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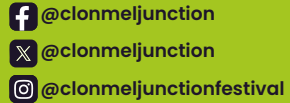
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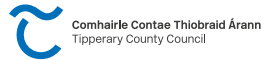
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# Welcome to the 25th Clonmel Junction Arts Festival

## What a fantastic range of encounters we have in store for you.

This year's theme is 'Encounters' and what a fantastic range of encounters we have in store for you. From our inaugural Vincent Hanley Summer School – a celebration of Vincent's legacy through a series of talks interspersed with live music – to new works, concerts, literary events, theatre, dance performances, as well as family events on Kickham Plaza on both weekends, there really is something for everyone in our busy 10-day programme. So, delve in and try something new, bring your friends and family and gather at the many events held in Clonmel's historic venues and beautiful cultural spaces.

Visit Kickham Plaza for the Snug – a space for discussions and the odd seisiún or two – circus, dance, music performances and workshops, or STAC Chapel for a packed schedule of dance, theatre and music performances. Check out performances from Irish Modern Dance Theatre, Eamon O'Malley, the Banshee Brass Quintet, the Irish National Opera, Nth Degree Productions, ConTempo Quartet, Bits and Bobs Orchestra, and Suzanne Buttimer...and peep behind the curtain to see work in development from Aoife Delany Reade, Eve O'Mahony and the cultural exchange, SPLASH Lab.

Pop into the Main Guard for the 'Encounters with the River Suir' exhibition, and our hugely popular Spoken Word event.

Don't forget to call in to see Asylum Productions on O'Connell Street – a hive of activity where they're looking to harvest your stories. Next, call into STAC for an 'Encounter with Failure', an exhibition inspired by the works that didn't quite make the grade.

Visit the Tipperary Museum of Hidden History for an exhibition relating to iconic 1980s culture, inspired by Clonmel's own Vincent Hanley or hop across the square and see the Photographic-Haiku exhibition in Clonmel Library.

Take in the new Bridget film, Blue Road or TUS student animations at IMC Cinema or Baker's Bar for unreal beats from Zimbabwean band Gonora Sounds, theatre from Anseo Anois Theatre, comedy with Áine Gallagher and local bands.

Old St Mary's will offer festival highlights with performances from Oisín Leech and Lemoncello, supported by Clonmel's Eve Whelan and Ross Boland. Whatever you choose I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the many arts encounters at Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2025.



**Rebecca Lenehan**  
Artistic Director,  
Clonmel Junction Arts Festival

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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Friday 4th July

6pm-8pm	Exhibition Launch and Festival Opening (E)	STAC	07
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Saturday 5th July

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7pm	Eamon O'Malley Concert: 24:09 (M)	STAC Chapel	12
8pm	Vincent Hanley Summer School: LGBTQ+ Rights (T, M)	Showgrounds	12
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Sunday 6th July

12.30pm	Outdoor Yoga in the Park (WS)	Denis Burke Park	13
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3pm	Encounters with the River Suir (E, L)	Main Guard	14
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6pm	Vincent Hanley Summer School: Vincent Hanley Legacy (T, M)	Showgrounds	15
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9pm	The Ryans & Friends (M)	Baker's Bar	17

### Tuesday 8th July

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### Wednesday 9th July

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7pm	Crime Night: Patricia Gibney in Conversation with Stephanie Woods (L)	STAC Chapel	21
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### Thursday 10th July

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2pm-4pm	Asylum Productions Present 'Gutted' (TH)	O'Connell Street	22
7pm	Mr Bergmann of Deadman's Point (TH)	STAC Chapel	23
9pm	Gonora Sounds (M)	Baker's Bar	23



### Friday 11th July

11am	Coffee Concert with Suzanne Buttimer (M)	STAC Chapel	24
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### Saturday 12th July

11am-4pm	Family Fun Day (FE)	Kickham Plaza	26
11.30am, 12.30pm & 1.30pm	Des Dillon Puppet Show (FE)	STAC Chapel	26
12pm, 1pm and 2pm	SPLASH Lab Performances (D, FE)	Kickham Plaza	26
2pm-4pm	Asylum Productions Present 'Gutted' (TH)	O'Connell St	27
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4.30pm	Double Bill: Cikada Circus and Lacunavicci (C/S)	Dome Kickham Plaza	28
7pm	The Doll's Hospital (TH)	STAC Chapel	28
9pm	Lemoncello (M)	Old St Mary's Church	29

### Sunday 13th July

11am	Workshop 1: Cikada Circus Skills Workshops (WS)	Dome Kickham Plaza	30
12.15pm	Workshop 2: Cikada Circus Skills Workshops (WS)	Dome Kickham Plaza	30
12pm	Book Club with Maggie Armstrong (L)	Clonmel Library	30
1pm	Eamon O'Malley Concert: 24:09 (M)	STAC Chapel	31
2pm	The Illumination (TH, FE)	Main Guard	31
2.30pm	Double Bill: Cikada Circus and Lacunavicci (C/S)	Dome Kickham Plaza	31
8pm	ConTempo Concert (M)	STAC Chapel	32
10pm	Devil's Cadillac (M)	Baker's Bar	32

### Exhibitions

4th July-20th September	Vincent Hanley and the 80s (E) Museum of Hidden History Exhibition	Museum of Hidden History	33
4th July-13th July	Encounters with the River Suir (E)	Main Guard	33
7th-19th July	Photography-Haiku Exhibition (E)	Clonmel Library	33



6pm–8pm

Friday 4th July

## **Exhibition Launch and Festival Opening – *Encounters with Failure*** – South Tipperary Arts Centre

This group exhibition curated by Helena Tobin focuses on our 'encounters with failure', something we all experience, despite our attempts to avoid it. Artists constantly repurpose failed project proposals, texts, paintings and other discarded materials into new works or ideas, but often there is work that is deemed a failure even before it sees the light of day. This exhibition explores what failure means to different people, and how some artists use it, embrace it and actively seek it out.

**The exhibition will include work by: Shirani Bolle, Sean Farrell, Beth Fox, Noel Hensey, Niamh Hughes and Clare Scott.**

**STAC opening hours: 10am–5pm Tuesday to Saturday**

**Exhibition runs until 2nd August**



FREE | Suitable for all ages

7pm

Friday 4th July



## **Keeping Vigil**

– Baker's Bar

Three friends reunite in their hometown on the eve of a funeral to stay awake overnight and keep vigil over the body. A bittersweet reunion becomes a nostalgic trip down memory lane as libations are poured and stories are retold. But as the night progresses, old tensions resurface and new secrets emerge. Nostalgia inevitably gives way to the present and old ties are tested by an uneasy reckoning with the past – and each other. Among the fraying loose ends and crumbling half-truths, will this night bring them back together or tear them apart?

€12 (€10) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 40 mins

A Work in Progress presentation.

