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WELCOME

We want to wish you the biggest possible welcome to Bealtaine 2024! Every three years we set a festival theme which we hope will be relevant, interesting and multidimensional. Our new theme honours Iggy Pop's classic belter and irrepressible call to a *Lust for Life*. We call on you to channel your inner Iggy Pop (shirt or no shirt!) in celebrating our feel-good dance event in Limerick (page 16), our afternoon disco and comedy gigs in Dublin (page 17), our amazing Storytelling project in Limerick, Galway and Clare (page 7), and our iconic Dawn Chorus choral events all over the country. Don't also forget our tributes to Dublin's youth cultures of the past (Teenage Kicks), the Irish Mammy (page 21) and a revisit to (an inclusive) Prom Night.

Dr. Tara Byrne
Arts Programme Manager &
Bealtaine Festival Artistic Director

Bealtaine Ambassadors 2024

This year, we are delighted to welcome writer and former T.D. Liz McManus and author, songwriter and Age Friendly Ambassador for Clare, Mike Hanrahan (Stocktons Wing) as Festival Ambassadors.

Booking details and more information on all events, including the full national programme, can be found on **bealtaine.ie** or call us on **(01) 9133921**

Bealtaine on Screen X Dublin International Film Festival

SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Lighthouse Cinema*, Saturday 11 May, 1pm

€5

*** Also available online, see website for details.**

This year we are proud to partner with the Dublin International Film Festival to present a number of short films curated by their Silver Screen Critics for Bealtaine on Screen. The group was invited to make their selection from the official DIFF shorts selection 2024, on the Bealtaine theme of *Lust for Life*.

The films will be screened in the Lighthouse cinema followed by a panel discussion exploring the process behind the selection as well as being available to view online.

Members of DIFF Silver Screen Critics who curated the Bealtaine shorts are: Maureen Bushe, Ann Kilemade, Pete Bodie, Claire Cotter, Mutale Kampuni, Eileen Murphy, Martina Kearney.

Room Taken

Director: TJ O'Grady-Peyton

New to Ireland and experiencing homelessness, Isaac discreetly takes up residence in an elderly blind woman's house, and the two form a unique bond, gentle and unseen.

Scrumpy

Director: Dan Holmwood

Scrumpy grapples with the impending arrival of his birthday, navigating a whimsical journey of reconciling his disdain for this day of celebration.

I Promise You Paradise

Director: Morad Mostafa

Following a violent incident, a seventeen-year-old African migrant embarks on a quest against time to save his family.

Two for the Road

Director: Lochlain McKenna

A poignant memory of complicated love, this is the record of a boy's adventures on the road with his alcoholic and nomadic father, one weekend at a time. First screened at IMMA March 2022.

Irish Film Classification Office – Behind the Scenes Masterclass

Bealtaine is delighted to partner with the Irish Film Classification Office, in inviting the DIFF Silver Screen Critics to what promises to be a unique behind-the-scenes look at the world of film classification.

For this one-off masterclass, IFCO will invite the group to view a film and discuss the process behind classification.

In partnership with the Irish Film Classification Office.

Other film events during May

The Art of Living: A documentary by Cormac O'Connor

SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

The Davis Coakley Lecture Theatre,
1st floor, MISA,
St James's Hospital, Dublin 8
Friday 17 May, 12.30pm
Free

The Art of Living (2021) is a one-hour documentary by Cork-based filmmaker Cormac O'Connor that celebrates the creativity of people in Cork.

Supported by Cork County Council and Creative Ireland.
This screening is in collaboration with Creative Life, Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing, SJH and the Bealtaine festival.

Bealtaine at the Irish Film Institute and Access cinemas

Throughout May

This Bealtaine join the IFI and Access cinema for the annual Bealtaine film tour launch and other screenings for Bealtaine at IFI.

See local listings for details of the nationwide tour.

