

MOUNTMELICK

The Secrets of Painting a Landscape in Oils

A public painting demonstration presented by Artist Tom Joyce (www.tomjoyceart.ie) in Mountmellick Library. Admission is free but places are strictly limited. Notebooks, cameras and recorders welcome!

To book contact Mountmellick Library T +353578644572.

Venue: Mountmellick Library Art Gallery

Time: 7pm-9pm



A Reading by Laois writer Sheelagh Coyle

From stories of her life and experiences. A member of Laois Writers Group, Sheelagh was a winner in the prose section of the Open Mic event at the 2017 Laois Bealtaine Festival. Her work has been published in Laois Anthologies, magazines and in the Irish Times and she has read on RTÉ Sunday Miscellany.

Venue: Mountmellick Library

Time: 4.30-5.30pm

PORTARLINGTON

Join Portarlington Comhaltas Group for an evening of traditional music, song and dance performed by a wide range of musicians. All welcome.

Venue: Hawthorn Function Room, Patrick's Street, Portarlington.

Time: 8pm-11pm

SPINK

Traditional Evening with Spink Comhaltas

Enjoy an evening of traditional Irish music, singing, storytelling, and dancing in the beautiful Community Hall in Spink, with some of the best musicians in the country performing. Registration for classes will also take place.

Contact T: 086 2660768 or E: ccespink@gmail.com.

Venue: Knock, Community Hall, Spink

Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm

RATHDOWNEY

Members of Rathdowney Mens' Shed invite the public to join them for an evening of music, song and the spoken word. Visit the showroom and see the wonderful selection of attractive handcrafted woodwork.

Venue: Rathdowney Mens' Shed

Time: 7pm-10pm

STRADBALLY

Art Exhibition 'Time and Space' - A Celebration of Texaco Children's Art Success in Laois

Curated by Lucy Deegan, the 2017 Laois Culture Night Ambassador. Lucy Deegan (age 17) from Luggacurran won the top prize in this year's 63rd Texaco Children's Art Competition. As well as the winning entry, the exhibition will feature 8 other works by Lucy and work by young Laois artists who also featured highly in the competition including: Ciarán Leonard (age 13), Asma Zulficar (age 14), and Abdul Ahad Zulficar (age 6). The exhibition will officially launch on Thursday 21st September at 1pm and will run until Thursday 28th September. Artworks originating from the Texaco Children's Art Competition are on loan by kind permission of Valero Energy (Ireland) Limited.

Venue: Laois Arthouse, Gallery, Stradbally

Time: 6pm-8pm (extended opening hrs)

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An Evening of Traditional Music and Dance

Ratheniska Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann will host an evening of traditional Irish music and dancing at the visitors area of Droimnin Nursing Home, Stradbally for residents family and friends.

Venue: Droimnin Nursing Home, Stradbally

Time: 6pm-7.30pm



DURROW



Reading and Crafting

Come and celebrate Culture Night in Durrow with author Helena Duggan and her novel 'A Place called Perfect'. The evening will include a reading from the book and some book based crafting! Suitable for children aged 9+.

Booking necessary T: (057) 873 6090

Venue: Durrow Library, Durrow

Time: 7pm - 8.30pm

Laois County Council would like to thank all those involved in organising events in Laois.

For more information about Culture Night please contact:
The Arts Office, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co Laois
T: 057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie or W: www.laois.ie
or visit the National Culture Night website www.culturenight.ie

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PORTLAOISE

Dunamaisé Arts Centre and the Laois Arts Office presents **Anam - Siamsa Tíre, The National Folk Theatre of Ireland**



Anam (meaning 'soul') brings together four world-class step dancers from the US, Canada and Ireland in an exhilarating fusion of styles. This percussive dance piece explores the similarities and differences between the dancers; celebrating the dance's essential spirit while injecting it with fresh energy to create something new. Featuring dancers **Matthew Olwell** (Appalachian Flat Foot) **Jonathan Kelliher** (North Kerry "Munnix") **Nathan Pilatzke** (Ottawa Valley, Canada) and **John Fitzgerald** (Modern Irish), with live music and song by **Fergal Ó Murchú**, **Mikey Smith** (pipes & tin whistle) and **Joseph McNulty** (bodhrán & guitar).

'...As Anam kicks off and its four male step dancers and three male musicians get their dancing shoes on to weave their ancient magic, another kind of soul emerges. As in life and soul of the party...' Irish Examiner

The Anam tour is funded by the Arts Council.

