

## Staying Live

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The nights are long and the money is tight, but music venues all over the country are managing to draw regular crowds for live music. **LAURENCE MACKIN** highlights [his] current faves



### Set Theatre, Kilkenny

Is this the newest venue in Ireland? Tucked in behind the sprawl of Langton's bar in Kilkenny is the Set Theatre, an opulent new venue that brings a touch of luxury to the live music experience of the Marble City.

The theatre had its debut during this year's Kilkenny Arts Festival, playing host to some of the showpiece gigs. It was also home to the festival club, which had many of the artists, organisers and punters at the festival rocking until the small hours for a large chunk of August. Among the acts to have played here in the past few months are local man Jeremy Hickey, or RSAG as he's known to musos, Colin Devlin, Clive Barnes, Hazmar Modine and Ibrahim Electric.

It might be lush but it is also quite small, meaning you're never more than a short shout from the stage, and the venue feels like a cross between the Olympia in Dublin and Carlito Brigante's nightclub. Intrigued? You should be.

Set Theatre, Langton House Hotel, John Street, Kilkenny;  
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