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2018 WICKLOW CULTURE NIGHT

For the 9th year running, Wicklow artists are working hard across the county to put on an excellent Culture Night – filled with events that are free for you, your family and friends. September 21st marks a country-wide celebration of our culture and our communities, and we hope that you avail of what is on offer in County Wicklow. We would like to thank all the artists and organisers for their enthusiasm, hard work, and their wonderful expression of cultural spirit.

We hope you have a great night.

As you enjoy the night, don't forget to share your experiences and photos via social media, using #CultureNight and #WicklowCulture. You can find us on Facebook as Wicklow Culture Night, and on Twitter as @artsoffice.

Jenny Sherwin, Arts Officer

ARKLOW

LAUNCH OF THE ARKLOW SECRET CINEMA CLUB

FILM

- Venue:** Arklow Library,
Main Street, Arklow
- Time:** 6.30 – 8.00pm
- Booking:** Booking is essential via
Eventbrite, in person at
Arklow Library or via email
arklowlibrary@wicklowcoco.ie

Come to the launch of Arklow's new Secret Cinema Club. A chance to see movies more regularly in your local library.

SACRED SOUNDS

MUSIC + FILM

- Venue:** Arklow Library,
Main Street, Arklow
- Time:** 8.00 – 9.00pm
- Booking:** Not required
- Contact:** arklowlibrary@wicklowcoco.ie
or via phone (0402) 39977

Sacred Sounds, under the direction of Bridget Kenny, will serenade us with 'Songs From the Movies' to complement our movie club launch. All are welcome to Songs from the Movies and please feel free to sing along!



ASHFORD

LUAN PARLE JAMES MAHON JESSICA HARRIS

MUSIC

Venue: Nuns Cross Church,
Ashford
Time: 7.00 – 9.00pm
Booking: alchemyconcerts@gmail.com

Jessica Harris - inclusive & participative music for all the family with the fantastic community musician and music therapist.

James Mahon - traditional music on pipes & flute. Wicklow native award-winning musician from Kila & Afro-Celt Soundsystem.

Luan Parle - Wicklow native award-winning Irish singer-songwriter.

“Meteor Award Best Irish Female”

“Irish Tatler Music Woman of the Year”

“Director of IASCA”

“Luan Parle is quite simply one of the most exciting singers to emerge from Ireland, or any other country for that matter! She is a superb song smith as well!”

Evening Herald

BLESSINGTON

CATHERINE FULVIO – A TASTE OF AUTUMN

FOOD / READING

Venue: Blessington Library
New Town Centre, Blessington
Time: 7.45 - 8.45pm
Booking: blessingtonlib@wicklowcoco.ie
or via phone (045) 891740

In a very special Culture Night event we present Wicklow’s own Catherine Fulvio of Ballyknocken House & Cookery School. One of Ireland’s leading chefs, Catherine believes that recipes should be doable, uncomplicated, interesting and, most importantly, very tasty! In her many cookbooks she shows how to use local seasonal produce making everyday recipes for family and friends to enjoy. In this special Culture Night session Catherine will talk you through some of these wonderful recipes, highlighting some quick, easy and tasty meals that will get you through the Autumn weeks ahead. She will be on hand to answer your culinary queries also. This event is free of charge.

For more information on Catherine Fulvio and Ballyknocken House & Cookery School visit www.catherinefulvio.com and www.ballyknocken.com.



BLESSINGTON



RACHEL KELLY (MEZZO-SOPRANO) AND FIACHRA GARVEY (PIANO)

MUSIC

Venue: Russborough House
Time: 8.00pm
Booking: info@westwicklowfestival.com or
info@russborough.ie

For this very special Culture Night recital West Wicklow welcomes back its own Fiachra Garvey with mezzo soprano, Rachel Kelly who will perform a programme based on French and German song exploring both familiar and lesser-known repertoire through romanticism, impressionism and modernism, as well as some popular Italian opera arias and Irish songs.



