

CULTURE NIGHT FRI SEP 18

REVOLVES AROUND YOU





Culture Night 2015

Letterkenny, County Donegal

Friday, September 18th : 6.00pm - 11.00pm

Culture Night provides a terrific opportunity for families to sample aspects of Irish Culture and Heritage. This extraordinary night of cultural festivities has grown each year since its inception in 2006 with inspiring commitment from local authorities, cultural organisations and participants throughout the country. There is a diverse programme of performances, events and exhibitions available to the public.

This will be Letterkenny's 7th. occasion to participate in Culture Night. In common with other participating towns and cities across the country, the town will see an evening of highly accessible, FREE OF CHARGE, family friendly events. The programme is centered around, among others, Donegal County Museum, the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny Town Park, the County Donegal ETB Music Education Partnership, An Grianán Theatre, The Artworks, The Central Library, Donegal County Council Heritage Office, St. Eunan's Cathedral, Conwal Parish Church, Create-A-Link Art Studio, ArtCo Gallery, The Swell Festival, Donegal Youth Service @ The LOFT and the Save The Church Lane/Cathedral Quarter Group.

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 www.facebook.com/culturenight

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

Is í an Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta a dhéanann comhordú ar an Oíche Chultúir, i gcomhpháirt le Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall (Seirbhísí Cultúrtha).



Venue 1

Full Tilt Recording Studios

Unit 29, Pine Hill, Mountain Top, Kilmacrennan Road.
Tel. 074 9177673. E. info@fulltiltstudios.ie
Web. www.fulltiltstudios.ie

Open Night @ Full Tilt 7.00 - 10.00pm

Award-winning local DJs and music producers Timmy Gibson and Tommy Conway's have been operating their state-of-the-art Full Tilt Recording Studio facility at Mountain Top since late 2009. Specially for Culture Night, Tommy and Timmy will host an open-to-the-public recording session where visitors can observe and participate in the creation of a brand new dance track.



Venue 2

ZoNa Dance Co. at Pinehill Studios

Pinehill Studios, Pine Hill Business Park, Mountain Top, Kilmacrennan Road. T: 086.8222189
E. zonadanceco@yahoo.ie W. www.zonadanceco.com

Showcase Performances & Dance Workshop

6.00pm - 7.30pm

It's Open Night with ZoNa Dance Co. at the Pinehill Studios where Jessica Peoples and her company extend an Invitation to all to come along and enjoy student

Showcase Performances in ballet, contemporary dance and more (6.00pm-6.45pm) and Open Dance Workshops for all ages (6.45pm - 7.30pm). The dance workshop will give parents, friends, dancers or anyone curious enough to have a go, an idea of what it's like to train like a dancer.

As part of ZoNa Dance Co.'s ethos - ie. the belief that dance provides a context for an artistic experience which enables an individual to develop personally, socially and physically - this Invitation is extended to EVERYONE to participate for one evening and join us for a fun-filled time to celebrate the art of dance.



Venue 3 Letterkenny Town Park

W: www.cosanglas.com T: 087.2701506 086.8626779
E: info@cosanglas.com

LOINNIR Sculpture Trail 6.00pm - 10.30pm

Gaeltacht artists' collective

An Cosán Glas have just celebrated their 20th. year of creating magical, temporary outdoor sculpture trails with another spectacular 'Loinnir' presentation at Machaire Rabhartaigh, Gort a'Choice, as part of this year's Earagail Arts Festival. Featuring some of the stand-out, signature works of previous years, combined with new and recent works, this is An Cosán Glas' strongest exhibition to-date



Featured artists will include Deirdre Ní Bhraonáin, Séamus Kennedy, Anjo Nic Ghiolla Cheara, Ewan Berry, Micheál Mac Pháidín, Billy Wynter, Leanne McLaughlin, Jim Osborne and Máire Nic Fhearraigh.

Venue 4 Donegal County Museum

High Road Tel. 074 9124613 6.00pm -10.00pm

A Donegal Photo Album

Presented by Donegal County Museum and the Gallery of Photography, Dublin.

'A Donegal Photo Album' presents an insight into the life of Gaoth Dobhair musician and singer Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh, and the vibrant Donegal traditional music scene. Originally devised and shown as part of the Dublin Tradfest earlier this

year, it presents a selection of personal Ó Maonaigh Family photographs as well as others charting Mairéad's career with Altan and the band's musical collaborations with leading Irish and international musicians.



