

## Who are we?

Hysteria Teatar is a Galway-based company dedicated to exploring innovative, experimental, and multidisciplinary works that resonate with contemporary audiences. Committed to delivering dynamic theatrical experiences to Galway, the company seeks to shake up the local theatre scene. HystERia Teatar provides a space for emerging artists to push boundaries, ignite joy, and delve into the human experience. By bridging the gap between amateur and professional opportunities, we provide emerging artists a platform to test their ideas and gain valuable experience.

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HystERia Teatar presents



# TAXI!

Written by Emily Aherne

Directed by Jess Harkin

In a city that never sleeps, some souls are lost forever...



The Mick Lally Theatre, Galway

February 5th, 6th & 7th | 8pm

Tickets: €20 / €18

Book now at [druid.ie](http://druid.ie)

# TAXI!

Step into the life of Matthew, a taxi driver navigating more than just the bustling streets of the city. Through candid encounters with passengers - a mother juggling single parenthood, an estranged lover, and many others - Taxi! Dives right into themes of identity, fate, family and the invisible threads that connect us all. This gripping psychological drama explores how fleeting connections can leave lasting marks. From awkward small talk to deeply touching conversations, this play captures the bittersweet reality of human connection. Yet, as these encounters unravel, Matthew's own struggles come to light, revealing a haunting past that weighs heavily on his mind.

Whether you've ever poured your heart out to a stranger or shared a quiet moment of understanding, Taxi! will resonate deeply. Buckle up for a theatrical ride you won't forget!

## WRITER EMILY AHERNE

Emily Aherne is a theatre maker and producer based in Galway. A graduate of the National University of Ireland, Galway, with an MA in Theatre Practice and Production. She is also the Artistic Director of HystERia Teatar. She has been involved in a variety of productions across Ireland and beyond, with experience spanning directing, producing, and writing. Her latest credits include Directing for "Jezahel" at the Edinburgh Fringe along with a national tour, Assistant Producer for Unspeakable Conversations with Once Off Productions for GIAF 2024, and Producer for WestEnd Hidden Gems for Culture Night 2024.



## DIRECTOR JESS HARKIN

Jess Harkin is a Galway-based Theatre Maker, Director and Creative Producer. Creative Director of Hysteria Teatar and founder of Sóisialta Management. She holds an BA in Performing Arts and an MA in Digital Media from the University of Galway.



Within her work, Jess explores identity and communication through multidisciplinary mediums. She is an award-winning director recognised at the Irish Student Drama Awards and is also a recipient of the Agility Award (2023), Macnas Mentorship Bursary (2024) and Climate Immersion Fellowship (2024-2025). Recent credits include Performance Director at Elftown 2024, Direction Support for Matt & Hat at Dublin Fringe, Producer of Second Draft: A New Musical, Jezahel at Edinburgh Fringe, and WestEnd Hidden Gems for Culture Night 2024.

# CAST



MARK  
O'CONNOR



CONOR  
SHERIDAN



JOHANNA  
LANE



DAGDA  
SEMLER



LAURA  
HUTCHINSON



MALACHY  
DUGGAN



OISÍN  
O'REILLY

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Writer	Emily Aherne
Director	Jess Harkin
Stage Manager	Steffie Weenink
Costume & Make-Up	Tessa Croke and Leigh Greally
Set	Dylan Greaney and Conor Lee
Producers	Jess Harkin, Emily Aherne
Sound	James Boylan
Lighting	Lucy Birmingham
Marketing	Sóisialta Management

## SPECIAL THANKS

The Mick Lally Theatre  
Síomha Nee  
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This is Galway  
Mike O'Halloran  
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Malachy Duggan  
Gary McMahon  
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