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants 2024

IN CONVERSATION EVENT

Merrion Square Park, Dublin 2,
Monday 20 May, 6pm
€14/€12

The seventh edition of this special partnership between Bealtaine and ILFDublin celebrates the influence writers have on each other across generations. Playwright, writer and activist Sara Phillips, will talk with Jayne A. Quan, author of *All this happened, more or less*, a collection of essays exploring the intersection of loss, grief, memory and the power of love and healing through the lens of a body in motion.

In partnership with the International Literature Festival Dublin and the Rowan Trust.

Siúlach Scéalach: a journey with story

STORYTELLING PERFORMANCES

Willzee & Traveller groups from Limerick & Ennistymon
Salmon Literary Centre, Ennistymon, Clare, Friday 31 May, 6pm Free

Aindrias de Staic and an Active Retired group from Lisdoonvarna
Roadside Tavern, Lisdoonvarna, Clare, Thursday 30 May, 7pm €5

Niall de Búrca & groups in Ballinasloe Library, Galway,
Wednesday 8 May, 2.15pm Free

Stories travel through generations, move through communities, mapping our histories, our joys and sorrows. This Bealtaine commissioned storyteller-in-residence project invites three storytellers and spoken word artists of different generations to explore that tradition with local men's groups and uncover hidden abilities and untold histories of men today. Each group will have the opportunity to share their work as part of a public event.

With thanks to the presenting venues.
Clare events presented in partnership with Clare County Council.

The Poetry Line

POETRY READING

Via Telephone
14 to 17 May
(Tuesday to Friday)

Free to book online or call Moira at 087 992 7546 between 10am–4pm, 29 April - 3 May

The Poetry Line invites individuals to sign up to receive a phone call from an acclaimed poet who will read them 2 to 3 poems. Participating poets include Anne Tannam, current Poet in Residence at Poetry Ireland, Nandi Jola, Lani O'Hanlon and Martina Evans.

In association with Poetry Ireland.

The Poetry Line Live

POETRY READING / PERFORMANCE

National Library of Ireland,
Wednesday 22 May, 7pm
€10

Join us for a reading by the Poetry Line poets. We are also delighted to welcome one of Ireland's legendary female vocalists Leslie Dowdall of In Tua Nua with singer songwriter Mark Caplice. If you have a poem you'd like to share, why not sign up for our open mic on the day?

In association with Poetry Ireland and the National Library of Ireland.

Dawn & Dusk Chorus

CONCERT

See www.bealtaine.ie for a full list of nationwide Chorus performances

Flagship Dawn Chorus with the Drimoleague Community Choir

Old Station Car Park, Drimoleague, Co. Cork
Sunday 5 May, 7.30am

Free, all welcome

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 and the season. Join us in the rebel county this year, as Drimoleague Community Choir open the festival and celebrate our theme of *Lust for Life*, in style.

Flagship Dusk Chorus: The Big Bealtaine Beach Sing!

Maghery Beach, Donegal,
Saturday 25 May, 7.30pm

Free, all welcome

The Rosses Pop Choir takes to Maghery Beach in all its splendour, a favourite beauty spot in The Rosses, for the Bealtaine Dusk Chorus! The Big Bealtaine Beach Sing will see the Pop Choir, along with members of the public, closing the fun-packed month of Bealtaine Festival activities with a celebration of uplifting popular anthems. Queen, Toto, Adele, Labi Siffre and traditional songs such as *"You Raise Me Up"* will be performed.

The Dawn and Dusk Chorus are presented in partnership with Sing Ireland.

An Seisiún le Mick O'Brien

TRAD SESSION

Piper's Corner Pub, Marlborough St, Dublin 1
Sunday 19 May, 4pm
Free, all welcome

SEE PAGE 23 FOR DETAILS OF THE TRAD WORKSHOP

Bealtaine is delighted to have Trad return to our programme with this afternoon session with acclaimed Uilleann piper Mick O'Brien (TG4 Musician of the Year 2023).

Join us for a relaxed gathering that celebrates the joy and spirit of playing music at any age.

