

# 10<sup>th</sup>

# Shorelines

ARTS FESTIVAL PORTUMNA

14th - 17th September 2017



WELCOME TO THE 10TH SHORELINES ARTS FESTIVAL

This year marks a very special 10th festival for our enduring committee, growing audience and generous patrons and sponsors. As the premier boutique festival of the midlands and Lough Derg area, our audience in Portumna and its locality embraces our annual programme. Shorelines is a showcase for excellent talent in music, drama, art, film and literature. From a 3-week art exhibition extending to three rooms at the Irish Workhouse Centre, to a pop-up museum on the theme of *Lace*, Shorelines celebrates our heritage and invites innovative and new work from a wide array of artists. With *10 Decades*, *10 Cubes*, the stories of the area are reflected in a newly commissioned art piece. This year we are particularly pleased to collaborate with Portumna Community School in a comprehensive arts programme and public exhibition. With guests like Mikel Murfi, Julie Feeney, Mike McCormack, Joanie Madden & Cherish the Ladies, Sahoko Blake and Jack O'Rourke, the festival promises to be a memorable and celebratory weekend!

A big thank you to our patrons, sponsors, volunteers, local businesses and venues, and residents of the No. 10 houses. We extend a warm welcome to all the artists, performers, readers and musicians who share their talents with us this weekend. Lastly, sincere gratitude to the committee of nine who work tirelessly to bring the Shorelines dream to life for the pleasure of the community of Portumna and the friends who visit this gem on the Shannon.

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

Follow us on Twitter, (@shorelinesarts) and Facebook, Shorelines Arts Festival or our website: [www.shorelinesartsfestival.com](http://www.shorelinesartsfestival.com)

Guidelines for Festival Fans and Families:

- 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.
- Seating in Portumna Christ Church is not allocated when booked. Check door opening times for the event on the programme and park in Portumna Square as entry to Church car park 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.
- Please cooperate fully with our volunteer stewards.
- Do not litter in the festival areas - use the bins provided and join in the efforts of Portumna Tidy Towns to 'green' our Shorelines Festival.
- No unauthorised trading or casual leafleting will be allowed during the festival.
- All events are liable to change of date/time/venue and/or be cancelled without prior notice. The committee regrets any inconvenience and disappointment this may cause.



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## ART AROUND SHORELINES

Art Exhibition in The Gallery at the Workhouse. Admission is free. Donations are welcome!  
Open 4th - 23rd September from 9.30 to 5pm daily, and until 12 noon on 24th September.

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



### Liz Doyle

Based in Donegal, Liz's work arises from rugged landscapes. Her medium is oil, with the addition of 'cold wax medium' which allows for layering, transparency, texture and an illusion of depth of field. Her most recent solo show was held in Westport earlier this year, and she has work at the Doorway Gallery in Dublin and the Velvet Easel Gallery in Edinburgh.

[www.donegallizdoyle.com](http://www.donegallizdoyle.com)



### Judy Hamilton

A graduate of the National College of Art and Design, Dublin, Judy is now based in both Dublin and Dromineer, Co. Tipperary. The location of her studio in the fields beside Lough Derg often inspires her textural and atmospheric landscapes. Judy has work in many private and corporate collections throughout Ireland, Europe and the USA and she has won multiple awards for her paintings.

[www.judyhamilton.org](http://www.judyhamilton.org)

### Local Artists

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

### Astrid Tomropf-Hofmann



Ciara O'Keeffe

### 10 Decades, 10 Cubes with Artist Aideen Monaghan

*10 decades, 10 cubes* explores the bonds between people and the land. Comprising 10 cubes of differing sizes, the sculpture documents the development of agriculture and its effects on Portumna during the period from 1917 to 2017. The sculpture references people's experiences of working and living from the land. *10 Decades, 10 Cubes* commemorates the local community's past struggles, resilience and resourcefulness and examines the challenges that face contemporary society. The cubes will be visible at multiple locations during the festival.



Aideen Monaghan is currently the Artist in Residence with the Anatomy Department at N.U.I. Galway. A graduate in Fine Art/Painting, she has exhibited at previous Shorelines exhibitions, many galleries in Galway and in

Iowa, U.S. Aideen was joint winner of the R.D.S. Taylor Award for Fine Art (2000), Winner of the Revenue Commissioners Purchase Prize (2000) and Recipient of a Galway County Council Arts Bursary (2005).

**Sponsor:** G.A. Claffey Ford Dealer

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### Anna Hryniewicz

A graduate of the University of Czestochowa, Poland, Anna received a Masters of Fine Arts with distinction. Her works can be found in private collections in Ireland, the UK & Poland, as well as in the OPW state collection. Her work has been shown in numerous solo exhibitions and in many collective shows in Ireland & Poland.

