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## ABBEYLEIX

### ARTIST PAT BYRNE

Artist Pat Byrne will host a live sketching tutorial of Aghaboe Abbey, Co. Laois.

**Venue:** Heritage House Abbeyleix, Heritage House, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois, R32 H244

**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.30pm

## BORRIS IN OSSORY

### TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC & DANCE EVENT

The event will include Irish Dancing/Music/Singing by younger children in the early evening.

**Venue:** The Centre, Main Street, Borris in Ossory R32Y6FC

**Time:** 7.00pm – 10.30pm



## MOUNTMELICK

### EMER DUNNE 'FOLK THREADS'

*Folk Threads*' is a unique, versatile folk music show that brings together the ethereal voice of Emer Dunne.

**Venue:** The Balcony Theatre, Mountmellick Community Arts Centre, Parnell Street, Mountmellick, Co.Laois

**Time:** 8.30pm – (with interval) until 10.20pm



### "NAVIGATION" EXHIBITION BY HAZEL RESTRICT

The Gallery in Mountmellick library is delighted to host Laois Artist Hazel Restricket's exhibition "Navigation," a captivating multimedia exhibition that delves into the artist's quest to find her place in the world. A graduate of Limerick School of Art and Design, her work explores the profound connections between these spaces and our inherent sense of belonging. Viewing during library opening hours and from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. on Friday 22nd September.

**Venue:** Mountmellick Library, O'Moore Street, Mountmellick, Co. Laois, R32PX61

**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.30pm

## MOUNTMELICK COMHALTAS

An evening of Traditional Irish Music by children and adults from Mountmellick Comhaltas Group, all are welcome to join in.

**Venue:** Mountmellick Library, O'Moore Street, Mountmellick, Co. Laois, R32PX61  
**Time:** Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

## STRADBALLY

### LOCAL MATERIALS, MY VISION, SOLO SCULPTURE EXHIBITION BY EVGENY CHUBATYY

The concept of this event is to showcase the boundless creativity of artists, emphasizing that there are no limitations in artistic expression, and any available materials can be used to bring their ideas to life. The exhibition will feature a diverse range of art forms, including paintings, sculptures, designs, and craftworks, all created by Evgeny over the past 3 years, deeply influenced by his 7-year experience of living in Vicarstown, Laois, Ireland.

**Venue:** The Gallery, Laois Arthouse, The Arthouse and Library, Stradbally, Co. Laois, R32DT28  
**Time:** Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm



**EXHIBITION**

**Local Materials, My Vision.**  
Sculpture, Painting, Design.

September 22 to October 21  
4:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Laois Arthouse Stradbally,  
Court Square, Stradbally,  
Co Laois R32 KWX3

Evgeny Chubatyy

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## NIGHT CREATURES PARADE

'Night Creatures', the town is invited to participate in this celebration of nocturnal creatures. The parade includes dancing, music and illuminations, infusing magic and wonder in the town of Stradbally.

This specially curated evening of events is curated by Artist Caroline Conway, Sculptor Evgeny Chubatyy and Circus Performer Maria Corcoran. Note: This will be an outdoor event (weather depending).

*In the case of unkind weather, the event will move to the Malthouse, Main Street, Stradbally, Eircode R32HP98. Refreshments will be served.*



**Venue:** The Arthouse and Library, Court Square, Stradbally, Co Laois, R32DT28.  
**Time:** 8.00pm – 9.00pm

## STONE SCULPTURE, ÁILLE NA HÁILLE BY BENEDICT BYRNE



Benedict is a classical stone sculptor, using only hammer and chisels to create forms and textures as has been the way for centuries. Electrical or mechanical tools are not used in his work. Benedict though originally from Dublin is now living in Sicily but spends time in Stradbally working on projects every few years.

**Venue:** Mc Keon Stone Ltd, Brockley Park, Stradbally, Laois R32 XH52  
**Time:** 4.00pm – 6.00pm

## HANK WANGFORD AND THE MESSAGES PRESENTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH MUSIC GENERATION LAOIS



Hank Wangford, the twisted Godfather of the English alternative country music scene, has been picking at the dark and troubled soul of Country music for more than thirty years. The show will feature songs from Hank's latest album *Holey Holey*, and shiny new tracks from his forthcoming album, *Promises Promises*, due for release in November... plus songs from his extensive back catalogue, and featuring original songs and tunes from The Messages. Refreshments will be served.

**Venue:** Stradbally Library, Court Square,  
Stradbally, Co Laois, R32DT28  
**Time:** 9.30pm – 11.00pm

## PORTLAOISE

### LAUNCH OF 'FRAGMENTS OF TIME AND SPACE' SCULPTURE



All Welcome, fáilte roimh chách, to the launch of 'Fragments of Time and Space' which is a cast terrazzo sculpture and bench created by

artist David Beattie. The sculpture is created in response to the musical tradition of Portlaoise and as part of the new Cultural Quarter and Library in the centre of Portlaoise. The curved bench includes an inscription from Laois born writer Pat Boran 'listen: the streets still dreaming us' that further extends this invitation to listen. Refreshments will be served.

**Venue:** Portlaoise Library, 23 Lower  
Main Street, Portlaoise, Co Laois  
**Time:** 4.00pm – 5.00pm

## AFRICA SUPPORT GROUP

Showcasing Stage performance through music and Dance, poem, storytelling etc. The sharing of cultural food.

**Venue:** Portlaoise Library, 23 Lower Main  
Street, Portlaoise, Co Laois, R32 N7EP  
**Time:** 5.00pm – 6.00 pm

## DUNAMAISE ARTS CENTRE

### EXPLORE EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY

**EXPLORE EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY** arts and culture at Dunamaisé from 6pm to 10pm. The arts centre will also be celebrating its new re-brand and website with a wonderful line-up. All events are free for all to enjoy! Details below but lots more free activities to enjoy on the night. Special guest Laois Influencer and Digital Media Artist, Mary Claire @McLuvstoLaugh will join us on the night to celebrate all things Laois Culture.

