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Gerry Kielty (Chairperson)
Brian Doherty
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Christine Kelly
Irene Madden
Belinda McCauley
Brendan McGee

WELCOME

The BAF 2018 committee extends a warm welcome to all of our supporters.

We sincerely hope that you will enjoy the 10 days of events that we have painstakingly assembled over the past 11 months of planning. We are constantly striving to build on previous years as we aspire to present an ever evolving programme. This year is no different - and better we hope. BAF'18 will offer you lots to savour, including classical music as well as more contemporary genres, drama, spoken word events, literary gems, stunning art and photography exhibitions, workshops, children's activities and much more!

Our grateful thanks to Paul McKenna for again curating this year's main art exhibition - entitled Gathering; and of course we will host the ever popular open art exhibition as well as numerous "pop up" exhibitions located around the town.

BAF'18 can only happen because of the outstanding financial support we receive from the local community - and for this we are extremely grateful. As well as our many sponsors, we equally acknowledge our small army of volunteers and helpers, and of course our ever diligent and hard-working committee.

We look forward to giving a warm welcome to our many visitors, old friends and new friends, and those from near and far to our 2018 festival.

Finally, we are of course indebted to the Arts Council, Roscommon County Council and Failte Ireland.

OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY 19TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 8PM

The festival will be officially opened by Brent Pope at 8pm. The evening will include a specially commissioned piece composed by Siobhán Cleary and performed by celebrated Roscommon musicians John Carty and Patsy Hanly.

Visual Arts

MAIN EXHIBITION: GATHERING

19TH JULY - 26TH AUGUST, KING HOUSE

11AM-6PM DAILY AND AT TIMES OF EVENTS AT KING HOUSE

Boyle Arts Festival is now in its 29th year, and is held in the highest regard by artists and art enthusiasts alike. The magnificent surroundings of King House are once again hosting the main exhibition, 'Gathering':

'Gathering' brings together over 140 acclaimed artists and rising stars from across the island of Ireland. The diversity of approaches and practices will include works in painting, drawing, sculpture, textile, ceramics and photography.

The main exhibition has been curated by Paul McKenna and will be officially opened by Brent Pope on Thursday 19th July at 8pm in King House.

Neisha Allen
Laura Angell
Brian Ballard
John Behan
Tinka Bechert
David Begley
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Ronan Bowes
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Kenny McKendry
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Seán Molloy
Peter Monaghan
Martin Mooney

Billy Moore
Zoë Murdoch
Noel Murphy
Olivia Musgrave
Niall Naessens
Leonora Neary
Heidi Nguyen
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Seamus O'Byrne
Beatrice O'Connell
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Eileen O'Sullivan
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Helen O'Toole
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Jack Pakenham
Michael Quane
Ann Quinn
Laurence Riddell
Gary Robinson
Vivienne Roche

Frances Ryan
Robert Ryan
Una Sealy
Bettina Seitz
Neil Shawcross
Niall Sheerin
Mark Shields
Blaise Smith
Sinead Smyth
Emma Stroude
Cara Thorpe
Dominic Turner
Hanneke Van Ryswyk
Samuel Walsh
Lorcan Walshe
Conor Walton
Michael Wann
Colin Watson
Ian Wiczorek
Chris Wilson
Kate Wilson
Keith Wilson
Ross Wilson

BOYLE OPEN ART EXHIBITION

**20TH - 27TH JULY, 10AM - 6PM DAILY,
CHURCH OF IRELAND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL,
OPENING NIGHT THURSDAY 19TH JULY AT 9PM**

Showcasing the diverse and exciting styles and mediums of art, sculpture and photography. Boyle Arts Festival Open Submission Exhibition's standard continually grows to attract entries from all over Ireland. The extremely popular and well attended Art Exhibition aims to provide a forum for artists to display their talent. The work is selected on merit and entries selected from part-time, full-time and occasional artists, giving a unique blend and standard of excellence.

THE OUTSIDER

20TH - 28TH JULY, 11AM - 6PM DAILY, XTRAVISION, MAIN STREET

"I guess it is because of my mental health background that I was drawn to art that told a story of the artists journey in life. That art was working therapeutically for that artist, and that the art was uncooked by culture. Meaning that the artist was usually self taught and had probably come from the margins of the art world in the sense that they may have come to art through many mental health art organisations, the prisoner system, the homeless, the marginalized etc but that all the artists shared a passion for creativity and art. I wanted to show the world that Ireland had so many of these talented off hidden artworks created by artists that had an inspirational story to tell. That is why I opened the Outside In Gallery a few years ago and made the documentary and associated exhibition entitled 'Beyond'."

Brent Pope

"PRESENCE"

A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION BY
FOTOFIT PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

**OPEN DAILY 20TH - 27TH JULY, 11AM - 4PM
BOYLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE (BASEMENT ENTRANCE)
EXHIBITION OPENING FRI 20TH JULY, 12 NOON, BY TONY MURPHY**

Following on from our very successful exhibition last year we are delighted to be part of BAF again.

"IN THE MIX"

**EXHIBITION OPENS DAILY 20TH - 27TH JULY, 11AM - 4PM
BOYLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE
EXHIBITION LAUNCH AT 11AM ON THE 20TH BY
GERRY KIELTY CHAIRPERSON BAF**

We are a group of women who came together for the first time to explore art. For all of us this is our first time to exhibit our work. We are very excited about this. Our exhibition is the culmination of weeks of classes, trying out various materials/methods of making art.

Funded by Ipb Insurance Community Engagement Fund.

CORNAMEELTHA:

PORTRAIT OF AN IRISH TOWNLAND AND ITS PEOPLE
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION BY TONY MURPHY

19TH -28TH JULY, 10AM - 6PM

TONY MURPHY PHOTOGRAPHY, THE CRESCENT



Photographer Tony Murphy has lived near Boyle for almost 20 years. In that time he has developed a sincere admiration and respect for Boyle and its people which manifests itself in much of his photographic work. In his current exhibition his lens explores a social and psychological profile of a small Irish rural community. Very much a collaborative, community project, he set out to strengthen friendships and get closer to his neighbours and record for posterity, 'their' here and now, trials and tribulations of living in Ireland at this time of great change and uncertainty about the future. This

collection of photographs paints an intimate portrait of the mundane and familiar that is often overlooked but very much defines our identity and who we are.

CAPTIVATED WEST

PAINTINGS BY MARGIE DUNNE

THE SHAMBLES, BRIDGE ST, BOYLE, (BEHIND BOLES),

20TH - 28TH JULY, 11AM - 4.30PM

In her practice, Margie Dunne explores the landscape and history of the west of Ireland through the mediums of paint, collage and drawing. She identifies history, memory and rural life through these mediums. She is influenced by the work of artists Louise Bourgeois, Christian Boltanski and Dorothy Cross. Margie is a member of the Castlecarra Art Group in Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim.

BOYLE CAMERA CLUB

20TH - 28TH JULY, BOYLE LIBRARY

DAILY 11AM - 6PM, OPENS 19TH JULY AT 7PM

Boyle Camera Club was founded in October 2007 and currently has more than 60 members. We are the first fully designated Digital Camera Club in Ireland and are affiliated to the Irish Photographic Federation. We aim to provide opportunities for members to expand their knowledge of photography, develop their skills and join like-minded enthusiasts for presentations, monthly motivations, photo shoots, field-trips and exhibitions. The Club provides a forum to discuss photography and related topics of interest at all levels; we have special group activities for Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced members. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm in St. Joseph's Resource Centre (behind St. Joseph's RC Church), Boyle, Co. Roscommon, and new members are always welcome.

ART IN TOWN

Boyle Arts Festival encourages artists and business premises to cooperate in the exhibition of Art in Town. Keep an eye out for small exhibitions in window displays by artists from the region and pop up galleries throughout the town.

WHAT'S BEHIND THE GATE

FRIDAY 20TH JULY 4PM, DRUMINILRA FARM KITCHEN

Teapots and Wellies Garden Party with local artist Martha van der Meulen and her exhibition: "What's Behind the Gate". Afternoon tea and cake, vintage teapots, live music, prizes for the prettiest wellies and art!

CHRIS FAHEY: WOOD TURNING & WOOD WORKING DEMONSTRATION

SATURDAY 21ST & SATURDAY 28TH JULY,
BETWEEN 10AM & 1PM, GROUNDS OF KING HOUSE

Chris always had a great passion for arts and crafts and sees woodworking as a way to express his creativity and allow his imagination to flow. Chris works mainly on native timber that he harvests, treats and dries in his specially designed wood store and has provided demonstrations and tuition in both woodturning and woodworking and workshop H&S for individual and groups.