The exhibition has been jointly curated by The Gallery of Photography, Dublin and

Donegal County Museum and this is its first showing in Donegal. A selection of archival press cuttings which have been carefully collected by Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh's mother Kitty, charting her daughter's impressive career, are also included in the exhibition. A full length film documentary made by Ciarán Ó Maonaigh about Francie Mooney, father of Mairéad and his grandfather, Áit i mo Chroícan / A Place in My Heart, may be viewed during the exhibition.

As well as playing with Altan, Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh is also renowned for her work on other projects. She is a founder member of Cairdeas na bhFidiléirí (the Donegal Fiddlers Association) and she has presented various radio and television music programmes including The Long Note, The Pure Drop and The Full Set. Mairéad has featured on recordings with Enya, The Chieftains, Dolly Parton, The String Sisters, T with The Maggies and many more.

Letterkenny Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Traditional Session 7.30pm – 10.00pm

Specially for Culture Night, Comhaltas Letterkenny in conjunction with the Donegal County Museum, will present a 'Night of Traditional Music, Song and Dance' which will feature a performance from the branch's Senior Grúpa Ceoil who competed for the first time ever at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Sligo last month.. The Letterkenny branch has been in existence since 1957 and hosts a weekly traditional session on Tuesday nights at Gallagher's Hotel, Upper Main Street. All are welcome.

Films by John D. Ruddy 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Showing all evening will as selection from the 'Manny Man Does' series of comic, animated short films by John D. Ruddy including the new Wild Atlantic Way in 13 Minutes, History of Ireland in Six Minutes and the History of World War 1 in Six Minutes - all of which make learning about history fun!

John is an actor, illustrator and writer. You may find him touring in plays – including the forthcoming Canon James McDyer bio-play, I would Walk These Fields Again, and the revival in November of An Grianán Theatre's 2014 Earagail Arts Festival hit, Fiesta - as well as drawing caricatures and illustrating books!

Michael Parkinson Artwork 6.00pm -10.00pm

On display outside the Museum will be a new artwork by Michael Parkinson, a furniture maker and designer from Letterkenny who also leads workshops for the HSE at the Green Leaf Sheltered Training Centre, Letterkenny.

Steam Power at the County Museum. 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Come and join Tony Patton and family with 'Castlebane Annie' while they demonstrate the workings of a steam traction engine. 'Castlebane Annie' dates from 1909, weighs 17 tonnes and she is fitted with a steam pump dating from 1850's! Steam traction engines were used to power flax mills, corn mills and threshing machines.



Venue 5 Café Blend

High Road Tel. 074 9177787

North West Words

8.00pm –9.00pm & 9.15pm -10.15pm

North West Words is a monthly reading series that has been running at Café Blend since 2010. Presenting established and emerging writers, often alongside local musicians and visual artists, there is an opportunity too for writers to try their work on a live audience through the Open Mic platform

Tonight's Culture Night edition of NW Words will be in two parts, the first starting at 8.00pm will feature award-winning poet and short story writer **Breda Wall Ryan**. A recent winner of the iYeats Poetry Competition and the Gregory O'Donoghue International Poetry Prize 2015, Breda lives in Bray, Co. Wicklow. The second session, from 9.15pm, will feature Falcarragh poet **Annemarie Ní Churreáin**, who was Writer in Residence at the Jack Kerouac House in Orlando, Florida in 2014 and whose work has been published in Poetry Ireland Review, The London Magazine and The Morning Star. Both sessions will also feature music and an Open Mic platform.

Venue 6 Regional Cultural Centre

46 Port Road (behind An Grianán Theatre)

T: 074 9129186 W: www.regionalculturalcentre.com

F: www.facebook.com/regionalculturalcentre

EXHIBITIONS OPEN 6.00PM – 10.00PM

Gilles Caron 'In Colour' / Omar Yashruti 'Dúchas/ Homeland'

2 Photographic Exhibitions, presented by the Regional Cultural Centre, in association with Earagail Arts Festival.



Gilles Caron 'In Colour'

French photographer Gilles Caron is a legendary figure in the field of photojournalism, and one of the greatest photographers to have covered The Troubles in Northern Ireland. From 1965 - 1970 he made iconic photographs of a series of wars and

social conflicts across the globe. 'Gilles Caron - In Colour' includes a remarkable new series of 16 large colour prints of The Battle of the Bogside in Derry in August 1969 that have never been exhibited before. The show is part of an ongoing partnership project between the Nerve Centre, Derry and the Fondation Gilles Caron, Geneva. It has been curated by Inishowen-based curator, Declan Sheehan.

