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ON
CULTURE
NIGHT

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OFFALY 2017



Switch on Culture Night with venues and public spaces across Offaly as we open our doors to host a programme of free entertainment as part of a national celebration of arts and culture. Now in its seventh year, Culture Night Offaly brings you its most exciting programme to date.



Full Wheelchair Accessibility



Part Wheelchair Accessibility



Suitable For Children

TULLAMORE

FRONTIER EXHIBITION

Áras an Chontae, Tullamore

9.00am - 4.00pm



Tullamore native and Belfast based artist, *David Fox* interrogates how Brexit will impact Irish border communities through a documentation of various roads and landscapes. The exhibition is informed and influenced by the UK's recent decision to leave the EU.

SS2017 EXHIBITION

*South Hospital Street (ground floor)
Midland Regional Hospital,
Tullamore*

10.00am - 8.30pm



Offaly's arts, health & wellbeing organisation, *Anam Beo* presents an exhibition of artworks - the outcome of a visual arts project called "Stop and Sit" with artists, *Julie Spollen* and *Rowena Keaveny* and participating staff at Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore.

SS2017 SHORTS

Tullamore Library

10.00am - 5.00pm



Tullamore Community Arts Centre

3.30pm - 10.30pm



Three short films encapsulating the interactions and observations between *Anam Beo* artists, *Julie Spollen* and *Rowena Keaveny* and staff at Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore.

VR CULTURE PARTY

Unit 3, Sragh Business Park, Tullamore

10.00am - 10.00pm



Kids 7+

Be amazed by the world of virtual reality! Visit a Fine Art Museum, creatively paint an entire room, be inside an animated movie or build a unique sculpture. A whole new eye-opening experience brought to you in one room.



BEAUTY & THE BEAST and PUNCH & JUDY

Tullamore Library

3.30pm - 4.30pm



McCormick Puppets presents *Beauty & The Beast* in one of the greatest love stories for children and parents alike.

Punch & Judy is full of high jinks with Punch minding the baby and the crocodile hungry for sausages?

* Booking required, call 057 9346832

LE CHEILE

Tullamore Library

6.00pm - 7.00pm



Le Cheile Singers and *Summer Singing Group* under the direction of *Andrius Kozlovskis* perform for you with special guest guitarist *Martin O'Hara*.



Bedtime Stories - Lynne Hoare

BEDTIME STORIES BY YOU & LYNNE HOARE

Tullamore Community Arts Centre
3.00pm – 7.30pm



Artist, *Lynne Hoare* invites everyone, young and old to come and share their tales and anecdotes of bedtime stories - creating an imaginative scene out of memory and flights of fancy.

Find out how you can get involved by dropping into your local library – prepare your story in advance or create it on the day with writing and drawing materials provided.

CURIOS TASTER JOURNEY

Tullamore D.E.W. Visitor Centre
7.00pm & 8.00pm



Step through the doors of *Tullamore D.E.W.'s Old Bonded Warehouse* and get up close and personal with our history, and of course our whiskey, on this journey for the curious tasters amongst you.

Guided by one of our whiskey experts from beginning to end - starting with the birth of a blend and finishing with your very own triple tasting.

* *Booking required, email info@tullamoredew.com or call 057 9325015*

SCENE OF THE RHYME

Tullamore Community Arts Centre
8.00pm – 10.30pm



Tullamore based *Scene of the Rhyme* brings you a rip-roaring evening with performance poetry, live music and comic theatre with *The Word According to Breda*, slam champion *David Braziel*, the wonderful *Grainne Hunt* and an unmissable opportunity to experience *We Raise Bears* live.

TRAD MUSIC, SONG, DANCE & STORYTELLING

Charleville Castle
8.30pm 'til late



Charleville Castle and *Rahan Comhaltas* host a *Rambling House* session with the best in Traditional Music, Song, Dance and Storytelling - a lively evening for all the family.

CLARA

LOVE MUSIC, LOVE DRAMA!

Friends Meeting House, Clara
8.00pm – 10.00pm



2017 AIMS Award winners for 'Best Overall Show' *Clara Musical Society* and the *PIC Players* join forces to bring you "Songs from the Musicals" interlaced with short drama sketches. This is the first time these two popular groups have performed together.

* *Booking required, call 087 9366247*



Cats - Clara Musical Society

BIRR

OBSERVING OFFALY EXHIBITION

Birr Library

9.30am – 7.00pm



A photographic exhibition by *Veronica Nicholson* provides a visual definition of life in Offaly today. Layers of stories in almost every photo, including domestic and agricultural images.

