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ONE NIGHT FOR ALL

Culture Night will take place on Friday 23 September 2022, this celebrates the twelfth since Offaly first took part in the national Culture Night celebrations.

This year is **One Night For All** across Offaly as we continue to connect with and celebrate our culture together. Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir is a national moment, an annual all-island public event, brought to you by the Arts Council to celebrate diversity of culture, creativity and the arts while promoting the belief that rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people's lives every day.

We invite you to come and experience **One Night For All**, where artists and venues will open doors and minds through a programme of FREE entertainment as part of our national celebration of arts and culture. Offaly Culture Night offers communities, artists and venues the opportunity to connect through music, dance, visual art and much more with an eclectic range of events guaranteed to appeal to our rich and varied communities across the County. Follow the arrows to plan your Culture Night Trail.

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At a glance...

EVENTS	LOCATION	TIME
Donlon Dance Company – Follow The Leader	Tullamore	4.30pm
Creative Edenderry – Cultures Of Edenderry	Edenderry	5.00pm
Francesca Hutchinson – Beady Pockets Exhibition	Tullamore	5.00pm
Music Generation & Edenderry Youth Cafe – Inside Track	Edenderry	6.00pm
Eden Chorale Presents: ‘Joy – A Choral Celebration’	Edenderry	6.15pm
Eileen Casey & Emma Barone – ‘Palimpsest’ Exhibition	Birr	6.30pm
Rosemarie Langtry – ‘Connecting To The Past’	Belmont	7.00pm
Birr Theatre & Arts Centre – Evening Light Photography	Birr	7.30pm
Birr Growery – ‘Growing Local Culture’	Birr	7.30pm
‘Neart Fir Strength Of Men’ – Eugene O’Brien, CODYY, Dr. Philip Brady, John Gorman	Edenderry	8.00pm
Rahan Comhaltas – ‘Faces Of Culture & Creativity’	Tullamore	8.00pm
Clara Musical Society – ‘A Night At The Musicals Karaoke Style’	Clara	8.00pm
Birr School Of Music – ‘Sing! Community Sing’	Birr	8.30pm
Late Night at the Courthouse – ‘Luminaries’	Birr	8.30pm
JJ Hough’s Singing Pub – ‘The Black River Of Herself’	Banagher	9.00pm

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BANAGHER

JJ HOUGH'S SINGING PUB: 'THE BLACK RIVER OF HERSELF'

9pm til late

JJ Hough's, Banagher



Professional artists Sheila Hough and Patrick Hough will present an evening of artists' film, paintings, music and discussion around the subject of Offaly's peat bog lands and their relationship to Climate Change and ecological collapse. Patrick Hough's film, which premiered at Galway Film Fleadh in 2021, focuses on an archaeologist sent to excavate the remains of a bog body - an Iron Age bog body naturally preserved in Ireland's peat bog lands. The evening will also see an exhibition of bog paintings by artist Sheila Hough, whose work uses the bog as a way of thinking through important sets of concerns. Genre-bending, high-energy folk outfit Bog Bodies will entertain into the night with their unique "druid rock" sound, inspired by visits to megalithic tombs and other ancient sites. Commission funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office.

Booking not required



18+

BELMONT

ROSEMARIE LANGTRY: 'CONNECTING TO THE PAST'

7pm to 9pm

Highstreet Community Hall, Belmont



Artist Rosemarie Langtry together with Belmont Ladies Group present this art exhibition and demonstration of encaustic art. The group will exhibit artwork from their 2021 Creative Ireland funded project 'Connecting to the Past', while the artist will host a talk on her methodology and carry out an encaustic art demonstration. Audience on the night will have the opportunity to experience and experiment with the encaustic medium and technique.

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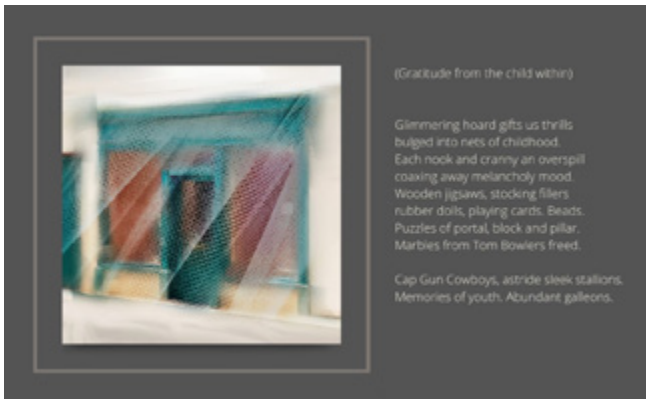
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BIRR

EILEEN CASEY & EMMA BARONE: 'PALIMPSEST' EXHIBITION

6.30pm

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre



Palimpsest: "A manuscript or piece of writing material on which later writing has been superimposed on effaced earlier writing".

