

The logo features a central black shield-like shape with a white border. The text 'Clonmel Junction Arts Festival' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the shield. Below it, the year '2024' is written in a vibrant pink color. To the right of the shield is a yellow circular arc containing the dates 'June 28 - July 1' in white, curved text. The background consists of several overlapping geometric shapes in shades of pink and magenta.

Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2024

June 28 - July 1

Theatre // Literature // Music // Film
Dance // Visual Arts // & much more!

Legacy X Next

Legacy X Next is our 2024 festival theme, chosen to celebrate artistic expression over time, giving a sense of continuity, innovation, and the passing of creative influence from one generation to the next.

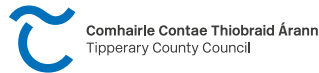
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Reflections, Revisited

Fidelio Trio

Friday 28 June | 8pm | The Friary | €25 (€20)

From world-renowned Fidelio Trio, a group of musicians perform some iconic pieces from Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin including *Must be More*, *Crispy*; *Oíche Nollaig*; and *Fidelio Unsung* in a programme that brings us from the music of Carolan which inspired Mícheál to the music of Irene and Linda Buckley who continues his legacy.

Fidelio Trio are Darragh Morgan (violin), Mary Dullea (piano) and Tim Gill (cello). For this concert, they are joined by Sarah Allen (flute), Cian O Dhuill (viola) and Keith Pascoe (violin 2)

EKLEGO

Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin's Cork Community of Sound

Curated by Mel Mercier

Saturday 29 June | 8pm | The Friary | €25 (€20)

EKLEGO, a concert celebrating the Cork musical legacy of the teacher, performer and composer, Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin, is presented by tutors and alumni who were at the heart of the vibrant "community of sound" which Mícheál nurtured in the 1980s and 1990s at University College Cork.

Curated by Mícheál's former student, long-time collaborator and friend, Mel Mercier, the concert features music from Mícheál's diverse projects during this ground-breaking period of creativity in teaching and music-making at UCC.

Performers include Bobby Gardiner, Colm Murphy, Mary Mitchell-Ingoldsby, Niall Vallely and the re-formed Rectory Céilí Band.



The educational legacy of Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin

Sunday 30 June | 1pm | Main Guard | Free

A panel discussion sharing memories of Mícheál as an inspirational lecturer in UCC, and as the groundbreaking founder of Irish World Academy of Music and Dance in UL.

Panel includes Helen Phelan, Director of Irish World Academy of Music and Dance at University of Limerick, composers Mel Mercier and Marian Ingoldsby, and Music Generation Tipperary's Aidan O'Donnell.

Earthrise

Musici Ireland

Sunday 30 June | 6pm | The Friary | €18 (€15)

Musici Ireland will be performing works from their debut album *Earthrise*, recorded November 2023, with Grammy award winning producer Jonathan Allen. They will be joined by composer **Liam Bates**, who will introduce his new concerto for viola and chamber ensemble, *Earthrise*.

Also in the programme are rarely heard gems of the chamber world including Ravel's majestic *Introduction and Allegro*, Jessie Montgomery's *Strum*, and Mozart's *Flute Quartet in D*.



Credit: Caoian Barron

Absent Friend

John MacKenna & Katie Jacques remember Leonard Cohen in words & music.

Tuesday 2 July | 9pm | Bakers Bar | €10 (€8)

Writer John MacKenna recalls his thirty-year friendship with Leonard Cohen and reads from his memoir *Absent Friend* - with Leonard Cohen's songs performed by Katie Jacques vocals/ukulele and Angela Keogh cello/concertina.

Home Coming

Sunday 7 July | 9pm | CTI on the Mall | €20 (€10)

Join us for the electrifying Festival Finale of Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2024! Groove to the beats of local bands and immerse yourself in the sonic brilliance of alt rock legends **Royseven**, led by Clonmel's own Paul Walsh.

Get ready for a night of unforgettable live music as we close the festival with a bang!

Age **14+**

NightLight

BabyLovesMusic a unique concert for babies.

Saturday 6 July | TBC | South Tipp Arts Centre | €10

NightLight – inspired by lullabies, sleep, dreams, peace, rest – is an informal concert for babies aged 0-12 months and their carers. Featuring four award-winning musicians – Tim Doyle, Kate Hearne, Anna Newell, and Eamon Sweeney – with musical arrangements by Malachy Robinson of the Irish Chamber Orchestra.