With thanks to Piper's Corner pub and the Irish Traditional Music Archive.

Bealtaine & Sing Along Social presents:

4 O'Clock Rock!

CONCERT

The Sugar Club, Leeson Street, Dublin 2
Sunday 26 May, 4pm
€12

Sing Along Social is a kind of zero commitment choir.

You don't need to practice. You don't need to know the words. You don't even need to be able to sing! It's all about caterwauling along to your favourite songs, all in the company of friends and strangers.

For this one-off Bealtaine edition – 4 O'Clock Rock! – Aoife and her team will be playing a mix of hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s, so come spend a Sunday afternoon with friends, family and like-minded song lovers, guaranteed to get the happy hormones flowing!

The Bealtaine Tour:

VIXEN

THEATRE

Angie (Rose Henderson), mischievous and fun loving, reflects on her life as 'the other woman', delighting the audience with her scandalous tale. VIXEN is a compelling psychological drama by Helen Casey of one woman's resilience, determination and desperation to name a love that was hers but belonged to another. Both haunting and mesmerising, it is a visceral exploration of love, unspoken loss and uncomfortable truths...'tis better to have loved and lost... or is it? Directed by Caroline Fitzgerald.

Winner of the Bealtaine Touring Award 2024

May 9	Nenagh Arts Centre, Co. Tipperary
May 10	The Seamus Ennis Centre, Naul, Co. Dublin
May 11	Draíocht, The Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin
May 14	Dunamaise Arts Centre, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
May 16	Theatre Royal, Co. Waterford
May 17	Wexford Arts Centre, Co. Wexford
May 23	Glór, Ennis, Co. Clare
May 24	Cloughjordan Ecovillage, Tipperary
May 28	Civic Theatre, Tallaght, Dublin
May 29	Town Hall Theatre, Co. Galway

For full tour info and booking, see Bealtaine.ie

Children of the Sun

THEATRE

Abbey Theatre, Dublin
Until 11 May,
Sat & Weds matinee 2pm
& Mon – Sat 7.30pm
€15 - €45

Hilary Fannin's radical adaptation of Maxim Gorky's *Children of the Sun* will premiere on the Abbey Theatre stage this April and May. It is the story of how a small family, their collection of friends and one eccentric stranger distract, entertain and enrage each other at a moment of crisis. Meanwhile, unseen beyond their fragile walls, their world is being reshaped by unstoppable forces. We are all living through a period of huge change. This play offers reflections of ourselves in its characters and to consider if our collective belief in science, God or art, can help or hinder us.

Children of the Sun is a co-production with Rough Magic and developed in association with Theatre Royal, Waterford.

Abbey Theatre Costume Tour

TOUR

Abbey Theatre, Dublin,
Wednesday, 22 May, 1pm
Free, booking essential

Visit the Abbey for a unique afternoon to view a selection of costumes from Abbey productions. Guided by the costume department, visitors will enjoy a short talk about the costume process at the national theatre. A display of costumes will be on show and visitors will also have the chance to look behind the scenes at the cutting room, where costumes for performances are made. Tea and light refreshments provided.

There is an additional opportunity to visit the Abbey costume warehouse as part of this event. This is on a first come first served basis and can be added at the time of booking.

On A House Like A Fire

THEATRE

Roscommon Arts Centre, Roscommon
Friday 17 May, 12pm
Creative writing workshop, 2.30 – 4.30pm
Show €10, Workshop €5

Bewleys Café Theatre, Grafton St, Dublin
Monday 20 May - Saturday 8 June, 1pm.
Additional soirée show on Thursday 30 May, 7pm
€10 - €15

Sometimes in a gesture, or in a turn of phrase, sometimes in the scent of hairspray, or glimpsed in an old photograph, a person reappears.

In this evocative and moving show writer-performer Michelle Read collaborates with composer Brian Keegan, to recreate her experience of remembering her mother, Margaret.