**Anseo Anois Theatre is an award-winning theatre company producing work that is curious, contemporary, and character-driven.**

Friday  
4th July

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8pm

Friday 4th July

## Rockin' the 80s

### Vincent Hanley Summer School: The Music Legacy of Vincent Hanley with Conor McAnally and Guest Speakers

#### - Showgrounds Shopping Centre

A highlight of this year's programme is the Vincent Hanley Summer School, a symposium and vital opportunity to celebrate one of Ireland's significant celebrities and cultural figures, Vincent Hanley, a Clonmel native.

TV writer, producer and director Conor McAnally will be joined by Billy McGrath (Filmmaker and Irish TV veteran) and Jim Carroll (music journalist and editor RTÉ Brainstorm) to discuss Vincent's life as a pioneer of Irish broadcasting, trailblazer and household favourite, with an encyclopaedic knowledge of music and popular culture that took him past radio to TV and beyond.

Since his death in 1987 and despite his iconic status, Vincent has not been given the critical attention he deserves beyond a couple of TV and film documentaries. The Vincent Hanley Summer School seeks to right this imbalance, exploring Vincent's legacy while also endeavouring to make sense of the extraordinary change in Irish society in the intervening years.

**With live music from The Waheys.**

€18 (€15) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 120 mins

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## For the Record

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The walls are listening. Collecting memories like condensation. Songs woven into stories.

**Bring back the beat, or enjoy the silence?  
The choice is ours...**

A research and development project with guest DJs and story sharing.

FREE | Suitable for all ages

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10.30am

Saturday 5th July

## Tom Campbell's 100 Dogs Project Walk

– Meeting at the Box Office at Showgrounds Shopping Centre and walking to Kickham Plaza

The 100 Dogs Project, a community engagement project with artist Tom Campbell, has been going down a storm with Clonmel schools and community groups in the build-up to the festival.

Cork-based multidisciplinary visual artist, Tom Campbell brought his love for papier-mâché as a fast and environmentally sustainable way of making sculpture to Clonmel for a six-week residency in the run up to the festival, working with: St Mary's Parochial School, Sisters of Charity Special School, Sisters of Charity N.S., Ardfinnan N.S., St Oliver's School, Tidy Towns, Family Carers Clonmel, Clonmel Community Youth Project, The Rehab Group, Ancaire Autism Outreach Service, National Learning Network, and The Involvement Centre Clonmel.

FREE | Suitable for all ages



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Meet us at 10.30am at The Box Office to help walk the 100 life sized papier-mâché dogs or join us on the Kickham Plaza at 11am for the Family Fun Day – all four-legged friends welcome too.

Watch out for the 100 Dogs appearing at venues throughout the festival – who let the dogs out?

11am

Saturday 5th July

## Publishing Your Poetry Workshop

– Clonmel Library

Booking via [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com) or at our Box Office is required for attendance at this event.

Join Joanne McCarthy, bilingual poet, translator and co-editor of The Waxed Lemon Literary Journal in this practical workshop exploring the dos and don'ts of publishing your poetry in contemporary journals.

Explore a list of active journals, and their submission windows and submission criteria. Hear top tips and common pitfalls! This workshop will be in English, but we will also explore how to publish your Irish language poems. Gaeilge agus Fáilte. Beginners welcome.

FREE | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 60 mins



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**11am-4pm**

**Saturday 5th July**



## Family Fun Day – Kickham Plaza



**Join us for a day filled with music, circus and environmentally sustainable arts and crafts activities for all to engage in.**

Make lanterns using repurposed materials with artist Derek Harvey, creative prints with hedgerow finds with artist Ellie Kennedy or sun catchers with the Involvement Centre. Immerse yourself in the delight of working with clay as you model a pinch pot, a wall tile, a character or a trinket dish at this free activity sponsored by Cahir Arts.

Culminating on the last day of their Rock Camp and Trad Camp, Tipperary Music Generation will showcase their talented young musicians with live performances on Kickham Plaza. Grab a coffee or something to eat from one of our artisan food and drink stalls and sit back and enjoy the show!

**FREE** | Suitable for all ages



**Book a place on the  
Rock Camp or Trad Camp  
via the QR code**

**11.30am** – Uproar Choir with musical direction from Eamon O'Malley  
**12pm** – Music Generation Rock Camp Showcase  
**1.15pm** – Sanita Circus Show 1

**2pm** – Music Generation Trad Camp Showcase  
**2.45pm** – Male Voice Ensemble 'Silvertones' from Galway  
**3.15pm** – Sanita Circus Show 2



## **1.15pm and 3.15pm Sanita Circus: Doris and Mabel's Book Club**

**– Kickham Plaza**

Step into a world of wonder with best friends Doris and Mabel as Sanita Circus, a dynamic duo based in Belfast, bring Doris and Mabel's Book Club to Clonmel, delivering unrelenting silliness fused with jaw dropping skills. A thrill ride of a circus show, expect acrobatics, breathtaking aerial, mayhem and fun with best friends Doris and Mabel.

Watch as their love of books and boiled sweets transform into breathtaking aerial performances and acrobatics that bring stories to life.

Join these kick-ass circus women for a show filled with laughter, awe, and pure magic.

Perfect for all ages, this is a unique experience you don't want to miss!

**FREE** | Suitable for all ages

1pm-7pm

Saturday 5th July



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## The Snug – Kickham Plaza

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and social media for updates.

The SNUG is a 6x6m popup real-world 'chat room' exploring the place and places of conversation in contemporary Ireland. Led by international arts collective Unqualified Design Studio (Architecture Project Award 2023/24), the project invites communities to come together to examine the relationship between the stories we tell and the spaces where we tell them – asking what it is that makes us feel connected to each other and the world around us.

### 1pm-2pm BIG FISH, SMALL POND

Civil rights activist and curator of the Irish Queer Archive, Tonie Walsh and artist Tom Campbell discuss creative expression in rural towns with guests.

Hosted by Unqualified Design Studio.

### 3pm Session (local performers/comhaltas)

Join us Saturday 5th to Wednesday 9th for animated chat, captivating stories and an energetic seisiún or two.

FREE | Suitable for all ages  
(no alcoholic beverages will be served)

4pm

Saturday 5th July



## Irish Modern Dance Theatre presents 'Hyperactive' – STAC Chapel

A live, high-energy human dance installation with wild street energy, 'Hyperactive' is hugely athletic, funny and exciting.

Stretching horseplay and dance to the limit, this high-energy piece features a diverse cast of five virtuosic outstanding male dancers, whose backgrounds range from Broadway to downtown to Afro-Brazilian street dance. Premiered at Galway Arts Festival and Dublin Dance Festival and La MaMa Moves Dance Festival, 'Hyperactive' shows a snapshot of contemporary Irish masculinity and diversity.

€15 (€10) | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 60 mins

Founded in 1991 by dancer and choreographer John Scott, Irish Modern Dance Theatre is one of the most original and responsive dance companies working in Ireland today.

