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CULTURENIGHT.IE **LETTERKENNY** 2018

# **Culture Night 2018**

Letterkenny, County Donegal

Friday, September 21st 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Welcome to Culture Night 2018. This extraordinary night of cultural festivities has grown each year since its inception in 2006, with inspiring commitment from local authorities, cultural organisations and community collaborators throughout the country.

This will be Letterkenny's 10th occasion to take part in Culture Night, providing a terrific opportunity for families to sample aspects of Irish Culture and Heritage. The programme for 2018 offers 39 diverse events in 26 venues that celebrate our unique local cultural identity. In common with other participating towns and cities, Letterkenny will light up to an evening of accessible, family friendly events – all completely free of charge!

The programme delivers a night-time journey through all types of culture, with visual art, music, theatre, sculpture, spoken word, dance, moving image and more. Your trail through Culture Night will lead you to indoor and outdoor events in diverse places from the Donegal County Museum to the Letterkenny Town Park taking in the Artworks screenings, the Courthouse and the Cristeph Gallery along the way. You can explore all sorts of happenings presented by the Regional Cultural Centre, An Grianán Theatre, The Central Library, the Archives Service and The Heritage Office – to name but a few. Full venues, programmes and events are listed throughout this programme.

Don't forget to share the Culture Night Love! Tag your pictures @culturenight / @culturenightdonegal

www.culturenight.ie | www.facebook.com/culturenight

Culture Night is brought to you by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, in partnership with Donegal County Council (Culture Division).

Is í an Roinn Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta a gcuireann Oíche Cultúir i láthair, i bpáirtíocht le Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall (Rannóg Cultúir).















# **VENUE 1**

### **Pinehill Studios**

Pinehill Business Park, Mountain Top, Letterkenny

T: 086 7900554 W: www.pinehillstudios.ie

### **Dance Performance & Workshop**

It's Open Night at Pinehill Studios where instructors from the studios collaborate and invite you to come along and enjoy student Showcase Performances in Dance (6.30pm -7.15pm) and an Open Dance Workshop for all ages (7.15pm - 8pm).

The dance workshop will give parents, friends, dancers or anyone curious enough to take part, an idea of what it's like to be part of the ever-extending opportunities available at Pinehill Studios. This open invitation is extended to everyone to participate for one evening - join us for a fun-filled time to celebrate the art of dance and performance.

# **VENUE 2**

# **Letterkenny University Hospital**

Ground Floor, Foyer T: 074 91 25888

### **Choir Recital**

Performances at 6.00pm & 6.30pm

LUH Choir was formed in 2016. Its members represent many services/departments throughout the hospital including current as well as retired staff. The choir is growing in strength, performing at Masses held for Hospital Personnel, the annual Hospice Service in October, the Miscarriage Service in April and a special annual Christmas show.



# **VENUE 3**

# **Letterkenny Town Park**

A firm favourite every year, this special night time experience is presented by Donegal County Council Arts Service.

# **Inishowen Carnival presents Spiky Tribe**

As night

Performances from 8.00pm - 10.00pm

stretches to meet the day, the edges of reality blur, through cracks in the ether, we slip between worlds strange, mysterious and sometimes very spiky. An illuminated sculpture trail brought to life with music, dance and performance featuring local groups including Fusion Events and Zona Dance from Letterkenny,

Aisling Academy from Ballybofey; stilt-walkers

and fire performance from In Your Space in Derry. This project has been made possible with funding from Donegal Council, Arts Council of Ireland and St Patrick's Festival Dublin.

# **DreamScape**

6.00pm - 10<mark>.00pm</mark>

An outdoor illuminated art installation nestled among the young trees in the park. Children and adults alike will enjoy wandering through this creative space filled with meditative mandalas, illuminated dream-catchers & large fluorescent orbs. Make a wish under our fairy tree! Brought to you in association with SpaceScape.

Please note: the Poppyseed Bakery at St Conal's Church is open 6.30pm - 10.00pm for food and refreshments.



