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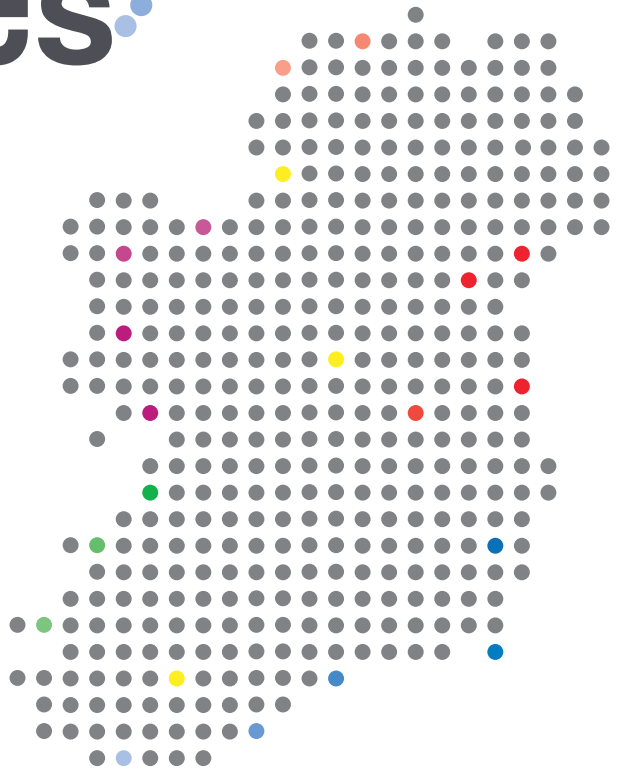

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Calendar of Events

23 April
Creativity & Ageing in conversation event
6.30pm, Trinity College, Dublin

27 April
Festival Launch
10.30am, National Concert Hall, Dublin

Throughout May
Access Cinema Film Tour
Launch will be held on 29 April, IFI

Throughout May
Bealtaine Tour – The Windy Lady
Various venues and dates throughout the month of May

Throughout May
Hospitable Actions
Various venues and dates throughout the month of May

1 – 9 May
The Chronicles of Oggle
Various times, Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin

1 – 4 May
The Experience of Being
6.30pm, Galway Theatre Festival, Galway City

3 May
Dawn Chorus
6am, Donegal

6 May
Circle of Friends 25th Anniversary
Screening
6.30pm, IFI, Dublin

7 May Launch and throughout May
Bealtaine Commission: Tar Isteach
Clare, Galway, Roscommon, Dublin

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7pm, Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, Clare

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15 May
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3pm, Irish Writer's Centre, Dublin

16 May
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2pm, IMMA, Dublin

16 May
Ty Boomershine Performance Lecture
2pm, DanceHouse, Dublin

18 May
Bealtaine @ International Museums Day
Museums nationwide

19 May
Re-entering / Sustaining Your Practice (CPD)
10am, RHA Gallery

21 May
Artist in Residence in a Care Setting Information Event
2pm, St. James' Hospital, Dublin

21 & 22 May
Yes, but do you care?
Poetry Ireland, Dublin

22 May
Bealtaine Discussion: No-one Expects the Middle Ages!
2.30pm – 4.30pm, NCAD, Dublin

22 May
Starting Out and Keeping Going with Anne Enright
8pm, Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin

23 May
Dusk Chorus
8.00pm, Trinity College, Dublin

27 & 29 May
IFI Wild Strawberries Screenings
11am, Irish Film Institute, Dublin

28 May
Maidineacha Cafe
10.30am, Donnycarney, Dublin

29 May
On a House like a Fire
5 & 7pm, Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin

30 May
Rhinestone Cowboy Sessions
12 noon, National Concert Hall, Dublin

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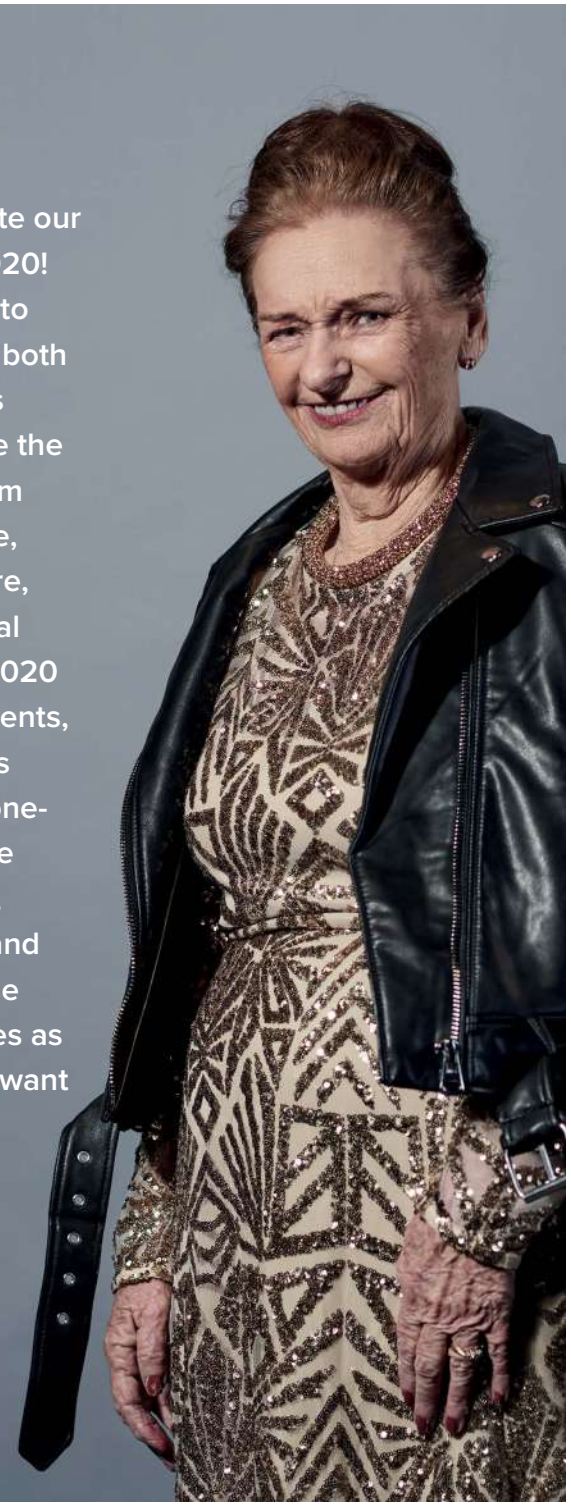
Welcome

Come and join us to celebrate our 25th Bealtaine birthday in 2020! One last time, we invite you to Be Our Guest at events that both entertain and reflect on lives well-lived and that showcase the work of incredible artists from all over Ireland. From theatre, music, and dance to literature, Irish language, film, the visual arts and debate, Bealtaine 2020 offers intimate and grand events, outdoor and indoor locations and both participatory and one-person events for every taste and interest. Fundamentally, Bealtaine 2020 will inspire and tells the stories of our diverse experiences and perspectives as we age. It asks, who do you want your future self to be?

Dr. Tara Byrne, Bealtaine
Festival Artistic Director



Thursday 23 April, 6.30pm

Trinity Week Presents

Creativity and Ageing

TALK/DISCUSSION

Trinity College, Dublin 1
Free, booking essential through Eventbrite.ie

Join the Faculty of Health Sciences at Trinity College Dublin, in collaboration with the Ignite Office and Age & Opportunity, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Bealtaine Festival. Three note-worthy speakers from a range of disciplines will present their thoughts on Creativity and Ageing through the lens of their life's work.

Wednesday 29 April, 11am

Launch of access>Cinema Bealtaine Film Tour

Irish Film Institute, Eustace Street, Temple Bar, Dublin
€4.45 which includes tea/coffee before the film
See ifi.ie for more info

The Irish Film Institute and access>CINEMA are delighted to invite you to the launch of the annual Bealtaine nationwide film tour, followed by a special Wild Strawberries screening.

For details of the film tour in your area please check with your local film club or arts centre.

Monday 27 April, 10.30am

Bealtaine 2020 25th Anniversary Festival Launch!