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**7pm**

**Saturday 5th July**

**Eamon O'Malley Concert: 24:09**  
**- STAC Chapel**

Composer and performer Eamon O'Malley presents a performance of original music, headlined by the premiere of 24:09 – a new work for piano and electronics inspired by Sean Kelly's legendary 1985 time trial from Carrick-on-Suir to Clonmel in the Nissan Classic. This real-time musical meditation explores the intensity of the athletic feat, the surrounding landscape, and the atmosphere of the event itself. The performance will be accompanied by a specially commissioned video work by visual artist John O'Dwyer. O'Malley's work is deeply rooted in local place and experience, yet resonates with a sense of universal connection.

€18 (€15) | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 50 mins



**8pm**

**Saturday 5th July**

**Rockin' the 80s**  
**Vincent Hanley Summer School:**  
**A Discussion on Vincent Hanley and LGBTQ+ Rights**  
**with Tonie Walsh and Guest Speakers**  
**- Showgrounds Shopping Centre**

As a young gay man, Vincent was emblematic of a newly emboldened generation of LGBTQ+ people that left an indelible mark on a society grappling with change and modernity. Ireland's first celebrity AIDS death, Vincent Hanley deserves to be defined by more than just the manner of his passing, as culturally significant as it was. Vincent's life and times, especially the 1980s, will spark the evening's discussion, exploring the AIDS pandemic and its casualties with all the necessary candour, empathy and critical thinking that the catastrophe demands. Since his death in 1987 and despite his iconic status, Vincent has not been given the critical attention he deserves beyond a couple of TV and film documentaries. Tonie Walsh (civil rights activist and curator of the Irish Queer Archive) is joined by Dr Páircé Kerrigan (Professor in Media Studies at UCD and author of *Reeling in The Queens*) and Anna Nolan, current chair of the National LGBT Federation and former Big Brother contestant, seek to right this imbalance, exploring Vincent's legacy while also endeavouring to make sense of the extraordinary change in Irish society in the intervening years.

**With live music from Garage Inc.**

€18 (€15) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 120 mins

**CAMIDA**

**10.30pm**

**Saturday 5th July**

**DJ Tonie Walsh**

**- Baker's Bar**

Legendary DJ Tonie Walsh will be Rockin' the 80s in Baker's – you'll want to be there!

€5 | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 120 mins





12.30pm

Sunday 6th July



## Outdoor Yoga in the Park

– Denis Burke Park



This is the perfect time to take your yoga practice outdoors, feel the grass beneath your feet, and breathe in the fresh air, so join us for our outdoor yoga session to feel refreshed and ready for the week ahead.

FREE | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 60 mins

1pm–7pm

Sunday 6th July



## The Snug

– Kickham Plaza

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### 1pm–2pm MOL AN ÓIGE

Vincent Hanley's legacy – Conor McAnally and Tipperary County Council Regeneration Officer chat with musician Adam Buttimer and writer/actor Aoife Delany Reade about cultural infrastructure in Irish towns and starting careers in the arts. Hosted by Unqualified Design Studio.

### 3pm Session (local performers/comhaltas)

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See pg 11 for full details.

FREE | Suitable for all ages



2pm

Sunday 6th July



## The Illumination

– Denis Burke Park

The Illumination is a show with a mixture of storytelling and theatrical re-enactment that delves into the lives of women of our distant past. Women of Chinese, Irish, African, Latin, Native American and Indian cultures are showcased. Come and join us for an immersive experience of stories and family activities.

Booking via [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com) or at our Box Office is required for attendance at this event.

FREE | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 90 mins



3pm

Sunday 6th July

## Encounters with the River Suir: Exhibition Opening and Community Poem Performance

### - Main Guard

Join us for the official opening of this mixed media exhibition responding to the theme 'Encounters with the River Suir' featuring the work of Tipperary artists Annie Hogg, Marine Kearney and Shay Hurley and curated by Iris Vos. Also featuring a performance of a community poem following poet Eileen Acheson's engagement with the Suir Dragon Paddlers, a group of inspirational breast cancer survivors and their support team. Focusing on the theme 'Encounters', Eileen and the group looked at the therapeutic aspect of paddling and what they have encountered through their journeys both on the water and in life. Together they produced a collaborative poem that will be presented and performed during the festival.

FREE | Suitable for all ages



4pm

Sunday 6th July



## Music, Magic and Mischief: A Guide to Falling in Love in Opera

### - STAC Chapel

Hear the stars of tomorrow perform some of the greatest scenes. We'll be venturing to mystical lands with Mozart and Handel, mourning doomed romances with Massenet and celebrating good times with Strauss. This 60-minute performance is a whistlestop tour through the gamut of emotions opera has to offer, all set to spectacular music.

Featuring members of the *Irish National Opera Studio* (the company's artist development programme), this is a chance to see some of Ireland's most promising operatic talents of the future explore some of the world's greatest operas. Singers **Deirdre Higgins**, **Leanne Fitzgerald**, **Cathal McCabe** and **David Kennedy** take on multiple roles, directed by **Grace Morgan** with répétiteur **Ella Nagy** at the piano.

€18 (€15) | Ages: 12+ | Duration: 60 mins



INO is principally funded by the Arts Council of Ireland.

6pm

Sunday 6th July

**Rockin' the 80s**

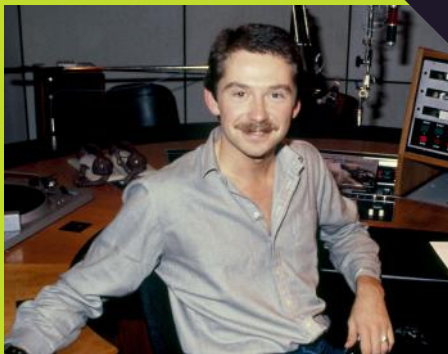
**Vincent Hanley Summer School:  
Conor McAnally and Tonie Walsh in  
Conversation with Helen Carroll  
– Showgrounds Shopping Centre**

As an important platform to recognise and explore Vincent Hanley's legacy, the Vincent Hanley Summer School concludes a fantastic line-up of speakers over the weekend with an in-depth conversation between Tonie Walsh and Conor McAnally with guest presenter Helen Carroll (Irish TV presenter and journalist) – an opportunity to celebrate 1980s music culture as well as look to the future and Vincent's legacy as a broadcasting trailblazer and what future generations can learn from him.

**With live music from Zrazy.**



€18 (€15) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 120 mins



8pm

Sunday 6th July

**Clonmel Story Slam**

**– Baker's Bar**

Co-ordinated by local carpenter, sheep farmer, storyteller and poet Joe Whelan, a regular 'Sunday Miscellany' contributor, the Story Slam offers local storytellers a platform to tell a true story against the clock. With live music.

€12 (€10) | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 120 mins

9pm

Sunday 6th July

**Banshee Brass Quintet Concert:  
Romeo and Juliet Told Through  
Classical Music (Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev  
and Bernstein)**

**– STAC Chapel**

Join Banshee Brass Quintet for an enchanting evening as they explore the timeless tale of Romeo and Juliet through three iconic musical interpretations. Guided by Megan Churcher, they will journey from Tchaikovsky's dramatic overture to Prokofiev's intense ballet, and finally to Bernstein's vibrant *West Side Story*.

