



Shorelines

ARTS FESTIVAL PORTUMNA

September 14-17th, 2023

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Welcome to Shorelines Arts Festival 2023 for a feast of craic, music, drama, exhibitions, workshops and more!

We are delighted to stage Irish Folk Award winners *Ye Vagabonds* as well as the rock infused hypnotic tones from *Cathy Davey & her band* in concert. You can hear musician & broadcaster Peter Browne present his *Gramophone Concert* and tune into an afternoon of popular musical classics with *What a Wonderful World* or croon away to the *Songs and Stories of Percy French*. Theatre performances include the ever-popular Seamus O'Rourke with his latest show *The Ballad of Mossy Flood* and newcomer Dee Keogh's *Why I haven't met Oprah, Yet*. For literary fans, we have *Western Words* with poets Amy Barry, Noelle Lynskey & Luke Morgan, *A Century of Brendan* celebrating Behan's 100th birthday and *Invisible Threads* with author, Marguerite MacCurtin. Doire Press make a welcome return with *Sunday Stories & Tunes* and a veritable feast of Visual Arts awaits you in the Galleries at the Workhouse & Portumna Castle. The festival is rounded off with a wide range of *Workshops, Street & Family Entertainment, Talks, Schools Programme*, and we welcome the return of *Shorelines Film Shorts & Documentaries*.

So get booking as all tickets are online (except where free or otherwise stated) and encourage your family, relatives and friends to join us in Portumna for a weekend of entertainment, joy and fun! Thanks to our local sponsors, friends and volunteers, and to everyone at the Arts Council and Galway County Council Arts Office for their continued support.

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- Advance booking is recommended due to venue limits. Please note tickets are non-refundable.
- Where an event is free, access is on a first come basis.
- Please advise if you have any special accessibility requirements.
- Please cooperate fully with our volunteer stewards.
- All children must be fully supervised by a responsible adult at all times during the festival.
- Venue doors open 15 minutes prior to start time and all are asked to be seated 10 mins prior to the event. Latecomers may not be allowed access.
- Please note that the Irish Workhouse Centre gallery is on the 1st floor as is part of the Castle Gallery.
- 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. All information is correct at time of printing.
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WEEKEND EVENTS

Art Exhibition in the Irish Workhouse Centre (from Sept 4th -17th (Opening Sun Sept 3rd 5-7pm)	Free	p6
<i>Dark Shadows</i> by Kieran Tuohy	Free	p6
<i>Otherworldly Wonders of our Bogs & Wetlands</i> Photography Exhibition by Tina Claffey	Free	p6
Junk Kouture (Portumna Castle Gallery)	Free	p7
The Exam Collection (Portumna Castle Gallery)	Free	p7
<i>Taking a Walk</i> Exhibition by Portumna Camera Club & Portumna Pen Pushers (Portumna Castle)	Free	p7
Mural of St. Dymphna (Portumna Dairy Services, Patrick St)	Free	p7

THURS 14th SEPT

Launch of <i>Taking a Walk</i> Exhibition (Portumna Pen Pushers / Camera Club) with <i>Strings & Things</i>	11am	Free	p8
FILM <i>Writing Home</i>	2pm	€7	p5/p8
Launch of <i>Home from Home</i> by Luke Morgan	4.15pm	Free	p8
<i>Strings & Things</i> - Festival in a Van	5pm	Free	p8
FILM <i>Shorts</i>	5pm	€7	p5/p8
<i>A Gramophone Concert</i> with Peter Browne	8pm	€15	p8

FRI 15th SEPT

Demonstration: <i>Use of Egg Tempera and Oil</i> with Artist Fergus A. Ryan	11am	Free	p8
Comhrá & Ceol (Portumna Library)	11.30am	Free	p8
<i>Bog Bodies</i> - Festival In A Van (for residents and carers at Portumna Retirement Village)	2pm	Free	p8
FILM Documentary: <i>Violet Gibson: The Irish Woman Who Shot Mussolini</i> with Q&A	2.30pm	€7	p5/p8
<i>Bog Bodies</i> - Festival In A Van (Castle Harbour Marina)	4pm	Free	p9
FILM <i>Shorts</i>	5pm	€7	p5/p9
<i>Songs and Stories of Percy French</i>	6pm	€15	p9
<i>Cathy Davey & Band</i> in Concert	9pm	€20	p9