# **VENUE 4**

# **Donegal County Museum**

High Road, Letterkenny T: 074 91 24613
W: donegalcoco.ie/culture/countymuseum

Exhibition 'A Long Farewell'

- Emigration of Donegal Women

1845 - 1955

6.00pm - 10.00pm

This major exhibition presented by Donegal County Museum and County Archives explores



the emigration of women from Donegal between 1845 and 1955. The exhibition will include artefacts and archives on the theme of emigration, from the Museum

and Archives Collections, and from other Collections. Join us for an American Wake (7 – 10pm). Throughout the nineteenth century American wakes were held for emigrants in the same manner as waking the dead.

Come and hear the stories of the Donegal Orphan Girls (7pm – 9pm) who were sent from Donegal Workhouses to Australia during the nineteenth century. Sit back and listen, or join in and dance with the Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (8 – 10pm) Traditional Music Session with Lettterkenny Senior Grúpa Ceoil.

# VENUE 5

# **Letterkenny Courthouse**

High Road, Letterkenny T: 074 92 06022

### **Guided Tours**

6.00pm, 6.30pm, 7.00pm and 7.30pm

We are delighted that the newly opened Court-House joins our programme this year. Visitors are invited to an after hours guided tour of this landmark four storey civic building, which



sits on an elevated site overlooking Letterkenny and is remarkable in its design and finish. Tours will take place every 30 minutes, conducted by Geoffrey McGonagle, Court Office Manager and Liam Devenney, Court Office Service Officer.

# **VENUE 6**

# **Regional Cultural Centre**

Port Road, Letterkenny
T: 074 91 29186 W: regionalculturalcentre.com

Exhibition: Willie Doherty 6.00pm – 10.00pm

REMAINS (2013) is a video installation filmed in a number of locations in Derry, Northern Ireland, used since



the early 1970s to carry out kneecappings, a form of punishment shooting used to control drug use and other forms of so-called 'antisocial behaviour'. REMAINS builds on Doherty's interest in the relationship between landscape and memory and in working in locations that are contaminated with untold stories; some forgotten, some half remembered or unacknowledged. On loan from the collection of the Irish Museum of Modern Art.

### Hands-on, Art Room

The RCC will once again create a largescale, hands-on, art-room curated by Harriet Purkis where visitors can find out more about the exhibitions on display and make their own artworks. People of all ages will have the opportunity to experiment with a range of ideas and materials to produce their own master-pieces.

# **DMEP @ Regional Cultural Centre**

T: 074 91 76293 W: www.donegaletb.ie

Performance: The Tiny Concerts 7.30pm – 8.30pm, Music Room 2

Soloists and duets from the DMEP present ten minute acoustic concerts. Performers





include the Szabo-Yélamo duet and the Martin McGinley/Ted Ponsonby Traduet. Soloists on piano and violin. Stay for just one concert or the lot! Max 20 seats.

# **Performance:**

The Donegal Youth Orchestra

8.00pm – 9.00pm, Workshop 1&2 ground floor

Experience the sounds of a full orchestra at an open rehearsal under the baton of conductor & composer Vincent Kennedy, following on from the orchestra's success at the National Concert Hall this year.

# **VENUE 7**

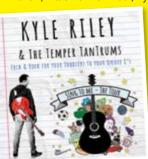
# An Grianán Theatre

Port Road, Letterkenny
T: 074 91 20777 W: www.angrianan.com

# Family Event: Kyle Riley and The Temper Tantrums

7.00pm - 8.00pm, Main Auditorium

Following on from the success of his solo show, Little Folk-On Tour, Kyle Riley is back



and bringing
the band – The
Temper Tantrums.
The 'Sing to Me'
Tour features
original songs,
some traditional
children's music
and a little
something for
the adults too. It's
an hour of folk
and rock music,

sure to get you moving. For your under 8's, your rock toddlers and the little boppers in between, it's fun for the whole family.

# COMEDY – Pauric Gallagher

9.00pm – Late, The Eatery Bar

An Grianán Theatre welcomes the return of Pauric Gallagher's Culture Night Comedy Cavalcade. Sketches, Improv & Stand-Up from Pauric and other top local talents. Pauric is the host of the successful Comedy at the Vintage Room which takes place



monthly in Voodoo Vintage and he has worked with such disparate comic talents as Andrew Maxwell and Farmer Michael.

