Bealtaine Festival

May 2019

An **Age & Opportunity arts** initiative

Celebrating the arts and creativity as we age

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Each year we aim to put together a Bealtaine Festival that is enjoyable, inspiring, and sometimes challenging. We also wish to bring people together to connect and jointly explore our personal and political worlds. In 2019, on the eve of our 25th anniversary, we believe we have created a diverse festival which includes choral performances exploring aspects of hospitality, exhibitions looking at the role of memory in our lives, workshops and discussion considering the development of creativity as we age, as well as the darker sides of ageing. At the base of all of this, however, is a celebration of ageing and of ourselves as artistic creative people. Have a great Bealtaine!

Dr. Tara Byrne

Bealtaine 2019 Festival Launch

VENUE: Irish Film Institute, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 1 May
TIME: 11am - 1pm
TICKETS: Open Invitation – All welcome!
Admission is free but please book via Kim Chew:
Kim.chew@ageandopportunity.ie or by phone on 01 8057713

Film producer, Lelia Doolan, will launch the 2019 Bealtaine Festival at the Irish Film Institute, Temple Bar. Please join us to launch this year's festival which will feature a special performance by Farah Elle and members of the Kilcock Men's Shed, as well as a preview of this year's film poem commission, *The key was always in the door.* Come along to have a cup of tea, see what's on and plan your festival visits!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bealtaine Get Creative

11 – 19 MAY
VENUES NATIONWIDE

Do you want to try your hand at something new and creative or show the world the incredible imagination at work in your local community? If so, Bealtaine Get Creative, in partnership with Voluntary Arts Ireland, RTE and Arts Council Northern Ireland, wants to shine a light on all the great cultural activity that takes place in communities across Ireland on a regular basis. Part of this huge national celebration of creativity aims to give you the chance to get actively involved in creative activities in your local area. You can do this by linking up with the Get Creative Map and RTE Culture to showcase your collective creativity online to a national and international audience. Find out about Bealtaine Get Creative events in your area by checking out: www.voluntaryarts.org/get-creative & bealtaine.ie

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Bealtaine @ International Museums Day

18 MAY
VENUES NATIONWIDE

In an exciting new development, Age & Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival is partnering with The Ireland National Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) to celebrate International Museums Day (May 18th) as part of the annual Bealtaine Festival 2019. Part of a wider global celebration involving 37,000 institutions in 158 countries, International Museums Day will see events taking place all over museums and cultural institutions in Ireland to specially highlight Bealtaine for 2019.

This year's ICOM theme, *The Future of Tradition* highlights the importance of intergenerational learning and the role museums play in safeguarding and promoting engagement with our heritage, as well as looking to our future heritage. Reminiscence sessions, transcription events (transcribathons) and talks on hidden histories are just some of the fantastic events you can enjoy in museums across the island as part of this special festival. Look out for special Bealtaine events in a museum near you.

For more information, contact: nmannion@epicchq.com

ICOM Ireland

Reminiscence Conference: The Theatre of Memory

1 – 4 MAY,
MARINE HOTEL, SUTTON CROSS, DUBLIN 13

The European Reminiscence Network will hold its international conference and focus on reminiscence arts in dementia care and reminiscence theatre.
For booking details, please contact: pam@pamschweitzer.com or karen@makinghaytheatre.ie

Strength in Numbers / An Intergenerational Bicycle Gang

VENUE: Dublin City
DATE: 17 May
TIME: 2pm - 4pm
CONTACT: For more information and venue details contact bikegangdublin@gmail.com

Working with James Ó hAodha, a group of older people from across Dublin have formed a bicycle gang, developing a unique look, gang tactics, and cultivating notoriety. Come along and witness this seasoned gang descend on the city, or bring your own bicycle and join them in cruising, loitering, and making your presence felt in this dynamic performance event. All ages and abilities welcome. This work is commissioned by Michelle Browne as part of *The Citizen Cycle* series of participative arts commissions produced to coincide with the *Velo-City International Cycling Conference* in June and is funded by The Arts Council, Watershed's Creative Producers International Investment Fund, Dublin City Council and Age & Opportunity (through EIT Health and TCD's MoveAGE).

Intergenerational Creative Engagement @ DCU

VENUE: DCU Glasnevin Student Hub, Dublin 9
DATE: 10 May
TIME: 11am – 12.30pm
TICKETS: Free, drop in. For more information contact christine.okelly@dcu.ie

This event is the result of intergenerational collaboration between transition year students from Maryfield College, and St. Aidan's Secondary School with participants from the Age-Friendly University Programme in DCU. Initially, this group met to examine and share how music acts as a method of coping with transition, for example love and loss. In Spring 2019 the group worked with Fighting Words to examine how music is composed and together they developed a new piece of music. This event discusses the process and a performance of the musical piece they co-created.

Afternoon Tea Party @ Saint Joseph's, Shankill

VENUE: Saint Josephs, Shankill, Co. Dublin
DATE: 29 May
TIME: 2pm - 3.30pm
TICKETS: Open to local community, friends and family. Contact siobhan.grant@sjog.ie for more details.

An *Afternoon Tea Party* will celebrate the wonderful *Tea House Project* that was undertaken by the Fairland Collective as part of Age & Opportunity's 2018 Artist in Residence in a Care Setting initiative, in Saint Joseph's Shankill. The focus was on collaborative and immersive creative activity based around 'Tea' and 'Tea drinking'. The project developed a multi-sensory space for drinking tea within Saint Joseph's, full of colours and rich in smells, but familiar. It celebrated the everyday ritual of drinking tea and has left a lovely physical legacy of mugs, tea pots, tea caddies and tea towels that can be enjoyed by all. We look forward to welcoming the Fairland Collective back in May, so all the people living here and their families can reminisce over a lovely cup of tea!

IMAGE:
Mokoto Fujita,
Joan Hechler,
Brenda Kearney.
Photo by Rob O'Connor

Bealtaine @ Temple Bar

18 MAY

Bealtaine @ Temple Bar continues in 2019 with the theme of *Be Our Guest* being taken to the heart of cultural institutions in the Temple Bar quarter, where the work of older artists', access for older audiences and family friendly activities are put to the fore. Happening over one day in May (Saturday 18) Bealtaine @ Temple Bar invites you to come, see our Bealtaine artist perform around the streets of the Bar, visit our venues, learn, talk, play and of course drink tea!

Events take place at venues all over Temple Bar from 10.30am - 5pm. A specially commissioned artist's performance will take place in the Temple Bar environs from 2pm - 4pm and at 4pm join us for a tea party at Crampton Square to round off the day!

Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

BEALTAINE @ TEMPLE BAR MADE POSSIBLE BY THE SUPPORT OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

Tour, Exhibition, Open Studios & Tea!

VENUE: Temple Bar Gallery + Studio, 5-9 Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 18 May
TICKETS: Free, booking through www.templebargallery.com/events

12pm:
Curator tour of our group exhibition *Staring Forms*, with works by Miranda Blennerhassett, Aleana Egan, Andrea Kindler von Knobloch, Tanad Williams
12pm - 2pm:
Tea/Coffee station in TBG+S atrium
12pm - 2pm:
Open Studios with TBG+S Studio Artists
2pm - 4pm:
Drawing workshop for all ages

Game Plan

VENUE: The Ark, 11A Eustace St, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 18 May
TIME: 10.30am – 4.30pm
TICKETS: Drop in. For more information see www.ark.ie

Throw the dice and enter a colourful and creative world of board games in this exhibition from the V&A Museum of Childhood, London. Older & younger visitors are invited to explore together how games have changed and perhaps be surprised at the ones that remain the same throughout generations.

From Ballots to Bullets, Ireland 1918-1919: Come on in!

VENUE: National Library of Ireland, Photographic Archive, Meeting House Sq, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 18 May
TIME: 10am – 4.45pm
TICKETS: Drop in. For more information see: www.nli.ie

Visit The National Library's exhibition *From Ballots to Bullets*, Ireland 1918-1919 where we invite you to share in a selection of events and stories from these two turbulent years, with photographs, newspapers, and ephemera from the collections of the National Library of Ireland.

Archive at Lunchtime - Be Our Guest

VENUE: Irish Film Institute, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 18 May
TIME: 1pm
TICKETS: Free. For more information see www.ifi.ie

IFI Irish Film Archive celebrates Ireland's famed hospitality with a bus tour around Ireland (1954); with Cyril Cusack in a Wicklow Hotel (1954); with catering students in Donegal (1956) and with a New York cop on his Irish odyssey (1959).

