



Shorelines

ARTS FESTIVAL PORTUMNA

Sept 13th-16th 2018



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WELCOME TO THE 2018 SHORELINES ARTS FESTIVAL

With lots to savour, Shorelines offers a feast of literary, drama, spoken word, art, music, street events, audio and film. We have collaborated with HearSay Festival, Portumna Pen Pushers, Portumna Camera Club as well as a group of local photographers and schools, so watch out for the unfolding Art Trail and surprises popping up around the town.

A big thank you to our sponsors and friends for continued financial support. A special thanks to the Arts Council, Galway Co. Council, Creative Ireland and Waterways. We also thank the ever-growing band of volunteers and helpers, the venue suppliers and operators and, of course, our ever diligent and dedicated committee.

Committee: Noelle Lynskey (Director), Aoife Conneely, Shane Duffy, Joan Gordon, Margaret Hickey, Jackie Hogan, Breeda O'Connor, Dolores O'Shea & Eileen Smith.

Bookings and tickets for all events can be made

- at the Festival Box Office (hours listed below)
- Tel: 087 389 3745
- online at www.shorelinesartsfestival.com
- at the door at events if still available (NB: most venues have limited seating)

Please note

- There is limited seating at most of our venues and advance booking is recommended.
- Tickets must be paid for at time of booking and are non-refundable.
- Important: Ticket holders must take their seats at least 10 minutes prior to time of event to guarantee a seat.
- Seats are not numbered and not reserved. Due to venue restrictions latecomers may not be admitted.
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- Please advise if you have any special accessibility requirements.

FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE - Opens from Wednesday August 8th

OPENING HOURS:

From 8th Aug – 7th Sept: 10.30am – 2.30pm Wed, Thurs, Fri each week.
From Sept 10th - 15th: 10.30am - 2.30pm Monday - Saturday.

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SHORELINES AT A GLANCE

WEEKEND EVENTS

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In Concert: Shane Hennessy	1.30pm	p12
Film: Shorelines Shorts	3pm	p12
Shorelines Guest Writer E.M. Reapy	4pm	p12
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Family Farm: Life and Story with John Connell, author of <i>The Cow Book</i> , In conversation with Maura Canning	6pm	p13
<i>From Under the Bed</i> (Big Guerilla Productions)	8pm	p13
Stephen James Smith (Spoken Word) and Padraig Jack (Music)	9.30pm	p13

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH - FAMILY/CHILDREN

Family Animated Film – <i>Song of the Sea</i>	10.30am	p14
Galway Community Circus	2-4pm	p14
Face-Painting with Giselle	2-4pm	p14
Toodlelou Creativity Labs	2-4pm	p14
DJ Sparky	2-4.30pm	p14
The Wobbly Circus Show	2.15/3.45pm	p14
Monsieur Gusto – An Unexpected Guest	3pm	p14

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

<i>Objects of Emotion</i> : A poetry workshop with James Harpur	9.30am	p15
Make a Silver Pendant Workshop	10am	p15
Heritage Walk	11am	p15
<i>Humanity Dick</i> A Tale of Beasts and Bullets written & performed by Seán Leonard	11am	p15
HearSay <i>Rear Mirror</i> (Seeing through the Danger)	12-7pm	p15
<i>A Moment to Yourself</i> : The HearSay Audio Toilet	2-7pm	p15
Shorelines Literary Lunch	12.15pm	p16
(PCS): Way with Words Workshop with Lara Bozabalain	2-4pm	p6
In Concert: Michelle Mulcahy	2.30pm	p16
Folk on a Boat with Shane Dolphin & friends	3pm	p16
Film: Shorelines Documentary: <i>A Doctor's Sword</i> Nuala O'Connor, writer in conversation with Margaret Hickey	4pm	p16
<i>Dark Delightful</i> - Audio Event	5pm	p17
<i>Pilgrims of the Soul</i> : James Harpur, John F. Deane & Ger Fahy	5pm	p17
Film: Shorelines Shorts	6pm	p17
<i>Dark Delightful</i> - Audio Event	6.30pm	p17
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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

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Folk On A Boat with Lady Barbalade & Lara Bozabalain	3pm	p18
In Concert: The Irish Guitar Quartet	5pm	p19
<i>Small Halls & Pot Holes</i> with Little John Nee	8pm	p19

ART AROUND SHORELINES

Art Exhibition in The Gallery at the Workhouse. Admission: Free.
Donations welcome! Official Opening: 5pm-7pm Sunday, Sept 2nd.
From Sept 3rd-16th 9.30am-5.00pm daily.

In this marvellous space, three galleries display work from painters, photographers, sculptors and other artists who work in three dimensions. Most of the work is for sale and because our commission is modest, you will find high quality work at great prices.



Vincent Devine

Vincent Devine paints in a variety of media and new work by him always stirs a great deal of interest. With endorsements from the likes of Alanis Morissette and J.K Rowling, he has had work commissioned by Tyra Banks, Roisin Murphy and Iggy Azalea. His new work seeks to paint the unpaintable. *I want to paint something you cannot hold in the palm of your hand or see with the naked eye.*

www.vincentdevine.com

Etain Hickey

Etain specializes in highly decorated and lustrous ceramics and has exhibited both nationally and internationally, with recent exhibitions in London and Brussels. Her work is included in private and public collections including the Crafts Council of Ireland, The Ulster Museum and Fujita Museum Japan. Winner of the Irish Contemporary Ceramics 2014 Outstanding Achievement Award. www.rossmorepottery.com



Seumas MacFarlane

Seumas paints on box canvas, board, or primed ply with oils, sometimes using an acrylic base and works with a palette knife alone or knife and brush combined. He has a Diploma in Graphic Design for Print and has exhibited at the Iona House Gallery in Oxfordshire, the Quay Arts Gallery in Ballina, Co Tipperary and the Hunt Museum, Limerick.

www.instagram.com/seumas_macfarlane_art

Four by Seven

Four by Seven features:

John McNulty
Charlotte Kelly
Sallyann Beirne
Jenny Wood-Sullivan
Frank O'Sullivan
Siobhan Cox Carlos
Ida Mitrani



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Local Artists

Local and visiting amateur artists will also exhibit work at the Gallery.

