

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a strapless, textured purple dress, is captured in a dramatic pose on a stage. She is leaning back, her head tilted upwards, and her hands are raised near her face. The stage is bathed in purple light, and the background is dark with some faint, glowing elements. The overall mood is theatrical and artistic.

BOYLE FEST ARTSIVAL

20TH – 29TH JULY 2023

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WELCOME

It is a pleasure and a privilege to present our ambitious ten-day Boyle Arts Festival 2023 programme. We are looking forward to welcoming old friends and new to celebrate wonderful creativity with us in Boyle. We are delighted and hugely proud that our town provides a platform to showcase amazing and diverse visual and performance arts experiences with an emphasis on utilising many interesting spaces and buildings.

Boyle Arts Festival has built a significant reputation as one of Ireland's best celebrations of the arts each summer, with an annual exhibition of Irish contemporary art in the magnificent setting of King House. We welcome Sinéad Ní Mhaonaigh, with curators Sarah Searson and Laura Mahon for putting together this year's main visual arts exhibition. We are delighted for the additional enhancement provided by Roscommon County Council of a new gallery space in The Royal for our Open Art Exhibition and the numerous studio exhibitions, pop-up galleries, independent art events and small exhibitions in window displays by artists throughout the town.

We sincerely thank our sponsors who never cease to amaze, our dedicated volunteers and continuous community support who not only make this festival possible but ensure that is the main event of their annual festival calendar. Gratitude is extended to the Arts Council, Roscommon County Council, Roscommon Arts Officer, Roscommon Tourism and Failte Ireland for invaluable help, guidance, and support.

Finally, an acknowledgement to the hard-working committee for their commitment, passion and motivation. Working continuously over the past year to present this diverse, engaging, and exciting programme. We are sure that you will enjoy it, there is simply nowhere quite like Boyle during the Festival.

BAF COMMITTEE

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**BOYLE FEST
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Visual Arts

MAIN EXHIBITION 'CONNECTIONS'

21ST JULY – 7TH AUGUST
11AM – 5PM DAILY & AT TIMES
OF EVENTS AT KING HOUSE
OPENING THURSDAY 20TH JULY

This year's exhibition is selected by leading Irish painter Sinéad Ní Mhaonaigh, with curators Sarah Searson and Laura Mahon and features circa 100 artists from across Ireland. Building on the great work of previous selectors, 2023 will see a strong emphasis on painting, and the theme Connections will be manifested through diverse artistic approaches and by linking newer generations of emerging artist with more established senior artists. The show is a delightful and joyous occasion, which highlights some of the wonderful artistic talent in the region and draws artists from throughout Ireland. It is an excellent opportunity to see and buy new work by some of Ireland's new and leading Artists.

FERGUS AHERN AWARD

It is due to the vision and determination of Fergus Ahern that the Boyle Arts Festival and the Civic Collection of Art endure so well today. In grateful recognition of this, 2023 sees the presentation of the 4th Annual Fergus Ahern Award for merit, to an artist with work in the main exhibition.



Stephanie Deady, *Measure for Measure No.8*, 2022, Oil on birch plywood, 56 x 74 cm

TINKA BECHERT
JOANNE BOYLE
CORNELIUS BROWNE
GEMMA BROWNE
ELAINE BYRNE
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SUSAN MONTGOMERY
ELVA MULCHRONE
FIONNA MURRAY
WILLIAM MURRAY
LEONORA NEARY
SINÉAD NÍ MHAONAIGH
SIÚN NIC SUIBHNE
MICK O' DEA

EVE O'CALLAGHAN
SIOBHAN O'CALLAGHAN
WILLIAM O'NEILL
ABIGAIL O'BRIEN
ADRIAN O'CARROLL
GWEN O'DOWD
KIERA O'TOOLE
KATE ORAM
ANDY PARSONS
MAURICE QUILLINAN
ANN QUINN
SAMIR RANA
CIARA ROCHE
HELEN RYAN
DERMOT SEYMOUR
BLAISE SMITH
DAVID SMITH
ANNA SPEARMAN
JENNIFER TROUTON
SARAH TYNAN
CASEY WALSH
MICHAEL WANN

FULL LIST OF EXHIBITING ARTISTS CAN
BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

BOYLE OPEN ART EXHIBITION

21ST - 28TH JULY, 10AM TO 5PM DAILY

(THE EXHIBITION WILL BE ON DISPLAY UNTIL 31ST AUGUST)

THE ROYAL (FORMALLY THE ROYAL HOTEL), BRIDGE STREET

Showcasing diverse and exciting styles and mediums of art, sculpture and photography, Boyle Arts Festival Open Submission Exhibition attracts 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.

As a further demonstration of the Boyle Arts Festival's commitment to fostering the Arts, we are delighted that the overall winner at the Open Art Exhibition will be invited to exhibit in the following year's main exhibition. 2022 winner - Jenny Mahony.

ART IN TOWN BOYLE ART TRAIL

Boyle Arts Festival encourages artists and business premises to cooperate in the exhibition of Art in Town. Pick up a Boyle Art Trail brochure for numerous studio exhibitions, pop-up galleries, independent art events and small exhibitions in window displays by artists throughout the town.



MEMORY LANE BY MICHELLE SIMON

'Memory Lane' will be a temporary painted art piece set alongside the river walkway from Bridge Street toward King House. Using the manholes along this walkway Michelle Simon will create bright, colourful "bullet point" style illustrations of historic buildings, memorable sporting moments, community strength, local beauty and little blasts from the past for people to reminisce on as they walk. Inspired by the unique doorstep sign at the Royal Hotel Michelle will be incorporating mosaic style painting to tie it all together, reminding us that even though something looks broken and unused, it can be pieced together and revitalised into something beautiful, piece by piece.



SCHOOLS ART PROJECT

Artists Siobhan Cox-Carlos and Celine Ong (Singapore) have a deep interest in sustainable living and this project, working with some of the students in Boyle, St. Joseph's N.S. and Scoil Na nAingal Naofa engages with the issues of re-using, re-cycling and reducing. They chose to work with old books which were being sent to recycling centres in a series of workshops guided by Siobhán.

You can see paintings and collages of abstract images hanging alongside quirky self-portraits next to images of Boyle and the student's homes. The old book pages proved to be an ideal and interesting surface for the children to work on and experiment with through collage.

Siobhán witnessed the horrors of plastic on a beautiful island off the coast of Bali on her travels pre-covid. This island, Gilli Meno, had one field in it that was covered with plastic containers of every sort. The islanders had no idea of how to dispose of it. This brought the enormity of the problem home to Siobhan. Reusing plastic bottles, the students created colourful 'flowers and abstract hanging mobiles.



Extending the life of these keep them out of the landfill for an extra period of time but does not solve the problem. The dilemma for the artists was having to use plastic to protect the artwork so that it would last a month in the Irish outdoors - Plastic - the plague of our time - has its uses which makes it all the more difficult to eliminate. The challenge is there for entrepreneurs, young and old, to invent a replacement green degradable product!

Siobhan Cox-Carlos collaborated with an artist from Singapore, Celine Ong to address an issue they both have a keen interest in - sustainability in life and art practice. Siobhan met Celine whilst travelling in Penang, Malaysia and recently spent a month as Siobhan's apprentice, the first international apprenticeship approved by her college, NAFA in Singapore.

BOYLE CIVIC ART COLLECTION

The Boyle Civic Art Collection is a nationally recognised collection with over 280 pieces of art from nearly every known contemporary Irish artist. The entire collection is displayed in a number of locations throughout Boyle, with the main body of work being housed in King House. The majority of the collection was purchased by Fergus Ahern from the sales commission of Boyle Arts Festival, with a number of works generously donated by the Haverty Trust and the artists themselves. Under the current curatorship of Barry Feely the collection continues to grow.

VISUAL ARTS EVENTS

CURATOR'S TOUR OF EXHIBITION

FRI 21ST, 10AM, KING HOUSE, FREE (BOOKING ADVISED), LIMITED NUMBERS, 40 MINS

Sinéad Ní Mhaonaigh graduated in 2001 from Fine Art Painting at the Dublin Institute of Technology. Ní Mhaonaigh is widely considered one of Ireland's leading painters. She has exhibited extensively in both Ireland and abroad at venues including Limerick City Gallery of Art, Anthony Slayter-Ralph Fine Art, Los Angeles, Centre Culturel Irlandais Paris, Millennium Court Arts Centre, Armagh, Highlanes Municipal Art Gallery, and The Living Room Gallery, New York. Ní Mhaonaigh's work is represented in numerous public and private collections. She is represented by Kevin Kavanagh Gallery.

www.sineadnimhaonaigh.com

ARTIST HIGHLIGHT TOUR WITH ANNA SPEARMAN

SAT 22ND, 11.30AM, KING HOUSE, FREE (BOOKING ADVISED)

A Walking and Talking Tour of the Exhibition Highlights led by artist Anna Spearman.

