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AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Celebrating 50 Years of Druid Theatre Company
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Members of the Druid Theatre cast and crew on board the fishing trawler Gullmarn at Galway Docks before their first visit to Inis Meáin, Aran Islands, with The Playboy of the Western World in 1982. From left: Maurice Sheehan, Yannig Guimard, Marie Mullen, Jerome Hynes, Joan Sheehy, Maelíosa Stafford, Séan McGinley, Mary Ryan and David Calvert. Behind are Bríd Brennan (left) and Garry Hynes

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For 50 years, Druid Theatre Company has shaped Irish theatre, bringing groundbreaking productions from the West of Ireland to audiences worldwide. Since its founding in 1975, Druid has reimaged the classics, championed new voices, and toured extensively, all while staying rooted in its Galway home.

From the very beginning, photographer Joe O'Shaughnessy has been there, capturing the essence of Druid's journey. His images document not just performances, but the people, the moments, and the creative energy that have defined the company's legacy. This exhibition brings together a stunning selection of his work, offering a rare visual archive of Druid's evolution over five decades.

Joe O'Shaughnessy's photography is widely recognised for its storytelling power, with numerous national and international awards to his name. His work captures the theatrical and the human, the staged and the spontaneous, preserving the spirit of Druid in every frame.

Joe O'Shaughnessy's *Druid* is a tribute to both the theatre company and the photographer who has chronicled its history with an abiding interest and singular vision.

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Mick Lally and Marie Mullen, 1970s



Cast of The Threepenny Opera - staged for the opening of Druid Theatre's new premises at Chapel Lane (renamed Druid Lane) in the 1970's

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