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So here it is, our winter issue of OnlyMassive magazine.

As winter blankets the world in its chilly embrace, we are thrilled to bring you the enchanting and soul-warming melodies that define the season in our latest issue of OnlyMassive.

IIn our cover story, we delve into the artistic journey of Lea Heart, as well as taking a look at the hot new up and coming singles and albums.

In addition to our regular features, this issue includes a special section on gift guides as well as a festive events guide.

As we come up on the first year since we launched OnlyMassive I just wanted to say thank you for being a part of our community. Whether you've been with us since the beginning or are just joining us for the first time, we appreciate it.

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NEW RELEASES

Pink Pantress



Victoria Beverley Walker known professionally as PinkPantheress, is an English singer and record producer.

In October 2023, PinkPantheress announced her debut album, Heaven Knows, which was released on 10 November 2023.

New Rules



New Rules is an English-Irish pop boy band that formed in 2019. The group is composed of vocalists Alec McGarry, Nathan Lambert and bassist and vocalist Ryan Meaney. In 2019, they released their debut EP New Rules through AMLOR Music.

Recent singles include Not Alone, Old Days, Nope! and Ghost Town.

Bren Berry



The SoFFt Productions team, residents of The Liberties, Dublin 8, were very excited to develop the visual concept for Bren Berry's music video "Winter Song".

Bren worked closely with our directors and designers to transform Vicar Street into a homage to The Liberties and the streets that surround the iconic venue. The result is a video showcasing the streets we hold dear, a special accompaniment to Bren's debut solo single.



LEA HEART

by Melissa Carton

Hailing from Kildare, Lea's grandparents gifted her an old grand piano when the first lockdown commenced, and it was during this time Lea honed her craft and songwriting skills.

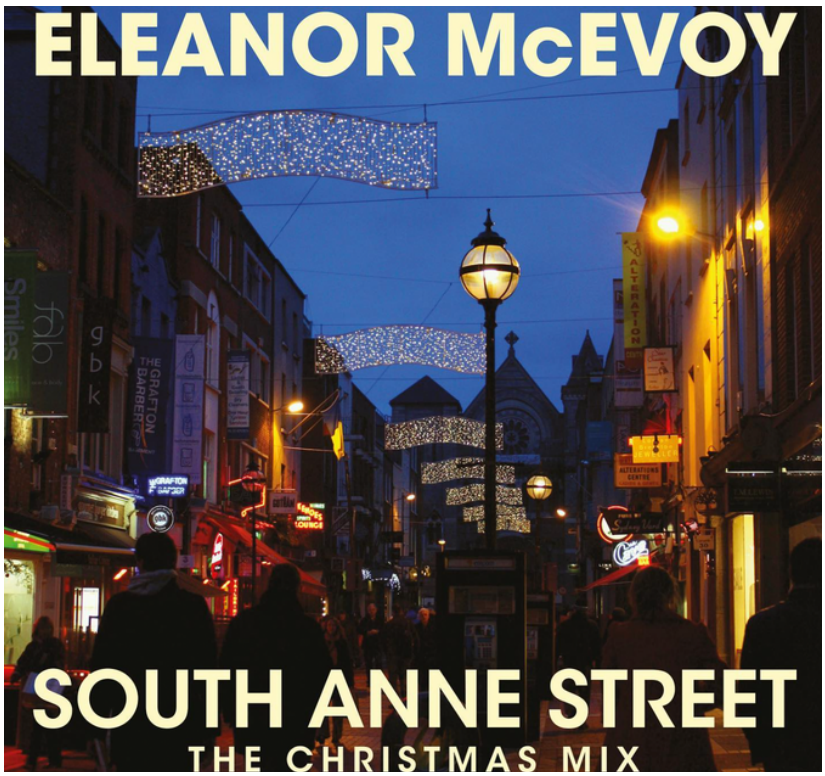
Music has always been at the centre of Lea's life. From banging on her grandparent's piano as soon as she was tall enough to reach it to watching all the music talent shows on TV, Lea jumped at every opportunity to perform by entering any talent show she could find.

