

NEWRY ARTS FESTIVAL



2-11 FEBRUARY 2023



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Féile Ealaíon an Lúir
Newry Arts Festival

Tá lúcháir orm fáilte a chur romhat bheith linn agus Féile Ealaíon an Lúir ar bun againn i gComhairle Ceantair an Lúir, Mhúrn agus an Dúin. Roimhe seo, bhí an fhéile ar siúl go fíorúil ach den chéad uair tá muid chun áilleacht agus cruthaitheacht an cheantair a cheiliúradh ar an láthair féin. San fhéile 10-lá seo, beidh ceol, drámaíocht, taispeántais, greann, filíocht ó bhéal agus ceardlanna idirghníomhacha ann do gach aois. Cuirfidh ealaíontóirí agus taibheoirí ón cheantar féin agus níos faide i gcéin an tsiamsaíocht seo ar fáil. Tá mé ag tnúth go mór le páirt a ghlacadh sa cheiliúradh agus le sult a bhaint as na himeachtaí éagsúla i bhféile a bhfuil cuma iontach ar fad uirthi.

I am delighted to invite you to join us as we host the first in-person Newry Arts Festival which allows us to celebrate the beauty and creativity we have across the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area. The 10-day festival includes music, drama, exhibitions, comedy, the spoken word and interactive workshops for all ages. All of this will be provided by a mix of local and regional artists and performers. I look forward to taking part in the festivities and enjoying the eclectic mix of events in what is sure to be an excellent festival.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Chairperson,
Councillor Michael Savage

ART EXHIBITION

2-11 FEB / 10AM - 5.30PM /

67 HILL STREET EXHIBITION AND FESTIVAL INFORMATION CENTRE
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4 Artists will be Exhibiting at the Festival Information Centre.

CAÓILFÍONN MURPHY O'HANLON CUSHLA OF GULLION

Having been brought up on the slopes of Sliabh Gullion, textile artist Caóilfíonn Murphy O'Hanlon has long been beguiled by the ever changing hues, rugged beauty, legends and lore of her place and her people.

Drawing on imbued memories and nostalgic inheritances, her quirky textile pieces are made from the hand dyed wool, silks and found objects and reflect her Irish roots and shared landscapes.

The word Cushla or Cuisle translates as a term of endearment or as 'heartbeat/pulse'. Since founding Cushla Of Gullion in 2014, Caóilfíonn has been sharing the living landscape with us through her poetry, photography and textile art..



RICHARD KELLY

Richard Kelly Visual Artist and sculpture originally from Co Mayo now living in Co Down. Working for over 28 years as an artist, sculpture, I uses a wide variety of materials including wood, mixed mediums, oil, acrylic on canvas and specialist in graphite work.

The style of art, more commonly know as “outsiders Art” primarily conceptual surrealism work inspired by past masters such as Rubens, Michelangelo, Rembrandt and Raphael. The work more recently looks at systemic cultural influences of years gone by and suggest how it presents itself in today’s society. The aim is to push the boundaries of the arts.



ROZZI KENNEDY

Rozzi Kennedy studied painting at Limerick School of Art & Design. She is a member of South Armagh artist collective ROGHA, Ulster Society of Women Artists & Louth Craftmark.

She was 2019 artist in residence at An Táin Arts Centre Dundalk and has continued to work with An Táin to initiate several creative initiatives with older people in Co. Louth. Artworks from her collaboration with The Birches Alzheimer’s Day Centre Dundalk were acquired for the County Collection – Taisce Lú.

Her first solo exhibition of contemporary landscape painting, Kick any Stone... at The Alley Gallery Strabane reimagined stories from the Folklore Collection. Her current series Sheughs and Ditches blocks the notion of an idyllic Irish Landscape by making agricultural boundaries and perimeter fencing materials the main subject of the work.



CORA HARRINGTON

Along with my traditional landscapes and figurative work I love to work expressively and intuitively, allowing what is in my memory, imagination and heart to emerge in each unique painting.

In my abstract and semi abstract painting my intention is to produce a work which is multi-layered and sometimes mysterious drawing the viewer deeper into the painting to experience not only something of my heart and soul but also what lies beyond for them.