# **VENUE 8**

# Donegal Travellers Project @Port House

Port Road, Letterkenny
T: 086 0841433 E: donegalip@gmail.com

Donegal Intercultural Platform presents 'INTERculturALnight'

6.00pm - 8.00pm

'INTERculturALnight' will be a night of intercultural visual art, food and music, where artists will engage with visitors to explore what interculturalism and the arts mean to them. Presented in collaboration with Donegal Travellers Project. Donegal Intercultural Platform is a voluntary organization whose membership includes representatives of the many minority ethnic communities that have made Donegal their home in recent years.

# **VENUE 9**

# **Artworks Picture Framing**

Port Road (opp. An Grianán Theatre)
T: 074 91 25073 E: info@artworksframing.ie

# **Outdoor Film Screening**

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Artworks Picture Framing will once again curate their unique outdoor screening of locally made short film, animation and video.



Contributing artists this year will include Steven Crane, Heston Kelly, Paul Rooney and Daniel McGarrigle amongst others as well as a selection of work from LYIT Creative Media Department.



# **VENUE 10**

# The Masonic Hall

7.00pm - 9.00pm

# Information: Donegal County Museum T: 074 91 24613

One of the oldest and most distinctive buildings on the Port Road, is home to Pioneer Masonic Lodge 271. Specially for Culture Night, members of the public are invited to view the building. Partake of some refreshments, learn about the history of Freemasonry in Donegal – (the Letterkenny Lodge has been in existence since 1873) – and hear about the present-day charitable work of the Masons, from the local Lodge members themselves. Officers from the Provincial Grand Lodge will be in attendance.

**NB:** Due to space limitations, numbers admitted at any one time may be restricted. Access within the building is restricted as there are steep stairs which are unsuitable for buggies and wheelchairs.

# **VENUE 11**

# The LOFT Youth Project & Health Advice Café

16 – 18 Port Road T: 074 91 2964, 074 91 88271 W: www.donegalyouthservice.ie/loft



**Music** 7.30pm – 9.30pm

The LOFT is delighted to host live music performances from three exciting young bands - Sheer Buzz, Happy Out and Purple Dominoes. The LOFT is a community-based resource managed by Donegal Youth Service and Foróige, providing a broad range of activities and developmental programmes for young people aged 12 to 18. There is a

strong emphasis on cultural activities, reflecting the exceptional talents and aptitude of local teenagers in the areas of music, visual art, drama and film-making, among others.

# VENUE 12

# Café Davitt

High Road, Letterkenny
T: 074 91 77787 W: northwestwords.com

Spoken Word Poetry Night: 8.00pm – 8.45pm & 9.00pm – 10.00pm

North West Words has been hosting its monthly reading series in Letterkenny since 2010. Presenting writers reading in English, or in Irish, often alongside local musicians, it also provides an opportunity for local writers to read their work on an Open Mic.



Spoken word poet **Abby Oliveira** will begin

at **8pm**. A writer & performer based in NI, she has performed her poetry of events including Glastonbury, Electric Picnic, the National Concert Hall and the Singapore Writer's Festival. The 2014 and '15 Lingo festival poetry slam champion, Oliveira has supported artists such as Damian Dempsey and Polarbear. She is the

host/organiser of The Monday Night Cure - a

monthly live literature and performance event in Derry.

At 9.00pm Alice McCullough, the awardwinning performance poet from Belfast will read



followed by the Open Mic. Her one-woman show 'Earth To Alice' has gained critical acclaim in festivals across NI and she has supported



talents in poetry, comedy and music including Hollie McNish and Lemn Sissay. Alice's unique way with words has won her a presence on local and international radio with poems commissioned for both TV (BBC The Arts Show) and radio (BBC Talkback, BBC Arts Extra and U105).

North West Words gratefully acknowledges funding from both the Arts Council and Donegal County Council.

### **VENUE 13**

# Trinity Presbyterian Church Upper Main St, Letterkenny W: tpcl.org

# Open Evening and Performance 6.30pm, 7.30pm and 8.30pm



You are invited to come along and visit Trinity Presbyterian this Culture Night. Built just over 100 years ago, this building is full of character. There will be a short presentation on the different aspects of the Presbyterian tradition. There will also be musical pieces performed by the church choir, a brief history of the Presbyterian church in Letterkenny, and a short DVD clip of a church service from earlier this year.

