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The NATIONAL  
CIRCUS FESTIVAL  
of  
IRELAND

TRALEE  
CIRCUS  
FESTIVAL

22<sup>ND</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup>

NOVEMBER

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Hello and welcome to the Tralee Circus Festival, the National Circus Festival of Ireland. This year's programme is a very exciting one and features the Irish premiere of the unmissable show "chez Leandre". All of this on top of 3 days of shows, a festival club, a circus convention, an amazing parade, a circus-themed visual arts exhibition and a full adult and children's workshop programme. So unleash your inner clown and be part of this emerging, vibrant festival!

Con Horgan  
Festival Director



**SELL OUT TOUR**

**LORDS OF STRUT**

The Lords of Strut present their new theatre show "Sell Out Tour." Rocking acrobatics and kick ass dance routines, even their own range of Man Beauty Products ! Absurd and surreal comedy from Ireland's hardest working man-band.

Two brothers, Famous Seamus and Sean-tastic, bonded by the technicolour illusion of their own celebrity. Scarred by their twisted family relationship. Sometimes all that's left to do is to dance!

They are cocky, they are clueless, and they are delightfully good at it!

**"People used to say we would never make it... all those people can go and SUCK IT!"**

**CONTAINS  
ADULT  
HUMOUR**

**8PM**

**THURSDAY**



**22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER  
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**TICKETS**

**€16/13**

# CHEZ LEANDRE

**\*IRISH PREMIERE\***

**LEANDRE RIBERA**

Leandre Ribera has participated in the world of street theatre festivals for 13 years. In previous shows he tripped over the fine line that separates humour and poetry, discovered drama and public interaction and finally entered the almost forgotten history of traditional clownery. A beautiful, moving family show, Leandre is a clown and the stage his home. You're invited to come in and to play a curious game with him. Come to the Irish Premiere of this delightful visual theatre piece created and performed by one of Europe's top clowns, Leandre. The Catalanian-based Leandre performs a hapless, homeless person in a show that entertains audiences of all ages.

**"I want to be open to surprises. I want to live here, in front of the public, with the public."**

**9PM FRIDAY** ★

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After Chez Leandre, continue your Circus Festival experience by joining us at "Circus Sideshow," a bespoke festival club, where you will be entertained by bands, DJs, performance art and variety entertainers. Bands for this year's event are NanuNanu, electro pop from Dublin, with Bell X1's keyboard player alongside Laura Sheeran. Our second band for the night are the Naildrivers. Playing together for over 10 years to rave reviews, including sharing the stage with such luminaries as The Undertones, Bad Manners and The Selecter.

**"The Festival Club was a highlight of last year's festival and is full of impromptu performances, great music, fab decor and a few surprises!"**

**FESTIVAL CLUB**  
**CIRCUS SIDESHOW**

**10:30<sup>PM</sup> FRIDAY** ★

**23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**CARLTON HOTEL**

**TICKETS**  
**€5**

# CIRCUS SIAMSA

At the heart of the festival is Circus Siamsa a public variety show, held in Siamsa Tíre. This year, as every year, an entirely new show has been created by Fanzini Productions for the good people of Tralee and beyond, bringing the stars of contemporary circus and street performance, magic and variety to the stage in Siamsa. It's a family show, but not just for kids! This year, handpicked acts from Brazil, Portugal, Denmark, Belgium, UK and Ireland will come for one day only to thrill, delight and amaze the lucky audiences who are there to witness this unique spectacle! This show is a highlight of the Circus Festival and is a show not to be missed.

Featuring

## Riuchi

Riuchi develops around a series of short circus acts in which technology, movement and theatre meet to create an innovative stage performance.



To a subtle score perpetually interrupted by spontaneous rhythm, Riuchi employs misdirection, displays a variety of circus skills, and controls cutting-edge light and sound devices whilst transversing genres. He offers compelling moments that renew the perception of what contemporary circus acts can become, hovering deftly between juggling, comedy, dance and magic.

## Spaghe++i Anaëlle

Incredible, high-end contortionist.



## Anonymous Bros.

Picapau and Mantega, two highly skilled circus fools, invite us to have a look into their world. Entertaining us with a fun packed show in which one character tries to outdo the other, creating comical moments, trying to avoid the pitfalls and frustrations which they encounter during the story. From beginning to end of this show they continuously maintain their charming characters, making it a fun ride for all onboard.



## Mattress Circus

Mattress Circus is the journey of three clown acrobats falling, fighting and laughing all the while reaching for new heights. The show is set behind and around a mattress. We use our physical differences to create comedy and surreal images of illusion.



## Club FanJanço

Sara and Davido started working on their plate spinning soon after they met in a training camp in Siberia. At first it was just a way to dry the plates but they soon realised it might be their ticket to stardom. Between them they almost speak 17 European languages - Sara also swears fluently in Swahili and Telugu.