THE HOTEL

TUESDAY 24TH JULY & WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY,
11AM - 5PM, THE SPOOL FACTORY

The Hotel is a public art project that aims to capture local stories about The Royal Hotel. You can get involved in The Hotel by calling into the Spool Factory during Boyle Arts Festival to recount and record your personal memories and anecdotes. The interviews collected will form part of a new installation piece in response to this historic building. The Royal Hotel in Boyle played a central role in local lives until its closure some years ago. It represented much more than somewhere for guests to stay, it was a space for significant life events or congregating and socialising with neighbours and strangers. The Hotel is a project to investigate the hotel's role within a rural town, to capture conversations about the importance of everyday practices of hospitality, to explore common values and challenges around hosting and welcoming others.

If you have a personal connection with the Royal Hotel or memorable story you would like to tell, please join us at the Spool Factory on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th. We would appreciate any photographs or objects you might have to illustrate your story. For more information please contact Greer Mac Keogh on thehotelresearchproject@gmail.com or phone Carol Mac Keogh on 0868601121



Events

AOIFE G & HER FAIRLY BIG BAND

THURSDAY 19TH JULY, PATRICK'S WELL, 10PM, FREE

Featuring Aoife Grennan, Guitar and Vocals, Brendan Emmett, Mandolin and Vocals and Gerry Grennan, Guitar and Vocals. The band plays a wide range of music including Folk, Jazz, Country, Blues and Rock.

STORYTELLING WITH BRENT POPE

FRIDAY 20TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 12PM, €3

Former rugby player Brent Pope also writes books for children. This storytelling session with Brent reading from his books is suitable for ages 4-8 years.

JAMES CARTY WITH BRIAN MCGRATH & FRANCIS GAFFNEY

**FRIDAY 20TH JULY,
CHURCH OF IRELAND, 1PM, €8**

On-line
booking



James Carty is one of the finest exponents of Sligo fiddle music and one of the leading players of his generation. His father, John, is an internationally renowned fiddle and banjo player. James however is cutting his own path in the traditional music scene with his own distinctive style which he has developed having grown up listening to the recordings of the old Sligo masters including Michael Coleman, James Morrison and Paddy Killoran. James has just completed his first solo album entitled "Hiding Daylight in Dark Corners" with accompaniment from Brian McGrath and Francis Gaffney who both join James for this concert

Brian McGrath originates from Co Fermanagh and is one of Ireland's top performers on piano and banjo. He has toured the world extensively and has played with many of the greats in Irish music including Matt Molloy, Noel Hill, John Carty, Frankie Gavin, Charlie Lennon, Joe Burke and Dolores Keane.

Another Boyle native Francis Gaffney completes the lineup. Francis is a highly respected accompanist and has played throughout Ireland as well as in the UK, USA and Russia. In 2014 he was involved in a highly successful network tour of Ireland with Dirk Powell, Mike McGoldrick and Brendan Gleeson in which they explored the shared heritage of American Old Time, Cajun and Irish traditional music.

AN EVENING WITH BRENT POPE

On-line
booking

FRIDAY 20TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 6PM, €15

New Zealand born rugby player, coach and TV commentator Brent Pope played rugby with top New Zealand side Otago University before finally settling in Ireland in 1991 and lining out for three seasons with St Marys RFC. Later Brent coached Clontarf RFC for two seasons, leading them to promotion to Division One of the AIL.

Brent has worked as a TV rugby pundit for seven years and can regularly be seen on RTE with George Hook & Tom McGurk. He regularly speaks at corporate events and conferences on motivation and achieving individual potential.

Brent is also a children's author having published his fourth children's book, 'Arnold the Anteater', last Christmas, the proceeds of which went to Children's Hospice Homecare.

Brent will be in conversation with Benny O'Brien.

Our thanks to London Speaker Bureau Ireland for facilitating this event.



SEAN KEANE

On-line
booking

FRIDAY 20TH JULY, CHURCH OF IRELAND, 8PM, €25

Sean Keane, described as the distinctive voice of Ireland, will bring his music to Boyle Arts Festival. Sean, who comes from a very musical family in Caherlistrane Co. Galway, has been performing around the world for nearly 40 years. Born in 1961, he won his first of 13 Fleadh Ceoil medals for solo singing at 7 years of age. Sean was a founding member of Arcady, and released his first solo album in the early 90's and is still recording new material. Sean released his 10th Solo album in November 2016 titled 'New Day Dawning' Sean continues to sing songs like 'Isle of hope Isle of Tears', 'From Galway to Gracelands', and 'Fields of Gold' on his set each night and his compilation 3 CD set entitled 'Never Alone' still proves popular among his followers.

Sean will be joined by Fergus Feely on Mandocello and Pat Coyne on guitar for tonight's concert.





On-line
booking

Hamsandwich

FRIDAY 20TH JULY, DALY'S STOREHOUSE, 10PM, €20

One of the most enthralling live acts in recent times, Hamsandwich are well known for their incendiary live performances which has put them right at the top of the live acts to see today. With the combination of Niamh Farrell's powerful yet sweet vocal and Podge McNamee's juxtaposing baritone the band are given its signature calling card. If ever there was a band to feed off their audience it is Hamsandwich. Each show is bona fide celebration with everything from balloons and confetti to their unique crowd interaction on display.

CARROWKEEL WALKING TOUR WITH PHILIP JAMES

SATURDAY 21ST JULY, MEET KING HOUSE BUS STOP, 11AM, €10 (INCLUDES BUS) ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

The Carrowkeel walking tour will take approximately three and half hours, and covers a little less than 10 km. The walk will be on narrow country roads with some off road sections that may be muddy. It also involves quite a climb which will be taken slowly so all can enjoy the experience. The Carrowkeel Megalithic site has a great collection of megalithic structures that are among the earliest in Ireland. Philip will talk about the history of this period, geology of the area, a little mythology, and whatever else comes up.

Philip James has been living in the area since 2001 when he returned from Zimbabwe, and during this period he has walked every track and trail with the Boyle Curlew Walkers, and worked as a tour guide in the area for 6 years. Philip qualified as a Mountain Leader in 2010. Suitable footwear must be worn - please bring your own refreshments.



AN AFTERNOON WITH PERCY FRENCH

SATURDAY 21ST JULY, KING HOUSE, 1PM, €5

Presented by The County Leitrim Percy French Society

Percy French was born in County Roscommon on 1st May 1854 and died on the 20th January 1920. He composed over 200 songs and many recitations, parodies, sketches and musicals. He was also a prolific water colour painter. The County Leitrim Percy French Society's objective is to bring Percy's works to a wider audience and to create a better awareness of this great Irish genius. There are 8 performers in the show and all dress in period costume. Frank Cadam as Percy links the songs with his own story and explains where he got his inspiration for his works. The shows under the direction of Tish Dunleavy are staged in a good humoured and fun loving way and audience participation is always encouraged. The programme includes all the well known songs such as 'Phil the fluther's ball', Eileen Og', 'The Mountains of Mourne', 'Abdul Abul Bul', 'Gortnamona' and many more wonderful pieces.

Look out for the group around the town before their performance.



MEET ME IN THE GARDENS, FROM SHIVA PRODUCTIONS

SATURDAY 21ST JULY, PLEASURE GROUNDS, 4PM, FREE

A unique theatrical experience from the makers of Angels in the Park. Will Trinity Medical student Finn be able to stomach digging up fresh graves for Professor Trollope? What will happen to maid Mary McCoy if her secret laundry in the gardens is exposed? Will Molly's date work out, or will it be back to the Tinder drawing board? Meet me in the Gardens, a new site-specific theatrical experience from Shiva Productions, consists of four short plays set in the famed National Botanic Gardens over its 200 year history. Based on true events and real life characters, spanning the cholera epidemic of the 19th century to the onset of World War II.

Written by Sharon McCoy. Directed by Aoibhinn Marie Gilroy
Duration: 60 minutes. The experience involves some walking. Seating is not provided, but blankets to sit on are welcome and umbrellas are advised.

BOYLE PARISH FOLK GROUP

SATURDAY 21ST JULY, ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 7.30PM, FREE

Boyle Parish Folk Group was founded in 1981 and currently consists of 26 singers and 4 musicians. They will be performing as part of Evening Mass.

NEW AIRS

SATURDAY 21ST JULY, KING HOUSE, 7.30PM, €15

On-line
booking

One of our most talked about events last year, we are delighted to welcome back New Airs - a classical crossover and fusion group from Ireland, combining classical strings including musicians from the RTE Contempo Quartet with rock/folk percussion and synthesised electronics. The production is directed by Irish composer, arranger and producer Glen Austin. Their live show is an exciting and engaging performance from start to finish combining modern electronic elements with traditional and classical instruments. Each arrangement is a unique combination of classical chamber music with a sublime vocalist, performing original and captivating interpretations of some of the world's best-loved music.