Acouscenic Listening & the Creative Soundwalk Workshop

VENUE: Create, 2 Curved St, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 18 May
TIME: 2pm – 4.30pm
TICKETS: Free but please reserve a place by contacting: info@create-ireland.ie

This workshop focuses on the study of listening, creative soundwalking and the meditative practices of Tai Chi and Qigong. Enhancing a participant's perception of sound and silence, it offers a unique approach for situated soundscapes, as well as movement/sound/ and listening improvisations and strategies. The workshop is open to anyone interested in exploring Acouscenic Listening and the Creative Soundwalk as a creative tool. No experience necessary. Workshop leader is Sean Taylor, from Art and Science Collective Softday.

Image: Portran Soundwalk 2015
Photographer Brian Creggan

Tea, Talks & Photographic Workshops

VENUE: Gallery of Photography, Meeting House Square, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 18 May
TICKETS: Free, workshop places must be booked in advance: call 01 6714654

11.45am **Join us for a cup of tea/coffee**

12pm **Free public talk: *Photo Album of the Irish***
An illustrated talk on the ongoing research of the *Photo Album of the Irish* digital archive project. This presentation will inspire you to look again at the treasures in your own family photo album. It will include new material from the recent Bealtaine *Photo Album of the Irish* scanning workshop and will also present work from the new phase of the project which is recording the history of Irish Americans. Free, no booking is required.

1pm **Explore the Magic of Photography with a free introduction to our Darkroom**
Hidden in the basement of the Gallery of Photography, our black and white darkrooms are a marvellous facility for anyone wishing to print their own black and white photographs using traditional chemical techniques. Have a look at what's involved in this free demonstration from our master printer, Pete Smyth.

SESSION 1: 1pm - 1.20pm (4 PLACES)
SESSION 2: 1.30pm - 1.50pm (4 PLACES)

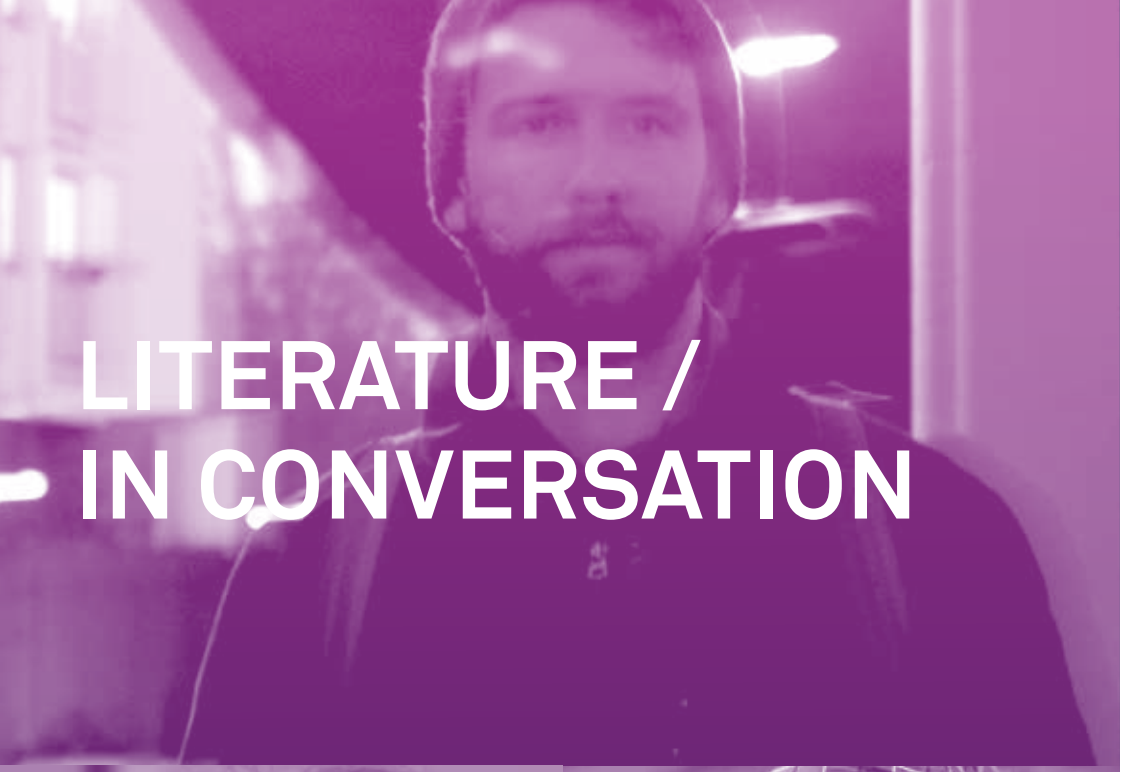
Supported by Dublin City Council South East Area and the Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme.

Tea Party @ Crampton Square

TIME: 4pm – 5pm
DATE: 18 May
TICKETS: Free, drop in.

To round off your day of activity in Dublin's cultural quarter, join us for one last cup of tea and some entertainment.

The Ark · Black Church print studio · create national development agency for collaborative arts · the contemporary music centre Ireland · Gallery of Photography Ireland · IFI Irish Film Institute · National Library of Ireland · TEMPLE BAR COMPANY · TEMPLE BAR GALLERY + STUDIOS



LITERATURE / IN CONVERSATION

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants:
Pat McCabe, Nicole Flattery & Danny Denton

VENUE: Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin 8
DATE: 20 May
TIME: 6pm
TICKETS: €10/€8, booking through www.ilfdublin.com

Join us for a conversation between writers Nicole Flattery and Pat McCabe, a key literary influence of hers, chaired by writer Danny Denton. Over the course of an hour and a half, this event will explore the artistic and interdependent ecosystem that characterises creativity and the rich and various sources from which artists draw their inspiration. This conversation is essentially a celebration of the influence of writers upon each other across generations, as well as offering personal reflections on age and ageing. This event is organised with the support of International Literature Festival Dublin.

Patrick McCabe is a writer from County Monaghan. His books include The Butcher Boy and Breakfast on Pluto which were both shortlisted for the Booker Prize. Patrick's latest novel Heartland was published by New Island Books in April 2018.

Nicole Flattery is a Galway-based writer. She is the winner of the 2017 White Review Short Story Prize. Her debut story collection Show Them a Good Time is published by The Stinging Fly Press in Ireland and Bloomsbury in the UK.

International Literature Festival Dublin

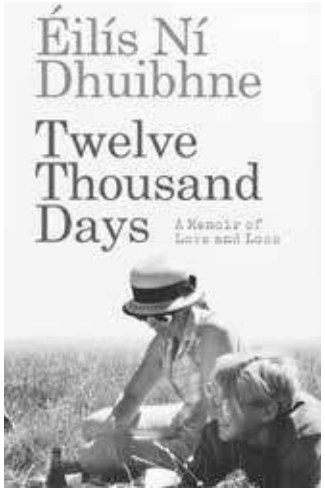
Danny Denton is a writer from Cork. His first novel, The Earlie King & The Kid In Yellow, was published by Granta Books in 2018, and nominated for Newcomer of the Year at the Irish Book Awards

The Bealtaine Book Club:

Éilís Ní Dhuibhne
Twelve Thousand Days

VENUE: Book clubs & libraries around Ireland
DATE: Month of May

In 2018, Libraries around Ireland got together to nominate Éilís Ní Dhuibhne as the *Bealtaine Book Club* author for 2019, with her book, *Twelve Thousand Days* (2018) as the Bealtaine Book. The *Bealtaine Book Club* honours and promotes an Irish writer with a distinguished and lengthy career who has made a significant contribution to literature. *Twelve Thousand Days* concerns the author's 30 year relationship with husband and folklorist Bo Almquist who died in 2013. *Twelve Thousand Days* is published by Blackstaff Press.



Éilís Ní Dhuibhne was born in Dublin. She was educated at University College Dublin and has a BA in English and a PhD in Irish Folklore. She worked for many years as a librarian and archivist in the National Library of Ireland and has been Writer Fellow in Trinity College and University College Dublin. The author of more than twenty five books, including six collections of short stories, several novels, children's books, plays and many scholarly articles and literary reviews, her work includes The Dancers Dancing, The Shelter of Neighbours, and Fox, Swallow, Scarecrow. Her most recent books are Selected Stories (Dalkey Archive, 2017) and Twelve Thousand Days. A Memoir. (Blackstaff, 2018). Éilís is also an Irish Writers Centre Ambassador.

