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Original Irish Musical Most Peculiar Dreams Heads to London for Showcase Concert

The independently developed musical reaches its next milestone with two performances at the Irish Cultural Centre, Hammersmith, on 23 and 24 October 2026.

DUBLIN, 21 September 2026 - Most Peculiar Dreams, an original Irish musical written and composed by Fergus Foran, will take the next step in its development with two showcase concert performances at the Irish Cultural Centre in Hammersmith, London.

The performances will take place at 8pm on Friday 23 October and 2pm on Saturday 24 October 2026. They mark the musical's first presentation outside Ireland and will introduce London audiences to its original story and score in a specially created concert format.

Set in 1950s New York, Most Peculiar Dreams follows Shawn Donnelly Jr., a young Irish-American man drawn into a seductive but dangerous entertainment world. His pursuit of success leads him to the Sycamore Club, its star singer Henrietta Harmon and its controlling owner Bobby Collier. Observed and influenced by two enigmatic Fate characters, Shawn's choices unfold into a story about ambition, identity, family, love and loss.

A musical developed step by step

The London concert is the latest stage in a development journey that began with concept work and early workshops. In 2022, an early staged workshop version was presented to audiences during an Irish workshop tour. The musical then progressed to full showcase productions at The Helix in Dublin in 2023 and 2024.

Each presentation allowed the creative team to test and refine the script, score, characters and staging. The 2024 showcase featured a revised script and new original songs shaped by the experience and audience response from the previous year.

More than 100 performers, musicians and creatives have contributed to the musical's development. Original cast recordings have also introduced the score to listeners internationally across major streaming platforms.

Fergus Foran said:

"This London showcase is an important development milestone for Most Peculiar Dreams. The musical has grown through workshops, audience feedback and the commitment of a remarkable group of performers, musicians and creatives. We are proud of how far it has come, while recognising that its first full professional production still lies ahead. London gives us the opportunity to share the work with a new audience and begin conversations about its next stage."

Independent development with international ambition

Most Peculiar Dreams has been independently developed and privately funded by Double F Music Productions. Its sold-out Irish performances demonstrated strong audience interest while allowing the work to continue evolving outside the constraints of a finished commercial production.

Following the London showcase concert, the creative team intends to explore appropriate opportunities for further development. Discussions are welcomed with producers, programmers, venues, arts organisations and potential development partners who may be interested in helping the musical progress towards a future professional production.

The project combines a distinctly Irish creative voice with an Irish-American story set against the glamour and darker realities of the 1950s New York entertainment scene. Its original score moves from large ensemble numbers to intimate songs of grief, hope, loyalty and ambition.

Performance information

Friday 23 October 2026: 8pm

Saturday 24 October 2026: 2pm

Venue: Irish Cultural Centre, Hammersmith, London

Tickets: £25 / £20 concession

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- Most Peculiar Dreams is an original Irish musical written and composed by Fergus Foran.
- The project remains in development and has not yet received a full professional commercial production.
- Previous development stages include early workshops, a 2022 workshop tour and full showcase productions at The Helix in 2023 and 2024.
- The October 2026 London presentation is a showcase concert and the musical's first presentation outside Ireland.
- Press photographs, production-development images, biographies, logos and selected performance clips are available through the media section at mostpeculiardreams.com.

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