'...utterly absorbing...' '...a beautiful one-woman drama...'
Show of the week**** The Irish Mail on Sunday

Presented by Roscommon Arts Centre and Bewleys Café Theatre as part of Bealtaine 2024.

Originally commissioned by the Bealtaine Festival and co-produced with Smock Alley Theatre, Driochead Arts Centre & An Grianan Theatre.

PROM NIGHT

PERFORMANCE

Street 66, Parliament St, Dublin 2,
Thursday 16 May, 7.30pm
€20

This very special LGBTQ+ Prom Night is for all those who may not have been able to participate in this coming of age celebration when they were younger. Hosted at Street 66, in association with Outhouse, prepare to dance the night away under the glitter ball with performances including a show from Drag Queens Ireland featuring Mr. Pussy and Tina D. Parton.

Get your own photo at the special pop-up photo booth experience with artist Enda Burke. The Wild Geeze cabaret bring their comedy and burlesque to the stage and DJ Ruth Kavanagh plays hits from the 70's, 80's, 90's and more, including a slow set for partners and singles to dance with their crush! Balloon arches, cupcakes and razzle dazzle. Bring your best to win Best Dressed!

Commissioned by the Bealtaine Festival and hosted in partnership with Street 66 and Outhouse and taking place at Street 66.

Being

DANCE

Dance Limerick, 1-2 John's Square, Limerick City, Saturday 18 May, 2pm

€5 (*children under 2yrs free)

We are delighted to join forces once again with Dance Limerick after the success of last year's joyous show, *The Golden Flood of Memory*. In this vibrant intergenerational performance project, Dance Limerick's High Kicks over 50s group collaborate with DL. BRIDGE Artist Katy Hewison, with local Limerick dance artists and children 7-14 yrs from the newly-formed Inclusive Dance Club. Exploring movement sparked by feeling, sound and connection within an experimental world created live by musician Paddy Mulcahy. We will welcome you to our world of imagination, energy, and spirit... our *Lust for Life*.

This project is a co-commission with Dance Limerick's DL.BRIDGE programme which provides new pathways for individuals and communities to engage with dance and fosters opportunities for people to develop art that is relevant to their lives and environment.

The Other Selves

DANCE

Watergate Theatre, Kilkenny
16 May, 8pm

The Glens Arts Centre, Leitrim
18 May, 8pm

€15

This dance solo offers a reflection on ageing, exploring our different fears and desires. It takes the form of a series of letters between Anton and Anton, the central character. Movement scenes combine with videos and text to reveal some of the more hidden and deeper layers that lie within.

The Other Selves is made with support of the Swedish Arts Grants Committee. The Other Selves is produced by LAVA-Dansproduktion (Sweden) in collaboration with Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company (Derry/Northern Ireland).

Dublin Comedy Improv

SEE PAGE 23 FOR IMPROV WORKSHOP

IMPROV/COMEDY

F2 Centre, Fatima, Dublin 8, Thursday 23 May, 8pm
€5

The Dublin Comedy Improv is one of the longest running entirely improvised shows in Ireland – the team are literally the oldest (and coolest) improvisers in town! Players Paul Tylak, Michelle Read, Kevin Gildea and Danny Keogh bring the improv's spur-of-the moment, whip-sharp ribaldry to the F2 Centre this year as part of Bealtaine 2024. This is comedy play-time with the grown-ups!

The show is entirely unscripted, based on audience suggestions, á la Whose Line Is It Anyway, and is 100% guaranteed to be *"absolutely amazing"* and *"hilariously funny"* (Hot Press).

Presented in association with Fatima Groups United.

This collaboration with Garry O'Neill has been commissioned by Age & Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival, in association with Photo Museum Ireland.