TESTIMONIAL

Lindi Reynolds Award winning Architectural Interior Designer

“Cora’s work moves easily between figurative and abstraction and is atmospheric, expressive and intuitive. The magic of Cora’s paintings is that they draw you in with their sense of wonder and mystery. The works are multilayered with plenty of content, not just in the subject matter, but in the mark-making, contrast of tone, colour and balance. Her artworks afford the viewer an escape into some ‘other’ private world, rich in enchantment. “

THURSDAY 02 FEBRUARY

SPRING FLORAL WREATH WORKSHOP

7PM - 9PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM
(MEETING ROOM) / WORKSHOP / £20.00

Join The Wild Butterfly and learn step-by-step how to create your own door wreath. This relaxed and fun 2 hour workshop will be hosted by floral designer Eilís Quinn.

You will have a selection of dried and faux embellishments to work with. All materials are included so all you need to bring is your creativity.



GBL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS THE HISTORY OF THE TROUBLES (ACCORDIN' TO MY DA)

8PM / NEWRY TOWN HALL / COMEDY
£23.00

The History of the Troubles (accordin' to my Da) 20-Year Anniversary Production. It's back!! Yes, for those of you who have been weeping into your cornflakes and desperately missing the antics of FIREBALL, FELIX and GERRY COURTNEY, your prayers have been answered. And for those of you who have never seen it before, you are about to arrive in comedy theatre heaven.

Written by the ever-popular Martin Lynch and comedy duo Grimes & McKee – who also star in the show - The History of the Troubles (accordin' to my Da) has achieved truly legendary status. The play takes you through Gerry Courtney's struggle to retain his sanity against the chaos in this frenetic, hilarious laugh-a-minute comedy covering the Northern Irish troubles. Seen by over 100,000 people in Dublin, London, and all points in between.

A double-anniversary production that only an eejit would miss!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS GO TO WWW.NEWRYARTSFESTIVAL.COM



FRIDAY 03 FEBRUARY

PAINT AND SIP WORKSHOP

7PM - 9PM / STUDIO 23 / WORKSHOP / £20.00 / 18+

A 2 hour canvas painting experience at Studio 23.

Our resident artist will take you step by step through your chosen painting. All art materials supplied; acrylic paint, canvases, easels, assortment of brushes and aprons. Pumping music playlist (whatever your jam).

You can choose from any of our previous paintings on our website or we can create a bespoke painting for you at an additional cost. You can find our previous paintings here: www.artstudio23.co.uk/previous-paintings.

Our venue is BYO so please feel free to bring along whatever you would like to eat or drink and we will provide you with beer, wine and champagne glasses.



MACRAMÉ WORKSHOP

7PM - 10PM NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM
(MEETING ROOM) / WORKSHOP / £10.00

During this 3 hour workshop you will learn the foundation knots of macramé in a fun relaxed atmosphere, all whilst creating a beautiful unique wall hanging. Using cotton yarn and driftwood foraged from the Co. Down coast, you will leave with a finished piece ready to hang, as well as the knowledge and confidence in doing the most commonly used knots of macramé that can be carried forward into many other art and craft projects.



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FRIDAY 03 FEBRUARY

NORTHERN IRELAND SCREEN PRESENTS - THE STRANGE AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF THE PAST

7PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM
(BANQUET ROOM) / FILM / FREE

Following on from the success of The Weird & The Eerie at Belfast Film Festival, Northern Ireland Screen's Digital Film Archive takes a look at the quirky side of life in Northern Ireland's past, using archive film to explore fashion, strange trends, arts and much more.

Presented by Bronagh McAtasney

LIGHT THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS THE TRIAL OF ULYSSES

7.30PM / THE IMAGINARIUM ARTS CENTRE / THEATRE / £6.00

Title: 'DIRTY BOOK' the trial of Ulysses.

By Seth Linder, from an original film script by Wolf Mankowitz

In 1925 booksellers went to jail for selling a book now acknowledged as the world's greatest novel
'The Dirty Book'

A darkly comic play about a literary genius, the devoted American who sacrificed ten years of her life, and most of her savings, to support him and publish his book and the legal battle that gripped the world and freed authors to express their ideas without censorship.

Director: Alistair Livingstone

Producer: Light Theatre Company

Cast includes: Sinéad Lunny, Donal O'Hanlon, Sean Treanor and Denis Tuohy



STAND - UP COMEDY NIGHT

8PM / NEWRY TOWN HALL / COMEDY / £13.00

PADDY MCDONNELL

Paddy McDonnell burst onto the comedy scene in Northern Ireland in 2011 and within 9 months was supporting acts like Des Bishop and Ardal O'Hanlon. From then Paddy has established himself as a headline act up and down the down the Island of Ireland.