Each work, reduced for brass quintet, offers a unique lens into classical music's enduring fascination with Shakespeare's tragic romance. Through powerful melodies and insightful narration, this concert unpacks how composers across time have reimagined young love, fate, and conflict—revealing why this story continues to inspire.

€18 (€15) | Ages: 12+ | Duration: 60 mins







**11am–3pm**

**Monday 7th July**

## The Lab

### – Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Drop by The Lab, a pop-up workshop space in the Showgrounds Shopping Centre, for a VR drawing lesson like you've never experienced before.

During this drop-in workshop hosted by TUS you will create pictures in the air that will blow your mind.

FREE | Ages: 5+



**12pm–6pm**

**Monday 7th July**



## The Snug

### – Kickham Plaza

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#### 1pm THE ANSWER IS INSIDE

Responding to place – Éanna Grogan and Eve O'Mahony in conversation with Brian Hand (OPW Architect) on how different spaces can influence and inspire us. Hosted by Unqualified Design Studio.

#### 3pm Live Music

#### 5pm Meditation and mindfulness

Join us Saturday 5th to Wednesday 9th for animated chat, captivating stories and an energetic seisiún or two. See pg 11 for full details.

FREE | Suitable for all ages



**6pm**

**Monday 7th July**



## TUS Student Animation Showcase – IMC Cinema

Book your ticket early for the premiere of the animated film shorts by second year Digital Animation students at Technological University of the Shannon School of Art and Design Clonmel campus.

The students have created five two-minute films on the festival theme, 'Encounters' – *Ag Dul Thart*, *Flight*, *Going Nuts*, *Guardian of the East*, and *Spooked*. Be ready to be stunned by their animations and join us for the premiere or catch them ahead of each regular screening at IMC throughout the festival.

FREE | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 60 mins



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8pm

Monday 7th July

**Bridget**

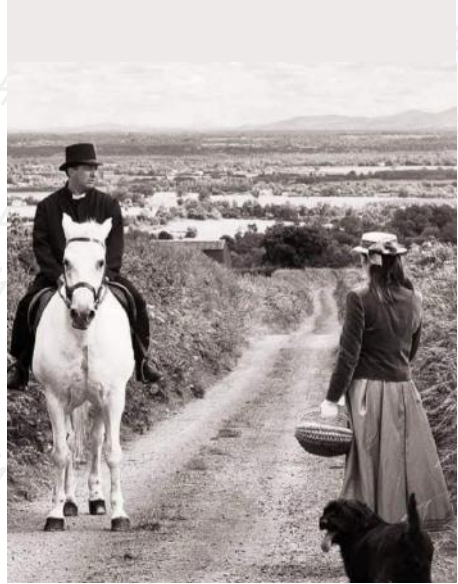
- IMC Cinema

The Fionn MacCumhaill players present a new short film telling the life story of Bridget Cleary who died violently in 1895 in Ballyvadlea near Cloneen, Tipperary at the hands of her husband Michael. Bridget, a young seamstress from Ballyvadlea in the parish of Drangan/Cloneen, became ill in March 1895 and her husband, believing her to be a changeling, convinced the family, including her father, that she had been taken by the fairies.

Using herbs and potions from a local herbalist Bridget was forced to drink the concoctions and was tortured by using a red-hot poker by her husband as he tried to rid her from the spell and bring his wife back. Michael eventually cracked on 15th March and burned her to death in a fit of rage. This film aims to bring some vindication for Bridget who was treated badly in life - and indeed in death. No marker was ever put on her grave - she was buried late at night by four RIC officers with no mourners.

Michael Cleary was convicted of manslaughter and her family all served time in prison.

€10 (€8) | Ages: 12+ | Duration: 35 mins  
+ Q&A with Anne Williamson and Brian Clancy



9pm

Monday 7th July

**The Ryans & Friends**  
- Baker's Bar

Round the night off with live music at Baker's.

FREE | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 120 mins

Tuesday  
8th July

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11am-3pm

Tuesday 8th July

## The Lab - Showgrounds Shopping Centre



Today we welcome PhD student Jos Gijbels and his virtual reality mindfulness prototype app for cancer survivors to The Lab. Drop by and experience deep relaxation through VR – and find out more about a truly inspiring project.

FREE | Ages: 5+



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12pm-6pm

Tuesday 8th July

## The Snug - Kickham Plaza

See [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com)  
and social media for updates.

### 1pm PROCESS OVER PRODUCT

SPLASH Lab residency artists discuss their process-based six-day encounter in Clonmel with Kate Laffan, Architect on the recently completed Sadler's Wells Dance Theatre (O'Donnell & Tuomey). Hosted by Unqualified Design Studio.

### 3pm Live Music

Join us Saturday 5th to Wednesday 9th for animated chat, captivating stories and an energetic seisiún or two.

See pg 11 for full details.

FREE | Suitable for all ages

For more information visit [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com) or call 087 382 3000

6pm

Tuesday 8th July

**Blue Road – The Edna O'Brien Story (2024)**

– IMC Cinema

This documentary portrait, completed shortly before her death last year, recounts writer Edna O'Brien's controversial life, novels, love affairs, and stardom through personal journals (read with verve by Jessie Buckley), contributions from Gabriel Byrne, Anne Enright and other luminaries, and a remarkable final interview with Edna, now aged 93 as she reflects with dignity and candour on her extraordinary life.

€10 (€8) | Age: 12+ | Duration: 100 mins



8.30pm

Tuesday 8th July

**When All the World Is Quiet – A Rehearsed Reading**

– STAC Chapel

*When All the World Is Quiet* is a new play by Aoife Delany Reade exploring individual responsibility in the face of colonialism.

In a near-future Ireland, the promise of globalization has dissolved and given way to occupation by colonial powers. Only one island off the west coast remains untouched.

On Inis Rua, siblings Áine and Dáithí are at odds over the island's fate. Áine is determined to join the mainland's fight for independence, forgoing the island's neutrality. Dáithí is determined to spare his people from a Sisyphean battle – he hopes by preserving their culture, Ireland can one day rebuild itself.

Please note this is a rehearsed reading. This performance contains references to war and violence.

€8 (€5) | Ages: 13+ | Duration: 75 mins  
(60 min + 15 min talkback)

Aoife Delany Reade is a theatre-maker from Tipperary, living in Galway. Her practice lies in playwriting, participatory and devised works.

9pm

Tuesday 8th July

**Hesitation**

– Baker's Bar

Round the night off with live music at Baker's.

FREE | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 120 mins

11am–3pm

Wednesday 9th July

## The Lab

### – Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Drop by The Lab for more fun workshops in the Showgrounds Shopping Centre. Bring your own plain t-shirt and transform it into a work of art with the help of our creative designers and a Cricut – the smart cutting machine... **Be ready to be amazed at what you can create!**

FREE | Ages: 5+

12pm–6pm

Wednesday 9th July



## The Snug

### – Kickham Plaza

#### 1pm PLAY: SPACE

Imagining future histories of O'Connell Street with Donál Gallagher, Medb Lambert and Aileen Wylde from Asylum Productions ('GUTTED'). Hosted by Irish Architecture Foundation.