SAT 16th SEPT

<i>Herb & Plant Walk</i> with Leslie Maya Souchere	10am	€7	p9
<i>Poetry Writing Workshop</i> with Anne F. O'Reilly	10am	€15	p9
<i>Rushwork Workshop</i> with Gerardine Wisdom	10am	€15	p9
<i>Freeing the Natural Voice</i> with Speaking Voice Coach Angela Metzler	10am	€25	p9
<i>Circus Skills</i> with Little Top Stars	various	€5	p9
<i>Children's Mixed Media Art Workshop</i> with Hayley Aldous	11am	€10	p9
Jay Ryan Pignut Productions - <i>Monsters & Things Puppet Show / The Flea Circus</i>	various	€5	p10
<i>Magical Mayhem</i> with Tony Baloney	various	Free	p10
<i>Why I haven't met Oprah, Yet</i> written and performed by Dee Keogh	1pm	€10	p10
<i>Otherworldly Wonders of our Bogs & Wetlands</i> with Tina Claffey	2.30pm	Free	p10
<i>The Life and Works of Thomas Butler Stoney (1885-1917)</i> with David Broderick	2.30pm	Free	p10
<i>Western Words</i> with Poets Amy Barry, Noelle Lynskey & Luke Morgan	4pm	€10	p10
FILM <i>Shorts</i>	5pm	€7	p5/p10
<i>A Century Of Brendan Behan</i> with Donal Fallon & Fergus Whelan	6pm	€15	p10
FILM <i>Writing Home</i>	7.30pm	€7	p5/p10
In Concert: <i>Ye Vagabonds</i>	9pm	€25	p10

SUN 17th SEPT

<i>Mindful Movement - 5Rhythms®</i> with Jenny Fahy	10.30am	€15	p11
Lines Learned by Heart	11.30am	Donation	p11
<i>Sunday Stories & Tunes</i> with Doire Press and Trad Óg	2pm	Free	p11
FILM <i>Who We Love</i>	2.30pm	€7	p5/p11
<i>What a Wonderful World</i> - An Afternoon Recital hosted by David Kennedy & Friends	3.30pm	€15	p11
FILM <i>Shorts</i>	5pm	€7	p5/p11
<i>Invisible Threads</i> - In Conversation with Marguerite MacCurtin	5.30pm	€10	p11
<i>The Ballad of Mossy Flood</i> by Seamus O'Rourke	8pm	€15	p11



At Shorelines, we are delighted to support Portumna Community School and local National Schools with this year's programme of events for students and thank all teachers involved in 2023. This year we welcome The Hub, Ability West to this programme.

All school events can be booked directly in the school with co-ordinating teachers.

LITERARY Writing Workshop with Clara Kumagai Author **Clara Kumagai** hosts a creative writing workshop with 5th & 6th year English students. From Canada, Japan and Ireland, Clara's fiction and nonfiction for children and adults has been published in *The Stinging Fly*, *The Irish Times* and *Kyoto Journal*, among others. *Catfish Rolling* is her debut novel. **Date:** Sept 12th. **Venue:** Portumna Community School.

ENTERTAINMENT Circus Skills with Little Top Stars Little Top Stars use circus skills to connect education, physical art and social development in a fun way. Learn the art of juggling, plate spinning, hula hoops and diabolo.

Date: Wed 13th to Sat 16th Sept **Venues:** Killeen NS, Gortanumera NS, St Brendan's NS Portumna, Portumna Community School, The Hub, Ability West.

LITERARY Home From Home Literary Project Exhibition An exhibition of new writing produced by TY students who participated in a project facilitated by poet, writer and teacher, **Luke Morgan**. An item, precious to the participating adults who have made Ireland their home, was shared with the students at an earlier workshop. Portumna's TY students responded in writing and the school's art class illustrated the final pieces. Visit the exhibition of students' writings and art work during the festival at Portumna Library.

