



Shorelines

ARTS FESTIVAL PORTUMNA

September 12-15th 2024

www.shorelinesartsfestival.com

Welcome to Shorelines Arts Festival 2024 for a feast of craic, music, drama, film, exhibitions, workshops and more.

Kicking off the festival is the ever popular **Tulla Céilí Band**, sure to get toes tapping at a céilí including sets, céilí dances and waltzes. Top musical highlights include **Duke Special**, known for his theatrical style; Eurovision winner **Paul Harrington**, who along with **Graham Murphy**, will present his popular show **The Lyric's The Thing**; popular jazz from the 50s and 60s with **Quarter Jazz** as well as a classical hour from **The Esposito Quartet**. Theatre performances include the incredible **Mikel Murfi** in **I Hear You And Rejoice**, funny lady **Pauline O'Driscoll** in **Seven Ages of MAM** and **PJ Brady** in **Patrick Kavanagh – A Life**. For fans of all things literary, we have the author of the Guinness Girls series, **Emily Hourican** in conversation with **Nuala O'Connor**; family psychotherapist and broadcaster **Richard Hogan** on his bestseller **Home is Where the Start Is**; open-water swimmer and adventurer **Nuala Moore** discussing her memoir **Limitless – From Dingle to the Bering Strait**; **Poetry and Tunes with Doire Press** and our inaugural **Books and Buns Quiz!** A veritable feast of **visual arts exhibitions** awaits you at the Workhouse and Portumna Castle. The festival is rounded off with our usual wide range of **workshops, street and family entertainment, Shorelines film shorts and documentaries and a schools programme**.

So get booking as all tickets are online (except where free or otherwise stated) and encourage your family, relatives and friends to join us in Portumna for a weekend of entertainment, joy and fun! Thanks to our local sponsors, friends and volunteers, and to everyone at the Arts Council and Galway County Council Arts Office for their continued support.

Shorelines Team 2024: Anna Geelan, Grainne Hayes, Jackie Hogan, Lisa Keane, Kerry Kissane, Noelle Lynskey, Peter Martin, Breeda O'Connor, Dolores O'Shea, Trish Page, Katja Ruppenthal.

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Festival Guidelines and Booking

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Guidelines for Festival Fans and Families:

- Advance booking is recommended due to venue limits. Please note tickets are non-refundable.
- Where an event is free, access is on a first come basis.
- Please advise if you have any special accessibility requirements.
- Please cooperate fully with our volunteer stewards.
- All children must be fully supervised by a responsible adult at all times during the festival.
- Venue doors open 15 minutes prior to start time and all are asked to be seated 10 mins prior to the event. Latecomers may not be allowed access.
- Please note that the Irish Workhouse Centre Gallery is on the 1st floor as is the Castle Gallery.
- No unauthorised trading or casual leafleting will be allowed during the festival.
- All events are liable to change of date/time/venue and/or may be cancelled without prior notice. The committee regrets any inconvenience and disappointment this may cause. All information is correct at time of printing.
- No liability will attach to the committee of Shorelines Arts Festival or any member thereof in respect of injury or loss, howsoever or wheresoever during the period of the Festival. Persons attending events which form part of the Festival will do so accepting this warning at their own risk.

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<i>The Exam Collection</i> (Portumna Castle Gallery)	Free	p5
<i>Shutter and Pen</i> Exhibition by Michael Molamphy & Portumna Pen Pushers (Portumna Castle Gallery)	Free	p5

THURS 12th SEPT- EVENTS	TIME	PRICE	PAGE
A Cup of Music and Musings - Launch of <i>Shutter and Pen</i> Exhibition (Portumna Pen Pushers and Michael Molamphy) with Sarah Szucs	10.30am	Free	p9
Tunes at Noon at Portumna Day Care Centre	12pm	Free	p9
Film: <i>Shorelines Shorts</i>	12pm	€7	p7/p9
Film Documentary: <i>Quintessentially Irish</i>	4pm	€7	p8/p9
<i>Sing from Scratch</i> Workshop with Liz Powell	5pm	€10	p9
Fun Activities followed by Lantern Parade	6pm	Free	p9
<i>Céilí Mór</i> with Tulla Céilí Band	8pm	€15	p10

FRI 13th SEPT-EVENTS	TIME	PRICE	PAGE
Mosaic Workshop with Alison Mac Cormaic	10am	€65	p10
Comhrá agus Ceol (Portumna Library)	11.30am	Free	p10
Film Documentary: <i>The Secret Peacemaker</i>	1pm	€7	p8/p10
Music with South East Galway Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann	2pm	Free	p10
Charcoal Drawing Demonstration with Heidi Wickham	3pm	Free	p10
Books and Buns Quiz at Portumna Day Care Centre	4pm	€10	p11
Film: <i>Shorelines Shorts</i>	5pm	€7	p7/p11
<i>An Invitation To The Kennedys</i> - Author Emily Hourican in conversation with Nuala O'Connor	6pm	€15	p11
In Concert at Christ Church: <i>Duke Special</i>	8.30pm	€25	p11