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Elizabeth Petcu

Her fine work in porcelain is found in many leading galleries and she sometimes illuminates her work from inside to show the translucency of the material.

Smaller Scale Work in Three Dimensions

These artists have been invited to display work which features glass, ceramics and feltwork.

Robin Hansell, Emma O'Toole, Isabelle Peyrat and Astrid Tomrop-Hofmann.



Emma O'Toole



John McNulty

John studied at the National College of Art and Design in Dublin and at the Etching Centre in Geneva and most of his etchings have been published by London Contemporary Art and marketed worldwide. From 1979 John has worked with three main themes; landscapes, seascapes and sporting images.

Aideen Monaghan

This artist's commissioned work for Shorelines's tenth anniversary is returning to be viewed in its totality. Her *Ten Decades, Ten Cubes* explores the development of agriculture in Portumna from 1917 to 2017 and its effect on the people of the town and its hinterland. Each facet of the ten cubes is painted with scenes and snatches of prose that tell the Portumna Story.



Benny Williams

Having studied Fine Art at GMT, graduating with a Masters, Benny Williams works principally in oil on canvas and works from life, with ambitious scale and a determination to see what lies beneath the surface, with observations of nature and mythology often interwoven.



Charlotte Kelly

Moving from her career as a community nurse, Charlotte now paints full time, with her first solo exhibition in June 2006 in Kenny's Gallery, Galway. She works mainly in oils and describes her work as being abstract landscape and figurative.

Dark Shadows Exhibition by sculptor, Kieran Tuohy

Venue: The Irish Workhouse Centre School Room
 This exhibition of bog oak sculptures based on The Irish Famine has to be seen to be believed and leaves every visitor to the exhibition ineffably changed.

Sponsors: Frame Wright & Councillor Jimmy McClearn

SHORELINES AND PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Shorelines and Portumna Community School are delighted to present a festival programme highlighting the artistic talents of the students by showcasing their achievements and facilitating school visits by professional guest artists. Tickets for school events available at entry to event unless otherwise stated.

MUSIC

Singing Workshop with Pascal Kennedy

Venue: Community School

Admission: €3 per student **Date:** 13th & 14th Sept



Pascal Kennedy, recently appointed Director of Birr's Oxmantown Singers has returned from a music and teaching career in London. A former pupil of Portumna Community School, Pascal discovered singing when he performed as lead in Bernstein's West Side Story. From Birr to the RIAM, Pascal has performed in Dublin's NCH and Abbey Theatre as well as London theatres, and qualifying with a BA in Vocal Music.

DANCE

Dance It Out with Angela Didek

Venue: Community School **Admission:** €3 per student

Date: Thurs 13th September **Time:** 9-11am

Duration: 40 mins x 3 classes



First Years to PCS start their morning with an energetic hip-hop class with Angela Didek, Leader of Portumna's Dance It Out Dance School.

DRAMA

Making Theatre with Fregoli Theatre

Venue: Community School **Date:** Thurs 13th September **Time:** 2pm

Admission: €3 Booking in school via teachers **Duration:** 60-90 mins

This workshop with TY students will explore the elements of performance, looking at script, direction, character building and creation, examining movement and the use of space.

LITERARY

The Wow of Words with Stephen James Smith

Venue: Community School **Admission:** Free

Date: Fri 14th September **Time:** 11.30am

(For Senior Students) **Duration:** 50 mins



Credit: Robs Daily Grace Photography

The power of words: How they can be spoken and how they can be heard. Spoken Word performance and chat with Stephen James Smith. (Please see page 13 for more information on Stephen).

LITERARY

Way with Words Workshop with Lara Bozabalian

Venue: Community School

Date: Sat 15th September **Time:** 2-4pm

Duration: 2 hours **Age:** 14-18 years.

Admission: €3 per student. Book directly in PCS with Ms. Liz Skelly.



Blending performance and creative writing activities in order to deconstruct the various ways in which to build a poem, students will have the opportunity to work through a series of steps to create a finished piece. **Lara Bozabalian** is a Canadian poet, a spoken word artist, and an impassioned teacher.

ART

Under Construction

Venue: Corridors & Social Area of Community School

Date: Fri 14th - Sat 15th Sept **Time:** 10am - 5pm All Welcome Art Exhibition showcasing the school's creativity. Open to public.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Community Arts Project

LENS 2 PENS

Shorelines 2018 collaborative project with Portumna Camera Club and Pen Pushers.

Venue: Gallery at Portumna Castle Café **Admission:** FREE



Using words and images as prompts for creative imagination, members of Portumna Pen Pushers and Camera Club anonymously exchanged a selection of their original pieces of writing and photographs. The visual and written work that resulted from this cross-fertilisation will be on display at the *Lens to Pens* Exhibition.