[www.annahryniewicz.com](http://www.annahryniewicz.com)

### Four by Six

This section of the exhibition features art by fine artists with a local connection: **Isabelle Gaborit, Jane Hansell, Wolf Lorien, Dolores Lyne, Diana Marshall and Max Panks.**



Dolores Lyne

### Jim Osborne

Since his first solo show in 2004 in Downings, Co Donegal, Jim's art has appeared at The Glebe Gallery, the Greer Gallery (Ramelton), Clooney Gallery (Sligo) and the Workhouse (Dunfanaghy). His large-scale outdoor sculptures are a regular feature of the Errigal Arts Festival. In his steamy windows art, he draws figures in condensation, then photographs them before they fade back to vapour and light.

[www.steamywindowsart.com](http://www.steamywindowsart.com)



### Lorna Watkins

A graduate of the National College of Art and Design, Dublin and Edinburgh College of Art, Lorna has exhibited widely in Ireland, including shows at the Hamilton Gallery, the Hyde Bridge Gallery and Cairde Visual (Sligo), Gallery No.6 (Dublin), and Higher Bridges (Enniskillen). Among her awards are two residencies at Cill Rialaig, Co Kerry in 2015 and 2016.

[www.lornawatkins.com](http://www.lornawatkins.com)

### Damase Morin

Damase's work as a painter and a sculptor is widely admired. He returns to Shorelines this year showing a range of his highly crafted pieces in metal and wood.

### Smaller Scale Three Dimensional Work

features arts and crafts in glass, ceramics and feltwork by **Robin Hansell, Ciara O'Keeffe, Isabelle Peyrat and Astrid Tomropf-Hofmann.**

**Sponsors:** Emerald Star Holidays Afloat, Portumna Lions Club & Quitmann O'Neill Packaging





# SHORELINES & 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.

## DRAMA

### Humourfit Theatre presents 'The Mighty Bully Brady'

Directed & Acted by Michael O'Sullivan.

**Venue:** Community School **Date:** Thurs Sept 14th

**Running Time:** 90 mins

Johnny and Peter know each other and share the same school. After a few weeks out of school, Peter returns to find he is the victim of Johnny's taunts.

## MUSIC

### Song Lines with musician Jack O'Rourke

Songwriting Workshop with Jack O'Rourke.

**Venue:** Community School **Date:** Sat Sept 16th  
10.30am – 12.00pm

Jack will lead a class of Portumna Community School students through the steps in creating a song. Using appropriate themes, lyrics and music will weave together and Jack will examine both the creative process and the art of performing. See page 12 for more info on Jack. [www.jackorourkemusic.com](http://www.jackorourkemusic.com)

### School Sessions

Students of the Community School will perform at *School Sessions* throughout the festival weekend. Details of times will be posted on Shorelines website.



## ART

### Portumna Community School Exhibitions at Shorelines 2017

**Venue:** Corridors & Social Area of Portumna Community School

**Date:** Sat Sept 16th: 10am - 5pm. Sun Sept 17th: 10am - 4pm

### CORRIDORS OF COLOUR

See the swirls of colour and creativity created by a full range of students. Teachers: Liz Lawne and Hayley Aldous.

### CARVED OUT

Work created by the school's students in woodwork classes under the guidance of teachers Pat Kelly and Michael Fallon.

### Design For

### Exhibition by Artist in Residence: Dan Eames

**Design For** is an exhibition of projects carried out during Dan's time studying Visual Communications at NCAD, alongside a selection of personal and freelance works.

**Dan Eames**, a past pupil of Portumna Community School, has graduated with a BA(Hons) in Design & Visual Culture from NCAD. [www.daneames.com](http://www.daneames.com)

## ART WORKSHOP

### Life Drawing for students with Sahoko Blake

**Venue:** Community School **Date:** Sat Sept 16th: 2 - 4pm

Join Sahoko, who will demonstrate life drawing for the students in a step by step approach. Using exercises, this workshop gives a full visual of the life drawing process.

Thanks from Shorelines to PCS Principal, Derry Long; Teachers Michael Molamphy, Liz Lawne, Hayley Aldous, Liz Skelly, Margaret Lohan, Pat Kelly, Michael Fallon and to students Eric Duane, Leah Hoary, Róisín Cowan Madden, Martha Touhy.

# WEEKEND EVENTS

## Shorelines Megaloceros by Donnacha Cahill

Due to the phenomenal impact at its first appearance at Shorelines 2016, Megaloceros returns in 2017! Keep an eye out for sightings of this giant elk, recreated in 2016 in a commission from Shorelines, funded by The Arts Council of Ireland.

Donnacha Cahill, a graduate in Fine Art Sculpture, created a large scale gramophone for Galway International Arts Festival 2016. He has also commissioned sculptures for Electric Picnic and the National Ploughing Championships.