Omar Yashruti 'Dúchas / Homeland'

Omar Yashruti is a freelance Palestinian/Irish photographer based in Los Angeles, whose mother is from Milford, County Donegal, where he is a regular visitor. Omar has participated in numerous group shows and had his first solo show titled 'The North', a photographic essay on Northern Ireland, at The Perfect Exposure in Los Angeles in October 2009. Omar returned to Lebanon to live and work for a year in 2010/2011 where he produced a large body of work that included documentation of the Sabra and Shatila Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut. 'Dúchas/Homeland' is Omar's first solo exhibition in Ireland. It features over sixty large-scale black and white and colour prints taken in Lebanon in 2010/2011 and a number of photographs from Belfast and Derry taken in 2006 and 2009

Hands-On Art Room 6.00pm - 10.00pm

The Regional Cultural Centre is delighted to announce the return of the hugely popular Hands-On Art Room, where children, families and artists of all ages are invited to come along and make their own masterpieces.

VENUE 6 Donegal Music Education Partnership @ Regional Cultural Centre

Port Road (behind An Grianán Theatre)
Tel. 074 9176293 www.donegalalb.ie

Established in 2003 and based at the Regional Cultural Centre, the Donegal ETB managed Donegal Music Education Partnership is providing

the model for the emerging Music Generation system of music education, currently being developed nationally by the Music Network agency. The Donegal Music Education Partnership's programme for Culture Night will include an Open Public Rehearsal by the County Donegal Youth Orchestra, a performance by the Mind Your Quavers ensemble and the first showing of a new film documenting the Donegal Music Education Partnership's recent Soundwaves project for young musicians and singers.

County Donegal Youth Orchestra

8.15pm - 9.00pm Workshop 1&2 RCC

County Donegal Youth Orchestra (CDYO) is made up of young, talented musicians from around County Donegal, run under the Donegal Music Education Partnership banner. CDYO embraces a varied and often challenging repertoire, from well-known and loved compositions of the Classical era to modern and avant garde creations by modern composers and artists, taking in music from film and television in between.



Several unique and much-praised compositions have been created for the CDYO by composers and artists such as Vincent Kennedy, Little John Nee and Neil Martin. The Vincent Kennedy/ Little John Nee adaptation of Oscar Wilde's 'The Happy Prince' earned the youth orchestra a Special Achievement Award at the 2013 Festival of Youth Orchestras. The Orchestra is conducted by Vincent Kennedy.

Soundwaves Showcase

6.00pm - 10.00pm Auditorium RCC

A film documenting the Soundwaves programme for young Singers and Musicians which took place in Letterkenny from July to September.

Soundwaves is a groundbreaking project for young musicians, delivered by Donegal Music Education Partnership, in partnership with Music Generation, The Arts Council and Wall2Wall Music, Derry. Participants included singers and instrumentalists from all over



Culture Night at a Glance...

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Venue 1

FULL TILT RECORDING STUDIOS

Open Night @ Full Tilt Recording Studios
7.00pm - 10.00pm

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Venue 2

ZONA DANCE CO. @ PINEHILL STUDIOS.

Showcase Performances 6.00pm. Dance Workshop
6.45pm - 7.30pm

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Venue 3

LETTERKENNY TOWN PARK

An Cosán Glas: 'Loinnir' Sculpture Trail 6pm - 10.30pm

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Venue 4

DONEGAL COUNTY MUSEUM

Exhibition: 'A Donegal Photo Album' 6.00pm - 10.00pm
John D. Ruddy- 'Manny Man' Film Series 6.00pm - 10.00pm
'Castlebane Annie' Steam Traction Display 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Traditional Session: Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann 7.30pm - 10pm

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Venue 5

CAFÉ BLEND

North West Words Readings & Music 8.00pm & 9.15pm

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Venue 6

REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE

Exhibition: Gilles Caron, 'In Colour' 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Exhibition: Omar Yashruti, 'Duchas / Home' 6pm - 10.00pm
Hands-On Childrens Art Room 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Soundwaves Music Project - On Film 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Donegal Youth Orchestra Open Rehearsal 8.15pm - 9.00pm
Mind Your Quavers Ensemble 9.15pm - 10.00pm