Pen Pushers: Marie Barrett, Kevin Chesser, Patricia Donnellan, Wiltrud Duell, Betty Gough, Margaret Hickey, Noelle Lynskey, Monique Mielke-McGuinness, Mary Rourke, Eileen Smith.

Camera Club: Mary Burke, Anne Carty, Roland Dyer, Anne Forde, Brendan Hoary, Michael Horrigan, Jim Hynes, Mary Keary, Chris Kelly, Kerry Kissane, Anne McEntee, Neil Rocks.

ART Under Construction **Venue:** Corridors & Social Area of Community School - Open to public.

Date: Fri 14th - Sat 15th Sept **Time:** 10am - 5pm Art Exhibition showcasing the school's creativity.

Sculpture: Damase Morin

Venue: The Cottage Store (10.30am-6pm daily)
Damase's striking and elaborate pieces are explorations of the crude properties of reclaimed iron and steel- innovative, avant-garde and surreal.

Shorelines Megaloceros by Donnacha Cahill

Due to the phenomenal impact at its first appearance at Shorelines 2016, Megaloceros returns in 2018! Keep an eye out for sightings of this giant elk, commissioned by Shorelines.

WOOD CARVING: Based near the rugged Pennines Tommy Craggs, a self-taught international award-winning artist specialises in the art of wood sculpting. Carved from trees that have either fallen naturally or on trees that have become diseased or dangerous, Tommy will create Shorelines Bench of Reflection beside St. Brigid's Church as part of Portumna's Art Trail. *Sponsor: Councillor Ivan Canning*

SHORELINES ARTS TRAIL

Community Arts Project

Double Take

Permanent Installation on view in the Playground & Park area throughout the festival.

Venue: Portumna Public Playground & Park

Admission: FREE **Medium:** Photography

A group of local amateur and professional photographers came together and each selected a well known portrait painting to retake it through the lens of their own camera. Using models from the Portumna community in a setting their photographic eye decided, the photographers were free to interpret the portrait as they wished, select the models, get advice from fellow photographers and most importantly, have fun in setting up and taking the photo. The final collection is very interesting and varied, just like the mind and eye of each photographer.

Photographers: Maura Canning, Roland Dyer, Brendan Hoary, Jim Hynes, Ultan Hynes, Susan Keane, Kerry Kissane, Brendan Lawlor, Michael Molamphy, Anne McEntee, Michael O'Brien, Joshua St John.

Sponsors: Declan & Mary Duffy, Arts Council of Ireland, Galway Co Council



Butterfly by Tommy Craggs
www.treesculpting.co.uk

SHORELINES FILMS



VENUE: THE GALLERY AT PORTUMNA CASTLE CAFÉ

Sponsor: Dr Bernie Finneran GP

Wave Ireland 2017 (Run time: 13 mins)

A man wakes from a coma speaking a fully formed but unrecognisable language baffling linguistic experts from around the globe.

Directors: Benjamin Cleary, Tj O'Grady Peyton. **Writer:** Benjamin Cleary.

Produced by: Assembly **Stars:** Tj O'Grady Peyton, Emmet Kirwan, Tiny James.

Winner at Galway Film Fleadh and Richard Harris International Festival Limerick.

Time Traveller Ireland 2017 (Run time: 12 mins)

A 'Back To The Future'-obsessed traveller boy strives to finish building his own DeLorean replica before his family are evicted from their halting site.

Directors: Sam Kenny, Steve Kenny. **Writer:** Steve Kenny.

Stars: Barry Ward, Denise McCormack, Barbara Bergin.

Winner of Best Irish Short: Foyle International Film Festival 2017 and Official Selection: Youth Audience Award at Clermont Ferrand 2018.

The World in Your Window NZ 2016 (Run time: 15 mins)

Living in a twilight world of sadness and silence, and squeezed into a tiny caravan with his grief-stricken father, an 8-year old boy finds a way forward.

Director: Zoe McIntosh. **Production:** Bebe Films.

Stars: Lena Regan, Joe Folau, David Lolofakangalo Rounds.

Winner of multiple awards in New Zealand, Japan, France and Australia.



Audience Suitability: Adult **Admission:** €5

Total Shorts Running time: 80 mins / **Documentary:** 70 mins

Shorts: Thurs 4.30pm / Fri 3pm / Sat 6pm.

Documentaries: Thurs 2pm / Fri 5pm / Sat 4pm / Sun 2.30pm

WAVE

Kubrick by Candlelight Ireland 2017 (Run time: 13 mins)

In 1973 Stanley Kubrick came to Ireland - and brought the British Army with him. A romantic comedy set behind the scenes of Kubrick's Barry Lyndon (1975).

Director: David O'Reilly. **Producer:** Vinny Jassal. **Writer:** David O'Reilly.

Stars: Mark Lawrence, Brian Cox, Alan Curran.

Winner at Richard Harris International Film Festival and the Waterford Film Festival.

Lily Ireland 2016 (Run time: 22 mins)

Lily, a girl with a secret, and navigating the treacherous waters of school life, is on the cusp of becoming a young woman.

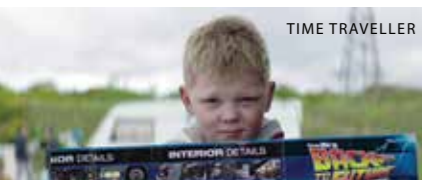
Directors: Graham Cantwell. **Writer:** Graham Cantwell.

Stars: Clara Harte, Dean Quinn, Leah McNamara.

Winner at Galway Film Fleadh, Dublin International Film Festival and Barcelona International Gay and Film Festival.

