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# Welcome to the 26th Clonmel Junction Arts Festival

Step into 10 days celebrating the arts at the Clonmel Junction Arts Festival where 2026's theme, "Exchanges", sparks conversations about ourselves and our communities, exploring Cultural exchanges and blended cultures. From our magical night-time procession of lights with Luxe to new works, concerts, literary events, theatre, dance performances, as well as family events, there is something for everyone in our busy programme. Many of our events are free or offer concessions honouring our commitment to presenting an inclusive and accessible arts programme for all.

Highlights of this year's Clonmel Junction Arts Festival include a performance from Muireann Bradley, the hit Edinburgh Fringe show *The Horse of Jenin*, and *Distillation* by Luke Casserly. The programme also features David Geraghty, FelliSpeaks, Paul Howard with Alan Clarke, and *Barbarian* by Bob Kelly and Diarmuid Armstrong, alongside new work from Dagogo Hart, Murielle Elzéon, Alexandre Isel and more.

Youth participation is central, with workshops, exhibitions, and free family events, plus a new Youth Council performance trail developed with Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan and Eamon O'Malley.

Follow our Visual Arts Trail beginning with Séamus Nolan at South Tipperary Arts Centre (STAC), then on to the Plein Air paintings at the Inn gallery. Continue to the Main Guard, where Young Curators, mentored by Catherine Marshall, have curated an exhibition from the University of Limerick Art Collection.

Join international artists Ackroyd & Harvey as they begin research and development work, walk beneath a 60-metre installation transforming Mitchell Street resulting from a community engagement project with Annie Hogg, or explore the illustrations of Alan Clarke at Clonmel Library, alongside many more exhibitions across the festival.

A word of thanks to our funders, sponsors and partners – it is no exaggeration to say that without you this festival simply could not happen. Thank you also to our wonderful festival team and volunteers who give so much energy and joy to the festival.

**Festivals bring people together, so join us at Clonmel Junction Arts Festival to explore, exchange ideas, and experience the arts this July.**



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

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## Friday 3rd July

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# GLANCE!

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(M) Music

(S) Street Spectacle

(T) Talk

(TH) Theatre

(VA) Visual Art

(WS) Workshop

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11am Friday 3rd July

### Festival Opening and The Clonmel Exchanges Podcast Project Launch

- Fetch

This exciting new podcast project mentored by renowned podcaster Siobhán McHugh engages Tipperary writers to interview those who have loved and left Clonmel to make new lives around the world.

Hear their stories via QR codes at venues, at the specially created Cabinet of Curiosities (a mobile handling museum) and at [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com).

The Clonmel Exchanges Podcast Project is a partnership project with the Tipperary Museum of Hidden History.

Free | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 60 mins



12pm-4pm Friday 3rd July

### Áine Gallagher, Guerrilla Gaeilge

- Parnell Street

As Ireland's only known Guerrilla Gaeilge Activist, Áine Gallagher will occupy a bench on Parnell Street with her "Cup of Focals" hoping to surprise strangers into speaking some Irish with her. While Áine dreams of giving everyone in Ireland a focal, she needs help, which is why she will invite the people of Clonmel to attend her rally meeting, become local Guerrilla Gaeilge Activists and join her movement to "Focal the Nation".

Free | Suitable for all ages



7pm Friday 3rd July

### No CTRL: Expression NOT Suppression

- Former GameStop Mitchell Street



Curious? Then step into this pop-up installation and gaming space on Mitchell Street created by our Youth Council with designer Derek Harvey.

Bookings for free 1-2-hour board game sessions can be made online at [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com)

Open: Friday 3rd July: 12pm-8pm; Saturday 4th July: 11am-7pm; Sunday 5th July: 12pm-5pm; Monday 6th to Thursday 9th July: 11am-5pm; Friday 10th July: 11am-7pm; Saturday 11th July: 11am-7pm; Sunday 12th July 12pm-5pm.  
In partnership with TUS.

Free | Ages: 10+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)

### CTRL - readings by Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan and Brenda Romero

In the recently published collection, *CTRL*, writers turn their focus to one of the most influential – and persistently misunderstood – art forms of the modern era. Through memoir, criticism, and narrative exploration, these essays chart the ways video games intersect with memory, identity, imagination, and the complicated business of being human.



5pm-7.30pm Friday 3rd July

### Young Curators Exhibition '2B or not to be' Launch

- Main Guard

This exhibition draws from the art collection of the University of Limerick and is curated by a group of Transition Year students from Clonmel schools under the expert guidance of curator Catherine Marshall.

Over a period of months in the lead up to the festival the students have acquainted themselves with a wide variety of paintings, sculptures and new media works from Ireland over the past 150 years with this exhibition forming their selection from the university's fantastic collection.

The Young Curator's Programme is kindly supported by the University of Limerick Art Collection.

Free | Suitable for all ages | Tuesday-Sunday 9am-5pm (last admission 4.15pm)



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6pm-8pm Friday 3rd July

### Séamus Nolan Exhibition Launch *The Blackened Circle* Prototype for a Monument

- South Tipperary Arts Centre (STAC)

This July will see the results of a nine-month socially engaged project by Séamus Nolan in collaboration with members of the Clonmel Traveller community, continuing STAC's development and support of socially engaged art practices.

*The Blackened Circle* is a monument to the temporary possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of land that has been customary for Irish Traveller communities for centuries. In the past, circles of black ash and charred sticks are what remained to mark the campfires that were central to the gathering of nomadic communities along roadsides and networks of traditional camping grounds. The project involves working collaboratively with Traveller community members to document and share these storied sites, recounting and sustaining the connections to the land and to the communities intersecting those places.

Exhibition runs until 1st August.

Free | Suitable for all ages | 10am-5pm Tuesday to Saturday



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South Tipperary County Council  
Traveller Young Group



South Tipperary  
Arts Centre



8pm Friday 3rd July

**Exchanges: A Performance by Dagogo Hart and Andy Spearpoint**  
- STAC Chapel

This performance of work devised by artist Dagogo Hart in collaboration with Tipperary-based artist Andy Spearpoint follows a one-week residency in STAC Chapel earlier in the year.

Poet, playwright and performer Dagogo and musician Andy will explore identity, ageing, parenthood and the business of finding oneself in a culture not one's own.

A partnership project with STAC.

€12 (€10) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 45 mins



8pm Friday 3rd July

**Me, Myself and Ireland**  
- Mulcahy's

Ailish McCarthy is an absolute LICK for the rules. When the grapevine told Ailish that Ireland doesn't fund comedy, Ailish wanted to find out more.

Follow her on her journey on what it takes to make an artform in Ireland.

A feel-good show about what it takes to "stand up" for artists in Ireland.

€12 (€10) | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 45 mins



From 9pm Friday 3rd July

**Music in the Pubs**

9pm Loneragan's - Eoin Barrett

9.30pm Gleeson's - Lorraine & Caoimhe

10pm The Coachman - Pat Holland

10pm Friday 3rd July

**The Seven Rivers of the Sun  
– A Procession of Light**

– Start and finish point: Kickham Plaza

Surfing the Slipstreams of Spinning Planets. Landscape Theatre Company LUXE celebrate the incredible journey of our solar system sailing through the cosmos on rivers of light. Join us at summer twilight to reflect this collective story, journeying with stars amongst the streets and waterways of Clonmel.

*The Seven Rivers of the Sun* is a magical procession of light, lanterns, candles and fire, with elevated performance, mesmeric music and more by (award-winning and internationally-acclaimed) LUXE. Watch the show as it passes by or follow its journey towards an uplifting and unifying finale.

LUXE have been making trailblazing Landscape Spectacle internationally for 18 years and more. They continually extend and adapt their collections of sumptuous costume and processional sculpture to present beautiful bespoke shows.