The line up for the performance will be: Rachel Voloczki: Vocals, Adrian Mantu: Cello (Contempo Quartet), Andreea Banciu: Viola (Contempo Quartet), Katie O'Connor: Violin 2, Bogdan Sofei: Violin 1 (Contempo Quartet), Ronan Scarlett: Percussion, Floriane Blancke: Harp and Glen Austin: Electronics.





On-line
booking

THE DON BAKER & ROB STRONG BAND

SATURDAY 21ST JULY, DALY'S STOREHOUSE, 10PM, €20

Don and Rob are celebrating 50 years on the road in Ireland. Two of Ireland's best known rock/blues musicians have collaborated to record an album together and tour many of Ireland's best known venues. Don Baker is known as a prolific singer/songwriter/musician for over 50 years and has had two number one singles 'Winner in You' on the RTE label and 'Inner City' which was recorded by The Jolly Beggarmen. He has released a total of 15 albums during his career. Rob Strong, from Derry, on bass guitar and lead vocals, is another of Ireland's Living Legends, who has also been performing for more than five decades! Rob still has that unique and sensational voice that saw him pull in huge crowds with one of the top showbands in the '60s. The band also features one of Ireland's best keyboard players, Salvatore Urbano from Naples in Italy. On drums we have another of Ireland's finest, Hugh O' Neill. All in all Don, Rob and the boys guarantee a great night of rock n' roll.

Our thanks to King House Tea Rooms for sponsoring this event.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHOIR

SUNDAY 22ND JULY, ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 11.30AM, FREE

St Joseph's Church Choir will be performing as part of the Sunday morning mass. Formed in 2016, the choir sing on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11.30am mass and at other church ceremonies. The four part choir has over fifty members, a number of whom share the teaching and programming, together with Choir Director Anne Kieilty.

AN EVENING WITH THE MOYLURG WRITERS

SUNDAY 22ND JULY, THE SPOOL FACTORY, 5PM, FREE

The Moylurg Writers from Boyle have been meeting on a regular basis for over thirty years. They have published four anthologies and for many years now, An Evening with the Moylurg Writers has been a popular item in the Festival programme. The evening will consist of members of the Moylurgs reading from recent work. The content is always entertaining, frequently thought-provoking and betimes quite inspirational. Come along and judge for yourself!

Gerry Boland, Rose Byrne and Jessamine O Connor will be holding writing workshops on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd July - see workshop section for more details.

THE MEN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH

SUNDAY 22ND JULY, DALY'S BAR, 2.30PM, €5

The Men Who Knew Too Much play a superb mix of jazz, country-blues, western swing and folk. Not only do they perform classic songs from the likes of Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Randy Newman, Tom Waits and Carole King, they add surprising Hawaiian dobro instrumentals, television and movie themes, all of which are delivered with great playfulness and lots of soul.

"An absolutely delightful band, full of self deprecating humour."

"A joy to watch and listen to."

The band are Egon Callery: guitar, mandolin; Percy Robinson: guitar, dobro and Sean McCarron: saxophones, percussion



HARLEQUIN OPERA GALA CONCERT AT BOYLE ABBEY

SUNDAY 22ND JULY, BOYLE ABBEY, 7.30PM, €20

On-line
booking

PLEASE NOTE THAT SEATING IS NOT PROVIDED,
PLEASE BRING ALONG BLANKETS OR LOW BACKED SEATING.



Considered one of the finest sopranos of her generation, Dublin-born soprano **Sandra Oman** was the 2004 recipient of the Margaret Burke Sheridan Memorial Award for excellence in the field of opera. Born in the Liberties, Dublin, this Number One Selling Recording Artist graduated from the DIT Conservatory of Music, Dublin with the Ely O'Carroll Gold Medal, the Conservatory's highest award. She later studied with the legendary La Scala soprano, Graziella Sciutti, and her husband, vocal coach Conor Farren.



Deirdre Masterson currently acts as Performing Arts Dean for Irish American University and director of The Irish College of Music Theatre. A founding member of "The Irish Sopranos," Deirdre has performed to sell out tours on both sides of the Atlantic over the last decade and enjoyed chart success with both their album releases "A Time for Us," and "Believe." Deirdre is a featured artist on many recordings including "Faith of our Fathers," "Who fears to speak," and her own album entitled "My Song."

To commemorate the 800th anniversary of the founding of Boyle Abbey we are staging a special concert in the cloisters with the Harlequin Opera Company, comprising Sandra Oman, soprano, Deirdre Masterson, mezzo soprano, Patrick Hyland, tenor, Robert McAllister, bass-baritone accompanied by David Wray who will perform a selection of arias, duets and ensembles from all the popular operas, including the Act 3 quartet from La Bohème.



Patrick Hyland studied with Dr Veronica Dunne at the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Patrick, as a finalist, was awarded The Dermot Troy Prize for the best overall Irish singer at the Veronica Dunne International Singing Competition in 2016. He has been a member of the Glyndebourne Opera Festival Company Chorus (2012 & 2013). Oratorio performances include The dream of Gerontius, The Creation, Stabat Mater and The Messiah. He is a former Opera Theatre Young Associate Artist and a co founder of Irish Opera Artists.



Robert McAllister is now in his final year of Recital Artist Programme at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, studying with Dr Veronica Dunne and répétiteur Dr Dearbhla Collins. Operatic roles with RIAM include Sarastro in Die Zauberflöte, Bottom in Purcell's Fairy Queen and Pluto in Monteverdi's Il Ballo delle Ingrate. Concert highlights include solo performances with the RTÉ NSO, RTÉ Concert Orchestra, Staatskapelle Halle, Marlborough Baroque, Degani Symphonia, and Orlando Chamber Orchestra.

David Wray trained at Lancaster University and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London. He has since worked as a pianist and musical director and arranger in the fields of Opera and Musical Theatre. David is currently Artistic & Musical Director for Opera in the Open, Dublin, The Three Irish Tenors, The Irish Sopranos and Druid.

Our thanks to the OPW for facilitating this event.

WYVERN LINGO

On-line
booking

SUNDAY 22ND JULY, DALY'S STOREHOUSE, 10PM, €15

"We are three individuals whose lives are inextricably linked. We know each other inside and out and can't lie or fake it in front of each other, so our lyrics are awash with honesty."

Wyvern Lingo

Wyvern Lingo have always been friends first, band second. Junior school alliances built to withstand the torments of puberty and teenage rites of passage - first kisses, first hangovers and trips good and bad. Dodgy gaffs and even dodgier boyfriends and girlfriends. Young hearts but witchy old souls with a private language - the wyvern lingo.

Now in their twenties, they have a confidence in how they write and in what they say, be it personal experience or a comment on society. Wyvern Lingo bring their stories together on their debut album, simply called "Wyvern Lingo". They say - "We were trying to find a title that would capture a glimpse into our world, what better way than to self- title the album. This is us."

Wyvern Lingo are: Caoimhe Barry - vocals, drums; Karen Cowley - vocals, synth, bass and Saoirse Duane - vocals, guitar.

THE INCANTATO STRING QUARTET

MONDAY 23RD JULY, KING HOUSE, 1PM, €5

The Incantato String Quartet was formed in January 2018 under the mentorship of Keith Pascoe. The players of the quartet are Inana Garis (1st violin), Anna McKenna (2nd violin), Dionne Tims (viola) and Peadar O Loinsigh (cello). Although the quartet is newly formed, opportunities to play in concerts have already arisen. During the month of April, they worked on a piece by composer Jane O Leary and had the experience of playing it for her, and in May they had their own lunchtime concert at the new venue at the Irish Georgian Society in Dublin.

The Incantato String Quartet are currently working on expanding their repertoire and hoping to continue playing and performing together at future events.



MAIRE EGAN PAUL: AROUND THE BRIDGES WITH MARGARET GILLESPIE COUSINS – A ROSSIE WITH ATTITUDE

MONDAY 23RD JULY, OPEN TABLE, 4PM, €5

In this commemorative year of Votáil 100, Boyle Arts are delighted to honour a native of the town, Margaret (Gretta) Elizabeth Cousins (nee Gillespie) who co-founded The Irish Franchise Movement that helped to secure voting rights for women, amongst a host of other hard-won achievements as a women's activist. Maire Egan Paul, a former Town Council member and last mayor, has been researching the life and times of Margaret since undertaking a Local History project with NUI Maynooth. She will share a fascinating and truly unique story about the enigmatic woman who was born at No. 7 The Crescent.