# **VENUE 14**

### The Central Bar

58 Upper Main Street
FB: @DisturbanceLetterkenny
T: 085 1145451

# Alternative Music Showcase 9.00pm – Late

Disturbance is a showcase of original alternative music, rocking the foundations of the local music

scene. For Culture Night we will be putting on a special Disturbance below our usual home of No. 58, downstairs in The Central.

# **VENUE 15**

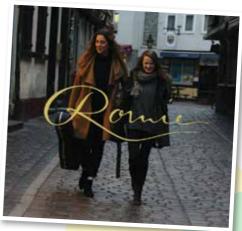
# The Cottage

49 Upper Main Street E: info@swellfestival.com
W: www.swellfestival.com

The Swell Festival Live 9.00pm – Late

# **ROMIE supported by Without Willow**

Somewhere between Staves-like harmonies, a Civil-Wars-y-esk live attitude and the drama of Damien Rice, ROMIE have found their very own sweetspot. They are joined by Without Willow, a folk duo from Co Donegal whose distinctive sound has established them as firm favourites on the Donegal music scene.



# **VENUE 16**

### Universal Books

Church Lane, Letterkenny T: 074 91 61869

Poetry & Storytelling 7.00pm – 9.00pm

An eclectic evening's entertainment is planned at this much loved local book, antique and record shop. The Universal Books event



promises an evening of poetry performance, spoken word and storytelling to delight all audiences.

# **VENUE 17**

# Wholegreen Wellness

Church Lane, Letterkenny T: 086 2375619
W: www.integraltherapy.ie

# **Yoga Dance** 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Denise Diver is a wellness advocate working with mind body and spirit. With over 20 years experience, she teaches people of all ages how to integrate mindful movement and wellness practises into their daily living. For Culture Night, Denise will present a programme for families where adults and children can move, breath and relax together in a wonderful union of dance and yoga.

# **VENUE 18**

### Michi Knitwear Studio

6, Church Lane, Letterkenny, T: +353 860 867455 W: www.michi.ie

# Open Studio 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Award winning knitwear designer, Michelle McCarroll (Michi), will give a look behind the scenes into the hectic world of the fashion designer with the launch of her new bespoke 'Mi Chelle' collection at her design studio in



Church Lane, Letterkenny. Be the first to see her new 'tailored' knitwear, meshing traditional heritage skills with the contemporary.

# **VENUE 19**

# **Conwal Parish Church**

Church Lane / Cathedral Square Conwal Rectory T: 074 91 22573

# Church of Pentecost Letterkenny, African Church Choir

7.00pm - 8.00pm

After last year's exhilarating performance at the Raphoe Diocesan Pastoral Centre, we are delighted to welcome again the Church of Pentecost Letterkenny African Church Choir to this year's Culture Night programme. Accompanied by a lively three piece band, the Choir leads the weekly Sunday Worship sessions at the Church of Pentecost's meeting place on the Port Road. Special Thanks to Presiding Elder, Kofi Amponsah.

Conwal Parish Church, of the Church of Ireland Parish of Conwal and Gartan, dates back to the 17th century when it was constructed to replace a crumbling medieval church at Conwal, just

outside Letterkenny. In recent years, the Church tower and spire have undergone an extensive and particularly impressive refurbishment.



# **VENUE 20**

St. Eunan's Cathedral Sentry Hill Rd, Letterkenny T: 074 91 21021

The Conwal Singers and Guests at St.Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny 8.30pm – 9.30pm

The Conwal Singers, Letterkenny shall host an evening of reflective choral music at St.Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Special guests shall



include Derg
Valley Choir,
Tir Chonaill
Choir and The
Donegal Abbey
Singers. Within
the splendid

acoustic of St.Eunan's Cathedral each choir shall perform their own repertoire. Singing together, the highlight of the evening shall be a massed choir performance with over 100 voices. Choral favorites will include pieces from Vivaldi, Faure, Stainer, Handle and others.

The accompanist for the evening is Denise Roper. Conductors include Dawn Stevenson, Berni Canny, Karen Patton and Eileen Carr.