ALSO SHOWING THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND IS THE DOCUMENTARY: A DOCTOR'S SWORD. How an Irish doctor survived war, captivity and the atomic bomb. SEE PAGE 9 FOR GREATER DETAILS.

SEE SHORELINES WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO ON FILMS
www.shorelinesartsfestival.com



TIME TRAVELLER



KUBRICK BY CANDLELIGHT



LILY



THE WORLD IN YOUR WINDOW

THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER



DRAMA FOR SCHOOLS

The Streets are Ours (Fregoli Theatre)

Venue: Portumna Town Hall Admission: €3

Time: 11am (doors opening at 10.45am)

Age Suitability: 14+ Strong Language

The Streets are Ours chronicles the night time activities of a group of aimless 20-somethings still living in a small town in the midlands and their reunion with an old friend. Meeting in an empty parking lot, the gang reconnect, reminisce and attempt to heal old wounds, but as the night goes on, things left unsaid for too long begin to resurface.

Galway-based company Fregoli Theatre are champions of new Irish writing, giving a voice to an Ireland that is often silent and unheard. Delivered with Fregoli's trademark energy, passion, and humour, *The Streets are Ours* will send you buzzing into the streets.

Sponsor: Deputy Anne Rabbitte TD



FILM LAUNCH

FILM LAUNCH & DOCUMENTARY

A Doctor's Sword (Ireland 2017)

Venue: The Gallery at Portumna Castle Café Admission: €5

Time: 2pm Running Time: 70 mins

A Doctor's Sword tells the incredible story of Aidan MacCarthy, a UCC trained doctor from West Cork who at the end of a drunken night out in London signed up for the Royal Air Force (RAF). He survived some of the most harrowing episodes of World War II, including the bombing of Nagasaki and was gifted a Samurai sword for the lives he saved in its aftermath. 70 years later his daughter Nicola travels to Japan to uncover the origin of the sword, which now resides in MacCarthy's Bar in Castletownbere.

Director: Gary Lennon **Producer:** Bob Jackson

Starring: Adrienne MacCarthy, Nicola MacCarthy, Kathleen MacCarthy, Dr. Aidan MacCarthy.

Nominated for an Irish Film and Television Award (IFTA).

Official Selection for The Irish Film Festival 2018

Sponsor: Network Ireland Television



THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

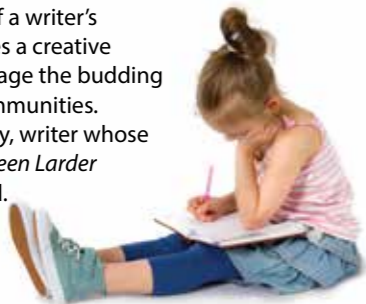
The Edge Literary Event

Barbara Kennedy Annual Writing Awards 2018

Venue: Portumna Library **Admission:** FREE **Time:** 3.30pm

Join the shortlisted pupils from many local primary schools who entered the 2018 poetry project. With themes for 2018 of *On the Edge* or *In Deep Water* students from 4th and 5th classes were invited to enter. With an overall trophy for one student and an overall school award of a writer's workshop, this provides a creative opportunity to encourage the budding writers in our local communities.

Judge: Margaret Hickey, writer whose latest book *Ireland's Green Larder* was recently published.



Sponsors: Creative Ireland, Róisín O'Brien, Breeda O'Connor

FILM

Shorelines Shorts

Venue: The Gallery at Portumna Castle Café **Admission:** €5
Time: 4.30pm **Running Time:** 80 mins
Audience Suitability: Adult

Five award-winning short dramas.
See page 8 for more details.

FESTIVAL OPENING

Shorelines 2018 Festival Opening

Official Opening by Vincent Woods with entertainment from Niall Teague and The Fast Company, Sarah Killeen School of Dance and Omna Singers.

Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre **Admission:** FREE
Time: 6.30 - 9pm (doors opening at 6.15pm)

Vincent Woods: Writer and presenter on RTE Radio 1 Arts Show is a poet and playwright and member of Aosdána.

Niall Teague and The Fast Company: A Galway-based group features some of the west's best talent on fiddle, flute, accordion, guitars, double bass, piano, drums, bodhran, harmonies and more. Their latest album is *Big Red Bridge*.



It's folk, it's country, it's Irish, it's bluegrass, it's great. (Phil Brown, BBC Radio).

Omna Singers: Portumna-based choral group celebrating 10 years together under the direction of Marie Power.

Sarah Killeen School of Dance: Sarah, a Portumna native, teaches classical ballet to students from 4 years old at her dance school.

Sponsor: La Bouche Restaurant

MUSIC

Songs of Joyce with Darina Gallagher and Sinéad Murphy

Venue: Beehive Restaurant **Admission:** €10 (incl nibbles) **Time:** 9.30pm

Songs of Joyce is a musical extravaganza of songs drawn from the life and works of James Joyce. Theatrical and fun. Journey along to *Love's Old Sweet Song* and *I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls*. Darina and Sinéad create music theatre performances based on the works of James Joyce. They have toured to festivals and events throughout Europe, US and Russia to critical acclaim.

Sponsor: The Beehive Restaurant

FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

LITERARY

Writer in School:

Ray Flannery & Moany McMoan

Venue: St Brendan's N.S. Portumna **Time:** 11am
Admission: FREE (booking with school teacher).



Welcome to the world of Mikey "Moany" McMoan. Mikey is a loveable rogue who seems to have this amazing ability to find trouble without ever trying too hard to find it. Mikey lives in Banban and is a sporty 10 year old who has one simple dream. He wants to be famous.