EOÍN FLEMING, PIANO

MONDAY 23RD JULY, KING HOUSE, 6.15PM, €8

19 year old Eoín Fleming started his studies in piano at age 6 at the Royal Irish Academy of Music with Colma Brioscú and continued with Alexander Bernstein and Prof. Réamonn Keary. He is currently studying at Shenandoah University, VA with Dr. John O'Connor. In 2009 he performed for former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese at Áras an Uachtarán at a Dinner Soirée and in the same year was asked to be the Child Pianist in the movie "Parked" starring Colm Meaney. Most recently Eoín was a competitor in the 2017 Suzhou Jinji Lake International Piano Competition, and was a Semi-Finalist in the 2018 Dublin International Piano Competition, receiving the Charles J. Brennan Prize for the highest placed Irish pianist in the competition.

LUKA BLOOM

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MONDAY 23RD JULY, KING HOUSE, 8.30PM, €20

Luka said recently;

"I've just returned from Germany; 3 weeks traipsing up and down the autobahn, singing for the Germans, God bless them. Apart from some foreign festivals, I'm happily home for the summer. A few swims, a few 99s, a few cycles on the acoustic motorbike. And a few new songs. AND a few visits to exotic destinations like Boyle, to sing my songs and meet some good people enjoying Ireland in Summer. Between the referendum and the Winter, we need a bit of sun and fun.

I'm grateful to The Boyle Arts Festival for inviting me to come and sing in the Church of Ireland on Monday 23rd of July.

And I can't wait.

Put the kettle on."

His voice is still as open and honest as it was over 30 years ago, and his guitar finds chord combinations that are all his own. Passion, playfulness and pause for thought: a hearty combination in any gig.

Siobhan Long, Irish Times, March 2018.

Our thanks to Boyle Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this event.





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MONGREL STATE

MONDAY 23RD JULY, DALY'S STOREHOUSE, 10PM, €10

Based in Dublin, their powerful sound is heavily influenced by raw Rock 'n' Roll, stomping Rockabilly and a red hot stew of Musica del Sud. They always deliver an explosive & vibrant show getting the audience to move their minds, their hearts and their asses.

'Mestizo', their debut album, was launched on 31st January 2016 to a sell-out crowd at Whelan's. The album received loads of enthusiastic reviews from the Irish press, and was nominated for the Choice Music Award 2016. Since forming, Mongrel State have been making their mark on all the best festivals in Ireland, including Electric Picnic, Kilkenny Roots, Vantastival, Knockanstockan, Sligo Live Festival & many others.

AMALA, HARP & GUITAR

TUESDAY 24TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 1PM, €5



“Amala” is a duo: Reidun Schlesinger (harps) and Paul de Grae (guitars) who play music from several centuries, in original arrangements. The core of their repertoire is Irish: traditional Irish tunes, and music from the Irish harp repertoire; they also play music from various continental European countries, Renaissance and early classical pieces, some jazz, and their own jazz-tinged compositions. Amala’s debut CD “resonance”

was released in June 2016, and has received some great reviews. The February 2017 “Living Tradition” magazine (UK) says:

“... It’s a long time since I heard so accomplished a first album, and having heard some wonderful offerings by other artistes over the past year, I can hand on heart say that this is my favourite...”

JOHN CONNELL: THE COW BOOK

TUESDAY 24TH JULY, DRUMINILRA FARM KITCHEN, 4PM, €5

In the suitably appropriate setting of Druminilra Farm Kitchen, we welcome John Connell, an award winning journalist, author, farming and producer. His memoir *The Cow Book* is a number 1 bestseller and details the story of his life from working around the world to return to farm in his native Longford.



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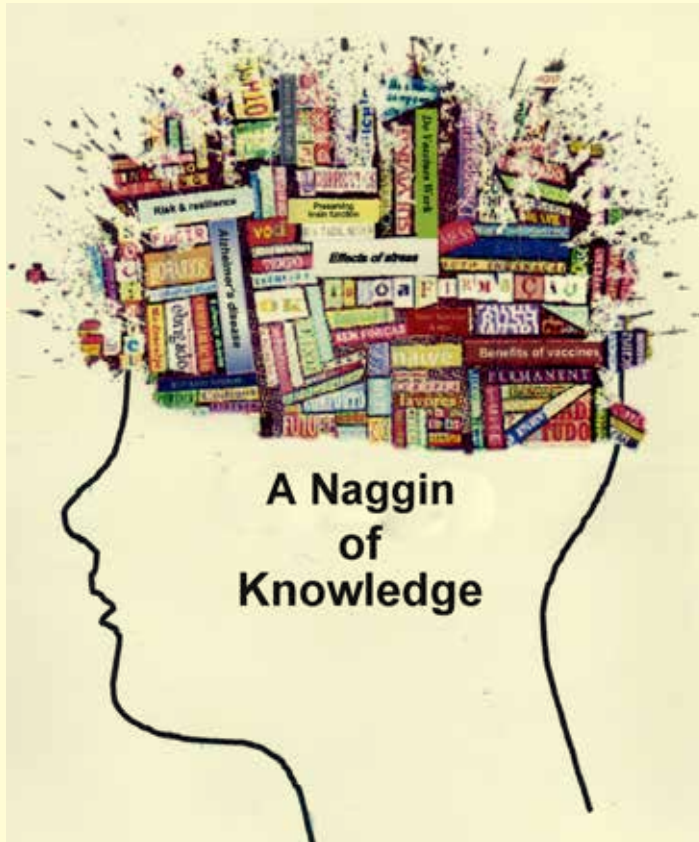
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TUESDAY 24TH JULY, MATTIMOE'S BAR, 6.30PM, €6



The idea of this event is to give a non-expert, lay audience a glimpse of new scientific discoveries that impact on areas of health that are relevant to all. The presentations will be given in an easily accessible non-formal way.

Ian Robertson studies mind-brain links in emotional and brain disorders. He is Emeritus Professor at Trinity College Dublin and co-director of the Global Brain Health Institute. He has published numerous scientific manuscripts. His multiply-translated popular books include *Mind Sculpture*, *The Mind's Eye*, *Stay Sharp*, *The Winner Effect* and *The Stress Test*.

Kingston Mills studies the immune system and how it helps us to control infection and allows us to develop effective vaccines. He is the Professor of Experimental Immunology and Head of the Immunology, Inflammation and Infection Research Theme at Trinity College Dublin. He has published over 250 research articles and is co-founder of Opsona Therapeutics, a university spin-out biotechnology company developing drugs to treat autoimmune diseases and cancer.

Marina Lynch studies the changes that take place in the brain with age which cause a gradual deterioration in function. She is the Professor of Cellular Neuroscience in Trinity College. She has published over 230 research articles and has given numerous talks, not just at international scientific meetings, but also at public events.

ALTAN

TUESDAY 24TH JULY, CHURCH OF IRELAND, 8PM, €20

Altan have long been established as the best and foremost traditional Irish band to come out of Ireland. With their exquisitely produced award-winning recordings, their ground breaking 'Island Angel' recording going to No.2 in the Billboard World Music Charts in 1993, ranging dynamically from the most sensitive and touching ancient ballads all the way to the energetic foot-tapping reels and jigs, and their heart warming engaging live performances, Altan have moved audiences from Donegal all the way to Tokyo, to Sydney, Seattle and beyond. Altan's music is steeped in the rich and colourful heritage of County Donegal in the North West of Ireland. Co. Donegal has a strong fiddling tradition from which Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh gets her inspiration and unique repertoire. Mairéad is also from the Gaeltacht area of Gaath Dobhair where she learned many of the songs which Altan have recorded over the years.

With members Mark Kelly (guitar), Ciaran Curran (bouzouki), Daithí Sproule (guitar) and past members Paul O'Shaughnessy (fiddle) and Dermot Byrne (accordion) and Ciaran Tourish (fiddle& whistle) and latest member Martin Tourish (accordion), Altan have been to the forefront of traditional Irish music worldwide. On their last recording 'The Poison Glen' (2012), Siobhan Long of The Irish Times wrote "Altan have never sounded better or tighter." Altan have always approached their music and arrangements with integrity and openness and have strived to share their culture to new expanding audiences worldwide. 2017 saw Altan celebrate 30 years on the road and Mairead Ni Mhaonaigh the lead singer of the band was announced as the Gradam Ceoil TG4 Traditional Musician of the Year Award which she was awarded it at the televised awards ceremony in February 2017.

A presentation by arrangement with MPI Bands.

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JOIN ME IN THE PINES

TUESDAY 24TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 10PM, €15

We are delighted to welcome Join Me in the Pines aka Dave Geraghty to Boyle Arts Festival.