This event is presented in association with the Irish Writers Centres' Ambassador programme.

Éilís Ní Dhuibhne in conversation

VENUE: Irish Writers Centre,
19 Parnell Square, Dublin 1
DATE: 22 May
TIME: 4pm - 5.30pm
TICKETS: €8 & €7 concession / www.ilfdublin.com

This event features a conversation between writer Éilís Ní Dhuibhne and Martin Doyle (Irish Times) exploring Éilis' work and career. The event is presented in association with the International Literature Festival Dublin and with the Irish Writers Centre's Ambassador Series. The Bealtaine Writers' Group in residence at IWC will contribute to the event with a reading of new works inspired by Éilis' work.

Artists' Lives
If I knew then what I know now...

VENUE: DanceHouse, Foley St, Dublin 1
DATE: 16 May
TIME: 2.30pm – 4.30pm
TICKETS: Free, but booking advised through www.artistslives2019.eventbrite.ie

Join dance artist Joan Davis, traditional fiddle player Antóin Mac Gabhann, writer Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, composer and performer Ronan Guilfoyle, and visual artist Annabel Konig to discuss five significant and celebrated arts careers. Over the course of an afternoon, these inspirational artists will come together with Chair, RTÉ culture and arts producer Clíodhna Ní Anluain, to discuss the milestones, challenges and choices made by them as artists in Ireland. The event aims to offer an insight into the factors faced by many artists during their careers and to celebrate their ultimate success through talent and tenacity. As such, *Artists' Lives* will be of interest to those embarking on their own careers as artists in varied disciplines, experienced artists interested in hearing about different life-choices, pathways and pitfalls, and other wider publics interested in how artists live and work.

Bealtaine Discussion: The Physical Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living, a conversation on death and dying.

VENUE: First Floor Seminar Room, Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing, ST. James Hospital, Dublin 8
DATE: 9 May
TIME: 2.30pm – 4.30pm
TICKETS: Admission Free, spaces limited.
www.bealtainediscussion2019.eventbrite.ie

The discussion will be chaired by Prof. Philip Napier (Head of Fine Art NCAD) and feature:

Dr. Anne Marie O'Dwyer (psychiatrist),

Dr. Kevin Atherton (artist),

Marie Brett (artist),

Dana Walrath (artist and fellow with the Global Brain Health Institute, TCD),

Dr. Laurence McKeown (playwright and former hunger-striker),

Senator Marie Louise O'Donnell (author of Finite Lives, Dying Death and Bereavement- an examination of state services in Ireland).

Taking inspiration from Damien Hirst's iconic shark in formaldehyde sculpture *The Physical Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living* (1991), this multidisciplinary discussion will explore how we conceive, imagine, understand, process and articulate the difficult subject of death and dying. Through the diverse eyes of artists, academics and medics, as well as personal testimony, we hope to examine and shed light on our peculiar capacities, perceptions, taboos, fetishes, fears and even shame around conversations on death.

This discussion has been organised by Bealtaine in partnership with Mercer's Institute of Successful Ageing, the National College of Art and Design and the Irish Museum of Modern Art.

IMMA ÁRAS NUA-EALAÍNE NA hÉIREANN IRISH MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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Comhrá bás, cáca agus cupán!

VENUE: Creative Life Area, Ground Floor, Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing, St. James Hospital, Dublin 8
DATE: 9 May
TIME: 12pm – 2pm
TICKETS: Admission Free, spaces limited.
www.comhrabas.eventbrite.ie

The Irish Hospice Foundation

Join the Irish Hospice Foundation to drink tea, eat cake and take some time to think, talk and tell each other what really matters. Talking about death and dying is rarely easy but when we consider that whatever stage of life we are at, death is usually with us in one way or another – it is perhaps something we should think about more often.

Modes of Capture: A panel discussion exploring the capturing of process in contemporary dance-making as an introduction to the forthcoming Modes of Capture symposium

VENUE: Project Arts Centre, Space Upstairs, Temple Bar, Dublin 1
DATE: 12 May
TIME: 4pm – 5.15pm
TICKETS: Admission Free, booking required
www.dublindancefestival.ie

Dublin Dance Festival

Image credit: Ewa Figaszewska

Join us for a discussion on the process of dance-making with seasoned dance professionals. Dr Jenny Roche hosts a panel discussion with Dr Linda Murray, Curator of the Dance Archive at the New York Public Library for Performing Arts; Dr Finola Cronin, Lecturer in Drama Studies at University College Dublin; and Val Bourne CBE, Founder/Artistic Director, Dance Umbrella, London and Founding Board Member, Dublin Dance Festival. This event introduces the upcoming *Modes of Capture Symposium* which takes place at the University of Limerick, 21 – 23 June 2019. The symposium aims to explore the means of capturing creative process to engage with the layers, threads, fragments and memories that interweave throughout the process of dance-making.

The symposium, as well as this introductory event is presented by Liz Roche Company, Dublin Dance Festival, The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance and Bealtaine.

MUSIC

Nationwide Dawn Chorus

VENUES & Dates: Decided locally – consult your local library and arts office.

For more information on how to arrange a *Dawn or Dusk Chorus* event contact bridget.deevy@ageandopportunity.ie or call 01 853 5180.

DAWN & DUSK CHORUS

The Dawn Chorus

VENUE: The Barrow River, Carlow Town Park
DATE: 5 May
TIME: 6am – 6.30am

The Dusk Chorus

VENUE: Temple Bar, DUBLIN 2
DATE: 26 May
TIME: 8pm – 9pm

The *Dawn Chorus* is a nationwide choral event in which older people come together with a choir in their locality and sing at dawn to welcome the day. We encourage choirs and active retirement groups throughout Ireland to participate in the *Dawn Chorus*, by putting on their own local event on any date in May that works for them. This year, after a successful inaugural event in 2018, we also invite choirs to host a *Dusk Chorus*, which takes place at sunset.

In 2019, to highlight the many choirs and singing groups organising events each year, Bealtaine held an open call for a Flagship Choir. Aspiro, led by Mary Amond O'Brien in Carlow was selected for their inclusive and intergenerational approach. We are delighted to invite you to join Aspiro at the *Dawn & Dusk Chorus* Flagship events.

In 2018, the festival commissioned Tom Lane to compose a piece of music especially for the *Dawn Chorus*. This year we invite choirs to showcase this piece, the *Little Waves of Breffny*, within their *Dawn Chorus* programme.

PERFORMING ARTS

Bealtaine Commission:

Abair/Samaa – An intercultural choral performance

VENUE: Smock Alley Theatre, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 28 May
TIME: 7.30pm - 8.30pm
TICKETS: €18/€16
BOOK: www.smockalley.com

VENUE: Moat Theatre, Naas, Co. Kildare
DATE: 30 May
TIME: 7.30pm - 8.30pm
TICKETS: €14/€12
BOOK: www.moattheatre.com

Abair/Samaa is a newly commissioned intercultural choral performance by musical director Eimear Crehan, singer songwriter Farah Elle and theatre maker Rachel Bergin. Inspired by the festival's theme of welcome and hosting, Kilcock Men's Shed Choir and Libyan singer Farah Elle come together to perform traditional sounds from Ireland and North Africa.

Through the common language of music *Abair/Samaa* (Speak/Listen) explores the connected themes of tradition, identity, otherness and emigration. Musical performances are intercut with moments of personal and historical reflections across generations, cultures and genders.

Abair/Samaa is commissioned by Age & Opportunity as part of the nationwide 2019 Bealtaine Festival and is supported by Kildare County Council and produced by Brokentalkers.

Bealtaine Tour:

What Good is Looking Well When You're Rotten on the Inside?

By Emma O'Grady

VENUE: Watergate Theatre, Kilkenny
DATE: 16 May / 8pm
TICKETS: www.watergatetheatre.com

VENUE: Aras Inis Gluaire, Belmullet, Co. Mayo
DATE: 18 May / 8pm
TICKETS: www.arasinisgluaire.ie

***VENUE:** Dunamaise Arts Centre, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
DATE: 21 May / 12pm & 8pm
TICKETS: www.dunamaise.ie

VENUE: Roscommon Arts Centre, Roscommon
DATE: 22 May / 8pm
TICKETS: www.roscommonartscentre.ie

Tickets: Contact each venue for ticketing

"Leaves one feeling there is slightly more good in the world than beforehand."