Their processional work ranges from intimate voyages to large-scale illuminated spectacle, transmitting the elemental energy of their Atlantic home. Always working outdoors and often with local communities LUXE draw on a dedicated group of international performers, musicians and artists to bring alive their visual world.

**Some traffic restrictions and temporary road closures will be in place – thank you for your understanding.**

**All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Free | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 60 mins  
| Route: Approx. walking distance 2km

Created in partnership with Cairde Sligo Arts Festival.

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8am-5pm Saturday 4th July

## Plein Air

- Registration at Abbey Street Car Park (E91 X9T8) from 8am-10am

With the Suir Blueway running through it and built against the stunning backdrop of the Comeragh mountains and views of Slievenamon, Clonmel awaits your discovery during our Plein Air on 4th & 5th July.

Within easy reach of the rich scenery and outstanding OPW sites in Carrick-on-Suir, Cahir and Cashel, we invite you to join us for Clonmel's inaugural Plein Air with workshops for well-seasoned and beginner Plein Air participants, as well as paint outs and the opportunity to exhibit at linn gallery.

The Gold Prize winner will be offered an editioned print run of their painting and a framed copy of their work (up to a value of €500) sponsored by Artisan Frames.

€30 (weekend registration) | Ages: 18+ | Duration: All Day



10.30am Saturday 4th July

### Plein Air Workshop with Kieran Guckian (Acrylic/Oil)

- Details of the location in Clonmel to be sent following registration.

A finalist on Sky Arts Landscape Artist of the Year in 2025, Kieran will focus on sharing his painting process in acrylics, from subject choice and compositions to finding realism through colour and values.

Suited to those with some Plein Air experience, Kieran will demo his technique as well as working one on one with all participants between demo stages. His aim will be to focus on sharing his knowledge and helping participants throughout the workshop.

**NB:** To buy a ticket for this workshop, you must first purchase a ticket to the main Plein Air event, you will then receive an email containing an access code for this workshop.

Number of places: 12

(To ensure everyone receives personalised attention and has the best possible learning experience, we limit the number of places available. Please note that workshops are subject to sufficient enrolment, and we reserve the right to cancel and provide a full refund if necessary.)

€40 | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 2 ½ hrs



10.30am Saturday 4th July

### A Workshop for Plein Air Beginners with Jacqueline Gartlan

- Details of the location in Clonmel to be sent following registration.

This workshop is for those who are new to Plein Air but are experienced painters. Jacqueline is an oil painter, living and working from her home studio, in Marfield, Clonmel. She specialises in fine art, predominantly portraiture, still life and landscapes.

She has exhibited in numerous group exhibitions in Clonmel, Cahir, Dungarvan, Naas and Wexford. In 2021, Jacqueline was selected as a participant in the television programme Sky Arts - Portrait Artist of the Year. She teaches weekly oil painting classes in Tipperary and Waterford.

**NB:** To buy a ticket for this workshop, you must first purchase a ticket to the main Plein Air event, you will then receive an email containing an access code for this workshop.

Number of places: 10

(To ensure everyone receives personalised attention and has the best possible learning experience, we limit the number of places available. Please note that workshops are subject to sufficient enrolment, and we reserve the right to cancel and provide a full refund if necessary.)

€25 | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 2 ½ hrs

11am-4pm Saturday 4th July

### Áine Gallagher, Guerrilla Gaeilge

- Parnell Street, with rally at the Main Guard

Áine Gallagher invites the people of Clonmel to become local Guerrilla Gaeilge Activists and join her movement to "Focal the Nation". There will be a proper rally meeting at 3.30pm at the Main Guard with t-shirts with slogans, placards and everything.

Free | Suitable for all ages



11am-4pm Saturday 4th July

### Music Performances

- Abbey Street and the Main Guard

A celebration of music awaits with performances from Clonmel Community Choir, Up roar Choir, New Inn Voices, Comhaltas, Concertina Ensemble and others.

Free | Suitable for all ages

11am Saturday 4th July

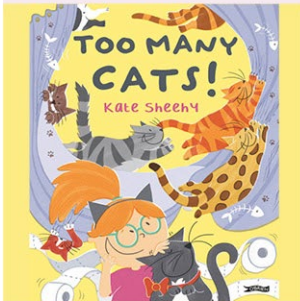
### Illustration Workshop with Kate Sheehy for 7-9 year olds

- Clonmel Library

Join author and illustrator Kate Sheehy for a fun-filled workshop inspired by her picture book, *Too Many Cats*. After a lively reading of the story, children can get creative with some delightful cat-themed crafts!

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

Free | Ages: 7-9 yrs | Duration: 60 mins



11am Saturday 4th July

### Sketching Tour: Urban Architecture and Landscape

- STAC Chapel

Grab a pad and pencils and join Niamh McGiff and Oliver Baros, BSc in Digital Animation students at TUS, in a leisurely stroll around Clonmel. Explore and sketch some of the architecture and natural surroundings and build on your confidence and drawing skills in this fun group activity, ideal for those studying art.

Meeting point is at STAC Chapel and finishing point will be at Raheen House Hotel. Bring your own sketching materials (hardback sketch pad, refill and drawing materials of your choice) - and an umbrella just in case!

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

Free | Ages: 12+ (under 16s must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)  
| Duration: 90 mins





Boston  
Scientific

11am or 2pm Saturday 4th July

### The Drop Bubble Show

- Showgrounds Shopping Centre Theatre

The Drop Bubble Show invites audiences into the playful world of a curious scientist where simple raindrops become extraordinary bubble creations. Follow his journey of discovery as experiments spark delight and wonder, revealing surprising tricks and playful science in action.

Bubble sculptures come alive: a bubble cube, a spinning carousel, and a mesmerizing tornado. Giant, floating bubbles shimmer with iridescent colours and drift in magical, ever-changing formations. This imaginative performance celebrates curiosity, creativity, and the joy of exploration, letting audiences experience the thrill of discovery and the enchanting charm of bubbles as art, science, and playful imagination collide.

€10 (€8) | Ages: 4+ | Duration: 40 mins



Music Generation  
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12pm-3.30pm Saturday 4th July

### Music Generation Tipperary Rock Camp and Trad Camp Showcase

- Abbey Street Car Park

Join us for standout live performances from Tipperary's talented young musicians at the new Abbey Street Performance Space. Following their camp earlier in the week, it's time to shine a light on these stars of the future. Grab a coffee from one of Clonmel's coffee shops, sit back and enjoy!

Free | Suitable for all ages

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



CLONMEL  
ROCK CAMP 2026



TRAD CAMP  
2026



3pm, 5pm or 7pm Saturday 4th July

### Distillation by Luke Casserly

- STAC Chapel

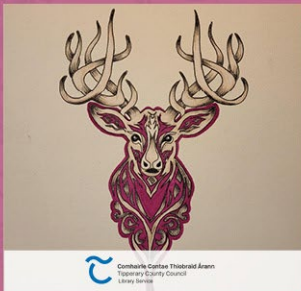
A performative journey which takes you to the Irish bog through scent, created in response to the cessation of Ireland's peat harvesting industry. Luke Casserly collaborated with renowned perfume maker Joan Woods to create a unique distillation of the Midlands bog as the starting point for an olfactory encounter which looks at our human relationship to place. Dedicated to the future of our broken landscapes – in the hope that by listening to them, we might be able to better understand them. *Distillation* premiered as part of Dublin Theatre Festival in 2023, and has since toured extensively both in Ireland and internationally.

**Please note** there will be moments of gentle participation throughout, including an invitation to hold and smell organic materials

€18 (€16) | Ages: 12+ | Duration: 50 mins without interval



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3.15pm Saturday 4th July

### Illustration Workshop with Paulette O'Donovan for 10-12 year olds

- Clonmel library

Let your imagination go wild and create yourself as a cartoon character having adventures with animated pets in this fun illustration workshop with artist Paulette O'Donovan.