David Geraghty is most well-known to Irish audiences as a founding member of Bell X1 but in recent years he has been exploring a new solo direction under the moniker Join Me In The Pines. The new single 'Two to Fall in Love' was released on 16 April 2018 and represents a move away from the dark folk of previous albums, embracing instead joyous music with hints of Prince, Bowie, Gary Numan, Nile Rodgers. 'Two to Fall in Love' has an electropop sensibility underpinned by a brooding bassline, with Geraghty's atmospheric vocals gliding over the top.

A new album will be forthcoming later this year with mixing duties undertaken by the very talented Ross Dowling (James Vincent McMorrow, Talos, Brian Deady). This will be David's fourth solo release and the second under Join Me in the Pines.

ROBERT FINEGAN, SAXOPHONE & LUKE LALLY MAGUIRE, PIANO

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 1PM, €5

Robert Finegan is currently a 3rd year student at DIT Conservatory of Music studying music performance with Kevin Hanafin. In 2013 Robert was awarded a scholarship from St. Peter's Male Voice Choir to study at DIT Conservatory of Music where he was recipient of the School of Excellence Award and went on to win the Macardle Young Classical Musician Award in 2014. This summer Robert will represent Ireland at the World Saxophone Congress in Zagreb, Croatia playing music by contemporary Irish composers. In April 2017 he made his Concerto debut with the DIT Symphony Orchestra conducted by David Brophy.

Luke Lally Maguire (20) has been playing piano since the age of thirteen. He is a second year BMus Performance student in DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama studying under Mary Lennon. An experienced performer both in competitions and on the concert platform,

Luke and Robert have performed duets together in the National Concert Hall as well as in the ESB Feis Ceol in which they were the winners of the 2018 Irish Contemporary Music Cup.

BOYLE TOWN WALK WITH TONY CONBOY

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY, MEET AT KING HOUSE, 3PM, €5

Enjoy an historical walk around the town of Boyle in the company of local historian Tony Conboy.

Tony Conboy has a particular interest in Boyle and in his native county of Roscommon. He comes from Castlecoote, the location of Castlecoote House, five miles west of Roscommon town. He went to the CBS secondary school in Roscommon town and came to teach at St. Mary's College, Boyle in 1972. He was involved as secretary of the committee responsible for the memorable return to Boyle of the actress Maureen O'Sullivan-the original Jane in the Tarzan films of the thirties- in 1988. Boyle is now his place for which he has a great regard as will be demonstrated on this walk of approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.

The walk will also take place on Saturday 28th July at 11am.

CAROLE COLEMAN IN CONVERSATION WITH TOMMIE GORMAN

On-line
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WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY, CHURCH OF IRELAND, 6.30PM, €10

Tommie Gorman has been the Belfast-based Northern Editor of RTÉ News since 2001. Born in Sligo, educated in Summerhill College and the College of Journalism, he spent his first 3 working years (1977-80) under two legends of Irish provincial journalism, John Healy and Jim Maguire, in the Sligo Journal/Western Journalism. He joined RTE in 1980 and worked as North Western Correspondent (1980-89), Brussels-based Europe Editor (1989 to 2001) and Belfast-based Northern Editor since then.



Carole Coleman is a news journalist and author and this is her fourth year presenting the 'In Conversation' series for BAF. Carole has been contributing to RTÉ news and other programmes for over 25 years. The mother of two lives in her home town of Carrick-on-Shannon and is also involved in initiatives to attract jobs and connect with the diaspora. Carole who worked for RTÉ in the US is the author of two books on American culture and politics.



Our thanks to VistaMed for sponsoring this event.

BEEZNEEZ PRESENT

CALLAGHAN'S PLACE

BY JOHN MCDWYER

On-line
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WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY, ST JOSEPH'S HALL, 8.30PM, €15



Thought by many to be John McDwyer's finest play, Callaghan's Place has been the subject of two national tours, as well as playing a sold out week in London, since it was premiered by BeezneeZ in 2003. It has been performed extensively by amateur companies the length and breadth of Ireland.

Following the hugely successful revival of Lovely Leitrim, Callaghan's Place is the second part of McDwyer's

Leitrim Trilogy, in which Paul and Mary Dolan struggle to come to terms with the upcoming departure of their only child to study at university. A mysterious Englishman arrives in their midst and his blossoming friendship with the daughter creates the background to tragedy as neighbours, Pat Kelly and Annie Jackson, themselves custodians of great regret and sorrow, fail to stem the tide of Paul's suspicion and anger. For all the seriousness of the underlying themes, Callaghan's Place is peppered with scenes of outrageous humour.

IKARUMBA

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY, CLARKE'S BAR & RESTAURANT, 10PM, €8



Rooted in The Rumba; Ikarumba's music crosses many cultural boundaries frequently fusing such diverse elements as Catalan, Mexican, Spanish, African, Indian and Celtic as well as Jazz. The Rumba, a universally understood language of music, has the ability to embrace and interpret many different cultural styles and Ikarumba's eclectic repertoire of purely instrumental tunes from around the world has made them a popular choice at many festivals around Ireland. Ikarumba are Simon Crockett and Conor Madden on guitars and Simon's son Ben on percussion.

DIT JUNIOR PIANISTS:

JUDE MCCANN, SIDI BAO & GERRY YANG

THURSDAY 26TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 1PM, €5



Jude McCann (aged 17) currently attends St Andrew's College, Dublin where he is in his 5th year. He has been playing piano since he was 9 years of age and is a student of Dr David Mooney at DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama. He has participated in many competitions, both nationally and internationally.

Sidi Bao (aged 14) has been studying the piano and violin since the age of six, at the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama, Dublin under Shirin Goudarzi-Tobin, Mary Breslin and David O' Doherty. She is a multiple prize winner in national and prominent competitions in Ireland and has performed solo piano and solo violin in the National Concert Hall. Sidi completed her Grade 8 exam at the age of 12 and is currently studying for her ALCM piano diploma exam. In 2017, she made her violin debut in Carnegie Hall as an "International Shining Star"

Gerry Yang (aged 14) studies piano with Shirin Goudarzi-Tobin and trumpet with Eamonn Nolan at the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama in Dublin. He is a multiple prizewinner both in national and international competitions. Gerry was chosen to perform at the Late Late Toy Show in 2014, and in October 2017, he made his Carnegie Hall debut, performing as a soloist with the New York Sinfonietta.

LOUISE G. COLE BEYOND THE GREEN BRIDGE

BOOK
LAUNCH

THURSDAY 26TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 4PM, FREE

'Beyond the Green Bridge' is a new collection of poetry by prize-winning Roscommon writer Louise G Cole, Louise won the 2018 Hennessy Literary Award for Emerging Poetry, and is a past winner of Strokestown Poetry Festival's Roscommon Poets' Prize. She also writes short stories and flash fiction, and has been widely published in magazines, newspapers and anthologies in Ireland and the UK. Her first Hennessy nomination was for a short story published in the Irish Independent in 2014.

'Beyond the Green Bridge' is Louise G Cole's first collection of poetry, and will be launched by award winning poet Jane Clarke, who has won much literary and public acclaim, in 2016 winning a Hennessy Award for three poems from her collection 'The River'.

OLIVER FALLON: 1918: WARS' END AND POLITICAL AFTERMATH

THURSDAY 26TH JULY, THE SPOOL FACTORY, 6PM, €6

Oliver Fallon is a native of Boyle, Co Roscommon and one of the founder members of the New Connaught Rangers Association founded in 2002 and carried out extensive research on their history.

'The contribution of thousands of Irishmen to significant events in world history was by and large neglected and almost forgotten. Their deeds overshadowed by subsequent events, which reinvented what being 'Irish' was then and is today. Maturity and time has now allowed us to finally acknowledge the significance of world events which so effected previous generations'.

CELINE BYRNE, SOPRANO

THURSDAY 26TH JULY, CHURCH OF IRELAND, 8PM, €25

Celine Byrne is a Lyric Soprano who made her operatic début as Mimi in *La Bohème* in 2010 and in the seasons that followed she has performed extensively throughout Europe, as well as in the United States, China, Russia and Mexico. A performer of fine lyrical quality and a touching actor, Celine Byrne's compelling and thrilling performances have won her the universal acclaim of audiences and critics across the opera world. She has sung with world renowned tenors José Carreras, Plácido Domingo, Roberto Alagna, Joseph Calleja and Andrea Bocelli and has sung for dignitaries such as HRH Queen Elizabeth, President Barack Obama, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict. Celine has also performed in concert with Bryn Terfel and recently sung with him and Borusan Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sasha Goetzl. Her compelling and thrilling performances have won her the universal acclaim of audiences and critics across the opera world. Celine will be joined by Ailbhe McDonagh on piano and cello and Lynda O'Connor on violin.

