

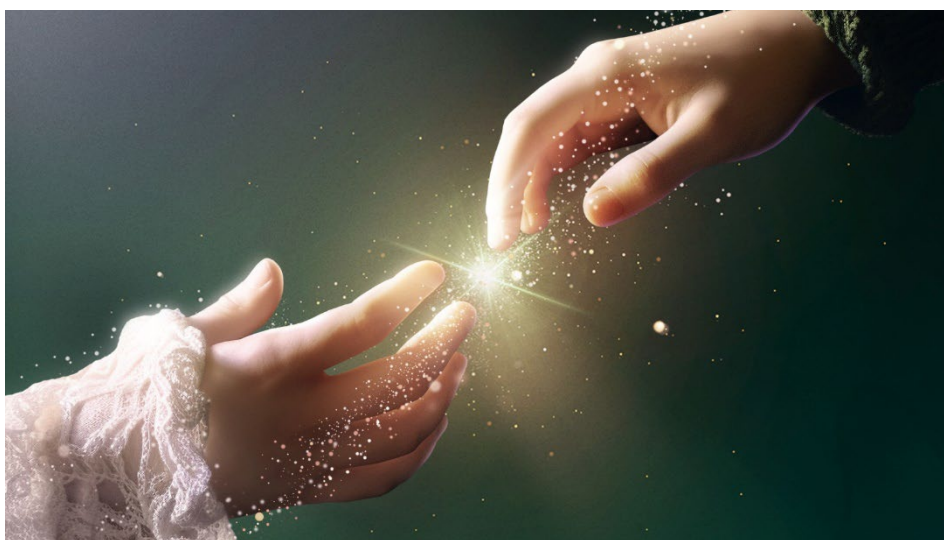
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The Croke Park and The Gate Theatre Announce Partnership



The Croke Park, part of the family-owned Irish luxury hotel group The Doyle Collection, is delighted to announce it is now the official accommodation partner for the Gate Theatre.

To celebrate the beginning of the partnership, The Croke Park has created a city escape which includes tickets to J.M. Barrie's classic tale *Peter Pan* in a magical new adaptation by bestselling author Roddy Doyle, which runs at the Gate from 4th November 2023 to 14th January, 2024. The beloved story of the Boy Who Didn't Want to Grow Up is retold by Doyle which sees the Darling children whisked away to The Never Land by Peter Pan and Tinker Bell where they team up with the wild Lost Boys to battle the sinister Captain Hook and his right-hand man, Smee.

Throughout its seventy-year history, The Doyle Collection has become an established and highly regarded supporter of the arts and artists in the performative and visual forums. This is the first significant artistic partnership for The Croke Park, but very much follows in the footsteps of its sister hotels within the group. For example, The Doyle Collection headline sponsors both The Borris House Festival of Writing and Ideas and The Dalkey Book Festival, The Westbury in Dublin partners with The Abbey- Ireland's National Theatre, The Kensington in London has a long-standing relationship with The V&A Museum and The River Lee in Cork partners with a number of major arts events including Cork Midsummer Festival and Sounds From a Safe Harbour.

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Róisín McBrinn and Colm O’Callaghan, co-CEOs of the Gate Theatre said of the partnership, “The Gate Theatre is delighted to announce The Croke Park as our official accommodation partner. The Doyle Collection have long been supporters of the arts here in Ireland and abroad, and its close proximity to the theatre and its vibrant surrounding community, means the hotel is a perfect fit for this collaboration. The Gate offers audiences the very best in terms of a theatre experience and we know that The Croke Park matches that in terms of exceptional hospitality.”

Founded in 1928 by Hilton Edwards and Micheal MaLiammóir, The Gate Theatre offered Dublin audiences an introduction to the world of European and American theatre as well as classics from the modern and Irish repertoire which were innovative and experimental. The Gate Theatre aims to fulfil the country’s social and cultural purpose as an international home for Irish artists and an Irish home for international artists, creating a theatre, as Edwards put it, limited only by the limits of our imagination.

With its convenient location, The Croke Park hotel is just 15 minutes away from many of the city’s greatest cultural gems, including the Gate Theatre.