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Venue 7

AN GRIANÁN THEATRE

'Austen's Women', with Rebecca Vaughan 8.00pm - 9.10pm
Culture Night Foyer Bar Cabaret 9.30pm - 12.00pm

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Venue 8

DONEGAL TRAVELLERS PROJECT @ PORT HOUSE

Intercultural Culture Night Celebration
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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Venue 9

ARTWORKS PICTURE FRAMING

Outdoor Film Screenings 7.30pm - 9.30pm

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Venue 10

THE LOFT

Film, Video & Music Showcase 6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Venue 11

THE COTTAGE

'The Swell Festival' Live 10.00pm - 12 Midnight

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Venue 12

BLISS BOUTIQUE

Film Screening, 'Na Mehans: Nios Conallai na Na Conallaigh'.
(30mins) 7.00pm, 8.00pm, 9.00pm

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Venue 13

MOURNE ANTIQUES

Exhibition: Gallery Artists 6.30pm - 9.00pm
Music 8.00pm - 9.00pm



Venue 14

DILLONS HOTEL

Letterkenny Community Heritage Group Debates
7.30pm & 8.15pm



Venue 15

CHURCH LANE HOUSTON HOUSE

Unveiling of Cathedral Quarter Mosaic 8.00pm - 10.00pm



Venue 16

UNIVERSAL BOOKS

Spoken Word and Music 8.00pm - 10.00pm



Venue 17

CONWAL PARISH CHURCH

Gaudium Chamber Choir 6.45pm - 8.00pm



Venue 18

ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL

The Conwal Singers & Friends 8.30pm - 9.30pm



Venue 19

TOWN HERITAGE WALK

Meet at St. Eunan's Cathedral @ 6.30pm 6.30pm -8.00pm



Venue 20

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

The Hazels Polish Folk Group 6.30pm -7.15pm
Waylon Gary White Deer 7.30pm - 8.15pm
John McNutt 8.30pm -9.30pm



Venue 21

CREATE A LINK ART STUDIO

Clay Modelling for Children 7.00pm - 10.00pm
Chalk Wall Installation 7.00pm - 10.00pm
Artists At Work 7.00pm - 10.00pm
Come Into My World 7.00pm - 10.00pm
Peter Crann's Percussion Sessions 7.15pm, 8.15pm, 9.15pm



Venue 22

ARTCO GALLERY

Exhibition: *Can I have Your Autograph?* 7.00pm -10.00pm
Exhibition: *Art on Chairs* 7.00pm - 10.00pm
Vintage Cars at ArtCo Carpark 7.00pm - 10.00pm

Donegal, in all genres – rock, pop, traditional, classical and jazz as well as digital musicians using garage band and other apps on ipads etc. All were involved in collaborative composing, leading, improvising, arranging, recording, producing, marketing and performing. Led by a creative team of experienced musicians, composers, videographers, producers and facilitators, the programme took place in Letterkenny over the summer months and culminated in a performance in the Regional Cultural Centre in early September.

Especially for Culture Night, an edited film documenting the Soundwaves creative process and the end-of-project performances (of the five ensembles formed during the course of the programme and of the complete Soundwaves collective) will be shown in the Regional Cultural Centre, at various times between 6.00pm and 10.00pm.

Mind Your Quavers Ensemble

9.15 pm -10.00pm Main Gallery RCC

Mind Your Quavers was formed with funding support from the Special EU Programme for Peace & Reconciliation and sits within Donegal Music Education Partnership's portfolio of performing groups as its Adult Ensemble. The members come from varied, multi-genre musical backgrounds, with many returning to playing their instruments after varying periods of non-practice. Led and encouraged by violinists Irene Donnelly and Seamus McGuire (West Ocean String Quartet, Buttons and Bows), they have dusted off their instruments and now perform an eclectic mix of music that moves from light classical to folk and more in between.

VENUE 7 An Grianán Theatre

Port Road, Tel. 074 9120777 W. www.angrianan.com

Austen's Women 8.00pm -9.10pm

Devised and Performed by Rebecca Vaughan.