Our thanks to Stewarts Oil for sponsoring this event.

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BOYLE SINGERS NIGHT WITH TIM DENNEHY

**THURSDAY 26TH JULY, DODD'S THE CRESCENT BAR, 9.30PM, €5
(PRECEDED BY A WORKSHOP BETWEEN 8PM & 9.30PM)**

The Boyle Traditional Singers Circle are together since 2006. They sing a range of songs from Traditional, Folk, Irish and English, and mostly unaccompanied. This year they are delighted to welcome Tim Dennehy as their guest for their special Traditional Singers night during Boyle Arts Festival. Tim Dennehy was born in Ballinskelligs and later moved to Caherciveen, Co. Kerry. Both his parents were singers and were inheritors of a vast store of songs and stories in the Irish language. He is a founder member of the Goilin Club, Dublin.

Tim, one of the finest singer/songwriters of the present time, has just published his 6th Album, - "Old boots and flying sandals" with many of his own compositions. These songs have been shared with audiences all over Ireland and throughout Europe and U.S.A. where he regularly performs at festivals and song workshops.

Tim will also be holding a workshop before the Singers Night - see workshop section for details.

THERE'S ALL SORTS – LEONIE MCDONAGH

THURSDAY 26TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 10PM, €10

Both easily bored and easily pleased, Leonie is a woman who strongly believes in making her own fun. Known for her irresistible enthusiasm for provoking and delighting an audience, come spend a joyous short hour in the company of this irreverent performer as she regales the tales of a life very ordinary.

Leonie is a founding member of ponydance theatre company. Champions of comedy dance theatre since 2005, they are one of the most toured, recognisable and acclaimed theatre companies in the country. Successfully marrying comedy, dance and theatre, they have won audiences, awards and critical acclaim locally and internationally.

Supported by Arts Council Ireland and Dance Ireland.



CATHERINE DONNELLY, SOPRANO

FRIDAY 27TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 1PM, €5



Catherine Donnelly is a soprano from County Down. She graduated from Queen's University, Belfast with a degree in medicine and works part-time as a community doctor in care of the elderly. She is in her second year studying a Masters in music performance at DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama under the tutelage of Colette McGahon-Tosh and répétiteur Mairéad Hurley. This year, Catherine appeared as a soloist at the Irish National Opera launch in the

Young Artist showcase. In January, she performed the title role in DIT's production of Michael William Balfe's *The Sleeping Queen* at the National Concert Hall. She made her professional role debut with Irish National Opera in April as soprano bridesmaid in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*.

An experienced performer of sacred music, she has performed as a soloist in Beethoven's *Mass in C*; Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise*; Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, Faure's *Messe Basse* and two of Handel's most famous Oratorios, *Messiah* and *Samson*.

KEVIN BARRY

FRIDAY 27TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 6.15PM, €6



Enjoy an evening in the company of author Kevin Barry. Kevin Barry is the author of the novel 'City of Bohane' and two short story collections, 'Dark Lies the Island' and 'There Are Little Kingdoms'. He was awarded the Rooney Prize in 2007 and won The Sunday Times EFG Short Story Prize in 2012. For 'City of Bohane' he was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award and the Irish Book Award, and won the Author's Club First Novel Prize, The European Prize for Literature and the IMPAC Prize. Kevin has an

original screenplay, 'The Gee Gees', in development with Element with David Kerr attached to direct. Another screenplay, based on stories from 'Dark Lies the Island' and 'There Are Little Kingdoms', is in development with Michael Garland at Grand Pictures. Kevin's latest novel 'Beatlebone' was published in 2015 and won the Goldsmith's Prize 2015.

KIERAN QUINN & SEAMIE O'DOWD

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

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FRIDAY 27TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 8PM, €15

Seamie O'Dowd and Kieran Quinn have been carefully crafting their own sound for over three years now. Formed with the intention of exploring the links between traditional Irish music and jazz, the duo has developed into one of the most innovative and fresh-sounding in Ireland. Two skilled musicians in their own right, neither of whom are in any way daunted by changing genres with a moment's notice, they have combined to produce a powerful, exciting and compelling musical force.

In this show they will be joined by some special guests in showcasing new and original songs and tunes from their recently released debut album, as well as their own take on some of the country's best known melodies.



There is true magic afoot here'
Irish Music Magazine

THE STRINGWRECKERS

On-line
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FRIDAY 27TH JULY, DALY'S STOREHOUSE, 10PM, €10

Originally formed in 1991, local band The Stringwreckers are taking over The Storehouse for one night of blistering 'Wreck & Roll', after 25 years in hibernation! Fronted by Derek Caldbeck, the band also includes Jonathan McGlynn, Seamus Simon, Brendan McGee, Matt Burke and Brendan Maloney.

While you can expect revved-up covers, with a few original songs and maybe a guest or two, you can be absolutely assured of a fun night!

image by Sean O'Dowd



BOYLE TOWN WALK WITH TONY CONBOY

SATURDAY 28TH JULY, MEET AT KING HOUSE, 11AM, €5

Enjoy an historical walk around the town of Boyle in the company of local historian Tony Conboy.

See Wednesday 25th July for more details.

SATURDAY MORNING PICTURES WITH PADDINGTON 2

SATURDAY 28TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 11AM, €3

Settled in with the Brown family, Paddington the bear is a popular member of the community who spreads joy and marmalade wherever he goes. One fine day, he spots a pop-up book in an antique shop -- the perfect present for his beloved aunt's 100th birthday. When a thief steals the prized book, Paddington embarks on an epic quest to unmask the culprit before Aunt Lucy's big celebration.



BERNADINE CASSERLY & ANNE KIELTY

SATURDAY 28TH JULY, CHURCH OF IRELAND, 1PM, €8

Bernadine is a Frenchpark native. A winner (2009) of Roscommon's Got Talent, she has played support to the likes of Jack L and Nathan Carter. Bernadine joined De Dannan in 2014 as lead vocalist following previous leads such as Dolores Keane and Mary Black, and they featured in BAF '16. She is delighted to return for a solo performance, where she will be accompanied by Anne Kielty on piano.





HUMANITY DICK: A TALE OF BEASTS AND BULLETS

SATURDAY 28TH JULY, KING HOUSE, 4PM, €5

International father of animal rights, celebrity duellist, infamous cuckold and rolling financial disaster, Irishman 'Humanity Dick' Martin (1754-1834) literally blazed a trail of triumph and tragedy through the Age of Revolution. Feared and jeered in equal measure, Martin held his honour and the welfare of animals above all else, and devoted his life to defending both, no matter the cost. This is a rollicking tale of deadly duels, contrary cousins, wayward wives, fiscal fecklessness, the birth of the SPCA and, indeed, a donkey in a courtroom.

Seán Leonard's riveting one-man play was the break-out show of the Galway Fringe 2016, a word-of-mouth hit that sold out for five consecutive nights. Since then, *Humanity Dick: A Tale of Beasts and Bullets* has met success at every turn, including a thunderously-received performance at the Clifden Arts Festival last year.



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NIAMH CROWLEY & GUESTS

SATURDAY 28TH JULY, CHURCH OF IRELAND, 8PM, €15

Niamh Crowley attended the Royal Irish Academy of Music and then continued her studies at the Royal College of Music, London, graduating with a first class honours degree and subsequently a postgraduate in performance as a Senior Exhibitioner and holder of the Beckwith Music Scholarship. She was awarded the centenary Tagore Gold Medal for the most outstanding student at the College.

Niamh performs regularly with Barry Douglas as a member of Camerata Ireland including tours of North and South America, Russia, China and throughout Europe. They also played for the Queen on her recent visit to Ireland. Niamh has a busy freelance career performing with Michael Bubl , Andrea Bocelli, Jos  Carerras, Westlife, Sinead O'Connor, Il Divo and Colm Wilkinson to name but a few. She also works with the National Symphony Orchestra, RTE Concert Orchestra, Irish Chamber Orchestra and many other ensembles nationwide. She has been involved in musicals throughout the country from a very early age and has worked as musical director for many shows since 1999 and currently enjoys this role with The Fun Company Sligo.

Niamh performed a specially commissioned piece for Prince Charles' historic visit to Sligo on his recent state visit to Sligo. As a member of the internationally acclaimed West Ocean String Quartet, She has performed worldwide including the Royal Albert Hall for Michael D Higgins' state visit to the UK.