Anna Spearman is currently working between Sligo and Dublin and has recently been artist in residence at The Harrington Studios, King House. Spearman's practice explores how sculptural objects, the space around them and the viewer in that space interact as vital elements in a temporal and performative experience. She attempts to transpose the joy and excitement of her day-to-day encounters into three dimensional forms and installation. Anna holds an MA in Fine Art: Contemporary Practice from Falmouth University, a BA in Fine Art from Sligo IT, and a BA in History of Art and Sociology from Trinity College Dublin.

A WALKING AND TALKING TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS BY SARAH SEARSON & LAURA MAHON

THUR 27TH, 4PM, KING HOUSE, FREE (BOOKING ADVISED) LIMITED NUMBERS, DURATION 40 / 50 MINS

Cultural Producer, and curator Laura Mahon, is Visual Arts and Education Manager at The Dock. Laura has extensive experience in arts production, working closely with artists to develop talks, visual arts mediation programmes and exhibitions, at The Dock in Carrick on Shannon and throughout the region. Sarah Searson has a background in visual arts, curation, education and cultural policy and production. Sarah works independently and has worked in the region for the past eight years. Sarah and Laura have worked closely together and with Sinéad Ní Mhaonaigh to select and produce this annual exhibition.

MY CULTURAL LIFE WITH LINDA SHEVLIN, CURATOR AND PRODUCER

SAT 29TH, 4.30PM, KING HOUSE, FREE (BOOKING ADVISED), DURATION 40 / 50 MINS

Linda Shevlin has an impressive and extensive career in the arts, working as an curator and cultural producer in Ireland, Europe and world-wide. Linda has facilitated and managed fascinating large and small-scale visual arts projects, commissions, and exhibitions.

Linda has curated Tulca Festival in 2018. In 2017 she was the invited curator for the Hennessy Art Fund, purchasing new works for the IMMA collection and also curated the visual art programme for Bealtaine Festival 2017/2018. She received the Arts Council of Ireland's curator in residence award for three consecutive years from 2013-2016 working with Roscommon Arts Centre and Arts Office. In 2016 she curated Radical Actions at RMIT Galleries, Melbourne as part of Culture Ireland's 2016 International Programme 'I Am Ireland'. Linda was curator of Meta's Open Arts program from 2019-2022, commissioning site specific artworks in their offices across Europe, The Middle East & Africa and programmed Meta Art Partnerships in 2023, working with partners including Times Square Arts New York and Superblue Miami.

Events

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OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY 20TH JULY

OPENING PARADE (CRESCENT TO KING HOUSE)

THE CRESCENT, 7.15PM, FREE

Launching Boyle Arts Festival 2023 will be a spectacular collaborative parade, celebrating this year's theme of "connections". It will feature dancers from Victoria Walker Dance School, musicians from Music Generation and members of the ICA Boyle who have also assisted in the costuming for the dance troupe. This intergenerational collaboration will be a visual feast, ensuring BAF 2023 is launched in style. Parade will start from the crescent and wind its way through the town to King House.



image by Brian Farrell

FESTIVAL OPENING

KING HOUSE, 8PM, FREE

The festival and exhibition will be officially opened by Brendan Gleeson.

ADAM DALY

ST PATRICK'S WELL, 10PM, FREE

One man, a guitar and a loop pedal. Adam plays a mix of old and new rock/pop classics. He has toured the length and breadth of Ireland, playing support to The Coronas, The Riptide Movement and Aslan. Boyle Arts Festival is delighted to welcome back Adam Daly for a special free gig in The Patrick's Well, on our opening night.





FRIDAY 21ST

JUNIOR PIANISTS

KING HOUSE, 1PM, €10

Anita Han (13) and Ryan Keogh (12), both study the piano at TUDublin Conservatoire of Music and Drama with Shirin Goudarzi-Tobin and the cello at the Royal Irish Academy of Music with Miriam Roycroft. They began their piano duet collaboration in 2018 and since then, they have achieved remarkable success at both international and national piano duet competitions. In 2022, Anita and Ryan teamed up with two other talented young pianists to participate in the highly regarded eight-hand piano performance at the Late Late Toy Show.

Liam Ryan is a pupil of Dr David Mooney in TU Dublin Conservatoire. He has completed his ATCL piano diploma & also holds a DipAbrsm for cello. He is a multiple prizewinner for both piano and cello. This year he was the recipient of the John Benson Memorial Cup in the Feis Ceoil and winner of TU Dublin's Petrof Cup. He has enjoyed masterclasses with renowned pedagogues Barry Douglas and Prisca Benoit. This September Liam will perform in Westport's Chamber Music Festival.

Tiantian Gao is 9 years old and studies the piano with Shirin Goudarzi-Tobin at the TuDublin Conservatoire. As a five year old, Tiantian won first prize at the Liszt International Youth Piano Competition in Shanghai/China, and since then she has continued to enjoy success at competitions internationally and in Ireland. Her most recent awards include Platinum & Young Virtuoso Award in the 4th WPTA Singapore International Piano Competition as well as Platinum Award in Trinity International Music Competition and the first prize in VII. Danubia Talents International Music Competition.



Tiantian Gao



Anita Han and Ryan Keogh

Liam Ryan



FRIDAY 21ST

JAY RYAN, THEATRE – THE MUSICIANS OF BREMEN TOWN

KING HOUSE, 4PM, €5

RTE Junior TV star Jay Ryan (“Living with a Fairy”) presents a new twist on the classic fairy tale favourite, “The Musicians of Bremen town” by The Brothers Grimm.

In Jay’s high energy, comedy-clowning, physical theatre style he tells the story of four ageing domestic animals, who after a lifetime of hard work are mistreated by the mean old farmer and his mean old wife. The animals decide to sneak away and to travel to the Big Smoke in hopes of becoming fabulous musicians. Little do they know of the dangers of the world while on their way to fulfilling their musical dreams.



FRIDAY 21ST

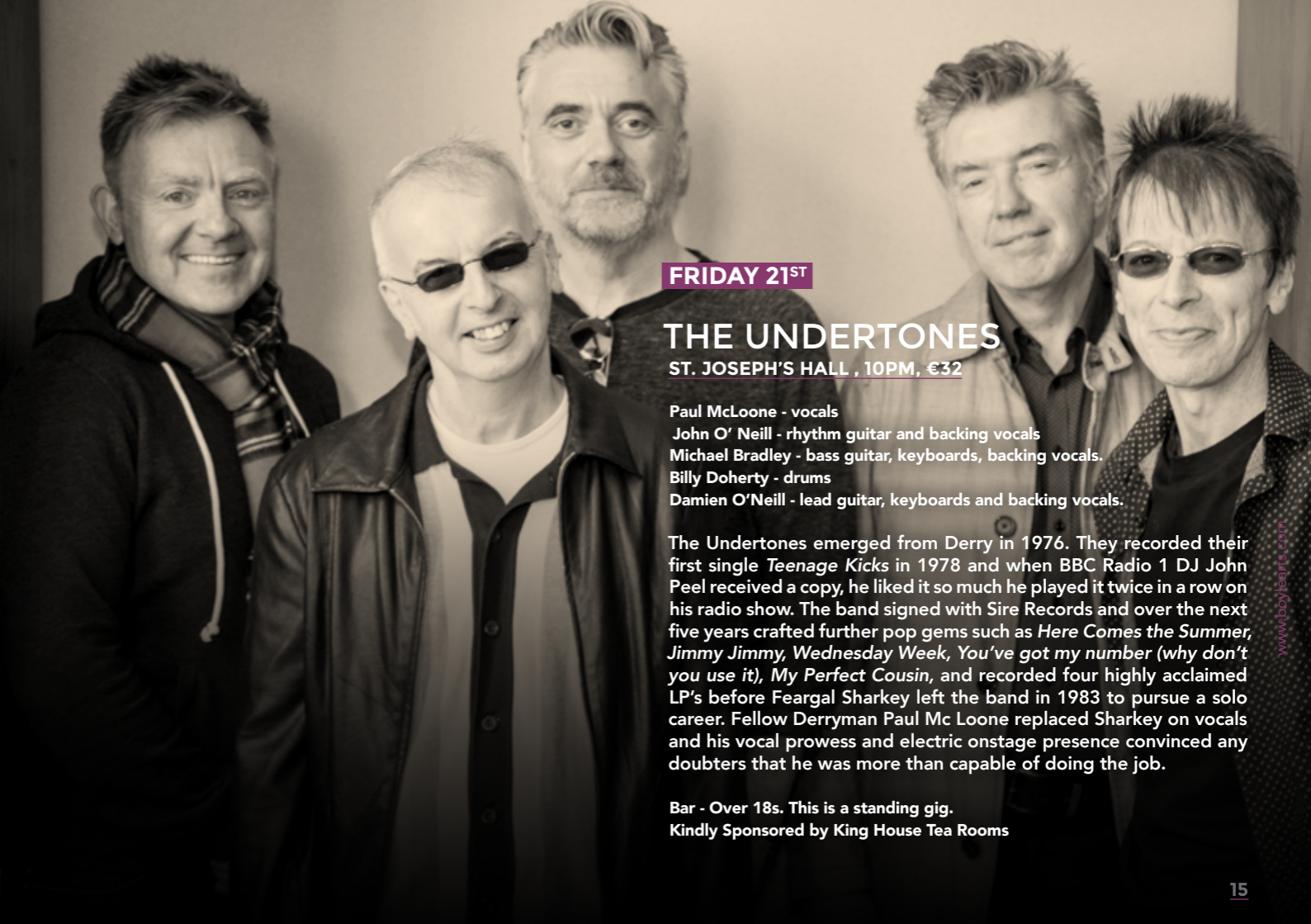
CELINE BYRNE

CHURCH OF IRELAND, 8PM, €25

Irish soprano, Celine Byrne, made her operatic début as Mimi, in Scottish Opera's 2010 production of *La Bohème* and since then has performed extensively throughout Europe as well as in the US, China, Russia and Mexico.