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

Free | Ages: 10-12 yrs | Duration: 60 mins

4pm Saturday 4th July

### Youth Council Performance Trail

- Former GameStop on Mitchell Street, Place 4 U and Abbey Street Car Park

A live music, dance and spoken word experience awaits. Meet at Abbey Street before winding your way through the streets of Clonmel between three distinct performance spaces - each with its own atmosphere - before converging at the outdoor finale on Abbey Street.

Following mentoring from curators Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan and Eamon O'Malley, the Youth Council present their Performance Trail - a reflection of a young creative's journey.

#### Join us.



4pm-4.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm

**Stage 1: The Teenage Bedroom - The Beginning** (Former GameStop on Mitchell Street)

Performances by:

Eve Whelan, a songwriter and vocal shapeshifter.

Niamh O'Beirne, a multidisciplinary artist.



4pm-4.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm

**Stage 2: The Rehearsal Space - The Development** (Place 4 U)

Performances by:

The O'Reillys, a Tipperary-based act playing traditional Irish instrumental tunes and songs in a classic session format.



Favour Odusola, a Nigerian-Irish multidisciplinary artist and dance theatre performer with drummer Segun Akano.



5.30pm-6.30pm

**Stage 3: The Big Performance - The Arrival** (Abbey Street Car Park)

Performances by:

MDR are a five-piece indie-rock band from Cork and Tipperary. They toured nationally in early 2025, earning *Hot Press* coverage for their single *Statue of Adam*.



Yankari Afrobeat, a relentless, high-energy force on stage. This high energy performance is guaranteed to get you dancing!

FREE | Ages: 13+ | Duration: 2 1/2 hrs

8pm Saturday 4th July

### Vincent Hanley Summer School Lecture and Performance

***The Debt is Settled* by Tonie Walsh**

- Showgrounds Shopping Centre Theatre

A meditation on grief, loss, guilt and survival.

Civil rights activist and DJ Tonie Walsh explores living through the AIDS pandemic in this immersive, mixed-media performance created specially for the Vincent Hanley Summer School.

The Vincent Hanley Summer School celebrates one of Ireland's significant celebrities and cultural figures, Vincent Hanley, a Clonmel native. The Vincent Hanley Lecture seeks to right imbalance, addressing subjects that have been overlooked or not given sufficient airtime - until now.

Buckle up. Expect 60 mins of an emotional roller-coaster.

€15 | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 60 mins



From 8.30pm Saturday 4th July

### Music in the Pubs

8.30pm Mulcahy's - **The Hesitations**

9.30pm Gleeson's - **Honeycomb**

9pm Lonergan's - **Keltic Swing**

10pm The Coachman - **Wildover (Full Band)**



### 10am-5pm Sunday 5th July

#### Plein Air

- Registration at Abbey Street Car Park (E91 X9T8) from 10am.

Take in the rich scenery of the Comeragh mountains, the Suir Blueway and outstanding OPW sites in Carrick, Cahir and Cashel, and join us for day two of our inaugural Plein Air.

Make sure to have your entries in by 5pm at Abbey Street for our competition with prizes for Gold, Silver, Bronze and People's Choice awarded on Sunday, 5th July. The Gold Prize winner will be offered an editioned print run of their painting and a framed copy of their work (up to a value of €500) sponsored by Artisan Frames and the People's Choice Prize is kindly sponsored by The Narrow Space.

Applications to be part of the exhibition at linn gallery, 1st Floor, The Narrow Space, Mitchell St, Clonmel, E91 RW24 from Tuesday 7th July to Saturday 5th September. Application forms will be emailed on registration.

€30 (weekend registration) | Ages: 18+  
| Duration: All Day

### 12pm-4pm Sunday 5th July

#### Áine Gallagher, Guerrilla Gaeilge

- Various Locations

Áine Gallagher is on the move to enlist more recruits to Guerrilla Gaeilge – are you ready to join her noble cause?

Free | Suitable for all ages



Cultúr Éireann  
Culture Ireland

### 12pm Sunday 5th 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 | Suitable for all ages



### 12pm Sunday 5th July

#### Book Club with Cathy Sweeney

- Clonmel Library

Join us for a relaxed chat about her debut novel, Breakdown, with writer Cathy Sweeney. Hear what inspired the novel, dive into its themes, and take part in an open Q&A. Bring your thoughts and questions!

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

Free | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 60 mins



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The Good Farmer and the Failed Son

2pm Sunday 5th July

**Double Bill: *The Good Farmer and the Failed Son* and *Water Under the Bridge* with Q&A**

- IMC Cinema

A screening of two short films *The Good Farmer and the Failed Son* and *Water Under the Bridge* followed by a Q&A with director Ailill Martin and writer/filmmaker Rehan Ali with Local Creative Youth Partnership (LCYP) Coordinator Nuala Martin.

***The Good Farmer and the Failed Son***

A drag queen and his father consider the traditions around inheritance and what they may mean for the future of their family farm.

***Water Under the Bridge***

The journey of a refugee does not come to an end when they reach their refuge. Instead, a new journey begins. A journey that brings its own struggles.

€10 (€8) | Ages: 15A | Duration: 60 mins  
(to include screenings of 13 mins + 15 mins + Q&A)



Water Under the Bridge



2pm Sunday 5th July

**Oud and Double Bass Workshop with Sun Merchant**

- Baker's

Curious about new sounds? Try the oud and double bass and learn how to groove in unusual time signatures with Stephen McGrath and Aury Livingstone of Sun Merchant.

€12 (€10) | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 90 mins



3pm Sunday 5th July

**Book Launch: *All of the Colours Anthology* by Brian Clancy**

- Main Guard

Join Tipperary writer Brian Clancy for the launch of his short story anthology featuring live dramatisations of a selection of his short stories.

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

Free | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 60 mins



3pm, 5pm or 7pm Sunday 5th July

### Distillation by Luke Casserly

- STAC Chapel

A performative journey which takes you to the Irish bog through scent, created in response to the cessation of Ireland's peat harvesting industry. See pg 15 for full details.

€18 (€16) | Ages: 12+ | Duration: 50 mins without interval



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4.30pm Sunday 5th July

### Vincent Hanley Summer School: 'Being Other in Rural Ireland'

- Showgrounds Shopping Centre Theatre

Irish TV presenter and journalist Helen Carroll will lead the discussion around 'Being other in rural Ireland' with FELISPEAKS, Maitiú Mac Cárthaigh and Jack Rogers.

FELISPEAKS is a Nigerian-Irish visionary artist celebrated for their profound exploration of identity, social justice, and personal growth through poetry, performance and theatre. As well as being featured in the Irish Leaving Cert Curriculum, their compelling work transcends borders, leaving an indelible mark on international literature.

Maitiú Mac Cárthaigh is an interdisciplinary artist working across expanded print-media, sculpture, sound and writing. They will share creative work in progress, exploring how these practices shape our perceptions of rural space as utopian or regressive and are influenced by our connection to the ecological. Ultimately, asking who is allowed to exist in rural spaces, and who benefits from greater inclusivity?

As a queer person and only son of a farmer, Jack Rogers seeks to engage with concepts affecting rural communities and creates performances that draw attention to issues that continue to alienate farmers across the nation. Jack will perform as Fanny Split McGee, competing in a one-woman pageant to become Miss Oestradiol 17β - fingers crossed for her!

€15 (€12) | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 90 mins





5pm Sunday 5th July

### Plein Air Wet Paint Exhibition

- Abbey Street Car Park

Come and see the wonderful paintings created by our Plein Air participants over the weekend - and don't forget to cast your vote for your favourite!