SAT 14th SEPT-EVENTS	TIME	PRICE	PAGE
Creative Writing Workshop; <i>The Short Story</i> with Geraldine Mills	10am	€15	p12
<i>Mindful Movement – 5Rhythms®</i> with Jenny Fahy	11am	€15	p12
Children's Art Workshop: <i>Print your Own Tote Bag</i> with Hayley Aldous	11am	€10	p12
Puppet Show with <i>Your Man's Puppets</i> by Tommy Baker	various	€5	p12
Film Documentary: <i>The Secret Peacemaker</i>	11am	€7	p8/p12
Street Entertainment with SambaWave	various	Free	p12
Drama in Town Hall: <i>Seven Ages of MAM</i> with Pauline O'Driscoll	1pm	€12	p13
Busking on Street with South East Galway Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann	1.30pm	Free	p13
Ghanian Drumming Workshop with Marie Edmonds	2pm	€10	p13
Talk in Town Hall: <i>Home is Where the Start Is</i> with Richard Hogan	3pm	€15	p13
Film: <i>Shorelines Shorts</i>	4pm	€7	p7/p13
Drama in Town Hall: <i>Patrick Kavanagh – A Life</i> with PJ Brady	6pm	€15	p13
In Concert at Christ Church: <i>The Lyric's The Thing</i> performed by Paul Harrington with Graham Murphy	8.30pm	€25	p14

SUN 15th SEPT-EVENTS	TIME	PRICE	PAGE
Lines Learned by Heart Recitation Competition	11.30am	Free	p14
Music with Quarter Jazz	2pm	€10	p14
Dive Into Conversation with Nuala Moore author of <i>Limitless</i>	2.30pm	€10	p14
In Concert at Christ Church: <i>Esposito String Quartet</i>	4pm	€15	p15
Poetry and Tunes with Doire Press	5.30pm	Free	p15
Drama in Town Hall: <i>I Hear You and Rejoice</i> with Mikel Murfi	8pm	€15	p15

Shorelines Visual Arts Exhibition - The Irish Workhouse Centre Gallery
 Sept 9th–22nd, 11am–4pm daily.

Official Opening: Sun 8th Sept at 5pm
ConTempo Quartet performs for Galway Music Residency's ConTempo Countywide series! Followed by Exhibition Opening at 6pm. All welcome.

Local artists will be welcome to display their work in the Long Gallery. In the Double Gallery, we will show the work of our seven invited artists, **Nana Bradley, Dana Sorokina, Heidi Wickham, Lucinda Robertson, Evan Connon, Alison Mac Cormaic** and **Helen Miles**. Most of the work is for sale and because our commission is modest, you will find high quality work at great prices.



Nana Bradley is a self-taught artist, who draws inspiration from both local artworks and esteemed Irish artists such as Cecil Maguire and Charles McAuley. She diligently works to infuse her own artistic vision into the landscapes and characters that inspire her, occasionally blending these with the landscapes of her native Japan. Currently residing in Eyrecourt, Co. Galway, Nana is dedicated to pursuing a full-time career in art, sharing her unique artistic interpretations of living in this beautiful, rugged land. <https://art4you.ie/vendor/nana-bradley/>

Dana Sorokina, a Latvian-born artist who has found her creative home in Dublin, delights audiences with her expressive oil paintings. Drawing inspiration from her Baltic roots and the enchanting landscapes of Ireland, Dana's work invites viewers to immerse themselves in a world of vibrant colours and nostalgic charm. From delicate florals to whimsical depictions of vintage VW Beetles, Dana's art exudes a timeless allure that captivates hearts and minds alike. <https://danasorokina.com>



Heidi Wickham, a visual artist based in Co. Sligo, completed her BA (Hons) in Fine Art at Bristol University. Heidi turned to charcoal

drawing in 2004 and found a real love for the medium as well as for the subjects which she portrays. Her work has become synonymous with capturing a wide range of animals, both domestic and wild. Heidi has documented endangered species such as the bee and the polar bear but is perhaps best known for one of her most loved subjects – the hare.

Charcoal Demo by Heidi, 13th Sept, 3pm
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www.heidiwickham.com



Lucinda Robertson studied glass making at Orrefors Glasskolan in Sweden – after specialising in glass at the National College of Art and Design, Dublin. Lucinda worked for various glass studios in Denmark and Sweden, before returning to Ireland and setting up her brand *Cinders Glass*, which is a range of contemporary studio art glass. The work is characterised by simple forms with coloured detail, utilising the transparent characteristic of the material. The glass is free formed, which gives it a soulful/organic character, as Lucinda doesn't work with moulds but blows the glass thinly, making simple forms with minimal frills. <https://www.facebook.com/p/Cinders-Glass-100063719222163/>