## 10 Words with Portumna Pen Pushers

Celebrating the 10 years of Shorelines, Portumna Pen Pushers exhibit original pieces of writing in prose & poetry on the local streets. Each piece contains the same 10 randomly chosen words. Can you find all ten words? If so, share them with us on facebook or twitter, @shorelinesarts. **Sponsor:** Portumna Pen Pushers

## Shorelines Pop-Up Museum

**Venue:** The Cottage Store

**Admission:** Free

Thursday - Saturday 10.30am - 6pm

This temporary exhibit will be created by members of the community who wish to participate, bringing people together in conversation through stories, art and objects. You are invited to bring in a piece or item related to the theme of *Lace* prior to the festival. Your piece will be displayed with its story attached. Visit the free exhibition Thursday - Saturday.

**Sponsor:** The Cottage Store

## Shorelines Number 10s

Ten houses in Portumna with a No. 10 in their address will host a Shorelines event for neighbours over the festival weekend. Will it be music, song, dance, art work, a recitation or story telling? This event brings neighbours of the estate together for some fun to celebrate Shorelines 10th festival. Each estate will be notified in advance of their event.

## Book Birds at Shorelines

Spot the magic Book Birds leaving a gift in random places in Portumna during Shorelines. This gift, a book treasured and read by an expert book bird, has a unique card attached. When you pick one up, take a photo of you with your book and share the details of your gift with us on Shorelines Facebook or Twitter @shorelinesarts. Then enjoy the pleasure of reading. And when you've read your book, you can become a book bird too! **Sponsor:** Little Bird Design



## Art Exhibition

### St. Dymphna's Adult Day Service

Accessible exhibition showcasing the work of St. Dymphna's service users and other local artists. *Note this venue is wheelchair friendly.*

Friday, Sept 15th: 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Saturday, Sept 16th: 12 - 3pm

**Admission:** Free All Welcome

**Sponsor:** Deputy Anne Rabbitte, T.D.

## Music in your Local...

### THURSDAY NIGHT

**Hayes Bar:** Percy French (see page 10)

**Curley's:** Music every night

### FRIDAY NIGHT

**An Caisléán:** Ken Solo

**Boathouse Bar:** Simon Ryan

**Curley's:** Music every night

### SATURDAY NIGHT

**An Caisléán:** The Lits

**Curley's:** Music every night

**Hayes Bar:** Dave Gradwell

**O'Meara's:** Notions (see page 16)

## SHORELINES FILMS

### Shorelines Shorts

### Love, Loss & Leaving: Short Films

#### Wish 143 UK 2009 (Running time: 24 mins)

When 15-year-old David discovers he has months to live he is granted one wish from the Dreamscape Charity. He doesn't want to go to Disneyland or meet a star footballer, what he really wants is an hour alone with a naked woman.

**Director:** Ian Barnes **Producer:** Samantha Waite

#### Coffee to Go Spain 2014 (Running time: 14 mins)

Alicia, busy discussing the details of her wedding on the phone, walks into the first café she sees and orders a coffee to go. As fate would have it, she unexpectedly finds Javi inside.

**Director & Screenplay:** Patricia Font **Producer:** Escac Films S.L.

#### Love at First Sight UK 2007 (Running time: 12 mins)

Tells the story of a day in the life of 70-year-old Arthur (John Hurt) who falls in love with a beautiful woman called Ruth.

**Director:** Michael Davies **Producer:** Sandra Gorel

ALSO SHOWING THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND ARE 3 DOCUMENTARIES: HIS & HERS / OPPRESSION / TIMELESS

SEE SHORELINES WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FILMS [www.shorelinesartsfestival.com](http://www.shorelinesartsfestival.com)

**Venue:** The Dock, Boathouse Bar. **Audience Suitability:** Adult  
**Screen Times:** Thursday & Saturday: 5pm. Friday & Sunday: 2.30 pm.  
**Total Running time:** 90mins. **Admission:** €5 at door  
**Sponsors:** CVA Ger O'Toole & Dignity Funeral Home

#### Gone Fishing UK 2008 (Running time: 13 mins)

The touching story of a boy and an old man coming to terms with bereavement through their shared love of fishing, and the legend of Goliath, the biggest pike ever caught.

**Director:** Chris Jones **Producer:** Ivan Francis Clements

#### Heartbreak Ireland 2017 (Running time: 7 mins)

A powerful and provocative spoken word film telling the story of a young girl's journey from her early teenage years through pregnancy to raising her son alone in modern Ireland.

**Director:** Dave Tynan **Producers:** Liam Ryan, Dave Leahy, Michael Donnelly V

#### In the Clouds Argentina 2014 (Running time: 20 mins)

An American expat in Buenos Aires is set to propose to his Argentinian lover and despite a friendly warning from a colleague, is hell bent on doing it the romantic Hollywood way.