An eclectic musical journey with a distinctly Irish feel, *NightLight* features a rich variety of instruments including guitar, double bass, cello, fiddle, uilleann pipes, treble recorder, and lots more.



Credit: John D Kelly

Visual Emotion

John D. Kelly

Launch 27 June

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History

✦ **Main Guard**

✦ **Throughout Clonmel**

Visual Emotion runs until 5 October 2024

John D. Kelly is an award-winning photographer of 40 years with the classic photography career (from film to digital, from permanent job to freelance, from darkroom to the cloud) of this period. He works for the Nationalist newspaper, and has been the official photographer of Clonmel Junction Festival from the beginning and of Kilkenny Arts Festival over the past 10 years.

For this exhibition, John has worked with curator Kate Horgan to evolve the strands and themes, as well as selecting the images that highlight the significant photos John has captured throughout his career. The exhibition will take place at longtime festival partner Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, a key participant in the project, as well as at the Main Guard and outdoors in various locations.

Curated with Kate Horgan.

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Legacy Partner **Camida**

Idir Talamh agus Spéir

Eimear King

Launch 28 June | South Tipp Arts Centre

Eimear King was an artist/photographer, and the administrator at South Tipperary Arts Centre until her passing in April 2024. She was a keen observer of nature, in both urban and rural settings. Living in a rural Irish town meant that these worlds intersected in a myriad of ways, with the wildness never far away. Being very much influenced and inspired by the natural world, and the elements, she was enchanted with the ancient, and the unseen, and the spirit of place, and endeavoured to capture this in her images. Curated by Helena Tobin.

Through The Eyes Of A Newcomer

Rutuja Kulkarni

Launch 30 June | The Narrow Space

An exhibition of new works by artist Rutuja Kulkarni. Living in Clonmel for the past few years, she primarily paints watercolour landscapes and has a keen eye for her surroundings and a lightness of touch with her work.

Time Past Time Future

TUS Clonmel Student Exhibition

Launch 28 June | Clonmel Library

We are in the 12th year of one of our favourite festival projects with partners at the Digital Animation degree course at the Technological University of the Shannon School of Art and Design right here in Clonmel. The legacy of short animated films created around the festival theme by students will be shown, including films that have gone on to win awards in Dublin International Film Festival, Dingle Animation Festival and more. Accompanying the films will be the graduating 4th Year projects, including video and artwork.

Festival Book Club

Sunday 30 June | 12pm | Clonmel Library

Nicole Flattery will talk about her debut novel *Nothing Special* which is the book club choice for 2024, and will guide the audience in participation and a Q&A. Her novel, *Nothing Special*, explores female friendship, fame and identity in 1960s New York; it was published by Bloomsbury on 28 March 2024.

Claire Kilroy in conversation with Jackie Lynam

Saturday 6 July | 8pm | STAC Chapel on Plaza

Claire Kilroy will talk about her latest book *Soldier Sailor*, which has received widespread critical acclaim. She joins us following her appearance at Ennis Book Club Festival. Jackie led last year's conversation with Ronan Hession.

She is a regular contributor to Sunday Miscellany and is involved in organising One Dublin One Book.

Crime night with Andrew Hughes

Thursday 4 July | 8pm | STAC Chapel on Plaza

Crime fiction has long been one of reader's favourite genres. Crime writer Andrew Hughes leads a discussion on what makes a great crime novel.

Andrew's book *The Coroner's Daughter* was the One Dublin One Book 2023 choice. He has two historical crime novels and his third book, *Emma, Disappeared*, came out on 4 April 2024.

Project Partner



Literature Strand is curated by Clonmel Library.

The Hills of Love

by Áine Ryan

Monday 1 - Wednesday 3 July | 8pm

White Memorial Theatre | €18 (€15)

Experience the darkly comic *The Hills of Love*, written by award-winning Tipperary playwright Áine Ryan, who co-wrote our 2023 production *From Out The Land*. Join Teresa, Benny, and Maura in a journey through rural Ireland as they navigate the complexities of love, lust, and longing with plenty of laughs along the way.

From forgotten sweet spots to the excitement of mature dating, this witty and apt story delves into the lives of three lonely women seeking connection in a remote townland. Suitable for ages 14 and up, *The Hills of Love* promises a wry and humorous exploration of modern romance and its impact on our lives, continuing Ryan's theatrical work in putting the voices of rural women centre stage.