Directed by Guy Masterson

Premiered to huge acclaim at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2009 and reprised in 2013 to further, sold-out success, 'Austen's Women' is Rebecca Vaughan's masterful portrayal of a gallery of Jane Austen's favorite and most celebrated female characters. Through scenes of high comedy to profound pathos, we encounter Elizabeth Bennett, Emma Woodhouse, Mrs. Norris, Marianne Dashwood, Mrs. Bates, Catherine Morland,

Mary Stanhope and more. We see the writer's portrayal of women is almost as relevant today as it was in the early 1800s when Jane Austen wrote her hugely popular novels of romantic fiction – *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Emma*, *Mansfield Park* and *Persuasion*. Her story lines, though fundamentally comic, hinged on the importance of marriage to women of the landed gentry as almost the only means of securing social standing and financial security.



Over the course of her performance, Rebecca Vaughan dresses as a privileged 18th century lady preparing for a night out. The costuming by Katie Flanagan, which includes a hand-made dress created specifically for the show, is a perfect copy of the period style.

Vaughan's one-woman show has hints of Sex and the City as well as Catherine Tate in it – showing us the way in which Austen may have laid the foundations of modern observational comedy. Under Guy Masterson's direction, the piece is tightly corseted but frilly, flowing and flamboyant in all the right places. The Stage.

Austen's Women takes a rewarding exploration of her varied female characters, leaving aside the focus of the men, which is refreshing as everyone is tired of Colin Firth's Mr. Darcy overshadowing Austen's caustically witty writingAs we arrive, the sound system is playing 60s and 70s pop, including Sugar Baby Love by The Rubettes, which sets up beautifully the playful approach of Vaughan's delivery and Masterson's direction. Edinburgh Guide.

Post Show Culture Night Entertainment

9.30pm – 12.00pm

Enjoy a special Culture Night evening of music, song and more in An Grianán Theatre's Foyer Bar, featuring a selection of seasoned cabaret favourites and new, emerging talents.

Venue 8 Donegal Travellers Project @ Port House

Port House, Station Roundabout. T: 074 9129281

E: travcom@eircom.net

Intercultural Celebration 7.00pm -9.00pm

In 2010-11, the Port na Failte Intercultural Resource Centre at Port House, was one of the most active and most popular venues on the Culture Night trail. The Port na Failte project ended in late 2011 but the part

of the building that housed it has recently come back into community use and is now home to the Donegal Travellers Project. DTP have in turn have invited the Letterkenny Intercultural Platform (E: donegalip@gmail.com T: 086.8799889) to meet there one day a week – Fridays 2.00pm to 5.00pm – so preserving the welcoming ethos of the building. For Culture Night, Donegal Travellers Project and the Donegal Intercultural Platform have come together to present a special intercultural evening of music, song, dance for all the family. Food and refreshments will also be available.

Venue 9 Artworks Picture Framing

Port Road (opp. An Grianán Theatre)
T: 0749125073 E. info@artworksframing.ie

Outdoor Film Screening 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Artworks presents another of its unique outdoor screenings of new short films, animations and video works, created by local film makers including Steve McCollum, Daniel McGarrigle and Charlie Doherty, as well as a showcase programme by students of Letterkenny Institute of Technology's Media and Design courses.

Venue 10 The LOFT Youth Project & Health Advice Café

16-18 Port Road www.donegalyouthservice.ie/loft
Tel. 074 912964, 9188271

The LOFT Youth Project 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.

Culture Night Films and Music at The LOFT 6.30pm - 8.00pm

The LOFT Youth Project on the Port Road will show a series of short films produced by Donegal Youth Service. The screenings will be interspersed with live music performances, displays of art work produced by the LOFT's participants and a range of treats for visitors on Culture Night.

Venue 11 The Cottage

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

'The Swell Festival' Live 10.00pm - Late

No boats or tents required as Oileán Arainn Mhór's hugely popular Swell Festival of music and arts comes ashore for a special, mainland Culture Night presentation. Relive memories of the high summer event with performances by some of the brightest stars on the North West music scene - Aisling Jarvis, Rosie Carney, Orlaith Gilcreest and Sarah Cullen.

Venue 12 Bliss Boutique

46 Upper Main Street T: 074 9121080
Prop. Sanjay Mehan.

Film Screening 7.00pm, 8.00pm, 9.00pm (30mins)

The origin's of Sanjay Mehan's Bliss Boutique, a long established fashion store on Letterkenny's Upper Main Street, date back to the mid 1960s when Sanjay's father Devinder first arrived in Ireland from India and set about founding a travelling drapery business, selling clothes and garments throughout the Gaeltacht areas of North and West Donegal. In October 2014, TG4 broadcast a facinating short film telling Devinder's story as part of its Cogar documentary series. Made by one-time Donegal resident, journalist and radio producer, Mary Phelan, 'The Mehans - Níos Conallai ná Na Conallaigh', will be shown at Bliss Boutique at 7.00pm, 8.00pm and 9.00pm. Refreshments will also be served. Last year, Bliss Boutique celebrated 30 years in business on Letterkenny's Main Street.