Reviews Hub

One month before his death, retired civil servant and man of few words Paddy O'Grady had a sudden urge to talk. Using a cassette tape recorder he recorded 15 hours of material: absurd fictional stories; musings on life, love and death and memories of life as a civil servant.

Paddy's granddaughter, Emma O'Grady, later discovered he had written plays and poems in the 1950s and until now his work has been without an audience. This critically-acclaimed show about emotional inheritance and grief for wasted creativity examines the fragile personas we present to the world, who we might be behind them and what we could be instead.

Supported by the Arts Council.

*Captioned performance at 8pm. Please let box office know if you require a seat suitable for captioning.
A pre-show Touch Tour and Introductory Programme Notes (large print and audio) will be available for all performances. Please let box office know if you would like to book a Touch Tour or receive Programme Notes. Accessible performances are provided in partnership with Arts & Disability Ireland.

Bealtaine Commission:
CoisCéim BROADREACH | THE DOOR
Led by Philippa Donnellan

There is a door. It has a handle and a lock. It can be easy or difficult to open. Depending, of course, on which side of the door you are on, who opens it and why. Should it be flung open wide? Opened just enough to see who is there? Or – kept firmly closed?

The Door is a dance theatre & performance project open to people aged 50+. Imaginative and provocative, *The Door* embraces the Bealtaine festival's theme of hospitality and what it means as we age. The project begins with creative dance workshops in Dublin and beyond and culminates in a special tea dance celebration in May 2019. All are welcome!

Creative Dance Workshops

VENUE: **CoisCéim Studio. 14 Sackville Place, Dublin 1**
DATES: **29 April, 6, 13, 20 May**
TIME: **6.00pm – 7.30pm**
TICKETS: **€5 per person/session. Contact us for additional fee options.**
Drop in, no booking necessary.

Do you love to dance? Are you curious about choreography? Informal, energising and fun, these workshops invite you to take part in easy dance sequences to music of all kinds, exchange stories and ideas around the theme, and discover a few original moves of your own.

Dancing Through The Door | A Celebration Tea Dance

VENUE: **The Pillar Room, Rotunda Hospital, Parnell Street, Dublin 1 (Wheelchair accessible)**
DATE: **26 May**
TIME: **2pm – 4.30pm**
TICKETS: **Free, booking advised through www.thedoorteaparty.eventbrite.ie**

Whether you take part in the workshops or not – we invite you to come and join the fun! Share your experiences and if you wish, try some of the choreography created during the workshops. There'll be some fabulous music and a cuppa tea and biscuits for all! *The Door* will continue with other creative dance-theatre opportunities later in the year and will end with a specially devised performance by participants in May 2020.

For further information phone 01 878 0558 / email: philippa@coisceim.com or www.coisceim.com

SMILE by Outlandish Theatre Platform

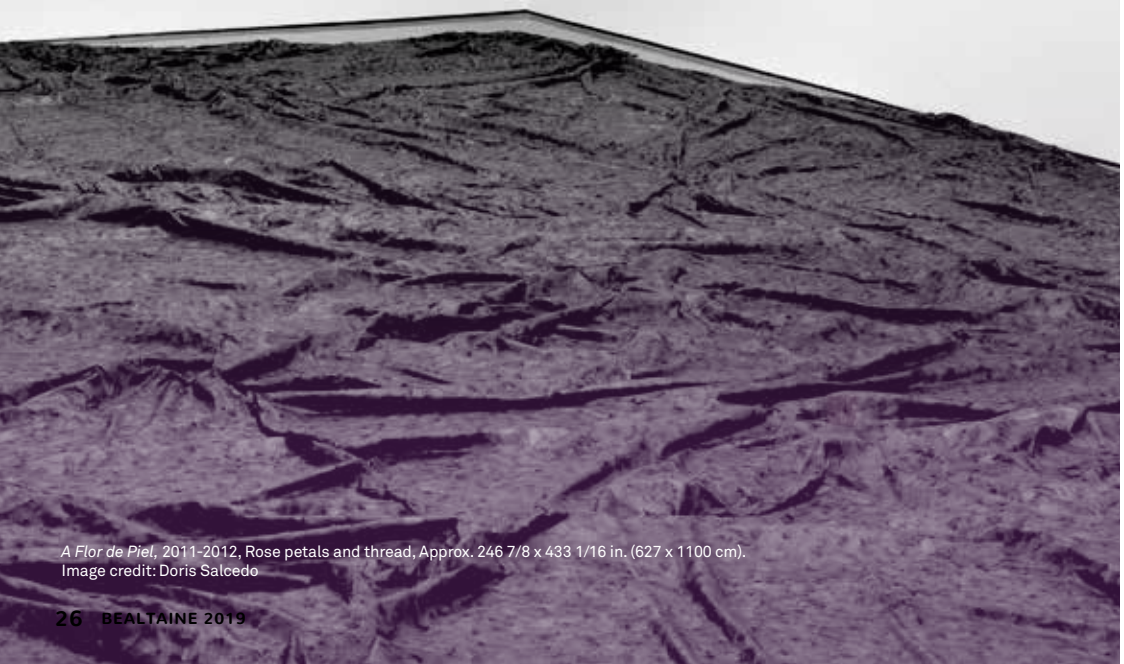
VENUE: **Coombe Women and Infants' Hospital, Education Centre, Dublin 8**
DATE: **26 May**
TIME: **4pm – 5pm**
BOOK: **Free, for booking details please contact info@outlandishtheatre.com or call 087 126 1583.**

A work in progress showing of *Smile*, a rare inter-generational conversation about the act of smiling and identity. We invite older participants to join in a conversation with Max, a teenager determined not to lose his smile.

VISUAL ARTS

HOSPITABLE ACTIONS:
Visual arts events around Ireland

Hospitable Actions **brings the Bealtaine Festival into the fold of some of the country's leading visual arts organisations, many of whom programme Bealtaine events independently. These venues were invited to prioritise programming older artists through events that reflect ageing or the festival theme *Be Our Guest*, providing a rich overview of both international and Irish artists across generations. Working with our host venues around the country, we've created a dynamic series of events including, talks, workshops and exhibitions throughout May.**



A Flor de Piel, 2011-2012, Rose petals and thread, Approx. 246 7/8 x 433 1/16 in. (627 x 1100 cm).
Image credit: Doris Salcedo

Open Studio Demonstration & Discussion with Helen Comerford

VENUE: **Uillinn West Cork Arts Centre, Skibbereen, County Cork**
DATE: **4 May**
TIME: **12pm – 1pm**
TICKETS: **Free event, no booking required. info@westcorkartscentre.com or 028 22090 for more details**

Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre in partnership with Age & Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival are delighted to announce that Helen Comerford is this year's Bealtaine Artist in Residence at Uillinn. During her three week studio residency at Uillinn, visual artist Helen Comerford will conduct an investigation of place through photography, drawing and encaustic painting. To conclude the residency, Helen will host an open studio event which will include a demonstration of encaustic painting processes and a discussion on her processes and progress during the residency.

What is it we lose as time goes by?

VENUE: **The LAB, Foley Street, Dublin 1**
DATE: **29 May**
TIME: **2pm - 3.30pm**
TICKETS: **Admission free, tickets are limited so early booking is recommended. Booking details go to: https://whatisitwelose.eventbrite.ie Contact: artsoffice@dublincity.ie**

The LAB is delighted to present *What is it we lose as time goes by?* This Bealtaine Festival event coincides with Anita Groener's major solo exhibition *The Past is a Foreign Country.* Join artists Anita Groener and Brian Fay 'in conversation' to consider how the concept of time seems to accelerate and decelerate at different stages in our lives. Anita and Brian will also discuss how the experience of time has influenced their lives as artists.

Exhibition preview: 23rd May 18.00pm at the LAB Gallery, Dublin. Exhibition continues until 27th July. Open daily, Admission Free.

Bespoke tours of Doris Salcedo's Acts of Mourning

VENUE: IMMA, Kilmainham, Dublin 8
DATES: 8 May - 1.15pm, 12 May - 2.30pm, 15 May - 1.15pm, 19 May - 2.30pm
TICKETS: Free, drop in. For more information contact info@imma.ie

Doris Salcedo (1958) is a Colombian artist whose work addresses challenging themes with a powerful grace. She is influenced by her experiences of life in Colombia which gives form to pain, trauma, and loss, while creating space for individual and collective mourning. IMMA welcomes you to join our bespoke Bealtaine tours for collective discussion, observation and consideration.

