

## Who are we?

HystERia is a Galway-based company exploring new and experimental works that engage contemporary audiences, formed in late 2021 for our debut performance of *Not Like Other Girls!* at Galway Theatre Festival. Our company is passionate about bringing exciting theatrical experiences to Galway and is determined to shake up the local theatre scene.

At HystERia, we believe that creativity is an opportunity for people to explore who they are in this world. We want to provide a space where emerging artists can push the boundaries, spark joy & explore what it means to be human. We aim to bridge the gap between amateur and professional opportunities, allowing space for emerging artists to test their idea's and gain experience.

**Artistic Director** Emily Aherne  
**General Manager** Lauren Waite

**Creative Director** Jess Harkin  
**Finance Director** Cassidy Faerrelly

## Coming soon...

### JEZAHEL AT ELECTRIC, GALWAY

Written by Malachy Duggan and directed by HystERia's Emily Aherne is not your average theatrical experience; it is a wild ride through the past, mixing laughter, memories, and the energy of a bygone era.

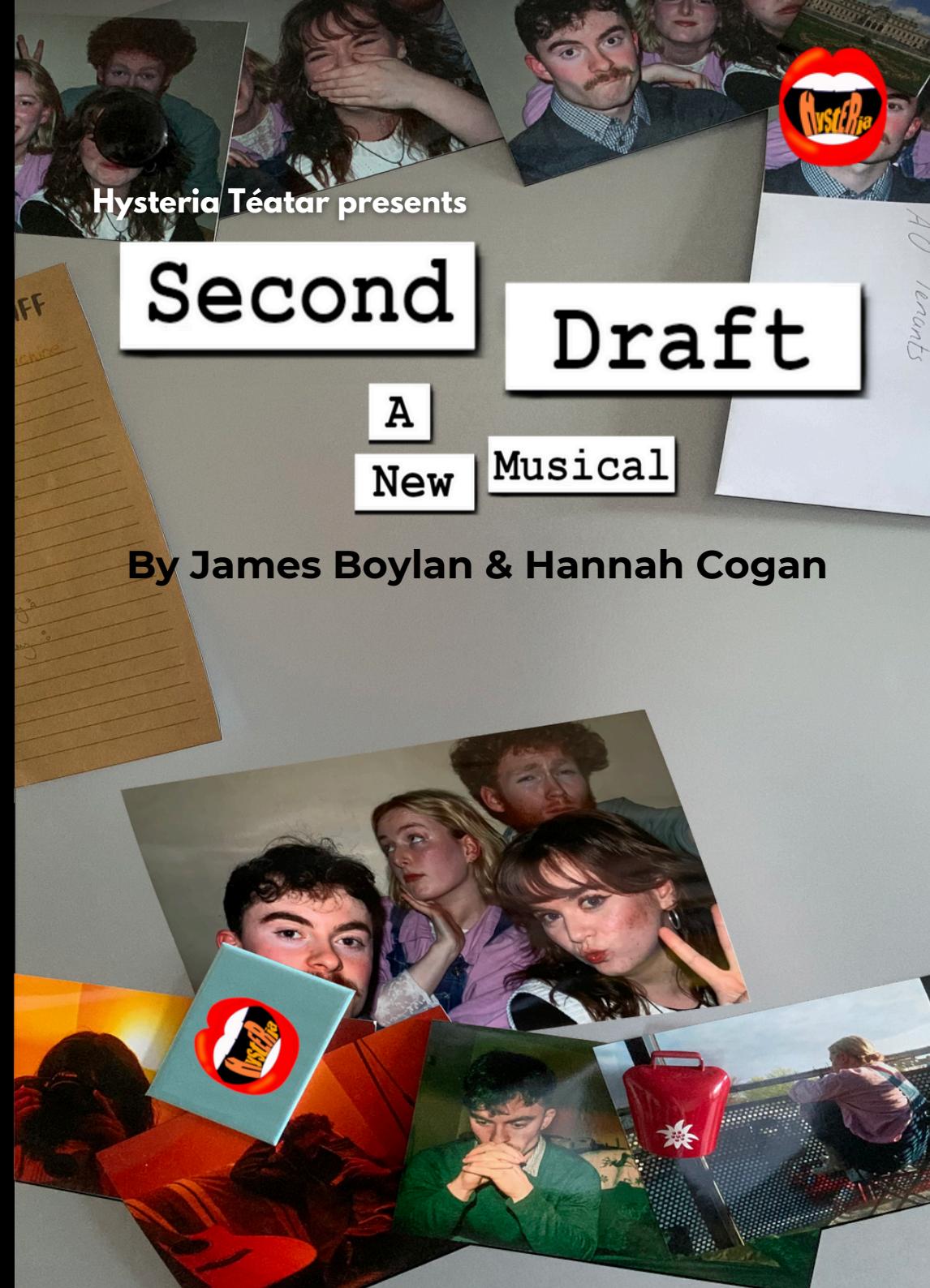
Our first dance on the way to Edinburgh, full play and dancing til late. Includes free entry to Electric after party. Find out more on website!