Paddy's raucous storytelling has had audiences in fits of laughter from tales of working as a taxi man to everyday tales of being a husband and father. To date, Paddy has had five one man shows but his Dagger show was the highlight of the Belfast Belly Laughs Festival in 2015, selling out and getting a 5 star review.

Paddy is a regular headliner at all the main Belfast comedy nights as well as being the first comedian to have played the West Belfast Féile 6 times. Some of comedy's biggest names have shared the stage with him, from Frankie Boyle, Jason Manford, Paddy Kiely and Andrew Maxwell to name a few.



CIARAN BARTLETT

Ciarán Bartlett tells outrageous stories, sings filthy songs, spins bad yarns, and drops knockout one liners.

Following the sold out Majestic UK and Ireland tour, two sold out shows at the Ulster Hall, and a special guest appearance to a sold out Waterfront Hall with Shane Todd, Ciarán's cutthroat comedy style is sure to have you laughing and possibly weeping.



WILLIAM THOMPSON

As a shy, unassuming Northern Irish lad, William's always felt "barely noticeable", that's until he appeared on TV in front of thousands of viewers, leading to some barely accurate comments in the press about his disability.

From his political musings to anecdotes about how his Cerebral Palsy has affected his life, William's quick-witted, hard-hitting act has seen him perform in some of the biggest venues in Northern Ireland, such as the SSE Arena and the Waterfront Hall.



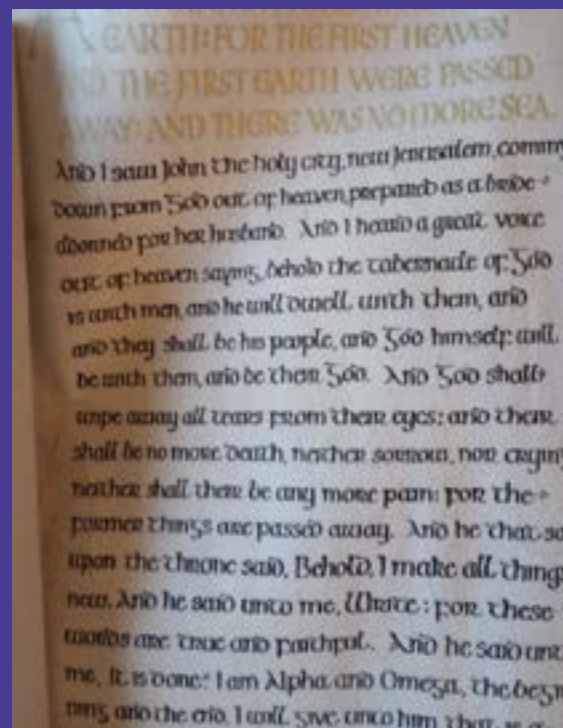
SATURDAY 04 FEBRUARY

CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

11AM - 1PM & 2 - 4PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE
MUSEUM (MEETING ROOM) / WORKSHOP / £10.00

This calligraphy workshop will look at the 8th century Half Uncial script that was written in Ireland. The Book of Kell's is an example of this style of calligraphy. You will learn this style of calligraphy using a traditional square cut nib and will complete a small project as part of the workshop under the guidance of tutor Jacquie Brachi.

All materials will be provided.



THE HALL FOR ALL A GLIMPSE OF INDIA

12.00PM - 2PM / CULTURE, ART & FOOD / £6.00

Explore and experience the rich and vibrant Indian culture through dance, food, art, music and costume.

- Traditional Dance Workshop
- Henna Art Workshop
- Costume and Dance
- Quilling
- Mandala
- Rangavalli

This event includes the 'Glimpse of India' food tasting experience.



ARTIST SEÁN HILLEN; AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE: LIFE & WORKS

SATURDAY 4 FEB / 3PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE
MUSEUM / TALK / FREE

Seán Hillen returns to Newry to give an illustrated talk of his journey so far. Born in 1961 in Newry, Hillen lives and works in Dublin. He studied at Belfast College of Art, the London College of Printing and at the Slade School. His 1980's photo-montage works, based on his own documentary photographs; mostly made and exhibited in London mocked and challenged myths including that of Britain as 'peacemaker' in the conflict. Seán's recent documentary 'Tomorrow is Saturday' now features on Netflix.

SATURDAY 04 FEBRUARY

SILENT DISCO

6PM - 7PM / NEWRY CITY
MUSIC / £9.00

Join us as we guide you through the beautiful streets of Newry singing and dancing on a 1 hour fun filled adventure. Our hi-tech headsets let you soak up the vibrant and energetic atmosphere and watch any inhibitions disappear as you bust some moves! Meet at Newry Town Hall.

The perfect experience full of fun, laughter and the icing on the cake - you burn approximately 500 calories!

“Do it right, regret nothing.”



KNOWING THE GROUND ON WHICH WE STAND

3PM / HILL STREET EXHIBITION AND FESTIVAL INFORMATION CENTRE
MUSIC / FREE

Folksinger/storyteller Colum Sands and classical musician Anne Harper weave stories, songs and tunes around the language that connects us all to the places where we live.

Apart from being well travelled musicians, Colum Sands and Anne Harper have a high regard for their home places and the stories that run from the shores of Carlingford Lough to the slopes of Knock Iveagh and far beyond. Both musicians are deeply involved in present-day stories and campaigns to develop respect for nature and to celebrate those parts of our past that can help build a better future for all life on the planet.



LIGHT THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS DANIEL MULHALL - ‘ULYSSESS AND SOCIETY’

5.30PM / FINNEGANS AND SONS / TALK / FREE

Daniel Mulhall - Guest speaker/lead a workshop on the theme ‘Ulysses and Society’.

Mulhall directly speaks to promoting a peaceful and shared society taking his inspiration from James Joyce’s seminal novel ‘Ulysses’.

He recently retired as Ireland’s Ambassador to the USA and has been appointed by New York University as ‘distinguished professor in Irish studies’ and for the next year will be at Magdalene College, Cambridge as Parnell Fellow. Throughout his distinguished career he has used ‘Ulysses’ as a window through which to introduce an understanding of Ireland and its society wherever he has been the Ambassador. His book ‘Ulysses, a Readers Odyssey’ was published this year to coincide with the centenary of the epic novel and was compiled from the talks that he has given throughout the world on Ireland and its society and by extension globally. *This is a FREE event, but tickets are required.*



THE BEST OF HANS ZIMMER AND JOHN WILLIAMS BY MOONLIGHT

5PM & 8PM / NEWRY TOWN HALL / MUSIC / £23.00

An immersive tribute to Hans Zimmer and John William’s most iconic music with a live chamber orchestra in a moon-lit setting.

1 hour and 15 minutes jam packed with cinema’s most iconic music, beautifully performed by a live chamber orchestra, including:

- Interstellar
- Indiana Jones
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
- E.T.
- Gladiator
- Inception
- From Memoirs of a Geisha: Sayuri’s Theme
- The Dark Knight
- Batman V Superman: Beautiful Lie
- Man of Steel
- Pirates of the Caribbean
- Star Wars



SUNDAY 05 FEBRUARY

SOAP MAKING FOR BEGINNERS

10AM - 12.30PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM (MEETING ROOM) / WORKSHOP / £10.00

If you are interested in making your own hand made soap using only natural ingredients, then this hands-on workshop is for you. Tutors, Pamela Mawhinney, and Irene Gourley from local business Naturally Soap, will teach you the ancient craft of soap making using the traditional cold process method.

The basic skills taught in this workshop will enable you to go home and make your own soap with ease. This workshop will cover topics such as the history and science of soap making, the equipment, ingredients, and fragrances used as well as some fun facts and other basic information. A demonstration will be given after which each participant will make their own luxury bar of soap. All materials will be provided; however, attendees should bring their own apron to protect their clothing, a small towel and wear long sleeves and full shoes.



MR. MESS

**12.30PM & 2PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM (BANQUET ROOM)
CHILDRENS SHOW / £4.00**

This is a show for all ages who loves to laugh and enjoys being silly.

Mr. Mess returns to the stage determined to bring laughter back to audiences. Using mime, slapstick and physical comedy Mr. Mess is trying to go about his day but accidents are never far away. With a smile on his face and a giggle in his heart, Mr. Mess fumbles his way through the simplest of tasks.

He is lanky, he's foolish and there's more to his briefcase than meets the eye!

Mr. Mess is a fun family show suitable for all ages. There's no dialogue, so even the littlest audience members will be able to follow, and they may even get to join in! Expect lots of fun and balloon popping in this charming show.



CLOWN WORKSHOP

3PM - 4PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM (BANQUET ROOM) / WORKSHOP / £4.00 / 7 - 11 YRS

What it is that makes us laugh? How can we be funny? It is not about big shoes, make up and squirty flowers... Join Mr. Mess and his sidekick and learn the essential skills of being a clown.

This practical clown workshop is for all the little aspiring performers who will learn about the pleasure of being ridiculous in a space, about moving from one disaster to the next, about being always happy and optimistic playing before an audience and making them roll around with laughter.