#### 3pm WE NEED SOME NEW MATERIAL

Historian Shay Hurley and comedian Áine Gallagher talk to Tipperary-based Architect Tom O'Brien and artist Mollie Anna King about encounters with land, language, and local knowledge. Hosted by TYPE.

Join us Saturday 5th to Wednesday 9th for animated chat, captivating stories and an energetic seisiún or two.

See pg 11 for full details.

FREE | Suitable for all ages

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1pm–2pm

Wednesday 9th July



## A Cup of Focals with Áine Gallagher

### – O'Connell Street and cafés

"A Cup of Focals" is Áine's Guerrilla Gaeilge endeavour, where she likes to pop up in random spots with a cup full of Irish words and ask strangers if they'd like a focal. The aim is to surprise people into having a quick, fun and friendly chat in Irish.

FREE | Suitable for all ages

2pm–4pm

Wednesday 9th July

## Asylum Productions Present 'Gutted'

### – O'Connell Street

Asylum Productions invites you to come and share your stories of O'Connell Street, as they begin development for their next Clonmel show. Asylum Productions invites you to meet with Clonglomocorp – the new property tycoons of O'Connell Street. In their pop-up 'Gutted' the faceless moguls will extract your stories and mutate them into their nefarious town plans...

The company that bought you *Everything Must Go!* (Market Place, 2022) returns to begin a 2-year development process for their next Clonmel show, and they need your help. Come on down to Annerley Jewellers, O'Connell Street and share your thoughts and ideas about the past, present and future of Clonmel's main thoroughfare. Last time Clonglomocorp took the town's heart; this time they want its brains... **#whatsyourbuzz #buzzoff**

FREE | Suitable for all ages



7pm

Wednesday 9th July

## Crime Night: Patricia Gibney in Conversation with Stephanie Woods

### - STAC Chapel

Crime Night is back by popular demand. This year we welcome author Patricia Gibney from Mullingar, Co Westmeath, whose debut novel, *The Missing Ones*, was published by London based digital publisher, Bookouture, in March 2017. Featuring the main character Detective Inspector Lottie Parker and set in the fictional Irish town of Ragmullin (an anagram of Mullingar), Gibney has gone on to publish 14 books in the series as ebook, Print On Demand, and audio, with the Lottie Parker series clocking over two million sales.

FREE | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 60 mins



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or at our Box Office is required for  
attendance at this event.

9pm

Wednesday 9th July



## For the Love of Milseáin

### - Baker's Bar

The bilingual comedy show that promises to tickle the Irish out of you, even if you don't have a word.

In "For the Love of Milseáin" audiences can expect a wholly unique experience as Áine Gallagher, "the queen of offbeat", uses her "divinely awkward" style of comedy to create a fun, novel and exciting approach to speaking and learning Irish. Áine's charm is born from the fact that her Irish is not perfect. It has taken her years, along with countless embarrassing situations to become a confident speaker. Throughout the show, Áine masterfully weaves bilingual storytelling with her quirky, deadpan humour to navigate mistake making, mug cake baking and her obsession with Lionel Richie to inspire a nation to let go of their fears and speak Irish in, "For the Love of Milseáin".

This show is ideal for the Gaeilge curious amongst us. The types who haven't spoken much since school and would love to re-engage with the language, but don't know how. Fluent speakers are welcome but expect many, many mistakes!

€15 (€12) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 60 mins

**"Áine is cool"**

- David O'Doherty

**"A fresh and exciting act"**

- Deirdre O'Kane

**"Promotes the Irish language in a fresh way"**

- The Irish Times

11am-3pm

Thursday 10th July



## The Lab

### – Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Call into the Showgrounds Shopping Centre to watch TUS second year Digital Animation students' animated film shorts: *Ag Dul Thart*, *Flight*, *Going Nuts*, *Guardian of the East*, and *Spooked*. Created in response to this year's festival theme 'Encounters', **it's an encounter you definitely don't want to miss!**

FREE | Ages: 5+

1pm

Thursday 10th July



## Choir Encounters with Suzanne Buttimer

### – STAC Chapel

Join us for an interactive singing session using partner songs for readymade harmony and fun – no prior singing experience necessary.

Choir Encounters will offer an inclusive and safe place in which to find your own voice and make a new friend through the medium of singing. Suzanne of Rockwell Music Academy will use her extensive skillset to create team spirit using an eclectic mix of songs – some well-known and some you'll get to know quickly!



Rockwell Music Academy Ltd provides music education services to every age and stage within County Tipperary and beyond.

€5 | Ages: 12+ | Duration: 60 mins

2pm-4pm

Thursday 10th July



## Asylum Productions Present 'Gutted'

### – O'Connell Street

**What do you make of the state of our main street?**

**What do you think could be made of it?**

**How can we make something happen?**

The company that brought you *Everything Must Go!* (Market Place, 2022) returns to begin a 2-year development process for their next Clonmel show, and they need your help. Working with Clonmel theatre makers, we want to ask the people of Clonmel how they feel about the future of their town.

Come on down to 15 O'Connell Street (formerly Annerley Jewellers) and share your thoughts and ideas. **#gutted**  
**See pg 20 for further details**

FREE | Suitable for all ages

7pm

Thursday 10th July

### Mr Bergmann of Deadman's Point – STAC Chapel

Ireland's most famous unidentified man, Peter Bergmann, appears on stage in Clonmel for one night only.

After three mysterious days in Sligo town involving fake names, non-existent addresses and a vanishing act for all his possessions, he's found deceased at Deadman's Point, Sligo. All has gone to plan for him until he has a very unexpected encounter with an embalmer, who is in a race against time to cement his legacy.

A mysterious and comic tale of personal angst, which explores reputation and legacy. Brought to you by the multi-award-winning Nth Degree Productions.

€18 (€15) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 70 mins



9pm

Thursday 10th July



### Gonora Sounds – Baker's Bar

Gonora Sounds is a family band that has been busking on the streets of Zimbabwe since 2004, entertaining thousands of commuters with their street beat – dubbed Gonora Sounds by regular revellers. The band is led by blind singer/songwriter Daniel Gonora, a wizard on the guitar with his drumming protege son Isaac on drums. In recent years, the band has extended to include seasoned musicians such as Nelson "Mr Longman" Mutanda on lead guitar and Malizani Mbewe on bass. Daniel and Isaac's street performances have garnered millions of views online, and a growing international fanbase.

The father and son duo feature in multi award-winning documentary *You Can't Hide From The Truth* which tells their story. For more than two decades, Daniel has pieced together a living for himself and his family, a disabled man playing for the world's most beleaguered currency's pocket change. He is one of the few remaining members of Zimbabwe supergroup Jairos Jiri Band, a group that tragically fell apart as successive members passed away since their heyday in the early 90s. Gonora Sounds debut full length album 'Hard Times Never Kill' is produced by Zimbabwean music luminary Bothwell Nyamondera and American Producer David Aglow.