**Venue:** Dunamaisé Arts Centre,  
Portlaoise R32 W93P  
**Time:** 6pm-10:30pm (FREE but pre-booking  
advised for NOTIFY concert at 8pm)

## ARTIST DEMO AND TALKS

Meet local artists **Paddy Critchley and Greg Hallahan**, exhibiting individually at Dunamaisé.

Greg's work is exhibited in the café gallery space, where he will give a **live demonstration of his artwork from 6pm**, using recycled cardboard.

Paddy will open his new exhibition of paintings; **Ragged Trousers from 7pm**. Paddy is interested in the representation of working-class life.

**Portlaoise Musical Society** will also be at Dunamaisé tonight to launch ticket sales for their sensational 2023 show, with **DJ Stephen Keegan** banging out some musical tunes.

**Venue:** Dunamaisé Arts Centre,  
Portlaoise R32 W93P

**Time:** 6pm-8pm

## NOTIFY, WITH SÉAMUS AND CAOIMHE UÍ FHLATHARTA

**NOTIFY**, with **Séamus and Caoimhe Uí Fhlatharta** will perform at Dunamaisé at 8pm. **NOTIFY** features six Irish traditional and jazz musicians, lead by concertina player Padraig Rynne. Teaming up with Sean-Nós musicians Séamus and Caoimhe Uí Fhlatharta; harp, fiddle and sean-nós singing for this very special gig.

**Venue:** Dunamaisé Arts Centre,  
Portlaoise R32 W93P

**Time:** 8pm - 10:30pm  
(FREE but pre-booking advised)



## PORTARLINGTON

### PRINT MAKING WITH ARTIST MARY SLEVIN

Mary Slevin, Artist, is delighted to welcome adults and children to her art studio at Mount Henry to explore print making using everyday material. During each workshop participants will work with Mary to develop the print process. Each person will engage with the planning, styling, and production of their own individual artwork. Children will work towards creating personal journal covers and adults towards a mounted print.

**Venue:** Mount Henry Art Studio, Killenard,  
Portarlinton, Co. Laois, R32 XH

#### Adult Work Shop

**Event Start Time:** 11:00 am

**Event End Time:** 12.30pm

#### Children Work Shop

**Event Start Time:** 4.00pm

**Event End Time:** 5.00pm (Ages 6 – 12 years)

## PORTARLINGTON ARTS COLLECTIVE PRESENTS STREET ART AROUND THE MARKET HOUSE.

**6.30pm Portarlinton Library.** Crafts demonstrations, presentation by book illustrator David Butler.

**7pm Portarlinton Museum.** Talk by local historian David Orford.

**7:30pm An exhibition by Iwona K Tiernan.** Catherine Terrett and Leonie Connellan with music from Kim Melia in Iwona's Studio.

**8.30pm Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlinton.**

Music from the Port Concert Band, Ukrainian Choir and Georgian Folk Group. Work from Mary Slevin, Pauline Hyland & Vasilii Grzelidze and readings by poet Pat Boran.

**8.30pm The French Quarter Beats and eats with DJ Filip Kral and prints by photographer Frank Smith.**

**9pm Anvil Inn.** Concert featuring Dopamine, Rocz, Thanks Mom, That's Alright, Insomniacs and more - compered by Adam Cullen.

# MOUNTRATH

## MOUNTRATH YOUTH THEATRE

Join us for an enchanting evening of storytelling with our 'Between Light & Dark' Storytelling Event for all.

Note: This will be an outdoor fireside event (weather depending) or an indoor candlelit event if the weather is unkind.

**Venue:** MY Creative Space, Dysartbeagh, Castletown Road, Mountrath

**Time:** 8.30pm – 9.30pm

# SHANAHOE

**IRISH DANCING** by the Aishling Walsh Dance School of dancers followed by the marching band. Some music from the pupils of Shanahoe National School, the pupils will also present a spoken piece on history and heritage.

**Venue:** Shanahoe Community Hall, Shanahoe, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32E3FR

**Time:** 7.00pm – 8.30pm

## FADÓ FACES

To celebrate the diverse and amazing talented people around us we are launching a gallery of divine inspirations on Culture Night Friday 22nd of September. Fadó Faces will be the first of many artistic showcases launched on Friday 22nd and then on show in Bloom HQ until 29th of October when another artist will launch and exhibit their collection. Everyone is welcome to come and immerse yourself in a truly creative life experience.

**Venue:** Bloom HQ, Brigidine Convent, Unit 1, Patrick Street, Mountrath, Co. Laois, R32 DT9F

**Time:** 7.00pm – 10.00pm (Also opened Saturday 23rd September 11.00am – 6.00pm for anyone who missed Friday night)

# SPINK

## CEOL AGUS CRAIC BY SPINK COMHALTAS

Music performances by children and young people aged 6-18 years, tea/coffee and scones will be served in the evening, all are welcome.

**Venue:** Knock Community Hall, Spink, R32DK70

**Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm

# EMO

For Culture Night 2023, Emo Court will be hosting an Interior Guided tour of the house on September 22nd with Guides in Costumes at 6.00pm.

**Venue:** Emo Court, Emo Court Demesne, Co. Laois, R32C44V

**Time:** 6.00pm – 6.45pm



Laois County Council thank all those involved in organising events in Laois.

For more information about Culture Night please contact: The Arts Office, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co Laois. T: 057 8664033/8664192 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie or W: www.laois.ie

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