After setting herself up on socials, Lea began to share her isolation creations with an increasingly engaging audience, garnering her a substantial TikTok following in a short space of time. Here, Lea shared a snippet of her soon-to-be first single, 'Older', to her 40,000 fans. Lea released her debut track 'Older' in October 2021, which went to the top the Irish airplay charts, earning support from radio nationwide.

In this short space of time, Lea has gained 1.8m+ Global streams for 'Older', 166k+ YouTube views, 118k+ Monthly Spotify listeners and over 98.7k Tik Tok Followers with 1.5m+ likes on her channel and the track peaked at #1 on Irish iTunes Chart and peaked at #30 on the Irish Spotify Chart and Top 50 on Official Irish Singles Chart and Top 10 in the Irish airplay charts.

These remarkable numbers are just the beginning to solidify Lea as Ireland's next female pop star!

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ELEANOR MCEVOY

Steeped in the ambience of 'the corner of South Anne and Grafton Street' this Christmas Mix of McEvoy's South Anne Stree by Ciaran Byrne brings out the yuletide atmosphere of the lyrics**.**

It is the only single in the world to feature the bell of the Luas, a sound that is unique to Dublin city! As the track gently fades away, the bells of Saint Patrick's Cathedral resonate across the city.

The song captures the essence of a chance encounter with a former flame on a Tuesday afternoon before Christmas. Awkward conversations transform into warm moments at McDaid's pub on Harry Street - a stone's throw from the iconic corner of South Anne Street and Grafton Street in Dublin.

"South Anne Street" was originally featured on McEvoy's critically acclaimed album "GIMME SOME WINE" which was recorded during lockdown. (Giving some clue, perhaps, as to why the album was entitled "GIMME SOME WINE").

Eleanor McEvoy is an Irish singer-songwriter. She composed the song "Only a Woman's Heart", title track of A Woman's Heart, the best-selling Irish album in Irish history.

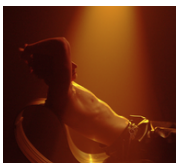
NEW RELEASES

Shiv



The Zimbabwean/Irish singer- songwriter, whose music has always expressed her life experiences and what she sees around her, returns with a new single, 'Heavy Water'. Shiv delves into her own internal struggle about living in Ireland and her disconnect with Zimbabwe and it's rich history and culture.

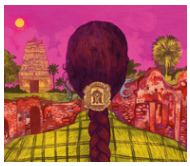
Charlie Puth



GRAMMY -nominated and multi-platinum singer/songwriter/producer, Charlie Puth, returns with his highly anticipated, evocative new single, "Lipstick," via Atlantic Records.

Collaborating with acclaimed producers Happy Perez and Pop Wansel in the studio, Puth delivers a sultry anthem celebrating love and encapsulating the raw intensity of attraction.

Priya Ragu



The rising Tamil-Swiss artist Priya Ragu is set to release her long-awaited debut album 'SANTHOSAM' on October 20th via Warner Records. The album is launched alongside the new single 'Vacation', which premiered on Radio 1 as Jack Saunders' Hottest Record last night. 'SANTHOSAM' is set to amplify Priya's ascent, which took flight with the huge reaction that greeted her vibrant mixtape 'damnshestamil'. The mixtape led to a flurry of achievements for Priya,.



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THIS YEAR'S EDITION

of BBC Introducing Live is taking place across the UK from Wednesday 11th – Saturday 14th October and promises to be bigger, bolder, and more inspiring than ever before, as it spans across five vibrant cities: London, Manchester, Cardiff, Glasgow and Belfast.

In Belfast, audiences will be treated to an evening of special performances from rising stars Jordan Adetunji, Lucy Gaffney, Reevah, and Cbakl at the Limelight, on Friday 13th October, as part of the 61st Belfast International Arts Festival.

Belfast-based singer-songwriter Lucy Gaffney's solo music career began in 2020 and has already seen her touring with acts such as Wallows, Inhaler, DMA's, The Coral, Lukas Nelson, Bill Ryder-Jones and Sorcha Richardson. Her new EP, 'Daydream in Tokyo', the hotly anticipated follow-up to her debut, 'Easy Come Easy Go', will arrive next month.