**Director:** Marcelo Mitnik **Producer:** Dave Kajganich

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

### SCHOOL LITERARY

#### Dragons, Elves & More

With author Marguerite Toner

**Venue:** St Brendan's National School Portumna

**Time:** 10am **Admission:** €2  
(booked through school)

**Suitability:** Age: 8-12 years old

Take an exciting trip through Earth, Air and Water where you will meet mythical creatures of all sorts in the Kapheus series of books. Engage in questions and answers as well as thoughts on creative writing.

**Marguerite Toner** is a dynamic and creative storyteller, teacher and leader and her background as psychologist influences her writing for children.

**www.kapheus.com**

**Sponsors:** Ladies Day & Lollipopz



### FILM LAUNCH

#### FILM LAUNCH & DOCUMENTARY His and Hers

(Ireland 2009)

**Venue:** The Dock, Boathouse Bar **Admission:** €5 at door

**Time:** 1.30pm **Running Time:** 80mins

Sweet, funny, insightful and incredibly moving, this documentary visits the kitchens, living rooms and bedrooms of the Irish midlands to craft a portrait of women's relationship with the men in their lives: fathers, boyfriends, husbands and sons.

**Director:** Ken Wardrop. **Starring:** Women of the Irish Midlands

**Producer:** Andrew Freeman, Venon Film Productions.

**Awards:** Winner at Dublin International Film Festival, Galway Film Fleadh, Sundance Film Festival.

**Sponsor:** The Boathouse Bar





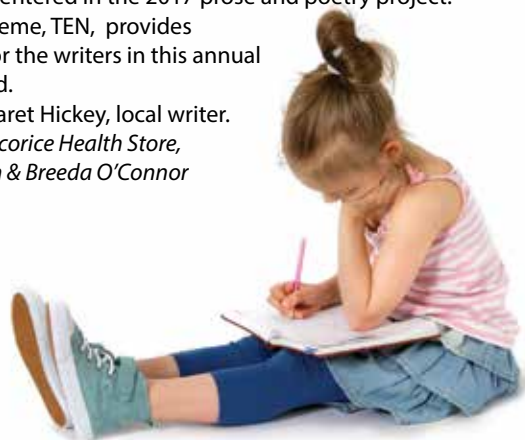
## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

## LITERARY

**Barbara Kennedy Annual Writing Awards 2017****Venue:** Portumna Library **Admission:** FREE**Time:** 3.30pm

Join the shortlisted 4th and 5th class pupils from local primary schools who entered in the 2017 prose and poetry project.

This year's theme, TEN, provides inspiration for the writers in this annual writing award.

**Judge:** Margaret Hickey, local writer.**Sponsors:** Licorice Health Store, Roisin O'Brien & Breeda O'Connor

## FILM

**Shorelines Shorts****Love, Loss & Leaving: Short Films.****Venue:** The Dock, Boathouse Bar **Admission:** €5 at door**Time:** 5pm **Running Time:** 90mins **Audience Suitability:** Adult

6 Award winning short documentaries and dramas.  
See page 8 for more details.

**Opening of Shorelines 2017****Opening by Vinnie Browne of Charlie Byrne's Bookshop & Presenter of Galway Bay FM Arts Show****With Síomha (music) & Aidan Tierney (comedy)****Venue:** Irish Workhouse Centre **Admission:** FREE **Time:** 7 - 9pm

County Clare neo-soul singer, songwriter and guitarist, SÍOMHA will be sharing her beautifully crafted jazz and soul infused songs.  
@siomhamusic



*One word. Síomha. She is the real deal, making her music, her way.*  
Ruth Smith, Simply Folk RTE Radio1

**Aidan Tierney:** Known for Tierney Talks, RTE's Off the Ball and as one of the Faces of Galway, impersonator Aidan Tierney is popular among all GAA supporters. He makes conversations both fun and unpredictable as he switches between voices with ease.  
@tierneytalks

**Sponsors:** O'Meara's SuperValu & Killeen Cheese

## MUSIC

**Shorelines Percy French Singing Competition 2017****Venue:** Hayes Bar **Admission:** FREE (Competition Fee: €5) **Time:** 9pm

To honour the late Eamon Hayes, who so enjoyed performing, Shorelines invites you to a singing competition. Entrants must sing a song penned by Percy French. To participate, register in time online, and be part of this musical event. Entry details and guidelines on [www.shorelinesartsfestival.com](http://www.shorelinesartsfestival.com). Don't fancy participating? Come and enjoy the music!