Photo Album of the Irish – new Irish histories

VENUE: Gallery of Photography, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 17 May
TIME: 10.30am – 12.30pm
TICKETS: Free. Places limited. For more info contact trish@galleryofphotography.ie

Join us for a photo archive scanning workshop that invites members of new Irish communities to contribute to our *Photo Album of the Irish* digital archive project. Participants are invited to bring their old photographs to be professionally digitised. Participants will receive a high quality scan of their family photos. This workshop will provide an opportunity for people to share their family memories and histories.

Explore the Mary Swanzy Voyages Exhibition

VENUE: Crawford Gallery, Cork
DATE: 16 May
TIME: 6pm - 7pm
TICKETS: Free, drop in. For more information see www.crawfordgallery.ie

A journey through modernism in the age of war.

Drawing on over a decade of biographical research artist Liz Cullinane will provide a valuable picture of the times in which many of Swanzy's paintings were created, as well as the rich social history behind some of the artist's less familiar styles and developments.

Collective View – Works from the Collection of the Arts Council of Ireland & Boyle Civic Art Collection

VENUE: King House, Boyle, Roscommon
DATE: 17 May (until 14 June)
TIME: 6pm
TICKETS: Tickets: Free, drop in. For more information contact linda@lindashevlin.com

Collective View presents an overview of how collections are formed and investigates the act of collecting as a civic gesture. Drawn from two diverse collections it offers new perspectives on the contribution made by older artists to our cultural landscape.

This exhibition is supported by Roscommon County Council Arts Office.

Artist Led Exhibition Tour

VENUE: Project Arts Centre, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 14 May
TIME: 4pm – 5pm
TICKETS: Free. For full details contact Eimear O'Reilly on eimear@projectartscentre.ie

Project Arts Centre invites you to join Dr. Sarah Durcan, Lecturer Fine Art, Programme Leader MFA Fine Art, NCAD who will lead a unique one off tour that will respond to the outstanding work of artist Roee Rosen in his first ever solo exhibition in Ireland *Exorcisms*. Roee Rosen is an internationally-acclaimed American-Israeli painter, novelist and filmmaker widely known for addressing themes of historical trauma and the politics of identity in his work.

Roee Rosen: *Out ("Tse")*, 2010, still from the video.
Image courtesy of the artist and Riccardo Crespi Gallery, Milan

Disruptors / Exhibition Opening Artists In Conversation

VENUE: Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda, Co. Meath
DATE: 3 May
TIME: 7.30pm
TICKETS: Free. For more information see www.highlanes.ie

Exhibiting artists are: Cliona Harmey, Felicity Clear, Gary Reilly, John Byrne, Robert Armstrong, Hannah Fitz. Curated by Joe Hanly. *Disruptors* seeks to interrupt sense perception and expectations in order to awaken and enlist the innate capacity within viewers to discover and to be innovative in the face of those challenges we all know are lying beyond exhibition walls. The exhibition opening on Friday 3rd May will include artists' in conversation, led by Joe Hanly. The exhibition will run from 3 May – 30 June 2019.

Dunaire, 2018. Image courtesy of the artist Garry Reilly

Bealtaine Commission:
The key was always in the door, a film poem

VENUE: The Glucksman, UCC, Cork
DATE: 2 May (Premier screening)
TIME: 5pm
TICKETS: Free event. Booking required.
INFO: www.glucksman.org or call 021 4901844
A community screening will also take place over May, contact the Glucksman for details.

VENUE: Strokestown Poetry Festival, Roscommon
DATE: 4 May, 1pm & 5 May, 7.30pm
TICKETS: www.strokestownpoetry.org/

VENUE: The Dock, Carrick-on-Shannon, Leitrim
DATE: 10 May
TIME: 6.30pm
TICKETS: www.thedock.ie

VENUE: Gallery of Photography, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 14 May
TIME: 3pm
TICKETS: Free, for more details contact trish@galleryofphotography.ie

VENUE: Hunt Museum, Limerick
DATE: 17 May
TIME: 1pm
TICKETS: Free event, booking recommended.
For further information contact: education@huntmuseum.com **or phone 061 312833**

The key was always in the door is a new film poem that has been commissioned for the Bealtaine festival in partnership with The Glucksman, University College Cork. For Bealtaine 2019, artist Collette Nolan and poet Gerry Murphy have collaborated closely with members of the Ballyphehane/Togher Community to produce a film and writings that question ideas around hospitality, home and the practice of "hosting" or being "hosted" - in the context of the community's personal situations. The community has generated the 'content' of the work in tandem with the artist and writer through collaborative workshops hosted by The Glucksman. The workshops included writing, storytelling, film and photography.

GLUCKSMAN

Bealtaine Commission:
Liminal States By Alanna O'Kelly

WEXFORD EVENT: A late evening live performative event, taking place in a lighthouse and coinciding with the full moon.
VENUE: Hook Head Lighthouse, Co. Wexford
DATE: 18 May
TIME: 7.30pm
TICKETS: www.wexfordcoco.ie/arts-and-culture **for more information.**

WATERFORD EVENT: A multi-media installation, introducing new experimental soundscapes, visual imagery and texts.
VENUE: St Patricks Gateway, Waterford City
DATE: 25 May
TIME: 7.30pm
TICKETS: This is a free event. Please see www.waterfordarts.com **or contact** 2010paff@gmail **for more information.**

Image: *Liminal of Being*, Áine Farrell & Alanna O'Kelly

For 2018/2019 we have partnered with Waterford and Wexford Local Authority Arts Offices to commission new work by Wexford based artist Alanna O'Kelly. Alanna is known for highly experimental, cross disciplinary work and has previously addressed themes such as loss, conflict and displacement, and the Great Irish famine.

This new commission entitled *Liminal States* has been developed over the last year through an immersive collaborative creative process, and builds on earlier bodies of work. Alanna has worked closely with people living in Direct Provision Centres in County Waterford and also with members of The Quay Notes Choir in County Wexford to explore themes of 'hospitality, hosting and belonging'. This process included intensive research, Fine Art printmaking workshops, audio & sound workshops, discussions, debates and story sessions – and involved collaborations with South East based practitioners; artist Anthony Lyttle, artist and writer Brian Garvey, choreographer and movement artist Libby Seward, musician and composer Pol Brennan, Elaine Winch, Director of The Quay Notes Choir and artist Pavlina Kubelkova.

Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge Waterford City & County Council

Comhairle Contae Loch Garman Wexford County Council

Bealtaine Commission:
Electric Irish Homes Textile Project, Open Day

VENUE: National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Co. Mayo.
DATE: 30 May (open day) and July 2019
TIME: 2.00pm – 4.00pm
TICKETS: 094 9031751 / educationtph@museum.ie

The Electric Irish Homes Textile Project is an artist-led initiative with Sligo based artist Anna Spearman, in which a group of older women explore and respond to the themes of Irish rural electrification. The commission sought to develop ways of interpreting Dr. Sorcha O'Brien's (Kingston University) research on the significant impact of Irish rural electrification on Irish housewives and their homes during the 1950s and 1960s. An Open Day will take place on May 30th where people will be invited to hear more about this exciting project, to meet the participants, and to look at some of the work they have created along with a short video documenting the project by Brian Cregan.

Central to this project, and opening in July 2019, is an exhibition called *Kitchen Promises*, which explores this subject matter further. This is a National Museum of Ireland - Country Life exhibition in partnership with Dr Sorcha O'Brien, Kingston University, funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council, UK.

museum National Museum of Ireland Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann Saol na Tuaithe Country Life

Kingston University London

FILM

Launch of access>Cinema Bealtaine Film Tour

VENUE: Irish Film Institute, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 26 April
TIME: 11am - 1pm
TICKETS: €4.45 which includes tea/coffee before the film

The Irish Film Institute and access>CINEMA are delighted to invite you to the launch of the annual nationwide film tour followed by a special *Wild Strawberries* screening of this year's chosen title, *Finding your Feet*. This tour has become an established favourite in venues around the country over the month of May and features a programme of curated films specially selected with older audiences in mind.
For details of the film tour in your area please check with your local film club or arts centre.