Project Partner [The Source Arts Centre](#)

Making A Show of Myself

by Mary Kate O'Flanagan + Will O'Connell

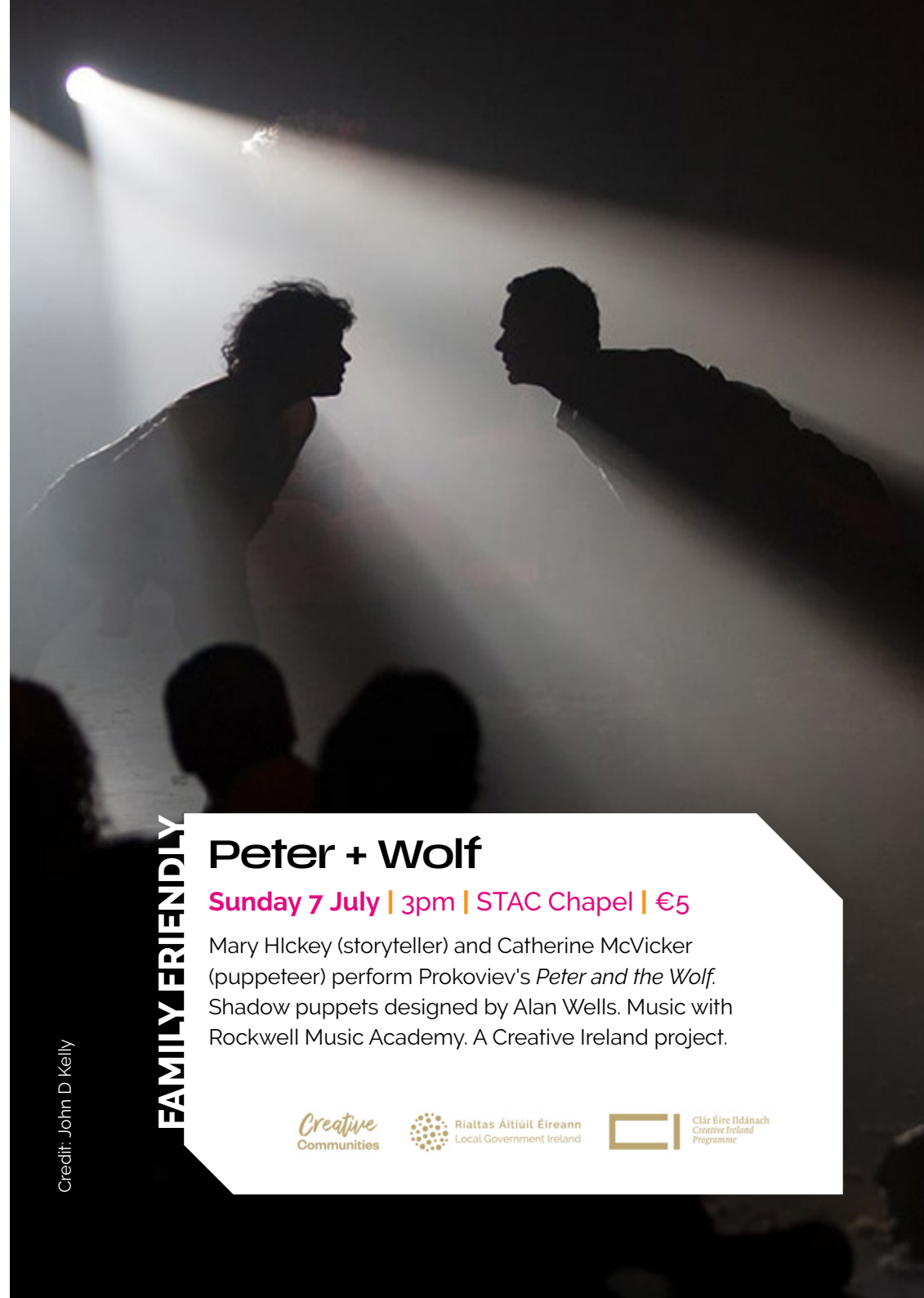
Friday 5 - Saturday 6 July | 8pm

White Memorial Theatre | €18 (€15)

This life-affirming show is a good antidote right now in a world that seems impossibly difficult and cruel – Irish Independent

An Irish raconteur shares the most ridiculous, embarrassing, hilarious and tragic episodes of her life, showing there's a story in every stumble – and a little magic in every story.