Evan Connon is a stained glass artist, master glass painter and a master stained glass cartoon artist, trained by the Earley Studios Dublin. After gaining more experience working in other studios, Evan set up his own stained glass studio in 2004. He is passionate about the conservation and restoration of historic stained glass as well as creating stained glass in the traditional Irish style but adding his own artistic concept of emotion and thoughts from poetry and music to influence movement in stained glass. www.connonstainedglass.ie

Alison Mac Cormaic works in the medium of mosaic and as an arts educator in schools and community settings. She has completed various public art commissions, primarily in mosaic. Her mosaic practice centres on drawing from life, colour harmonies and working with Mexican smalti. She translates her drawn images into painterly mosaics, which last forever in handmade glass. www.alisonmaccormaic.com

Mosaic Workshop by Alison, 13th Sept, 10am–2pm
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Helen Miles is a classically trained mosaic artist based in Edinburgh, Scotland. Her materials include unglazed porcelain and smalti as well as found or repurposed objects. Inspiration is taken from ancient mosaics of the Mediterranean basin and the everyday. Her aim is to preserve the simplicity and directness of early mosaics while producing works which suit the way we live now. www.helenmilesmosaics.org

Kieran Tuohy's Dark Shadows bog oak exhibition located in the Girls' Schoolroom immortalizes the stories of our famine ancestors. www.irishworkhousecentre.ie/dark-shadows

Children's Tote Bag Art Workshop, 14th Sept, 11am–1pm
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Local Artists

This exhibition gives local and visiting artists an opportunity to exhibit & sell work at the Gallery.

Portumna Castle Gallery From Sept 12th–30th, 10am–5pm daily

Junk Kouture This worldwide fashion competition for schools originally started in Ireland, with a focus on creativity through sustainability. Here you will see incredible creations of wearable art fashioned from recycled materials and found items.



The Exam Collection will feature an exhibition of the art works produced and curated by Portumna Community School students, showcasing the creativity and talent of the Junior and Leaving Cert classes 2024.



Shutter and Pen at Shorelines 2024 This event showcases Portumna Pen Pushers' collaboration with photographer **Michael Molamphy**. The writers' remit was a response in no more than 30 words written in 4 lines (max), to photographs taken by Michael, who has a wonderful artistic eye. This audiovisual uses the minimum of words in the hope of maximum impact on you, our visitor and viewer, reader and listener at *Shutter and Pen*. (This exhibition runs at 35 minute intervals approx).

At Shorelines, we are delighted to support Portumna Community School and local national schools with this year's programme of events for students, and we thank all teachers involved in 2024.

All school events can be booked directly in the school with co-ordinating teachers.



LITERARY Creative Writing Workshop with Helena Close Helena Close is an author and script writer. She now lives in Liscannor Co Clare. She will be working with senior students and Transition Year students in Portumna CS with a creative writing workshop.

Date: Sept 11th /12th **Venue:** Portumna Community School.



LITERARY Walk in My Shoes Transition year students from Portumna CS will collaborate with service users in The Hub, Ability West in a project: *Walk in My Shoes*. Both groups will experience a morning in each other's educational establishments, to walk in the other's shoes. Then, the Portumna CS students will work with writer Helena Close on Sept 12th to produce a piece of writing based on their experience. The students from the Hub will likewise respond with a visual art piece, facilitated by art facilitator, Hayley Aldous. The combined work will later form an autumn exhibition at Portumna Library. **Sponsor:** Galway County Council



MUSIC Drumadore Drumming Workshop Drumadore is Ireland's largest provider of group drumming lessons. Drumadore want everyone to have fun through drumming together and get all the benefits of friendship through music.

Venues: Killeen NS, Gortanumera NS, St Brendan's NS Portumna, Portumna Community School



WELLBEING Yoga with Jenny Jenny Madden is the inspiring owner of *Yoga with Jenny* and the creator of *The Quirky Kids Club*. Since qualifying in 2016, Jenny has dedicated herself to teaching yoga to adults, teens and children in Portumna and surrounding areas.

Date: Sept 12th **Venue:** Portumna Community School



ART Lantern Project School children around Portumna will be busy in early September, creating vibrant lanterns at workshops in their schools, while learning about the biodiversity of native trees. This will be followed by a parade of children and their lanterns on Thursday, Sept 12th at Portumna playground (behind the library) from 6pm. The workshops will be organised within the local primary schools. Supported by Port Omna Beo.