## Toby Walker

A Cirque de Soleil performer in the show Zaza, and regular Gandini Juggler, Toby Walker is a Welsh juggler who started juggling in 1989. He became the first person ever to successfully juggle 5 club mills mess in 1998, extending this feat to 6 clubs in 2011. Toby has been on Luke Burrage's Top 40 Most Popular Jugglers chart every year since it began in 2003.



## Sorcaluba

Sorcaluba is what happens when 3 women with plenty of attitude meet mid-air, bringing laughter and daring tricks on trapeze, hoop and silks to young and old. Flying in the face of conventional street theatre...20 feet off the ground!



## Lords of Strut

Ireland's dancing, hot acrobatic comedy characters Famous Seamus and Seantastic. Two brothers who want nothing more than to be the most famous dancers who ever lived!



**TICKETS**

€12  
each

family of 3  
€30

family of 4  
€40

**2PM & 5PM SATURDAY**

★ **24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
SIAMSA TIRE**

# FESTIVAL PARADE



Join us on Sunday for the festival's closing event spectacular, with LUXe pageant company, as the parade winds through town and finishes outside Siamsa Tíre where there will be a free street show by the Lords of Strut, the Circus Olympics and a host of performers, music and walkabout artists.



**2<sup>PM</sup> SUNDAY**



**25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
TRALEE TOWN CENTER**

**FREE**



## WORKSHOPS & CONVENTION

**Children's Circus workshops:**  
On Saturday and Sunday of the festival, you too can run away with the circus. Learn how to juggle, spin plates, do the hula hoop and throw the diabolo.

Workshops will take place at 11am & 12 noon on both Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th of November in the Carlton Hotel, Tralee.

Places are limited, so book early !

**WORKSHOPS**  
**€6**

For all convention ticket holders, the Circus Convention in the Brandon Hotel, opens its doors from 10am on November 23rd and then throughout the whole festival. This space will come alive with an assortment of hobbyists, performers, entertainers and circus lovers swapping skills, sharing tricks & experiences.

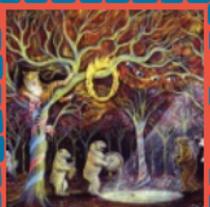
### Convention Ticket

Access to the circus convention, festival club, Friday show, Circus Siamsa 5pm show and all workshops (exc. childrens workshops).

**€36**

# Le Cirque sous la Pluie

ART EXHIBITION



This year's Tralee Circus Festival programme also features a visual art exhibition curated by Áine Ní Chíobháin. Le Cirque sous la Pluie or the circus under the rain is a selection of circus-themed artwork from Ireland and all over the world. The exhibition runs alongside the shows in Síamsa Tíre music room from November 19th to 26th. There will be projected performances and carnival sounds, paintings of jesters, clown street art, giant papier mâché poodles and illustrations of bears performing in a moonlit forest and much more.

The exhibition features work from: Bob O' Cathail, Tom Campbell, Kate Shelly, Orla Breslin, Michael Kelly, Fiona Morgan, Canvaz, No Fit State, Clementine de Chabaneix, Julia Finzel and Tammy Smith.



19<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> NOV ★ SIAMSA TIRE

FREE

8<sup>PM</sup> - SIAMSA TIRE  
LORDS OF STRUT -  
'SELL OUT TOUR'

THURSDAY  
22<sup>ND</sup> NOV

ART EXHIBITION - SIAMSA TIRE  
LE CIRQUE SOUS LA PLUIE

ONGOING  
EVENTS

CIRCUS CONVENTION  
BRANDON HOTEL

PROGRAMME  
AT A  
GLANCE

SUNDAY  
25<sup>TH</sup> NOV

2<sup>PM</sup> - TRALEE TOWN CENTER  
FESTIVAL PARADE

11<sup>AM</sup> & 12<sup>NOON</sup> - CARLTON HOTEL  
CHILDREN'S CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

9<sup>PM</sup> - SIAMSA TIRE  
LEANDRE RIBERA - 'CHEZ LEANDRE'

10.30<sup>PM</sup> - CARLTON HOTEL  
FESTIVAL CLUB - 'CIRCUS SIDESHOW'

FRIDAY  
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## BOOKINGS

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but not as we  
know it!

## FESTIVAL TICKET

WANNA SEE ALL THE SHOWS ?

DON'T BE A CLOWN, SAVE €€€ WITH OUR BARGAIN

FESTIVAL TICKET, WHICH ALLOWS ENTRY TO SHOWS,  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, CIRCUS SIAMSA (IPM SHOW) AND  
THE FESTIVAL CLUB, ALL FOR ONLY €36

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