Ray Flannery is a Detective Garda based in Dublin, Ireland and is a first time author. He is also an established musician. His first book introduces us to Moany McMoan, a child who wants to become a hero - and does so, but not in the way he expected. Ray is writing a Moany series with The Book Hub Publishing Group.

"Public art is art for everyone, a communal activity; its reach can be powerful for communities and neighbourhoods. Permanent installations imbue a space with character that can become iconic symbols of a place and, in doing so, engender pride and ownership in the local populace." **NY Times**



Community Arts Project

Launch of LENS 2 PENS

Venue: The Gallery at Portumna Castle Café
Admission: FREE **Time:** 11am



Shorelines 2018 collaborative project with Portumna Camera Club and Pen Pushers. See Weekend Events on page 7 for more information.



Community Arts Project

Launch of DOUBLE TAKE

Venue: Hayes' Bar & Playground Area **Admission:** FREE **Time:** 12.15pm

Permanent Installation on view in the Playground & Park area throughout the festival by a group of local amateur and professional photographers who came together and each selected a well known portrait painting to retake it through the lens of their own camera. See Weekend Events on page 7 for more information.

FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER



MUSIC

Lunchtime Concert with Shane Hennessy

Venue: Christ Church **Admission:** €10 **Time:** 1.30pm



Shane Hennessy is a virtuoso fingerstyle guitarist and composer from Carlow. His energetic contemporary playing style and his cinematically vivid compositions tie in multiple influences from various world and ethnic musics. He has caught the attention of big names like guitar legend Tommy Emmanuel.

Achievements to date include a sold-out solo show in Dublin's NCH to launch his sophomore album *Marrakech*, a headline billing at the Guitar Festival of Ireland and an appearance at the prestigious Music City Fest in Nashville, Tennessee. www.shanehennessy.ie

Sponsor: Bank of Ireland, Portumna

FILM

Shorelines Shorts

Venue: The Gallery at Portumna Castle Café **Admission:** €5
Time: 3pm **Running Time:** 80 mins
Audience Suitability: Adult

Five award-winning short dramas. See page 8 for more details.



LITERARY

Shorelines Guest Writer E.M. Reapy

Venue: Portumna Library **Admission:** €8 **Time:** 4pm

Meet the author, hear her read excerpts from her award-winning novel *Red Dirt* and her insights on the writing process. Audience discussion welcome in this interactive event. Ideal event for book clubs!

E.M. Reapy is from Mayo and has an MA in Creative Writing from Queen's University, Belfast. In 2016 her debut novel *Red Dirt* was published by Head of Zeus. It won Newcomer of the Year at the 2016 Irish Book Awards and the 2017 Rooney Prize for Irish Literature.

<https://emreapy.wordpress.com>

"Red Dirt is timely in its subject matter – the migration of Ireland's young generation – inventively narrated in three voices ('Me', 'You' and 'Them'), and displays a sure footed mastery of the novel form."

JONATHAN WILLIAMS

Sponsor: Portumna & District Lions Club



FILM

Shorelines Documentary: A Doctor's Sword

Venue: The Gallery at Portumna Castle Café **Admission:** €5
Time: 5pm **Running Time:** 70 mins
Audience Suitability: Adult

Award-nominated documentary. See page 9 for more details.



FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER



LITERARY

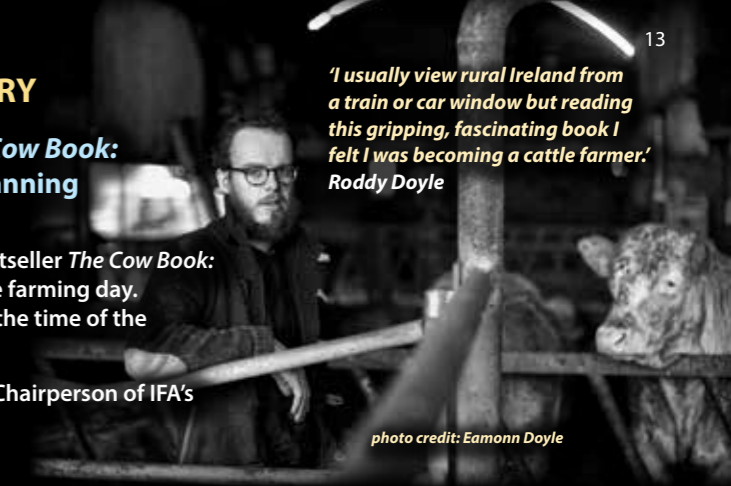
Family Farm: Life and Story with John Connell, author of *The Cow Book: A Story of Life on a Family Farm*: In conversation with Maura Canning

Venue: Portumna Mart **Admission:** €8 **Time:** 6pm

Join farmer and writer John Connell in conversation with Maura about his bestseller *The Cow Book: A Story of Life on a Family Farm* where John records the hypnotic rhythm of the farming day. *The Cow Book* is the story of a calving season, the story of the cow itself, from the time of the Ancient Egyptians to the modern practice of mechanised herds.

Maura Canning: Secretary of Galway County Ploughing and former National Chairperson of IFA's Farm Family and Social Affairs Committee.

Sponsor: Portumna Mart Co-Op Ltd.



'I usually view rural Ireland from a train or car window but reading this gripping, fascinating book I felt I was becoming a cattle farmer.'
Roddy Doyle

photo credit: Eamonn Doyle

DRAMA

From Under the Bed (Big Guerilla Productions)

Venue: Portumna Town Hall **Admission:** €10 **Time:** 8pm

Seamus O'Rourke returns to Shorelines once again, bringing us a story full of heartache and humour.