STORYTELLING/MUSIC Adventures with Bill and Fred Bill and Fred (*Elysia McMullen and Luisa Schmitz*) - two professional and well travelled adventurers, both less than useless without one another, together become master resolvers of the absurd. The work is an adventure that begins at an end, searching for belongings and backpacks on a journey that both adventurers fail to start and finish at the same time. Special thanks to our musician: *Sämi Messerli*. **Date:** Sept 11th **Venue:** Killimor NS, St Brendan's NS Portumna



LITERARY Creative Writing Workshop with Méabh McDonnell for 5th and 6th classes with author, journalist and children's books reviewer, **Méabh McDonnell**. Born in Dublin, Méabh grew up in Kylebrack, Loughrea. With an MA in Journalism, she has worked with the Clare People and is editor of *cindersmagazine.com*. Book reviewer and seller, it is no surprise that during lockdown her walks through Kylebrack Forest inspired her debut novel *Into the Witchwood*. **Date:** Sept 12th **Venue:** St Brendan's NS Portumna

A SERIES OF SHORT FILMS Venue: The Boathouse Bar Duration: 78 mins Admission: €7

(16+)



The Golden West (Run time: 25 mins) (2023)

November 1849: having fled the Great Famine, two warring Irish sisters seek their fortunes in the gold rush. But with winter approaching and no gold to show, their old feud threatens to become deadly.

Directed and written by: Tom Berkeley and Ross White

Starring: Eileen Walsh, Aoife Duffin and Sion Ifan

Winner: Grand Jury Prize for Best Short Film - Raindance Film Festival, Aesthetica Film Festival, Norwich Film Festival.

Cleaner (Run time: 14 mins) (2022)

Cleaner shines a light on the loneliness of modern life and the price of connection. Angela, a domestic cleaner, who keeps herself to herself, connects with Mairead, a house-proud mother who, more often than not, finds herself alone at home with her children. But is this just another work-based transaction, or does it mean something else?

Directed by: Edwin Mullane **Written by:** Lesley Conroy

Produced by: Lesley Conroy and A&E Creative **Starring:** Lesley Conroy, Carolyn Bracken

Winner: Best Cork Short - Cork International Film Festival 2021.



Baby Steps (Run time: 9 mins) (2023)

A young pregnant woman, Em, attempts to follow an instructional tape in the hopes that it will lead her to a greater understanding of herself; chaos and catharsis ensue.

Directed and written by: Hannah Mamalis

Produced by: Zoë Brennan-Whitmore **Starring:** Hannah Mamalis, Gavin Drea, Tara Flynn, John Doran, Aoife Spratt

They Grow Up So Fast (Run time: 10 mins) (2023)

Fast and frantic, this comedy follows Brian the morning after meeting Amy during a night out. Waking up, things seem oddly more serious between them. He realizes that life is moving much faster than he anticipated as it keeps changing in the blink of an eye.

Directed and written by: John F. Beach **Produced by:** Martin Spanjers

Starring: John F. Beach, Emily Althaus, Madelynn Deason, Martin Spanjers



One Note Man (Run time: 21 mins) (2023)

A lonely bassoonist lives his life mired in routine. Each day, he plays a single note in an orchestra and leaves the stage while the rest continue. One day, his exit is accidentally delayed and he hears a breathtaking violin solo, which changes his life forever.

Directed and written by: George Siougas

Starring: Jason Watkins, Louisa Clein, Crystal Yu, Paul Barber

Winner: Best Film Audience Award - Indi Shorts Awards Cannes.

DOCUMENTARIES

Venue: The Boathouse Bar Admission: €7 (16+)

**The Secret Peacemaker** (Run time: 1 hr 24 mins) (2023)

This absorbing docudrama explores how the principles of Belfast priest Father Alec Reid – dialogue, justice, mutual respect and consent – which he championed throughout his long mission of mediation, would be adopted many years later in the historic Good Friday Agreement. Based on an interview that Alec Reid gave and recreations

of various episodes in the peace process, this film examines his peacemaker role and the challenges faced in persuading others to adopt his 'stepping stones to peace' strategy.

Directed by: Peter Norrey **Produced by:** John Thynne

Quintessentially Irish (Run time: 2 hrs 5 mins) (2024)

This film celebrates everything that is great and Irish, with a stellar cast offering their take on what's quintessentially Irish. The film also celebrates the GAA and the fact that the director Frank Mannion's grandfather and grand-uncle played in the first All-Ireland final for Galway and his grand-uncle was one of the inventors of the modern cork-filled sliotar, and he has a Portumna connection.

Frank will be coming to introduce the film at its showing on Thurs 12th Sept at 4pm.

Directed by: Frank Mannion **Starring:** Michael D Higgins, Jeremy Irons, Sinead Cusack, Bob Geldof, Andrew Scott, Brendan Gleeson, Sharon Horgan, Rory Guinness and Prince Albert of Monaco, among others.



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Irish Arts Festivals Archive (IAFA)

From its modest beginnings in 2008, **Shorelines Arts Festival** has become an established and much loved annual celebration of the arts in East Galway. In recognition of its cultural importance, the organisation has accepted an invitation to house Shorelines Arts Festival's material archive in the **Irish Arts Festivals Archive (IAFA)** which is part of the UCD Library **Cultural Heritage Collections**. IAFA is a unique collection of documents and publications representing the rich and diverse landscape of forty years of arts festivals in Ireland. To coincide with the 2024 Shorelines Arts Festival, the IAFA will publish an in-depth interview by **Dr. David Teevan** with the festival's founder and former Artistic Director, **Noelle Lynskey**. In the interview, Noelle shares her recollection of the setting up of the festival, talks about some of the challenges faced over the years, and remembers fondly the big and little moments that made it all worthwhile. This interview will be published in the **IAFA Oral History Project** – a series of interviews to complement and enhance the documents held in the IAFA archive collection. <https://libguides.ucd.ie/irishartsfestivals>



DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE ART EXHIBITIONS – OPEN DAILY
The Irish Workhouse Centre Gallery, 11am–4pm (Sept 9th–22nd).
Portumna Castle Gallery, 10am–5pm (Sept 12th–30th).