Mary Kate O'Flanagan explores how her lifelong fascination with story has shaped and sustained her and makes a compelling case for how stories shape and sustain the human race.



FAMILY FRIENDLY

Peter + Wolf

Sunday 7 July | 3pm | STAC Chapel | €5

Mary Hickey (storyteller) and Catherine McVicker (puppeteer) perform Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. Shadow puppets designed by Alan Wells. Music with Rockwell Music Academy. A Creative Ireland project.



Credit: John D Kelly

Remembering Ronnie

with Phelim Drew

Thursday 4 July | 8pm | White Memorial Theatre
€18 (€15)

As the (very recognisable) son of legendary Dubliner Ronnie Drew, actor and musician Phelim Drew realises that he has some very big shoes to fill.

Growing up he says he was in awe of "the electricity generated by a Dubliners show". Ten years after Ronnie's passing, Phelim has returned to his musical legacy and the wealth of material has reawakened not only a sense of pride but also a new sense of appreciation. With *Remembering Ronnie*, Phelim will be telling anecdotes and singing some of the songs made famous by Ronnie, Luke, Barney, Ciaran and John.

The Ballad of Lira Lovelock

by Catherine McVicker + Caitlin McVicker

Saturday 6 July | 4pm | White Memorial Theatre
Free

Lira plays with a drum while Marissa reads obituaries in the newspaper, prompting reflections on life, memory and connection.

Marissa reminisces about past relationships and comical chance encounters with old acquaintances. Lira Lovelock contemplates the complexities of perspective, the fleeting nature of time, and the enduring power of human relationships.

But sometimes all is not as it seems...

Written & performed by Catherine McVicker & Caitlin McVicker.



Credit: John D Kelly for CJAF

Arts + Craft Market @ Plaza

Saturday 29 June | 11am - 4pm | Kickham Plaza | Free

Experience Clonmel Junction Arts Festival at our Plaza Market with arts & crafts, food stalls, music workshops with Musici Ireland, and a magical visit by *A Snail's Tale*.

Project Partner [Abbott Clonmel](#)

Family Fun @ Sports Hub

Wednesday 3 July | 4 - 8pm | Sports Hub | Free

Our Family Fun evening at the new Clonmel Sports Hub is there to highlight the resource that this great facility is to the town. We'll have music, street theatre, vendors, arts & crafts, and will be showcasing the BMX track, as well as the skateboarding area.



Credit: John D Kelly

Tempo Rubato

Tipperary Dance
Sunday 30 June | 8pm
STAC Chapel | €15 (€10)

Tempo Rubato is a new dance trio directed by Alexandre Iseli and created in collaboration with a team from diverse art forms and backgrounds.

At the heart of the work is a slow pulse, almost a search for sanity, a form of resistance opposing the breakdown of a world that is seeing many of its patterns -- biological, geological, geopolitical -- dislocate. *Tempo Rubato* continues Iseli's body of practice focused on interactions among people.

Turnstile

Tipperary Dance

Saturday 29 June | 6pm STAC Chapel | €12 (€10)

Turnstile is a live performance and visual arts installation commissioned by Tipperary Museum of Hidden History to commemorate Bloody Sunday. The dancers perform within a glass cabinet amid video projections. Music, derived from forensic reports, underscores the resilience post-violence, exploring memory's decay and the illusory nature of narratives. Choreography by Jazmin Chiodi & Alexandre Iseli.

ACTIONS

Irish Modern Dance Theatre
Saturday 6 July | 6pm
STAC Chapel | €15 (€10)

ACTIONS is a physical conversation between two individuals in empty space. Two outstanding male dancers, Kevin Coquelard and Mufutau Yusuf, merge and break apart - a forceful resistance to merging and the breaking up is the motivation for the movement. The dance material is a battle through the space using physicality, lifts, falls, text and sound with the dancers alternately throwing their bodies together then fragmenting into threads of raw movement.

Heroes

Irish Modern Dance Theatre

Friday 5 July | 6pm
STAC Chapel | €15 (€10)

Heroes is a powerful Opera/Dance performance, thrillingly delivered by John Scott, choreographer, dancer and operatic tenor. Scott, whose dance works tour nationally and internationally and whose singing career spans from New York to the UK, creates this solo show, using the universe of German operatic heroes.