The Gold Prize winner will be offered an editioned print run of their painting and a framed copy of their work (up to a value of €500) sponsored by Artisan Frames, and the People's Choice Prize is kindly sponsored by The Narrow Space.

Free | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 45 mins



8pm Sunday 5th July

### Clonmel Story Slam

- Baker's

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.

€13 | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 120 mins

From 5pm Sunday 5th July

### Music in the Pubs

5pm The Coachman - **Dee Morrissey**

7pm Gleeson's - **DJ Nigel Byrne**

8pm Lonergan's - **Louis Quirke's Sitdown Session**

6pm Monday 6th 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.



**Girls Night** By *Squid Studios*

Three girls have a sleepover and decide to try a ritual they read about online, leading to wishes being granted and unforeseen, unfortunate consequences.

Rachel O Dea | Jamie Phillips | Ann-Marie Synnott | Laura Brzozowska



**Anseo is Ansiúd** By *Stop Light Studios*

We follow a commuter and see how far it gets us.

Tom Power | Daria Góralczyk | Kate Hurley



**The Shape** By *Boiled Egg Productions*

She is late, the streets are locked down, and something is closing in. It never loses her, no matter how fast she runs. When the mask comes off, the story doesn't end - it begins.

Anna-Maria Timpano | Vivi Giles | Kyle Condon | Christina Christou



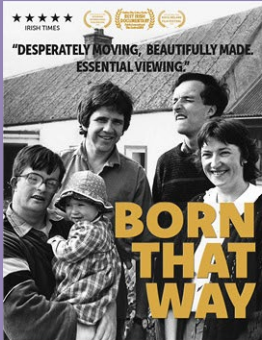
**For the Love of Petals & Pastries** By *The Arms of Morpheus Productions*

Two roommates have misunderstanding after misunderstanding, in a hilarious yet wholesome tale of magic and love.

Heidi Young | Jackie Heary | Roisin Clancy | Rozafa Havall

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

Free | Ages: 16+ | Duration: 60 mins



8pm Monday 6th July

**Born That Way: A film about Care. And Love. And Patrick Lydon.**

- IMC Cinema

In a small wooden house in County Kilkenny, Ireland, Patrick Lydon's life is ebbing away. Throughout his final year he reflects on an extraordinary life that took him from a budding career in rock journalism in America to trailblazing the development of the radically inclusive Camphill Movement with his wife, Gladys, sharing life in community with people of diverse needs, abilities and backgrounds.

Patrick's story calls forth the story of Camphill itself, and articulates the impulse that drove an approach to life struggling for survival in today's consumerist climate. At a time when the world is in need of inspiration, Patrick and Gladys' story is just the ticket.

€10 (c8) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 95 mins + Q&A with Éamon Little and Gladys Lydon

From 9pm Monday 6th July

Music in the Pubs

9pm Gleeson's - Open Jam

9pm Baker's - The Ryans



10am or 12pm Tuesday 7th July

### Pottery Painting Workshops for 8-12 year olds

- The Platform, Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Explore colour, patterns and imaginative designs in this pottery painting workshop for young artists. Choose either a plate or a mug to decorate. All materials will be provided, and no prior experience is required.

Please note ceramic pieces will need to be fired following the workshop with collection from The Platform to be arranged after the festival.

Workshop 1 at 10am

Workshop 2 at 12pm

€22 | Ages: 8-12 yrs | Duration: 60 mins

(children must be accompanied by an adult - adults can either book a place and paint as well or take a seat in our relaxation zone)



10am-12pm or 2-4pm Tuesday 7th July

### Mask Painting Workshops with Tom Campbell

- ONLY, Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Be part of this community engagement workshop and help decorate the large-scale masks created by local schools and community groups during artist Tom Campbell's residency in the lead up to the festival.

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

Free | Ages: 8+ (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult) | Duration: 2 hrs



2.30pm Tuesday 7th July

### Pottery Painting for Adults

- The Platform, Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Unleash your creativity and spend the afternoon at this relaxing workshop painting a ceramic plate or mug with The Lodge Ballyowen. All materials will be provided, and no prior experience is needed - just bring your imagination!

Please note that all ceramic pieces will need to be fired after the workshop. Collection from The Platform can be arranged following the festival.

€25 | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 90 mins



6pm-7pm Tuesday 7th July

### Plein Air Exhibition Opening

- linn gallery

Join us for the launch of the Plein Air exhibition at linn gallery, 1st Floor, The Narrow Space, Mitchell St, E91 RW24, showcasing work created on location in Clonmel and its environs by participating artists over the first weekend of the festival.

Running from Tuesday 7th July to Saturday 5th September, drop in to see the paintings capturing beautiful scenic Clonmel.

Free | Suitable for all ages | Duration: 60 mins



8pm Tuesday 7th July

### Muck by Roseanna Purcell

- A Rehearsed Reading and Q&A

- Showgrounds Shopping Centre Theatre

A reading of a new play from a contemporary rural voice, about an isolated woman who has become so disassociated from her body that she believes she's turning into a cow.

Muck follows the journey of Maureen McLoughney, an insecure, isolated woman who has become so disassociated from her body she begins to believe she is turning into a cow. Having left her job at the local meat factory for a deli assistant position in a supermarket, Maureen is feeling good as she celebrates her 35th birthday with her parents, until a sudden outburst in retaliation to her mother emerges in the form of a cattle cry. As she searches for the reason behind this progressively frightening transformation, she is catapulted into a series of unfamiliar social and sexual interactions, leading her back to the killing floor at the factory, only for Maureen to discover her true nature in an illuminating, cathartic light. Roseanna Purcell is an actor and writer from Littleton, Tipperary.

**Please note this is a rehearsed reading. This performance contains strong language and sexual content.**

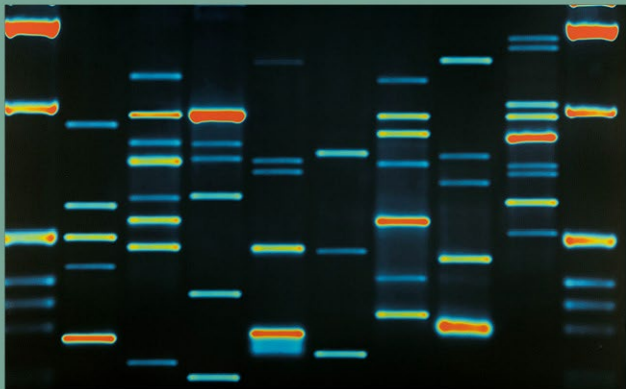
€10 (€8) | Ages:14+ | Duration: 60 mins +15 mins Q&A

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From 9pm Tuesday 7th July

### Music in the Pubs

9pm Gleeson's - Platform 5 Original Music



10am Wednesday 8th July

#### Art Walk with Catherine Marshall

- STAC (starting point followed by a tour of Clonmel galleries, approx. walking distance 2km)

Beginning at South Tipperary Arts Centre (STAC) on Nelson Street with Séamus Nolan's exhibition, join renowned curator Catherine Marshall for a guided art tour of Clonmel's galleries. The tour will take in the linn gallery, the Main Guard, and Clonmel Library, before finishing at one of Clonmel's cafés for a relaxed coffee and chat about the morning's highlights.

€10 (to include tea/coffee) | Ages: 10+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)  
| Duration: 90 mins + coffee chat



10am-12pm or 2-4pm Wednesday 8th July

#### Mask Painting Workshops with Tom Campbell

- ONLY, Showgrounds Shopping Centre

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Free | Ages: 8+ (children must be accompanied by an adult) | Duration: 2 hrs





11am–12.30pm Wednesday 8th July

**Dream | Design | Draw Workshop for 8–12 year olds**  
– The Platform, Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Following on from her workshops with youth groups for Cruinniú na nÓg, artist Selene Murphy invites you to take part in her fun and imaginative Dream | Design | Draw workshop. Come along, get creative, and bring your big ideas for Clonmel if you were put in charge for the day.