IFI Wild Strawberries Film Club

VENUE: Irish Film Institute, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
DATE: 29 & 31 May
TIME: 11am - 1pm
TICKETS: €4.45 which includes tea/coffee before the film

Go along to the IFI for a warm welcome and some hospitality at their popular *Wild Strawberries* screenings, and maybe some extra special guests!

For more information see www.ifi.ie

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IFI Irish Film Institute

WORKSHOPS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Information Workshop: Artist in Residence in a Care Setting

VENUE: Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing, St. James' Hospital, Dublin 8
DATE: 8 May
TIME: 2pm - 4pm
TICKETS: Admission is free but booking is recommended. www.residenciesworkshop.eventbrite.ie

In 2019, Age & Opportunity, supported by the National Creativity Fund, the HSE and the Arts Council will offer six artist residencies in care settings around Ireland. In this information workshop, we will present the aims and objectives of the programme as well as advice on the application process for artists and interested parties from care settings who wish to attend.

Sustaining Your Artistic Practice

VENUE: RHA School, RHA Gallagher Gallery, Ely Place, Dublin 2
DATE: 7 May
TIME: 9.45am – 1.30pm
TICKETS: Admission is free but spaces are limited and booking is essential through: www.visualartists.ie / For further information phone 01 672 9488

This year's Professional Development event will provide insights and practical advice for artists on the following topics: *Archiving your work and How to use social media effectively in your practice.*

Panel speakers include: Abigail O'Brien (President of the RHA) and Darragh Doyle (Social Media Strategist). The panel will be chaired by Aisling Prior. In addition, artists Susan Buttner, Denis Kelly and Anne Ensor will present their work and discuss their arts practice in a special artists *Show & Tell* session.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Autumn Programme

Prime – professional development and supports for theatre actors, with the Irish Theatre Institute.

The Gathering – the annual feedback and training day for the Bealtaine network.

We are also working with Dance Theatre of Ireland and the Irish Writer's Centre to develop exciting new dance and writing initiatives.

Visit www.bealtaine.ie for more information or sign up to our ezine to get the latest updates on any of these intiatives.

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Limerick Commission with Isolde Donohoe and Bernadette Cotter - Poem 2019

VENUE: Limerick City Gallery of Art
DATE: 30 August

Over the last year, performance artists Bernadette Cotter and Isolde Donohoe have been developing a new collaborative, performance work entitled *Poem*. This piece will be presented live at Limerick City Gallery of Art in August 2019. Wearing specially created outfits, the artists will 'inhabit' the gallery spaces to explore the *texture of communication* between each other, the audience and the architecture of the building.

Age & Opportunity KCAT Engagement Residency

VENUE: KCAT, Callan, Co. Kilkenny
DATE: March & April

KCAT is a multi-disciplinary Arts Centre dedicated to the fostering and nurturing of creative ambition and professional development in the arts.

The aim of the Bealtaine Engagement Residency at KCAT is to foster relationships between individual studio artists with fellow professionals working in Ireland to develop creative collaborative partnerships. In 2019 artists Paul Mosse and Kathlyn O'Brien are the nominated Bealtaine artists.

Age & Opportunity Visual Arts Residency at Cowhouse Studios, Wexford

VENUE: Cowhouse Studios
DATE: 25 August to 6 September

The idea behind the residency is to create a quiet space over the course of two weeks for artists of different generations to consider their practices, and the changing contexts of those practices as time has moved on in their career. This year the artists Richard Gorman, Tamsin Snow and Eithne Jordan have been selected as the Beataine visual arts residency artists. The residency will conclude with a public discussion at Cow House studios exploring the practices of the three artists.

Age & Opportunity Artists in Residence in Care Settings

DATES: September – November
VENUE: Various

Age & Opportunity has a longstanding stake in the provision of creative activities in care settings through its *Creative Exchanges* programme and in relation to creating meaningful experiences for people with dementia through its *Azure* programme. Building on highly successful residencies in 2017 and 2018, Age & Opportunity, through funding provided by the Creative Ireland Programme's National Creativity Fund, HSE National Lottery Funding and the Arts Council are this year offering six artist residencies within a care setting.

NATIONAL FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

There are hundreds of Bealtaine events happening all around Ireland during the month of May, here is a selection of what's on in your area. For the full listings visit www.bealtaine.ie

CONNAUGHT

ARCHITECTURE

The Kiosk' a public art installation by Sarah Sexton
Outside Quigley's Bar in Collooney, Co Sligo
May 1 - 31 / open all the time
086 8424 969

DANCE

Contemporary Dance Workshops with Liz Roche Company
Roscommon Arts Centre, Circular Rd, Roscommon
May 1 – 29 / 11am – 2pm
090 66 25824 www.roscommonartscentre.ie

Go For Life Games and Dance Taster
Cultural Centre, Swinford, Co Mayo
May 8 / 10am – 12.30pm
087 9049 723
www.facebook.com/swinfordgogetters

Bealtaine Festival Tea Dance
Rathcormac Hall, Drumcliffe, Co Sligo
May 9 / 6pm
086 8424 969

FILM

Screening of Old Arts and Crafts D.V.D's
Ballinamore Library, Main St., Co Leitrim
May 01 - 29 / 3pm – 4pm (Wednesdays)
071 9645 566
www.leitrimcoco.ie/eng/Community-Culture/Library

MUSIC

Songbirds with Cathy Jordan
Roscommon Arts Centre, Circular Rd, Roscommon
May 7 - 28 / 2.30pm – 3.30pm
090 66 25824 www.roscommonartscentre.ie

Adventure Screen Classica: RTÉ Concert Orchestra
Leisureland, Salthill Rd Lower, Salthill, Galway
May 11 / 6pm – 8pm
091 705962 www.musicforgalway.ie

Connecting the Dots: An Exhibition
Ballinasloe Library, Society St., Townparks, Ballinasloe, Co Galway
May 16 - 30
091 586 706 www.thegalwaymusicresidency.ie

Social morning (music, song and dance)
Plougastel Centre, Distillery Rd, Westport, Co Mayo
May 21 / 11am – 1pm
087 654 1445

Suitcase Arias
St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, 7 Lombard St, Galway
May 24 / 8pm – 10pm
091 705 962 www.musicforgalway.ie

SPOKEN WORD

Spoken Word & Stories Session with writer Maura Gilligan
The Old School, Drumcliffe, Rathcomac, Co Sligo
May 12 / 3pm
086 8424 969

Mary Guckian presents: 'My Cousin John James In the Driving Seat'
Ballinamore Library, Main St., Co Leitrim
May 21 / 8.30
071 9645567 www.leitrimlibrary.ie

President John F. Kennedy in Galway
Croi na Gaillimhe, Social Club Room, Mill St., Galway
May 22 / 2.15pm
091 895 203 www.croinagaillimhe.ie

Planning for a Colourful Summer in your Garden, with a view to implementing Biodiversity
Ballinamore Library, Main St., Co Leitrim
May 23 / 6.30pm – 7.30pm
071 9645 566
www.leitrimcoco.ie/eng/Community-Culture/Library

TRADITIONAL ARTS

Summer Time Planting with our resident gardener Anthony Ruane
Heritage Walled Garden at the Jackie Clarke Collection, Pearse St., Ballina, Co Mayo
May 29 / 11am – 1pm
096 73508 / 087 4133 752
www.clarkecollection.ie

THEATRE

Act Your Age Acting Workshops with Julie Sharkey
Roscommon Arts Centre, Circular Rd, Roscommon
May 1 - 29 / 2pm – 4pm
090 66 25824
www.roscommonartscentre.ie

VISUAL ART

'Blue and Silver' Mixed media art exhibition by artist Deirdre Huston
Nazareth House Atrium Gallery Exhibition, Church Hill, Sligo
May 1 – 31 / 10am – 4pm
086 8424969

Pillar Art Exhibition
Ballymote Library, Teeling St, Ballymote
May 1 – 31 / 10am – 5pm (except Mondays)
086 8424969

Sligo Landscape
Rathcormac Craft Village, Co Sligo
May 6 - 20 (Gallery hours to be set)
086 8424969

Intergenerational creative board gaming event
Ballymote Library, Teeling St, Ballymote, Co Sligo
Artform Animation
May 11 / 11am – 1pm
086 8424 969

Exhibition of artwork prints
Primary Care Unit, Markievicz House, Barrack St, Sligo
May 14 - 31 / 10am – 5pm
086 8424 969