The Croke Park hotel offers guests an everchanging city experience, “The 15-Minute Dublin platform, which we launched last year, is aimed at giving guests a bespoke and insider’s track to the city which changes throughout the year,” says General Manager Sean Reid, “designed to introduce and highlight the cultural richness of our neighbourhood by showcasing some specially curated experiences. We’re delighted to partner with our neighbours at the Gate, which has been a pivotal landmark in our city for so many decades and look forward to a long and fruitful partnership. We’re also happy to be supporting the great work of Roddy Doyle’s Fighting Words charity through the Peter Pan-inspired cocktail our team of mixologists have created to celebrate this exciting show.”

The ‘Never Grow Up’ cocktail was developed by the passionate team in The Sideline at The Croke Park will also be served in the bar at The Gate, with €1 from each cocktail going to Roddy’s literacy charity, Fighting Words.

15-Minute Dublin: Peter Pan at the Gate Theatre will see guests enjoy an overnight stay in a luxurious guest room with breakfast included, a two-course pre-theatre meal in the newly-launched [Hawthorn Restaurant](#) at The Croke Park, two tickets to an evening performance of *Peter Pan* at The Gate, a signature Peter Pan-inspired cocktail after the show, and an exclusive signed programme by Roddy Doyle in each guestroom on arrival. Rates will start from €350 per night for two guests sharing for stays from Thursday-Saturday. There is also a limited family offer for Sat/Sun matinees for a family of four, with dinner in [The Sideline](#) at The Croke Park and tickets to Roddy Doyle’s *Peter Pan* at The Gate.

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To find out more about 15-Minute Dublin: The Gate Theatre at The Croke Park, visit www.doylecollection.com/crokepark

Rates at The Croke Park start from €165 per night.
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Note to editors: Nestled close to Dublin Airport and Dublin city centre, The Croke Park enjoys a unique location just steps away from the historic and world-famous Croke Park Stadium, the spiritual home of Ireland's Gaelic games and one of the city's leading venues for international conferences and headline concerts. With its convenient location just minutes from the city centre and all of its attractions as well as primary business parks, The Croke Park hotel is an excellent choice for those travelling for business as well as leisure. Families receive a warm welcome at The Croke Park, which is close to many of Dublin's concert, nightlife and cultural venues – The 3Arena, Bord Gáis Energy Theatre and Dublin Zoo are all within a 10-minute drive. The hotel's lively bar, restaurant and heated outdoor terrace, which plays host to live music and summer barbecues, are popular destinations for locals as well as visitors to Dublin.

About The Doyle Collection

At the heart of the business is a warmth of service that stems from family ownership, imbuing each property with the familiarity of a members' club and the intimacy of a private home. Each of the eight hotels – landmark buildings in unrivalled city locations, has its own distinct personality that is rooted in, and authentic to, its neighbourhood. Innovation and ongoing investment ensure a boutique, cosmopolitan yet local feel – as seen in cool destination restaurants, bars and event spaces – while The Doyle Collection heritage lends character to their vision of informal luxury, timeless style and the very best guest experience.

The Croke Park is proud to partner with the GHA (Global Hotel Alliance). Guests can join Doyle Discovery and gain recognition from Day One – unlocking benefits, DISCOVERY Dollars (D\$), Experiences and Live Local instantly, at all membership levels. Rewards and recognition extend to more than 800+ hotels across 100+ countries.

The Doyle Collection is delighted to join GHA's newly launched Green Collection, bringing under one umbrella nearly 200 hotels, resorts and palaces operated by GHA hotel brands that are demonstrating their commitment to protecting people and the planet. The new Green Collection empowers GHA DISCOVERY's 24 million members to make conscious and responsible travel choices. For more information on Green Collection, visit www.ghadiscovery.com/explore-green-collection.

ABOUT THE GATE THEATRE

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The Gate Theatre was founded in 1928 by Hilton Edwards and Micheál Mac Liammóir. Pioneers in both their professional and personal lives, their productions were innovative and experimental, offering audiences an introduction to European and American theatre as well as classics from the Irish repertoire.

To this day, the Gate Theatre remains an artist-led organisation producing original work of world-class excellence which inspires, challenges and entertains our audiences.

The Gate develops and supports emerging and established practitioners with the ambition and talent to produce new work, alongside reinvigorating existing work from the Irish and international canon.

Róisín McBrinn is the current Artistic Director of the Gate, and Colm O'Callaghan is current Executive Director. The Gate Theatre is principally funded by the Arts Council.

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