Date: Sept 14th **Time:** 4.15pm-5.30pm **Venue:** Library **Admission:** Free

LITERARY Reading & Writing Workshop for 5th & 6th class with Galway-based writer, poet and filmmaker, **Luke Morgan**. **Date:** Sept 14th **Venue:** St Brendan's NS.

MUSIC Strings & Things - Festival in a Van for all the students. A high energy contemporary folk band from Tipperary/Galway with a unique sound mixing various genres from their backgrounds in trad, folk, pop and rock.

MUSICIANS: James O'Meara-Ryan, Eoin Shelly, Sean Mongey, Eoin Salmon.

Date: Sept 14th **Venue:** St Brendan's NS, Portumna.

MUSIC Tribal Spirit Drumming with John Bowker The use of drum, chant and simple ritual offering a holistic approach to community music. **John Bowker** has been creating community music events for 30 years. He is founder of Earthsong camps and the Heartsong project. He brings a wealth of knowledge and a vast array of African drums to his workshops. **Date:** Sept 14th **Venue:** Portumna Community School.

MUSIC Bog Bodies - Festival in a Van Fusing traditional instrumentation with rhythmic open-tuned guitar and song-writing that draws from Irish Mythology and the land. Musicians: Dan Maher, Pio Ryan and Ciara O'Donnell.

Date: Sept 15th **Venue:** Portumna Community School.

LITERARY Writing Competition Portumna Community School Students will be awarded prizes for a school writing competition judged by **Clara Kumagai**.

Portumna Community School will host a book fair from the 11th-15th September 4pm-6.30pm each day. Open to the public.



A SERIES OF SHORT FILMS Venue: The Boathouse Bar Duration: 70mins Admission: €7 (Over 16+)

An Irish Goodbye (Run time: 23 mins) (2022)

Following the untimely death of their mother, estranged brothers reunite on a working rural farm in Northern Ireland in this black comedy.

Written and directed by: Tom Berkeley & Ross White **Producers:** Pearse Cullen, Tom Berkeley & Ross White
Winner: Best Short Film (Live Action) - Academy Awards 2023

Sucking Diesel (Run time: 10 mins) (2022)

After a bungled robbery, a caustic petrol station owner must decide whether to protect her idiot employee or turn him over to the most dangerous man in Ballybeg.

Written by: Freddie O'Donohoe & Sam McGrath **Directed by:** Sam McGrath **Producer:** Aisling Malone
Starring: Geraldine McAlinden, Danny Power, Jason Byrne
Winner: Best Irish Short - Kinsale Shark Awards

First Date (Run time: 12 mins) (2022)

Tina, a recently widowed farmer, doesn't want her daughter to move back to the city and leave her alone. When Seamus arrives on the farm talking about a date, she decides to intervene - drastically!

Directed by: Clara Planelles **Screenwriter:** Áine Ryan **Producer:** Pete Moles
Cast: Aisling O'Sullivan, Carrie Crowley, Johanna O'Brien, Daithí O'Donnell
Winner: Discover Film

Soul Office (Run time: 10 mins) (2021)

Soul Office is an animated comedy following two enterprising criminals who bite the dust when an ATM robbery goes awry.

Written and Directed by: Ryan Loughran **Produced by:** Fiona McLaughlin, Tom Getty, Grace Loughrey
Winner: Best Debut Irish Short Animation - Galway Film Fleadh

Ship of Souls (Run time: 15 mins) (2021)

Unable to accept his son's sudden death in a car crash, a father tries to come to terms with his loss and must attempt to find peace in a most unexpected way.