Teenage Kicks: Rebellious Youth, Subculture and Street Style in Dublin (1970s-1990s)

EXHIBITION/DISCUSSION

Photo Museum Ireland, Temple Bar, Dublin 2

Friday 17 May

7.30pm - 8.30pm Discussion with Garry O'Neill (Curator), Dandelion (DJ & vintage style icon), Gavin Friday (renowned musician), Kasandra O'Connell (Head of the IFI Irish Film Archive) and Michael Mary Murphy (music historian & industry insider).

Free, booking essential

Followed by a reception.

9.45pm - Outdoor Archive Projection, Meeting House Square

Garry O'Neill's *Where Were You?* archive is a love affair born of frustration with repetitive and narrow Irish history consumption. The archive consists of thousands of images of Irish street style and subcultures sourced over a twenty year-plus timeframe from the general public, photojournalists, amateur photographers, archives, and print. For Bealtaine 2024, Garry has curated a selection of images focused on rebellious Irish youths from 1970-1990 which might just feature the Bealtaine participants of today.

WHAT A DRAG!!!

EXHIBITION

Outhouse, Capel St, Dublin 1
Opens Friday 24 May, 6pm
Runs until 8 June
Opening hours:
Tue 2:30-5pm, Wed-Sat 12-5pm
(open 4-6pm on Sat, 1 June)
Free

An exploration of the life and work of Alan Amsby, aka Mr Pussy, through posters, photographs, videos, costumes, wigs, and other memorabilia ranging from his working-class roots in Peckham, London to his relationships with his adoring parents and many friends across an extraordinary artistic career.

SCREENING

Thursday 30 May, 5.30pm
Free, booking essential

What's A Girl Like You ...? (52 mins), a scintillating look at the 1960's drag renaissance, featuring candid interviews with performers.

DISCUSSION

Thursday 30 May, 6.30pm
Free, booking essential

Alan Amsby and Davina Devine in Conversation.

Curated by Francis Fay.
In partnership with Outhouse.
Proudly supported by GCN, Pantibar and Drag Queens Ireland.

Walking in the Way

PERFORMANCE ART/DISCUSSION

Crawford Art Gallery, 1 Emmet Place, Cork City
Saturday 25 May, 2pm – 3.30pm
Free

Walking in the Way is a collaborative performance series by established artists Frances Mezzetti and Pauline Cummins. For the Bealtaine Festival 2024, the artists will create a bespoke performance for Cork city, performed and documented between the 22nd – 24th May.

The premier of this new performance, inspired by Cork City, will be hosted by The Crawford Gallery and introduced by Fulbright Scholar, Helen O'Donoghue, acclaimed for her work as Senior Curator, Engagement & Learning, IMMA. A conversation with the artists Cummins & Mezzetti will follow.

Supported by Cork City Council and presented in association with the Crawford Gallery. Thanks also to TNSF.

Making lemonade: Care, Ageing, and Creativity

SCREENING/DISCUSSION

Wexford Arts Centre,
Wednesday 15 May, 2pm
€5

Following a screening of the documentary film *buttons, zips and belt buckles* which gives an honest and open account of Edward and Deirdre Barker's journey through Edward's diagnosis and subsequent life with Dementia, this discussion will look at the impact, dynamics and possibility of creativity in a care relationship between partners. The discussion will be chaired by writer A M Cousins in conversation with film-maker Philip Bertrand Cullen and Deirdre McGarry (Barker). The discussion and film will be of interest to anyone interested in the human story, dementia, ageing and care, and anyone who is giving or receiving care.

Presented in association with Wexford Arts Centre.

Don't come running to me!; characterisations of the Irish Mammy figure in Irish culture

DISCUSSION

University of Limerick,
Room AD2-010, Analog Devices Building
Wednesday 22 May, 3pm
Free

Immortalised by phrases such as *don't mind me..., Isn't it well for you?* And of course the beloved, *have you turned off the immersion?*, the Irish Mammy is a perennial figure in the Irish imagination. This discussion will look at the role, characterisation and love/hate relationship with this popular figure. Chaired by writer and journalist Henrietta McKervey, the discussion will feature writers Eilis Ni Dhuibhne, Mary O'Donnell and Donal Ryan.