While you're here, feel free to collect a copy of our specially created Cruinniú na nÓg Clonmel Scavenger Hunt and be prepared to see Clonmel differently.

Free | Ages: 8–12 yrs (children must be accompanied by an adult) | Duration: 90 mins



1pm–4pm Wednesday 8th July

**TUS Student Animation Showcase**

– The Platform, Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Stop by The Platform for another chance to see the animated film shorts by second year Digital Animation students at Technological University of the Shannon School of Art and Design Clonmel campus.

**Girls Night** By *Squid Studios*

**Anseo is Ansiúd** By *Stop Light Studios*

**The Shape** By *Boiled Egg Productions*

**For the Love of Petals & Pastries** By *The Arms of Morpheus Productions*

Edited for a PG audience but adult supervision is essential. The animations will be played on a continuous loop.

See pg 21 for full details.

Free | Ages: 10+



6pm Wednesday 8th July

**Crime: A Window into the Past?**  
with **Fin Dwyer**

– STAC Chapel

Fin Dwyer, the creator of the award-winning Irish History Podcast, will explore how crime can serve as a lens for understanding history, as well as the challenges this approach presents.

Based in Waterford, he has published three books. His most recent work, *A History of Ireland in 18 Murders* (HarperNorth, 2023), has received widespread acclaim.

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

Free | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 60 mins

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8pm Wednesday 8th July

### **The Horse of Jenin** by Alaa Shehada

- Showgrounds Shopping Centre Theatre

*The Horse of Jenin*, written and performed by Palestinian actor and comedian Alaa Shehada, tells a universal story. It is about a boy growing up in Jenin, but like every child in the world, he most wants to play and have fun. It is a story about the resilience that imagination brings.

In April 2002, a major invasion took place in Jenin. In the aftermath, a German artist came over for an art workshop. After four weeks, with the help of 15 Palestinians, he unveiled the result. He had built a horse as tall as 5 metres out of metal fragments, debris from the bombing. They rode the horse through the city and everyone was proud of it, people felt lifted by it.

The horse is an Arabic symbol of freedom, but this horse was also a symbol of peaceful resistance. It was a symbol of resilience. Last November, an Israeli bulldozer entered the camp and the horse was removed.

In this solo, Alaa wonders: what happened to the horse? Was it arrested? Did it go to court? Was he able to defend himself? Did they put him in jail? Was the horse interrogated? And did it then tell about the day Alaa tried to ride the horse with his best friend Ahmed?

With this solo, Alaa builds a new horse, constructed from the fragments of his memories supplemented with a huge dose of humour and imagination. A theatrical symbol of resistance and imagination. The performance is an ode to the power of imagination and the value of playing freely.

Presented in association with Cairde Sligo Arts Festival, Dublin Theatre Festival and Earagail Arts Festival

€20 (C18) | Ages: Ages: 14+ | Duration: 80 mins



**The Guardian**

*"A funny, haunting coming-of-age tale of boyhood in occupied Palestine"*

*"This is a production that chooses to find joy amid horror."*

*"Shehada is very funny and full of energy..."*



**The Scotsman**

*"A terrific tale of Palestinian life, laughter and tragedy under unimaginable pressure."*



**British Theatre Guide**

*"...one of the most important shows at this year's Edinburgh festival."*



2pm-5pm Thursday 9th July

### Mask Performance Workshop

- ONLY, Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Join performance artist Tom Campbell to learn about mask performance and rehearse for the street performance on Kickham Plaza on Saturday 11th July.

**Performers are asked to wear black for the performance.**

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

Free | Ages: 8+ (children must be accompanied by an adult) | Duration: 3 hrs

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3pm Thursday 9th July

### 'Between the Willow Shade and the Fairy Glade' - a Vintage Afternoon Tea Concert with Bryony Morison

- Place 4 U

Soprano Bryony Morison, a graduate of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, brings her passion for storytelling to a special afternoon tea concert. Enjoy a varied programme of Irish folk, classical and repertoire. The focus will contrast in style and mood, with emphasis on storytelling through song.

**Tea and cake will be served on arrival.**

€15 (includes refreshments) | Ages: 10+  
| Duration: 60 mins

BRITISH THEATRE GUIDE

# “SHEHADA’S PERFORMANCE IS FULL OF VITALITY”



7pm Thursday 9th July

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€20 (€18) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 80 mins

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9pm Thursday 9th July

## **David Geraghty Concert**

– Raheen House Hotel

Geraghty’s live show features song and storytelling with poetic and raw lyrics delivered with a tenderness and intimacy that has been described as spellbinding.

His set weaves tracks from both his prolific solo output as well as Bell XI songs where Geraghty takes lead vocals. He uses his skill as a multi-instrumentalist to bring a diverse stylistic and dynamic range to his performance.

**With Eoin Barrett as support.**

€20 (€18) | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 90 mins

From 9pm Thursday 9th July

### **Music in the Pubs**

9pm Gleeson’s

9pm Lonergan’s – Davey Hastie’s open mic

9pm Baker’s – “Baker’s Sessions”



1pm Friday 10th July

### Art Talk and Visit with Séamus Nolan

- STAC

Meeting at *The Blackened Circle* in STAC, Séamus will lead a group discussion followed by a visit to one of the storied sites that has resonance with members of the Clonmel Traveller community (further details will be sent on application).

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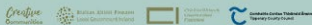
Free | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 60 mins



2pm-5pm Friday 10th July

### Mask Performance Workshop

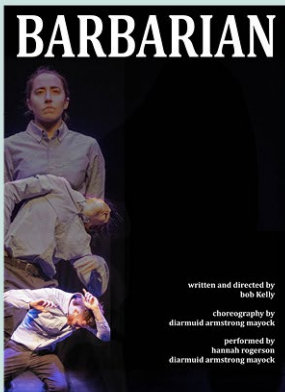
- ONLY, Showgrounds Shopping Centre



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Free | Ages: 8+ (children must be accompanied by an adult) | Duration: 3 hrs



7pm Friday 10th July

### Barbarian

- STAC Chapel

*Barbarian* is a new theatre/movement work from Bob Kelly, Diarmuid Armstrong and Hannah Rogerson.

Loosely inspired by John McGahern's memoirs, it follows two children raised in a Garda barracks by their overbearing father - now grown into guards themselves, they return to relive, remember and grieve. Shifting fluidly between past and present, adult and child, *Barbarian* blends physical theatre and dance to excavate the inherited wounds of power, authority and masculinity.

Developed through Cairde Sligo Arts Festival and The Hawk's Well Theatre, the piece has drawn packed, emotionally-engaged audiences at both work-in-progress showings.

€18 (€16) | Ages: 10+ | Duration: 60 mins



9pm Friday 10th July

### Muireann Bradley Concert

- Old St Mary's Church

**Muireann Bradley** is a once-in-a-generation talent; aged just nineteen, the Irish guitarist and singer has captivated audiences worldwide with her interpretations of classic blues songs. Raised in County Donegal, she began playing guitar aged nine, inspired by her blues-loving father. Despite detours into competitive Jiu-Jitsu, music remained her true calling.

Muireann's debut album *I Kept These Old Blues*, recorded between lockdowns during Covid when she was able to get into a studio (starting from when she was still just 14 years old), has become a coveted collector's item, with the first pressing of the record selling out everywhere. Featuring masterful covers of Blind Blake, Rev Gary Davis, and Mississippi John Hurt, the album reveals a rare depth of understanding and musicality.