National Concert Hall,
Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.
Open Invitation – All welcome! Admission is free but please book via arts@ageandopportunity.ie or by phone on 01 8057709.

President Michael D. Higgins will launch the 25th Bealtaine Festival at the National Concert Hall. Please join us to launch Bealtaine 2020 which will feature a special performance from *The Door* and maybe a visit from *The Windy Lady*. Come along to have a cup of tea, see what's on and plan your festival visits!

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Friday 1 May and Various Dates Nationwide

The Bealtaine Tour

Axis Ballymun Presents

The Windy Lady

By Pom Boyd

THEATRE

A lesson in laughter and life, Pom Boyd's *The Windy Lady* invites you to share the contents of her mind, her shopping bag and her biscuit tin. Witty, warm and delightfully irreverent, *The Windy Lady* is a subversive and charming celebration of animals, old-womanhood and ordinary life.

Presented in partnership with Axis Ballymun. Supported by the Arts Council. Additional support by the Irish Theatre Institute.

Axis Ballymun	**1 May**	**8pm**	*01 883 2100*	*axisballymun.ie*
Draíocht Blanchardstown	**2 May**	**8.15pm**	*01 885 2622*	*draoicht.ie*
The Dock, Carrick-on-Shannon	**5 May**	**1pm**	*071 9650828*	*thedock.ie*
Town Hall Theatre Galway	**6 May**	**8pm**	*091 569 777*	*tht.ie*
Hawkswell Theatre Sligo	**7 May**	**8pm**	*071 916 1518*	*hawkswell.com*
Birr Theatre & Arts Centre	**8 May**	**8pm**	*057 912 2911*	*birrtheatre.com*
Wexford Arts Centre	**9 May**	**8pm**	*053 912 3764*	*wexfordartscentre.ie*
Roscommon Arts Centre	**13 May**	**8pm**	*090 662 5824*	*roscommonartscentre.ie*
Belltable	**14 May**	**8pm**	*061 953400*	*limetreetheatre.ie*
Belltable	**15 May**	**2pm**	*061 953400*	*Limetreetheatre.ie*
Garter Lane Arts Centre Waterford	**16 May**	**8pm**	*051 855 038*	*garterlane.ie*
Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda	**21 May**	**8pm**	*041 98 33946*	*droichead.com*

Monday 27 April – Saturday 9 May, 8pm (3pm matinee on 2, 6, 9 May)

The Chronicles of Oggle

Presented by Fight2Flight Theatre

THEATRE

Smock Alley Theatre
€16/14 through smockalley.com
01 677 0014

Meet Pakie. An orphan, a storyteller, an adventurer, a survivor. This is a hilarious and heart-breaking story of small towns and even smaller minds.

Friday 1 – Monday 4 May, 6.30pm

Galway Theatre Festival presents

The Experience of Being

By Carol Moore

THEATRE

An Taibhdhearc, Galway City
€14/€12 /€10 (early bird) through tht.ie | 091569777

How many times does it take for people not to see you before you start feeling invisible? An uplifting, funny and moving story of empowerment whatever age you are.

Produced by An Grianán Theatre and made possible through the Major Individual Artist Award from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

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Wednesday 6 May, 6.30pm

Circle of Friends 25th Anniversary Screening

Introduced by Róisín Ingle

Irish Film Institute, Eustace Street, Temple Bar, Dublin
€11.50 / €9 from ifi.ie | 01 679 3477

Released in 1995 – the same year as Bealtaine was founded - this adaptation of Maeve Binchy's bestselling novel, Circle of Friends, directed by renowned Irish director Pat O'Connor, was a huge success at home and abroad.

In conjunction with the IFI's 'From the Vaults' series, with a special introduction by Roisin Ingle from The Irish Times.

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Sunday 3 May, 6am

The Dawn Chorus at Fanad Lighthouse

Fanad Lighthouse, Donegal *Free, all welcome!*

In 2020, *Ceol le Chéile - Choir of Ages* has been chosen as the Bealtaine Festival Flagship Choir. *Ceol le Chéile* captures the spirit of Bealtaine through their collaborative, inclusive and intergenerational ethos. Their Dawn Chorus at the beautiful Fanad Lighthouse promises to be a stunning event – worth setting the alarm for!

Ceol le Chéile is led by Donegal County Council and supported by the HSE, Healthy Ireland, Creative Ireland, Letterkenny Institute of Technology and Local Link

Saturday 23 May, 8pm

The Dusk Mega Chorus

Trinity College, Dublin *Free, all welcome!*

This year, to mark our 25 years and counting, we're planning something a little bit different for our Flagship Dusk Chorus. We are bringing together some of the wonderful choirs who have joined us over the years in the majestic setting of Trinity College Dublin's Front Square to sing *en masse* at sunset. Why not bring all the family along and join with this year's Flagship Choir *Ceol le Chéile*, along with the *Forget-Me-Nots* and *The Line Up Choir* as the sun sets on Trinity's cobbles.

The Dusk Chorus is kindly supported by Trinity College Dublin.
The Dawn & Dusk Chorus events are presented in partnership with Sing Ireland.

Nationwide Dawn & Dusk Chorus

For more information on how to arrange a Dawn or Dusk Chorus event in your area contact bealtaine1@ageandopportunity.ie or call 01 853 5180.

Thursday 7 May & various dates throughout May

Bealtaine Commission

Tar Isteach | Come In

VISUAL ARTS

A participatory project with Ground Up Artists Collective artists: Maeve Collins, Monica de Bath and Julie Griffiths.

Responding to Bealtaine's theme of hospitality, *Tar Isteach* is a Bealtaine commission rooted in the West of Ireland. Led by the principle that it is only in our encounter with 'others' that we can truly see and recognise ourselves, this commission, created in partnership with Roscommon, Clare and Galway County Councils, is informed by a series of meetings, workshops and exchanges with 'New Irish' residents and citizens in those counties.

This commission is a partnership between Age & Opportunity and Roscommon, Clare and Galway County Councils.

GALWAY EVENTS

Exhibition Opening

Galway Arts Centre,
47 Dominick St. Lr, Galway City
Thursday 7 May, TBC
Free, no booking required.

Fold and Rise: using bread making as a way to help us think about migration in Ireland

Galway Arts Centre,
47 Dominick St. Lr, Galway City.
Friday 8 May, 11.30am
Free, to book contact: bookings@galwayartscentre.ie / T: 091 565 886

Family Gathering and Walk and Draw Hosting Event

The environs of Salthill
Saturday 9 May, tbc
Free, for information contact: bookings@galwayartscentre.ie

CLARE EVENTS

'Liquid Gold: a day of events exploring breastfeeding and hospitality

Ennistymon Courthouse Gallery,
Ennistymon, Co. Clare.
Tuesday 19 May, 10am
Free, for information contact Maeve: 087 928 0550

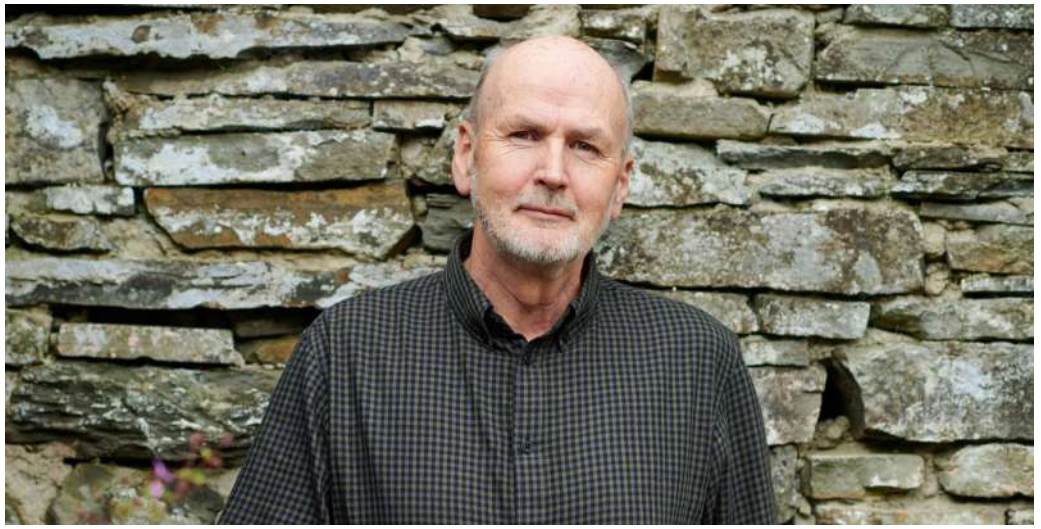
ROSCOMMON EVENTS

Artefacts & Documentation from the Tar Isteach Collaborations

Roscommon Arts Centre,
Circular Rd, Roscommon
Tuesday 26 – Wed 27 May,
10am – 5pm
Free, drop-in