FREE but booking essential: T: 057 8663355 W: www.dunamaisé.ie

Venue: Dunamaisé Arts Centre

Time: 8pm



Bennie Reilly New Works

An exhibition of paintings and bricolage informed by the artist's interest in museology, cabinets of curiosity and the act of collecting. From 1 September - 8 October. www.benniereilly.com

Venue: Dunamaisé Arts Centre Gallery

Time: 7pm



EMO

Exhibition and Free Guided Tour of Emo Court

Emo Court is one of the finest stately homes in Ireland. Designed by James Gandon in 1790 for the Earls of Portarlington. It is a magnificent example of neo-classical architecture. "Through the Eyes of Father Browne" - an exhibition on the life and photographs of Father Frank Browne is also on display. On your visit take in a walk through the newly extended circular route of Emo Lake and Gardens developed by the OPW in 2014. T: 057 8626573

Venue: Emo Court, Emo

Time: 2 free tours commence at 6pm & 7pm (extended opening hours)

The Equinox: Live Art

A night dedicated to live art that is beautiful, flowing, mystical... The Equinox will showcase performances from talented artists of Laois and beyond. This event will bring to the stage: performance art, experimental dance, video art, storytelling, live painting, poetry and more!

Venue: Kavanagh's (upstairs venue), Portlaoise

Time: 9pm til late / Free entry / Over 18's

THE
EQUINOX

Samba Drum Performance in association with Music Generation Laois

Join us for a Samba Drum Spectacle at The Plaza, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, under the direction of drumming specialist Peter Crann and Eddie O'Neill from Music Generation Laois. A highlight of the event will be a performance by a visiting professional Samba Band who will be joined by members of the Music Generation Laois Samba programme and children from local primary schools who have participated in workshops in preparation for the event.



Venue: The Plaza, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise

Time: 5pm (outdoor event - weather permitting)

Exploring Cultural Connections - Through Music, Dance, Conversations, Displays and much more!

A unique opportunity to explore the many cultures living in Laois and promote the richness of diversity, sanctuary and inclusion. Try a traditional Irish musical instrument with Portlaoise Comhaltas teachers or sign up for the International Folk Orchestra. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Laois Integration Network on 087 9775080.



Venue: The Parish Centre, Portlaoise

Time: 6pm-8pm

Storytelling for schools with Jack Lynch

Students from local national schools will enjoy a storytelling session with renowned storyteller Jack Lynch. Dublin-born Jack is rooted in the scéaláil tradition and he has experience in working in schools, libraries, arts festivals and at Irish storytelling festivals.

Venue: Portlaoise Library

Time: 11am-12pm

BALLYFIN



An Sean Chistin Cultural evening: including traditional music, ceili dancing, set dancing, sean-nós poetry in English & Irish, seanacháí ag rá scéalta, whistling & lílting. Bi-lingual.

Venue: An Sean Chistin, Irej, Ballyfin

Time: 8pm

Art Studio Open Night

Artist Kevin McCann will host an open studio event - visitors can see how he works in his studio and join him to explore the mediums he uses. He works mainly using oil paints, and he sculpts with clay and wood. A self-thought artist, inspiration is taken from his imagination and the odd bit of social commentary. Kevin has taken part in many arts events including performing his music at the Electric Picnic.

Venue: Glory Glory, Old Dear Park, Ballyfin

Time: 5pm-11pm



MOUNTRATH



Artists Open Studio Event - by design Studios 'Figure2Ground'

Figure2Ground is an independent studio producing surface design concepts and solutions for specific components and decorative fabrications in digital, conventional and bespoke production technology.

Drop in for an espresso in the pop up espresso bar "Love2Idle café" and enjoy some cake at this special evening with a jazz theme, when the design studios and showrooms will be open for viewing.

Venue: Murrays, Left Bank House, Shannon Street, Mountrath

Time: 5pm-10pm

Tour of Roundwood House

Paddy and Hannah Flynn would be delighted to welcome you for a tour of Roundwood House, as well as the grounds and outbuildings. Roundwood is one of Ireland's finest mid-size houses dating to the early Georgian period and retains all of its original features. Following the tour enjoy tea/coffee and homemade biscuits in the beautiful library.

Advance booking required: T: 057 8732120

Venue: Roundwood House, Mountrath

Time: Tour commences at 5pm