Written and Directed by: Jean Pasley **Produced by:** Gregory Burrowes
Starring: Lorcan Cranitch, Cathy Belton, Clare Uchima, Emma Willis
Winner: Best Debut Irish Short Animation - Galway Film Fleadh

FILMS

Venue: The Boathouse Bar Admission: €7 (Over 16+)

Violet Gibson: The Irish Woman Who Shot Mussolini (Run time: 90 mins)

Full description on page 8. **Director:** Barrie Dowdall **Co-Director:** Kevin de la Isla O'Neil
Producers: Barrie Dowdall, Siobhan Lynam **Writers:** Siobhan Lynam, Ashley Taggart, Barrie Dowdall, Kevin de la Isla O'Neill **Starring:** Olwen Fouere, Charlie Hughes, Padraig Cullen, Michael Heavy, Siobhan Lynam

Writing Home (Run time: 91 mins)

Full description on page 8. **Directors:** Nagham Abboud, Alekson L. Dall'Armellina, Miriam Velasco
Producers: Mark Coffey, Jannik Ohlendieck **Writer:** Conor Scott **Production Co:** Filmbase
Winner: IndieFEST Film Award's "Award of Excellence"

Who We Love (Run time: 90 mins)

Full description on page 11. **Director:** Graham Cantwell
Writers: Graham Cantwell, Katie McNeice
Starring: Clara Harte, Dean Quinn and Amy-Joyce Hastings

Sponsor:





Exhibitions in the Irish Workhouse Centre

The Gallery at The Workhouse, Shorelines Annual Art Exhibition, Sept 4th-17th, 11am-4pm daily. Official Opening: Sun Sept 3rd with Countywide ConTempo in concert presented by Galway Music Residency at 5pm followed by Exhibition Opening at 6pm. All Welcome. Sponsor: O'Meara's SuperValu

In the Gallery at the Workhouse, local artists will be welcome to display their work in the Long Gallery. In the Double Gallery, we will show the work of our three invited artists, **Fergus A. Ryan, Josephine Geaney** and **Annemiek Hamelink**. Most of the work is for sale and because our commission is modest, you will find high quality work at great prices.



Fergus A. Ryan is an Irish painter known for his detailed narrative portraits and landscapes in the traditional media of egg tempera and of oil. Formerly an Aer Lingus pilot, he studied painting in Florence and elsewhere. He is a regular exhibitor at the RHA's Annual Exhibitions, where he was chosen for the Friends of the RHA Senior Artist Award in 2020. He has also featured in the National Gallery Portrait Prize exhibition and in the International Salon of the Art Renewal Center in the USA, and in International Artist Magazine. Fergus will give a live demonstration on Fri 15th Sept at 11am. www.fergusryan.art

Josephine Geaney from Nenagh, Co. Tipperary works as a full time artist. She graduated with an honours degree from Limerick School of Art & Design in 2008, while at the same time acquiring many student awards. For the past twenty years she has been exhibiting nationally and internationally. Her work is now in many state, corporate and private collections. Josephine works mainly with the medium of cold wax and oil paint using many tools to apply the paint. Her paintings mostly derive from her subconscious and personal memory of the environment, atmosphere and place. www.josephinegeaneyartist.com



Annemiek Hamelink works from her studio in the South of the Netherlands on her whimsical porcelain. She learned ceramics in evening classes and once she found porcelain, she had found her medium and started to develop her signature style. Her work was shortlisted for several ceramic exhibitions in Belgium, the USA, Germany and most recently in Taiwan. Her work is to be treasured and as such is a statement against the throwaway culture. She loves that her works sets free the inner child, and lights up our imagination. www.annemiekhamelink.studio

Otherworldly Wonders of our Bogs & Wetlands by Tina Claffey Award-winning photographer, Tina Claffey, exhibits a selection of images. Author of *Tapestry of Light* (2017) and *Portal* (2022). Tina will also give a free talk on Saturday Sept 16th at 2.30pm in An Gáirdín.

Kieran Tuohy's Dark Shadows exhibition located in the Girls' Schoolroom. Each piece, carved in the medium of bog oak, immortalizes the stories of our famine ancestors. www.irishworkhousecentre.ie/dark-shadows

Local Artists

This exhibition gives local and visiting artists a unique opportunity to exhibit & sell work at the Gallery.



Portumna Castle Gallery From Sept 14th-30th.

Our visual arts programme at Portumna Castle includes work in the Castle Gallery adjacent to the café and in the grounds of Portumna Castle.

Junk Kouture This worldwide fashion competition for schools originally started in Ireland with a focus on creativity through sustainability. Here you will see incredible creations of wearable art fashioned from recycled materials and found items.