A conversation with Tar Isteach participants and artists Julie Griffiths, Monica de Bath & Maeve Collins

Roscommon Arts Centre,
Circular Rd, Roscommon
Wednesday 27 May, 11am
Free, but booking advised phone Box Office: 090 662 5824



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Thursday 7 May, 7pm

Bealtaine presents

Niall Williams – This is Happiness

LITERATURE/MUSIC

Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare
€10 from eventbrite.ie

Set in Co Clare during the time of rural electrification, *This is Happiness* is a musical, evocative, rhapsodic and deeply moving novel, in which two of the main characters go on a quest to find the legendary (real life) piper Junior Crehan. Join us for an evening of words and music with Niall Williams reading from his novel accompanied by East Clare virtuoso musicians Christy McNamara & Pat O'Connor.

May 14, 8.30 pm

Galway 2020 presents

This is Happiness – Galway

The Crane Bar (upstairs)
€15/€10 from galway2020.ie

A special event mixing words and music in the company of the extended Crehan family. Hosted by journalist and broadcaster Edel Coffey.

Maidineacha Caife with Alan Titley and Réaltán Ní Leannáin

TALK

Monday, 11 May, 11am

ar an Luan, 11 Bealtaine, ag 11.00rn

Morning Glory Coffee Shop beside the Church of the Holy Spirit in Greenhills, D12
Free, drop in

Thursday, 28 May, 10.30am

ar an Déardaoin, 28 Bealtaine, ag 10.30rn

'Le Chéile' Community Centre (beside the Church of Our Lady of Consolation in Donnycarney, D5)
Free, drop in

Bealtaine is partnering with Maidineacha Caife to host our first Irish language coffee morning! All welcome regardless of your standard of Irish. Writers Alan Titley and Realtan Ni Leannain will join two coffee mornings to talk about new ways to bring Irish into your creative life and to offer a perspective on what it means to be a bilingual writer in Ireland today, followed by tea, coffee and chats.

Tá Bealtaine ag obair leis na 'Maidineacha Caife' chun ár gcéad eachta as Gaeilge a thionól. Beidh na scríbhneoirí Alan Titley agus Réaltán Ní Leannáin ar an lathair ag dá Mhaidin chun labhairt faoi bhealaí nua chun an Ghaeilge a bheith mar chuid de shaol an duine. Beidh cur síos á thabhairt acu freisin ar obair an scríbhneóra dátheangach in Éirinn sa lá atá inniu ann. Beidh tae, caife agus bog-chaint ann ina ndiaidh.

Presented in partnership with Maidineacha Caife (a voluntary initiative which provides an opportunity for people to rediscover their forgotten school Irish over a cappuccino and bun). maidineacha-caife.weebly.com

Tuesday 12 May, 3pm

Co-Motion

MUSIC / WALK

Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin, meet at the Visitor Centre
Free, booking essential through Eventbrite.ie

Get help making your playlist by dropping into the auditorium from 2–3pm

Behind every favourite song is a story, so share them with someone new. All you need is your songs on a playlist, a device to play them on and headphones. You'll be randomly assigned a walking partner with whom you'll share your playlist as you stroll around the beautiful Botanic Gardens.

Presented in partnership with First Fortnight and in association with the OPW/Botanic Gardens.

Thursday 14 May, 2pm

Dancing as Gaeilge

DANCE/WORKSHOP

Dance Ireland, DanceHouse, Foley St, Dublin 1
Tickets: Free, book your place on 01 855 8800 or reception@danceireland.ie

Join Macushla Dance Club for a free dance workshop filled with fun, movement, music and laughter to learn Sean-Nós ('old style') Dance through Irish, with Dance Artist and Gaeilgeoir, Sibéal Davitt.

Macushla Dance Club is for men and women aged 50+ and meets every Thursday, 11.30 – 1pm at DanceHouse. Free and open to all! Supported by DCC and Dance Ireland.

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Wednesday 13 May, 6.30pm

Bealtaine and Poetry Ireland present

Crediting Poetry – A Celebration of Seamus Heaney

POETRY/TALK

Poetry Ireland, 11 Parnell Square E, Rotunda, Dublin 1
€12/10, tickets from poetryireland.ie

In the same year as Bealtaine was founded (1995), Seamus Heaney was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. His Nobel address *Crediting Poetry* has been hailed as a masterpiece. To celebrate this anniversary, Bernard O'Donoghue will discuss *Crediting Poetry* in the context of Heaney's work. The talk will be illustrated by readings from Heaney's poems by actress Cathy Belton and poet Enda Wyley will join Bernard O'Donoghue in conversation after his talk.

This event will be made accessible through speech to text which is similar to subtitling. A loop system will also be available for hearing aid users. For access information for wheelchair users, please call Poetry Ireland on +353 1 678 9815 or email info@poetryireland.ie to arrange.

Access services are provided in partnership with Arts & Disability Ireland.

Thursday 14 May, 4pm & 7pm

Bealtaine Commission

The Door

CoisCéim BROADREACH

DANCE

The National Concert Hall, Kevin Barry Recital Room, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2
Free, booking advised through www.nch.ie

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.

In this bold and delightfully riotous dance theatre performance, a group of people push open THE DOOR to reveal stories about home, hospitality and belonging – and what they mean as we age. Led by Philippa Donnellan and developed over the last year with communities from across Dublin County and Dun Laoghaire, it features live music by members of National Concert Hall's Blow the Dust orchestra. This irreverent gang has a passion for dancing and a desire to hold on to the keys. Céad míle fáilte! But is it that simple?

A CoisCéim BROADREACH project commissioned by Age & Opportunity / Bealtaine in association with the National Concert Hall and Fatima Groups United.

Join the project and be part of the performance:
Are you interested in theatre, do you love to dance? You're welcome to take part! Call CoisCéim at 01 878 0558 to find out more.

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Throughout May

The Bealtaine Book Club

LITERATURE

Michael Harding,
Staring at Lakes

Book clubs and libraries around Ireland

In 2019, libraries around Ireland nominated Michael Harding as the Bealtaine Book Club author for 2020, with his book, *Staring at Lakes* (2014), an open and honest memoir about Harding's life. The Bealtaine Book Club honours and promotes an Irish writer with a distinguished and lengthy career who has made a significant contribution to literature. Check with your local library for a copy of the book.

In association with the City and County Library associations of Ireland.

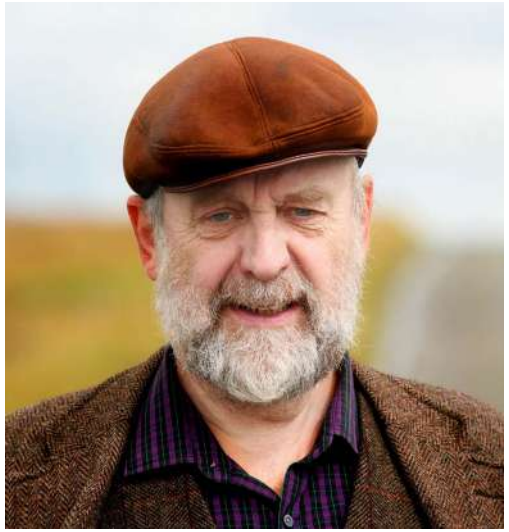
Friday 15 May, 3pm

Michael Harding in conversation

Irish Writers Centre,
19 Parnell Square, Dublin 1
€12/10 Booking through ilfdublin.com

Join Michael Harding and Evelyn O'Rourke in conversation exploring Michael's work and career. The Bealtaine Writers Group in residence at IWC will contribute to the event with readings inspired by Michael's work.