MUNDY

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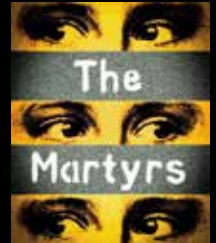
SATURDAY 28TH JULY,
DALY'S STOREHOUSE, 9.30PM, €20

"Mundy comes from a very long historical line of great Irish performers, singers and song writers, it's a list of awesome musical royalty he sits amongst and he rightly and gently wears his crown equally with them all."

Richard Hawley

Mundy brings the 2018 Boyle Arts Festival to a close. Mundy signed with Sony subsidiary Epic Records, and released his debut single, "To You I Bestow", shortly before his album "Jelly Legs" was released in 1996. "To You I Bestow" was included on the soundtrack for Baz Luhrmann's Shakespeare adaptation Romeo & Juliet, alongside tracks by Radiohead and Garbage. It sold 11 million copies and "Jelly Legs" a respectable 50,000 worldwide. Mundy went on to release the multi platinum record 24 Star Hotel, with hit tracks 'July' and 'Mexico' becoming firm favourites. 'Raining Down Arrows', which hit the #1 slot in the Irish Album Charts, came next and was recorded in the musically revered city of Austin, Texas. His first live album 'Live and Confusion' followed recorded at a storming and sold out Vicar St show. It was certified platinum in 2007. 'Galway Girl' was recorded as an encore and went on to become the best selling single and most downloaded song 2 years in a row in Ireland. Mundy teamed up with Youth again, who produced his debut album, the critically acclaimed 'Jellylegs', which yielded such hit songs 'Gin and Tonic Sky', 'Life's A Cinch' and 'To You I Bestow'. The latest album 'Mundy' was released in 2015 and Mundy has been very busy touring ever since.

Mundy is supported by The Martyrs, an acoustic trio of experienced local musicians who have individually and collectively played the national and world stage for over 20 years. The members are Marc Egan, vocals, Johnny McGlynn, guitars and vocals, Seamus Simon, percussion, vocals are driven by a love of live performances with energetic renditions of the best Rock, Folk and Pop songs.



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WORKSHOPS

ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL WORKSHOPS

FOR ADULTS

READING A CLASSIC SHORT STORY WITH GERRY BOLAND

SATURDAY 21ST JULY, 10.30AM - 12.30PM, THE SPOOL FACTORY, €12

This short fiction workshop, led by author Gerry Boland, will analyse a classic short story, selected by Gerry for this intriguing exploration of the short story form. The session will open with an interactive discussion on what makes a great short story. This will be followed by a close reading of the chosen story (copies will be handed out beforehand), followed in turn by a detailed discussion. There will be opportunities to do some original writing, attempting to put into practice some of the things learned from the reading and the discussion. This workshop is ideal for anyone who has an interest in the short story form, even if they have never written a story themselves.

Gerry Boland's first collection of short stories, *The Far Side of Happiness*, was published earlier this year. Gerry is a poet and author of nine published books. Since moving from Dublin to north Roscommon he has focused on writing poetry and short stories for adults and for young readers. He is an experienced facilitator of writing workshops for adults and for children.

CREATING DRAMA - WHAT'S IN A PLAY? A PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP WITH ROSE BYRNE

SATURDAY 21ST JULY, 2.30PM - 4.30PM, THE SPOOL FACTORY, €12

In this Playwriting Workshop, Rose Byrne will discuss the essential elements of writing a short play for stage. She will outline the differences between a short story and a stage play and will discuss the essential elements needed to create a piece of drama - a play. Participants will take part in writing exercises which will help them put into practice the elements discussed, thus enabling them to begin work on writing a short play.

Rose Byrne writes short stories, screenplays and plays. She won the Longford Literary Award in 2014 and was runner-up in the New Roscommon Writing Award in 2014 and 2016. One of her short plays was selected and performed in Cruthu Arts Festival, Longford last year and another short play was performed in King House, Boyle. She also had a radio play produced and several Flash Plays in rehearsed readings in The Dock, Carrick on Shannon. Her short stories and articles have been published in various anthologies and newspapers.

POETRY WORKSHOP WITH JESSAMINE O CONNOR

**SUNDAY 22ND JULY, 2.30PM - 4.30PM,
THE SPOOL FACTORY, €12**

In this contemporary poetry workshop, facilitated by Jessamine O Connor, participants will do some short writing exercises based on poems from Ireland and abroad, while reading and listening to recent poems. There will be a selection of journals to look through, and group discussion of how and where best to send your work. This will be a lively, informative workshop, with a focus on discovering new poets and beginning your own fresh pieces. Tea and coffee provided.

Jessamine O Connor has won the iYeats, Francis Ledwidge, and Poetry Ireland Butlers Cafe poetry competitions, and been short listed for the Hennessy Literary Award, Over The Edge New Writer Of The Year, Cuirt New Writer, Bradshaw Books, Leaf Books, and the Red Line Book Festival poetry competitions. She facilitates The Hermit Collective, and The Wrong Side of the Tracks Writers. Her fifth chapbook "Pact" has been well received and her first full collection is due out with Salmon in early 2020.

SINGING WORKSHOP WITH TIM DENNEHY

**THURSDAY 26TH JULY, 8PM-9.30PM, DODD'S THE CRESCENT
BAR, €5 (ALLOWS FREE ENTRY TO SINGERS NIGHT)**

Tim Dennehy was born in Ballinskelligs and later moved to Caherciveen, Co. Kerry. Both his parents were singers and were inheritors of a vast store of songs and stories in the Irish language and he is a founder member of the Goilin Club, Dublin.

Tim, one of the finest singer/songwriters of the present time has just published his 6th Album, - "Old boots and flying sandals" with many of his own compositions. These songs have been shared with audiences all over Ireland and throughout Europe and U.S.A. where he regularly performs at festivals and song workshops

DESIGN A CANVAS BAG WITH HULLABALOO

**SATURDAY 28TH JULY, 10.00AM -11.30AM, ARDCARNE
GARDEN CENTRE €20 (INCLUDES MATERIALS)**

Hullabaloo are running a canvas tote bag design workshop - we will provide you with a plain canvas bag and a huge choice of material, fabric paints, net, feathers, beads, sequins and faux flowers to create your very own designer piece. As long as you have basic sewing skills you will be able to join in with this class, and we will have the glue guns on stand by....

FOR CHILDREN

5 DAY WORKSHOP MONDAY 23RD JULY - FRIDAY 27TH JULY
ABBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOYLE

FANTASTIC CREATURES WITH KATE WILSON

11AM - 12.30PM, AGES 5-8, €55

These workshops for 5-8 year olds will explore the theme of 'Fantastic Creatures'. Participants will create movement sequences, masks and costumes for performance exploring their own imagined beasts, as well as creating environments, nests and habitats etc in the space using natural materials and fabricating with paper and paint. This will include both individual and group work and there will be an informal sharing of the work on the last day.

5 DAY WORKSHOPS MONDAY 23RD JULY - FRIDAY 27TH JULY
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SINGSKOOL SUMMER CAMPS

MINI MELODIES

(AGES 3-4) 11AM - 12.30PM, 5 DAYS, €55

TREBLE MAKERS 'SUMMER BEATS'

(AGES 5-8) 1.30PM - 3PM, 5 DAYS, €60

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THURSDAY 19TH JULY

10PM	AOIFE G & HER FAIRLY BIG BAND	PATRICKS WELL	FREE
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FRIDAY 20TH JULY

12PM	STORYTELLING WITH BRENT POPE	KING HOUSE	€3
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1PM	JAMES CARTY, FRANCIS GAFFNEY & BRIAN MCGRATH	CHURCH OF IRELAND	€8
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6PM	AN EVENING WITH BRENT POPE	KING HOUSE	€15
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8PM	SEAN KEANE	CHURCH OF IRELAND	€25
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10PM	HAMSANDWICH	DALY'S STOREHOUSE	€20
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SATURDAY 21ST JULY

11AM	CARROWKEEL WALK WITH PHILIP JAMES	MEET KING HOUSE BUS STOP	€10
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1PM	AN AFTERNOON WITH PERCY FRENCH	KING HOUSE	€5
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4PM	SHIVA THEATRE, MEET ME IN THE GARDENS	PLEASURE GROUNDS	FREE
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7.30PM	BOYLE PARISH FOLK GROUP AT EVENING MASS	ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH	FREE
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7.30PM	NEW AIRS	KING HOUSE	€15
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10PM	DON BAKER & ROB STRONG	DALY'S STOREHOUSE	€20
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SUNDAY 22ND JULY