€18 (€15) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 90 mins



11am

Friday 11th July

## Coffee Concert with Suzanne Buttimer

– STAC Chapel

Bring your coffee, sit back and prepare to be spellbound as Suzanne Buttimer performs a piano recital with a difference. With a programme as diverse as it is entertaining, this is a recital with each piece given context by spoken introductions, illustrations or exercises exchanged with the audience – impeccable timing for your elevenses.

€12 (€10) | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 60 mins

11am–3pm

Friday 11th July



## The Lab

– Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Today we welcome Calmast, the South East Technological University (SETU) STEM engagement centre to The Lab in the Showgrounds Shopping Centre. Drop by our pop-up workshop space for some scintillating science workshops promoting sustainability, creativity and critical thinking.

FREE | Ages: 5+

2pm–4pm

Friday 11th July



## Asylum Productions Present

'Gutted'

– O'Connell Street

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FREE | Suitable for all ages

6.30pm

Friday 11th July



## Spoken Word

– Main Guard

A popular fixture in the programme for both performers and audience.

Join us as local writers, both established and emerging, perform their responses to our theme of 'Encounters'. Curated by Eileen Acheson of **tellyourstorywiththeileen.ie**

FREE | Ages: 12+ | Duration: 120 mins

Booking via [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com) or at our Box Office is required for attendance at this event.



# Oisín Leech



9pm

Friday 11th July

## Oisín Leech

### – Old St Mary's Church

After a decade and a half in duo The Lost Brothers Irish musician Oisín Leech announced himself in 2024 as a singer-songwriter of some distinction with his stunning solo debut album 'Cold Sea'.

As crisp and clear as the North Atlantic Ocean beside which it was recorded, his album benefited from the subtle presence of some stellar musicians, namely Steve Gunn, M Ward, Dónal Lunny, Róisín McGrory, and Bob Dylan's bass player Tony Garnier but the acute sense of yearning was all Leech's own.

Oisín's songs map exile, love, loss, and healing via erudite guitar and judicious use of synth and strings. The wilds of Malin, in north Co Donegal helped inspire this quiet gem of a record. The songs, which are steeped in folk, nestle up and whisper in your ear – they are deliberately uncluttered, even sparse. Like Malin itself, space and air are everywhere and the pace is unhurried. Yet, paradoxically, there is emotional intensity aplenty.

Since the album's launch Oisín has been invited to share the stage with Vashti Bunyan, Lisa O'Neill, M Ward, Tindersticks and Gaz Coombes.

### Supported by Eve Whelan

*Eve began writing her original songs from an early age but began to release them to the world in her teens. Eve's songs are written from the heart, drawing inspiration from personal experience and her interaction with the world around her.*



€20 (€18) | Ages: 12+ | Duration: 120 mins



### **Family Fun Day – Kickham Plaza**

Another packed programme of entertainment for our second Family Fun Day of the festival with dance, music with the soaring voices of Clonmel Community Choir and Kalyna Ukrainian Choir, and themed arts and crafts. **FREE** | Suitable for all ages



### **Waste Knot Textile Waste Conversation – Kickham Plaza**

Suircan Environmental invite you to WASTE KNOT, a day of repairing, knotting and making community through conversation, creativity, empowerment and connection – all centred around textiles. Take part in a community tuft carpet project with Katie Nolan, t-shirt printing with Rachel Moloney, crochet with Alex and darning with Rikey, upcycling with Hillary and sewing and embroidery with Suircan's team of seamstresses. **A day of workshops knot to be missed!**

**FREE** | Suitable for all ages



### **11.30am, 12.30pm & 1.30pm Des Dillon Puppet Show – STAC Chapel**

This special interactive performance of Des Dillon's Puppet Show with a combination of small and large-scale puppets **is a must see**. Des is a textile artist and puppeteer who makes all his own puppets, inspired by the nature around him.

€5 (Family of 2 adults and 3 children €20) | Suitable for all ages  
| Duration: 30 mins



### **12pm, 1pm and 2pm SPLASH Lab Performances – Kickham Plaza**

Dive into the world of SPLASH Lab and discover the outcome of a creative exchange with 10 national, international and Tipperary-based artists. Join us for a unique performance that reveals what's been brewing behind the scenes. SPLASH Lab brings together local, national and international artists to spark collaboration, movement and the discovery of new ideas. This culminating event is your chance to witness the energy, connection and imagination that has emerged through their encounter together. Experience a dynamic mix of physicality and presence as artists share what they've discovered and created. It'll be live, raw and full of possibility.

These performances form the culmination of an intensive multi-disciplinary residency, a process-based six day encounter in Clonmel, supported by Tipperary Arts Hub, a collective of key arts organisations in the region: Tipperary Dance, South Tipperary Arts Centre and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival.

**See the movement. Feel the connection.  
Be part of something new.**

**FREE** | Suitable for all ages

2pm – 4pm

Saturday 12th July



## Asylum Productions Present 'Gutted'

– O'Connell Street

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Come on down to 15 O'Connell Street (formerly Annerley Jewellers) and share your thoughts and ideas.

#gutted

See pg 20 for further details.

FREE | Suitable for all ages

3pm

Saturday 12th July



## Sensory-Friendly Interactive Concert for Families

– STAC Chapel

Join Bits and Bobs Orchestra for a fun and relaxed introduction to the world of classical music. Interact with our musicians and the instruments of the orchestra, bop along to familiar songs and classical hits, and even try your hand at conducting! We understand that each person responds to music differently and are dedicated to providing a safe and relaxed setting for everyone to come and enjoy the transformative power of music.

€10 (€8) | Ages: 4–10 yrs | Duration: 45 mins



**4.30pm**

**Saturday 12th July**

## **Double Bill: Cikada Circus and Lacunavicci**

**- Dome on Kickham Plaza**

This double bill of *Symbion* and *No One, Realistic As You* explores Humanity vs Technology, Experiential Acrobatics and Movement-Art Performances. The two shows explore the interrelationship and interdependence between living organisms and technology. Told through an unfolding of acrobatics, dance, and unique stage-sets, both shows are experiential journeys that transform the stage for a dynamic, thought-provoking event. This double bill of new work is presented in Cikada Circus' own pop-up venue, a ten-metre diameter geodesic dome.

€12 (€8) | Ages: 10+ | Duration: 50 min show + 10 min interval + 20 min show

**7pm**

**Saturday 12th July**



## **The Doll's Hospital – A Rehearsed Reading of A New Play by Eve O'Mahony**

**- STAC Chapel**

*The Doll's Hospital* by Tipperary playwright Eve O'Mahony is a new Irish play which invites audiences into the world of two sisters Buntty and Nancy. By day the sisters run a doll's hospital for local children in a dilapidated pub where the door has been closed to customers since their father's death.

Exploring the themes of colonialism, greed, isolation and the stigma of mental health, stunted sexual development and the challenges of overcoming unresolved childhood trauma in adult life, *The Doll's Hospital* is a tragicomedy, which sees the sisters emerge from victimhood to maturity.