Presented in partnership with The Irish Writer's Centre and the International Literature Festival, Dublin.



Saturday 16 May, 2pm

At the Table No-one Grows Old

VISUAL ARTS

Interactive Open Studio Event

Studio 9 & 10, Irish Museum of Modern Art
Interactive Open studio Event. For further information contact Sarah by phone at 01 612 9955 or email edcommbooking@imma.ie

This intergenerational creative exchange, led by artist Ciara Harrison with Helium Arts, brings together a group of 9 - 12yr olds and older family members to share the skills and rituals of being at the table. Join us for this interactive event and add your own decoration to 'the table'. (A tea for invited guests will take place earlier that day, see helium.ie for details).

Supported by the Irish Museum of Modern Art. Presented in partnership with Helium Arts.

Saturday 16 May, 2pm

Dance Ireland presents

Dancing On: Ty Boomershine

PERFORMANCE LECTURE

Dance Ireland, Foley St. Dublin 1
Free, but booking is essential via Dance Ireland 01 855 8800 | info@danceireland.ie

"When are we old? How can experience and embodied knowledge be brought into creative play? And what is the role of dance in questioning the idealisation of youth in our culture?" Dance On Ensemble

Dance Ireland welcomes Ty Boomershine, Artistic Director of *Dance On Ensemble* (Germany), to share the experience of this unique professional company formed in 2015, whose focus is on the creativity and experience of older dancers in creating, performing and touring dance.

Monday 18 May, All Day

Bealtaine @ International Museums Day

Museums all over Ireland
Check with your local museum for details

Once again, Bealtaine is partnering with The Ireland National Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) to celebrate International Museums Day. This year's theme, *Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion* highlights the important role museums play in ensuring every voice is heard and that that we all have the opportunity to engage with our heritage.

For more information, contact: nmannion@epicchq.com

Tuesday 19 May, 10am

Re-entering/ Sustaining your Creative Practice

CPD WORKSHOP

RHA School, RHA Gallagher Gallery, Ely Place, Dublin 2
€5, spaces limited, booking and info through visualartists.ie / 01 672 9488

Age & Opportunity /Bealtaine, Visual Artists Ireland, and the RHA will host a Visual Artists Café event which will focus on making the most of supports and opportunities that are available to artists throughout their careers (including tips on using social media).The Artists Café will also feature a discussion on *how different generations of artists can learn from each other* (chaired by Director of the RHA, Patrick Murphy, with artists Sarah Pierce and John Beattie and curator Brendan Fox), a VAI help desk (6 x 10 min slots).

Thursday 21 May, 2pm

Artist in Residence in a Care Setting Information event

Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing, St. James' Hospital, Dublin 8
Admission is free but booking is recommended.
Booking through Evenbrite.ie

In 2019, Age & Opportunity, supported by Creative Ireland's National Creativity Fund, the HSE and the Arts Council, offered six artist residencies in care settings around Ireland. In this event, we will look back on the successes and challenges of these residencies with the artists and care staff involved. This session will be valuable for artists and care settings who are interested in this work or who are considering applying for the next residency opportunity.

A short film from The Alzheimer Society of Ireland will also be shown on the day.

Thursday 21 & Friday 22 May

Yes, But Do You Care?

The right to make a bad decision

PERFORMANCE

Poetry Ireland,
11 Parnell Square East, Dublin 1
€5 with further details from Laura at 085 872 3961 / laura.reid@alzheimer.ie

A new evocative dance, spoken word, music and story-telling performance event, exploring dementia carer's lived life experiences amid current human rights capacity law in Ireland.

This artwork has been made by artist Marie Brett and dancer Philip Connaughton in collaboration with members of the Dementia Carers Campaign Network, supported by The Alzheimer Society of Ireland and IMMA; funded by The Arts Council (via an AIC award administered by Create) and a Dublin City Council Arts Award.

Friday 22 May, 2.30pm

Bealtaine Discussion

No-one expects the Middle Ages!

Some thoughts on midlife...

TALK

National College of Art and Design (Harry Clarke Room),
Thomas Street, Dublin 8
Admission free although spaces are limited. Booking through Eventbrite

On our 25th festival birthday, we choose to celebrate and contemplate middle-age! Chaired by Irish Times columnist Hilary Fannin, with the help of artist John Byrne, marketing and advertising guru Pearse McCaughey, and Director of the Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing, St. James's Hospital/ TCD, Professor Rose Anne Kenny, the 2020 Bealtaine discussion will take a look at this pivotal time between 'youth' and 'older age'.

Presented in partnership with Mercers Institute for Successful Ageing and the National College of Art and Design.

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Friday 22 May, 8pm

Bealtaine & ILFD present

Starting Out and Keeping Going with Anne Enright and Ruth Gilligan

LITERATURE/TALK

Smock Alley Theatre, Exchange Street Lower, Temple Bar, Dublin 8
€12/€10 through ilfdublin.com

In 1995, the same year Bealtaine was founded, Anne Enright published her 1st novel *The Wig My Father Wore*. In this event, Anne Enright will look back on her 25 years as a writer with younger writer Ruth Gilligan, whose most recent novel *The Butchers* was published this year. Between them they'll reflect on starting and continuing the writing life. Chaired by novelist and playwright Declan Hughes. This event is part of the Bealtaine series *Standing on the Shoulders of Giants*.

Presented in partnership with the International Literature Festival, Dublin.

Saturday 23 May, 8pm

The Dusk Mega Chorus

See page x for details

Thursday 27 & Saturday 29 May, 11am

Irish Film Institute: Wild Strawberries Film Club

Irish Film Institute, Eustace Street, Dublin 1
€4.45 which includes tea/coffee before the film
For more information see ifi.ie

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

Friday 29 May, 5pm & 7pm

On a House like a Fire

THEATRE

Smock Alley Theatre, Exchange Street Lower, Temple Bar, Dublin 8
€5 / booking on 01-6770014 | smockalley.com

Sometimes in a gesture, or glimpsed in old photographs, memories come to us in fragments. This collaboration between writer/performer Michelle Read and composer Brian Keegan uses a music score of haunting echoes to evoke a fragmentary portrait of a loved one. Read & Keegan invite a multi-generational audience to give their response to this delicate, celebratory in-development new show.

Supported by Age & Opportunity and Mercer's Institute for Successful Aging, with development funding from Dublin City Council and the Pan Pan Mentorship Programme.

Saturday 30 May, 12 noon

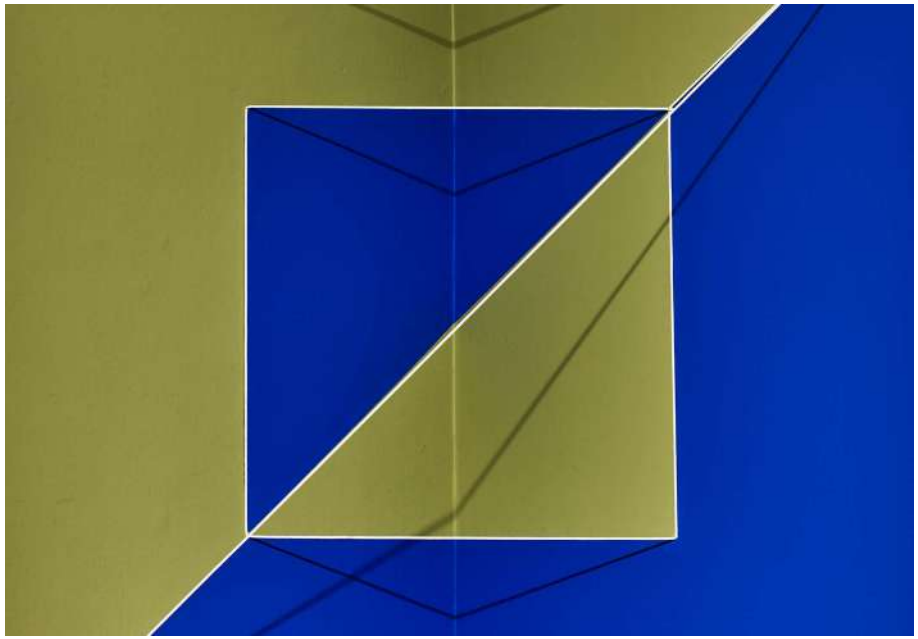
The Rhinestone Cowboy Sessions

MUSIC

National Concert Hall, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2
€15/€10 from nch.ie / 01 417 0000

The Rhinestone Cowboy Sessions is a collaborative choral project featuring *Voices of Spring* and *Past Times* Community Choirs. Taking its inspiration from Glen Campbell's enduring creativity after an Alzheimer's diagnosis, the event will see the two choirs join forces with a host of Irish artists who will perform a selection from Glen's catalogue as well as their own original songs. A truly uplifting celebration of music, community and finding expression as we age. Ideal for all the family.