Equally drawn to the stories behind the songs, Bradley channels the spirit of blues pioneers; her reverence for artists like Elizabeth Cotten and Memphis Minnie informs both her playing and her storytelling, earning her recognition from industry legends - including Jools Holland who invited her to perform on the Hootenanny. A natural performer with astonishing skill, Muireann Bradley is not just reviving the blues - she's helping to shape its future.

#### Support Act

**Ruairí de Leastar** is a talented musician known for his songs of hope and wisdom.

He has been honing his craft for the past fifteen years and has shared the stage with many successful acts, including Duke Special, Lisa Hannigan, Jerry Fish, Jack L, and Foy Vance.

€25 | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 90 mins + interval

From 9pm : Friday 10th July

#### Music in the Pubs

9pm Gleeson's

9pm Lonergan's - **Meet the Folkers**

9pm Baker's - **"Baker's Sessions"**

10pm The Coachman - **One Way Round**



Parents are required to sign-in with their child for the event (required for all participants) at Old St Mary's Church from 9.30am to 1.30pm on Saturday 11th July.

Following the Young Plein Air, there will be pop-up exhibitions of the participants' work.

10am-4pm Saturday 11th July

### Young Plein Air

- Old St Mary's Churchyard

Young artists are invited to take part in this fantastic Plein Air competition in the beautiful surroundings of Old St Mary's Church in Clonmel, painting outdoors with guidance and support from experienced local artists.

Gain confidence, explore your creativity and then celebrate your work with friends and family at a pop-up exhibition.

#### 10am Workshop 1 (Ages: 7-9 yrs)

Free | Ages: 7-9 yrs | Duration: 60 mins

#### 11.30am Workshop 2 (Ages: 10-12 yrs)

Free | 10-12 yrs | Duration: 1 ½ hrs

#### 1.30pm Workshop 3 (Ages: 13-18 yrs)

Free | Ages: 13-18 yrs | Duration: 2 ½ hrs



Booking:

Scan QR code or via  
[www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com)



An Roinn Dú agas Cúir,  
Cosúil le Rialtas Éireann  
Department of Justice,  
Home Affairs and Migration

10am-4.30pm Saturday 11th July

### Festival Choir Workshops

- CTI

The Festival Choir brings together singers from diverse cultural backgrounds for a unique collaborative experience at the heart of Junction Festival 2026.

Co-directed by Eamon O'Malley and Marina Moskaty, the choir will rehearse and perform as part of a flash mob during the festival before coming together for a **finale concert in Old St Mary's Church on Sunday 12th July.**



Booking:

Scan QR code or via  
[www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com)

This project is supported by the Integration Fund.

Free | Ages: 18+ | Duration: all day



**Hands of Heritage Workshops and Demonstrations**  
Meet stonemason Philip Quinn and Basket Maker Lynn Kirkham, part of Hands of Heritage, an award-winning Tipperary Museum of Hidden History programme celebrating traditional Irish craft skills through hands-on workshops and demonstrations.

Rooted in traditional practice and contemporary material culture, it explores sustainable making practices and living heritage, connecting craftspeople with historic skills and local communities across the county throughout 2026.

Funded by  
**An Chomhairle Oidhreachta**  
The Heritage Council



11am-4pm Saturday 11th July

### Tipperary Food and Farming Day

- Abbey Street Car Park

Celebrate the rich food and farming heritage of County Tipperary with a vibrant gathering of artisan producers and local craft-makers.

Enjoy delicious food, live entertainment, and a lively atmosphere, bringing together community, creativity, and the very best of Tipperary.

Free | Suitable for all ages



We welcome back Calmast, the South East Technological University (SETU) STEM engagement centre, to bring their science workshops promoting sustainability, creativity and critical thinking.



12pm-3pm Saturday 11th July

### Colouring in Clonmel

- Kickham Plaza

Join illustrator Nataliia Lukianenko for a fun, hands-on workshop as she creates an imaginative town for you to bring to life using coloured chalks - perfect for young artists and creative explorers.

Free | Suitable for all ages



12.30pm Saturday 11th July

### The Mask Project Performance

- Kickham Plaza

Experience *The Mask Project*, a striking street performance by Tom Campbell, featuring 100 masks in a visually powerful outdoor spectacle.

This large-scale event transforms Kickham Plaza into a living stage, as 100 mysterious visitors arrive in Clonmel—encountering the town, and each other, for the very first time.

Free | Suitable for all ages





### 2pm Saturday 11th July

#### Ackroyd & Harvey Talk

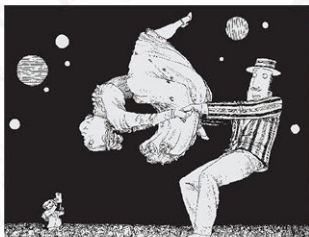
- Main Guard

The illustrated talk focuses on Ackroyd & Harvey's interdisciplinary work, highlighting their innovative 'photographic photosynthesis' pieces and the ongoing project, *Beuys' Acorns* (2007).

This latter project involves cultivating trees from acorns sourced from Joseph Beuys's influential artwork, "7000 Oaks". Short clips from Fiona Cunningham-Reid's acclaimed documentary, *Ackroyd & Harvey: The Art of Activism*, address their direct-action activist work.

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

Free | Ages:14+ | Duration: 60 mins



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### 3pm Saturday 11th July

#### Meet the Artist Alan Clarke

- Clonmel Library

Meet Alan Clarke, the acclaimed artist behind the iconic illustrations of Ross O'Carroll-Kelly, created by Paul Howard.

This special exhibition offers access to a collection of Clarke's work held in the National Library of Ireland. Don't miss your chance to explore his distinctive visual style, hear about his creative process, and how his artwork helped bring one of Ireland's best-loved literary characters to life.

Free | Ages:14+ | Duration: 45 mins



### 4pm Saturday 11th July

#### The Heart of Our Town: A Work in Progress

- Main Guard

As part of their ongoing creative engagement with Clonmel, our neighbours Asylum Productions are back! During the festival they'll be working with community actors to help on the development of their brand-new production for 2027.

Come and join them for a panel discussion and Q&A about the work so far (*Everything Must Go!* 2022 & *Gutted* 2025), and a sneak peek at their future plans.

Guest speakers: Shane Grogan, Tipperary County Council Town Regeneration Officer; Architect Niall O'Cleirigh of the community-led Making Arklow and Reimagine Tuam projects; Asylum writer/collaborator Aildeen Wyldé, together with Asylum co-artistic directors Meib Lambert & Dónal Gallagher

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: 60 mins



Paul Howard



Alan Clarke



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Tipperary County Council  
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6pm Saturday 11th July

**Paul Howard and Alan Clarke**

– Old St Mary's Church

Paul Howard is a novelist, screenwriter, playwright and newspaper columnist. He is best known as the creator of the rugby jock Ross O'Carroll-Kelly, who was the subject of 24 novels and four sell-out plays.

He was also a writer on the BAFTA-award winning TV show *Bad Sisters* and the story editor on season two of the TV comedy *Sisters*. He has won five Irish Book Awards, including the best non-fiction award for his biography of Beatles muse Tara Browne. *A Nation Once Again*, his satire about the unification of Ireland, will be published by Penguin in August.

Paul will be joined by illustrator for the Ross O'Carroll-Kelly series, Alan Clarke.

With a performance by Clonmel RFC Male Voice Choir.

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

Free | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 60 mins



9pm Saturday 11th July

**Sun Merchant Concert**

– STAC Chapel

Sun Merchant offers a unique ensemble featuring mandolin, oud, double bass and clarinet.

The evening will feature guest musicians, songs from their recent singles as well as interpretations of popular Arabic, Balkan and Macedonian songs with the set split between more traditional rock material and fully acoustic world music songs.