Presented in association with the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Limerick. With thanks to the University of Galway.

Golden Circus Workshops

CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

St. Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla, Co. Galway, 2, 9, 16 & 23 May
11am – 12.30pm Followed by Tea/Coffee

€8* per workshop

*** Bring a family member or carer for free.**

Following on from the success of last year, Golden Circus workshops are designed to introduce older adults to the basic skills and joy of circus. Workshops will feature a variety of activities, including balancing, juggling, manipulation, clowning, aerials, and acrobatics. The workshops are suitable for all levels and abilities. Beginners are very welcome!

In association with Galway Community Circus.

Botanical representation in Turkish Iznik design with Ida Mitrani

ONLINE VISUAL ART WORKSHOPS

May 13, 14, & 17, 2pm – 3.30pm

€20 for the course

This online workshop series consists of creating an individual artwork on paper inspired by the vegetal motifs and patterns found in Turkish traditional art and design. Participants will be looking at geometry & composition using the medium of drawing, and prepare a colour chart according to the colours used in Ottoman Iznik design. Suitable for all levels.

Writing our best lives with Jean O'Brien

ONLINE POETRY WORKSHOPS

15 & 20 May, 11am – 1pm €15 for both

Creativity doesn't age like us, we can create in our minds anytime/anyplace and transport ourselves to anywhere we fancy. Wherever we are now we should be living the best days of our lives. So come out and polish off your creativity to celebrate our *Lust for Life* through poetry.

Memoir Mapping with Eileen Casey

ONLINE WRITING WORKSHOPS

21 & 22 May, 11am – 1pm
€15 for both

Memoir mapping aims to forge a clear memoir pathway, maximising creative energies. Structuring experience in cohesive ways results in a deeply personal memoir, ultimately arriving at the very heart of what gives our lives meaning and substance.

Comedy Improv with Michelle Read

COMEDY WORKSHOP

F2 Building, Fatima, Dublin 8
Tuesday 28 May, 3.30pm - 6.30pm
€8

Following on from the comedy show (see page 17), join Dublin Comedy Improv founder-member Michelle Read for this practical and fun workshop. In it, Michelle will explore the building blocks of performance improv for all, including lots of practical exercises and lots of laughs. No previous experience needed. For anyone interested in drama, performance and having a bit of craic! Suitable for 16 years+.

In association with Fatima Groups United.

Learn a tune, play a tune with Ciara Ní Bhriain

TRAD WORKSHOP

Cobblestone Pub, Smithfield, Dublin 1
Sunday 26 May, 3pm - 4.30pm
€5

For this open level workshop, come along and join in a relaxed atmosphere, where you will learn (or improve) a well-know tune and then play in a mini session that follows. Ciara will also explore styles of Irish music and share tips on how to go about learning music. All instruments welcome.

National Arts in Nursing Homes Day – 17th May 2024

A day celebrating the everyday creativity taking place in care settings all over Ireland!

St John of God Dementia Care St Joseph's, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Collaborating artist: Motoko Fujita

Buddy's Place is a café project lead by photographer and artist Motoko Fujita and run by people living with Dementia and their community. The residents will partake in a series of workshops which will produce aprons, tablecloths, partitions and other visual elements of the cafe, the results of which will be celebrated in a café opening event. This event will be an enjoyable moment-creating space that will connect the residents, artists, staff and cafe customers.

Sonas Nursing Home, Innis Ree, Co. Roscommon
Collaborating artist: Marian Balfe

Visual artist and designer Marian Balfe will lead resident workshops around Cyanotype prints, which are made from plant and flower specimens without using a camera or ink. Residents will collect their own specimens from the garden and create their own prints using the Cyanotype process. The resulting artworks will be presented to family and friends in a showcase on May 17th.