ACTING MASTERCLASS - OBSERVE

Birr Theatre and Arts Centre

3.00pm - 5.00pm



Offaly Drama Project invites you to observe an Acting Masterclass facilitated by internationally renowned *Geoff Colman*. Come along throughout the afternoon and observe *Geoff* who is Head of Acting at the *Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, London*.

* *Booking required, call 057 9122911*



Geoff Colman

SPIORAD AN BHIORRA

Birr Library

5.30pm – 7.00pm



Spreagfaidh *Annemarie Ní Churreáin* páistí bunscoile le dánta a chumadh a bheidh bunaithe ar Cháin Adomnáin. Bí ag súil le scéalta agus spraoi!

Creative writing workshop in Irish for children, where they will create short poems based on the history of Birr.



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Karen Power

SONIC POLLINATORS (work-in-progress)

Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Centre

5.00pm – 6.00pm



A solo performance + talk by composer *Karen Power*, which aims to capture, represent and juxtapose the real and imagined, or reimagined, place, time and uniqueness of Offaly and its pollinators.

This live electronics performance captures the pollinating sounds of Clara Bog to the fluid-flowing natural meadows in Birr and the close-up controlled world within managed beehives.

A Creative Ireland Offaly County Council and Creative Ireland Laois County Council co-commission.



Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Centre

A JOURNEY THOUGH TIME AT THE SCIENCE CENTRE

Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Centre
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Travel back in time with the *Parsons* family, *Earls of Rosse*, when Birr Castle was a hub of scientific discovery and innovation. The interactive centre reveals the wonders of early photography, engineering and astronomy with a special emphasis on the brilliant design and assembly of the world famous *Great Telescope*.

OFFLINE TASTER SCREENINGS

Spinners, Castle St., Birr
7.30pm



One of Offaly's premier festivals brings you some specially selected short films, to whet your appetite for *OFFline Film Festival*, taking place Wednesday 11th - Sunday 15th October.

SINGING TRAD WITH JOHN LYONS

Leap Castle, Clareen, Birr
8.00pm - 10.00pm

Renowned and inspirational traditional singer and musician, *John Lyons* pays the castle a visit. He will be joined by local singers and musicians.

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GLÓRTHA AGUS NÓTAÍ – FILÍOCHT, PRÓS AGUS CEOL



The Chestnut, Green St., Birr
9.00pm 'til late

Oíche fhilíochta agus cheoil leis an bhfíle *Annemarie Ní Churreáin*, scríbhneoirí agus ceoltóirí an cheantair. Cuirfear i láthair scéalta agus píosaí próis bunaithe ar thírdhreach an phortaigh agus ar Shliabh Bladhma.

Join us for a night of poetry, prose and music!



BANAGHER

MILITARY MANOEUVRES DOCUMENTED

Banagher Library
2.00pm - 8.00pm



Crank House
2.00pm - 8.00pm

Documentation of the making of the film *Military Manoeuvres, a Re-enactment*, in slide format. Artist, *Patricia Hurl* worked with local children, their parents, and schools on this unique project.



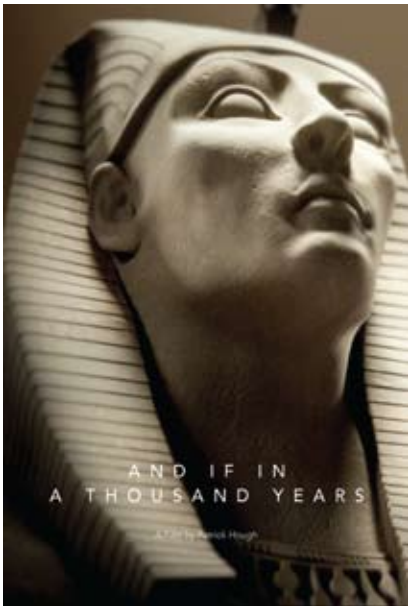
Military Manoeuvres, a Re-enactment

MILITARY MANOEUVRES PROJECTED

Banagher Town
8.00pm - 10.00pm



An open-air screening of the film *Military Manoeuvres, a Re-enactment* by artist, *Patricia Hurl*. This documentary of a community art project was filmed on Culture Night 2016 when a painting by artist *Richard Moynan* (1891) was brought to life by the whole community of Banagher.



LOUGH BOORA

EYES ON BOORA

Lough Boora Discovery Park
Visitors Centre
3.30pm – 5.00pm



Through the eyes of children, Lough Boora is explored with artist, *Aisling O'Rourke*. Children from local schools will launch their display of photographic studies of Boora. The exhibition is part of a documentary project on the parklands.

LANDSCAPES OF LOUGH BOORA

Lough Boora Discovery Park
Visitors Centre
7.00pm – 8.30pm



A presentation by experienced outdoor photographer *David T Kavanagh* featuring landscape images that capture the unique atmosphere of Lough Boora Discovery Park across the full spectrum of light from sunrise to sunset.