An evening with Celine Byrne is a chance to hear Celine sing popular arias from the world of opera and musicals and also perform some beautiful Irish melodies, film music and songs from musicals. Celine will be joined by David Monro on piano and Nicole Hudson on violin for a programme including Rusalka's glorious *Song to the Moon*, *Climb Every Mountain* from *The Sound Of Music*, *The Last Rose of Summer*, *Danny Boy*, *I Could Have Danced All Night* and many more.

Kindly sponsored by Marians of Boyle



FRIDAY 21ST

THE UNDERTONES

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL , 10PM, €32

Paul McLoone - vocals

John O' Neill - rhythm guitar and backing vocals

Michael Bradley - bass guitar, keyboards, backing vocals.

Billy Doherty - drums

Damien O'Neill - lead guitar, keyboards and backing vocals.

The Undertones emerged from Derry in 1976. They recorded their first single *Teenage Kicks* in 1978 and when BBC Radio 1 DJ John Peel received a copy, he liked it so much he played it twice in a row on his radio show. The band signed with Sire Records and over the next five years crafted further pop gems such as *Here Comes the Summer*, *Jimmy Jimmy*, *Wednesday Week*, *You've got my number (why don't you use it)*, *My Perfect Cousin*, and recorded four highly acclaimed LP's before Feargal Sharkey left the band in 1983 to pursue a solo career. Fellow Derryman Paul Mc Loone replaced Sharkey on vocals and his vocal prowess and electric onstage presence convinced any doubters that he was more than capable of doing the job.

Bar - Over 18s. This is a standing gig.

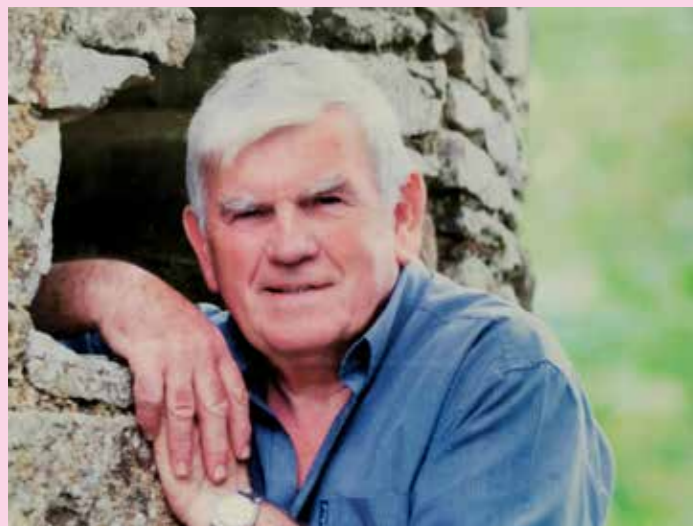
Kindly Sponsored by King House Tea Rooms

SATURDAY 22ND

MYSTERY TOUR WITH FRANK TIVNAN

INCLUDES BUS

ASSEMBLE AT KING HOUSE, 10AM, €20



Frank Tivnan a renowned local historian will take his patrons on a three hour bus journey. As it is a mystery tour we cannot provide any further insight to what Frank has in store. We can only say that this is a very popular event and you need to book your tickets early as there will be no extra seats on the bus.

LENNY CHEN – PIANIST

CHURCH OF IRELAND, 1PM, €10

Since his debut at last year's Festival, 12-year-old pianist Lenny Chen from Boyle has had a busy and successful year, winning in competition in the Royal Irish Academy of Music, the Newpark Festival in Dublin and the prestigious New York Young Performers Prize (NYYPP). Shortly after this year's concert, Lenny will fly to Italy to participate in MusicFest Perugia, Italy, on the recommendation of Steinway artist, Professor Ian Jones of the Royal College of Music in London. In September, he will commence the next stage of his musical education at the TU Dublin Conservatoire, studying under Shirin Goudarzi-Tobin.



OLLIE GRACE

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING IRISH

FRYBROOK HOUSE, 4PM, €10

A light-hearted, whimsical look at the character and temperament of the Irish people using our folklore, our history, our songs, our stories and our literature. Ollie is a native of Co. Kilkenny. He is a graduate of History and Folklore from Maynooth University and is the author of a book on local history. He has been involved in music and folklore all his life.



SATURDAY 22ND

FILM – ANN

FOLLOWED BY Q&A'S

KING HOUSE, 6PM, €10



Dramatizing the real-life story of Ann Lovett, a 15-year-old girl who died in childbirth in a grotto in Granard, Co. Longford in 1984, Ciaran Creagh's film revisits a tragedy that shook the nation to its core. With present-day Boyle, Co. Roscommon standing in for 1980s Granard, the film perfectly conjures the physical and psychological claustrophobia of small town life. Featuring powerful performances from Devlin and Walsh, *Ann* is a chilling recreation of a time when social and sexual mores were less enlightened and a culture of shame and secrecy prevailed.

Cert. 15A / Duration: 100min

LUKA BLOOM

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, 9PM, €25

Luka Bloom has been performing since 1969, when he toured with his eldest brother Christy Moore. He recorded his first album 'Treaty Stone' in 1978 and adopted the name Luka Bloom in the late 1980s. He has several self-penned albums to his name including 'Riverside', 'The Acoustic Motorbike', 'Before Sleep Comes', 'Out of the Blue' and his most recent 'Wake Up to the Shore' a 50 song 3CD set covering his career to date. Luka last performed in Boyle in 2018 as part of Boyle Arts Festival.

Seated Event. Bar available over 18's

Kindly Sponsored by Stewart's Oil Boyle & Carrick-On-Shannon



SUNDAY 23RD

FAMILY DAY IN THE PLEASURE GROUNDS

THE PLEASURE GROUNDS, 2PM, FREE

Come along and join in an afternoon shared with your family. Your children can join in with Mud Bugs as Jess from Mudbugs will provide fun creative activities that will engage children with the magic of nature and the surrounding areas. Come and create a memory and ideas to bring home. Free face painting by Fierce Fun Faces. Join in with the fun by putting on the headsets and dancing to the hilarious silent disco.

Yoga with Tanja - Grown Ups all welcome to relax, recharge, and regulate with Yoga and Sound. Throughout the day Tanja will offer children and grown-ups a chance to recharge with some easy yoga poses and yoga partner poses, regulate with some playful breath work, and mindfulness games and relax with some fun partner sound massages and playing with relaxing therapeutic instruments. There will be wonderful dance performances with Irish dancing provided by O'Neill Blake School of Dancing and 'Dance with Victoria Walker'.

Music Generation Roscommon's Junior Youth Voices accompanied by participants from the Junior Song Camp will busk/perform live accompanied by Musician Educators. Five Junior Bands from Boyle Music Hubs Band Development programme will perform live.

SILENT DISCO

THE PLEASURE GROUNDS, 2 - 5.30PM, €5

Silent Disco offers two DJ channels at the same time. You can listen to channel A or B, each with its own music, played by a DJ. The best part is that you never know what the next person will hear in front of or behind you, so the dance steps can be a bit confusing!

Times:

2 - 2.30PM

2.45 - 3.15PM

3.30 - 4PM

4.15 - 4.45PM

5 - 5.30PM

SUNDAY 23RD

THE MEN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH

DODD'S CRESCENT BAR, 2.30PM, €10

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 and Johnny Cash to Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Randy Newman, Tom Waits and Carole King, there are also surprising Hawaiian Dobro instrumentals, television and movie themes, all delivered with great playfulness and lots of soul. An absolutely delightful band, full of self deprecating humour and a joy to watch and listen to.