The Exam Collection Features some of the fabulous works produced by students of both Junior Certificate & Leaving Certificate classes of 2023 under the guidance of art teacher Anne Keane. This exhibition will be curated by current students, showcasing the creativity and talent of our young students.



Taking a Walk Exhibition Using the theme of "Taking a Walk", Portumna Camera Club takes to the lens while Portumna Pen Pushers take to their pens in response to a series of new photographs. The exhibition will be on display in the grounds of Portumna Castle and the launch is on Thurs Sept 14th at Portumna Castle Café (Outdoors) at 11am with music from **Strings & Things**.

Demonstration: Use of Egg Tempera and Oil with Artist Fergus A. Ryan Watch a live demonstration with artist **Fergus Ryan** upstairs at the Gallery at the Workhouse.

Date: Fri Sept 15th **Time:** 11am **Venue:** Irish Workhouse Centre **Duration:** 90mins approx. **Admission:** Free



Otherworldly Wonders of our Bogs & Wetlands with Tina Claffey

Award-winning nature photographer, **Tina Claffey**, will take you on a visual stroll through the seasons in our bogs and wetlands, revealing otherworldly wonders of flora and fauna as seen through her macro lens.

Date: Sat Sept 16th **Time:** 2.30pm **Venue:** An Gáirdín **Duration:** 70mins **Admission:** Free



Mixed Media Art: Children's Art Workshop with Hayley Aldous

Through this workshop children will explore basic principles and techniques of collage, colour theory and painting to produce a mixed media art board. This will be a wonderfully messy workshop, wearing an apron/old shirt is strongly advised.

Age: 8-12yrs

Date: Sat Sept 16th
Numbers limited. Booking essential at 087-9014353 **Time:** 11am

Venue: Portumna Community School
Duration: 2hrs **Admission:** €10



Mural of St Dymphna

Visit the Mural of St Dymphna created as a collage by the service users of St Dymphna's Day Care under the auspices of Ability West. This stunning piece of art will be on display for the entire Shorelines Festival.

Venue: Portumna Dairy Services, Patrick St.

Date: Sept 14th-18th



Thurs 14th Sept

LITERARY/MUSIC *Taking a Walk project with Strings & Things* Join Portumna Pen Pushers & Camera Club at the launch of the 2023 project *Taking a Walk* with music by *Strings & Things*, a high energy contemporary folk band with a unique sound mixing various genres in trad, folk, pop and rock. **MUSICIANS: James O'Meara-Ryan, Eoin Shelly, Sean Mongey, Eoin Salmon.** **Time:** 11am **Venue:** Festival in a Van at Portumna Castle Café (Outdoors) **Duration:** 1hr approx. **Admission:** Free

FILM *Writing Home* Writer Daniel Doran's luxurious and decadent London life suddenly comes to a halt when his estranged father falls ill, and Daniel reluctantly returns home to the rural Irish village of Darlingford, a small town with no room for celebrities! **Time:** 2pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 91mins **Admission:** €7

LITERARY *Launch of Home from Home by Luke Morgan* Readings and launch of work from Portumna's TY students who participated in a project facilitated by poet, writer and teacher, Luke Morgan. **Time:** 4.15pm **Venue:** Portumna Library **Duration:** 75mins **Admission:** Free

MUSIC *Strings & Things - Festival in a Van* See description above. **Time:** 5pm **Venue:** Outdoors, Portumna Library **Duration:** 45mins approx. **Admission:** Free

FILM *Shorts* A selection of **film shorts**, please see page 5 for full description. **Time:** 5pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 70mins **Admission:** €7

MUSIC *A Gramophone Concert with Peter Browne* Join **Peter Browne**, musician and widely experienced broadcaster on a history tour of the music of East Galway. With a 40-year career in RTÉ Radio as presenter and producer, Peter will be joined by piper and composer, Gerard Fahy. **Time:** 8pm **Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Duration:** 90mins **Admission:** €15 **Sponsor:** Michael Collins Solicitor