This project is an Arts & Health initiative supported by Kildare County Council, Age & Opportunity, Creative Ireland and Riverbank Arts Centre.



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Bealtaine at IMMA

IMMA is a proud partner of the Bealtaine Festival and looks forward to welcoming you during the month of May, whether to one of our specially programmed Bealtaine events, listed here, or as a visitor to our exhibitions.

Bespoke Bealtaine Tours @ IMMA

Irish Museum of Modern Art, Kilmainham, Dublin 8
6 May; 20 May, 11am
Booking is essential due to limited capacity. Please contact Sarah by phone at 01 612 9955 or email edcommbooking@imma.ie

IMMA is delighted to offer a series of free guided tours of selected exhibitions for Bealtaine. Tours are free of charge and will be followed by complimentary tea/coffee in IMMA's Kemp Sister's Café.

Azure Dementia-Inclusive Tours

Irish Museum of Modern Art, Kilmainham, Dublin 8
Friday 1 May; Wednesday 13 May 11am
Booking is advisable to secure your place. Please contact Sarah by phone at 01 612 9955 or email edcommbooking@imma.ie.

Are you living with dementia or do you know someone who is? Why not come along to IMMA and experience a dementia-inclusive Azure tour. These tours are tailored towards people living with dementia and their families and friends and are facilitated by specially trained guides. Azure Tours are free of charge and followed by complimentary tea/coffee in IMMA's Kemp Sister's Café.

Late Style: Artists in Older Age – IMMA Curator Lunchtime Talk Series

IMMA Freud Centre, Kilmainham, Dublin 8
27 May, 1.15pm
Booking is essential due to limited capacity. Please contact Sarah by phone at 01 612 9955 or email edcommbooking@imma.ie

Join Head of Collections, Christina Kennedy and Freud Research Fellow, Nathan O'Donnell, as they examine how artists' and writers' creativity develops and changes in older age.

IMMA Print Collection: Going Behind-the-Scenes

IMMA Studio 10, Kilmainham, Dublin 8
29 May, 11am
Booking is essential due to very limited capacity. Please contact Sarah by phone at 01 612 9955 or email edcommbooking@imma.ie

Join Visitor Engagement Team member Bryan Hogan, for a visit behind-the-scenes of IMMA's Permanent Collection. Take inspiration from your visit and create your own print during a facilitated workshop. No experience necessary, all materials provided.

ÅSA SONJASDOTTER

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. Working with our host venues around the country, we've created a dynamic series of events including, talks, workshops and exhibitions throughout the month of May.

Exhibition tour of Pease with the Earth, Cultivating Multispecies Stories (2017–2021)

Project Arts Centre
Thursday 7 May, 4pm
Curatorial tour with Lívia Páldi, Visual Art Curator
(Exhibition Runs 3 April–13 June)
Free, but booking advised see: projectartscentre.ie / 01 881 9613

Initiated by visual artist, researcher and amateur plant breeder Åsa Sonjasdotter, in collaboration with practitioners involved in multispecies cultivation, this event revisits histories of agriculture, soil, habitat and dwellings.

Photo Album Digital Archive Scanning

Gallery of Photography Ireland
16 May, 12pmpm
Free: 2 places available 30mins each to book contact: info@galleryofphotography.ie / 01 6714654

Be part of our ongoing project, The Photo Album of the Irish! Since 2014, we have been collecting family albums and stories as a way of revealing the ordinary and extraordinary histories contained in these images. Bring along your albums to be scanned and with your permission we will add the files to our growing archive.

Photo Album of the Irish talk showcasing the work of this digital archive recording the social history of the Irish reflected in family photo albums.

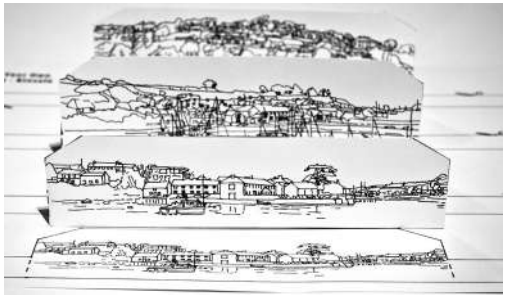
Gallery of Photography Ireland
16 May, 2pmpm
Free: 2 places available 30mins each. To book contact: info@galleryofphotography.ie / 01 6714654

Printmaking Workshop

Mayfield Arts Centre,
Mayfield, Cork City
18 May, 10am
Free but booking essential contact: mayfieldarts@gmail.com / 021 4530434

Come and explore your creativity and learn a new technique. Everyone takes home a unique print or two.

MAYFIELD ARTS PRINT WORKSHOP



SARAH IREMONGE

A guided tour of Maria Kapajeva's solo exhibition Dream is Wonderful, Yet Unclear

Gallery of Photography Ireland
16 May, 3.30pm
(Exhibition runs April 15 – May 24)
Admission Free, all welcome for info contact: info@galleryofphotography.ie / 01 6714654

Enjoy a guided tour of this exhibition which explores the relationships between collective and personal memories in the context of women's industrial labour.

Build Your Own Horizon Drawing Event with Bealtaine Artist in Residence Sarah Iremonger

Uillinn West Cork Arts Centre, Skibbereen, West Cork
16 May, 11am
Workshop €5, booking essential see: westcorkartscentre.com

The horizon helps position us, helps us know where we are and who we are, whither traveller, immigrant, local or refugee. Being situated helps us understand our reality.

Build Your Own Horizon is a site specific, public participation project as part of the Bealtaine Artist in Residence program at Uillinn, West Cork Arts Centre, in association with Cork County Council.

Build Your Own Horizon Gallery Installation Event with Bealtaine Artist in Residence Sarah Iremonger

Uillinn West Cork Arts Centre, Skibbereen, West Cork
23 May, 12noon
Free, all welcome see: westcorkartscentre.com

In this second event with Sarah Iremonger the drawings produced on 16 May will be reproduced as cut out horizons for the public to cut out, install in the main gallery and then take home.

Age of Emotions

Age of Emotions can be played freely online throughout the month of Bealtaine.
For more see ageofemotions.ie

Age of Emotions is an interactive project, led by TCD, that aims to raise questions and open a dialogue about ageing and emotions. Through the medium of an online game, we will explore how people of all ages feel about ageing, their perceptions and emotions, and thoughts about the future of ageing.

To our Friends and Patrons – a Tea Dance

The Model, The Mall, Sligo
24 May, 3pm
Free, but booking advised see: themodel.ie or
E: info@themodel.ie

The Model has commissioned artist Michael McLoughlin to create a project exploring Ireland's unique Showband era, popular in Ireland from the 1950s to mid 1980s. Fans and performers, from the era, are invited to a very special Tea Dance where reminiscences and recollections will be shared alongside the unique music of the time. Elements of the dance will be recorded and presented later as part a major exhibition by the artist, *To our Friends and Patrons*, Autumn 2020 at The Model.