Above is the dictionary meaning of Palimpsest. This commission sees artists Eileen Casey and Emma Barone apply this term to shop-fronts in Birr, thereby creating a symbiotic space while excavating earlier treasures. Poet Eileen Casey's work features alongside Artist Emma Barone's interpretation of her lyrical text. This is true also of the reverse - poet translating visual imagery. Commission funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office.

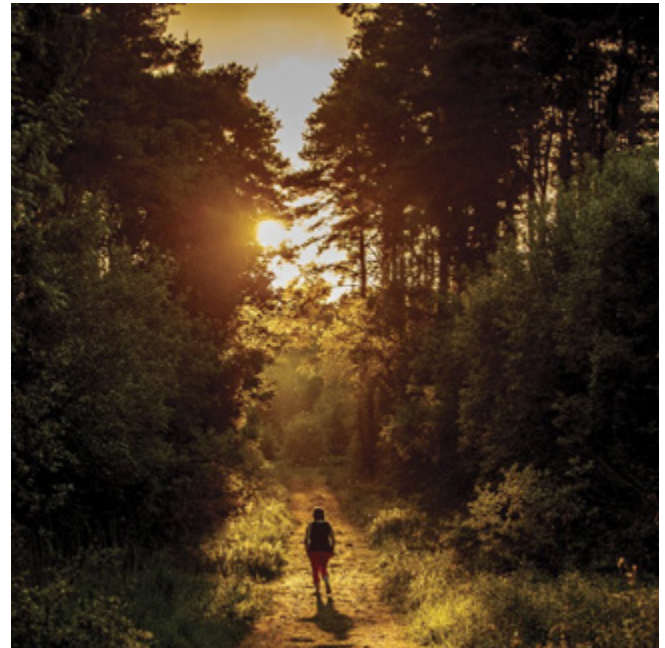
Bookings: www.birrtheatre.com or the box office 057 9122911 (1.00pm – 5.30pm)



BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS: EVENING LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

7.30pm to 9.30pm

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre



A photography workshop focusing on the use of evening light facilitated by awarding winning photographer, James Crombie. This workshop comes at the end of the PPAI (Press Photographer's Association of Ireland) 2022 exhibition, taking place in September which will offer inspiration to participants in advance of the workshop.

Bookings: www.birrtheatre.com or the box office 057 9122911 (1.00pm – 5.30pm)

Photo credit: James Crombie



BIRR GROWERY: 'GROWING LOCAL CULTURE'

7.30 pm | No.1 Oxmantown Mall Garden, Birr

This event will see a candle lit evening, with light refreshments provided, a selection of short presentations, and a participatory workshop for all attendees. The theme will look back at 7 years of development of local culture through the Growery while revealing hidden gems for the benefit of the next 7 years.

Bookings: 089 2324012





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BIRR

BIRR SCHOOL OF MUSIC 'COMMUNITY SING!'

8.30pm

St. Brendan's Hall, Birr



Sing! is a community choir based in Birr. This event is open to anyone who wants to embrace the joy of singing on Culture Night. No sight-reading necessary, just singing for the pure joy of it!

Bookings:

gregory@birrschoolofmusic.com



LATE NIGHT AT THE COURTHOUSE: AN AUDIO VISUAL SENSORY FEAST

8.30pm to 10.30pm

Birr Courthouse Courtyard



Audiences are invited to the Courthouse Yard for live music from winners of the Vintage Week Busking competition and the presentation of the Mick Egan Memorial Cup to this year's winner. This will be followed by immersive audio-visual dive into the natural world, with films from Tina Claffey, Finn Nichol and Caroline Conway. These films are part of Vintage Luminaries and will run on a loop till 10.30pm. Supported by Offaly's Creative Ireland programme. A brief overview of the ongoing work to bring the Courthouse back into use will be given.

No booking required

Photo credit: Caroline Conway



CLARA

CLARA MUSICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS: 'A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS – KARAOKE STYLE'

8pm | Friends Meeting House

For over fifty years' the Clara Musical Society have been bringing quality entertainment and national award winning productions to audiences in the midlands. They are delighted to return to Culture Night with an interactive fun way to enjoy musical theatre. The audience are invited to join in and sing along with



some favourite hits from well-known musicals with the lyrics projected behind the live performers.