**Sponsors:** Hayes & Hayes totalhealth Pharmacy & Flowerhill Equestrian Centre

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

## DRAMA

**Rowan Tolley Company presents TURF****Venue:** The Workhouse **Admission:** €8 online **Time:** 12 noon **Running time:** 50mins

Performed by Frank Farrell Directed by Rowan Tolley Produced by Michelle Cahill

TURF invites the audience on an investigative journey, punctuated with provocative, fiercely athletic and beautifully detailed movement. Situated somewhere deep within the Irish soul, it tells the story of one life, but many selves. [www.turfperformance.info](http://www.turfperformance.info)

**Sponsor:** Councillor Jimmy & Noreen McClearn

## LITERARY

**STORIES, SONGS & SAMBOS: Martin Malone, Helena Mulkerrins & Simon O'Faoláin****Venue:** Séamus Hayes Bar **Admission:** €5 **Time:** 1.30pm

**Martin Malone**, former soldier with six tours of duty to Lebanon and Iraq, is the author of novels, a memoir, short story collections and radio plays. Novels include *Us*, *After Kafra* and *The Broken Cedar*. [martinmalonewriter.wordpress.com](http://martinmalonewriter.wordpress.com)



**Helena Mulkerns** has been internationally anthologised and shortlisted for America's Pushcart Prize and Ireland's Hennessy Literary and Francis MacManus awards. She has edited two literary anthologies and is a recipient of a bursary from the Arts Council of Ireland. Her debut short story collection, *Ferenji*, was published by Doire Press in 2016.  
See: [www.helenamulkerns.com](http://www.helenamulkerns.com)



**Simon O'Faoláin**, raised in the West Kerry Gaeltacht, published four books of poetry, won the Glen Dimplex Prize, The Strong Prize, the Colm Cille Prize and is Director of An Fhéile Bheag Filíochta. He is also a noted sean-nós singer.

**Sponsors:** The Beehive and Roma Restaurant & Take Away

## FILM

**Shorelines Shorts:****Love, Loss & Leaving: Short Films****Venue:** The Dock, Boathouse Bar **Admission:** €5 at door**Time:** 2.30pm **Running Time:** 90mins **Audience Suitability:** Adult

6 Award winning short documentaries and dramas.  
See page 8 for more details.

## ART

**Guided Tour of The Gallery with Aideen Monaghan****Venue:** The Irish Workhouse Centre **Admission:** Donation Please**Time:** 3.30pm **Running Time:** 40mins approx

Join the creator of *10 Decades*, *10 Cubes*, as she brings you on a tour of a selection of the art exhibited at Shorelines, using an art appreciation approach. Suitable for all interested in painting and artwork.

**Sponsor:** McKeon's Opticians

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

### MUSIC

**Essentially French: Celebrating the life, words and music of Percy French.**

**Venue:** Social Centre, Portumna Retirement Village. **Admission:** €5 on the door **Time:** 4.30pm  
**Running Time:** 75mins

**Michael Hurley:** Involved in amateur dramatics and musicals for the past 50 years, he has played many leading roles. A writer of local history, his lifelong interest in the life and works of Percy French led him to devising this show.

**Kathy Eastwood,** from Renmore, Galway, has always had a love for music and is church organist in Oranmore and is also a member of the Tribal Chamber Choir, Galway.

**Sponsor:** Portumna Retirement Village

### DRAMA Half Day Thursday Productions:

**Two Plays by Gregory O'Connor.**  
**Directed by Jim Hynes & Irene Hegarty**

**Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Admission:** €5 **Time:** 6.30pm  
**Running Time:** 50mins **Audience Suitability:** Adult

**The Series Finale** is a one act drama focusing on George Macken and his wife Maureen. They are a run of the mill middle-class couple trying to make ends meet. George has just retired from his day job and now spends much of his time musing on both retirement and its effect on his life.

**The Court Case** takes a wry, humorous look at one of the great curses of modern Ireland, the desire to litigate at every opportunity. John Sherlock is one such tricky customer who takes a case against a city council for injuries, apparently, received whilst walking. We observe his attempts to make capital out of his so-called misfortune.

**Sponsor:** Willie O'Toole Acupuncture

Gallery at the Workhouse  
Art Exhibition 9.30am-5pm

### FILM

**His and Hers** (Ireland 2009)  
**Venue:** The Dock, Boathouse Bar  
**Admission:** €5 at door  
**Time:** 5pm **Running Time:** 80 mins

Award winning short documentary.  
See page 9 for more details.

**Sponsor:** Dr Raymond Brogan GP

### MUSIC Jack O'Rourke in Concert

**Venue:** Christ Church **Admission:** €15  
**Time:** 8.30pm Doors open at 8.10pm. Book online or in Palmerston Stores, Beehive, Cottage Store & Hayes & Hayes totalhealth Pharmacy.

Despite being a newcomer on the Irish music scene, Jack O'Rourke, seated at his piano, has quickly built up a loyal following among music lovers for his impassioned songwriting and performances, boding well for the release of his forthcoming *Dreamcatcher* album.

An insightful lyricist and powerful live performer, Jack's plaintive baritone and piano are core to the startlingly honest ballads. Often compared to those of David Bowie and Rufus Wainwright, his songs speak of various human conditions with melodic flair, through young but wise eyes.