What will happen to the sisters? Will they be allowed to stay together or will they be kept apart? Will the community that victimised them ever come to terms with their actions that caused them to harm these two innocent creatures? Or will it be a dark secret that's never talked about?

**Join us for this rehearsed reading of a new play, developed with the support of the Arts Council Agility Award in 2023 with additional funding from The Source Arts Centre.**

€8 (€5) | Ages: 12+ | Duration: 90 mins





9pm

Saturday 12th July

## Lemoncello

### – Old St Mary's Church

Laura Quirke and Claire Kinsella's collaboration charms audiences into a world of intimate observations and uncomfortable questions with irresistible chemistry, charisma, and humour. 'Why are all the good men, too old, taken or dead?'

The rare alchemy of the duo's voices together cuts through a minimal and dramatic soundscape; coloured by the warmth and grit of Kinsella's Cello and distinctly underpinned by Quirke's cyclical, trance-like guitar playing. While embedded in Irish and Folk roots, Lemoncello's sound embraces the freedom of carving out its own song structures, entwined with a love of off-kilter Indie Pop, Jazz extemporisation and Romantic and Contemporary Classical music.

A vital voice in the thriving alternative folk scene in Ireland, Lemoncello have been nominated for Best Folk Song and Best Emerging Folk Act at the RTÉ Radio 1 Folk Awards and opened for and collaborated with many esteemed artists such as Lisa O'Neill, Sam Amidon, Glen Hansard, Cormac Begley and Joshua Burnside.

Their spell-binding performances evoking comparisons to luminaries of Chanson Francaise Brel & Piaf, have led them to tour extensively in Ireland and abroad; notably Dublin's legendary Vicar Street, The Irish Arts Centre NYC, The National Concert Hall and CCI Paris.

Supported by Ross Boland who will bring an intimate performance of his original music — songs written from real moments, memories, and emotions.

€18 (€15) | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 90 mins

***"They write like Wet Leg and sing like Laura Marling"***

– Joshua Burnside

***"Every song is a banger, and every song sounds authentic and true. Lemoncello are a special pair of humans doing powerfully creative things"***

– GemsOnVHS



11am Sunday 13th July

**Workshop 1: Cikada Circus Skills Workshops**

– Dome on Kickham Plaza

Learn the fundamentals of acrobatics and physical theatre with Cikada Circus in these light-hearted and fun introductory workshops to the world of circus.

**Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the workshop.**

€5 | Ages: 8-10 yrs | Duration: 45 mins



12.15pm Sunday 13th July

**Workshop 2: Cikada Circus Skills Workshops**

– Dome on Kickham Plaza

Explore creating short performances with acrobatics and physical theatre with Cikada Circus, responding to the theme of 'Encounters'.

**Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the workshop.**

€5 | Ages: 10+ | Duration: 60 mins

12pm Sunday 13th July

**Book Club with Maggie Armstrong**  
– Clonmel Library


**Booking via [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com) or at our Box Office is required for attendance at this event.**

This year's Book Club choice is author Maggie Armstrong, shortlisted for Newcomer of the Year at the Irish Book Awards, who will talk about her debut short story collection, *Old Romantics*, published by Tramp Press in 2024 and in 2025 in Canada by Biblioasis and shortlisted for the Kate O'Brien Award. Her stories and essays have appeared in the Dublin Review, Banshee, the Stinging Fly and Belfield Literary Review.

In 2023 her Dublin Review short story 'Dinner and a Show' was long-listed for an Irish Book Award. Her essay 'High Speed' appears in PVA's 2025 anthology, *In the Good Seats: Essays on Cinema*. A former journalist, she lives in Dublin with her children.

FREE | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 60 mins



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Tipperary County Council  
Library Service

1pm

Sunday 13th July

**Eamon O'Malley Concert: 24:09**

– STAC Chapel

Composer and performer Eamon O'Malley presents a performance of original music, headlined by the premiere of 24:09 – a new work for piano and electronics inspired by Sean Kelly's legendary 1985 time trial from Carrick-on-Suir to Clonmel in the Nissan Classic. This real-time musical meditation explores the intensity of the athletic feat, the surrounding landscape, and the atmosphere of the event itself. The performance will be accompanied by a specially commissioned video work by visual artist John O'Dwyer. O'Malley's work is deeply rooted in local place and experience, yet resonates with a sense of universal connection.

€18 (€15) | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 50 mins

2pm

Sunday 13th July

**The Illumination**

– Main Guard

Join us for an immersive experience of stories and family activities that delve into the lives of women of our distant past from Chinese, Irish, African, Latin, Native American and Indian cultures. **See pg 13 for further details.**

FREE | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 90 mins

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2.30pm

Sunday 13th July

**Double Bill: Cikada Circus and Lacunaviccì**

– Dome on Kickham Plaza

A second chance to see this double bill of *Symbion* and *No One, Realistic As You* exploring Humanity vs Technology, Experiential Acrobatics and Movement-Art Performances.

**See pg 28 for full details.**

€12 (€8) | Ages: 10+ | Duration: 50 min show  
+ 10 min interval + 20 min show





8pm

Sunday 13th July

## ConTempo Concert

### - STAC Chapel

Ireland's longest running quartet will entertain our audience with a dazzling selection of works from Mozart, Beethoven and a world premiere of Marian Ingoldsby's String Quartet No.2.

**Mozart's** D minor quartet K.421 is the second in the set of six quartets that Mozart dedicated to Haydn, famously describing them as his children and as 'the fruit of long and laborious efforts'. It is the only one of the set in a minor key and the prevailing mood of intense darkness sets in memorable relief those precious moments where the music moves into a major key and the clouds lift.

**Marian Ingoldsby's** world premiere of her String Quartet No.2 written in memory of artist Eimear King, whose work will be projected during the performance.

**Beethoven** wrote his set of three Rasoumovsky Quartets in 1806, commissioned by the Russian Ambassador in Vienna, Count Andrey Rasoumovsky. The famously edgy and brittle first movement gives way to one of Beethoven's most gorgeous creations, the slow second movement which he marked 'to be played with deep feeling'. The intricate Scherzo is followed by a wild and spectacularly virtuosic finale..

€20 (€18) | Ages: 12+ | Duration: 60 mins

10pm

Sunday 13th July



## Devil's Cadillac

### - Baker's Bar

Time for one last encounter...Devil's Cadillac will play us out after a packed 10 days of dance, theatre, music, talks, literary events, circus, film and exhibitions.

FREE | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 120 mins



# Exhibitions

## 4th July–20th September 2025 Vincent Hanley and the 80s Museum of Hidden History Exhibition

Opening hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10am–4.30pm

In partnership with  
**Tipperary Museum of Hidden History**



Visit the museum for an 80s themed exhibition, reflecting on the 80s through fashion, music, news, sports and entertainment: the glitz and glamour of Dynasty, the Rubik's Cube, Atari and Sunday evenings watching Clonmel native and cultural celebrity, Vincent Hanley presenting on MT USA. Following a call out earlier in the year, the exhibition will also feature memorabilia relating to Vincent, the high-profile presenter – offering a celebration of one of Ireland's significant celebrities and cultural figures.