Fri 15th Sept

ART *Demonstration: Use of Egg Tempera and Oil with Artist Fergus A. Ryan* Watch a live demonstration with artist **Fergus Ryan** upstairs at the Gallery at the Workhouse. **Time:** 11am **Venue:** Irish Workhouse Centre **Duration:** 90mins approx. **Admission:** Free

GAEILGE *Comhrá agus Ceol* Celebrate our language in an informal hour of caint agus ceoil. Bring your cúpla focal and your tunes. Failte ar gach duine. **Time:** 11.30am **Venue:** Portumna Library **Admission:** Free

MUSIC *Bog Bodies - Festival In A Van* Fusing traditional instrumentation with rhythmic open-tuned guitar and song-writing that draws from Irish Mythology and the land. Musicians: **Dan Maher, Pio Ryan and Ciara O'Donnell.** This is an event for residents and carers at Portumna Retirement Village. **Time:** 2pm **Venue:** Portumna Retirement Village

FILM *Documentary: Violet Gibson: The Irish Woman Who Shot Mussolini with Q&A* In 1926, 49-year-old Violet Gibson, daughter of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, shot Italian fascist dictator Benito Mussolini at point-blank range in front of an adoring crowd in Campidoglio Rome. This is the story of why one woman attempted such a brazen assassination. Followed by Q&A with Director: Barrie Dowdall. **Time:** 2.30pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 90mins **Admission:** €7



Fri 15th Sept

MUSIC *Bog Bodies - Festival In A Van* Description see previous 2pm. **Time:** 4pm **Venue:** Castle Harbour Marina **Duration:** 45mins **Admission:** Free

FILM *Shorts* A selection of **film shorts**, please see page 5 for full description. **Time:** 5pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 70mins **Admission:** €7

MUSIC *Songs and Stories of Percy French* Join the Percy French Troubadours in an evening of songs, poems and sketches by Percy French, where you will be entertained by a 5-piece band and 15 delightful Troubadours. **Time:** 6pm **Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Duration:** 2hrs **Admission:** €15

MUSIC *Cathy Davey & Band in Concert* Join **Cathy Davey** and her band for a headline event. Cathy, a Dublin born singer/songwriter is often compared to Björk, PJ Harvey and Kate Bush. Known for her unique sounds of rock infused with hypnotic tones, her songs include *Reuben*, *Moving*, and *Sing for Your Supper* and her album *Something Illk.* **Time:** 9pm **Venue:** Christ Church, Portumna **Duration:** 90mins **Admission:** €20 **Sponsor:** Bank of Ireland, Portumna

Sat 16th Sept

WALK *Herb & Plant Walk with Leslie Maya Souchere* Take a stroll through the beautiful An Gáirdín with Herbalist and Naturopath **Leslie Maya Souchere** where you will look into herbal identification and medicinal use of common weeds and culinary herbs. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** (Numbers limited): 083 4625317. **Time:** 10am **Venue:** An Gáirdín – Outdoors **Duration:** 90mins **Admission:** €7

POETRY WORKSHOP *Poetry Workshop with Anne F. O'Reilly* Poetry workshop suitable for all levels - max 10 people. **Anne F. O'Reilly** is a Dublin based writer, poet, creative facilitator, and keynote speaker who works with poetry as a doorway into imagination. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** (12 spaces): 087 2931055. Over 18+. **Time:** 10am **Venue:** An Gáirdín **Duration:** 2.5hrs **Admission:** €15

CRAFT WORKSHOP *Rushwork Workshop with Gerardine Wisdom* Come and rustle rushes with Gerardine. Weave some rushes into a St. Bridget's doll or onto a jam jar to create a rushwork vase to bring home. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** (10 spaces): 087 2630037. **Time:** 10am **Venue:** Portumna Day Centre **Duration:** 2hrs **Admission:** €15

WORKSHOP *Freeing the Natural Voice with Speaking Voice Coach Angela Metzler* Coaching session, based on Linklater Voice Teaching Practice for amateur or professional actors, writers, reciters, performers, lecturers, teachers and all wishing to improve the abilities of their speaking voice. Please bring a mat or blanket, comfortable clothes, curiosity and some lines learned by heart which have a special meaning for you. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** (15 spaces) 087 4776287. **Time:** 10am **Venue:** VEC, Portumna **Duration:** 3hrs **Admission:** €25

WORKSHOP *Circus Skills with Little Top Stars* Little Top Stars workshops use circus skills to connect education, physical art and social development in a fun way. **Time:** 10am for 4-6yr olds / 11.30am for 7-11yr olds / 2.30pm for 12+ yr olds. **Venue:** St Brendan's National School **Duration:** 45mins each. **Admission:** €5 on the door.