**Sponsor:** Tom D'Alton Solicitor

IN CASE OF RAIN, STREET EVENTS WILL MOVE TO TOWN HALL

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH - FAMILY EVENTS AT SHORELINES

### The Brickx Club

**Venue:** Portumna Retirement Village. **Admission:** €10 per child per workshop  
**Time:** Workshop 1 (10am - 11.30am); Workshop 2 (12.00pm-1.30pm)



Numbers limited (maximum 20 children per workshop) so booking in advance online is essential. Lego Brickx Club workshops are fun ways for children to develop not only their brick building skills but also their imagination, creativity and social skills. Themes, challenges

and games are presented to the children in a fun way.

**Sponsors:** Damien O'Brien & The Engine Room



### Professor Plunger

**Venue:** Portumna Town Square  
**Admission:** FREE  
**Time:** 2pm **Running Time:** 45mins

An interactive street show, Professor Plunger is a fun, non-verbal comedy clown show. It's an inventive and original show featuring dancing, hair, plungers and a bell-playing finale.

**Sponsors:** Liam & Tim Walsh. Sperrin Galvanisers (Irl) Ltd & Deerpark B&B



### Face-Painting with Giselle

**Venue:** Town Square  
**Time:** 2 - 5pm



### Mojo Creations Origami Demonstration and Workshop

**Venue:** Portumna Town Square  
**Admission:** FREE **Time:** 2 - 5pm

George Dempsey Flanagan is the 'Maker of Magic' behind Mojo Creations (as seen on RTE's Dragon's Den). Based in Birr, Co. Offaly, George's true passion is creating and teaching Origami, combining his skills and training as an artist and graphic designer with 'the Art of Japanese Paper Fold'.



### Loughrea Craft Club

**Venue:** Portumna Town Square  
**Admission:** FREE **Time:** 2 - 5pm

Loughrea Craft Club will be hosting a drop-in workshop with a water theme for children of all ages. Create a water sprite cape and crown, or a trident fit for King Neptune.... just bring your imagination for lots of sparkly fun.



### Circus Fergus

**Venue:** Portumna Town Square **Admission:** FREE  
**Time:** 4pm **Running Time:** 45mins

Be amazed at the incredible juggling skills of Circus Fergus, juggling up to 5 torches at once, and his speciality: juggling with his feet! Topping it all off is an unmissable Grand Finalé and dangerous display of divilment on top of a Giant Unicycle.





## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

### LITERARY

#### WRITING WORKSHOP: Lining Our Thoughts with Leanne O'Sullivan

**Venue:** Portumna Credit Union **Admission:** €10 **Time:** 10am - 12.30pm

**Max:** 10 participants Call 086 366 3439 and booking online.



This workshop will explore the rich imaginative world of mythology in traditional narratives, and how contemporary poets develop an appreciation of the ongoing persistence of the archetypal. In this workshop we will look at the ways in which some of the most powerful narratives can help carry our unique personal stories in our own poetry.

**Leanne O'Sullivan** comes from the Beara peninsula in West Cork and has published three collections with Bloodaxe Books: *Waiting for My Clothes* (2004), *Cailleach: The Hag of Beara* (2009), winner of the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature in 2010, and *The Mining Road* (2013). She currently teaches in Creative Writing at University College Cork.

**Sponsor:** Paralabs Ltd

### ART

#### WORKSHOP: Enjoy Calligraphy with artist and calligrapher Eithna Joyce

**Venue:** An Gáirdín **Admission:** €55 per person

**Time:** 10am - 12.30pm **Max:** 12 participants (over 16 years) Workshop fee includes a kit of all you need for the class and to continue practicing at home. **Booking:** Book online or call 085 192 5466 with any queries.

This re-imagined, revived style of calligraphy provides a fresh and contemporary approach to the age old skill of beautiful writing. During this workshop you will be introduced to the skill of writing with pointed nib and ink, learning the basic techniques, letter forms and how to compose words and phrases. No experience necessary. Eithna Joyce is a professional artist who works in a variety of media. **Sponsor:** Blás Café



### Heritage Walk

**Meeting Point:** Town Square

**Time:** 11am - 12.30pm

**Admission:** FREE

Join local historian and writer, John Joe Conwell who will guide you through the historical heritage areas of the town. He will bring the stories and myths, the background and history to the nooks and crannies of Portumna as well as the wonderful stone buildings in our town.

**Sponsor:** Barna Waste

### ART

#### Shorelines Willow Dome

**Venue:** Portumna Forest Park Car Park

**Admission:** FREE

**Time:** from early morn until it's up!

Join Barry Noyce, master basket weaver, as he shapes the raw willow in an eco-friendly and sustainable manner to create a Willow Dome for children (and grown-ups) to wander through. This is a gift from Shorelines to the beautiful forest as it will remain long after this weekend is over! <https://m.facebook.com/saileachwillowsupplies>

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## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

### FILM

**His and Hers** (Ireland 2009)

**Venue:** The Dock, Boathouse Bar **Admission:** €5 at door

**Time:** 11.30am **Running Time:** 80mins

Award winning short documentary. See page 9 for more details.