Be Our Guest!
Oughterard Courthouse, Main St, Co Galway
May 14 / 11am – 12.30pm
087 2380754 www.facebook.com/uachtarARTS

Needle Felt Workshop
Sligo Central Library, Stephen St., Sligo
May 14 / 10.30am – 12pm
Contact 071 9111 850 www.sligolibrary.ie

DUBLIN

ANIMATION

Tell Tale (Workshop)
11 May / 10am – 4pm
Rua Red Arts Centre, Blessington Rd, Dublin 24
01 451 5860
Ages 9+ & accompanied by a parent, grandparent or guardian
www.eventbrite.com/e/tell-tale-tickets-55828003060

DANCE

Vintage Youth Seniors Dance Ensemble - Wisdom Moves
26 May / 3.30pm
Dance Theatre of Ireland, Centre for Dance, Bloomfields, Lwr Georges St, Dun Laoghaire
01 280 3455 www.dancetheatreireland.com

Tea – Dance
26 May / 3pm – 6pm
Palmerstown Community & Youth Centre, Palmerstown Shopping Centre, Palmerstown, Dublin
01 6166981
This dance is FREE of charge.
www.facebook.com/PalmerstownCommunityandYouthCentre

COMEDY

Growing Old Disgracefully (Satirical songs/poems Cabaret style)
30 May / 8pm
The Lexicon Studio, Dun Laoghaire Library, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin

MUSIC

Bealtaine Festival - Open Day
7 May / 11.30 am
Baldoyle Community Hall, Main St, Baldoyle, Dublin 13
086 3832257 www.forgetmenots.ie/2019.html

Dusk Chorus - People's College Choir
22 May / 8.30pm
Parnell Square North, Dublin City Centre

RAMS in Rhythm
18 May / 3pm – 6pm
Royal Marine Dun Laoghaire, Sea front view, Co. Dublin
01 458 9007
Note: Also performing for patients, staff and visitors of Tallaght Hospital, Dublin on 13 May from 1pm – 2pm.

VISUAL ART

A Virtual Tour of the Hugh Lane Gallery by Dr. Maebh O'Regan
9 May / 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Blanchardstown Library, The Civic Centre - 01 890 5563
17 May / 11am - 12pm, Balbriggan Library, George's Square - 01 870 4401
21 May / 2pm - 3pm, Malahide Library, The Mall, Malahide - 01 870 4430
www.fingal.ie/libraries/

Memory Dress Workshop with Maria Pantel
10 May / 10.30am - 12pm at Donabate Library, Donabate Portrane Comm & Leisure Centre - 01 890 5609
13 May / 6.15pm - 7.45pm at Baldoyle Library, The Mall (off Strand Rd), Dublin 13 - 01 890 6793
22 May / 6.15pm - 7.45pm at Howth Library, Main St, Howth - 01 890 5026
www.fingal.ie/libraries/

National Drawing Day: Make Your Own Sketchbook with Ashleigh Downey
18 May / 11am – 1pm
Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, Charlemont House, Parnell Square North, Dublin
01 222 5550
hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures/2412-national-drawing-day-19

Talk about the landscape paintings in the Rathfarnham Castle collection
16 May / 3pm – 4pm
Rathfarnham Castle, Rathfarnham Castle (D14 K3T6), Dublin 14
01 4939462
www.rathfarnhamcastle.ie

Coffee Conversations at the Hugh Lane Gallery
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th May 2019 / 11am
Dublin City Gallery, The Hugh Lane, Charlemont House, Parnell Square North, Dublin
01 222 5550
During these discussions participants are invited to join Gallery curators and guest speakers in an exploration of the Gallery's collection and temporary exhibitions, followed by tea or coffee with the speaker to allow for further discussion. Fee for talk €5 and refreshments included. No booking required, although places are limited.
www.hughlane.ie

SPOKEN WORD

One Hour Archive, Stoneybatter Tour
1 - 31 May / All day
Stoneybatter, Manor Street, Stoneybatter, Dublin
085 716 0941
Web: App available to download from 1 May via: Playstore: Android & iOS; App 'PocketSights', search for One Hour Archive

Mindful Eating, Listening & Speaking with Andrea Ryan
1 May / 6.30pm – 7.30pm at Donabate Library, Donabate Portrane Community & Leisure Centre – 01 890 5609
8 May / 6.30pm – 7.30pm at Rush Library, Chapel Green, Rush – 01 870 8414
13 May / 6.30pm – 7.30pm at Swords Library, Rathbeale Rd – 01 890 5894
fingal.ie/libraries/

TRADITIONAL ARTS

Recollection with the Collection (Bealtaine Festival)
11 May / 2pm – 4pm
National Print Museum, Beggars Bush Barracks, Haddington Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4
01 660 3770
www.nationalprintmuseum.ie/visit-us/event-calendar/

LEINSTER

DANCE

Afternoon Tea Dance
The Old Mill, Kilsharvan, between Julianstown and Duleek, Drogheda, Co Louth
May 5 / 2:30pm – 5pm
087 9738 763

MUSIC

Bealtaine Singalong
The River Court Hotel, The Bridge, John's St, Kilkenny
May 5 / 10am – 11am
086 2540202
www.soulfulspiritchoirkilkenny.com

Music Appreciation Club
Ashbourne Library, Killegland St., Ashbourne, Co Meath
May 15 / 11am – 12:30pm
01 835 8185
www.facebook.com/meathcountylibrary

Dawn Chorus with the Rosemount Singers
Rosemount, Julianstown, Co Meath
May 21 / 9am – 11am
0876125291 www.kendumusic.com

Men's Shed Song Cycle
An Tain Arts Centre, Crowe St., Dundalk, Co Louth
May 25 / 8pm
042 9329281 www.antain.ie

FILM

Library Film Club screening of 'Breath Made Visible'
Library DkIT, Dublin Road, Dundalk, Co Louth
May 29 / 2pm
042 9370200 www.dkit.ie/library

LITERATURE

Big Book Quiz
Buvinda House, Dublin Rd., Navan, Co Meath
May 22 / 7pm – 9pm
046 9021134
www.facebook.com/meathcountylibrary/

LEINSTER

THEATRE

The Experience of Being
Droichead Arts Centre, Stockwell St, Co Louth
May 14 / 2pm
041 9833946 www.droichead.com/show/873603168

Young at Heart Variety Show
Dunamaise Theatre, Church St., Portlaoise, Co Laois
May 15 / 2pm
086 3136182

Smallone
Droichead Arts Centre, Stockwell St, Co Louth
May 21 / 3pm
041 9833946 www.droichead.com/show/873603172

The Six Marys
Graiguenamanagh Library, Convent Road, Graiguenamanagh, Co Kilkenny
May 23 / 11am
056 779 4178 www.kilkennylibrary.ie

Castlecomer Library, Kilkenny St, Co Kilkenny
May 24 / 11am
056 444 0561 www.kilkennylibrary.ie

TRADITIONAL ARTS

Natural Beauty & Cleaning Workshop
Thomastown Library, Marshes St, Co Kilkenny
May 8 / 11am
056 779 4331 www.kilkennylibrary.ie

Create a Pin Cushion Competition
Navan Library, Railway St., Navan, Co. Meath
4/3/2019 – 9/5/2019
046 902 1134
www.facebook.com/meathcountylibrary/

Introduction to Art
Ashbourne Library, Killegland St., Co Meath
May 23 / 12noon – 2:30pm
01 835 8185 www.facebook.com/meathcountylibrary

MUNSTER

DANCE

Ageing in Movement
The Tipperary Excel Arts & Heritage Centre, Mitchell St., Tipperary
May 30 / 10am – 5pm
062 80520
www.facebook.com/TipperaryExcelCentre/

LITERATURE

Bealtaine Writer's Residency
Kerry Writer's Museum, 14 The Sq, Listowel, Co Kerry
May 1 – 24 / All day
066 7183 541 arts@kerrycoco.ie

On the Nail
CB1, 51 O'Connell St., Limerick
May 2 / 8pm – 10pm
087 299 6409 www.limerickwriterscentre.com

MUSIC

Around the Old Campfire
Horgan's Buildings Senior Citizen's Centre, 110 Magazine Road, Cork
May 2 / 8pm
086 331 7373

Bealtaine Festival Celebration and Afternoon Tea
Central Library, Lady Lane, Waterford
May 5 / 3pm – 4pm
0761 102755 www.waterfordlibraries.ie

