

Offaly Arts Alert – Issue Eight

Arts in Action – July August News & Events

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1. Welcome

Welcome to Issue Eight of Offaly Arts Alert.

The purpose of Offaly Arts Alert is to provide a listing of arts events and opportunities in the County.

Offaly Arts Office is a service of Offaly County Council and aims to broaden and deepen access to the Arts in Offaly.

Based in Áras an Chontae, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, you can contact the Arts Office team by emailing arts@offalycoco.ie or calling +353 57 935 7400 during office hours; Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

Visit our website www.offaly.ie and social media @OffalyArts for further information.

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Visit Offaly

Please see the website www.visitoffaly.ie for a comprehensive list of events taking place in Offaly soon. Here you will find all the up-to-date information on activities and events for the summer season.

Birr Theatre and Arts Centre

Check out what's on at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre this summer.

Please see www.birrtheatre.com to see the full listings of events taking place in Birr Theatre & Arts Centre across the coming year.

Highlights include: Scripts - Irelands Playwriting Festival, Paddy Casey, The Classic Beatles and much much more!

Esker Arts

There's something for everyone at Esker Arts, with highlights including, Thomas Charles Marshall, Bogdan Sofei (Tullamore International Summer Organ Series), The Pension Plan by John McDwyer with Beeznee Theatre Company, Paint Pouring and Printmaking Workshops for adults and lots more. For a full listing of events, please see www.eskerarts.ie

Creative Places Edenderry

Creative Places Edenderry is a community-based project to connect, create and develop artistic and cultural activities to enhance the community engagement and spirit within Edenderry.

There are a broad range of activities happening weekly which are advertised on the Creative Places Edenderry Facebook and Instagram Pages. See the social media links and the website www.creativeplacesedenderry.ie for further information.

Tullamore International Summer Organ Series

Tuesday 9 July 2024, at 8:00pm Thomas Charles Marshall, organ Bogdan Sofei, violin

Tuesday 16 July 2024, at 8:00pm Dónal McCann, organ Maryam Wocial, soprano

Tuesday 23 July 2024, at 8:00pm Sophie-Véronique Cauchefer-Choplin, organ

Birr Vintage and Arts Festival

Returning this year from Friday 2nd – Saturday 10th August, there will be over 90 events across the nine days, including the crown jewel of the festival, The Vintage Day Parade on Sunday, 4th August and the fireworks night, with live music, on Thursday, 7th August. The week also offers the opportunity to put on your best vintage wear, so dust off the glad rags and enjoy a week full of fun-filled events and activities!

LOCAL & NATIONAL NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

2024 Artists Care Exchange

ACE will offer an opportunity for six-eight professional artists who work, or wish to work, in care settings with older people to exchange information, advice, and experiences in a group setting, whilst also learning from a range of experts in the social, medical, and arts fields. Experienced artists can renew and upskill their knowledge by participating in ACE and new entrants in the field will gain a new learning foundation in this field of work. Overall, ACE provides a rich setting for networking and co-learning from other participant artists and speakers.

What to expect:

- Seven facilitated half day sessions fortnightly on Wednesdays. (2 in person, 5 online)
- A mentoring arrangement with a mentor of the participant's choosing.
- An emphasis on peer learning and cooperative group sharing.
- Participants who have completed all elements of the programme will receive a certificate of completion.
- Timeline: August 28th to December 11th. (Mentoring arrangements will end January 2025.)

Deadline for applications are 12pm, 24th July 2024.

Maynooth University - Level 7 Certificate in Directing for Theatre

The Certificate in Directing for Theatre is a Level 7 course. It is a practical course taught by Irish professional directors. It focuses on methods, tips and techniques, application of theory, and practice.

This course is aimed at the following potential students:

- Mature students (21 years on 1st January) who wish to train for the theatre industry in Ireland and who would like to be prepared for further study in the field of directing;
- Those who wish to explore the field to discover if they wish to make a career in it. In this sense the Certificate serves as a skills-based training course for new directors;
- Those in the amateur, youth theatre and community theatre sectors who wish to formalise their experience into specific training, acquire accreditation and gain additional skills by doing so;
 - Those who are emerging directors in fringe and professional theatre and who wish to gain specific skills and to acquire accreditation;
- Teachers and education workers who would like to train in directing in order to stage productions with students.

CONTACT

1. For information to do with application form, registration, fees, library registration and all university-related queries, please contact Kay Loughlin kay.loughlin@mu.ie or Dr Derek Barter derek.barter@mu.ie
2. For information to do with the course content, tutors, assignments and rationale etc, please contact Peter Hussey, the Course Coordinator at peter.hussey@mu.ie

Sculpture Commission – Kerry County Council

Kerry County Council, has issued a request for tender (RFT) to artists and creatives to design, create and deliver a permanent sculpture to commemorate the role of women in Kerry during the Revolutionary Period. Details of the sculpture commission and submission format required are available on etenders.gov.ie or email arts@kerrycoco.ie. The indicative, estimated budget is €90,000 inclusive of VAT and excluding site and civil installation works. Deadline for applications is 4pm Friday 6th of September 2024.

Thank You and Farewell!

The team in Offaly Arts Office would like to extend our best wishes to Assistant Arts Officer Angela Ryan Whyte who is moving on to pastures new. Angela's hard work, enthusiasm, energy and dedication to the arts in Offaly is much appreciated. Good luck in your next chapter Angela!!!

ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING DEADLINES

SEE WWW.ARTSCOUNCIL.IE/FUNDING FOR AVAILABLE AWARDS WITH VARIOUS STRANDS AND CLOSING DATES

Other Funding Opportunities

The following link will bring you to an overview by Visual artists Ireland on suitable funding - information is applicable to other mediums also.

www.visualartists.ie

www.cultureireland.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARTS

The following sites contain a broad range of roles currently advertised in the Arts.

See:

- www.visualartists.ie
- www.theatreforum.ie/jobs
- www.artsmanagement.ie/jobs
- www.create-ireland.ie/category/opportunities
- www.artconnect.com/opportunities
- www.irishwriterscentre.ie/job-opportunities

Artist Wellbeing

National Gallery of Ireland - Summer Wellbeing at the Gallery

This summer, The National Gallery of Ireland are starting a pilot series of free Health & Wellbeing events.

These events will present an opportunity for you to experience the Gallery's environments and collection as a place of respite. Using art as an anchor for reflection, they aim to provide a safe space in which people can step back from daily life and experience new things.

This pilot series of events will include Yoga at the Gallery, Slow Art tours, Mindfulness tours, and Sound Baths at the Gallery.

This series of events are FREE of charge; however participants will be asked to complete a short survey at the beginning and end of each event.

Places are limited on the Yoga and Sound Bath sessions, so will need to be booked in advance.

Minding Creative Minds is an organisation established to offer a free 24/7 wellbeing & support programme for the Irish Creative Sector.

For further information on workshops and events visit www.mindingcreativeminds.ie

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