LITERARY/MUSIC A Cup of Music and Musings Join local writers and musicians at the launch of the audiovisual project **Shutter and Pen** at the Café Gallery at Portumna Castle Café, featuring **Portumna Pen Pushers** and **Michael Molamphy** of **Coolbawn Cross Photography**. Enjoy music with **Sarah Szucs**, musings from members of Portumna Pen Pushers and a cuppa from the Café.

Time: 10.30am **Venue:** Castle Café & Gallery **Duration:** 1 hr approx. **Admission:** Free



MUSIC Tunes at Noon at Portumna Day Care Centre Shorelines session of music, words and song with Portumna Day Care Centre's service users. Guests include **Sarah Szucs** and **Portumna Pen Pushers** (readings).

Sarah Szucs is an emerging singer-songwriter based in Tipperary. She has played at Electric Picnic, Whelan's and at Cloughjordan's *Live and Local* series. With a unique voice and intricate guitar-playing style, her lyrics convey the human experience in a way that is relatable, introspective, and often laced with a self-deprecating humour.

Time: 12pm **Venue:** Portumna Day Care Centre **Duration:** 45 mins **Admission:** Free



FILM Shorelines Shorts A selection of **film shorts**, (page 7 for full description).

Time: 12pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 78 mins **Admission:** €7



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FILM Documentary: Quintessentially Irish (page 8 for full description).

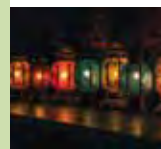
Time: 4pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 2 hrs 5 mins **Admission:** €7



WORKSHOP Sing from Scratch – Adult Singing Workshop with

Liz Powell In a friendly and fun environment, learn new songs with harmonies, and try out some warm-ups and vocal techniques. Anyone interested is welcome, with no preparation or homework. Music ranges from pop to classical, jazz, spirituals, Irish and world music. Think you can't sing? Come anyway!

Cloughjordan-based **Liz Powell** has been directing singing groups and award-winning choirs for decades. As conductor of Cloughjordan's Mellow Tones choir and Portumna's own Omna Singers, Liz believes in the positive physical and mental health benefits of singing. **Time:** 5pm **Venue:** An Gáirdín **Duration:** 90 mins **Admission:** €10 Booking online as numbers limited (30).



CHILDREN Fun Activities followed by Lantern Parade Calling on all participants in the school's lantern workshops to gather with their families in the picnic area at Portumna Playground for an evening of face painting, entertainment and delightful treats. As the sun sets (around 7.30pm), our magical lantern procession will illuminate the evening, showcasing the creativity of our young artists as they parade their tree themed lanterns through the heart of Portumna.

Supported by Port Omna Beo.

Time: 6pm **Venue:** Picnic Area, Portumna Playground **Duration:** 90 mins approx.

Admission: Free



Keep a lookout for Port Omna Beo's pop-up surprise appearances during the festival. Let's celebrate the beauty of our precious Forest Park.



MUSIC Céilí Mór with Tulla Céilí Band The infamous **Tulla Céilí Band** will get toes tapping at a mixed céilí with sets, two-hand, céilí dances and more. Caller: **Maureen Culleton**.
Time: 8pm (Doors open 7.40pm)
Venue: Portumna Town Hall **Duration:** 2 hrs
Admission: €15 online

(PRE FESTIVAL) Adult Set Dancing Workshop with Maureen Culleton

Call 083 1444167 for information. Booking online.

Date: Thurs 5th Sept **Time:** 8–10pm **Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Admission:** €10



MOSAIC WORKSHOP with Alison Mac Cormaic Participants will learn the cutting, colour matching and positioning of Mexican smalti, a unique handmade glass tesserae. Enjoy the relaxing process of mosaic making, discovering the centuries old artform as **Alison Mac Cormaic** explains traditional mosaic design techniques. All materials and equipment will be provided, including tile snips, board, adhesive and grout. Participants get to bring home their own 12cm x 12cm mosaic!
 Alison Mac Cormaic is exhibiting in the Irish Workhouse Gallery; see page 5 for info.
Time: 10am–2pm **Venue:** Youthreach Portumna **Duration:** 4 hrs
Admission: €65 Booking online as numbers limited (10).