WORKSHOP *Children's Mixed Media Art Workshop with Hayley Aldous* Your child can explore basic principles and techniques of collage, colour theory and painting to produce a mixed media art board. Note: Wear old clothes or an apron. Age: 8-12yrs. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** (Numbers limited): 087 9014353. **Time:** 11am **Venue:** Portumna Community School **Duration:** 2hrs **Admission:** €10





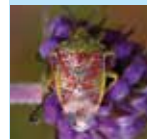
Sat 16th Sept

CHILDREN *Jay Ryan Pignut Productions at Portumna Library***Monsters & Things Puppet Show** Time: 11am & 12pm Ages: 4-10**The Flea Circus** Feats of bravery and beauty by highly trained, teeny tiny fleas!! Time: 2pm**Venue:** Portumna Library **Duration:** 25mins for both **Admission:** €5 on the door**STREET ENTERTAINMENT** **Magical Mayhem with Tony Baloney** Join **Tony Baloney** and his talking dog Leroy for magic, puppets and science experiments.**Time:** 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm, 5pm **Venue:** Town Square **Duration:** 30mins **Adm:** Free**DRAMA** **Why I haven't met Oprah, Yet** written and performed by **Dee Keogh**

With her Dublin humour, and with her unwavering belief that dreams do come true, Dee's one act will delight the audience through the highs and lows of pursuing that dream. It will challenge the law of attraction, the power of having a vision, and pursuing a goal. You will come away with an invitation to follow your own dreams.

Time: 1pm **Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Duration:** 45mins **Admission:** €10**PHOTOGRAPHY TALK** **Otherworldly Wonders of our Bogs & Wetlands** with **Tina Claffey**Award-winning nature photographer, **Tina Claffey**, will take you on a visual stroll through the seasons in our bogs and wetlands, revealing otherworldly wonders of flora and fauna as seen through her macro lens.**Time:** 2.30pm **Venue:** An Gáirdín **Duration:** 70mins **Admission:** Free**HISTORY TALK & EXHIBITION** **From the Golden Age of Illustration to the Great War. The life and works of Thomas Butler Stoney (1885-1917)** with **David Broderick**

David resurrects the stories of two Victorian artists, Thomas and Charles Butler Stoney of Portland Park, Tipperary.

Time: 2.30pm **Venue:** Irish Workhouse Centre **Duration:** 1hr **Admission:** Free**LITERARY** **Western Words with Poets Amy Barry, Noelle Lynskey & Luke Morgan**Galway based **Luke Morgan** whose collection, *Beast* (Arlen House) is described in the Irish Times as showing "a real ambition" reads alongside **Amy Abdullah Barry** originally from Penang, now living in Athlone. *Firting with Tigers* (Dedalus) is her debut collection. Joined by **Noelle Lynskey**, widely published Portumna-based poet and current Poet Laureate of Strokestown.**Time:** 4pm **Venue:** Christ Church, Portumna **Duration:** 1hr **Admission:** €10**FILM** **Shorts** A selection of **film shorts**, please see page 5 for full description.**Time:** 5pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 70mins **Admission:** €7**LITERARY** **A Century Of Brendan Behan with Donal Fallon & Fergus Whelan****Donal Fallon** (Newstalk's Hidden Histories) and historian **Fergus Whelan** will discuss the work and legacy of Brendan Behan. Expect some songs and plenty of stories about one of Ireland's most beloved writers and radicals.**Time:** 6pm **Venue:** Portumna Daycare Centre **Duration:** 75mins **Admission:** €15**FILM** **Writing Home** Description on page 8.**Time:** 7.30pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 91mins **Admission:** €7**MUSIC** **In Concert: Ye Vagabonds** Join brothers Brían and Diarmuid Mac Gloinn known as **Ye Vagabonds** with their band who are at the fore of a new wave of Irish folk and winners of multiple awards. Collecting folk songs as well as performing their own original material, their blend of harmonic folk music is influenced by traditional Irish and European music, American old time, and the music of the 1960s folk revival.**Time:** 9pm **Venue:** Christ Church, Portumna **Duration:** 90mins **Admission:** €25**Sponsor:** Atheryn Credit Union, Portumna