### LITERARY

#### LITERARY LUNCH: 10 Good Reads with Fergus Finlay and Eithne Hand and a Reading by Mike McCormack

**Venue:** Modena **Admission:** €15 (includes lunch) **Time:** 1pm

Book online as numbers are limited



**Mike McCormack** is an Irish novelist and short story writer. He has published two collections of short stories, *Getting It In the Head* and *Forensic Songs* and three novels including *Solar Bones*, longlisted for The Man Booker Prize. The book is a hymn to modern small-town life with its "rites, rhythms and rituals upholding the world like solar bones", as well as an indictment of human greed and stupidity, exploring how places and cultures respond to the circumstances beyond their control and yet of their own making.



**Fergus Finlay** is the Chief Executive of the charity Barnardos in Ireland. He was a senior member of the Irish Labour Party and is also a weekly columnist with the Irish Examiner and the author of a number of books including *Snakes & Ladders*, *Cruel Trade* and *A Decade of Irish Life*. He was also instrumental in winning the bid to host the Special Olympics in Ireland.



**Eithne Hand** is a writer, theatre and radio producer and widely published poet (Crannóg and Poetry Ireland Review). Shortlisted for the Patrick Kavanagh Award and highly commended in the Gregory O'Donoghue Prize, Eithne is working towards her first collection.

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### WORKSHOP

#### Make A Ring

**Venue:** An Gáirdín **Time:** 2 – 6pm

**Maximum:** 8 places (over 16 yrs).

**Cost:** €80 **Booking:** Book online at [www.shorelinesartsfestival.com](http://www.shorelinesartsfestival.com) or call 087 631 9890.

Create an impressive stamped and textured ring of your own design from a sheet of solid sterling silver! In this fun and informative 4-hour workshop with Fergus Grant Stevenson, you will learn to use the tools and techniques needed to work precious metals and design your own textured finish. Suitable for beginners, also of interest to students with previous metalworking experience.

**Fergus Grant Stevenson** teaches and makes jewellery near Lough Gur, Co. Limerick.

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## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

### LITERARY/MUSIC

#### Poetry Reading with Leanne O'Sullivan & Katie Donovan

**Venue:** Portumna Library **Admission:** €5 **Time:** 4pm **Running Time:** 45mins

**Leanne O'Sullivan:** poet & lecturer. See page 14 for more information.

**Katie Donovan** has published five collections of poetry, most recently *Off Duty*, shortlisted for the Irish Times/Poetry Now poetry award 2017. She is the 2017 recipient of the O'Shaughnessy Award for Irish Poetry.

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### FILM

#### Shorelines Shorts: Love, Loss & Leaving: Short Films

**Venue:** The Dock, Boathouse Bar **Admission:** €5 at door  
**Time:** 5pm **Running Time:** 90mins **Audience Suitability:** Adult  
6 Award winning short documentaries and dramas. See page 8 for more info.

### MUSIC Julie Feeney in Concert

**Venue:** Christ Church **Admission:** €20 **Time:** 8.30pm  
Doors open at 8.10pm. *Book online or in Palmerston Stores, Beehive, Cottage Store & Hayes & Hayes totalhealth Pharmacy.*

Composer, singer, orchestrator, songwriter and producer, Julie Feeney is a true artist with immense vision. With several award winning songs and albums and an opera to her name, Julie straddles the pop and classical world in a theatrical fashion. Sharp witted, unpretentious and fiercely passionate, Julie is one of Ireland's most enjoyable performers. From the tiny church at Kylemore Abbey to an Oscar Party in LA, her eclectic and unique talent shines forth.

Not to be missed. [www.juliefeeney.com](http://www.juliefeeney.com)

**Sponsor:** La Bouche Restaurant



'Astonishing acting'  
The New York Times

### DRAMA

#### The Man In The Woman's Shoes by Mikel Murfi

**Venue:** St Brendan's National School Hall **Admission:** €15  
**Time:** 6.30pm Doors open at 6.15pm **Running Time:** 80mins  
*Book online or in Palmerston Stores, Beehive, Cottage Store & Hayes & Hayes totalhealth Pharmacy.*

*The Man In The Woman's Shoes* follows Pat Farnon as he walks to town and back again. It is a beautifully observed piece, utterly simple and Murfi's "astonishing acting" has been widely praised. Originally commissioned by Sligo County Council Arts Service and Hawk's Well Theatre Sligo as part of Bealtaine Festival 2012.

Mikel, originally from Sligo, trained at Ecole Jacques Lecoq, Paris. Please see shorelines website for more information on Mikel.

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### MUSIC

#### Notions: My Fellow Sponges + New Pope + Jackie Blake

**Venue:** O'Meara's Bar  
**Admission:** €5 (online or at the door)  
**Time:** 10pm

Notions is a month long series of events in Galway city and county celebrating new music, spoken word and theatre. This event brings together the theatrics and music of My Fellow Sponges, New Pope and local writer, Jackie Blake.