Constantly evolving from her singer-songwriter roots, Derry-born Aoife Boyle, performing under the alias Reevah, has earned tastemaker acclaim, international airplay and streaming support in Ireland, the UK, the USA and beyond. Known for her melodic folk music, Reevah has stepped into a new chapter and a fresh sound of alt-pop melody, mesmerising vocals, and evocative '80s flavoured throwbacks. Her long-awaited debut album, 'Daylight Savings', releases this November.

Having recently signed to the Sony-owned RCA Records, Belfast artist Jordan Adetunji is breaking all the rules with his sound, merging rap and R&B with the post-punk movement.

The alternative hip hop artist, who recently released his latest single ‘INVOLVED’, will drop his first EP later this year.

Cbakl is an alternative hip hop artist producing eclectic beats drawing influence from jazz, R&B, soul and house.

Starting out uploading tracks to SoundCloud aged 15, Cbakl began gaining an organic following online and has progressed to become one of Ireland’s most in-demand beatmakers, amassing over 10 million plays across streaming platforms.

Kelly Betts, Editor, BBC Music Introducing, said:
“The return of BBC Introducing Live marks a pivotal moment in the calendar for the music industry. BBC Introducing are 100% committed to providing a nurturing environment where young artists and creatives can find their voices, learn from industry experts, and connect with peers who share their passion. This event is ongoing testament to the enduring power of music to unite, inspire, and shape our culture.”



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Fraser Holden

words Melissa Carton

Back in May 2022 artist Fraser Holden was diagnosed with MND with a two to five year lifespan.

For 30 years Fraser had worked as an architect but to the rapid progression of the disease he found himself no longer able to work.
It was during this difficult time that Fraser decided with the aid of eye tracking technology to produce artwork and products with his eyes and sell it to help his family.

As well as that Fraser is also donating 50% of all his apparel profits to the Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association, to help others with MND afford essential services. The new Frae collection includes trainers, totes, joggers, track tops and hats for men, women and children as well as homewares including throws and artwork





Fraser and his family, wife Orlagh and daughter Oonagh have captured the hearts of everyone due to their determination to remain positive despite the challenges they've been dealt.

Speaking with Orlagh she said:
"Sadly Fraser is a 100% locked in his body, and time is not in our hands.
Frae is highly creative and he felt compelled to create something where he can help families like us but also to provide an income for his family when he has gone. And so with that he created .
Fraser has worked on this the last nine months and 50% of the proceeds will go directly to Irish Motor Neurone Disease. He has created every piece with his mind, eye and technology. It's astounding, with order coming from all over Ireland and beyond. We just need to raise awareness.
He also created pieces of art just with his eyes and technology for an American animal pharmaceutical and they too donated to Professor orla Hardiman and her research team at trinity on behalf of Fraser.
It astounds in the face adversity what he is doing. He is part of an exhibition at trinity college and that will go to the student access programs as well as Prof Orla Hardiman, and he is exhibiting art for the Simon community in November. "