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GAEILGE Comhrá agus Ceol Celebrate our language in an informal hour of caint agus ceol. Bring your cúpla focal and your tunes. Fáilte roimh gach duine.
Time: 11.30am **Venue:** Portumna Library **Duration:** 1hr approx. **Admission:** Free



FILM Documentary: The Secret Peacemaker (page 8 for full description).
Time: 1pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 1 hr 24 mins **Admission:** €7



MUSIC with South East Galway Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCE)
 Founded in 2015, the local branch of CCE promotes traditional Irish music among the local young people, continuing the rich heritage of music in south-east Galway. Their monthly sessions are open to all and today they perform for the residents and carers of Portumna Retirement Village. **Time:** 2pm **Duration:** 45 mins



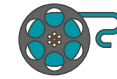
ART Charcoal Drawing Demonstration with Heidi Wickham Watch a live demonstration with artist **Heidi Wickham**.
Time: 3pm **Venue:** The Irish Workhouse Centre Gallery **Duration:** 1 hr approx.
Admission: Free



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LITERARY Books and Buns Quiz Enjoy a Friday afternoon of fun, testing your knowledge of all things literary in our inaugural Books and Buns event. Bring your own team of four or join another team on the day! Tea/coffee and buns included. Early booking advised.
Time: 4pm **Venue:** Portumna Day Care Centre **Duration:** 1 hr **Admission:** €10 online



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Emily Hourican

LITERARY An Invitation To The Kennedys – Author Emily Hourican in Conversation with Nuala O'Connor Inspired by true-life events in 1930s London society, *An Invitation To The Kennedys* is a spellbinding page turner from the bestselling author of *The Guinness Girls* series. **Emily Hourican** is the author of eight novels and is also a journalist, who has been nominated many times at the Journalist of the Year Awards and three times for the Irish Book Awards.



Nuala O'Connor

Nuala O'Connor is an author living in Galway. Her sixth novel *Seaborne*, about Irish-born pirate Anne Bonny, was published in April 2024 by New Island and she won Irish Short Story of the Year at the 2022 Irish Book Awards.
Time: 6pm **Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Duration:** 1 hr **Admission:** €15 online



MUSIC In Concert: Duke Special A **Duke Special** show is always a unique experience and like his stage name, is special. As a performer, vocalist, pianist and composer, the raw magic he will bring to the Shorelines stage is not to be missed. He will be joined by **Ben Castle** (saxophone, clarinet and flute).

Duke (aka Belfast's Peter Wilson) has released 14 albums and EPs, toured all over the world and is involved in a diverse array of projects. He is currently working on what will be his seventh theatre piece, a musical adaptation of *The Velveteen Rabbit* for Replay Theatre Company, Belfast (2025). His latest album, *Blood for Ghosts*, released on vinyl and as a book in November 2023, features new versions of songs discovered in the Princess Grace Irish Library, Monaco – songs that may have been forgotten or lost through time.
Time: 8.30pm **Venue:** Christ Church **Duration:** 90 mins
Admission: €25 online **Sponsor:** Kelbuild

SHORELINES STEEPLE SESSIONS

Performances at Christ Church Portumna, Autumn '24 & Spring '25

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday October 4th:	Evelyn & Dec
Friday November 22nd:	The Whileaways
Monday December 16th:	Christmas Miscellany
Friday January 24th 2025:	Henry Girls
Friday February 21st 2025:	Jack O'Rourke

Booking from Sept 2nd. For confirmation and info check out shorelinesartsfestival.com

**CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP** *The Short Story with Geraldine Mills*

Richard Ford extols the short story for its brevity and its bravura. In this workshop we will explore the alchemy needed to achieve this. We will discuss its important elements, choosing the right point of view, beginnings and endings, dialogue. Pen and paper or laptop are needed, as writing exercises included.

Geraldine Mills is an award-winning poet and short story writer published nationally and internationally. She is the author of several books of poetry, short stories and children's novels and a recipient of many awards. **Age Guidance:** Suitable for Adults **Time:** 10am **Venue:** An Gáirdín **Duration:** 2.5 hrs **Admission:** €15 Booking online essential (Max 15 participants).



DANCE Mindful Movement – 5Rhythms® with Jenny Fahy The 5Rhythms® is a creative, expressive, healing movement practice that is enjoyed by many people across the world. It is open to adults of all ages, genders, shapes, abilities and sizes. Everyone can dance, everyone can move, regardless of what your mind tells you. A couple of chairs will be available for people to dance while sitting if needed.

Time: 11am **Venue:** The Dowager House, Portumna (near the Abbey ruins) **Duration:** 1.5 hrs **Admission:** €15 Booking online



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CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP *Print your Own Tote Bag with Hayley Aldous*

Through this workshop participants will explore basic principles and techniques of printing in a fun and experimental way. They will create a variety of print blocks which they will use to decorate their own tote bag.

Time: 11am **Venue:** Portumna Community School Art Room **Duration:** 2 hrs **Admission:** €10 Booking online essential **Age Suitability:** 8-12yrs. This will be a messy workshop, wearing an apron/old shirt is strongly advised.