Bealtaine Dawn Chorus
Dunmore East Library, Dock Rd, Co Waterford
May 12 / 8am
0761 102755 www.waterfordlibraries.ie

Sliabh Luachra Active Retired Network Choir and Gabriel Fitzmaurice
Castleisland Day Care Centre, 22 Old Chapel Lane, Chapel Quarter, Castleisland, Co Kerry
May 13 / 11am – 12.30pm
087 4138 934
www.facebook.com/Lyreacrompane-Community-Development-257124171035097/

THEATRE

Smallone by Bottom Dog Theatre Company
Tipperary Excel - The Simon Ryan Theatre, Mitchell St., Tipperary
May 2 / 8pm
062 80520 www.tipperary-excel.com

Swanning Around
Lough Parish Hall, Lough Rd, The Lough, Cork
May 16 / 2.30pm – 5pm
086 3317 373

An Evening with Mary McEvoy
My Place, Mill Road, Midleton, Co Cork
May 19 / 7pm
087 2989 784 www.noggintheatre.ie

TRADITIONAL ARTS

Sew a welcome piece for your home
Ardkeen Library, Dunmore Rd, Waterford
May 13 / 10.30am – 12pm
0761 102755

VISUAL ART

Art Workshop
Adare Library, Adare, Co Limerick
May 8 / 11am – 1pm
061 396822

Art Workshop
Cappoquin Library, Main St, Cappoquin, Co Waterford
May 15 / 2pm – 3.30pm
0761 102755

Fethard Bealtaine Art Open Exhibition
Main St., Fethard, Co Tippeary
May 18 – 19 / 12pm – 6pm
087 7539 230

Lonradh Visiting Programme
Crawford Art Gallery, Emmet Pl, Cork
May 29 / 2pm – 3.30pm
Emma - 021 4907862
emmaklemencic@crawfordartgallery.ie

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FESTIVAL

Arts & Age Festival
Throughout Northern Ireland
Annual festival showcases the contribution that the arts are making to enhancing quality of life for older people.
www.artscouncil-ni.org

LITERATURE

Playwriting
Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal
May 2 / 2pm – 5pm

STORYTELLING

Reminisence and Story Telling
Radharc Na Cille, Mulroy Park, Carrigart, Letterkenny, Co Donegal
May 9 / 11am – 1pm
087 2509 195

Reminiscing
Radharc Na Cille, Mulroy Park, Carrigart, Letterkenny, Co Donegal
May 23 / 11am – 1pm
074 9124 613

THEATRE

Extra Time
Garage Theatre, Monaghan Education Campus, Armagh Rd, Monaghan
May 11 / 8pm
047 39777
www.garagetheatre.com

Age & Opportunity

Our vision is an Ireland where all older people are more active, more visible, more creative, more connected, more often.

Age & Opportunity is the national organisation that provides a range of opportunities for older people who want to get more involved in arts and culture, sport and physical activity, civic engagement and personal development. We work with local communities and organisations across the country to run a range of programmes and activities in these three areas.

The Bealtaine Festival, an Age & Opportunity Arts initiative, is one of our flagship events and has been celebrating the arts and creativity as we age since 1995.

The festival continues to grow with the support and collaboration of our partners and hundreds of organisers throughout the country, as well as all those who attend a Bealtaine event. We are grateful to all those who organised events and we hope that Bealtaine 2019 will inspire everyone it touches.

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Bealtaine Ambassadors

In 2018, we re-launched the Bealtaine Ambassadors initiative by inviting three celebrated artists to take up the mantle for three years. These artists were chosen as exemplars of how our creative potential can improve as we age. Now in their second year as Ambassadors, these artists continue to demonstrate what life-long creativity means with their thoughtful contributions to the festival and its associated events as well as illustrating how creative potential can grow, through their own practice.

Jane O Leary

Music has always been a part of my life – but it is also something that continually evolves and challenges me, enriches and excites me. As a composer, performer, listener - I find I am always learning, trying to improve, deepening my appreciation of other creative artists, and perhaps most importantly – enjoying communicating with others.

Mary Nunan

As a dance artist in my 60s I find that my desire to make work is still strong. Enough. A bigger challenge is that of finding supportive contexts in which to create and share this work. In this regard, Bealtaine has played a vital role for me as an artist. The care and commitment that the team brings to every aspect of their programme is inspiring. These are the conditions that are necessary for the arts to flourish.

Cathal O'Neill

I am aged 88 and have had the opportunity to work all my life at what I love: Architecture. My architect son returned from London in 1989 to join my practice which enables me to continue doing what I most like. They say old architects don't die - they just draw their conclusion.

2019 EVENTS

1 MAY Page 5
FESTIVAL LAUNCH
11am – 1pm, Irish Film Institute, Dublin.

THROUGHOUT MAY Page 33
ACCESS CINEMA FILM TOUR
Launch will be held on 26 April, IFI, Dublin.

2 MAY – THROUGHOUT MAY Page 30
BEALTAINE COMMISSION: *THE KEY WAS ALWAYS IN THE DOOR*, A FILM POEM
Various venues and dates throughout May.

3 MAY Page 7
REMINISCENCE CONFERENCE
Dublin.

4 MAY – THROUGHOUT MAY Page 26
HOSPITABLE ACTIONS
Various venues and dates throughout May.

5 MAY Page 20
DAWN CHORUS
6am, Carlow Town Park.

7 MAY Page 35
SUSTAINING YOUR PRACTICE (ARTISTS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP)
10am – 1pm, RHA Gallery, Dublin.

8 MAY Page 35
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE IN A CARE SETTING INFORMATION WORKSHOP
2pm, MISA, Dublin.

9 MAY Page 18
THE PHYSICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF DEATH ... (CONVERSATION)
2.30pm – 4.30pm, MISA, Dublin (Café from 12pm - 2pm).

10 MAY Page 9
INTERGENERATIONAL CREATIVE ENGAGEMENT
11am, DCU Glasnevin Student Hub, Dublin.

12 MAY Page 19
MODES OF CAPTURE: DUBLIN DANCE FESTIVAL (CONVERSATION)
4pm-5.15pm, Project Arts Centre, Dublin.

16 MAY & THROUGHOUT MAY Page 23
BEALTAINE TOUR – WHAT GOOD IS...
Various venues throughout Ireland.

16 MAY Page 17
ARTISTS' LIVES
2.30pm, DanceHouse, Dublin.

17 MAY Page 8
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: INTERGENERATIONAL BICYCLE GANG PROJECT
Dublin City.

18 MAY Page 7
BEALTAINE @ INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS DAY
Museums nationwide.

18 MAY Page 10
BEALTAINE @ TEMPLE BAR
Multiple venues across Temple Bar, Dublin

18 & 25 MAY Page 31
BEALTAINE COMMISSION: ALANNA O'KELLY & LIMINAL STATES
Wexford, Waterford.

20 MAY Page 15
STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS WITH PAT MCCABE, NICOLE FLATTERY & DANNY DENTON (CONVERSATION)
6pm, Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin.

22 MAY Page 16
BEALTAINE BOOK CLUB: ÉILÍS NÍ DHUIBHNE
4.00pm, Irish Writer's Centre, Dublin.

26 MAY & THROUGHOUT MAY Page 24
BEALTAINE COMMISSION: THE DOOR
2.00pm, Rotunda Hospital, Dublin.

26 MAY Page 20
DUSK CHORUS
8.00pm, Dublin.

28 & 30 MAY Page 22
BEALTAINE COMMISSION: ABAIR/SAMAA
7.30pm, Smock Alley, Dublin & Moat Theatre, Naas, Co. Kildare.

29 & 31 MAY Page 33
IFI WILD STRAWBERRIES SCREENINGS
11am, Irish Film Institute, Dublin.

30 MAY Page 32
BEALTAINE COMMISSION: ELECTRIC IRISH HOMES TEXTILE PROJECT, OPEN DAY
2pm, Irish Museum of Country Life, Co. Mayo.

Festival Team
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Programme Changes
Please note that all events are subject to change. Be sure to check our website bealtaine.ie or social media forums for the most up to date information.

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Abair/Samaa – An intercultural choral performance, p. 22. Photo by Tony Kinlan.

Rear Cover Image
The Door – CoisCéim BROADREACH | The Door, p.24-25. Photo courtesy of CoisCéim.

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