Venue 13 Mourne Antiques

38 Upper Main Street T: 074 9126457
www.mourneantiques.com Prop. Frances Spears

Gallery Artists 6.00pm – 9.00pm Live Music 8.00pm-9.00pm

A veritable treasure trove of antique jewellery, ceramics, prints, contemporary crafts, watercolours, ornate furniture and more. Featuring works by many noted Irish artists and craftspeople including Edel McBride, Ailsa Friel, Emily Bazely, Brian O'Doherty, Jane Ryan, Karen O'Kane, Siobhán Steele, Shelagh Dwyer, Raymond Kingham, Emer O'Sullivan, Mary Friel, Brenda McNelis, Sarah McKenna, Victoria Bentham and Scott Benefield.

Venue 14 Dillon's Hotel

Main Street T: 074 9122977. Letterkenny
Community Heritage Group T: 074 9127377



Letterkenny Community Heritage Group present The Letterkenny Debates, featuring The Oldtown and Theobald Wolf Tone, 7.30pm-9.00pm.



Letterkenny Community Heritage Group host two short debates on matters concerning the history of Letterkenny. The first debate, commencing at 7.30pm, will focus on whether or not the Oldtown is the oldest part of Letterkenny? The second, commencing at 8.15pm, will address

the thorny question of whether Theobald Wolfe Tone was arrested in Letterkenny or in Buncrana? Amongst those taking part will be **Gabriel Flood, Kieran Kelly and Hugh Devlin.**

Venue 15 Church Lane Houston House

Save The Church Lane/Cathedral Quarter Group
T: 086.3452457
F: www.facebook.com/SaveTheChurchLane

Unveiling of Cathedral Quarter Mosaic at Houston House 8.00pm -10.00pm

As part of its on-going effort to revitalise this once vibrant street at the heart of Letterkenny, the Save The Church Lane / Cathedral Quarter Group will unveil a special Cathedral Quarter Mosaic at Houston House, on the corner of Upper Main Street and Church Lane. The artwork is being created in the run-up to Culture Night, by mosaic artist **Macola Vonga** who is working in an open studio on Church Lane, assisted by various visiting artists and young people.



Venue 16 Universal Books

Church Lane T: 074 9161869 E: universal@yahoo.ie
F: www.facebook.com/universalbooksletterkenny

Spoken Word and Music 8.00pm - 10.00pm

A special Universal spoken word and music event for Culture Night with an eclectic gathering of guest writers,

singers and musicians. Teas and Refreshments will be served. All are Welcome.



Venue 17 Conwal Parish Church

Church Lane.
www.facebook.com/conwalandgartanparish

Gaudium Chamber Choir 6.45pm-8.00pm

Drawn from a pool of experienced singers from Donegal, Derry and Fermanagh, Gaudium Chamber Choir is a newly formed ensemble, led by Fanad-based organist and choral director, Daniel Braddell. The Choir's programme will include both secular and religious music, from Schubert, Mendelssohn, Elgar, Stanford and Finzi. 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. Last year, its church tower and spire underwent an extensive and very impressive refurbishment.

Venue 18 St. Eunan's Cathedral

The Conwal Singers and Friends 8.30pm - 9.30pm

This is an opportunity for music lovers to experience the exhilaration of choral music performed in

the superb acoustics of St. Eunan's

Cathedral. The Conwal Singers have performed in St. Eunan's on two occasions already this year, as part of the Palestrina Mass and as part of the Donegal Massed Choirs' performance of Beethoven's Mass in C. The

Conwal Singers were also among the featured artists at the Donegal Chamber Music Festival at Glenveagh National Park this summer, where they performed a special concert at Glenveagh Castle.