May Mondays – PLASTIC Chat & Tea

Highlanes Gallery,
36 St Laurence St, Lagavooren,
Drogheda, Co. Louth
Mondays in May: 12, 20, 27, 11am
Free, booking advised
(on Eventbrite or T. 041 980 3311)

Have your elevenses in the gallery, and view our new exhibition PLASTIC. Plastic has changed not only our daily lives but also our environment more than any other material. Join the conversation about the challenges and opportunities we face with this complex material.

Strokestown Poetry Festival: The key was always in the door, a film poem

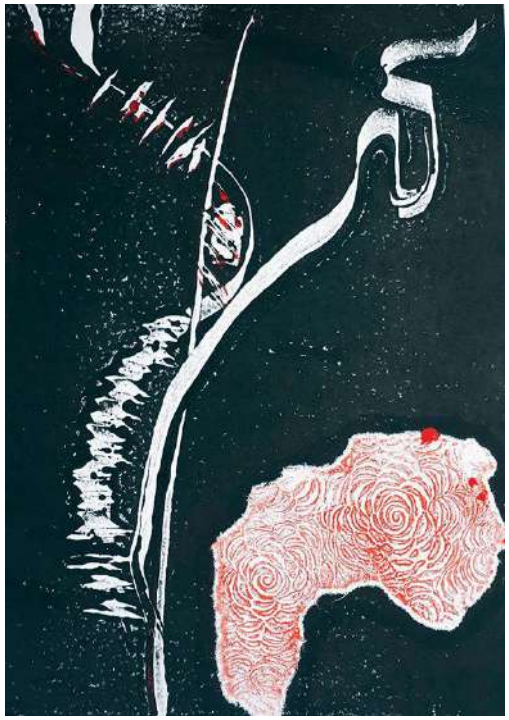
The key was always in the door is a film poem by artist Collette Nolan and poet Gerry Murphy, in collaboration with members of the Ballyphehane / Togher Community commissioned for the Bealtaine Festival in partnership with the Glucksman, University College Cork in 2019.

Percy French Hotel, Roscommon
Friday 1 May, 2pm

SCDA Office, Bawn Street, Roscommon
Saturday 2 May, 1pm

Strokestown Park House, Roscommon
Sunday 3 May, 7.30pm

Free (€10 Strokestown House entry fee for that venue only) Booking advised. Contact: 071 9633759 | office@strokestownpoetry.org



DEIRDRE MEEHAN-BUTTIMER

Printmaking Demonstration and Talk with artist Deirdre Meehan-Buttimer

Wexford Arts Centre
23 May, 1pm
Free but booking advised see: wexfordartscentre.ie / 053 91 23764

Join a printmaking demonstration and a talk with artist Deirdre Meehan-Buttimer.

Bealtaine HERO award

Age & Opportunity Arts wishes to recognise a grass roots arts project of outstanding potential through the new Bealtaine HERO award. In 2020 and on the 25th anniversary of Bealtaine, we invited applications from individuals and / or organisations who wished to create an exciting new festival event which would be presented during Bealtaine in 2020.

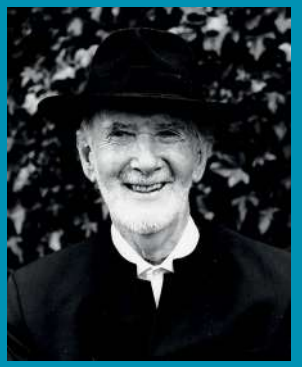
Keep in touch through our website and social media for full details of the selected project for 2020.

Bealtaine Ambassadors

Now in their third and final year as Bealtaine Ambassadors, these celebrated artists continue to demonstrate what life-long creativity means, illustrating how creative potential can grow and flourish.

Jane O Leary
Composer and Artistic Director

Mary Nunan
Dance Artist and Practitioner



Cathal O'Neill
Architect

National Festival at a Glance

Connaught

DANCE

Dance Your Way to Health and Happiness
Ballybane Public Library, Castlepark Road, Ballybane, Galway
May 21 & 26 / 11am - 12.30pm
091 509244
www.facebook.com/BallybaneLibrary

FILM

Movie Evening
Ballinamore Library,
Main Street, Ballinamore
May 19 & May 26 / 6pm - 7.30pm
071 964 5566
www.leitrimcoco.ie/eng/Community-Culture/Library

Film screening and traditional music afternoon
DALE Centre, Derrane, Roscommon
May 29 / 1pm
090 662 5852
www.rsg.ie

HERITAGE

Go Back in Time to the 50's and 60's
The Cultural Centre, Station Road, Swinford, Mayo
May 14 / 10.30am - 12.30pm
087 904 9723
https://www.facebook.com/pg/swinfordgogetters/posts

MUSIC

Music for Galway Events
April 26 / 5pm - 6.15pm:
Journey into Twilight - St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, Junction of Mainguard St & Lombard St, Galway

April 27 /6pm - 7pm:
Bach Plus 1, Campbell's Tavern, Cloghanover, Headford, Galway

May 2/ 7.30pm - 9.30pm:
Zagreb Soloists - Church of Ireland, Westport Road, Clifden, Galway

Full listings at www.bealtaine.ie
091 705962
https://musicforgalway.ie

Songbirds Choral Workshops with Cathy Jordan
Roscommon Arts Centre,
Circular Road, Roscommon
May 5 - 26 / Tuesday afternoons
2pm - 3.30pm
090 66 25824
www.roscommonartscentre.ie

Lunchtime Concert with ConTempo Quartet – From Europe with Love
St Nicholas Collegiate Church,
Church Lane, Galway City
May 5 / 1pm -2pm
091 586706
www.galwaymusicresidency.ie

Exhibition Opening, Music & Song Performance
Atrium Gallery, Nazareth House Nursing Home, Church Hill, Sligo
May 5 / 3.30pm - 4.30pm
086 842 4969
www.sligoarts.ie

Social morning (music, song, dancing and story telling)
Plougastel Centre, Distillert Rd, Westport
May 26 / 11 am - 1pm
087 654 2445

ConTempo Countywide
The Courthouse, Oughterard, Galway
May 7 / 1pm
091 586706
www.thegalwaymusicresidency.ie

Bealtaine Festival Tea Party
Rathcormac Hall, Rathcormac, Sligo
May 7 / 6pm - 8pm
086 842 4969
www.sligoarts.ie

Dawn Chorus 2020
Ladies Beach Pavilion, The Prom, Salthill, Galway
May 10 / 5.30am - 6.30am
091 525846
www.facebook.com/adhocchoirGalway

Dawn Chorus
Aughris Beach, Templeboy, Sligo
May 10 / 9am - 10am
087-9579250

Sing together for Bealtaine
Carrick on Shannon Library, Park Lane, Carrick on Shannon
May 11 / 11am - 1pm
071 962 0789

Premiere Performance
Blake Manor Nursing Home, Cloughballymore House, Ballinderreen, Kilcolgan, Galway
May 19 / 11.30am - 12.30pm
091 796 188
www.blakemanor.ie

SPOKEN WORD

Spoken Word, Stories, Music & Song Session
Rathcormac, Rathcormac, Sligo
May 10 / 3pm
086 842 4969
www.sligoarts.ie

STORYTELLING

Suifinn Way Daycare Centre, Suifinn Way, Ballycastle, Mayo
"A Blast From the Past"
May 14 – 28 /1pm - 3pm
"At Your Level" intergenerational workshop
May 12, 19, 26 / 11.00 - 12.00
096 43848
www.ballycastlevoluntaryhousing.com
www.facebook.com/Su%C3%ADfinn-Way-Ballycastle-541142002742765

THEATRE

Act Your Age Acting Classes with Julie Sharkey
Roscommon Arts Centre, Circular Road, Roscommon
May 7 – 28 / Thursday afternoons 2pm - 3.30pm
090 66 25824
www.roscommonartscentre.ie

The Tide
Hawk's Well Theatre, 2 Temple St, Abbeyquarter North, Sligo
May 16 / 8pm
071 916 1518
https://hawkswell.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173601399

The Experience of Being by Carol Moore
Roscommon Arts Centre, Circular Road, Roscommon
May 20 / 8pm
090 66 25824
www.roscommonartscentre.ie