### **VENUE 21**

# **Walking Tour**

'Connecting with Letterkenny's Historic Streetscape'

Meet at the Central Library at 6.30pm Presented by: County Donegal Heritage Office, Donegal County Council

T: 074 91 72576 E: heritage@donegalcoco.ie

'Make a Connection' with the historic buildings and streetscapes of Letterkenny on a one hour walking tour with Colm Murray, Architecture Officer with The Heritage Council. Drawing on the stories these buildings tell, built heritage archives and historical photographs, Colm will identify clues to the development of Letterkenny's built environment. The walk will start at the Central Library, proceed along the Main Street and finish at the County Museum.

# VENUE 22

Cristeph Gallery, Convent Road, Letterkenny. T: 074 91 26411

Exhibition – 'I Am Donegal' 7.30pm

Curated by Peadar McDaid "I am Donegal" is an exhibition of small works that explores what Donegal means to some of our more

established artists as well as introducing some exciting, new emerging artists. With over 50 exhibitors on the night, this is show is not to be missed. All works will be produced on unframed wooden panels 8" x 10" or free standing sculpture work of the same size.



# **VENUE 23**

# The Central Library

Oliver Plunkett Rd, Letterkenny
T: 074 91 24950 W: www.donegallibrary.ie

Central Library and Europe Direct Information Centre presents a programme of history and storytelling for Culture Night.

# Story Night at Central Library 6.30pm – 9.00pm

This year we are taking Culture Night to the street. We are setting up just outside the library for our first ever outside story time for children and adults of all ages. Whether you are interested in Donegal folklore, history or just a tall tale or two, we will have something for everybody. The library can do many things but we can't control the weather! Remember to wrap up warm but in case this is not enough we'll have hot chocolate, teas and coffee for everyone, so please join us for an evening of Donegal craic and stories.

# Behind The Scenes in the Library 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Staff at the Central Library, Letterkenny have spent the last 30 years gathering every article, book and author associated with Donegal into one library, we call this the Donegal Studies Collection. During this short tour, you will learn



about the resources we have available for you to trace your Donegal ancestors or research the history of the county. See a snapshot of Donegal as it was, from Mícheál Ó'Cléirigh and the four Masters to poteen making in Inishowen. The lives of Isacc Butt to Daniel O'Donnell and the changing landscape of the county from the first ordnance survey maps of 1835 through to the new A5.

This tour will run every 20 minutes with a maximum of 10 people.

# **VENUE 24**

Market Square, Letterkenny

**Living History Experience** 8.00pm - 9.30pm

Presented by Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Committee T: 086 3452457

W: www.instagram.com/cathedralquarterletterkenny

Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter invite you to join them and a host of actors and performers on



a walking tour as they bring the town's rich history to life through poetry, music and drama. Witness tales of villains and heroes and experience local history like you've never seen before. Expect a few surprises. Meet at Market Square.

# **VENUE 25**

### ZoNa Dance Co.

Altmore House, Mulroy Business Park, Canal Road (behind Diver's Hyundai Dealership) T: 086 8222189 E: zonadanceco@yahoo.ie W: www.zonadanceco.com

**Showcase Performances** 6.00pm & 7.00pm

It's Open Night with ZoNa Dance Co. in their dance studio where Jessica Peoples and her

company extend an invitation to all to come along and enjoy student Showcase Performances of the ballet Sleeping **Beauty Suite** and dance films Periphery, Your Song Dance, Pieces of Perfect & Amber's Waiting Room

70Na Dance

has established themselves as the premiere classical dance school for both children and adults in the Northwest, with renowned performances and internationally experienced instructors. Jessica Peoples not only drives the passion of ZoNa Dance with her vision of inspiring children and adults to love the art of dance but she also seeks to foster a curiosity and wonderment to explore classical dance movement in a safe and open environment.



# **VENUE 26**

# Lifford Courthouse

Music: Charlie McGettigan - In Concert

Doors: 6.00pm

Performance: 6.45pm - 9.00pm

Lifford Old Courthouse and Lifford Credit Union proudly present former Eurovision Song Contest winner Charlie McGettigan live in concert. Performing in the intimate surroundings of what



was once Donegal's main courtroom. Charlie's 90 minute set will feature songs from his illustrious career. Early admission strongly advised with doors opening at 6pm for a 6.45pm start time.



# **CULTURE NIGHT AT A GLANCE**

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