



Marty Rea and Aaron Monaghan in Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett. Image: Valerie O'Sullivan

Since 1975 Druid has brought a uniquely West of Ireland voice and perspective to world theatre, enriching the cultural conversation from the granular to the global.

In 2025 Druid will celebrate 50 years. Five decades of working with the best of Irish theatre talent, bringing bold, ambitious and exciting productions to theatres large and small, to roadsides, islands, community halls and the most prestigious venues and festivals around the world.

We are now looking to develop a close circle of friends to invest in our vision for the future

- combining all that is good about the past, transformative about the present and promising about the future. Druid has always remained true to its sense of place, continually inspired by the unique resonances of the spectacular landscape we call our home.

We always strive to be a cultural lodestone for the West – whether bringing John Millington Synge's Playboy of the Western World to the Aran Islands, or winning Tony awards for the premiere of Martin McDonagh's The Beauty Queen of Leenane on Broadway.

The Druid story remains rooted in Galway and the West of Ireland – from presenting Anton Chekhov in Coole Park, Shakespeare in New York, and Tom Murphy in London, to premiering the best new Irish plays from writing talent such as Marina Carr, Enda Walsh and Sonya Kelly, the Druid story remains rooted in Galway and the West of Ireland.



Fionn Ó Loingsigh, Anna Healy and Fiona Bell in The Last Return by Sonya Kelly. Image: Ste Murray







Now, we want to look beyond almost 50 years of sustained creativity and set in place the bedrock for the future.

Informed by the success and pride of past achievements, Druid is looking to propel the company forward. The West of Ireland will continue to be our home and fount of inspiration. We will continue to champion and herald the cultural uniqueness of our region while contributing to its economic growth and to what makes it a great place to live and work.

More vibrant and outstanding theatre will continue to be created from our Galway base - from making sets, props and costumes in our local workshops, to nurturing and showcasing the best theatre talent in The Mick Lally Theatre on Druid Lane, and on national and international stages.

With a renewed focus on sustainability, equality and inclusivity we will contribute positively and respectfully to our changing world with future programmes and activities that can have a transformative impact on artists, communities and environments.



First Druid trip to the Aran Islands – 1982







And that is where you come in ...

Join us on our journey to where we celebrate and take inspiration from the past and set store for the future. Help us develop the platform to launch the next stage that will foster creativity, unlock artistic potential, and stimulate cultural expression.

You may remember Druid from the early days, when Garry Hynes, Marie Mullen and Mick Lally set up the first Irish professional theatre company outside Dublin. Or you may remember ambitious and ground-breaking Druid productions on tour in Dublin or Belfast, Tralee or Cavan, Hong Kong or Brisbane.

Or indeed, you may be someone with a deep affinity with the West of Ireland and want to ensure the unique tradition and culture of the West continues to be heard and to thrive. The Western seaboard, it's history and tradition, is unique within the Irish story. It is important that the voice and link to the past is not lost but is articulated anew in a modern Ireland.



The cast of *Epiphany* by Brian Watkins. Image: Robbie Jack

Join Druid's Circle of Transformational Partners

Become part of our closest circle of Friends, Supporters and Partners. Support us as we lay the groundwork for our future ambitions to achieve an even greater impact for our audiences, our artists and our communities.

Join us for Opening Nights and exclusive events, enjoy regular access to the executive and wider team and receive unique gifts and mementos. As a Transformational Partner you will be recognised on our website, in our production programmes and in the foyer of Druid's home, The Mick Lally Theatre on Druid Lane, Galway.

Become a Transformational Partner as we look forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2025. We want to engage and build transformational relationships with our most committed supporters, as we start to embed the plans that will sustain the company into the future.

'The world needs Druid's life-changing, thought-provoking, entertaining and energising theatre. I'm proud to help Druid enrich a global audience.'

JOSEPH M HASSETT, TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNER

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'Culture is nothing less and nothing more than the weather of our souls. We invite you to join us as we, in the words of Tennessee Williams, 'Make voyages. Attempt them. There is nothing else.' GARRY HYNES, DRUID CO-FOUNDER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR