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# Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival

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This is the 14th. year of the Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival. A Donegal County Council Cultural Services initiative, supported by An Comhairle Ealaíon and Donegal County Council. This is an exciting time for the Festival as it plays its part in assisting the continuing development of the tourism sector in the county by adding a significant cultural offering to the Wild Atlantic Way, and supporting the food sector by working closely with Donegal County Council's Local Enterprise Office in the promotion of the innovative Donegal Food Coast initiative.

Once again, the Festival will bring a

packed programme of touring theatre, traditional music and dance, literary events, visual arts, arts in schools, a carnival parade, as well as classical and contemporary music performances, to a host of towns, villages and rural communities throughout South and SW Donegal.

**Festival Opening**

The official Festival Opening will take place at The Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon on Saturday night, September 27 from 7.30pm and will include the launch of a new solo Exhibition by award-winning East Donegal artist Ann Quinn and a performance by the Donegal Youth Choir, fresh for their appearance at the recent Electric Picnic Festival. All are welcome to

come along and enjoy the occasion.

**Theatre & Dance Programme**

The Festival Theatre Programme will include Balor Rep Theatre Company's First World War drama, Remembrances, An Grianán Theatre's brand new production of Pat McCabe's Frank Pig Says Hello, the Ulster Theatre Company's Dracula, as well as Donegal Drama Circle's new production of John B. Keane's classic comedy, Moll. Theatre Performances will take place in Ballyshannon, Ballybofey, Pettigo, Donegal Town, Glenties and Glencolmille. The Festival is especially happy to present two new dance works this year - Aoife Toner's Turas, a response

to the Turas Cholm Cille pilgrimage path in Glencolmille and Nora Kavanagh's The Donegal Weavers, a revival of a forgotten traditional figure dance popular among the Donegal community in Glasgow in the 1950's and 60s.

### Music Programme

This year's Festival Music Programme will be one of the strongest yet and will feature concert performances by The Henry Girls, Beth Nielsen Chapman, LittleJohn Nee & the Caledonia Highly Strung Orchestra as well as emerging new talent in the form of Slow Skies, Fiona Maria Fitzpatrick and Eve Belle. Festival concerts will take place in Dunkineely, Ballybofey, Kilcar, Ballyshannon and

Ardara. The Festival is delighted to work again with two of the county's top traditional music events, the Johnny Doherty Music and Dancing Festival and Cairdeas na bhFidléirí's annual Donegal Fiddlers Gathering in Glenties. Among the artists appearing at these highly enjoyable autumnal gatherings are Cherish The Ladies, The Friel Sisters, Siobhán Peoples and Geordie McAdam.

### Carnival Weekend & Sunday Miscellany

This year's Carnival Weekend in Ballyshannon will include the fabulous Wild Atlantic Way-themed Carnival Parade on Saturday night, October 4th. and the very welcome return of the RTÉ Radio 1 Sunday Miscellany live

recordings to The Abbey Arts Centre, on Sunday afternoon, October 5th. Among the featured writers will be Moya Cannon, Pat Boran, Marie Hannigan and Anthony Glavin, with musicians Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh, Marie Askin, Martin McGinley and the Donegal Camerata String Ensemble.

### Visual Arts Film

The Meitheal Ealaíne artist group's exhibition in Gleann Choilm Cille will include works by nine local artists, while the Bundoran Waves celebration of surf culture will include a group art exhibition and the special screening of a selection of new short films produced by local surfer film makers.

### Acknowledgements

The Festival programme is created in partnership with a number of prominent Donegal arts and community development initiatives including the The Abbey Arts Centre and Erne Enterprise Development Company Ltd. in Ballyshannon, Cairdeas na bhFidléirí, Johnny Doherty Music and Dancing Festival in Ardara, the Donegal ETB Music Education Partnership, Coiste Chultúrtha Dhún Cheann Fhaola, the Inishowen-based LUXe landscape theatre company, Dark Daughter Productions, Discover Bundoran, The Balor Arts Centre and The Balor Rep Theatre Company in Ballybofey, Donegal Drama Circle in Donegal Town and the Meitheal Ealaíne artists group.

BALOR REP THEATRE COMPANY

# Remembrances

By Jonathan Burgess • Directed by Kieran Quinn

**FRIDAY • September 26** • The Community Centre, **Glenties**

**THURSDAY • October 2** • The Termon Complex, **Pettigo**

**SUNDAY • October 5** • **Halla Mhuire, Gleann Choilm Cille**

All Performances 8.30pm • €12/€10

*'Only God would know  
how many I killed'*

It's Remembrance Sunday in 1938. Four men – all veterans of the First World War - are gathered in a Lifford pub. All have their own reasons, all have their own story. As Europe stands on the brink of a second World War in 25 years, the fires of old conflicts – both domestic and foreign - still burn. What was promised? What was achieved? What was won? Many of these questions will be answered this day, but many more may be created.

Through the media of drama and specially commissioned film, Remembrances examines the lasting legacy of the First World War in Ireland, North and South, and those who were left to deal with its aftermath. We see how these events have shaped our present day and indeed, the lessons it presents for our shared future. Directed by Kieran Quinn, the cast



features Jack Quinn and Cathleen Bradley – also currently appearing in Conal Gallen's hugely successful *A Bit On The Side* - along with Kevin Gallagher, Keith Lynch and Gary Crossan.

Balor Rep Theatre Company are based at The Balor Theatre, Ballybofey. Previous productions for the Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival have included John Murphy's *The Country Boy* and Philip Deane's *Long Gone Lonesome Cowgirls*.

This production of Remembrances has been supported by the Reconciliation Fund of The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and by Donegal County Council.

## DONEGAL DRAMA CIRCLE

# Moll

By John B. Keane • Directed by Christian Carbin and Art Kavanagh

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY • October 3-5**

St. John Bosco Centre, **Donegal Town** • 8.30pm • Tickets at Door



John B. Keane's much-loved *Moll* is a hilarious comedy set in a priests' house, in 1970s rural Kerry. It enjoyed a hugely successful revival at The Gaeity Theatre in Dublin earlier this year, where its providence as the forerunner of the classic 1990s TV comedy *Father Ted*, was plain to be seen.

When Canon Pratt and his two curates, Father Brest and Father Loran, select *Moll* as their new housekeeper, little do they know that life is never going to be the same again! *Moll* is on a mission and she wraps the Canon around her little finger and feeds him well, while starving the younger priests. Soon the Canon is promoted and one of the curates takes his place but it's *Moll* who's really running the show now. When it comes to the question of her pension, more chaos ensues – however

with the support of the Bishop, *Moll* proves to be an unstoppable force.

Donegal Drama Circle have produced a play for the Festival each year since its inception. Last year's sparkling interpretation of Oscar Wilde's *Importance of Being Ernest* was a Festival highlight while previous successes have included *The Odd Couple*, *Dancing At Lughnasa*, Martin McDonagh's *Connemara Trilogy*, *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*, *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme* and *Carthaginians*.

For this special Festival production, the part of *Moll* is played by Amanda Crawford with Richard Hurst as Canon Pratt. Conor Friery and Paddy Campbell play young curates Father Brest and Father Loran, Kathelln McCrudden is Bridín, while Sean McLoone plays the Bishop.

*Immediately evokes Father Ted ...  
John B. Keane's comedy hits the target.*

**Irish Independent**

AN GRIANÁN THEATRE

# Frank Pig Says Hello

By Pat McCabe • Directed by David Grant

Adapted from the best-selling novel by Patrick McCabe, *The Butcher Boy*

**WEDNESDAY • October 1** • Abbey Arts Centre, **Ballyshannon** • 8.30.pm • €12/€10

**FRIDAY • October 3** • The Community Centre, **Glenties** • 8.30.pm • €12/€10

*'It's a bitter day for this town if the world comes to an end!'*

Adapted from Pat McCabe's acclaimed novel *The Butcher Boy*, *Frank Pig Says Hello* tells the story of a young boy's breakdown in a rural Irish town. Set in 1960s to a backdrop of comic book heroes, Flash bars and the Cuban Missile Crisis, the play is a poignant and provocative journey into the heart and mind of Francie Brady, as he struggles to grow out of childhood into teenage adolescence. Over 30 characters are played by two brilliantly versatile actors, Patrick McBrearty and Stefan Dunbar, in a wild and darkly comic, theatre experience.

## Patrick McBrearty

St. Johnston actor Patrick McBrearty is a recent graduate of London's famous Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. A very well-known performer on the Donegal theatre scene, he has appeared in many productions over the years including *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for An Grianán Theatre and Philadelphia, *Here I Come!*, for which he won 5 Best Actor Awards on the Amateur Drama Festival circuit.

## Stefan Dunbar

Stefan Dunbar commenced his acting career at The Ardhowen Theatre, appearing in such productions as *Dancing at Lughnasa* and *The Playboy of the Western World*. He won a scholarship to Walnut Hill School for the Arts in Boston and is a recent graduate of the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

Photo: Alan McLaughlin



ULSTER THEATRE COMPANY AND THEATRE AT THE MILL PRESENTS

*Jonathan Harker and*

# DRACULA

*Adapted and Directed by Michael Poynor • Music by Mark Dougherty*

**THURSDAY • October 2**

Balor Arts Centre, Main Street, **Ballybofey** • 8.30pm • €18/€15

This new adaptation of Bram Stoker's masterpiece sees Gerard McCarthy playing both the diarist Jonathan Harker, and the greatest supernatural character of all time, Dracula.

Count Dracula's unnerving appearance and the frightened reaction of the locals fail to warn Harker, a young traveller from England, about his host. This is a land where reality is far more frightening than superstition.

Using on-stage cameras, projected film, quadraphonic sound and a newly commissioned musical soundtrack, this thrilling new production is set to make audiences scream.

Gerard McCarthy is one of Northern Ireland's most exciting and versatile young actors. Best known for his



television roles in The Fall and Vikings, he recently appeared in The Globe Theatre's production of The Merry Wives of Windsor. He makes his feature film debut in a leading role in the new Irish War of Independence film, A Nightingale Falling, which has just gone on

general cinema release.

Kim Marsh, who has appeared in Coronation Street and in the West End production of Saturday Night Fever, Jayne Wisener from Tim Burton's Sweeney Todd and Rachel Tucker from the phenomenally successful West End musical, Wicked, will each appear in cameo pre-recorded film roles as the 'Brides of Dracula'!

**Please Note:** Not Suitable for Children Under 12.



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# Wild Atlantic Waves Carnival Parade

**SATURDAY • October 4**

College Street, Castle Street,  
The Port, **Ballyshannon** • 7.30pm

This year's Carnival Parade will celebrate Donegal's maritime culture in a Wild Atlantic Way-themed spectacular, inspired by our community's defining relationship with the sea. Fishing, surfing and swimming will be among the many sea-based activities featured in a carnival spectacular directed by Maura Logue and Mandy Blinco.

The streets of Ballyshannon will be brought to life with specially designed props, costumes, sounds and light provided by LUXe Landscape Theatre Company, Workhouse Studios, Dark Daughter Productions, Bundoran's Unstoppable Samba Band and many more. They will be joined by up to 200 performers including young people from Magh Éne College and Coláiste Colmcille, from Neighbourhood Youth Projects in Bundoran and Ballyshannon and from all local primary schools.

The Pre Carnival Workshop Programme

is led by a team of local artists who have been facilitating and working on innovative surf-themed art projects since early September. A further series of workshops in stilt-walking, percussion, dance, movement, lantern making and surf art is being delivered by Streetwise, Itchy Feet Percussion and Dark Daughter Productions, in various locations in Ballyshannon and Bundoran. All members of the community are invited to join in. You can Book your place now on the Carnival Workshop Programme by contacting Dark Daughter Productions on T: 087 3458459.

**Please Note:** Parking Restrictions and Traffic Diversions will be in place along the Parade Route from 6.00pm – 9.00pm. Please co-operate with Carnival Parade Stewards, An Garda Síochána and Civil Defence Personnel at all times. Warm Clothing is advisable. Come out and enjoy the Parade!

Surfer : Image by Gavin McGeer

# Turas

Choreographed and Performed by **Aoife Toner**

**DÉ DOMHNAIGH • 28ú Meán Fómhair • SUNDAY • September 28**

Oideas Gael, **Gleann Choilm Cille • 8.30pm FREE**



Is saothar damhsa comhaimseartha é Turas atá cumtha ag Aoife Toner, damhsóir is córagrafóir as Dhún na nGall. Tógann a saothar a ionspioráid ó Thuras Choilm Cille, oilithreacht ársa a théann thar cúig stáisiún déag i gceanntar Ghleann Choilm Cille. Déanann na hoilithreacha gluaiseachtaí is comharthaí ar leith, ag chuile stáisiún ar an turas, a mhaireann thar 5.5km.

Déantar an Turas i nGleann Cholm Cille ar lá fhéasta Naoimh Choilm Cille, an 9ú lá Mheitheamh, agus tá sé á dhéanamh anois sa Ghleann leis na céadta bliain anuas. Lean Aoife Toner an Turas i mbliana le dáréag eile, i gcuideachtain Paidí Beag Mac Ghiolla Easbuig, a bhfuil cónaí ar i nGleann Choilm Cille fad a shaoil, agus a bhfuil ina eólaí mór le rá fá dtaobh de thraidisiún an

Turais. Is cinnte go ndeachaigh an taithí go mór uithi mar ealaíontóir agus mar dhuine.

Turas is Donegal contemporary dancer and choreographer Aoife Toner's response to the Turas Choilm Cille pilgrimage path which follows 15 stations in and around the village of Gleann Cholm Cille. At each station, some of which date back over 3000 years, pilgrims complete a particular set of repetitive, symbolic movements, gestures, actions and devotions. Traditionally the Turas is performed by pilgrims on the feast day of St. Colmcille, June 9th, and at over 5.5 km it is the longest turas still performed in Ireland.

This summer, Aoife Toner was among a group of 12 pilgrims who undertook the pilgrimage with Paidí Beag Mac Giolla Easbuig, a native of Gleann Cholm Cille and an expert on the traditions of the Turas.

Over the past year, Aoife Toner has been Dance Artist in Residence at An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny, in a programme funded by The Arts Council.

# Johnny Doherty Music and Dancing Festival

[www.johnnydohertyfestival.com](http://www.johnnydohertyfestival.com) • [www.ardara.ie](http://www.ardara.ie)

Following on last year's tremendous success, the Festival is delighted to link up once again with the Johnny Doherty Music and Dancing Festival in Ardara, where the legacy of the great Donegal Fiddler, John Doherty, is celebrated. The Festival is presented by the Ardara branch of Comhaltas Cheoltóirí Éireann and is part-funded by Donegal County Council.

## Rachel Walker James Graham

FRIDAY • September 26

The Beehive Bar, Ardara • 8.00pm  
€10 • Booking 087 6900714

Rachel Walker was the winner of the Gaelic Singer of the Year Award at the 2013 Scots Trad Awards. She has released three CDs of traditional song to-date, including her current *Air Chaill* ('caillte') which also showcases her song-writing talents. She performs regularly as a solo artist and has also supported Runrig, at Glasgow Barrowlands and the Manchester Apollo. Rachel is also a member of the Gaelic song quartet, Cruinn.

Lochinver singer and Highland piper James Graham won the BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year Award in 2004. Three years later, he won the Gold Medal – the highest accolade for mens' solo singing – at the Royal



National Mod. James has also been featured in Aly Bain's hugely successful Transatlantic Sessions series. His current CD *Greisean Gréine* ('paistí gréine') was produced by Rachel Walker.

*Rachel Walker is a musician of outstanding vocal beauty... a joy to listen to.* **The Living Tradition**  
*One of the Gaelic music world's newest and brightest stars.*

**BBC Radio nan Gàidheal**

## Cherish The Ladies

**SATURDAY • September 27 • The Nesbitt Arms Hotel, Ardara**

8.00pm • €18 • Booking 087 6900714 (€20 at Door)

Grammy-nominated, Irish-American super group Cherish The Ladies have for the past 28 years toured the world, played the White House and recorded 15 outstanding albums.