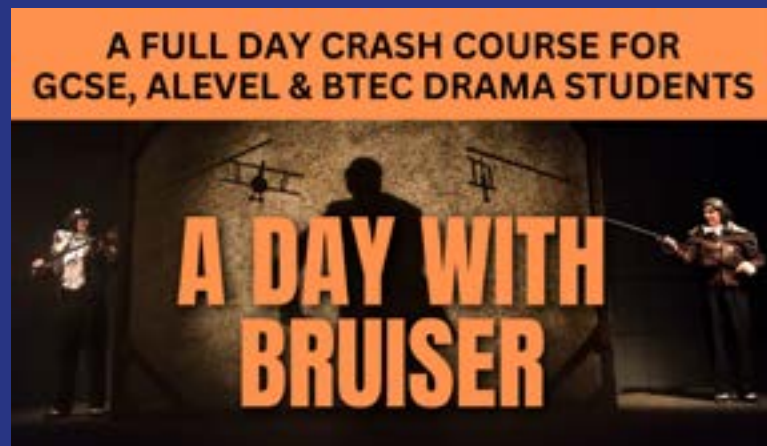
MONDAY 06 FEBRUARY

A DAY WITH BRUISER

**10AM - 4PM / NEWRY TOWN HALL
WORKSHOP / FAMILY £4**

This full day event at Newry Town Hall is the perfect opportunity for students at GCSE, A-Level and BTEC stages to explore Bruiser's unique physical style. Working with a range of expert facilitators, pupils will rotate around three 90-minute dynamic workshops on the Bruiser style, physical theatre and devised/ collaborative theatre.

This one-day crash course will equip pupils with the skills they need to create exciting devised pieces, gain knowledge on Bruiser's ensemble style and develop confidence as performers. A must for all performing arts students!



LITTLE BROWN DUCK WORKSHOP

**10.30AM - 11.30AM / THE IMAGINARIUM ARTS CENTRE
CENTRE FAMILY £4 / WORKSHOP
PRE- SCHOOL 0 - 4 YRS**

This early years session will engage young children in a magical and highly imaginative interactive story unique to Newry's famous canal. The story follows the tale of little brown duck who believed she was a swan, living along the canal until one day she meets a bossy toad, and together they go off to explore the wonders and many adventures of Newry canal.

This workshop is designed for pre-school children and will focus on providing a truly creative, and magical fun experiences with storytelling, music, movement combined with simple craft for both the child and their carer/parent.



OUR CITY

**2PM - 3PM / THE IMAGINARIUM ARTS CENTRE
WORKSHOP / FAMILY £4 / 4 - 8 YRS**

Interactive art workshops exploring the different buildings, waterways and streets in Newry city. Through this workshop we will create our own buildings in our own way using a wide range of recycled materials. This creative and imaginative sessions are suitable for children aged 4 to 8 years and will provide children with the opportunity to explore different ways of creating 3D art through different mediums.



ME, MYSELF AND I

**4PM - 5PM / THE IMAGINARIUM ARTS CENTRE WORKSHOP / FAMILY £4
9 - 12 YRS**

This workshop will focus on exploring identity and the participants will be taken through different stages of creating self portraits with a twist. The art workshops will encourage the young participants to create unique and original art that reflects their own culture, personality and interest in a fun and creative way, exploring many different arts technics and mediums.





TUESDAY
07 FEBRUARY

**NORTHERN IRELAND SCREEN
PRESENTS -
FROM THE ERA AND FROM THAT
COLD DAY IN JANUARY**

**7PM - 9.30PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM
(BANQUET ROOM) / FILM / FREE**

Northern Ireland Screen's Digital Film Archive presents
film from the era and from that cold day in January.

On January 11 1969, thousands of people marched through Newry demanding civil rights for the Catholic minority in Northern Ireland. What led to that march and what happened on the day?

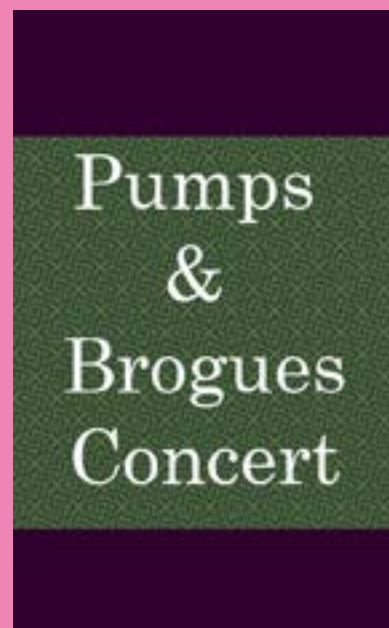
Presented by Bronagh McAtasney



PUMPS & BROGUES CONCERT

7.30PM - 9PM / NEWRY TOWN HALL / MUSIC & DANCE / £5.00

An evening of Scottish Highland Dancing and Irish Dancing with Kirknarra School of Dance and McFee School of Irish Dance. A concert showcasing the cultural and traditional dancing and music of this region. The event will delve into the histories of two very distinct yet similar musical traditional dance styles.



JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP

TUE 7 FEB / 7PM - 9.30PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM (MEETING ROOM) / WORKSHOP
£20

Céline Traynor is a jewellery designer and maker originally from Newry, now based in Belfast. Her designs are contemporary and minimalist, reflecting a love of pure shape and form. She exhibits in galleries, nationally and internationally, works to private and corporate commission, and facilitates jewellery and art workshops in the community.

Céline's new body of work is reflective of her memories about growing up on Canal Street, Newry, and this workshop will be influenced by elements and techniques used in her designs. In this workshop, we will be using copper to make a chain and applying words of choice by letter stamping which is a fantastic way to portray thoughts and ideas in words on metal, and an enjoyable basic jewellery technique to learn.

Moderately easy with dexterity required.

Metal and tools supplied, although anyone with basic hand tools, round nosed/flat pliers can bring their own.



WEDNESDAY 08 FEBRUARY

EARLY YEARS MUSIC WORKSHOP

9.45AM - 11.45AM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM (MEETING ROOM)
/ WORKSHOP / FREE

Contact: info@gardenofmusic.org

Specifically for children 0-5 years who typically face barriers to accessing music sessions. Children who are at the early stages of sensory development, have additional language and communication needs.

This early year's music workshop will involve singing and vocalising whilst exploring hand instruments, sensory objects and music technology. Children who have or are awaiting a diagnosis of autism, would benefit most from this session. Families will be signposted to free resources for continued music making.

To book email: info@gardenofmusic.org



MUSIC AND DEMENTIA WORKSHOP

12.15PM - 1.15PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM (MEETING ROOM)
WORKSHOP / FAMILY £4

Contact: info@gardenofmusic.org

Sing along, bring instruments and join in at this 1 hour drop-in session. Also, collect free Playlist for Life resources to support with making personal music playlists. This event is free but booking is necessary - info@gardenofmusic.org



INTERGENERATIONAL MUSIC MAKING WORKSHOP

3.30PM - 4.30PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM (MEETING ROOM) /
WORKSHOP / FREE

Contact: info@gardenofmusic.org

This intergenerational music making workshop will involve using a mixture of traditional instruments and music technology instruments. This event is free but booking is necessary - info@gardenofmusic.org



TEEN ART CLASS

5PM - 6.30PM / STUDIO 23 / WORKSHOP £5.00
11 - 16 YRS

During this 1.5 hour workshop, your teen will create a canvas panel painting in the style of world renowned artist 'Sophie Tea'. Your teen will use acrylic paint as well as metallic pigments to create this Valentine inspired artwork.

All materials and aprons provided.



NEWPOINT PLAYERS PRESENTS HOMECOMING

7.30 - 9.30PM / NEWRY TOWN HALL / THEATRE / £5.00

Some of Newpoint's illustrious members come home for an evening of tales, stories, dramatic readings and maybe even a dance.

Join one of Newrys and Ireland's top drama groups in Newry Town Hall for an evening not to miss!

Since its formation in 1946 Newpoint Players has fed a continuous stream of people into the professional theatre, large & small screen. The roles are varied, from Theatre Director to Set Designer, Lighting Director to Journalist and, of course, Actors. They never forget where they came from and many are there because of the inspiration of Sean Hollywood. This evening some of Newpoint's illustrious members come home for an soirée of tales, scandal, dramatic readings and maybe even a song.



Join one of Newry's and Ireland's top drama groups in Newry Town Hall for an event not to be missed. A group 76 years young and still throwing a party!

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NETWORK IRELAND PRESENTS: THE RIGHTS OF NATURE - SCREENING

7.30PM / SCREENING / FREE

Environmental Justice Network Ireland is screening a short film in collaboration with organisations and individuals from across the island of Ireland and beyond that explores the concept of rights of nature.

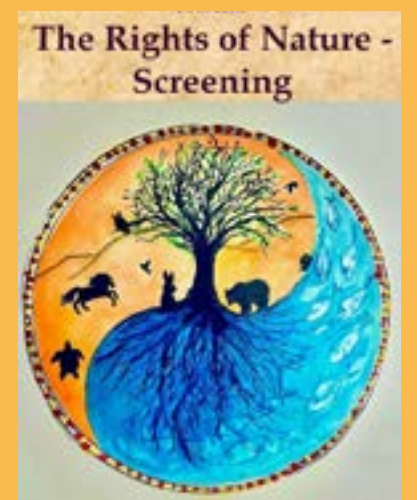
- Why should a river have rights?
- Why do corporations have rights and trees don't?
- What would the Rights of Nature look like on this island?
- How would we go about making that happened?

'Rights of Nature Ireland: The Movement' features people the on the island who have some answers to these questions. These are the voices of the grassroots, the communities on the frontlines of environmental justice who see Rights of Nature as an important framework for standing up and speaking for nature.

Who will speak for the trees? We will!

Film screening will be followed by questions and answers with the Director.

This is a FREE event, but tickets are required.



THURSDAY 09 FEBRUARY

SEWING FOR BEGINNERS

**7PM - 9PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM
(MEETING ROOM) / WORKSHOP / £10.00**

Join us for this 2 hour sewing taster workshop where you will learn the basics of setting up and using a sewing machine which will involve:

- Setting up your sewing machine
- How to thread your sewing machine
- Learning to wind your bobbin
- Common troubleshooting
- Stitch a straight and curved line
- You will also sew your own heart keyring

All fabric, tools and machines are provided.

You will also receive an 'Angeline Murphy Design' sewing goodie bag to kick start your sewing journey.

NEWRY CHAMBER MUSIC

**7.30PM / THE IMAGINARIUM ARTS CENTRE
MUSIC / £15.00**

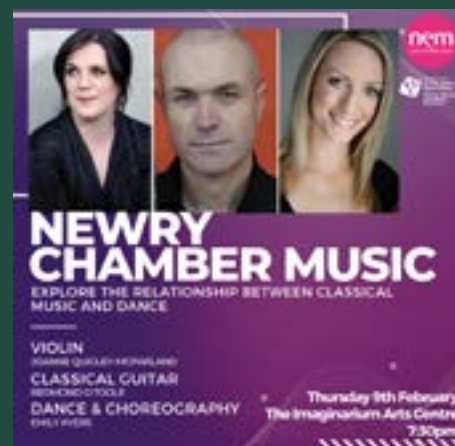
A spectacular cross-art event exploring the relationship between classical music and dance.

Artistic Director of The Fews Ensemble and Newry-based violinist, Joanne Quigley McParland is a regular contributor to the Northern Ireland music scene and is certainly no stranger to Northern Ireland/ Irish audiences.

Joanne will be joined by Irish classical guitarist Redmond O'Toole and dancer and choreographer Emily Ayers as they explore the relationship between classical music and dance in this cross-art performance, which will be the first of its kind.

Credits

Joanne Quigley McParland – violin / Redmond O'Toole – guitar / Emily Ayers – dancer and choreographer



ZOE CONWAY AND JOHN MCINTYRE

THU 09 FEB / 7.30PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM (BANQUET ROOM) / MUSIC £8.00

With an exciting blend of eclectic fiddle and guitar music, Zoë Conway and John McIntyre 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.

“Simply one of the best folk duos on the planet” (BBC)

“Folk Instrumentalist of the Year 2020” RTE Radio 1 Folk Awards (Zoë)

“Featured Composer 2021” ITMA Irish Traditional Music Archive (Zoë)



FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY

DECOUPAGE WORKSHOP

2PM - 4PM & 7PM - 9PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE
MUSEUM (MEETING ROOM) / WORKSHOP
£10.00

The traditional craft of decoupage has been used to decorate household items for over 200 years. If you come along to this workshop you will hear about the history of decoupage and learn the technique as you decorate a wooden lap tray.

All materials will be provided.



BRIGID O'NEILL

8PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM
(BANQUET ROOM) / MUSIC / £8.00

Recent years have seen Brigid O'Neill gaining a deserved reputation as one of Ireland's finest songwriters. Reviews of her critically acclaimed latest releases, have reaffirmed that the gifted artist is one of the most versatile, unique and fearless storytellers on the island.

Described by Ralph McLean of BBC Radio Ulster as "A great songwriter with a voice that can break your heart at 30 paces" her genre-spanning music appeals to multiple generations, effortlessly weaving elements of folk, country and jazz into relatable tales of happiness, heartbreak and the human condition.

"Brigid O'Neill is supremely confident both musically and lyrically." Glastonbury Festival.



NOBODY PUTS BERNIE IN THE CORNER

NEWRY TOWN HALL / COMEDY / £15.00

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND for ONE NIGHT ONLY!
Join Bernie Jones on her crazy "Dirty Dancing" themed hen party and get ready to meet her madcap family and friends while you have "The Time Of Your Life!"

Bernie is a single mother to her stropky teenage daughter and from her living room runs an ironing service called 'Let's Get Steaming.'

When Bernie's long-suffering driving instructor pops the question she reluctantly agrees and sets the date!

Will she make it down the aisle or will she discover her real-life Johnny Castle?

This high energy, hilariously funny comedy show features 90's disco classics and some iconic songs from Dirty Dancing!

If you're crazy for Swayze and fancy a bit of salsa in your Karaoke, then join Bernie Jones for a wild night of fun and laughter and let's get this party started!



FESTIVAL STREET FEAST

6PM - 10PM / NEWRY VARIETY MARKET

Come and join us for an evening of food and music at the Festivals Street Feast. This event has local farmers, chefs, distillers and breweries who are making world class food and drink on our doorstep. The bar offers a range of spirits from Killowen distillery, Whitewater brewery and Kilmegan cider to name a few. The Chefs use ingredients sourced from places like Castlescreen farm, William Bairds, Nature's Nosh, Peggy's family farm, Milbay oysters for freshly landed local seafood. It is great to see these Chefs as well as bakers, artisans, farmers and crafters interacting directly with the public. There will be music throughout the evening from upcoming music act The Wolf Is In.



SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY

TRADITIONAL WILLOW WEAVING WORKSHOP

10AM - 1PM / NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM
(MEETING ROOM) / WORKSHOP / £20.00

Learn traditional willow weaving skills with local artist, Jeanette Keenan.

In this 3 hour workshop, you will produce a little bird nesting pod using organic, home-grown willow. Ancient heritage skills of weaving can be adapted for designing and making woven projects for home/outdoor spaces, encouraging us to rethink the need for plastic.

This workshop is suitable for beginners, with limited numbers to allow 1-1 support. Materials and tools are provided. A level of dexterity is required to weave willow and may not be suitable for those with conditions such as arthritis of the hands.

KIDS ARTS CLASS

11AM - 12.30PM / STUDIO 23 / WORKSHOP /
£5.00 / 4-10 YRS

Come join us for a fun filled workshop at Studio 23 to create Valentines inspired crafts. During this class, children will use a range of mixed media to create 'Heart Art'.

All materials and aprons provided for your child.



NEWPOINT PLAYERS PRESENT SAMUEL BECKETT'S 'HAPPY DAYS'

7.30PM / THE IMAGINARIUM ARTS CENTRE
THEATRE / £6.00

'Happy Days' is one of Beckett's most difficult pieces among a range of his works which present enormous challenges for actors and for directors. As is the case for all of his work, the play provokes questions as to its meaning and whilst being in some senses a "happy" piece, it has undercurrents of an unsettling nature.

The Newpoint Players team have recently performed an award-winning version of "Waiting for Godot". This is the latest in their planned series of Beckett plays. Having played in "Godot", Dónal O'Hanlon returns to play Willie in this production, whilst Treasa Davey makes a welcome return to the stage in the daunting role of Winnie. Once again, Seán Treanor directs, assisted by Pauline Lynch and Eoin Hannaway is the show technician alongside Tom Carville and Mark Hughes.

LATER WITH...

NEWRY TOWN HALL / MUSIC / £15.00

Later With... is an intimate live performance music show featuring an eclectic mix of local established and new musical artists, with the main focus on showcasing the fabulous wealth of original bands, musicians and artists on our very doorstep.

Boasting five musicians/bands, each with a distinct style, performing within a small audience, they play within the audience creating an intimate and personal live music experience.

Join us for the latest edition of 'Later with...' at Newry Arts Festival as we're joined by Cormac Neeson, lead singer of N.I Rock gods The Answer alongside local musicians, and brother and sister duo, Odhran Murphy and Sionan Hanratty (Rue) with their new band Papertides. They'll be joined by instrumental powerhouse's The String Ninjas, Ni Music Prize nominee Leo Miyagee and Ireland's latest alternative-electronic sensation, Wornoc.

So, join us for a truly unique evening of live music and interviews in a relaxed and intimate setting with a fully licensed bar. One not to be missed!



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