11.30AM	ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHOIR	ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH	FREE
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2.30PM	THE MEN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH	DALYS BAR	€5
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5PM	AN EVENING WITH THE MOYLURG WRITERS	THE SPOOL FACTORY	FREE
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7.30PM	HARLEQUIN OPERA GALA	BOYLE ABBEY	€20
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10PM	WYVERN LINGO	DALY'S STOREHOUSE	€15
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MONDAY 23RD JULY

1PM	INCANTATO STRING QUARTET	KING HOUSE	€5
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4PM	MARIE PAUL: AROUND THE BRIDGES WITH MARGARET GILLESPIE COUSINS- A ROSSIE WITH ATTITUDE	OPEN TABLE	€5
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6.15PM	EOÍN FLEMING, PIANO	KING HOUSE	€8
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8.30PM	LUKA BLOOM	CHURCH OF IRELAND	€20
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10PM	MONGREL STATE	DALY'S STOREHOUSE	€10
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TUESDAY 24TH JULY

1PM	AMALA, HARP & GUITAR	KING HOUSE	€5
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4PM	JOHN CONNELL: THE COW BOOK	DRUMINILRA FARM KITCHEN	€5
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6.30PM	A NAGGIN OF KNOWLEDGE	MATTIMOE'S BAR	€6
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8PM	ALTAN	CHURCH OF IRELAND	€20
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10PM	JOIN ME IN THE PINES	KING HOUSE	€15
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WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY

1PM	ROBERT FINEGAN, SAXOPHONE & LUKE LALLY MAGUIRE, PIANO	KING HOUSE	€5
3PM	BOYLE TOWN WALK WITH TONY CONBOY	MEET AT KING HOUSE	€5
6.30PM	CAROLE COLEMAN IN CONVERSATION WITH TOMMIE GORMAN	CHURCH OF IRELAND	€10
8.30PM	BEEZNEEZ THEATRE GROUP: CALLAGHAN'S PLACE BY JOHN MCDWYER	ST JOSEPH'S HALL	€15
10PM	IKARUMBA	CLARKE'S BAR & RESTAURANT	€8

THURSDAY 26TH JULY

1PM	DIT JUNIOR PIANISTS: JUDE MCCANN, SIDI BAO & GERRY YANG	KING HOUSE	€5
4PM	LOUISE G. COLE: BEYOND THE GREEN BRIDGE, BOOK LAUNCH	KING HOUSE	FREE
6PM	OLIVER FALLON: 1918: WAR'S END & POLITICAL AFTERMATH	THE SPOOL FACTORY	€6
8PM	CELINE BYRNE, SOPRANO	CHURCH OF IRELAND	€25
9.30PM	BOYLE SINGERS WITH TIM DENNEHY	DODDS, THE CRESCENT BAR	€5
10PM	THERE'S ALL SORTS: LEONIE MCDONAGH	KING HOUSE	€10

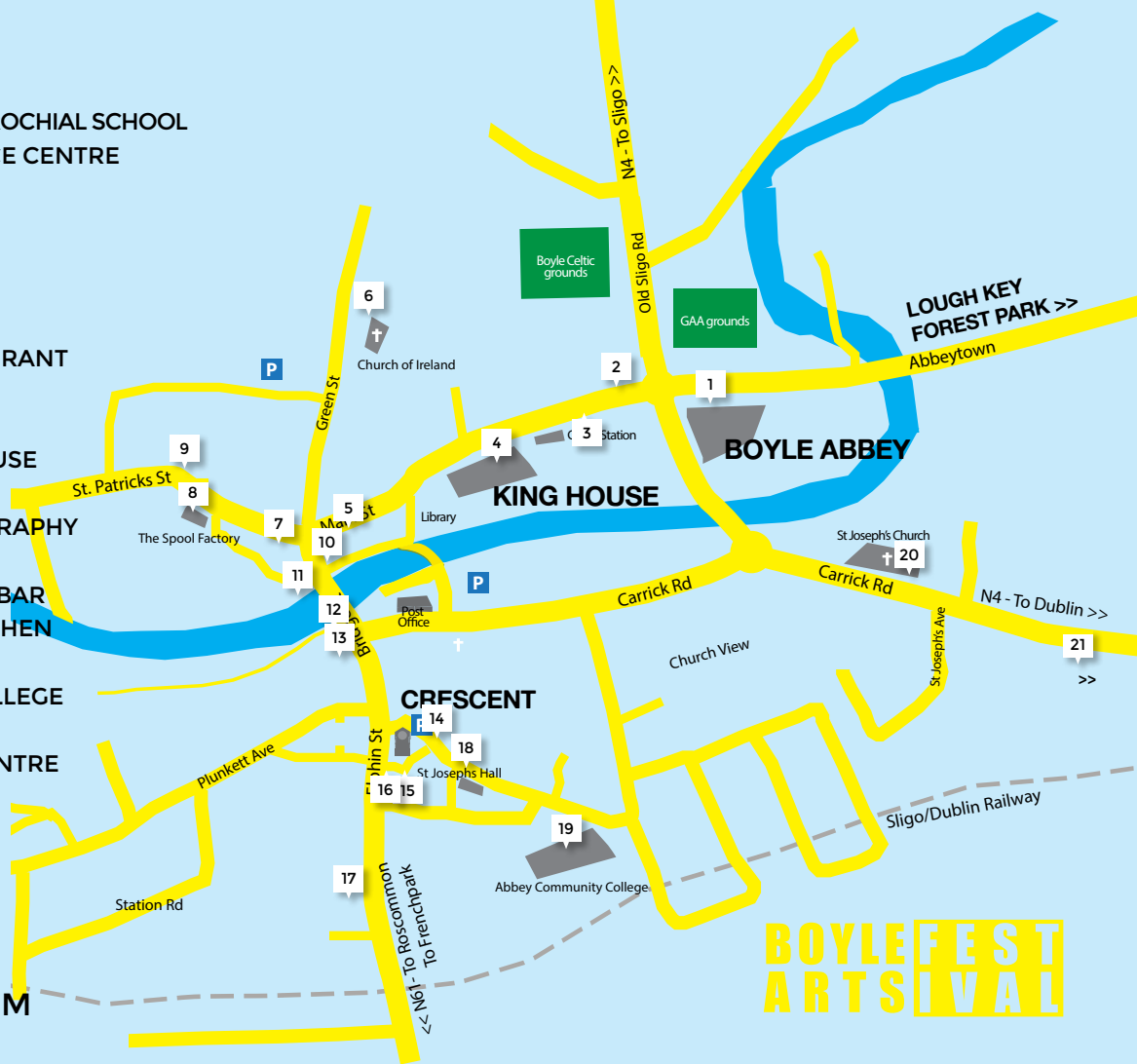
FRIDAY 27TH JULY

1PM	CATHERINE DONNELLY, SOPRANO	KING HOUSE	€5
6.15PM	KEVIN BARRY	KING HOUSE	€6
8PM	KIERAN QUINN & SEAMIE O'DOWD & GUESTS	CHURCH OF IRELAND	€15
10PM	THE STRINGWRECKERS	DALY'S STOREHOUSE	€10

SATURDAY 28TH JULY

11AM	BOYLE TOWN WALK WITH TONY CONBOY	MEET AT KING HOUSE	€5
11AM	FILM: PADDINGTON 2	KING HOUSE	€3
1PM	BERNADINE CASSERLY & ANNE KIELTY	CHURCH OF IRELAND	€8
4PM	HUMANITY DICK: A TALE OF BEASTS & BULLETS	KING HOUSE	€5
8PM	NIAMH CROWLEY & GUESTS	CHURCH OF IRELAND	€15
9.30PM	MUNDY SUPPORTED BY THE MARTYRS	DALY'S STOREHOUSE	€20

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2. CHURCH OF IRELAND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL
3. BOYLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE
4. KING HOUSE
5. XTRAVISION
6. CHURCH OF IRELAND
7. PATRICK'S WELL
8. THE SPOOL FACTORY
9. CLARKE'S BAR & RESTAURANT
10. MATTIMOE'S BAR
11. THE SHAMBLES
12. DALY'S BAR & STOREHOUSE
13. FESTIVAL OFFICE
14. TONY MURPHY PHOTOGRAPHY
15. OPEN TABLE
16. DODD'S THE CRESCENT BAR
17. DRUMINILRA FARM KITCHEN
18. ST JOSEPH'S HALL
19. ABBEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
20. ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
21. ARDCARNE GARDEN CENTRE



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BOOKING INFORMATION

Bookings for all events can be made by phone or in person at the Festival Office, Bridge Street, Boyle and online where indicated in the programme. Credit cards are accepted. Please note that there is limited seating at most of our venues and advance booking is recommended. Tickets must be paid for at time of booking and are non-refundable.

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