**CHILDREN Puppet Show with Your Man's Puppets by Tommy Baker**

Step right up and behold the wonder of 'Random Acts of Puppetry'! Hailing from the picturesque West Coast of Ireland, this show is a family-friendly extravaganza featuring an array of puppetry marvels. Your Man's Puppets has been weaving enchantment since 2002, dazzling audiences with a mesmerizing blend of tradition and innovation bursting with diverse puppetry styles.

Two performance times: 11am and 12pm **Venue:** Portumna Day Care Centre **Duration:** 48 mins approx **Admission:** €5 (pay at door).

**FILM Documentary: The Secret Peacemaker** (page 8 for full description).

Time: 11am **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 1 hr 24 mins **Admission:** €7



FAMILY STREET ENTERTAINMENT SambaWave Founded in 2023, SambaWave is a vibrant, 15-piece drumming ensemble. They bring this vibrant and spirited music to life, inviting everyone to join in the celebration. Their performances are a call to dance, to feel the rhythm, and to revel in the joyous and unifying power of music. Experience the energy of SambaWave on the streets of Portumna!

Two performance times: 12pm and 1pm **Venue:** Streets of Portumna **Duration:** Two 30 minute sessions **Admission:** Free



DRAMA Seven Ages of MAM A heartwarming, hilarious 5 star hit with audiences, starring **Pauline O'Driscoll** (*Smalltown, The Young Offenders, The Tourist, The Dry*) in which Mam shares her highly entertaining take on motherhood, sexuality, grief, infidelity, ageing, love, lust and loneliness. Nominated best new play at Brighton Fringe Festival in 2019. Written by **Mark Evans and Pauline O'Driscoll**.

"Must see show...wondrously inventive...hilariously detailed...consummately acted...wholly believable" – FringeReview

Age Guidance: 12+ **Time:** 1pm **Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Duration:** 70 mins approx **Admission:** €12 online



FAMILY STREET ENTERTAINMENT Busking on Street with South East Galway Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Watch and listen to some young musicians from South East Galway Comhaltas as they play traditional Irish tunes on the streets of Portumna. (Page 10 has a full description).

Time: 1.30pm **Venue:** Streets of Portumna **Duration:** 1 hr **Admission:** Free

**DRUMMING WORKSHOP Ghanaian Drumming with Marie Edmonds**

Join us for a fun and energising drum and dance session and celebrate the musical cultures of Ghana in a fun and inclusive space. This workshop is suitable for all skill levels and drums are provided. All drummers, dancers, and singers are welcome. **Marie** is an experienced drum and dance facilitator based in the Mid-West. She has a background in ethnomusicology, education, and a special interest in the traditional music of Ghana and Ireland. **Age Guidance:** All ages, adults/children. **Time:** 2pm **Duration:** 1.5 hrs **Venue:** Portumna College of Further Education **Admission:** €10 online

**LITERARY/WELLBEING TALK** *Home is Where the Start Is with Richard Hogan*

Family psychotherapist **Richard Hogan's** bestseller *Home is Where the Start Is*, draws on extensive research and thousands of conversations in the therapy room. Richard has seen it all when it comes to how the early years shape us - and he knows we can work on ourselves to rewrite the blueprint.

Richard is a regular contributor to both TV and radio, and a columnist for the Irish Examiner. He is also the Clinical Director at the Therapy Institute. **Age Guidance:** 12+ **Time:** 3pm **Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Duration:** 1 hr **Admission:** €15 online

**FILM Shorelines Shorts** A selection of **film shorts**, (page 7 for full description).

Time: 4pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 78 mins **Admission:** €7



LITERARY Patrick Kavanagh – A Life with PJ Brady in one of his finest and most accomplished performances **PJ Brady** presents a richly drawn portrait of Patrick Kavanagh – the poet, the mystic and the man. The show provides an opportunity to hear some of Patrick Kavanagh's time-honoured works performed with authenticity, skill and sensitivity. **PJ Brady** founded Dry Bread Theatre Company (1988) with Frank Boyle to focus on the works of Patrick Kavanagh and Flann O'Brien.

Time: 6pm **Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Duration:** 90 mins **Admission:** €15 online



MUSIC In Concert: *The Lyric's The Thing* performed by Paul Harrington with Graham Murphy Since 2020, Paul Harrington has had a weekly slot – *The Lyric's The Thing* - on *The Pat Kenny Show* on *Newstalk*, featuring conversation and music performance, selecting a variety of musical topics and genres. A live show developed for touring is coming to Shorelines. Joining Paul is musician and Grammy nominated music producer **Graham Murphy**. Paul is most well known for winning the Eurovision Song Contest together with Charlie McGettigan representing Ireland in 1994, with the song 'Rock 'N' Roll Kids'. Paul

was principal singer for Michael Flatley's *Celtic Tiger* touring Europe and America. *Paul Harrington - A Collection (2008)* and *Songs (2010)* were both released to critical acclaim. Paul's interpretation of great popular songs are beloved by many and amongst the albums available by him are several volumes of *The Lyric's The Thing From The Radio Series*. **Time:** 8.30pm **Venue:** Christ Church **Duration:** 90 mins **Admission:** €25 online **Sponsor:** Athenry Credit Union