Egon Callery: guitar, mandolin

Percy Robinson: guitar, dobro

Sean McCarron: saxophones, percussion

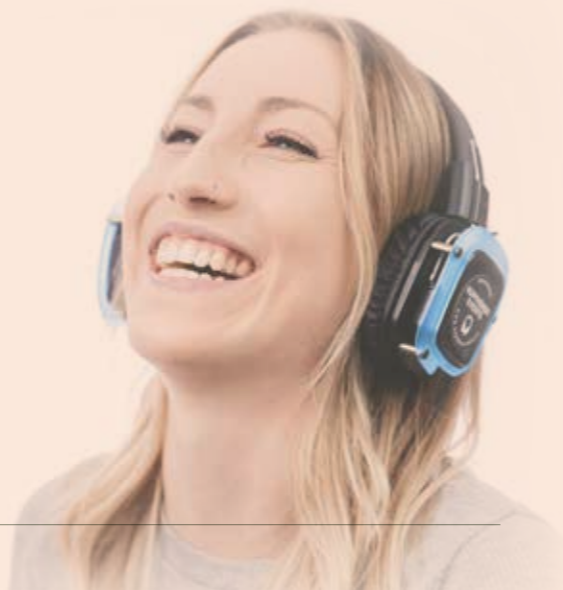
ZOË CONWAY & JOHN MCINTRYE

CHURCH OF IRELAND, 8PM, €15

With an exciting blend of eclectic fiddle and guitar music, Zoë Conway and John Mc Intyre bring to the stage sympathetic arrangements of traditional Irish music, compositions and songs, old and new.

The husband and wife folk duo possess a rare facility to draw pieces into their repertoire from other genres such as classical, jazz and world music and express this material in way which not only displays the sheer range and knowledge of both instrumentalists but also exhibits the wonderful versatility of their instruments.

Together, Zoë Conway and John Mc Intyre have been described as "simply one of the best folk duos on the planet" (BBC), and audiences in Ireland and beyond keep coming back for more. They have performed for rock stars, millionaires and dignitaries around the world, including Irish Presidents Mary Mc Aleese and Michael D. Higgins. They were awarded Best Live Show from popular YouTube channel, Balcony TV, and have received in excess of a combined half a million views online.



MONDAY 24TH

MULTICULTURAL EVENT WITH SLIGO CONCERT BAND

KING HOUSE GROUNDS, 12 NOON, FREE

Come along and enjoy free music by the Sligo Concert Band and buy your lunch with flavours from around the world.



LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE SCHOOL STUDENT SHARING

KING HOUSE, 2PM, FREE

A dance piece choreographed and performed by first year student from London contemporary dance school, Amelia McCulloch. The piece is inspired by nature and the act of withering and wilting.



FILM: THE HITMEN

FOLLOWED BY Q&A'S

KING HOUSE, 4PM, €7

What starts off as a normal evening in an all-men's group, quickly turns hot and heavy as an ex-hitman played by MJ O'Sullivan confesses his dark past to a group of strangers. The film flashes back to 25 years ago where we see the now young hitman played by Cian Colbert, sitting alongside his partner played by Boyle resident Conor Hamill, as they listen to an Elvis impersonator by the beach. The two hitmen reminisce on their past hits together.

The Hitmen won 4 awards in California at a recent festival for:

Best film/screenplay – Anthony O'Reilly

Best Actor – Conor Hamill

Best supporting actor – Cian Colbert

Best Cinematography – Riccardo Minelli

Please Note: Rated 18



STORIES FROM THE BOYLE RIVER

KING HOUSE, 6PM, FREE

For thousands of years the Boyle River has provided the resources for human activity in its surroundings. For one night only we will have the opportunity to hear the stories, poetry and music of local people and their relationships with the river. These include tales of childhood, fishing, boating, energy production, transportation, artwork, archeology, ecology and more. You are guaranteed a fascinating and entertaining evening.'

MONDAY 24TH

MARIA DOYLE KENNEDY – CONCERT

CHURCH OF IRELAND, 8PM, €20

Polymath Maria Doyle Kennedy has sustained a varied and eclectic career in the Arts for more than 3 decades.

Music is her first love and following time spent in several bands she set up her own record label in 2000 and has released 11 solo albums to date. Maria's most recent album 'Fire on the roof of Eden' was listed by the Irish Times in their albums of the year and Hot Press described her as "one of Ireland's most accomplished vocalists and a national treasure".

She collaborates in almost all her work with her husband Kieran Kennedy (her partner in life, music and many crimes) and together they are raising 4 sons.

Kindly Sponsored by Chris O'Dowd



TUESDAY 25TH

ARTS ALIVE 'SONG, DANCE & DRUMMING'

THE ROYAL COURTYARD, 11AM, FREE

A group of people who are supported by the Brothers of Charity Services Ireland have recently launched their very own performing arts group, entitled Arts Alive. All of them are from the Boyle and Ballaghaderreen area and in collaboration with 'Rhythm 2 Recovery 4 Roscommon' and 'We Drum Ireland', they invite you to see them perform a celebration of song, dance and drumming. This will be a unique opportunity for them to showcase their wide range of artistic talents on the day. They will also be joined by the hosts of their own radio station, 'Our voice FM' from Strokestown.

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DEIRDRE HIGGINS

KING HOUSE, 1PM, €10

Deirdre Higgins is an Irish soprano and is currently in the final year of her Masters of Music (Performance) in the TU Dublin Conservatoire. Here she studies under the excellent tutelage of Mairéad Buicke and Mairéad Hurley. Deirdre is a multi-award winner and had great success in the 2023 Feis Ceoil competitions where she won the Nancy Calthorpe Cup, Lieder Prize, Mrs. P.J. Geoghegan Memorial Cup, and the Gervase Elwes Memorial Cup. She also received the Birr Lions Club Bursary at the 2023 Birr Festival of Music. In 2022, Deirdre had her first professional opera engagement when she joined the chorus of Irish National Opera for their national tour of Donizetti's Maria Stuarda.

In the summer of 2022 Deirdre attended the 'Corsi Internazionali di Musica di Lurisia Terme 2022' where she received high praise for her performances with reviews such as - "in half a century of activity in the operatic field I have rarely heard this very difficult aria from the Contessa sung so well" (Bruno Baudissone).



TUESDAY 25TH

'FINDING MY WILD' BY KATHY DONAGHY

FRYBROOK HOUSE, 3PM, €10

Kathy Donaghy is an award winning journalist from Inishowen, Co Donegal. Her first book, *Finding My Wild*, was published earlier this year to critical acclaim. In it she describes her journey to coming home to her 'good enough' self through immersion in nature and sea swimming.

She's married to the journalist Richard Curran and is mother to two boys. When she's not writing she can be found exploring north Donegal with her collie Wyatt.



'THE CONNACHT CONNECTION' BY DR MICK MULVEY

KING HOUSE, 6PM, €10

The Connacht Connection: How North Connacht's Migrant Builders Contributed to Post-War London, is a presentation by local historian (and trad musician) Dr Michael (Mick) Mulvey.



His talk will be drawn from his Ph.D thesis (Maynooth) and will look at the way in which migrant workers from the five counties of Connacht migrated to, settled and established business and social communities in and around London during and after WWII. The presentation will look at the socio-economic, cultural aspects and lived experiences of these migrant builders.

Born in mid-1960s Luton, raised initially in Leitrim then mainly in east London, Michael is an erstwhile of the London-Irish community and particularly the vibrant migrant traditional music scene through the 70s, 80s and 90s. He returned to live in his family homeplace near Carrick-on-Shannon in 2005 with his wife and young children. He spent his early working career progressing from a school-leaver labourer to a chartered surveyor and arbitrator, co-founding a London-based practice specialising in construction law.

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TUESDAY 25TH

**DONAL O'CONNOR &
DOTT'S O'CONNOR - CONCERT**
KING HOUSE, 9PM, €12

Donal O'Connor has been writing songs for over 30 years and has three entirely self-composed albums to his name. His writing has been described by Christy Moore as "a pure joy". Charlie McGettigan regards him as "one of my favourite songwriters". Donal has toured extensively in the UK and has also performed in Germany, USA, Spain, Australia and New Zealand.

Dotts O'Connor best known as the guitarist of Choice nominated bands Come On Live Long and Dirty Dreamer. Dotts O'Connor's new solo project is a departure from his previous work. Having spent the past decade performing and collaborating with bandmates, it was moving from Dublin to Cavan (via London) that provided him with the freedom to work on his own material.

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WEDNESDAY 26TH

AODHAMAIR REILLY, HARPIST
KING HOUSE, 1PM, €10

Aodhamair Reilly, hailing from Navan, Co. Meath, is a pianist and harpist. Aodhamair recently completed her BMus in piano performance at the TU Dublin Conservatoire, during which she studied piano and harp.