Supported by **The Grapevine**

€16 (c14) | Ages: 14+ | Duration: 90 mins

From 9pm Saturday 11th July

**Music in the Pubs**

9pm Lonergan's – **The Windcheetahs**

9pm Baker's – **"Baker's Sessions"**

9.30pm Gleeson's – **Strings & Things**

10pm The Coachman – **Loose Cannons**



An Rannsóid againn!  
Ceanúlaí, Béal Áraí, Beann  
Dáiríre agus Ceol  
Dúlaí, Músaic agus Meicléic

### 11am–5pm Sunday 12th July

#### Festival Choir Workshops and Performances

– CTI, E91 E7D0

Choral directors Marina Maskalyk and Eamon O'Malley return for day two of workshops with this specially formed community choir.

Don't miss the choir's flash mob performance at 3pm in Denis Burke Park and at the Festival Finale Concert in Old St Mary's Church this evening.

Booking: Scan QR code  
or via [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com)

Free | Ages: 18+ | Duration: all day

This project is supported by the Integration Fund.



### 12pm Sunday 12th July

#### Yoga

– Denis Burke Park

Take time to unwind with outdoor yoga led by Brenda Foley in Denis Burke Park. Enjoy a relaxing, open-air session suitable for all levels – an opportunity to stretch, breathe, and reconnect in a peaceful natural setting.

Free | Ages: 18+ | Duration: 60 mins



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### 12pm–4pm Sunday 12th July

#### Mayumi Nakabayashi Mandala Workshop

– Denis Burke Park

The workshop is about connection – an opportunity to confirm our connection with the land, nature, communities and ourselves. Mandala means 'circle' in Sanskrit language.

As we co-create a circular geometry using natural materials, the process gently reminds us of essential values for human beings (collaboration, unity in diversity and sense of belonging) in a tangible and grounded manner. Participants will learn how to create with natural materials, how to work with perspectives and the sustainable ways to forage for natural materials.

Free | Suitable for all ages

These projects are supported by the Integration Fund.

### 12pm–4pm Sunday 12th July

#### Wellness Events

– Denis Burke Park



After a hectic week, a calming series of wellbeing events invites you to slow down and reconnect. Join Deirdre Brady for guided meditation, a talk on nutrition and mindful eating by Neil Dennehy, Lara Slattery (creator of Sukha Wellness) for a restorative sound bath, alongside arts and crafts designed to encourage mindfulness, creativity, and calm. Breathe out...

Free | Suitable for all ages



Credit: Amelia Caulfield, courtesy of Workhouse Union

12pm-4pm Sunday 12th July

### Community Dye Vat

- Denis Burke Park

Discover the process of dyeing cloth blue, using the wood plant, *Isatis tinctoria*.

Woad has a rich history of use, originating from South Eastern Russia and as a naturalised plant to Ireland.

Join artists Hollie Kearns and Annie Hogg and their Community Dye Vat, by bringing along a clean piece of undyed cloth – a napkin, hankie, or small t-shirt. It must be 100% natural materials such as cotton, linen, bamboo or silk.

The method of extracting its colour is a mystical process, offering the opportunity to delve into the science behind the process. We will be incorporating the Japanese art of Shibori as a further way to play with dye range in our Community Dye.

Free | Ages: 10+

This project is supported by the Integration Fund.



2pm-4pm Sunday 12th July

### Ackroyd & Harvey Workshop

- Denis Burke Park

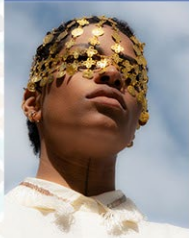
Join the artists Ackroyd & Harvey for a hands-on workshop focused on the simple pleasure of making leaf prints with various paints with shared insights into the ecology of the oak gall wasp and the fascinating history of gall ink.

For over three decades, Ackroyd & Harvey have explored Nature-based processes of growth and decay, creating time-based artworks that address the rapid reshaping and rewriting of Earth's systems by the anthropogenic climate crisis and biodiversity loss.

**NB in the workshop paints and gall ink may mark or stain clothes.**

Free | Ages: 10+

5pm Sunday 12th July



**Double Bill: *Cosmophobia* and *Tremors***

- STAC Chapel

***Cosmophobia*** by Alessandra Azeviche

This work-in-progress is an attempt to challenge the institutional ignorance sustaining both ecological ruin and our existential dread of the cosmos. Asking "is fear a primal instinct or a symptom of modern alienation?", the piece draws on Mestre Nêgo Bispo's revolutionary theories to interrogate how losing our ancestral and ecological connections fuels collective anxiety by bridging counter-colonial thought and environmental psychology.



***Tremors*** is a call to embrace our vulnerability at different stages of our lives and re-imagine the space of dance performance. Our response to the horizontal acceleration of time that comes with age is to intensify our attention, to enable a gentle internal transformation that extends to audiences. *Tremors* imagines dance as a communal, attentive practice: redemption through presence and listening. Harmonics emerging from the chaos of dynamic, opposing forces, and our singular ability to blend fury and tenderness in a single gesture.

€16 (€14) | Ages: 14+ | 20 mins (followed by short interval) + 45 mins



**Alexandre Iseli**, Scientist, dancer, choreographer, and director of Tipperary Dance; dancer and choreographer **Murielle Elzéon** based in the United States; **Thomas Belhom**, French composer & musician; **Sarah Marguier**, a multi-disciplinary French artist working across photography, movement-based art and design for performing arts.

8pm Sunday 12th July

**Festival Finale Concert**

- Old St Mary's Church

Celebrate our community and the close of the Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2026 with performances from child prodigy cello player Mykhailo Korduban, a selection of new work from local writers both established and emerging curated by Eileen Acheson, writer Karl Clancy who will read from his recently published poetry collection, as well as our very own Festival Choir, a collaboration of singers from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Co-directed by Eamon O'Malley and Marina Moskalyk, the choir will unite for the finale concert, performing 'Adiemus' and 'Why We Sing' by Greg Gilpin. The evening will end on a high note with a performance from the winning band from the recent Battle of the Bands, the Peadar Bradshaw Band.

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

Free | Ages: 10+ | Duration: 80 mins

From 5pm Sunday 12th July

**Music in the Pubs**

5pm The Coachman - **The Boyos featuring Paudie Coen from The Rebel Hearts**

9pm Gleeson's - **Ruairí de Leastar**

# Exhibitions

3rd–12th July

## Cultural Exchanges: Commonality and Community – Mitchell Street



Working with members of the local Ukrainian community and crafters, this project with artist Annie Hogg has sought to find commonality through the prism of working with wild hedgerow plants, focusing on plants which are familiar to both communities to explore their uses for dyeing, folklore, and folk medicine.

This exploration of our common ground resulted in dyeing threads, which were then used as embroidery linen. The designs, stories and final assemblage has been led by the participants, culminating in this exhibition in the heart of the town.

Audio pieces featuring the voices of participants and Ukrainian Folk Choir can be heard via QR codes located on Mitchell Street.

**Free | Suitable for all ages**

This project is supported by the Integration Fund



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Department of Culture,  
Home Affairs and Migration

3rd–12th July

## Clonmel Art Trail: *Unconformities* by Bridget O’Gorman – Beginning at STAC



*Unconformities* is a series of text-based interventions throughout Clonmel by Bridget O’Gorman, an artist and writer working with text, live event, video and sculpture. The work describes a series of sculptural objects which were never made – each piece existing as a conjured presence, invites unexpected encounter outside of the traditional exhibition space.

**Free | Suitable for all ages**



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3rd July–1st August

## *The Blackened Circle* Opening hours: Tuesday–Saturday 10am–5pm – South Tipperary Arts Centre (STAC)



### *Prototype for a Monument*

This July will see the results of a nine-month socially engaged project by Séamus Nolan in collaboration with members of the Clonmel Traveller community, continuing STAC’s development and support of socially engaged art practices.

