

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 ideas and gain experience.

Artistic Director Emily Aherne
General Manager Lauren Waite
Creative Director Jess Harkin
Finance Director Cassidy Faerrelly

Coming soon...

JEZAHIEL 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.

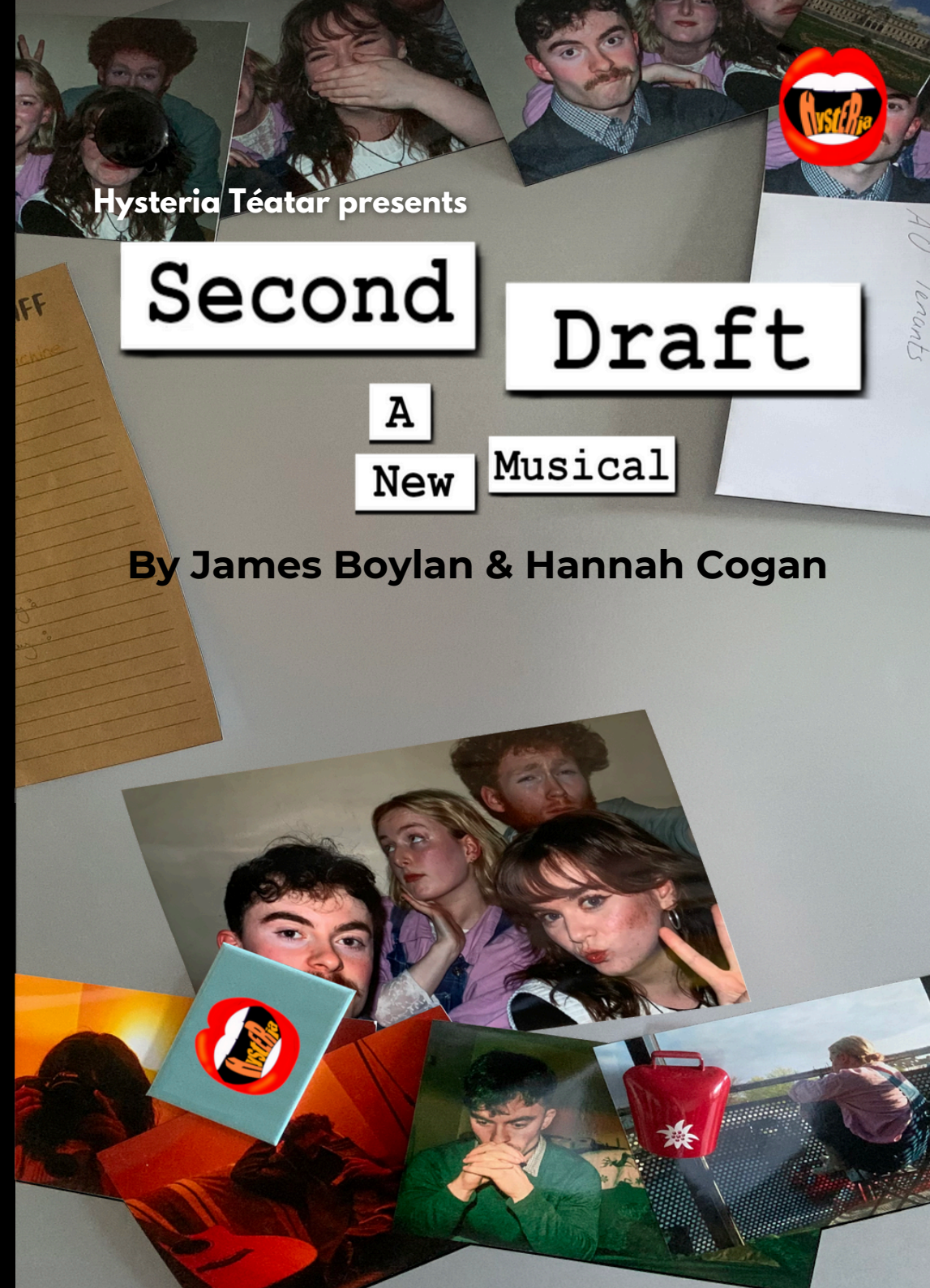
Our first dance on the way to Edinburgh, full play and dancing til late. Includes free entry to Electric after party. Find out more on website!

JEZAHIEL ON TOUR

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Jezahiel 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
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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