charts at the fresh age of 19 with the unique *Wuthering Heights*, Kate's eccentricities and disregard for the rules of songwriting saw her blossom as an alternative to the gloss of the 80s.

CLOUDBUSTING push the definition of what a tribute can do, winning over new converts and letting the quality shine through. With a set that covers all of Kate's acclaimed albums, this is a rare chance to hear songs like *Hounds of Love*, *Wuthering Heights* and *Babooshka* performed live on stage.



THE LOGUES

THU 26 SEP | 8.30PM | £12.50

Acclaimed as the 'most progressive folk band in Ireland', THE LOGUES, hailing from the sleepy town of Castlederg, Country Tyrone have done more to shape modern trad than any other band. It's relatively easy to make a small fortune farting out the standards for the tourist trade, but THE LOGUES are an exception to the rule, as proven by the release of hit singles I Don't Love You at All and Home.

From Donegal to Dubai, the band have taken their tunes across the globe, already drawing comparisons to the Chieftains and the Dubliners. The five piece effortlessly combine folk-rock and trad, owning the stage the way only an experienced outfit can.



ASLAN

FRI 27 & SAT 28 SEP | 8PM | £20

Are you ready to feel old? ASLAN's *Goodbye Charlie Moonhead* was released in 1994 – a quarter of a century ago. The exuberant and anthemic album catapulted ASLAN into the big time and saw them lauded as the 'next U2'. With unforgettable singles like *Crazy Wold* and *Where's the Sun*, the album was a vindication following a period of inter-band turmoil which saw them dismissed by certain corners of the music press. They were more than happy to prove them wrong.

Fresh from a massive sell-out show in Dublin's Iveagh Gardens, ASLAN's intimate Empire Music Hall dates are unmissable.

AT A GLANCE...

EVERY TUE | 8PM | £10/£8 PAY AT THE DOOR
EMPIRE LAUGHS BACK COMEDY CLUB

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THE ACADEMIC

THU 10 OCT | 7.30PM | £17.50

JAKE CLEMONS

SAT 12 OCT | 8PM | £17+BKG

BIRD ON A WIRE LEONARD COHEN SONGBOOK

MON 14 OCT | 7PM | £10

A NIGHT FOR BILLY MCCOY

FRI 18 OCT | 8.30PM | £15

LA DAME BLANCHE

SAT 19 OCT | 8.30PM | £12

UK GUNS N ROSES

THU 24 OCT | 8PM | £15+BKG

LANKUM

SAT 26 OCT | 8.30PM | £13

MACK FLEETWOOD

SUN 27 OCT | 7PM | £14.50

DAVID FORD ABE PARTRIDGE

WED 30 OCT | 7PM | £20

KRIS BARRAS BAND

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TOM BAXTER

WED 2 OCT | 7PM | £17.50

Writer, painter, singer, songwriter TOM BAXTER is on the verge of something massive - mellow without being bland, tuneful, yet edgy. He joins us this autumn for an intimate evening of 'stories and song'.

Tom effortlessly blends elements of jazz and blues with compelling results, adding hypnotic double bass and grandiose orchestral arrangements.

Wearing his heart on his sleeve and penning songs of unparalleled candour Tom connects with the audience with a sound both sweeping and intimate, universal yet personal.



BALLROOM BLITZ CHARITY 70'S SPECTACULAR

FRI 4 OCT | 7.30PM | £10

BALLROOM BLITZ are Northern Ireland's premier live 70's 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 in order to raise funds for children and their families affected by terminal cancer, in order to give comfort and respite from this horrible condition.

BALLROOM BLITZ have agreed to continue to support the night following the tragic death of lead singer Paul Rowan, and with the blessing of his family, hope you'll be able to come down and remember his life and love of live music.



PLEASUREDOME ROCKTOBER

SAT 5 OCT | 8.30PM | £11

I'm sure that the 80's were barely over before the first 80's revival party was thrown - and who could blame them? With proper teen movies, with proper soundtracks and proper stars (whatever happened to Molly Ringwald, people?) it was a halcyon time. The Rocktober special focuses on the days when the Hair Farmers walked the earth, rock bands wore spandex instead of jeans and makeup instead of a scowl. Whether you were there, and had the legwarmers, shoulder-pads and make-up (and that was just the boys) or missed out the first time, Maurice Jay's PLEASUREDOME recreates the hits, the misses and stolen kisses of the age of the power ballad, complete with full band and dancers!



THE ACADEMIC

WED 9 OCT | 8PM | £18

Fresh from a sold out gig in Dublin's Iveagh Gardens, things are on the up for the indie rock four piece. Formed at secondary school (appropriately enough) the band's debut album cemented a buzz based around a great ear for a hook and melodies by the big feckin bag full.

Tales from the Backseat lifted numerous rave reviews and a coveted nomination for the choice music awards. Album number two might be a while off yet, but you can still join THE ACADEMIC on their trip to the top at this intimate full-band show.



JAKE CLEMONS

THU 10 OCT | 7.30PM | £17.50

You might be familiar with the name. That's because this talented young man has stepped into some mighty big shoes by taking over his Uncle's role in a little-bitty outfit called the E-Street Band. But Jake's not just the nephew of Clarence Clemons, rather a vital talent in his own right.

It's been a big year for Jake with a new album due to drop in September, heralded by a timely cover of Leonard Cohen's *Democracy*. The last time he was with us was a pretty damn special night, so we're thrilled to have him here for a rare Irish performance.



BIRD ON THE WIRE

LEONARD COHEN SONGBOOK

SAT 12 OCT | 8PM | £17+BKG

We all miss Leonard Cohen, with his twisted, sexy view on the darker side of life, his humanity and warmth, the promise that there is a crack in everything, the hope that democracy is coming. Cohen was no regular artist, and we think you'll agree that no regular tribute will suffice.

Step forward Pauline Scanlon & The Whileaways. Bringing a ten piece tribute to the stage is no mean feat, but when you consider that we have the cream of Irish musos, Cohen fans all, playing tribute to the master, this adds up to an unmissable night.



A NIGHT FOR BILLY MCCOY

MON 14 OCT | 7PM | £10

A fundraiser for the British Lung Foundation in honour of the sadly missed Billy McCoy.

An amazing line-up comprising some of Billy's friends and fellow musicians, including Flash Harry, Sweet Trev and the Blue Notes, Sam Davidson's Taste, Light, Apartment, Otis and the Elevators, Ronnie Greer, John McCullough, Nick Scott, Ken Haddock, Gareth Dunlop, Billy McCoy All Star Band.

An amazing line-up for a brilliant cause.



LA DAME BLANCHE

FRI 18 OCT | 8.30PM | £15

Cuba's LA DAME BLANCHE (the White Lady) will be performing in the Empire Music Hall as part of the Belfast International Arts Festival. The daughter of Buena La Vista Social Club founder member and artistic director Jesus "Aguaje" Ramos, Yaite Ramos has been forging her own path, combining the sounds of her youth with reggae, dancehall and cambria.

A classically trained flautist, Yaite has often performed with her father, though her own path is more urban, focusing on her mixed heritage and themes of identity and myth. And having a great time while she's at it!



UK GUNS N ROSES

SAT 19 OCT | 8.30PM | £12

When UK GUNS N ROSES promise a lead singer able to deliver the exact same unique vocal style and stage show synonymous with Axl Rose, they mean the voice, the aggression and presence, not his less punctual antics. And with full backing from the serious musicians that make up Slash, Izzy, et al, they're guaranteed to deliver.

Taking you back to the classic days of the most dangerous band in the whole world, there's a loving tribute to the band's late 80's glory days, and maybe something off Chinese Democracy too. Dust off the denim, dig out the bandana and stock up on the Jack as you lap up the world's most dangerous tribute band...



LANKUM

THU 24 OCT | 8PM | £15+BKG

Dublin folk misfits LANKUM have been earning some pretty impressive plaudits since their debut album *Cold Old Fire* dropped in 2014.

The Guardian called them 'the most convincing folk outfit to emerge from Ireland in years' while Mark Radcliffe said 'They do mark a turning point in folk... that authentic voice of the streets is back in a big way.'

Anarchic, energetic and with a radical conscience at their core, LANKUM sing the old songs in new ways.



MACK FLEETWOOD

SAT 26 OCT | 8.30PM | £13

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 60's 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 era, there's something for every fan of the group that helped define the 70s.



DAVID FORD

ABE PARTRIDGE

SUN 27 OCT | 7PM | £14.50

Returning to the Belfast 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.

David's view of love, loss and rage have netted him international plaudits and awards while his wry wit and eye for social commentary wouldn't appear out of place on an Elvis Costello album.



KRIS BARRAS BAND

WED 30 OCT | 7PM | £20

A cracking booking from the good folks at SD Entertainment, with the amazing KRIS BARRAS BAND hitting the Empire Music Hall this spooky season.

One of the real up and coming outfits of recent years, Kris and Co. are a must for all fans of classic blues rock, and we know there's more than a few of you out there.

Belfast has embraced the Blues, what with Gary Moore and Rory Gallagher, and if that's your thing, Kris will be right down your street.

DRINK OFFERS

OF THE MONTH



BOURBON



JIM BEAM RED STAG

SINGLE & MIXER

£4.95

DOUBLE & MIXER

£6.95

SUN - THU



BOURBON



JIM BEAM DEVIL'S CUT

SINGLE & MIXER

£4.95

DOUBLE & MIXER

£6.95

SUN - THU



BEER



BOYNE BREWHOUSE
PALE ALE

£3.95



ADNAMS
GHOST SHIP

£3.95

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Harpenny
Rhubarb
with Fentimans Mixer

£7.50



Jawbox
Pineapple & Ginger
with Fentimans Mixer

£7.50

COCKTAIL



Empire Whiskey Sour

Jim Beam Bourbon, Lemon, Sugar

£5.95



COCKTAIL

Toffee Apple Martini

Licor 43, Stolichka Vodka, Apple Juice

£5.95



COMEDY TUESDAY



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

8PM

£10/£8 STUDENT



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