Legacy X Next

TUS Student Showcase

Monday 1 July | 6pm | IMC Cinema

Five animated film shorts by 2nd year **Digital Animation** students at Technological University of the Shannon School of Art and Design Clonmel campus. Each year, the students create a 2-minute film on the festival theme. Our *Legacy X Next* films are *Odyssey*, *Connections*, *Dearcadh Dífriuil*, *The Last Star*, and *As The Crow Flies*.

Films will also be screened throughout festival week in South Tipp Arts Centre.

Sisters with Transistors

Tuesday 2 July | 7pm | IMC Cinema | €5

Presented by partner festival **Finding A Voice**, this is a documentary about electronic music's female pioneers, mapping a new history of electronic music through the visionary women whose experimentations with machines redefined the boundaries of music, including Clara Rockmore, Daphne Oram, Pauline Oliveros, and Laurie Spiegel. Introduced by composer **Judith Ring**.

Continuing Traditions

Indian Classical Music meets Irish Traditional Music

Wednesday 3 July | 7pm | IMC Cinema | €5

Irish musician/composer Peadar Ó Riada and Indian musician/composer Ustad Wajahat Khan explore the shared heritage in their beloved native music. This documentary captures the creative process, from conception through rehearsal, to the first public performance. Director **Dónal Ó Céilleachair** will attend a post-screening Q&A.

Film Partner **TUS Limerick School of Art and Design**

Úna Kealy on Una Troy

Monday 1 July | 1pm | STAC Chapel on Plaza

A lecturer in English & Theatre Studies at the Department of Arts in Waterford's South East Technological University, Úna Kealy lectures on Una Troy focusing on *Mount Prospect* as part of a module called Theatre of the South East. In this lunchtime presentation, she will share information about Troy and her work, and the place of women playwrights and practitioners from the south east of Ireland within the narrative of Irish theatre.

Project Partner **South East Technological University**

Reading of Mount Prospect

Monday 1 July | 3pm | STAC Chapel on Plaza

Premiered at the Abbey Theatre in 1940 and adapted from the novel of the same name, *Mount Prospect* reveals the character of a destructive widow who uses her husband's will to advance her own son over two children from his first marriage. A savage critique of class prejudice and the position of unmarried women in 1940's Ireland, we present it in a rehearsed reading.

She didn't say No!

Monday 1 July | 7pm | IMC Cinema | €5

Celebrating the work of prolific Clonmel-based writer Una Troy, *She Didn't say No* is a colourful feature film adaptation of the novel *We Are Seven* which tells the story of Bridget Monaghan, an unmarried, independent mother of six children who lived in a village in Ireland in the 1950s. A timely tale of social discomfort, this film was recently re-mastered by IFI Irish Film Archive.

Introduced by Irish Film Institute Head of Irish Programming **Sunniva O'Flynn**

Legacy Partner **Camida**



What's

Next

FOR...

Credit: John D Kelly

WHAT'S NEXT? Is a series of curated panel discussions

in the iconic Main Guard building. Taking place every

day as a free lunchtime event, the talks focus on the

future for the arts in Clonmel.

Photography?

Tuesday 2 July | 1pm

Photographer John Kelly and curator/photographer Helena Tobin look at what might happen next for an artform with rapid advances in technology.

Theatre?

Wednesday 3 July | 1pm

Regional theatre-makers discuss the future of theatre and how to keep one of Ireland's key artforms alive in the 21st century.

Musicians?

Thursday 4 July | 1pm

Led by local musicians and event organisers, the group will talk about challenges and opportunities in the profession today.

Clonmel?

Friday 5 July | 1pm

An architect-led discussion on the impact of the built environment on a town, what the town centre of Clonmel needs, and how to future-proof Clonmel.

Dance?

Saturday 6 July | 1pm

Irish Modern Dance Theatre artistic director and veteran choreographer John Scott speaks with local dance teachers about what Clonmel needs for dance to thrive.

Teens?

Sunday 7 July | 1pm

Curated by teenagers, an engaged group of active practitioners of theatre, music, dance & visual arts make their voices heard by asking what's next for an underserved generation.

Spoken Word

Friday 5 July | 7pm | Main Guard

Local writers perform their responses to our theme of *Legacy X Next*, looking at how art is a continuum, and how the work of the past influences the next generation.