Whilst piano is Aodhamair's main instrument, she has studied harp under Denise Kelly-McDonnell, Andreja Malir, and Claire O'Donnell. She has performed at recitals at the TU Dublin Conservatoire and at numerous weddings. As a member of the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland, Aodhamair has performed in venues across Ireland for their Peace Proms tours. The orchestra recently performed a gala concert in Carnegie Hall, New York on St. Patrick's Day, 2023. Aodhamair's harp repertoire includes music from the traditional Irish, classical and popular genres. Aodhamair's grandfather, Michael Madden, was a native of Grange, Boyle, and she still has ties to the locality.

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WEDNESDAY 26TH

BERNADETTE MCCARRICK - POETRY READING

THE BAZAAR, 3PM, FREE

Bernadette McCarrick, a retired primary school teacher, has published three poetry books to date, the most recent being 'To Walk in My Native Place'. Many of the poems and photos in this collection describe in affectionate detail her early life in rural South County Sligo. Other poems celebrate the locality she has come to know since moving to Boyle in 2015. Recently the Roscommon Herald has published Bernadette's contributions to 'The Write Note' and 'Autumn Leaves'.



'REALITY CHECK: MYTHS & MISCONCEPTIONS OF MODERN IRELAND' DISCUSSION WITH RACHEL LAVIN

KING HOUSE, 6PM, €10

What Irish people believe about themselves and the reality are often two very different things. Traditional ideas of Ireland as a poor underdog no longer match the data on its rankings globally as one of the most educated and wealthy nations in the world. Boyle native Rachel Lavin is a senior data journalist with *The Times* and the *Sunday Times*, where she specializes in covering conflicts and climate change with data. She has previously written for the *Business Post*, *The Sunday Independent*, *The Irish Times*, *The Dublin Inquirer*, *Image Magazine* and the *Roscommon Herald*. Rachel has also been involved with *Who Targets Me*, the Bureau of Investigative Journalism and the Washington Ireland Program.



BOYLE SINGERS NIGHT WITH LORRAINE MURPHY

DODD'S THE CRESCENT BAR, 10PM, €5

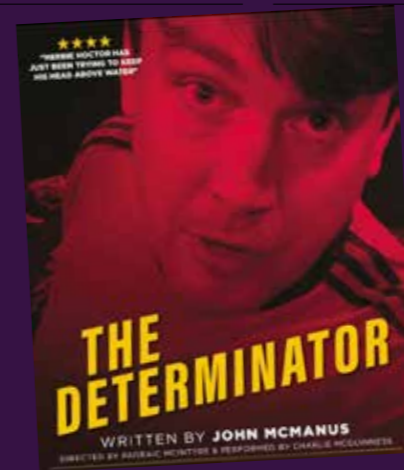
Lorraine Murphy is from Newtownbutler, in County Fermanagh. She has been singing from a young age, in local Feis and Scor competitions, but mainly enjoys singing among friends, at singing and music sessions. Lorraine has a distinctive style of singing that is enjoyed in singing circles around the country. She attended The Boyle Arts Festival Singers night last year and is delighted to be asked back this year as guest singer.



WEDNESDAY 26TH

DRAMA NIGHT: TWO ONE ACT PLAYS 'THE DETERMINATOR' & 'LOCKDOWN IN BOYLE'

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, 8PM, €15



THE DETERMINATOR

Written by John McManus
Directed by Padraic McIntyre
Performed by Charlie McGuinness

Play Synopsis

Herbie Hektor has just been trying to keep his head above water like any other halfway civilized human being but it's difficult to keep going when your landlord has given you notice to quit; when your nemesis and neighbour is threatening you with the Guards; when you've been fired from your job for refusing to sing the Happy Birthday song; when there's a dead body lying under your bedroom floor and - worst of all - when you've just discovered that your ex-girlfriend, the love of your life, your soulmate, your sweet little heart's desire, your pretty little nasturtium... is getting married... tomorrow... in New York City beyond in America country...



LOCKDOWN IN BOYLE

Written by David Tristram
Directed by Sinead Quinn
Performed by The Breffni Players
Aoife Roddy, Eithne Quinn, Martin Branagan and Michael McLoughlin

The Breffni Players are back with David Tristram's hilarious one act comedy, 'Lockdown in Boyle'. This comedy follows the antics of hapless Amateur Drama group planning their comeback production when restrictions ease.

Play Synopsis

Set in Lockdown, Chairman Gordon calls an emergency meeting with the only three members in attendance diva-like Margaret, affable Bernard and ditsy Joyce to discuss their next production. Tristram's play is packed full of laughs while reminding us of what a devastating effect the pandemic had on the Arts.



THURSDAY 27TH

ANNA HRYNIEWICZ - PIANIST

KING HOUSE, 1PM, €10

Award winning visual artist and classical pianist, Anna Hryniewicz is entering international scene in both - painting and piano performance - with vibrant interpretations and unique stage presence. "Anna's world is a vivid connotation of emotion and impulsive expression of here-and-now, which allows release of unexplored currents of our subconscious" (Czestochowa - Museum Catalogue). She is in demand as a recitalist, chamber musician, educator and contemporary painter. Aside numerous solo concerts and visual shows in Ireland and Poland she was awarded residencies in Graphic-Studio- Dublin, Draiocht, CillRialaig, Hambly & Hambly. Her paintings are in private collections worldwide and public collections of OPW-Ireland and Fingal County Council Municipal Art Collection. Anna first debuted as a pianist in Wroclaw, Poland: Club of Music and Literature, Radio Music Hall and National Philharmony Wroclaw, where she gave acclaimed performance of Contemporary Music. In 2020-2022 she performed baroque repertoire for Irish-Polish-Society. She is now in a final year of postgraduate Master in Music Performance in TU Dublin Conservatoire, studying with Pádhraic Ó Cuinnegeáin.

As a student Anna was a finalist of many junior national competitions, including Szymanowski's All-Poland Piano Competition with 2nd prize in Zakopane and 3rd prize in Konin, and most recently she won a 1st prize and a Gold Medal in Lorcan Sherlock Competition in Dublin. "...Played with real technical brilliance and rhythmic buoyancy. This was a recital of the highest level and a great privilege to hear you perform" (David Quigley)

THURSDAY 27TH

POET VONA GROARKE

FRYBROOK HOUSE, 3PM, €10



Vona Groarke's thirteenth book, *Hereafter: The Telling Life of Ellen O'Hara* – a poetic account of Irish women domestic servants in 1890s New York, which arose out of her time as a Cullman Fellow at the New York Public Library 2018-19 – was published in Nov 2022 by New York University Press.

Of her eight poetry collections, the most recent is *Link: Poet and World* (Gallery Press, 2121). Her Selected Poems won the 2017 Pigott Prize for Best Irish Poetry Collection. Poet,

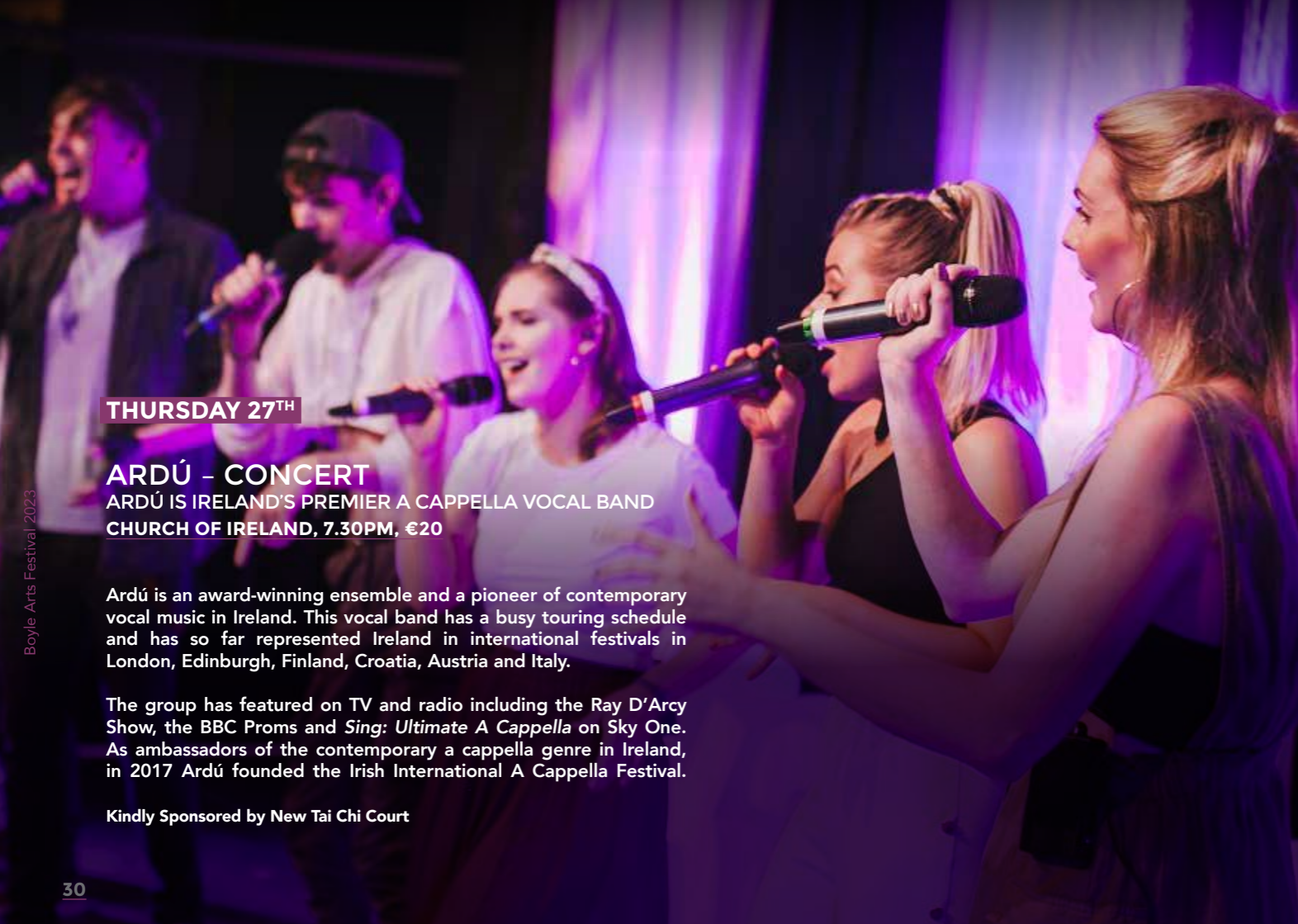
essayist, reviewer and editor, her work has recently appeared in *New York Review of Books*, *L.A. Review of Books*, *P.N. Review* and *Poetry Review*. She is the current Writer in Residence at St John's College, Cambridge.