BRAY



THE BREADWINNER

FILM

Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre
Time: 5.00pm
Booking: Booking essential through
Mermaid Box Office,
Phone 01 272400

In celebration of Culture Night, come along to a screening of *The Breadwinner* (booking essential). Based on Deborah Ellis' award winning novel, Director Nora Twomey's *The Breadwinner* tells the extraordinary story of an 11-year-old Afghan girl who finds strength in the love of her family and the power of storytelling. This is the third Oscar-nominated film from Irish animation studio The Cartoon Saloon (*The Secret of Kells*, *Song of the Sea*).

BRAY LITERARY FESTIVAL

MUSIC

Venue: Bray Town Hall
Time: 7.30pm
Booking: braylitfest@gmail.com

Join Bray Literary Festival this Culture Night for an evening of poetry, stories and song. Traditional story-teller John Carew will regale his audience with his dark and humorous tales, while local harpist Rachel Duffy is set to perform some haunting melodies. Also on the night we will hear the winning poems and stories from our Bray Literary Festival competition winners, along with readings from young writers from the local Fighting Words group. For info on other Bray festival events, please check out our website: www.brayliteraryfestival.com

SIGNAL ARTS

ARTS

Venue: Signal Arts Centre,
1 Albert Avenue, Bray
Time: From 3.00pm
Booking: www.signalartscentre.ie

This year Signal Arts Centre's Culture Night theme is Circus. Art works will be installed in the morning including contributions from local community groups and we kick off our events at 3pm with children's workshops and events in the gallery that include a hall of mirrors at the back of Signal, continuing into the evening with music and poetry. All are welcome.

COMMON GROUND

LIFESTYLE

Venue: Common Ground, Beverly Studios,
Church Terrace, Bray
Time: 6.00 – 10.00pm (there will be a rolling programme)
Accessibility: Not wheelchair accessible
Booking: Not required
Contact: www.commongroundbray.com

Common Ground is a community-based group, located just off Bray Main Street, dedicated to promoting a co-operative, mindful and ecological lifestyle. Join us on Culture Night for an open evening to learn about the events, classes and activities available for members; and then stay to enjoy an eclectic mix of music, film, dance, comedy and visual art at the Klinkerdin live performance and workshop session we're holding in our upstairs studio.

KARL HENRY'S HEALTHY LIVING

AT GREYSTONES LIBRARY

FITNESS / BOOKS

Venue: Greystones Library

Time: 6.30 - 7.30pm

Booking: greylib@wicklowcoco.ie
or via phone (01) 2873548

We are delighted to welcome Karl Henry to Greystones Library as one of Ireland's leading personal trainers and overall wellbeing experts. For his Culture Night visit, hear all about Healthy Living from



Karl, based on his book the Healthy Living Handbook in which he offers an encouraging, practical, affordable and sustainable plan that will help you achieve lasting changes in your well-being. Karl believes that healthy living is all about simplicity and balance and developing habits and routines that are realistic, affordable and sustainable for you. As Karl says: 'You will be amazed at just how easy it is to make straightforward changes and what a difference they can make. Not only that, the benefits of feeling healthier and more active will help you stay on course and motivate you to keep going' Hear all about his approach at our very special Culture Night event!



TRAD-FUSION AT THE WHALE

MUSIC / FAMILY /
WORKSHOPS

Venue: The Whale Theatre, Theatre Lane,
Hillside Road, Greystones

Time: 6.00 - 10.00pm

Booking: Not required

Website: www.whaletheatre.ie

6.00pm Doors open so step in to the intimate Whale Theatre and discover an engaging and innovative programme of trad-fusion music with some of Ireland's finest traditional and experimental musicians! First up an enchanting recital on the beautiful traditional harp, played by **Rachel Duffy**.

6.30pm We'll hear from the talented young musicians of **Music Generation Wicklow's Rithim Orchestra**.