### JEZAHEL ON TOUR

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Jezahel is going on an international and national tour this summer! Heading to venues in Cork, Dublin, Edinburgh Fringe Festival and more!

Find out more at  
[hysterateatar.com](http://hysterateatar.com)

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# Second Draft

Second Draft, an innovative Irish musical is set to enthrall audiences with its raw authenticity and vibrant storytelling this June at the Mick Lally Theatre. Follow the intertwined lives of Tommy, Grace, Rose and Michael as they grapple with writer's block, procrastination, and the idea of emigration. Their individual quests offer a poignant glimpse into the complex realities of pursuing artistic careers in Ireland. It is both a love letter to and a critique of the vibrant yet tumultuous Irish arts scene.

Drawing inspiration from the experiences of young artists and the wider struggles of youth in Ireland, Second Draft resonates with anyone who has felt the push and pull of staying true to their passion while questioning their path. Through humorous writing and captivating melodies, the four characters reflect a kaleidoscope of thoughts and feelings, embodying the universal struggle of wanting to both escape and embrace the place they call home.

## JAMES BOYLAN

Introducing James Boylan, an emerging Writer, Lyricist, Dramaturg, Director, and Sound Engineer based in Galway City, working primarily in traditional and musical theatre. He has a BA in Drama, Theatre, and Performance Studies with Classical Studies from the University of Galway. James received an Agility Award from Arts Council Ireland (2023) to develop the script and score and host a week-long development workshop of "Second Draft".



## HANNAH COGAN

Hannah Cogan is a Musician, Composer, Lyricist and Musical Director formerly based in Galway city, but is now working in the industry in Sydney Australia.

She graduated with a BA in Drama, Theatre and Performance with English in 2023, and since then has concentrated on working in Musical Theatre, while also playing music gigs around Ireland. Her composer and lyricist credits include her original songs, "The Frogs" (2023), and "Second Draft" (2024).



# Cast



MUIR  
HOGAN



ROBERT  
COSGROVE



AINE  
KEAVENY



MIKE  
O'SULLIVAN

## Production Team

Director  
Musical Director  
Assistant Musical Director  
Stage Manager  
Production Manager  
Producers  
Lighting  
Marketing

James Boylan  
Hannah Cogan  
Killian Cogan  
Lucy Birmingham  
Tara Mackin  
Emily Aherne, Jess Harkin  
Dylan Maguire  
Jess Harkin

## Band

Fiddle  
Percussion  
Keyboard  
Guitar

Thomas Cannon  
Casey Cowan  
Killian Cogan  
Eoin Mullins

## Special Thanks

The Mick Lally Theatre  
Síomha Nee  
David Mullane  
Blue Note Galway  
Socsbox at University of Galway  
This is Galway

Mike O'Halloran  
Samuel Tuohy  
Saorla Fenton  
Bláthnaid Daly  
Malachy Duggan  
John O'Connor