See pg 9 and [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com) for further details.

**Free | Suitable for all ages**

The project is funded by Creative Ireland and the exhibition delivered as part of STAC’s ongoing partnership with Clonmel Junction Arts Festival.

# Exhibitions

3rd July-30th September



**Young Curators Exhibition '2B or not to be'**

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 9am-5pm (last admission 4.15pm)  
- Main Guard

This exhibition draws from the art collection of the University of Limerick and is curated by a group of Transition Year students from Clonmel schools under the expert guidance of curator Catherine Marshall. See pg 9 and [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com) for further details.

Free | Suitable for all ages

The Young Curator's Programme is kindly supported by the University of Limerick Art Collection.



OPW  
Office of Public Works

3rd-12th July



**The Clonmel Exchanges Podcast Project Cabinet of Curiosities**

- Various locations across Clonmel

Keep an eye out for the Cabinet of Curiosities as it travels around the venues throughout the festival. This mobile handling museum will offer sensory interaction as you listen to the taster Clonmel Exchanges podcasts via QR codes or link to the full interviews also available at [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com).

This exciting new podcast project mentored by renowned podcaster Siobhán McHugh engages Tipperary writers Barrie Peterson, Dylan Lyons, Eileen Heneghan, Eve O'Mahony, Marie Walsh, Mairé Godwin-O'Byrne, Paul Harrison, Rosaleen Quinlan, Suzanne Walsh, and Theresa Jones to interview those who have loved and left Clonmel to make new lives around the world.

Free | Suitable for all ages

The Clonmel Exchanges Podcast Project is a partnership project with the Tipperary Museum of Hidden History



6th-18th July



**Alan Clarke Exhibition**

Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9.30am-1pm and 2pm-5pm;  
Wednesday 9.30am-8pm and Saturday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm  
- Clonmel Library

Explore the iconic illustrations of Ross O'Carroll-Kelly by Alan Clarke, created in collaboration with writer Paul Howard. Now part of the National Library of Ireland collection, this remarkable archive includes hundreds of original drawings and sketches spanning the bestselling book series, capturing the humour, culture, and character of contemporary Ireland.

Free | 14+



7th July-5th September

**Plein Air Exhibition**

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm  
- linn gallery

Running from Tuesday 7th July to Saturday 5th September, drop in to see this exhibition of paintings from our inaugural Plein Air capturing beautiful scenic Clonmel and its environs.

Free | Suitable for all ages



# Exhibitions

3rd-11th July



## Courage to Welcome – An Exhibition of Street Photographs

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4.30pm

- Tipperary Museum of Hidden History

Created by volunteers and staff working with refugees in Clonmel for Refugee Week in Clonmel this street-photography exhibition explores the theme 'Courage to Welcome'. Captured in public spaces and everyday settings, the images were taken by members of the local volunteer group Clonmel Together, alongside staff from a local IPAS centre and Tipperary County Council's Local Authority Integration Team. Curated by street photographer Kevin Lim, the work focuses on unscripted moments of connection, presence, and shared space. Together, the photographs reflect how welcome is lived in small gestures, ordinary encounters, and the rhythms of daily life around us.

Free | Ages: 10+



6th June-11th July



## Dream | Design | Draw Exhibition

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 11am-4pm

- The Platform, Showgrounds Shopping Centre

What would you do if you suddenly found yourself in charge of Clonmel? Clonmel Cub Scouts were asked just this and do they have big ideas for the town! Come and see their grand designs for Clonmel at this exhibition following a series of workshops with artist and architect Selene Murphy. While you're here, collect your copy of the specially devised Clonmel Scavenger Hunt and see the town with fresh eyes.

Free | Suitable for all ages



3rd-12th July



## The Mask Project Exhibition

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 11am-4pm

- ONLY, Showgrounds Shopping Centre

Visit our pop-up gallery in the Showgrounds Shopping Centre to see over 100 large-scale papier mâché masks created by community groups, schools and the general public during a 4-week project with artist, facilitator and performance artist Tom Campbell.

The masks will be used for a community street performance on Saturday 11th July.

Free | Suitable for all ages



# Exhibitions

26th June–28th August



## The Female Image Claimed

Opening hours: Wednesday–  
Saturday 11am–4pm

– 6s & 7s Gallery, Davis Street,  
Tipperary Town, E34 VX84

An exhibition of works by Jo Slade  
and Gerry Carew in response to  
John Ferrera.

Free | Suitable for all ages

10th June–18th July



## Common Ground

Opening hours: Tuesday–  
Saturday 10.30am–5.30pm and  
Sunday 1pm–5pm

– Cahir Arts, 26 Castle St,  
Cahir, Co Tipperary, E21 E004

Spanning six decades of creative  
practice, Common Ground at  
Cahir Arts presents an intimate  
yet ambitious gathering of  
twenty contemporary artists who  
have studied in Limerick.

Free | Suitable for all ages

3rd–4th, 7th–11th July



## The Memory Keep

Opening hours: Tuesday–Saturday  
10am–1pm/2pm–6pm

– Tudor Artisan Hub,  
Arts Collective & Creative Enterprise,  
42 Main St, Carrick-on-Suir,  
Co Tipperary, E32 FW66

Unplug and engage with “The Memory  
Keep”, a sensory-driven art instalation  
by Hub Makers and the community  
that transforms personal fabric  
scraps into a universal framework for  
memory preservation.

Free | Suitable for all ages



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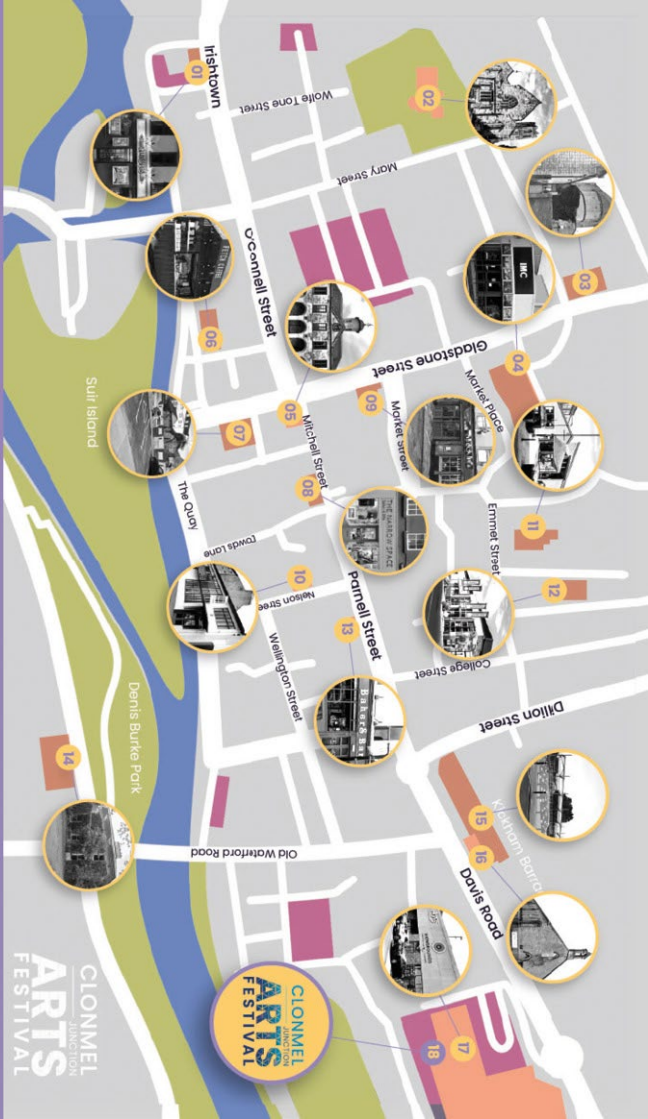
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