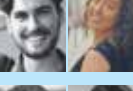
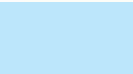
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DANCE **Mindful Movement – 5Rhythms® with Jenny Fahy** The 5Rhythms® is a creative, expressive, healing movement practice that is enjoyed by many people across the world. It is open to all ages, genders, shapes, abilities and sizes. Everyone can dance, everyone can move, regardless of what your mind tells you. Come and join this class for a creative, fun, playful start to your Sunday morning.**Time:** 10.30am **Venue:** Irish Workhouse Centre **Duration:** 90mins **Admission:** €15**LITERARY** **Lines Learned by Heart** welcomes reciters and rhymers to enter this ever popular Shorelines event. To register your entry in the recitation competition, and to be in with a chance to win the Nicholas Treacy Award, text your name with the title of your recitation to 087 2931055. €5 per entrant. **Note:** The recitation chosen by each participant must be written by a poet prior to 1935 and must be recited off by heart with a time limit of 5 mins max per entrant. A prompter will be on hand to assist any stage fright!**Time:** 11.30am **Venue:** Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 90mins **Admission:** Donation at door**LITERARY** **Sunday Stories & Tunes with Doire Press** Doire Press presents two of their published writers, **Órfhlaith Foyle & Maurice Devitt** in a session of words, stories, poetry and music from **Trad Óg. Órfhlaith Foyle**, based in Galway is a short story writer, poet and dramatist and lives in Galway. **Maurice Devitt**, curator of the Irish Centre for Poetry Studies site (with 3500 followers) has chaired the pre-eminent Hibernian Writers' Group. **Time:** 2pm **Venue:** Christ Church, Portumna **Duration:** 1hr **Admission:** Free**FILM** **Who We Love** Set against the backdrop of Dublin's vibrant and sometimes dark LGBTQ+ scene meet best friends Lily and Simon who navigate the troubled waters of school life under the sharp eye of a reluctant mentor.

Followed by Q&A with Director/Writer: Graham Cantwell.

Time: 2.30pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 92mins **Admission:** €7**MUSIC** **What a Wonderful World - An Afternoon Recital hosted by****David Kennedy & Friends** **David Kennedy**, from Eyrecourt, hosts an afternoon feast of popular classics from the world of opera, musical, song and more! Joined by three more fantastic artists: **Eadaoin Hasset** (Soprano, Kildare), **Laura Konrad** (Soprano, Switzerland) and **Doireann O'Carroll** (Piano, Kerry).**Time:** 3.30pm **Venue:** Christ Church, Portumna **Duration:** 70mins **Admission:** €15**FILM** **Shorts** A selection of **film shorts**, please see page 5 for full description.**Time:** 5pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 70mins **Admission:** €7**LITERARY** **Invisible Threads - In Conversation with Marguerite****MacCurtin** Join writer, **Marguerite MacCurtin** with her travel essays *Invisible Threads* (Veritas). Journey with her through her encounters with landscape, fabrics, colour and people as she reads and converses with Noelle Lynskey. **Time:** 5.30pm **Venue:** Christ Church, Portumna **Duration:** 1hr **Admission:** €10**DRAMA** **The Ballad of Mossy Flood by Seamus O'Rourke** Mossy Flood has a knack of going the long way around a story. In so doing, he makes us laugh and examine ourselves in a way we haven't done before. He might be an unsociable odd-ball with a big thick head, but his wrestle with the everyday is pure gold. He will always land on his feet or at least somewhere near his feet... because he is Mossy Flood... and he's from Longford.**Time:** 8pm **Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Duration:** 70mins **Admission:** €15**Sponsor:** Dr Bernadette Finneran

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