A pair of ageing, rural bachelor brothers arrive at a point in their lives, where decisions have to be made about certain things... well, the buying of a television for one... and one subject leads to another and the next thing, they're bringing up all kinds of 'auld shite' that could have been left under the bed along with everything else...

Actors: Seamus O'Rourke & Arthur Riordan.

Writer: Seamus O'Rourke. **Director:** Bairbre Ní Chaoimh.

Sponsor: Michael Collins & Co Solicitors



LITERARY & MUSIC

Friday Night Singing & Spoken Words

Venue: O'Meara's Bar **Admission:** €5 **Time:** 9.30pm

Stephen James Smith gives a spoken word performance, with music and song from Padraig Jack.

Stephen James Smith is a Dublin poet and playwright central to the rise of the vibrant spoken word scene in Ireland today. To date, his poetry videos have amassed over 1 million views online including his commissioned piece *My Ireland*.

Padraig Jack has played the Westport Bluegrass Festival, the Castlebar Wild Atlantic Words Literary Festival, County Down's Soma Festival, Belfast's Liú Lúnasa Festival, and Electric Picnic. He has supported The Saw Doctors and Mick Flannery and been nominated for the NÓS Music Award. Earlier this year he won second prize at the Pan Celtic Song competition for '*i bhFostú sa bhFiántas*'.



Credit: Babs Daily Grace Photography





SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER - FREE FAMILY EVENTS AT SHORELINES



Family Animated Film – Song of the Sea

Venue: The Gallery at Portumna Castle Café **Time:** 10.30am **Admission:** FREE
Space is limited – tickets available at the door on a first come, first served basis

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. Featuring the voices of Brendan Gleeson, Fionnula Flanagan, David Rawle, Lisa Hannigan, Pat Shortt and Jon Kenny.

Appropriate for children of 7+. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



The Wobbly Circus Show

Venue: Portumna Town Square
Admission: FREE

Time: 2.15pm and 3.45pm
Running Time: 30 mins

Featuring Stan Ratchet, The Wobbly Circus Show combines slapstick comedy and clowning with a high level of circus skills. Prepare for the unexpected and prepare to be involved! A truly unique street circus show for all the family. Meet The Wobbly Circus Stilt Walker who will delight audiences of all ages.



Toodlelou Creativity Labs

Venue: Portumna Town Square
Admission: FREE **Time:** 2 - 4pm

Art & Crafts workshop - explore a world of colour with this explorative art workshop brought to you by the Toodlelou Creativity Lab. We'll use an array of materials to create beautiful works of art to bring home. All ages.



Galway Community Circus

Venue: Portumna Town Square
Admission: FREE **Time:** 2-4pm

Come and learn circus skills with open workshops. Our tutors can show you how to juggle with balls, dance with a hula hoop, balance flower sticks and manipulate clubs.



Face-Painting with Giselle

Venue: Town Square
Time: 2 - 4pm

Monsieur Gusto – An Unexpected Guest

Venue: Portumna Town Square **Admission:** FREE
Time: 3pm **Running Time:** 30-40mins

A Picnic with a Difference!
When Mr. Gusto's date doesn't turn up he must invite a member of the audience to dine with him and attempt to impress her with a series of desperately intricate tricks...



DJ Sparky

Venue: Town Square
Time: 2 - 4.30pm

Music throughout the afternoon.

SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER



LITERARY WORKSHOP

Objects of Emotion: Poetry Workshop with James Harpur

Venue: Portumna Credit Union **Time:** 9.30am-12pm
Admission: €15 Book by calling Mary 086 366 3439.
Numbers limited, so early booking advisable.



Photo credit: Dino Ignani

In this workshop of reading, discussing and writing, we will look at how poets in the past have focused on certain animate and inanimate objects in order to give solidity and permanence to their deepest thoughts and feelings.

James Harpur is the award-winning author of six volumes of poetry, including his latest book, *The White Silhouette* (Carcanet). He has won a number of awards and is a member of Aosdána.

CRAFT WORKSHOP

Make a Silver Pendant Workshop

Venue: An Gáirdín, St Brigid's Rd
Time: 10am-2pm (Light Refreshments provided) **Age Suitability:** 17yrs +
Admission: €80 Booking Essential.
Max Participants: 8. Call 087 631 9890. All tools and silver supplied.



Join Fergus Grant Stevenson, who returns after last year's sell-out ring making workshop. In this fun and informative half-day workshop participants will learn to work silver with traditional tools and techniques. Develop your own design and create your unique silver pendant. Suitable for all levels of ability.

Heritage Walk

Meeting: 10.45am Portumna Town Square **Time:** 11-12.30pm
Admission: FREE

Join local historian and writer, John Joe Conwell who will guide you through the stories and myths of the town's historical heritage.

DRAMA

Humanity Dick A Tale of Beasts and Bullets
written & performed
by Seán Leonard

Venue: Town Hall
Time: 11am **Admission:** €8



The play tells the true and largely unknown story of Irishman Richard Martin, played by Seán Leonard, who was not only the most famous duellist of the late 18th century, but also went on to become the worldwide father of animal protection legislation, as well as the driving force behind the foundation of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Sponsor: Damien O'Brien

CREATIVE AUDIO/SOUND HearSay

HearSay Rear Mirror (Seeing through the Danger)

Venue: In a Car near the Square! **Time:** 12-7pm (15 minutes max)
Admission: FREE

There's a car parked close to The Square in Portumna. Find it! It's unlocked. If someone is in there already, join them - it's community. If there is no-one, get in - it's sanctuary. Close the door. Turn on the Radio... Breathe

A Moment to Yourself: The HearSay Audio Toilet

Venue: A special Toilet at Shorelines: follow the signs!!
Time: 2-7pm Stay as long as you like; repeats every 5 minutes
Admission: FREE

Take a (toilet) break while engaging with stories, voices, and sounds from around the world in a specially created audio encounter by HearSay for Shorelines 2018.

SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

LITERARY

Shorelines Literary Lunch

Venue: Modena Restaurant **Admission:** €15 incl lunch

Time: 12.30-2pm. (Admission at 12.15pm). Numbers limited so booking essential.



Martina Evans is an Irish poet, novelist and teacher. She grew up in Co. Cork and resides in the U.K. Award-winning author of over ten books of prose and poetry, her latest book *Now We Can Openly Talk About Men* was launched this summer.



Doireann Ní Ghríofa is a bilingual poet. Born in Galway, she grew up in Clare and now lives in Cork. She has published widely and won many awards including the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature 2017. Her latest publications are *Oighear* and *Clasp*.



Margaret Hickey, local writer, poet and journalist, will add to today's menu a tasty extract from her latest book, *Ireland's Green Larder*. A history of Ireland told through the prism of food.
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MUSIC

In Concert: Michelle Mulcahy

Venue: Christ Church **Admission:** €8 **Time:** 2.30pm

Michelle Mulcahy is one of Ireland's most gifted multi-instrumentalists in Irish traditional music today. Considered to be one of Ireland's creative harpers, she is a regular performer and tutor worldwide.

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MUSIC

Saturday's Folk on a Boat

Venue: Lough Derg & The Shannon aboard St. Senan II **Time:** 3pm

Meeting Place: Castle Marina at 2.45pm **Admission:** €20 Booking essential. Max. 25 guests. Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult.

Duration: 90 mins max

Join skipper, **Shane Dolphin**, storyteller & musician, on an entertaining cruise on the Shannon & Lough Derg. For today's one off, exclusive event, Shane will entertain you in the company of musicians, **Ferdie Whelan** (concertina) & **Clare Geraghty** (fiddle). Guest writer: **Anne Marie Kennedy** is current Baffle Bard and winner of the Molly Keane Creative Writing Award 2014 as well as an award-winning performance poet. Not to be missed! Wrap up and bring some snacks!

Sponsor: Waterways Ireland

FILM Shorelines Documentary: A Doctor's Sword

Venue: The Gallery at Portumna Castle Café **Admission:** €5

Time: 4pm **Running Time:** 70 mins **Audience Suitability:** Adult
Award-nominated documentary. See page 9 for more details.

LITERARY

Writers on Writing for Readers

Venue: Portumna Library **Admission:** €8 **Time:** 4pm

Join writer Nuala O'Connor as she brings Victorian London to Shorelines with her recent publication *Becoming Belle*. In conversation with Portumna-based writer, Margaret Hickey, the art of writing, the source of inspiration and researching for writers will be explored.

Nuala is a writer of many books of short stories, novels and poetry. Recently, her story *Gooseen*, about Nora Barnacle, won the UK's Short Fiction Prize and was published in *Granta*.

Margaret, former editor and journalist, recently published her history of Ireland seen through the prism of food, *Ireland's Green Larder*.

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Nuala's photo credit: Úna O'Connor



SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

SOUND/ AUDIO/ THEATRICAL

Dark Delightful

(Note: Two sittings for this event!)

Venue: The Engine Room **Admission:** €10 **Time:** 5pm & 6.30pm

(Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the start time - no late arrivals admitted.)

Shorelines is going dark! A blindfold live experience of story and sound that will stay with you for days. Not to be missed!

Sit securely in the dark and enter a world of sumptuous sounds in an adventurous live performance with gorgeous sonic surprises that explore perception and memory.

Shorelines brings this special encounter with creative audio. Presented at Shorelines with the support of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland in conjunction with the HearSay International Audio Arts Festival.

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LITERARY

Pilgrims of the Soul, The Piper & The Poets.

James Harpur, John F. Deane & Ger Fahy

Venue: Christ Church **Admission:** €8 **Time:** 5pm



John F. Deane, founder of Poetry Ireland, Poetry Ireland Review and Dedalus Press, is known for his flair for language, his heartfelt love of nature, and his deep spiritual insight. **James Harpur**, whose poems are compelling in their intensity and imbued with a sense of the sacred, uses brilliant imagery and describes nature luxuriantly. Both reading from their new collections, *Dear Pilgrims* and *The White Silhouette* from Carcanet, they will be joined by piper and composer, **Ger Fahy**. From Ballinakill, Ger brings the tradition of East Galway into his music and his creativity that produced *Tara, Magh Seola* and the music of Michael Flatley's *Lord of the Dance* shows.

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FILM

Shorelines Shorts

Venue: The Gallery at Portumna Castle Café

Admission: €5

Time: 6pm

Running Time: 80 mins

Audience Suitability: Adult

Five award-winning short

dramas.

See page 8 for more details.

MUSIC

The Alan Kelly Gang with Eddi Reader

Venue: Christ Church **Admission:** €20 **Time:** 8pm

The **Alan Kelly Gang**, one of Ireland's leading contemporary trad acts, team up with Scotland's internationally acclaimed and mesmerizing songstress, **Eddi Reader** (*Fairground Attraction*). The result is sheer musical synergy in its most natural form. Brimming with powerful instrumentals, alluring songs and buoyant harmonies, this is a wonderful union of Scottish and Irish traditional and folk music from true masters. Critics have described it as an astonishing concert, sumptuous and exceptional.