FREE

## 4th July–13th July Encounters with the River Suir

– Main Guard

Opening hours: Tuesday–Sunday 9am–5pm (last admission 4.15pm)

This mixed media exhibition features the work of Tipperary artists Annie Hogg, Marine Kearney and Shay Hurley's responses to the River Suir. Curated by Iris Vos.

FREE | Suitable for all ages

## 7th–19th July Photography–Haiku Exhibition

– Clonmel Library

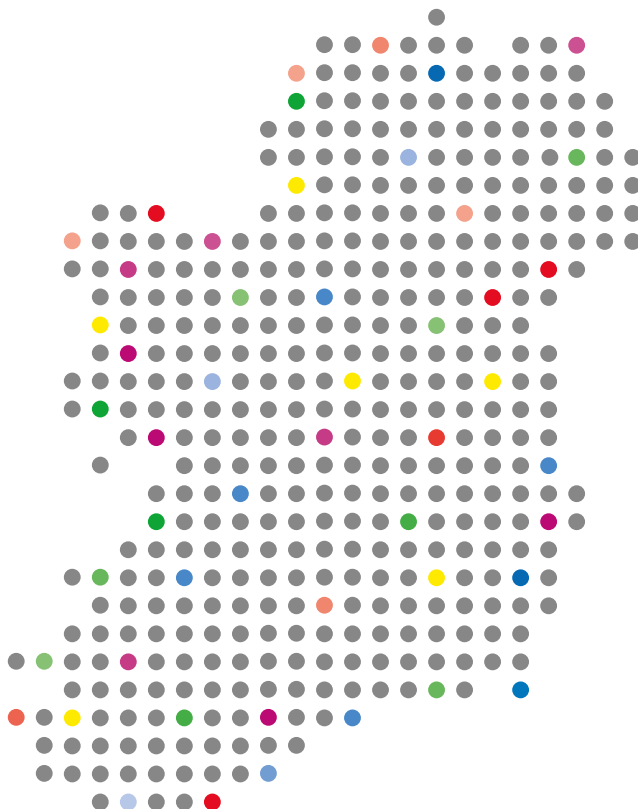
Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am–1pm and 2pm–5pm;  
Wednesday 9.30am–8pm and Saturday 10am–1pm and 2pm–5pm

In partnership with  
**Tipperary Libraries**



This exhibition captures the work of the Clonmel Camera Club following Photo-Haiku workshops with Haiku Master Sean O'Connor and photographer Kevin Lim in May – a unique experience that merges the art of Haiku writing with the expressive power of photography. The completed Photo-Haiku creations explore how a well-crafted Haiku can inspire a photograph and conversely, how a carefully composed photo can add layers of meaning to a poem, exploring the deep connection between poetry and photography.

FREE



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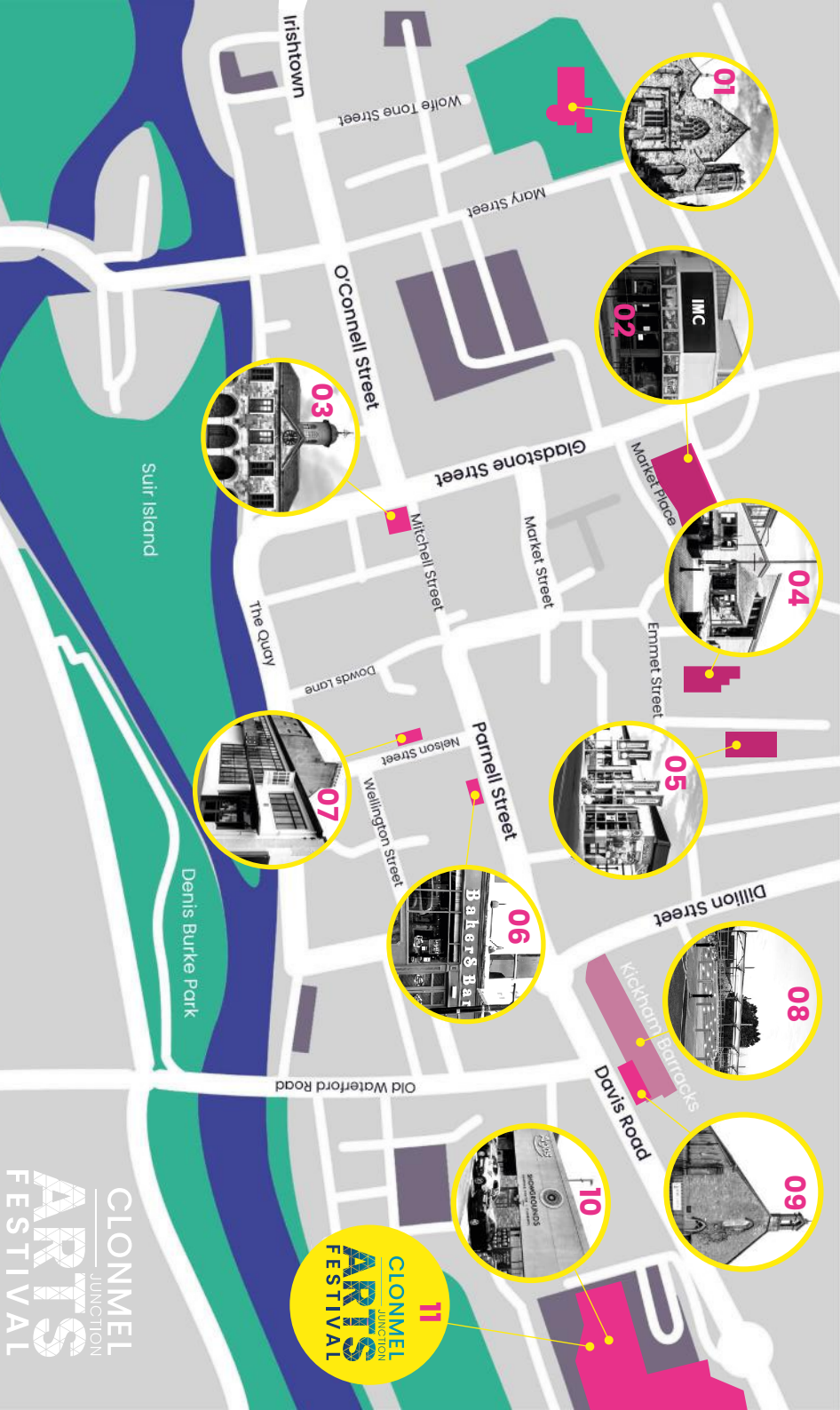
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- 02. IMC Cinema
- 03. Main Guard
- 04. Clonmel Library

- 05. Tipperary Museum of Hidden History
- 06. Baker's Bar
- 07. South Tipperary Arts Centre (STAC)
- 08. Kichham Plaza

- 09. STAC Chapel
- 10. Showgrounds Shopping Centre
- 11. Box Office





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