

University of Galway 3 day Festival - SOS Feb 14th - 16th

SOS comes to the University of Galway from February 14th - 16th. An opportunity for the students to tóg sos (take a break) in the middle of the busy semester. The Societies and Students' Union have teamed up to create a three day student festival, to continue the success of the very popular festivals in the first semester and their commitment to bring large student events back to campus.

According to Riona Hughes Societies Officer 'the University is delighted to support student events on a large scale and to ensure a rich University experience for our students. The success of our events to date this year, after the challenges we have all faced in the last few years, and the enthusiasm of the students for spectacular on campus events has resulted in this three day festival. The collaboration between the Societies and the Students' Union, the support of the University and the enthusiasm of talented artists to become involved, has resulted in this week of great events'

The week kicks off on Tuesday 14th February with **Groovy Tuesday**. *Groovy Tuesday Presents* is an all new concept of dance events in the city and with the closure of the night clubs this is much welcomed development. The night which runs from 8pm to midnight features a fantastic line-up of Irish and International talent, two massive stages, Funktion one sound system and a light show from the island's most respected production crew it is shaping up to be the biggest event in Galway this year.

Two stages will be in operation on the night with a collection of cool and cozy chill out areas throughout Áras na Mac Léinn and Sult. The headliner on the night is **Cody Currie**. The London born producer and DJ is a powerhouse of the house and disco world. His unique sound has been sought out by some of the biggest names in the business releasing tracks with the likes of G-Towns beloved KETTAMA, Eliza Rose and Dan Shake. In recent years Cody has become a key member of the Toy Tonics family playing sets at their Toy Tonic Jams all over the world. He has also had notable releases with the New York label Razor-N-Tape. He will be supported by **Shee**. One of the best

Ireland has to offer when it comes to funky, feel good soulful house music. With millions of plays on Spotify and legendary sets at the Casa Bacardi stage of Electric Picnic the Kerry man is undoubtedly set to deliver an amazing performance on the night. The opening set will be provided by Galway's favorite disco merchants Groovy Tuesdays DJ's.

The techno stage will be headed up by **Chaz Moloney** and **Maedbh O'Connor**. Two of Limerick's finest exports are equally notable in their own right. Chaz is a founding member of Limerick's Touch of Techno and Sionna festival. He has been one of Ireland's most in demand DJ's for many years now and has played sets at all of Ireland's major dance music festivals. Maedbh is a leading light in the Irish techno scene. She has been doing pioneering work with Motz Berlin and Limerick's longest running club night the legendary Die. Just like Chaz she is a staple of the Irish festival scene and there is no doubt they will deliver a legendary B2B for us all to enjoy on the night. **IMO**, an up and coming DJ based in Galway has crashed into the scene in a big way, already playing regular gigs up and down the country. Opening duties on this stage will be handled by a mix and gathering of **DJ Socs** most talented selectors giving some of Galway's best up and comers a chance to show us what they got warming up for some of the biggest names in the business. With Galway's best sound system ordered and a light and stage production planned to rival Ireland's greatest festivals this is set to be an amazing experience for all in attendance. Tickets €15 + booking fee.

Wednesday 15th of February features a day time fun **Carnival** event with music, games, freebies and lots of society activities and runs from 1pm - 5pm in and around Áras na Mac Léinn. The societies continue their SOS offerings on Wednesday night with **Dancing with the Socs!**. Dansoc has persuaded fifteen clubs and societies members to learn how to dance with a Dansoc partner and compete in this charity event. Each team will choose one charity to represent on the evening with the top three scorers receiving the most donations! If you are a fan of *Dancing with the Stars* and *Strictly Come Dancing* this is the perfect event for you and all for a good cause. Tickets €10 + €1 booking fee.

Thursday 16th the societies present **The Black Parade**, an Emo themed party inspired by the *My Chemical Romance* song. The societies including Rock, Bród, Swiftie, XCX, Photosoc and Time Lord invite you to dust off your converse and black eyeliner and come join them in the Bailey Allen Hall at 8pm. The lineup features live covers from student bands and a full length performance from local legends Bees and Sawdust, an Irish band boasting an eclectic mix of sounds that make for an electrifying live performance. The group comprises five members whose stage presence and use of effects lend themselves to a totally unique sound. Making an appearance on the night is Viktor Complex, popular Galway based drag king and *My Chemical Romance* fan, plus DJs, promising a great night to unleash your inner Emo!. Tickets €5 + €1 booking fee.

More information and tickets on <https://www.students.universityofgalway.ie/>

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