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LITERARY Lines Learned By Heart Recitation Competition welcomes reciters and rhymers to enter this ever popular Shorelines event. To register your entry in the recitation competition, and to be in with a chance to win the Nicholas Treacy Award, text your name with the title of your recitation to 087 2931055. €5 per entrant. **Note:** The recitation chosen by each participant must be written by a poet prior to 1935 and must be recited off by heart with a time limit of 8 mins max per entrant. A prompter will be on hand to alleviate any stage fright. **Time:** 11.30am **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar **Duration:** 90 mins **Admission:** Free



MUSIC Quarter Jazz is a recently formed band of musicians who share a love of jazz. **Catherine Patience**, vocalist, is reviving an early interest in jazz and was introduced to **Lucy Thomas** on clarinet and **Yam Aquino** on drums when they recently moved to Whitegate, all the way from Shanghai, where they made and taught music for almost fourteen years. It wasn't long before these three were joined by **Tom Fahy** from Loughrea who plays guitar and regularly performs in local pubs. And last but certainly not least **Rory Maloney** on keyboard. Rory has recently graduated from Cork School of Music and is in great demand as a teacher and performer. **Time:** 2pm **Venue:** The Boathouse Bar Garden **Duration:** 1 hr **Admission:** €10 online



LITERARY Limitless – From Dingle to the Bering Strait with Nuala Moore **Nuala Moore** holds two Guinness World Records for extreme cold-water swimming – the first for her part in the first and only international relay team to swim from Russia to the USA across the Bering Strait, and the second for her pioneering cold-water swim in the notorious Drake Passage. She presents her memoir, *Limitless*, to Shorelines where she brings the reader through the highs and lows of the world of extreme swimming. Come and hear of Nuala's adventures in some of the most dangerous icy waters and remote locations in the world. **Time:** 2.30pm **Venue:** The Dowager House, Portumna (near the Abbey ruins) **Duration:** 1 hr **Admission:** €10 online



MUSIC In Concert: *Esposito String Quartet* Enjoy classical music at its best from **The Esposito Quartet** with four of Ireland's most distinguished musicians, **Mia Cooper** (violin), **Anna Cashell** (violin), **Joachim Roewer** (viola) and **William Butt** (cello).

Shorelines Programme:
Hugo Wolf- *Italian Serenade*
Paul Frost- *An Old Song, Half Forgotten*
Giuseppe Verdi- *String Quartet in E minor*

Playing together since 2010, this quartet's name honours pianist and composer, Michele Esposito, the initiator of much of the chamber music in 1800s Dublin through the RDS concert series. The quartet have premiered works by Gavin Bryars, Kevin Volans, Laurence Crane, Sebastian Adams and Donnacha Dennehy. They regularly record for Lyric FM and also performed on BBC Radio 3.

Time: 4pm **Venue:** Christ Church **Duration:** 1 hr **Admission:** €15 online



Breda Wall Ryan



Linda McKenna



Laura O'Sullivan

POETRY / MUSIC Poetry and Tunes with Doire Press Doire Press presents two of their published poets, **Breda Wall Ryan** and **Linda McKenna** with music from **Laura O'Sullivan**.

Breda Wall Ryan, a founding member of Kite Writers and Hibernian Poetry, has won many awards for her poetry including the Shine/Strong Poetry Award for her collection *In A Hare's Eye* (Doire Press 2015).

Linda McKenna's debut poetry collection, *In A Museum of Misremembered Things*, won the An Post Irish Book Awards Poem of the Year 2020 with the title poem. She won the Seamus Heaney Award for Poetry and the Red Line Festival Award in 2018.

Laura O'Sullivan originally from Co. Clare but now settled in Nenagh, is greatly influenced by Turlough O'Carolan and interested in the evolution of harp accompaniment for Irish songs. She has performed in Bunratty, Dromoland and Knappogue Castles.

Time: 5.30pm **Venue:** Christ Church **Duration:** 1 hr **Admission:** Free



DRAMA I Hear You and Rejoice with Mikel Murfi Following the sellout success of *The Man in the Woman's Shoes* (performed at Shorelines 2017), **Mikel Murfi** returns with a sequel one-man show. Late in his life, Pat Farnon, a cobbler and all-round contented man, embarks on a journey he had not quite planned and finds that every twist in the road can bring its own surprises. Written and performed by **Mikel Murfi**.

Originally from Sligo, **Mikel Murfi** now lives in Co. Wicklow. After attending UCD, he trained at École Jacques Lecoq in Paris. He has worked extensively as an actor in theatre, TV and in film. He was a co-founder of Barrabbas the company.

Time: 8pm (Doors open 7.30pm) **Venue:** Portumna Town Hall **Duration:** 90 mins **Admission:** €15 online **Sponsor:** Hayes & Hayes totalhealth Pharmacy

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