Forgotten by Pat Kinevane
Roscommon Arts Centre, Circular Road, Roscommon
May 28 / 8pm
090 66 25824
www.roscommonartscentre.ie

TRADITIONAL ARTS

Knitting/Craft Group
Ballinamore Library, Main Street, Ballinamore
May 5 - 26 / Tuesdays 11am - 12.30pm
071 964 5566

VISUAL ART

The Colour of Spring Ballinglen Arts Foundation, Main Street, Ballycastle, Mayo
May 4 / 10am - 2pm
096 43184
www.facebook.com/ballinglenartsfoundation

Courthouse Collage
The Courthouse, Main Street, Oughterard, Galway
May 5 / 10.30 am – 12.30pm
087 238 0754

Art Exhibition Islandeady, Community Centre, Rinaseer, Islandeady, Castlebar
May 10 / 12pm - 5pm
087 2982694
www.islandeady.ie

Primary Care Bealtaine Exhibition
Primary Care Unit, Markievicz House, Sligo
May 12 – 31
086 8424969
www.sligoarts.ie

Bealtaine Artist Exhibition
Hyde Bridge Gallery, Yeats Building, Sligo Town
May 16 – June 2 / Opening 3pm
086 842 4969
www.yeatssociety.com

Encaustic Painting Workshop
Open Door Gallery & Studio, Rathcormac Craft Village, Branley's Yard, Rathcormac, Sligo
May 19 / 11am - 1pm
085 777 9625
www.sligoarts.ie

Intergenerational Acrylic Pouring workshop
Open Door Gallery & Studio, Rathcormac Craft Village, Branley's Yard, Rathcormac, Sligo
085 777 9625 / www.sligoarts.ie

Dublin

COMEDY

Carnation Theatre – Death on the Tiles
Rush Library, Chapel Green, Rush, Dublin
May 13 / 6.30pm - 7.30pm
01 870 8414 / www.fingal.ie

CRAFT

Exploring Irish Textiles
May 6 / 2.30pm - 5.30pm - Blanchardstown Library, The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown, Dublin
01 890 5563

May 13 / 6.30pm - 7.30pm - Donabate Library, Donabate Portrane Community Leisure Centre, Donabate, Dublin, 01 890 5609

May 20 /10am - 1pm - Swords Library, Swords Shopping Centre, Swords, Dublin
01 890 5582 / www.fingal.ie

Flower Arranging Workshop
St. Joseph's Centre, Grange Rd, Clonsilla, Dublin 15
May 13 / 11am
087 179 2955

DANCE

Vintage Youth Performance / Plant a Heart in the Earth
Dance Theatre of Ireland, Bloomfields, Lwr Georges St, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin
May 24 /3.30pm
01 280 3455
www.dancetheatreireland.com

FILM

Bealtaine Film Screening – Dead Poet's Society
Blanchardstown Library, The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown, Dublin
May 8 / 2.30pm
01 890 5563
www.fingal.ie

HERITAGE

Lunchtime talk: Cooking the Books
National Library of Ireland, 7 Kildare St, Dublin 2
May 6 / 1pm - 2pm
01 603 0259 / www.nli.ie

Viking Needle Binding Workshop with Ellen Hagen
National Museum of Ireland, Archaeology, Kildare Street, Dublin 2
May 8 /
11.00am -12.30pm & 2.30 - 4.00pm
01 6486 334 / www.museum.ie

LITERATURE

Poetry in Motion
The Marlay, Kellystown Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin
May 5 / 3pm
01 499 4444

Tea & Tour: Yeats: the Life & Work of WB Yeats
National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2
May 19 / 2pm - 3.30pm
01 603 0259 / www.nli.ie

Rathmines Writers' Workshop
Kevin Street Library, Kevin Street, The Liberties, Dublin
May 26 / 6pm
087 657 8015
www.rathmineswritersworkshop.com

MUSIC

Coffee morning
St Finian's Community Centre, Main Street, Newcastle, Co Dublin
May 7 / 11am - 12.30pm
01 458 9007

Easy listening
Tallaght Hospital, Tallaght Hospital, Tallaght, Dublin
May 25 / 1 pm - 2 pm
01 458 9007

Blow the Dust Orchestra Lunchtime Concert
National Concert Hall, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2
May 25 / 1.05pm - 2pm
01 417 0077
www.nch.ie

Move 4 Parkinson's Voices of Hope- Open Rehearsal
Balally Parish Hall, Cedar Road, Balally, Dublin 16
May 28 / 7.30 – 9.30 pm
086 388 8460
www.move4parkinsons.com

STORYTELLING

Second Wind
The Civic, Tallaght, Dublin
May 25 / 12pm
01 462 7460
https://www.civictheatre.ie/whats-on

THEATRE

The Tide
The Viking Theatre @The Sheds, 198 Clontarf Rd, Clontarf East, Dublin 3
April 27 – May 9 / 8pm
087 112 9970
www.whirligig.ie

Carnation Theatre - Death on the Tiles
Blanchardstown Library, The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown, Dublin
May 14 / 6.30pm - 7.30pm
01 890 5563
www.fingal.ie

VISUAL ARTS

Coffee Conversations at the Hugh Lane Gallery

Hugh Lane Gallery,
Parnell Square North, Dublin 1
01 222 5550

May 6 / 11am:
The Forest of Fontainbleu

May 13 / 11am:
Self Portrait by Sarah Cecilia Harrison

May 27 / 11am:
Lavacourt Under Snow
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, tea or coffee included. No booking required, although places are limited.
www.hughlane.ie

Other Events at the Hugh Lane Gallery

May 7 / 11am: Guided Tour for Adults with a Hearing Impairment
May 9 / 11am - 12.30pm:
Experiment with Drawing
May 21 – 28 / 2.30pm – 4.30pm:
Art History Series: A Gallery of Modern Art for Ireland
May 28 / 11am:
Guided Tour for Adults with a Visual Impairment
May 30 / 11am – 12.30pm: Workshop: Experiment with Relief Carving
Tickets for all the above events at:
www.eventbrite.ie

Learn to Paint with John Carpenter

May 6 / 10.30am - 12.30pm - Swords Library, Swords Shopping Centre, Swords, Dublin, 01 890 5894
May 13 / 2pm - 4pm - Balbriggan Library, George's Square, Balbriggan, Dublin, 01 870 4401
May 14 /11am - 1pm - Howth Library, Main Street, Howth, Dublin, 01 890 5026
May 15 / 10.30am - 12.30pm - Malahide Library, Main Street, Malahide, Dublin, 01 8704430
May 16 / 10.30am - 12.30pm - Baldoyle Library, Strand Road, Baldoyle, Dublin, 01 890 6793
www.fingal.ie

Spiorad na Healaine

Kilmardinny Inn, Lorcan Ave, Santry, Dublin
May 19 / 4.30pm -7pm
085 7304389
www.facebook.com
North Dublin Artists Club

Drawing Dublin

St. Stephen's Green Park, meeting at the summer house by the lake, Dublin 2
May 30 / 11am - 12.30pm,
1.30pm – 3.00pm & 4.00pm - 5.30pm
083 842 4061
www.instagram.com/artmaker_dublin

Leinster

CRAFT

Creativity in Older Age. Obair ár Lámha - The Work of Our Hands. "Their hearts have not grown old" W.B. Yeats.