Ashbury Nursing Home, Blackrock, Co. Dublin
Collaborating artist: Helena Byrne

Ashbury Nursing Home will play host to the 'Our Tales & Tunes' exhibition. This unique collection of stories and photographs of days gone by, shared by Ashbury's residents and curated by storyteller Helena Byrne, will be launched with a celebratory sing-song on National Arts in Nursing Homes Day.

The projects featured here are the National Arts in Nursing Homes Day awardees 2024. In partnership with Nursing Homes Ireland.

Bealtaine Hero: When I was Your Age

Monday May 6 1:30-3:30pm
Greywood Arts, Main Street, Killeagh, Cork
& The May Sunday Festival Pavilion
(Glenbower Wood)

An intergenerational storytelling workshop with Noelle Ní Ríagáin designed for a pair of participants who will be guided through this living experiment where adults share their memories of childhood and children share their hopes for the future.

CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	WEEK 1	COUNTY	PAGE
01/5/24 - 11/5/24	various, see listing	Children of the Sun at The Abbey Theatre	Dublin	13
2/5/24	11am - 12.30pm	Golden Circus Workshop	Galway	22
5/5/24	7.30am	Bealtaine Dawn Chorus	Cork	9
6/5/24	1.30 - 3.30pm	Bealtaine Hero: When I Was Your Age workshop	Cork	25
8/5/24	2.15pm	Storytelling: Niall de Burca & Galway groups	Galway	7
9/5/24	11am - 12.30pm	Golden Circus Workshop	Galway	22
9/5/24	1.30pm	Bealtaine Tour: VIXEN	Tipperary	12
10/5/24	8.30pm	Bealtaine Tour: VIXEN	Dublin	12
11/5/24	1pm	DIFF Silver Screen Critics - screening & discussion	Dublin	4
11/5/24	8pm	Bealtaine Tour: VIXEN	Dublin	12

DATE	TIME	WEEK 2	COUNTY	PAGE
13/14/17 May	2pm - 3.30 pm	Botanical Turkish Iznik design worskhop	Online	22
14 - 17 May	various	Poetry Line	Via phone	8
14/5/24	8pm	Bealtaine Tour: VIXEN	Laois	12
15 & 20 May	11 - 1pm	Writing Our Best Lives poetry workshop	Online	22
15/5/24	2pm	Making Lemonade - screening and discussion	Wexford	21
16/5/24	11am - 12.30pm	Golden Circus Workshop	Galway	22
16/5/24	7.30pm	Prom Night	Dublin	15

16/5/24	8pm	Bealtaine Tour: VIXEN	Waterford	12
16/5/24	8pm	The Other Selves	Kilkenny	16
17/5/24	All day	National Arts in Nursing Homes Day	Nationwide	24
17/5/24	12pm	On a House Like a Fire	Roscommon	14
17/5/24	12.30pm	The Art of Living - screening & discussion	Dublin	6
17/5/24	7.30pm	Teenage Kicks - exhibition & discussion	Dublin	18
17/5/25	8pm	Bealtaine Tour: VIXEN	Wexford	12
18/5/24	2pm	Being - Dance Limerick	Limerick	16
18/5/24	8pm	The Other Selves	Leitrim	16
19/5/24	4pm	An Seisúin le Mick O'Brien	Dublin	10

DATE	TIME	WEEK 3	COUNTY	PAGE
20/5/24 - 08/06/24	various, see listing	On a House Like a Fire	Dublin	14
20/5/24	6pm	Standing on the Shoulders of Giants	Dublin	7
21 & 22 May	11 - 1pm	Memoir Mapping writing workshops	Online	23
22/5/24	1pm	Abbey Costume Tour	Dublin	13
22/5/24	3pm	Don't come running to me! discussion	Limerick	21
22/5/24	7pm	Poetry Line LIVE	Dublin	8
23/5/24	8pm	Dublin Comedy Improv	Dublin	17
23/5/24	11am - 12.30pm	Golden Circus Workshop	Galway	22
23/5/24	8pm	Bealtaine Tour: VIXEN	Clare	12