* Booking required, email

info@loughboora.com or call 057 9340010



David T Kavanagh Photography

MOVING IMAGE AT HOUGHS

JJ Houghs, Banagher
8.30pm 'til late



An evening of moving image with a very special screening of *Patrick Hough's* "And in a Thousand Years" narrated by *Lisa Dwan*, which was commissioned by the *Jerwood/FVU Awards 2017*. Also on the bill is an extract of a screenplay "The Barman's Lament" written and directed by *Gerald Hough*. And a reel of films by video artist *Stephanie Hough*.

EDENDERRY

MUSICAL ENSEMBLE

Edenderry Library
5.00pm - 5.30pm



Abundant in talent and musicality, come and listen to students from the *Eden School of Music* as they perform for you.



McCormick Puppet Theatre

BEAUTY & THE BEAST *and* PUNCH & JUDY

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UNIQUELY TRAD

with **EDENDERRY COMHALTAS**

Edenderry Library
6.30pm - 7.30pm



Talented local musicians share with you the best of traditional tunes.

CULTURAL COLLISIONS

O'Connell Square, Edenderry
9.00pm



Edenderry like you've never seen it before with weird and wonderful chairs dotted around the town square. Envisioned by local artist, Louise O'Brien, this spectacular community arts project encourages you to fill your town square with all manner of chairs.

You are invited to bring your favourite chair, or a chair you have created, or are thinking of making with bits and bobs - an imaginative concoction.

Be part of a unique installation of chairs immersed in music, song, moving image, dance and spoken word. Featuring writer Steve Downes and sonic bog fonics from internationally renowned composer and soundscape artist Anne Cleare.

In addition, Music Generation Offaly/ Westmeath in partnership with Youth Work Ireland (Midlands) and the Edenderry Youth Café will showcase the incredible talent of the Edenderry Rockers, alongside students and teachers from the Eden School of Music.



Cultural Collisions

Culture Night Offaly

Friday 22 September 2017



VENUE	EVENT	TIME
Áras an Chontae, Tullamore	Frontier Exhibition	9.00am - 4.00pm
Sragh Business Park, Tullamore	VR Culture Party	10.00am-10.00pm
Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore	SS2017 Exhibition	10.00am-8.30pm
Tullamore Library	SS2017 Shorts	10.00am-5.00pm
Tullamore Community Arts Centre	Bedtime Stories	3.00pm - 7.30pm
Tullamore Library	*Beauty & The Beast and Punch & Judy	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Tullamore Community Arts Centre	SS2017 Shorts	3.30pm - 10.30pm
Tullamore Library	Le Cheile	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Tullamore D.E.W. Visitor Centre	*Curious Taster Journey	7.00pm & 8.00pm
Tullamore Community Arts Centre	Scene of the Rhyme	8.00pm - 10.30pm
Charleville Castle	Trad Music, Song, Dance & Storytelling	8.30pm 'til late
Friends Meeting House, Clara	*Love Music, Love Drama!	8.00pm - 10.00pm
Birr Library	Observing Offaly Exhibition	9.30am - 7.00pm
Birr Theatre and Arts Centre	*Acting Masterclass - Observe	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Centre	Sonic Pollinators (work-in-progress)	5.00pm - 6.00pm
Birr Library	*Spiorad an Bhiorra	5.30pm - 7.00pm
Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Centre	A Journey Though Time at the Science Centre	6.00pm - 8.00pm
Spinners, Castle St., Birr	OFFline Taster Screenings	7.30pm
Leap Castle, Clareen, Birr	*Singing Trad with John Lyons	8.00pm - 10.00pm
The Chestnut, Green St., Birr	Glórtha agus Nótaí – filíocht, próis agus ceol	9.00pm 'til late
Lough Boora Discovery Park Centre	Eyes on Boora Exhibition	3.30pm - 5.00pm
Lough Boora Discovery Park Centre	*Landscapes of Lough Boora Presentation	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Banagher Library & Crank House	Military Manoeuvres Documented	2.00pm - 8.00pm
Banagher Town	Military Manoeuvres Projected	8.00pm - 10.00pm
JJ Houghs, Banagher	Moving Image at Houghs	8.30pm 'til late
Edenderry Library	Musical Ensemble	5.00pm - 5.30pm
Edenderry Library	*Beauty & The Beast and Punch & Judy	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Edenderry Library	Uniquely Trad with Edenderry Comhaltas	6.30pm - 7.30pm
O'Connell Square, Edenderry	Cultural Collisions	7.30pm

* Booking required



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