Bookings (limited numbers):

claramusicalsociety@gmail.com





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EDENDERRY

CREATIVE EDENDERRY PRESENTS: CULTURES OF EDENDERRY

5pm to 9pm
St Mary's Primary School



You are invited to 'Cultures of Edenderry' – a special evening celebrating the diverse cultures and nationalities of Edenderry and surrounding areas. Hosted by Creative Edenderry and Festival Edenderry in the hall of St Mary's Primary School, it will be an opportunity for locals to both showcase and sample some of the distinct cultural activities and produce from Ireland and around the world. Come and explore the food, fashion, music and much more that is part of our town. Everyone is welcome to come along during the evening and discover the diversity of cultural offerings in Edenderry! Interested in taking part and sharing something? Please contact: creativeedenderry@gmail.com This event is supported by the Creative Places: Edenderry project funded by The Arts Council, and is also part-funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

Bookings: creativeedenderry@gmail.com

Photo credit: Arts Ekta



INSIDE TRACK – ACORN YOUTH CAFÉ

6pm
Acorn Youth Café, Edenderry



Music Generation Offaly Westmeath in partnership with Youth Work Ireland (Midlands) and the Edenderry Youth Café present an open mic showcasing the work of young Edenderry musicians, under the mentorship of local popular musician Dave Peyton. A fantastic medley of music and song.

Bookings: 046 - 9732854



EDEN CHORALE PRESENTS: 'JOY – A CHORAL CELEBRATION'

6.15pm to 7.45pm
Edenderry Library



Eden Chorale will perform a selection of songs to reflect the joy experienced by singing together. The concert will reflect the varied repertoire of the choir.

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NEART FIR | STRENGTH OF MEN - WITH EUGENE O'BRIEN AND GUESTS

8pm | Acorn Youth Café

An evening celebrating the mental strength of men through song, verse, film and readings. A unique way of focusing on the resilience of men of all generations. Male artists from a cross-section of generations will approach the theme through the prism of artistic expression. Award-winning playwright (*Irish Times Theatre Awards, Stewart Parker Award, Rooney Prize for Literature*) Eugene O'Brien will headline the event with a reading and observations on the theme, following the publication of his first novel *Going Back* by Gill this September. A short film made by The Acorn Youth Project and live music from upcoming singer-songwriter John Gorman sets the scene. A riveting set from the fierce and fabulous CODYY frontman and Midlands rock sensation Andrew Cody will get the room rocking while poetry from Dr. Philip Brady will round off this eclectic evening celebrating the rich diverse nature of male mental strength. Everybody welcome.

Bookings: arts@offalycoco.ie



'Bog on Fire' – Rosemarie Langtry
(Belmont)



'Haunting Pool One' – Sheila Hough
(Banagher)



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TULLAMORE

DONLON DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS: – ‘FOLLOW THE LEADER’

4.30pm

Tullamore Library Car Park



This performance explores the power of celebrities on social media, and how they influence our fashion, body image and our sense of self. This Contemporary dance highlights the negative impact social media has on young people, giving the young women involved a platform to express their feelings through the art of movement. Commission funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office.

No booking required



RAHAN COMHALTAS – ‘FACES OF CULTURE & CREATIVITY’

8pm

Charleville Castle

With the long awaited return to Charleville Castle and its incredible Ballroom, Rahan Comhaltas once again presents and invites an incredibly diverse variety of multicultural and creative acts to perform. The evening will feature Indian Classical Dance Troupe Noopura Naada, followed by more of Rahan Comhaltas' fantastic Irish dance, song and storytelling – come along, enjoy the celebration and our complimentary refreshments!

Bookings: info@shakefest.net



FRANCESCA HUTCHINSON – ‘BEADY POCKETS’ EXHIBITION

5pm to 6.30pm | Split Space Art Joint,
44 Church Street, Tullamore



Tullamore's newest art space plays host to a Beady Pocket exhibition by members of Offaly Traveller Movement. "Beady Pockets" had huge significance within the Traveller community, particularly for the older generation. Traditionally, the pockets would be hand-sewn and decorated with buttons, colourful threads and holy medals and passed from mother to daughter.

Inspired by her own grandmother, Offaly-based artist Francesca Hutchinson began researching Beady Pockets as part of her BA in Fine Arts studies. Francesca recently hosted a special workshop for Offaly Traveller Movement, where 20 participants joined her to learn about and create their own Beady Pockets. The workshop was filmed by Red Shoe Productions, and forms part of TG4's upcoming arts series *Imeall*.

Visitors can experience the beautiful hand-crafted pockets on display, while a short film of the workshop will be on loop upstairs in the gallery. Francesca will be present to give her insights into the process.

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MUSIC GENERATION OFFALY WESTMEATH

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath are once again planning an exciting programme of events that we will reveal over the coming weeks – so keep an eye out for our posts!

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Fully Wheelchair Accessible



Partly Wheelchair Accessible



Family Friendly



Suitable for Ages 18+

**Suitable for Ages 16+**

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