Curated by Eileen Acheson and Jenny Cox of **Write Minds:** Poetry & Wellness.

Clonmel Story Slam

Sunday 7 July | 7pm | Bakers Bar

Event by our local Story Slam collective. The show is co-ordinated by local carpenter, sheep farmer, storyteller and poet Joe Whelan, a regular Sunday Miscellany contributor. The format is to get local storytellers to each tell a true story against the clock.



Credit: John D. Kelly for CJA&F

Everybody Dance Now

Monday 1 - Friday 5 July | 11am | Kickham Plaza

Free outdoor dance workshop for all ages.

Be A Composer!

Saturday 29 June | Kickham Plaza | During Market

Musici Ireland lets you try your hand at composing! Using your drawings, the musicians will create a score and perform your music. A 45-minute family workshop to co-create music with the professionals.

Booking Required.

Trad Music Camp

Tuesday 2 - Friday 5 July | CTI at the Mall

Music Generation Tipperary give an opportunity for young traditional players to hone their craft and learn new tunes in a fun environment with skilled masters. **Booking Required.**

Showcase Saturday 6th @ 12.30

Rock Music Camp

Tuesday 2 - Friday 5 July | CTI at the Mall

Want to be in a band? Our Teen Rock Camp is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and meet new people with Music Generation Tipperary tutors. **Booking Required.**

Showcase Saturday 6th @ 4pm

Poetry Pairs workshop

Saturday 29 June | 10am-1pm | Main Guard

Eileen Acheson and Jenny Cox of Write Minds invite inter-generational pairs (grandparent/grandchild, uncle/nephew..) to a workshop where you share your favourite poem, and then create a new one together.

Booking Required.

Performance and Storytelling

Saturday 6th July | TBC | Clonmel Library

Niall de Búrca is one of Ireland's finest traditional storytellers. This workshop will delve into the essential techniques of the craft, leaving everyone inspired and equipped to elevate their own storytelling skills.

Booking Required.

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MGT Rock Workshop	23	CTI on the Mall		
Poetry Pairs workshop	23	Main Guard		10 - 1pm
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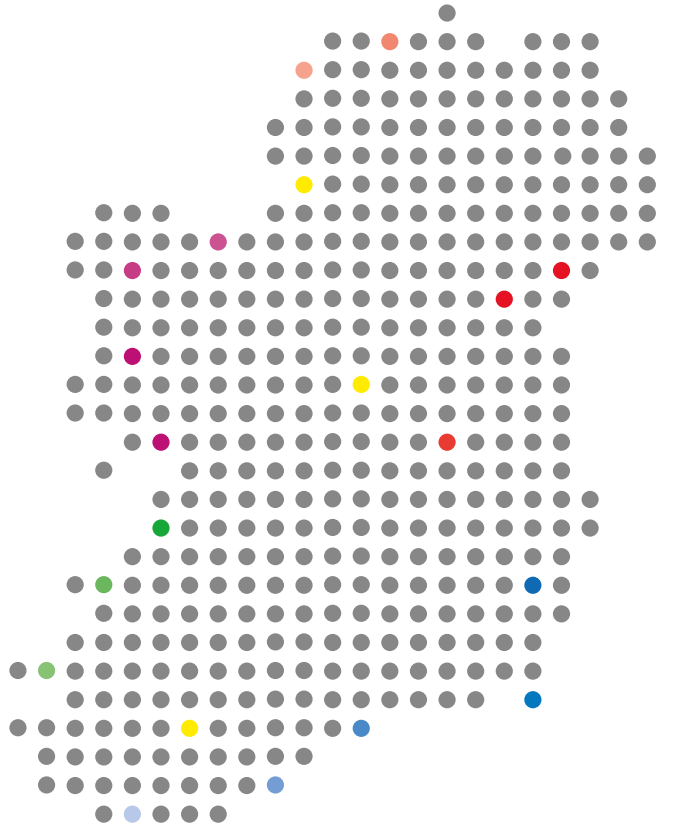
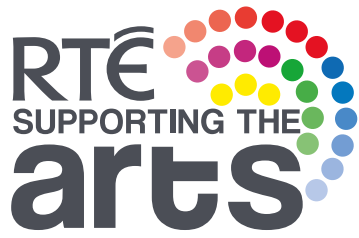
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