You can browse the entire collection at Fraeye.org

WHY YOU SHOULDN'T VISIT BOYLE



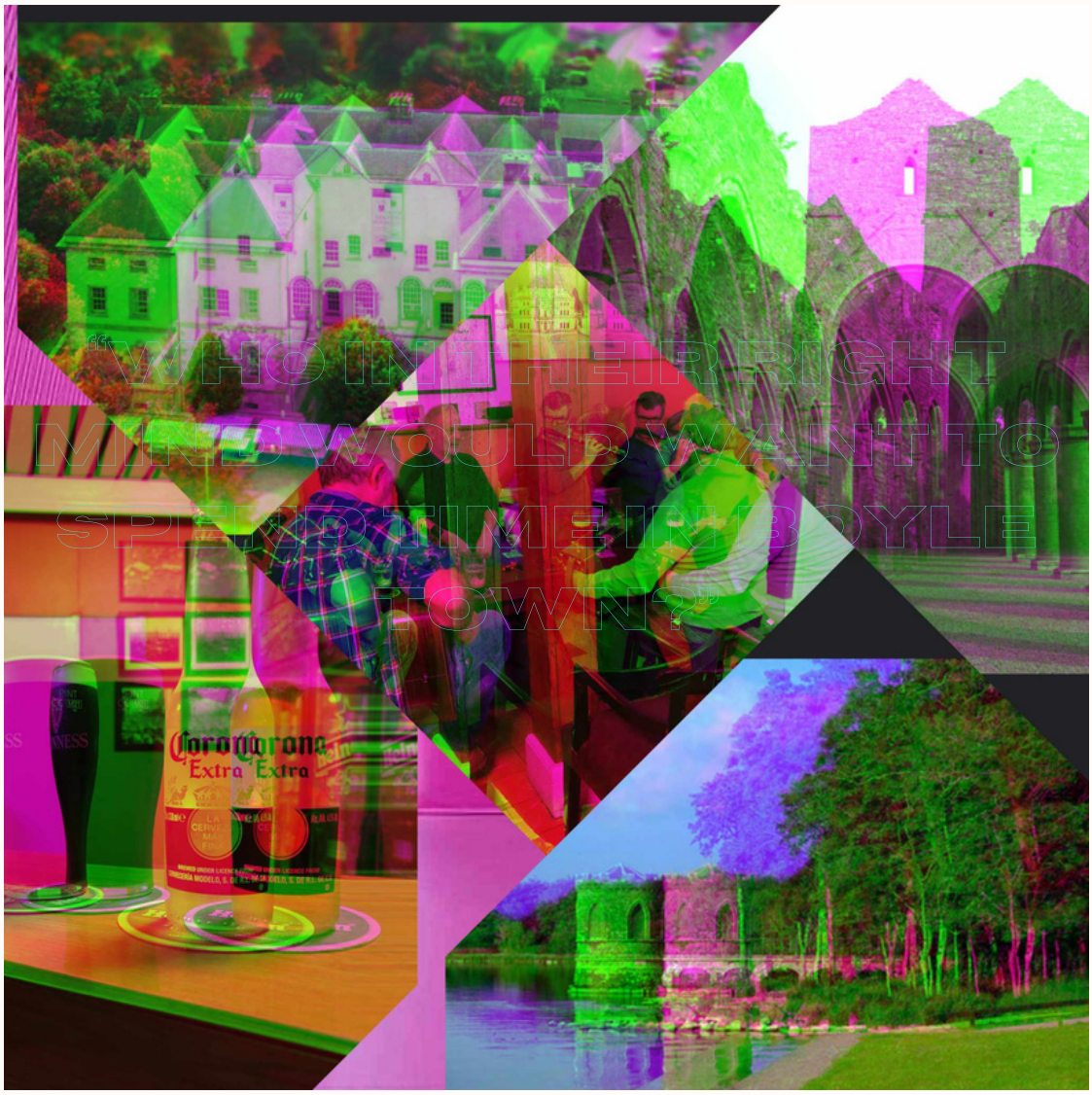
With native son Chris O'Dowd back in town filming his new series "Small Town, Big Son", Boyle finds itself in the spotlight. Take it from a local, it's the worst place on earth. Go to Carrick instead. Stay on the train all the way to Sligo. Divert via Tulsk to avoid, trust me.

-words CJ Moore

Who would want to go to Lough Key Forest Park? With it's natural forested islands set against the Curlew Mountains, mythic history and activities such as ziplining, boat tours, treetop walk and boda borg challenge. Lough Key is just 3km up the greenway from Boyle, and it's proudly treasured by the locals. By the way, I hear Lough Allen is lovely this time of year.

What's the point of seeing Boyle Abbey? It's only the best preserved standing example of 12th century cistercian architecture and relics this side of York, with a historic guided tour that includes occupation by Cromwell's forces and lurid medieval fertility relics. They don't allow such filth as authentic sheela na gig carvings on your socials anyway.