MY GENERATION CONCERT BY MUSIC GENERATION ROSCOMMON

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, 7PM, FREE

Music Generation Roscommon present their live performance show called "My Generation". Over 30 young singers and Musicians will perform an eclectic live set of classic songs from the present day right back to the swinging 60's. The songs were chosen by the young people as an expression of their musical influences.





THURSDAY 27TH

ARDÚ – CONCERT

ARDÚ IS IRELAND'S PREMIER A CAPPELLA VOCAL BAND
CHURCH OF IRELAND, 7.30PM, €20

Ardú is an award-winning ensemble and a pioneer of contemporary vocal music in Ireland. This vocal band has a busy touring schedule and has so far represented Ireland in international festivals in London, Edinburgh, Finland, Croatia, Austria and Italy.

The group has featured on TV and radio including the Ray D'Arcy Show, the BBC Proms and *Sing: Ultimate A Cappella* on Sky One. As ambassadors of the contemporary a cappella genre in Ireland, in 2017 Ardú founded the Irish International A Cappella Festival.

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THURSDAY 27TH

COMEDY IMPROV WITH SHARON MANNION

KING HOUSE, 9.30PM, €20

Dublin Comedy Improv features the talents of Ian Coppinger, Joe Rooney (*Father Ted, Killinaskully*), Danny Kehoe (*Republic of Telly, Moone Boy*) and Sharon Mannion (*Bridget & Eamon*). The show is entirely unscripted, based on audience suggestions, à la *Whose Line Is It Anyway*, and is guaranteed to be "absolutely amazing" and "hilariously funny" (*Hot Press*).

Dublin Comedy Improv are the longest running (and funniest) improv show in town. Comedy festival favourites, who have toured worldwide, the stars have tickled the boards with cast members of *The Simpsons, Never Mind the Buzzcocks, The Drew Carey Show*, and, of course, *Whose Line is it Anyway*. Their line-up is made up of acclaimed comedians, actors and writers who work together live on stage to bring their spur-of-the moment, whip-sharp ribaldry to the populace. This is comedy play-time with the grown-ups!

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FRIDAY 28TH

'THE TAINTED' BY CAUVERY MADHAVAN

KING HOUSE AUDITORIUM, 1PM, €10



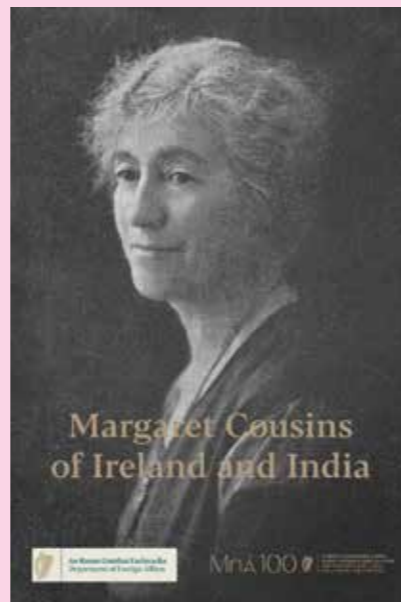
The Tainted is based on the events and the aftermath of the well documented 1920 mutiny of the famous Irish regiment, the Connaught Rangers, in India. The novel explores issues of identity and belonging as well as the repercussions of race, class and religious prejudice in India and Ireland in the 1920s and in the 1980s. The story runs in two parallel strands that interweave: one, the story of the mutiny set in India and Ireland of 1920s

and the other, the story of the consequences of the mutiny, a whole generation later, set in India and Ireland of the 1980s.

'MARGARET COUSINS OF IRELAND AND INDIA' MNÁ 100 DOCUMENTARY

KING HOUSE AUDITORIUM, 4PM, FREE

Mná 100 in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs Irish Embassy India, have created a short film on the life of Roscommon woman Margaret Cousins. Cousins worked for suffrage, the rights of women, and gender equality both in Ireland and in India. This film looks at her legacy in Ireland and India to this day.



FRIDAY 28TH

CAROLE COLEMAN IN CONVERSATION WITH EILEEN DUNNE

CHURCH OF IRELAND, 6PM, €12

CAROLE COLEMAN

Veteran journalist Carole Coleman is back for her eighth BAF conversation. Carole has presented RTÉ's *This Week*, *Morning Ireland*, *World Report* and *Late Debate* programmes and currently works on RTÉ radio's *News At One*. Carole has reported extensively for television from the US and elsewhere and shares her expertise with students at University of Galway. Carole has authored three books – most recently *News From Under a Coat Stand* – a colourful diary on Covid-19 in Ireland in 2020 and the first nationwide lockdown.

EILEEN DUNNE

Journalist Eileen Dunne retired last November after 42 years with RTÉ the National broadcaster. She began her career as a radio announcer, moving to the Newsroom in 1984 and since then, has worked on major stories like the Good Friday Agreement, the death of Pope John Paul II and subsequent conclave as well as the visit of Queen Elizabeth to Ireland in 2011 and the return state visit of President Michael D. Higgins to the UK. Eileen also presented a radio programme called *The God Slot* for four years and several programmes and concerts on RTE Lyric FM.

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FRIDAY 28TH

CLASSICS & PREMIERES WITH PIANIST PETER REGAN

KING HOUSE, 8PM, €10

The 2023 Commission marks the third in a series of music commissions by Roscommon County Council, in celebration of the grand piano at King House. Three composers were commissioned to write a 6-minute piano solo each which responds to a literary text with a local theme. Roscommon pianist, Peter Regan, described as a “major talent” will premiere these new works as part of a concert at this year’s BAF.

PREMIERES

Fiona Linnane: *Mrs Cousins (née Gillespie) Event and Prelude*

Peter Leavy: *The Last Flame*

Bianca Gannon: *Loch Cé*

Other works being performed as part of this concert are:

Liszt, *Sonetti del Petrarca Nos. 47, 104 and 123*

Chopin, *Ballade No. 4 in F minor*

Chopin, *Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise Brillante*

Peter is a Mayo-born, Dublin-based composer-pianist, Head of Piano at the Leeson Park School of Music and a tutor at Maynooth University.

The commission is funded by the Arts Office of Roscommon County Council together with the Arts Council of Ireland, in collaboration with Boyle Arts Festival and in association with the Contemporary Music Centre.

For more information on the composers see website www.boylearts.com



FRIDAY 28TH

RATTLE AND HUM

THE FINEST U2 TRIBUTE BAND ON THE PLANET
ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, 10PM, €20

It's no easy gig being a tribute band, particularly when your inspiration is U2. Not only are they one of the highest profile bands on earth, but their legendary musical ability, passion and vitality are an integral part of the complete package. For a tribute band, this means you have to look right, you must do justice to some of the finest rock music ever written and you have to capture and transmit that indefinable energy that fuels U2. Meet Rattle and Hum. Coming from Dublin themselves has maybe given them an advantage over other U2 tribute bands, but it doesn't end there. They are also impeccable and experienced musicians who possess both the physical power and the psychic energy that playing the music of U2 to a live audience demands.