Venue 19 A Gothic Progress through Letterkenny

A Walking Tour with Prof. Alistair Rowan 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Meet St. Eunan's Cathedral 6.30pm

Donegal County Council Heritage Office, Station Island, Lifford. T: 074 9172576 E: heritage@donegalcoco.ie

This short walking tour will highlight some aspects of the architectural heritage of Letterkenny (including its Gothic architecture, ecclesiastical structures and historic buildings) and the architects who designed them. The walk will be led by noted architectural historian Alistair Rowan, author of *The Buildings of Ireland: North West Ulster*, Emeritus Professor of the History of Art at University College Dublin and former Principal of the Edinburgh College of Art. He is currently directing the research and writing of *The Buildings of Ireland* series. The walk will start at the French Gothic Revival style St. Eunan's Cathedral, progress up the Main Street and finish at the County Museum (the former Workhouse designed by George Wilkinson).

Venue 20 The Central Library

Oliver Plunkett Road Tel. 074 9124950
www.donegallibrary.ie

Central Library and the EU Direct Centre present an intercultural programme of music, poetry, art, song and storytelling for Culture Night. The varied programme comprises music and poetry from 'The Hazels' Polish Folk group, a talk on the culture of the Choctaw Nation, accompanied by an art exhibition and North American Indian chant from Waylon Gary White Deer and music and conversation with well-known Downings singer/songwriter, John McNutt.

'The Hazels' Polish Folk Group 6.30pm - 7.15pm

The Hazels Polish Folk Group will perform a programme of Polish folk music and will be joined by children from Donegal's Polish community in song and poetry. This group has performed around Donegal and earlier this year took part in the Polska Éire 2015 Festival in Letterkenny, where they celebrated the poetry of world renowned Polish poet, Wistawa Szymborska.

Waylon Gary White Deer 7.30pm - 8.15pm

Waylon Gary White Deer is a Choctaw artist and author. His work has been exhibited at the Irish Cultural Centre in New York and at the American Embassy in Dublin. Waylon will give a talk about the culture of the Choctaw Nation and its associations with Ireland. He will also perform some native North American Indian chant and an exhibition of his paintings will be on display in the Central Library from Monday to Saturday, September 14 to 19.

John McNutt (Singer/Songwriter) 8.30pm - 9.30pm

An hour of stellar music and sparkling conversation with John McNutt, singer/songwriter and virtuoso guitarist from Downings. John's music spans different genres, from folk and traditional to jazz and blues, and is always original and thought provoking. He performs regularly throughout Donegal and will be travel to Germany to perform this October. His third CD, *Other Dreams*, has just been released.

Venue 21 Create-A-Link Studio

Pearse Road (behind Charley's Café & McKendrick House) Tel. 074 9168745

All events 7.00pm -10.00pm

Children's Clay Workshops

Children will have the chance to let their imaginations run wild, creating their own interpretations through clay modelling of funny little creatures.

The Chalk Wall Installation

Letterkenny artists will co-ordinate a magical wall of art with the aid and imagination of children of the community.

Come into my World

This is a collective exhibition of miniature metal boxes that will contain unique Artworks.

Artists at Work

In the open space three invited Artists at work, **Damien Carlin (Ballybofey)**, **Thomas Putt (Tooban)** and **Alarnagh Barrett Mc Ginley (Ardara)** will be working live on their current projects, giving visitors the opportunity to see an artist at work.

The Art of Rhythm with Peter Crann

7.15pm, 8.15pm, 9.15pm

Create-A-Link and Worklink members will present three open air, rhythmic drumming performances in the car park between Artco and Create-A-Link, led by Peter Crann of 'We Drum Ireland' from Sligo.

Venue 22 ArtCo Gallery

Pearse Road (behind Charley's Café & McKendrick House) Tel. 074 9168745

Can I have your Autograph?- A Collection of Memorabilia 7.00pm - 10.00pm

For one night only Artco will showcase the treasured trinkets lovingly collected by avid fans, from autographed cd's and records to cup final winning jerseys. The collection will be an eclectic mix of special moments, chance meetings with a famous face or simply the rewards for waiting an hour in the rain for your hero to emerge from the stage door. This show will have something for everyone, music fan, sports fan, movie fanatic, literary lover or just plain old celebrity spotters. So take your chance to see something both rare and special before it goes

back to its own personal pride of place.

Art on Chairs



Reclaimed chairs will be painted in the style of world renowned artists including Picasso, Matisse and Dali to name but a few. This work will be shown in ARTCO and each chair will be on sale for €30 each, all money will go to a social mental health group.

A Drive Down Memory Lane

Donegal Vintage and Classic Car Club will showcase a selection of cars in the car park between Artco and Create-A-Link. This will add to the ambience of Culture Night.



Culture Night Letterkenny

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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