24/5/24 - 8/6/24	various, see listing	What a Drag!	Dublin	19
24/5/24	6-8:30pm	What a Drag! opening event	Dublin	19
24/5/24	8pm	Bealtaine Tour: VIXEN	Tipperary	12
25/5/24	2pm	Walking in the Way	Cork	20
25/5/24	7.30pm	Bealtaine Dusk Chorus	Donegal	9
26/05/24	3pm	Learn a tune, play a tune workshop	Dublin	23
26/5/24	4pm	4 O'Clock Rock	Dublin	11

DATE	TIME	WEEK 4	PAGE	
28/5/24	1pm	Bealtaine Tour: VIXEN	Dublin	12
28/5/24	3.30pm - 6.30pm	Comedy Improv workshop with Michelle Read	Dublin	23
29/5/24	8pm	Bealtaine Tour: VIXEN	Galway	12
30/5/24	5.30pm	What a Drag! film screening	Dublin	19
30/5/24	6.30pm	What a Drag! Alan Amsby with Davina Devine	Dublin	19
30/5/24	7pm	Storytelling: Aindrias de Staic & Lisdoonvarna Active Retired	Clare	7
31/05/24	6pm	Storytelling: Willzee and Traveller groups	Clare	7

Booking details and more information on all events, including the full national programme, can be found on **bealtaine.ie** or call us on **(01) 9133921**

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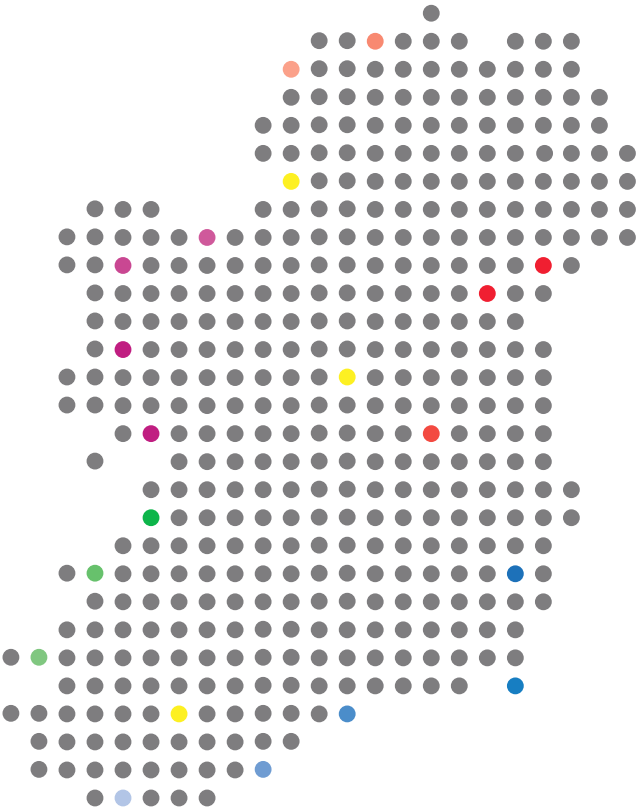

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Age & Opportunity

Our vision is an Ireland where all older people can be more active, more visible, more creative, more connected, more confident, 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. 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 look forward to another creative and inspiring year of Bealtaine Festival.

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ARTS EVENTS LISTINGS

Age & Opportunity's Arts Events Listings in a national listing of cultural events taking place throughout the year which are particularly welcoming to older people. It was inspired by Bealtaine Festival participants, GPs and social prescribers asking about age-friendly events outside of the festival month of May. Events range from concerts, dances, workshops, discussions, exhibitions, tours, screenings and other cultural initiatives.

Advertising on the Arts Events Listings is a great way to signify that your event is accessible and committed to the inclusion of older people. Organisations and individuals can sign up and register their events on the Bealtaine website so that people can check out what's happening year round, outside of the May festival.

www.bealtaine.ie/arts-events-listings/

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