Castlepollard Library, Mullingar Road, Castlepollard, Westmeath
May 5 – 15 / During library hours
044 933 2199
www.westmeathcoco.ie/Library

Music to Dance to & Craft Exhibition

Portarlington Community Centre, Link Road, Portarlington, Laois
May 14 / 2.30 – 5.00
086 199 9405

DANCE

Afternoon Tea Dance

Kilsharvan Old Mill, Kilsharvan House, Between Julianstown and Duleek, Co Meath
May 3 / 2pm – 5pm
087 973 8763

Line Dancing with Sarah Coady

New Ross Library, Barrach Lane, New Ross, Wexford
May 9 / 2.30pm
051-421877
www.facebook.com/newrosslibrary

LITERATURE

Movie screening of Brooklyn

New Ross Library, Barrack Lane, New Ross, Wexford
May 16 - 2.30pm
051 421 877

MUSIC

Memory Opera Workshop

Clara Community and Family Resource Centre, River Street, Clara, Offaly
May 28 / 11am - 1pm
05793 57400
www.offaly.ie/eng/Services/Arts-and-Culture/Events

THEATRE

Take Off Your Cornflakes

The Courthouse Arts Centre, Main Street, Tinahely, Wicklow
May 15 / 8.30pm - 10pm
040 238 529
www.courthousearts.ie/whats-on-event/take-off-your-cornflakes

Portlaoise Active Retirement Forever Young Variety Show

Dunamaise Theatre, Main St, Portlaoise, Laois
May 20 / 2pm - 5pm
086 313 6182

The Tide

Riverbank Theatre, Main St, Piercetown, Newbridge, Kildare
May 21 - 8pm
045 448 327
https://riverbank.ticketsolve.com

Munster

The Crossing
Wexford Arts Centre,
Cornmarket, Wexford
May 22 – 23 / 8pm
053 912 3764
https://wexfordartscentre.ticketsolve.com/shows/873611920

The Tide
An Droichead,
Stockwell Street, Drogheda
May 26 - 2pm
041 983 3946
www.droichead.com/whats-on.html

VISUAL ART

Wexford Campus School of Art and Design (IT Carlow) BA (Hons) Fine Art Graduate Exhibition
Wexford Arts Centre,
Cornmarket, Wexford
May 14 – June 6 /
Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm, Sat 10am - 4pm
053 912 3764
www.wexfordartscentre.ie

Butler Gallery - Opening Weekend
Butler Gallery, Evans' Home,
John's Quay, Kilkenny
May 15 – 17
087 991 2001
www.butlergallery.com

CRAFT

Be Our Guests
Cuil Didin, Skahanagh, Tralee, Kerry
May 1 – 31
066 711 9090
www.cuildidin.ie

Bealtaine at Kerry Library
Kerry Libraries, Countywide
May 1 – 31
066 712 1200
www.kerrylibrary.ie

DANCE

glór and Clare Arts Office present Afternoon Tea Dance
glór, Ennis, Causeway Link, Ennis,
Co. Clare
May 20 / 2pm
065 684 5370

HERITAGE

Curator's Tour of Kerry County Museum
Kerry County Museum, Ashe Memorial Hall, Denny Street, Tralee, Kerry
May 5 / 3.30pm - 5pm
066 712 7777
www.kerrymuseum.ie

Dr. Una Kealy lecture on Waterford Playwright Teresa Deevy
Central Library, Lady Lane, Waterford
May 13 / 6pm
0761 10 2579
www.waterfordlibraries.ie

LITERATURE

Minor Monuments
The Source Arts Centre,
Cathedral Street, Thurles, Tipperary
May 15 / 2pm - 3.30pm
0504 90204
www.thesourceartscentre.ie

MUSIC

Bealtaine Dawn Chorus
Dunmore East Library,
Dock Road, Dunmore East,
Waterford
May 10 / 8 am
0761 10 2579
www.waterfordlibraries.ie

Bealtaine Afternoon Sing a Long
Fr. Ryan Hall, Lucey's Lane,
Macroom, Cork
May 20 / 3pm - 5pm
026 41698
www.facebook.com/
macroomseniorcitizens

Gramophone recital
Bishopstown Library, Wilton, Cork
May 28 / 3pm
021 4924953
www.corkcitylibraries.ie

SPOKEN WORD

The Together Project
Kerry Writers' Museum,
The Square, Listowel, Kerry
May 1 – 31
068 22212
www.kerrywritersmuseum.com

Launch of Dungarvan Library as an Age Friendly Library
Dungarvan Library, Davitt's Quay,
Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
May 1 / 10.30am
0761 10 2141
www.waterfordlibraries.ie

Poetry Hour
O Connell Court, Doughcloyne,
Togher Cross, Cork
May 28 / 3pm - 4pm
085 754 4128

Waterford Libraries Bealtaine Finale
Central Library, Lady Lane,
Waterford
June 3 / 3.30pm
0751 10 2579
www.waterfordlibraries.ie

THEATRE

A Night with Mary McEvoy
Nenagh Arts Centre,
Banba Square, Nenagh, Tipperary
May 9 / 8pm - 10pm
067 34400
www.nenagharts.com/event/a-night-with-mary-mcevoy

Swanning Around
The Lough Parish Hall (church grounds),
Lough Road, The Lough, Cork
May 14 / 2pm - 5pm
086 331 7373

TRADITIONAL ARTS

Around the old campfire Horgans Buildings Senior Citizens Centre, 110 Horgan's Buildings, Magazine, Cork
May 7 / 8pm
086 331 7373

VISUAL ARTS

Gillian Cussen's - 'Memory is Grey Exhibition'
CUH Art Gallery, Dining Hall Corridor,
Cork University Hospital, Wilton, Cork
May 1 – 31 / 8.30am - 8.30pm
086-7714617
https://gilliancussenart.com/blog

Hidden Thoughts - Hidden Depths
Bishopstown Library, Wilton, Cork
May 4 - 28 / 10am - 5.30pm
021 492 4953
www.corkcitylibraries.ie

Junctures Exhibition and Charcoal Drawing Workshop
Castleisland Daycare Centre, 22 Old
Chapel Lane, Castleisland, Kerry
May 13 / 11am - 3pm
086 319 0186

Stamp of Approval
Raheen Community Hospital, Raheen,
Scarriff, Clare
May 26 / 2pm - 4 pm
085 168 4654
www.facebook.com/printvango

Mobile printing by Print van Go with Aoife Barrett
The Courthouse Gallery & Studios,
Parliament St, Ennistymon, Clare
May 29 / 3.00pm
065 707 1630
http://thecourthousegallery.com

Tales of a City
The Glucksman,
University College Cork, Cork
May 13 – 31 / 1pm
021 490 1844
www.glucksman.org

Ulster

CRAFT

A Stitch in Time
Cootehill Library, Bridge St,
Cootehill, Cavan
May 21 – 29 / Open During Library Opening Hours
049 555 9873
www.cavanlibrary.ie

HERITAGE

Paul Strzelecki: a forgotten Polish Hero of the Great Irish Famine
Donegal County Museum,
High Road, Letterkenny, Donegal
May 1 – 30 / 10.30am - 4.30pm
Mon – Fri, 1pm- 4.30pm
Sat, 12.30 - 1pm Lunch
074 912 4613
www.facebook.com/Donegalcomuseum

'The Last Stop' - The Railways of County Donegal
Donegal County Museum,
High Road, Letterkenny, Donegal
May 1 – 30 / 10am - 4.30pm
Mon-Fr, 12.30 - 1pm Lunch,
1- 4.30pm Sat
074 912 4613
www.facebook.com/Donegalcomuseum

'Your Past in the Present' Reminiscence Session
May 8 / 11.30am:
Clonmany Day Centre, Clonmany,
Inishowen, Donegal

May 12 / 12pm:
Creeslough Day Centre, Main Street,
Creeslough, Donegal

May 14 / 11.30am:
Pettigo Day Centre, Main Street,
Pettigo, Donegal

May 15 / 12pm:
Irish Wheelchair Association, Mevagh
Day Centre, Milford Rd, Carrigart,
Donegal

May 19 / 12pm:
Irish Wheelchair Association, Ionad
Naomh Padraig Gweedore, Dore
Centre, Gweedore, Donegal

May 20/ 12.30pm:
Day Centre, Arranmore, Arranmore
Island, Donegal

074 912 4613
www.facebook.com/Donegalcomuseum

Our Lost fishing traditions'
Donegal County Museum, High Road,
Letterkenny, Donegal
May 23 / 2pm
074 912 4613
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THEATRE

The Tide
Íontas, Castleblayney, Monaghan
May 23 / 8pm
042 9753400/401

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. We are thrilled to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Bealtaine Festival this year.

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 the 25th year of the Bealtaine Festival will inspire everyone it touches.

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Visual Arts Curator, **Monica Flynn**
Literature Curator, **Cormac Kinsella**

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