Bar - over 18s. This is a standing gig
Doors Open 9pm, on stage 10pm
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SATURDAY 29TH

'DRAGONTERRA', STORYTELLING WITH LOUISE FLANAGAN

FEELYSTONE, 11AM, €5

Louise Flanagan from Co. Donegal is the author of the *Dragonterra* series, consisting of 12 books for emergent readers. *Dragonterra* is a fantasy adventure aimed at readers aged 6-10 years old. Printed in larger font with carefully pitched vocabulary and beautiful hand-drawn illustrations throughout, these books will capture both the attention and the imagination of young readers.



There will be time for a Q&A session as well as some fun worksheets based on the *Dragonterra* book series. Each child in attendance will receive a signed copy of book 1 and a discount code to purchase the remainder of the series.

IONA SOUND

KING HOUSE, 1PM, €10

Iona Sound explore and interpret traditional material connecting Ireland, Scotland and Scandinavia. The Isle of Iona sits on an imaginary line linking all of these countries.

Max Greenwood: Piano; Bríd Cannon: Violin; Rory Pierce: Cello & Low D Whistle. Playing traditional melodies – such as Long Dances, Reels, Waltzes and Airs – Iona Sound let their melodic and harmonic interpretations breathe, and encourage the listener to drift off into thoughts about what lies "North of here..."



SATURDAY 29TH

STORIES FROM THE BOYLE RIVER FIELD TRIP BY TOM CAROLAN, LAWPRO

MEET AT KING HOUSE, 2.30PM, FREE

Stories from *The Boyle River Field Trip* by Tom Carolan LAWPRO. When you look at the Boyle River what you see are reflections of the sky and surroundings. But do you know what lives beneath the surface and what it is doing there? This introductory field trip will open your eyes to the rich ecology and biodiversity of this underwater world. The field trip will be led by Tom Carolan of LAWPRO (Local Authorities Water Programme).

Tom is the Communities Officer for Mayo and North Roscommon. Participants should wear suitable outdoor clothing. Further information is available from Tom 085 870 9612.



MOYLURG WRITERS & STEPHEN MURPHY

FEELYSTONE, 4PM, €10

The Moylurg Writers Group has a history that stretches from 1985 and is probably the longest running group of its kind in the country. From the start they focussed on fostering the development of new storytelling. In order to do this, they aimed to create an encouraging and welcoming atmosphere for new writers, and anyone interested in writing. They meet twice per month in the Moylurg room in Boyle library and new members are always welcome. To date they have published six collections of stories.



Originally from rural Leitrim, Stephen is a bard in the truest sense of the term. His live performances have seen him previously called 'the highlight' of Electric Picnic by Kitty Holland in the Irish Times, the 'poet of our age' by the Irish Independent columnist Billy Keane, and 'a splendid, gifted and courageous young poet' by President Michael D. Higgins, who put Stephen 'up there with those times I heard Ginsberg, and I think of that long poem, Howl'. At Brendan Kennelly's 80th Birthday celebrations, the Irish Times described 'an extraordinary piece of performance poetry from a young Leitrim man' lighting up the Abbey Theatre stage 'as befits the old bardic tradition of handing on torches'. The assembled crowd rose to a standing ovation to herald in a new 21st Century torchbearer for the ancient Irish poetic tradition.

SATURDAY 29TH

JERRY FISH

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, 10PM, €25

Jerry is one of Ireland's most enigmatic and entertaining performers to the point where Ireland's biggest music and arts festival Electric Picnic have afforded him his very own stage; *The Jerry Fish Electric Sideshow*. An indie legend and ringmaster of exceptional renown, Jerry Fish has evolved into a showman extraordinaire, capturing the hearts and minds of audiences all over with his now legendary live shows, a unique live theatrical experience that dissolves all boundaries between performer and audience.

Seated event. Doors open at 9pm, on stage 10pm.

Bar – over 18's

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Discover Boyle

Why not spend more time enjoying the hospitality and attractions of Boyle and its environs while visiting the many pop up events during Boyle Arts Festival? Visit the excellent tourist attractions of Boyle Abbey, King House and Lough Key Forest & Activity Park and perhaps hire a Boat, Bike or Segway, take the Historical Walking Tour or Moone Boy Trail around Boyle.

Visit the Courtyard Market in the beautiful grounds of King House every Saturday morning between 10am and 2pm and stock up on locally sourced fresh produce.

A Shuttle Bus Service runs between Lough Key Forest & Activity Park, Boyle Marina and Boyle four times daily, seven days a week with additional services running throughout the 10 day Arts Festival to coincide with evening events www.localink.ie Route 570.

To receive more information, local maps, book accommodation or to avail of Joint Ticketing and Special Discount Offers to local Tourist attractions, call to Úna Bhán Tourism in the grounds of King House: 071 966 3033

www.unabhan.ie or visit www.discoverireland.ie

THE DUKES OF UKE

Getting together in January this year to learn the ukulele, the Dukes of Uke go for lessons to Lisa and Stephanie in Gurteen once a week. Enjoying the fun and camaraderie that the group offers and delighted to be invited to perform a few tunes & songs. Keep an eye out for them during the festival.

CHILDRENS WORKSHOPS

SINGSKOOL CLASSES BEAT BUDDY BABIES

AGE: 6 MONTHS TO 2.5 YEARS (30 MONTHS)
DATE: FRIDAY 21ST JULY & SATURDAY 22ND JULY
TIME: 10.00-10.30AM
LOCATION: BOYLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE
COST: €10 + BOOKING FEE
(ADMITS 1 CHILD & 1 PARENT TO 1 CLASS)

Designed and delivered by music education experts. Beat Buddy Babies is a unique opportunity for parents and carers to share a joyful musical learning experience with their babies and toddlers. Each class is uniquely designed to incorporate lots of different genres of music, movement, clapping, tapping, dancing and instruments and lots of friendly characters.

SINGSKOOL CLASSES MINI MELODIES

AGE: SUITABILITY OVER 2.5 YEARS
(MINIMUM AGE 31 MONTHS) TO 6 YEARS
DATE: FRIDAY 21ST JULY & SATURDAY 22ND JULY
TIME: 11.00 - 11.45AM
LOCATION: BOYLE RESOURCE CENTRE
COST: €11 + BOOKING FEE
(ADMITS 1 CHILD & 1 PARENT TO 1 CLASS)

A unique childhood music experience with fun packed interactive classes. Games & activities will have your child singing, dancing, playing instruments, conducting, exploring early music literacy & performing.

ALL TOGETHER KIDS YOGA, MINDFULNESS & SOUNDPLAY

AGES: 5 - 10 (AUTISM FRIENDLY - PLEASE LET US
KNOW IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS SUPPORT)
DURATION: 75MINS
DATE: MONDAY 24TH
TIME: 2PM
LOCATION: STUDIO 11
COST: FREE

In this combination of kids yoga, mindfulness practices and sound play with singing bowls and other instruments we breathe together, sing together, do yoga poses together and learn and play with therapeutic instruments. Kids can experience wellbeing through yoga, mindfulness and sound practices, growing, learning, relaxing, playing, being creative, building confidence and making new friends. For this age group I focus on yoga poses and alignment through stories, fun facts, yoga journeys to different cultures and countries and age group appropriate games.

Yoga mats are provided, please have your child bring a pillow and blanket and wear comfortable clothing.

FAMILY YOGA & SOUNDPLAY

**ALL FAMILY WELCOME FOR QUALITY BONDING TIME
(MOST SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 - 10YRS,
YOUNGER & OLDER SIBLINGS WELCOME)**
DURATION: 90MINS
DATE: TUESDAY 25TH
TIME: 4PM
LOCATION: STUDIO 11
COST: FREE

In this class, family members have an opportunity to practice yoga together and experience a magical interaction that is healthy, grounding and also fun. Strong bonds are developed as you rely and assist each other in the yoga postures. Movement, storytelling, sound, breath, song, massage and play are combined with the yoga practice to create a very unique and fun experience. Learn to relax together building lifelong skills to help with everyday little and big challenges which are all part of family life.

Yoga mats are provided, please bring pillows and blankets and wear comfortable clothing.

Yoga with Tanja - Relaxation Station - Boyle Arts Festival

Children & Grown Ups all welcome to relax, recharge, and regulate with Yoga and Sound. Throughout the day Tanja will offer children and grown ups a chance to recharge with some easy yoga poses and yoga partner poses, regulate with some playful breath work, and mindfulness games and relax with some fun partner sound massages and playing with relaxing therapeutic instruments (*).