7.00pm Grab a bodhrán and take part in our first workshop of the night with two of Ireland's most accomplished bodhrán players, **Niall Preston** and **Aimee Farrell Courtney**. We will have plenty of drums available and after learning some basic

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rhythms, you will get the chance to play along with our Music Generation Group!

7.20pm Making this a very special evening, we welcome **Strung**, a contemporary Irish music group comprising **Maria Ryan** (violin/vocals), **Lucia Mac Partlin** (violin), **Séan Warren** (cello) and **Aonghus McCarthy** (piano). Strung will perform two sets throughout the evening and will play a mixture of their own songs and traditional Irish music.

8.10pm Immerse yourself in our “Trad Sound Bath” which explores a multitude of soundscapes including traditional, world-music, classical and jazz and features a multitude of percussion and other musical instruments.

8.40pm “Pause” is an outstanding piece of music from award-winning young Irish composer, **Sam Perkin**. Originally from Cork, Sam has written pieces for the Irish Chamber Orchestra, West Cork Chamber Music Festival

and in 2016, he won the prestigious Prix Salabert for Composition at Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Lyon. This piece entitled, “Pause” is an atmospheric, meditative work which features a live classical String Quartet interacting with a recorded traditional Irish Fiddle which has been slowed-down by 800%.

9.00pm Bodhrán workshop with performance **9.20pm** To round off the evening, Strung will once again kick it up a gear to perform a selection of their own unique and captivating interpretations of Irish songs as well as tunes from their self-titled debut album.



THE COURTHOUSE

FAMILY

Venue: The Courthouse
Time: From 11.00am
Booking: bookings@courthousearts.ie
or via phone (0402) 38529

11.00am Open House An open invitation for local artists to call in and have a cup of tea with the new Artistic Director Hannah Mullan. New to the area, Hannah is looking forward to making new connections, hearing about current projects and future collaborations with artists in South Wicklow, North Wexford and South Carlow.

11.30am CREATE: Artist in the Community Award presentation for local artists and community groups followed by a networking lunch.

Twice yearly, the Arts Council offers grants to enable artists and communities of place and/or interest to work together on projects. The Artist in the Community Scheme (AIC) is managed by Create. The Courthouse are hosting a presentation by CREATE to help inform local artists and community groups of the opportunities that exist through this award.

4.00-5.00pm Run Away with the Circus: An Open Aerial Studio with Katie Holmes and Emily Aoibheann a work in progress showing at 4.30pm.

Katie Holmes and Emily Aoibheann are multidisciplinary artists whose mediums collectively span across aerial, poetry, dance, sculpture and movement. They teach and train in Creation Aerial: the studio and home of contemporary, dynamic circus and movement practises in Dublin. Katie and Emily will transpose their studio space to Tinahely for Culture Night and open this creative space to the public: a field of awareness and exploration where ideas are allowed to be unfurled, felt out, examined, exclaimed and enjoyed.

6.30pm Film Screening of Song of the Sea by Cartoon Saloon.

Song of the Sea tells the story of Ben and his little sister Saoirse – the last Seal-child – who embark on a fantastic journey across a fading world of ancient legend and magic in an attempt to return to their home by the sea. The film takes inspiration from the mythological Selkies of Irish folklore, who live as seals in the sea but become humans on land. Song of the Sea, directed by Tomm Moore (The Secret of Kells) features the voices of Brendan Gleeson, Fionnula Flanagan, David Rawle, Lisa Hannigan, Pat Shortt and Jon Kenny. Music is by composer Bruno Coulais and Irish band Kíla, both of whom previously collaborated on The Secret of Kells.



POETRY & MUSIC EVENT

POETRY / MUSIC

Venue: Bridge Street Books,
Wicklow Town
Time: 3.00pm
Booking: Not required
Contact: alchemyconcerts@gmail.com

Jane Clarke - leading Wicklow-based poet reading poetry of Wicklow - Heaney, Synge and from Jane's own collections with **Eamon Sweeney** on guitar & lute. Music to accompany and complement Jane's reading. Music connected to Wicklow from across the 17th century to present day.

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