Why would anyone want to hang out in King House? The fully restored 18th century estate house boasts a guided interactive historic tour, including War of Independence era jail cells, artefacts and records of the Connacht Rangers regiment, and the Boyle Civic Art collection, one of the largest permanent exhibits of contemporary art in Ireland. But sure there's a big house to see up in Strokestown too.



Who in their right mind would want to spend time in Boyle town? Maybe it's the internationally renowned annual Arts Festival drawing a bohemian crowd in mid-summer to performances, exhibitions and talks. Maybe its wandering the pleasure grounds on a cold winter evening, slipping into Creighton's Bar for a quiet pint, up to Dodd's after for the lively Friday traditional music session, or lunch in the gatehouse cafe watching the river go by.

If you're still not convinced to stay away from Boyle, you'll find an unspoiled, easy-going place. Boyle has been spared the crowds of hen and stag parties and celtic tiger retail parks to be found up the road in Carrick on Shannon. Locals in Boyle are content to be a cheap taxi fare away from a nightclub, and a 2 hour train ride away from Dublin, proudly hoarding some of the best scenery and atmosphere in the country to themselves.
Don't come find out for yourself!

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by Melissa Carton

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NEWPARK CHRISTMAS

Cheeky elves, magic reindeer, and dashing dinosaurs combine at the newly launched Santa Experience at Jurassic Newpark at Newpark Hotel in Kilkenny.

The family friendly experience runs Wednesday to Sunday weekly right up to Saturday 23rd December offering plenty of entertainment including a 'Santasaurus Show' at The Dino Den, Christmas Storytelling & fun and games with the Mrs. Claus, complimentary hot chocolate,

festive face painting, helping elves in the toy workshop, a live nativity crib and much more. The highlight of your day will of course be getting to meet Santa at his Grotto for photos (additional fee) and childrens gifts.

Tickets to the Jurassic Christmas Experience also include a complimentary 30-minute session on Jurassic Bounce covered jump zone, free play in the playground and adventure trail, time to roam around seeing giant animatronic dinosaurs, fairy trail and wildlife petting farm Tickets now available jurassicnewpark.com



CORK

SANTAS MAGICAL MARKET

Santa's Magical Market, in association with TS Events, is returning to the Marina Market from Friday 25th November until December 23rd. Families can wander through snow kissed woods, pose with the 'Polar Express' train, visit the Christmas village, help, make toys at the Elf Toy Workshop, make treats at Mrs Claus's bakery, and pay a visit to the South Pole Post Office. Finally you'll be meeting Santa himself in his snow covered Grotto! The event is also fully accessible, and there's a sensory hour each Sunday morning from 11am-12pm. It's even dog friendly! For further details and bookings see www.santasmagical.marke



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MALAHIDE CASTLE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

Follow Fox Events is pleased to share "The Christmas Experience", a captivating family Santa experience, showcasing the magic of the holiday season in the magnificent Malahide Castle.

This enchanting event is brought to you by the Follow Fox Events team, known for their previous successes with Santa's House Express and Wonderlights. With creative direction by Leah Moran - internationally renowned performer and owner of Leah Moran Stage School, and scriptwriting by Musical Theatre star Killian Donnelly - who is currently performing in the West End's Les Miserables as Jean Valjean.

Guests will step into the historic castle, adorned with timeless decor and traditional ornaments, creating an atmosphere of warmth and festive cheer.

The magical indoor experience hosts many beloved Christmas characters, including Ellie and Evan, Santa's head elves, The Snow Queen and a special guest from the North Pole - Maestro Millie, with her captivating festive carols. Guests will then meet with the delightful Mrs. Claus, who is diligently preparing for her Christmas Eve banquet. Of course, the highlight of the journey will be a heartwarming private family visit with the one and only Santa Claus.

As guests make their way through the castle, they will be treated to spellbinding performances and captivating stories celebrating the joy of the holiday season. These tales will be shared by special Christmas Characters, who will infuse each room with magical energy and create an interactive and personal experience.

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