MOMMY AND ME YOGA & SENSORY PLAY

AGES: 1 - 4 (SIBLINGS WELCOME)
DURATION: 60MINS
DATE: WEDNESDAY 26TH
TIME: 10AM
LOCATION: STUDIO 11
COST: FREE

This is a wonderful class to introduce small children to the practice of yoga. As playful as can be, with songs, music, age appropriate games, sensory fun, instruments, bubbles, parachutes, balls, books and yourself, this is some quality time to bond and have fun with your little one (s) while picking up some tricks to integrate yoga, breath and mindfulness into your routines. After the practice there is time for chats and enjoying a cup of tea together while the children can play with the yoga toys.

Yoga mats are provided, please bring pillows and blankets and wear comfortable clothing.

PERCUSSION WORKSHOPS WITH WE DRUM IRELAND

DATE: 18TH, 19TH & 20TH JULY
TIME / AGE: 11 - 11.45AM (JUNIOR 6 - 11 YRS)
12 - 1PM (SENIOR 12 - 18 YRS)
VENUE: VTOS, BOYLE, F52 X580
COST: €5 DAILY

LAUNCH PARADE OF BOYLE ARTS FESTIVAL

DATE: 20TH JULY
TIME: 7.15PM BOYLE COMPLEX
ENDING AT KING HOUSE

Young people who have participated in the percussion workshops are invited to play alongside Musician Educators and young musicians from Music Generation Roscommon in the Launch Parade of Boyle Arts Festival. All participants to meet at Boyle complex to prepare and then a full run through with Victoria Walker dance troupe before commencing the parade from Boyle Complex at 8pm? and ending at King House Boyle.

JUNIOR SONG CAMP

DATE: 18TH, 19TH & 20TH JULY
TIME: 2 - 3PM DAILY
VENUE: VTOS, BOYLE, F52 X580
JUNIORS: 5 - 10 YEARS
COST: €5 DAILY

Learn songs and perform them as part of a busking group under the guidance of Music Generation Roscommon on Sunday the 23rd of July during Boyle Arts Festivals Family Day in the pleasure grounds Boyle.

FAMILY FUN DAY

DATE: SUNDAY 23RD JULY
LOCATION: BOYLE'S PLEASURE GROUNDS

Music Generation Roscommon's Junior Youth Voices accompanied by participants from the Junior Song Camp will busk/perform live accompanied by Musician Educators. Five Junior Bands from Boyle Music Hubs Band Development programme will perform live.

Contact to book or with any queries:
Katrina Bouchier on 086 031 8943 / 091 874 591
Music Generation Administrator, Music Generation Roscommon
Katrina.bouchier@gretb.ie

ADULT WORKSHOPS

YOGA WITH CHRISTINE STEWART

DATE: THURSDAY 27TH JULY
TIME: 10AM
VENUE: STUDIO 11
COST: FREE

The class will explore the fullness of summer as we approach Lughnasadh and will include some backbends, standing poses and a little restorative yoga and relaxation.

Christine runs and teaches classes, yoga trainings and retreat at both Studio Eleven in Boyle and on Inishbofin Co Galway. She is a fully certified Anusara and iRest senior yoga teacher and is currently undertaking certification as a 875 hr yoga therapist. There will be many diverse selections of classes running this week in Studio Eleven please check out the website studioelevenboyle.com and the booking system buk.ie/11

SCRIM SKETCHES WITH MARTIN HERON

DATE: SATURDAY 22ND JULY
TIME: 10AM TO 12NOON & 2PM TO 4PM
VENUE: KING HOUSE,
COST: FREE - PRE-BOOKING RECOMMENDED

Visual Art Workshops using scrim tape to create unique artworks.

AISTRIGH DANCE AND ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOP

DATE: SATURDAY 29TH JULY
TIME: 10:30AM - 12:30PM AND/OR 2.30PM - 4.30PM
VENUE: KING HOUSE, BRIDGE STREET AREA & RIVERFRONT BOYLE
COST: €6 PAYABLE AT KING HOUSE

Facilitated by Eleanor Duignan and Sibéal Davitt

Join an experimental movement-based workshop to engage with the streets, lanes and buildings of Boyle through improvisational dance. The workshop will begin in the Main Salon at King House and move out into the surrounding streets and laneways. This is a playful workshop. Please wear comfortable, colourful clothing. No dance experience is required.



Please note: for research purposes the workshop will be documented. Suitable for adults (16+)

For tickets and further information please contact:
aistrigh23@gmail.com or +353 85 1265148

This workshop was aided by funding received from the Arts Council Engaging with Architecture Award 2022.

BOYLE ARTS FESTIVAL 2023

THUR 20	7:15pm	Opening Day Parade	Boyle Town	Free
	8pm	Festival Opening	King House	Free
	10pm	Music: Adam Daly - Free Event	Patrick's Well	Free
FRI 21	11am	Curator's Tour of Exhibition	King House	Free
	10 & 11am	Beat Buddies workshop	Boyle Resource Centre	€10
	1pm	Junior Pianists	King House	€10
	4pm	Jay Ryan, Theater - The Musicians of Bremen Town	King House	€5
	8pm	Celine Byrne	Church of Ireland	€25
	10pm	The Undertones	St. Joseph's Hall	€32
SAT 22	10am	Mystery Tour with Frank Tivnan - includes bus	King House - Start	€20
	10 & 11am	Beat Buddies workshop	Resource Centre	€10
	10am	Scrim Sketches with Martin Heron	King House	Free
	11:30am	Artists Highlight Tour with Anna Spearman	King House	Free
	1pm	Lenny Chen, pianist	Church of Ireland	€10
	2pm	Scrim Sketches with Martin Heron	King House	Free
	3pm	Ollie Grace	Frybrook House	€10
	6pm	Film: Ann - followed by Q&A	King House	€10
	9pm	Luka Bloom	St. Joseph's Hall	€25

SUN 23	2.30pm	The Men Who Knew Too Much	Dodd's Crescent Bar	€10
	2 - 6pm	Silent Disco, Mud bugs, Irish Dancers, Jete, Music Generation	Pleasure grounds	€5
	8pm	Zoe Conway & John McIntyre	Church of Ireland	€15
MON 24	12 noon	Multicultural event with Sligo Concert Band	King House grounds	Free
	2pm	Kids yoga, mindfulness & sound play	Studio Eleven	Free
	2pm	London Contemporary Dance School with Amelia McCulloch		
	4pm	Film: The Hitmen followed by Q&A's	King House	€7
	6pm	Stories from The Boyle River	King House	Free
	8pm	Maria Doyle Kennedy	Church of Ireland	€20
TUE 25	11am	Arts Alive	The Royal Courtyard	Free
	1pm	Deirdre Higgins, Soprano	King House	€10
	3pm	Kathy Donaghy	Frybrook House	€10
	4pm	Family yoga & sound play	Studio Eleven	Free
	6pm	Mick Mulvey	King House	€10
	9pm	Donal O'Connor and Dotts O'Connor	King House	€12

WED 26	10am	Mommy & Me Yoga and sound play	Studio Eleven	Free
	1pm	Aodhamair Reilly, Harpist	King House	€10
	3pm	Bernadette McCarrick - poet	The Bazaar	Free
	6pm	Rachel Lavin	King House	€10
	8pm	Lockdown in Boyle'and 'The Determinator' 2 x one act dramas	St. Joseph's Hall	€15
	10pm	Lorraine Murphy - Boyle Singers	Dodd's Crescent Bar	€5
THUR 27	10am	Yoga with Christine	Studio Eleven	Free
	1pm	Anna Hryniewicz, Pianist	King House	€10
	3pm	Vona Groarke	Frybrook House	€10
	4pm	Exhibition Highlights by Sarah Searson & Laura Mahon	King House	Free
	7pm	My Generation Concert	St Joseph's Hall	Free
	7:30pm	Ardú	Church of Ireland	€20
	9:30pm	Dublin Comedy Improv (Joe Rooney, Sharon Mannion, Ian Coppinger & Danny Kehoe)	King House	€20

FRI 28	1pm	Cauvery Madhavan - The Tainted (Reading)	King House	€10
	4pm	Margaret Cousins Documentary	King House	Free
	6pm	Carole Coleman In Conversation with Eileen Dunne	Church of Ireland	€12
	8pm	Classics & Premieres with Peter Regan, pianist and composers Bianxa	King House	€10
	10pm	Rattle and Hum	St. Joseph's Hall	€20
SAT 29	11am	Dragonterra, story telling and workshop - Louise Flanagan	Feelystone	€5
	10:30am	Aistrigh Dance & Architecture Workshop	Start at King House	€6
	1pm	Iona Sound	King House	€10
	2:30pm	Stories from Boyle River field trip by Tom Carolan LAWPRO	Meet at King House	Free
	2:30pm	Aistrigh Dance & Architecture Workshop	Start at King House	€6
	4pm	Moylurg Writers & Stephen Murphy	Feeleystone	€10
	4:30pm	My Cultural Life with Linda Shevlin	King House	Free
	10pm	Jerry Fish	St Joseph's Hall	€25

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