See our website for further details.

**Sponsor:** Emma Stanley Chiropody Treatments

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

### MUSIC

#### Shorelines Sunday Mass - The Park Singers

**Venue:** St. Brigid's Church **Time:** 11am **Director:** Órla Gillan

Our guest choir, the Park Singers, will add their beautiful harmonies and arrangements to our festival Mass.

The Park Singers are an award winning four-part female choir from Dublin who have performed throughout Ireland since forming in 1970. They have won awards at home and abroad, most recently winning Best Overall Choir at the Sligo International Choral Festival in 2016 and placing in the gold category at the Festival di Verona, 2017.



### LITERARY LINES LEARNED BY HEART

#### The Nicholas Treacy Memorial Recitation Competition

**Venue:** Horan's Bar **Time:** 12.30pm sharp **Judge:** Anne Marie Kennedy  
**Admission:** Free (Competition entry fee €5).

The annual Recitation Competition is one of our festival highlights. Each entrant must recite "off by heart" a poem 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.

Further guidelines and entry details on [www.shorelinesartsfestival.com](http://www.shorelinesartsfestival.com) or 087 2931055.

**Sponsor:** Horan's Bar & Joe & Avril O'Keefe Shannon Cruising

### FILM

#### Shorelines Shorts: Love, Loss & Leaving: Short Films

**Venue:** The Dock, Boathouse Bar **Admission:** €5 at door  
**Time:** 2pm **Running Time:** 90mins **Audience Suitability:** Adult  
6 Award winning short documentaries and dramas. See page 8 for more info.

### ART

#### Guided Tour of The Gallery with Aideen Monaghan

**Venue:** The Irish Workhouse Centre **Admission:** Donation Please  
**Time:** 2.30pm **Running Time:** 40 mins See page 11.  
**Sponsor:** Frame Wright

### WORKSHOP

#### Singing For Adults

**Venue:** An Gáirdín **Time:** 2.30 - 4.30pm **Admission:** €10  
Booking online or call 087 695 5166

Join director of the Park Singers, Órla Gillen, who will facilitate this singing workshop for choirs and singers who enjoy harmony and singing together. Suitable for male and female voices with, or without, choral experience, this promises to be a fun introduction to choral arrangements... who knows what magic may happen!

**Órla Gillen** is conductor of the Park Singers, having succeeded her father, founder and former director. She is musical director of the National Children's Choir since 2007, having been involved since its foundation. **Sponsor:** An Caisléan



## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

### WORKSHOP

#### Community Spirit Drumming Workshop

**Venue:** Portumna Community School Hall **Time:** 3 - 5pm

**Admission:** €10 online or call 086 3471328 **Ages:** Adults & children 12+

The Community Spirit Drumming program was started by Eamon Carrick from Claddagh, Galway in 2011. The workshop empowers participants in the learning of drumming, dancing and playing various percussion instruments, and encourages expression of the true self.

**Sponsor:** Curley's Bar & Podumna Village



### FILM

#### Shorelines Special Screening - DOCUMENTARIES

**Venue:** The Dock, Boathouse Bar **Admission:** Free **Time:** 4.30pm

Shorelines Festival's official photographer, Wilma Rekkers, brings two intimate documentaries about artists at work to this event.

##### Oppression (27 mins)

Here Wilma intimately captures the creative process as artist Geert Kollau works on a new mixed media photographic project.



##### Timeless (18 mins)

This documentary follows artist Piet Holmann, who, struggling with progressive dementia, works on his final project.

**Sponsor:** Dr Roderick Fahey GP

### MUSIC

#### Shorelines Island Discs

**Venue:** Horan's Bar **Time:** 5.30pm **Duration:** 60mins

**Admission:** FREE

#### Monique Mielke-McGuinness in musical conversation with Ruth Smith.

Join singer, writer and storyteller, **Monique Mielke-McGuinness**, who has lived in Carigahorig for over 30 years. Hear her interesting music selection and the great stories about her choices.

**Ruth Smith**, star of *Once*, *The Musical*, co-founder of production company Jalfie Productions and accomplished presenter of RTÉ's *Simply Folk*, will host this event.

**Sponsor:** Garry Kenny Palmerston Stores

### MUSIC

#### Cherish The Ladies

**Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Time:** 8pm **Admission:** €20

Doors open at 7.40pm. Book online or in Palmerston Stores, Beehive, Cottage Store & Hayes & Hayes totalhealth Pharmacy.

**Cherish The Ladies** is an Irish traditional music and dance troupe based in America, under the leadership of superb All-Ireland flute and whistle champion Joanie Madden.

*"Expands the annals of Irish music in America...the music is passionate, tender and rambunctious."* Jon Pareles, The New York Times

**Sponsor:** Portumna Retirement Village



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