Sponsor: Portumna Retirement Village



SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER



MUSIC

Shorelines Mass Venue: St Brigid's Church Time: 11am

Lady Barbalade are an all-female Barbershop Quartet. The four ladies, Rebecca Gilbert, Clare Hayes-Brady, Hilary Harnett and Ailbhe Hayes love the challenge of new music and singing in different styles.

Prizewinners in choral music and Barbershop competitions around the country, including first place in Ireland's International A Cappella Competition 2017 and first prize at Feis Ceoil, Navan Choral Festival and Mayo International Choral Festival.

LITERARY LINES LEARNED BY HEART

The Nicholas Treacy Memorial Recitation Competition

Venue: Horan's Bar Time: Register 12 noon. Start 12.15pm SHARP
Admission: Free (Competition entry fee €5). Judge: **Lara Bozabalian**

The annual Recitation Competition is one of our festival highlights. Each entrant must recite "off by heart" a poem previously published and written prior to 1935 - the year Nicholas, a lover of words and reciting was born. Judging will be based on presentation, delivery, intonation and recall. The prize is a specially designed wooden book created by local craftsman, Brian Murray.

Judge: Lara Bozabalian, a Canadian poet, a spoken word artist, and an impassioned teacher.

Further guidelines and entry details on www.shorelinesartsfestival.com or call Mary on 086 366 3439. **Sponsor: Little Bird Design**

MUSIC

Solo Flute Recital with Elizabeth Petcu

Venue: The Gallery at the Workhouse Time: 2.30pm Admission: FREE

Elizabeth Petcu held the role of Principal Flute in the RTE Concert Orchestra for over 25 years, but her talents have also expressed themselves in other ways, as you will learn when you see her exquisite porcelain work on display in the gallery.



FILM Shorelines Documentary: A Doctor's Sword

Venue: The Gallery at Portumna Castle Café Admission: €5
Time: 2.30pm Running Time: 70 mins Audience Suitability: Adult
Award-nominated documentary. See page 9 for more details.

LITERARY / MUSIC

Sunday's FOLK ON A BOAT with Lady Barbalade & Lara Bozabalian. Skipper: Shane Dolphin.

Venue: Lough Derg & the Shannon aboard St. Senan II
Time: 3pm. Board at 2.45pm at Castle Marina Duration: 90 mins
Admission: €20 Booking. Max. 25 guests. Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult.

Join skipper, Shane Dolphin, storyteller & musician, on an entertaining cruise on the Shannon & Lough Derg. Shane will entertain you in the company of the singing of Lady Barbalade & the words of Canadian poet, Lara Bozabalian. Not to be missed! Wrap up & bring some snacks!
Lady Barbalade are an all-female Barbershop Quartet (See 11am event)
Lara Bozabalian is a Canadian poet, a spoken word artist, and an impassioned teacher.

Shane Dolphin, from Gurty Madden, musician and seanachai is a young man with huge talent and personality.

Sponsor: Waterways Ireland

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER



MUSIC

In Concert: The Irish Guitar Quartet

Venue: Christ Church Time: 5pm Admission: €15

The Irish Guitar Quartet is drawn from some of Ireland's most talented and versatile classical guitarists and is one of Ireland's premier instrumental ensembles, bringing a programme that includes Latin, Folk and American Classics to transport listeners around the world in a single concert experience.

JERRY CREEDON, a graduate of his native Cork is now a Lecturer of Classical Guitar and founder of the Classical Guitar Studies Programme at CIT Cork School of Music.

DAVID KEATING, a recent graduate from the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, now teaches classical guitar in CIT Cork School of Music.
CAOILFHIONN NÍ CHOILEAIN, began her music studies at CIT Cork School of Music at the age of five, studying violin and later guitar with Jerry Creedon. She has been a member of the highly acclaimed Cairde Quartet, as well as the Cork Youth Orchestra and the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland.

AENGUS KIRAKOWSKI is a Cork-born guitarist and music educator. Aengus is currently involved in collaborating on soundtracks for up-and-coming podcasts and recordings.

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DRAMA

Small Halls and Pot Holes with Little John Nee

Venue: Portumna Town Hall Time: 8pm Admission: €10

Our final Shorelines event for 2018 is an evening of eccentric songs and strange stories. **Little John Nee** is a force of nature who lifts the heart and spins it like a tornado!

This show combines lyrical comic storytelling with original music and songs played on a variety of intriguing instruments creating magical soundscapes.

Little John has received an Irish Times Theatre Award for Best Sound Designer for *Sparkplug* and the subsequent RTE Radio Drama adaption won a prize at the prestigious Prix Italia 2013. He was elected to Aosdána in 2016. A book of his haiku *The Apocalypse Came On A Friday* was published the same year. *Small Halls and Potholes* has travelled to Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Vienna as part of a Five Cities Tour.

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- Venue doors open 20 minutes prior to start time. Seating at the venues is not allocated and all are asked to be seated 10 mins prior to the event. Late comers may not be allowed access.
- Workshops to be booked in advance as recommended on the listing. We advise this to guarantee your admission as numbers are restricted in all venues.
- For Christ Church: Park in Portumna Square as entry to church grounds is restricted.
- Online booking is recommended. Your ticket will be emailed to you. Please take it with you to your event.
- All children must be fully supervised by a responsible adult at all times during the festival.

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- No unauthorised trading or casual leafletting will be allowed during the festival.
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