Under the leadership of All-Ireland flute and whistle champion Joanie Madden, along with Mary Coogan (guitar), Mirella Murray (accordion), Kathleen Boyle (piano), Nollaig Casey (fiddle), Heidi Talbot (vocals and bodhrán) and dancers Declan McHale and Nathan Pilatzke, these performers create an evening that includes a spectacular blend of virtuoso instrumental talents, beautiful vocals and stunning step dancing, packaged into hugely entertaining show.

*It is simply impossible to imagine an audience that wouldn't enjoy what they do.*

**The Boston Globe**



## The Friel Sisters

**SUNDAY • September 28**

The Beehive Bar, Ardara

8.00pm • €10

Booking 087 6900714

The Closing Concert of the Johnny Doherty Festival features The Friel Sisters - Anna, Sheila and Clare - from Glasgow. Earlier this year, the launch of their debut CD, The Friel Sisters, was a highlight of Scoil Gheimhridh Frankie Kennedy. The Sisters have performed

at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow as part of Celtic Connections as well as at the Tonder Festival in Denmark, the Willie Clancy Summer School and Sligo Live. They have guested with The Chieftains, Cherish The Ladies and Altan, on several occasions.

*These three siblings from the Donegal-Glasgow community offer honest-to-goodness and utterly rooted traditional singing and playing. **The Scotsman** An intuitive, no nonsense mix of flute, fiddle and pipes reflecting a gene pool rich in Donegal songs. **The Irish Times***

## IN ASSOCIATION WITH ARDARA MENS SHED

### The Donegal Weavers

**SATURDAY • September 27**

John Molloy Knitwear & Tweeds, **Ardara** • 2.00pm – 3 .00pm • FREE

The Donegal Weavers is an Irish Figure Dance, popular among the Irish Community in Glasgow in the 1950s and 60s. Dance teacher Charles Kelly created the dance around the Donegal tradition of handloom weaving, with each figure of the dance representing an element of the weaving process.

Gortahork dance teacher and theatre practitioner Nora Kavanagh has researched the dance and, especially for the Donegal Fleadh Cheoil earlier this year, assembled a group of 12

dancers to revive and perform it again. This afternoon, Nora will lead a special Performance and Workshop of The Donegal Weavers figure dance.

The performance will be preceded by a demonstration of hand loom weaving by Ardara weaver Colm Sweeney, on the new 'Spirit of Donegal' handloom. This beautifully handcrafted loom has been recently constructed as part of an Ardara Mens Shed project, led by Colm Sweeney and master carpenter Bartley Haughey.



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## DONEGAL MUSIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

# Donegal Youth Choir

*Conductor Sarah Laughlin with Evan McGarrigle, Piano.*

**SATURDAY • September 27 • Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon • 8.00pm • FREE**

Directed by Sarah Laughlin, the Donegal Youth Choir is one of a number of high quality music ensembles established by the Donegal Music Education Partnership to provide exciting performance opportunities for its instrumental and vocal students.

Comprising over 20 dedicated young singers from around the county, the Donegal Youth Choir perform songs from a wide variety of genres ranging from early music through to musical theatre, spirituals, classical, rock and popular including works by Hawkins, Sosa, Bob Marley, Coldplay, Snow Patrol, Andrew Lloyd Weber and Gary Barlow.

Earlier this year, they joined youth choirs from all around Ireland to perform at the Big Sing event at the Mansion House in Dublin. They have just recently completed their most exciting engagement yet, playing three sets at the Mindfield space at this year's Electric Picnic Festival!

The Donegal Music Education Partnership is an initiative of the County Donegal Education and Training Board (formerly VEC). It provides instrumental and vocal tuition in all genres of music (Classical, Traditional, Rock/Pop and Jazz) to children and young adults throughout County Donegal. All students are invited to join a relevant ensemble or choir to enhance their musical and social skills.

The Donegal Music Education Partnership is based at the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny and may be contacted at T: 074.9176293 and E: [musiceducation@donegaletb.ie](mailto:musiceducation@donegaletb.ie)



# Sofia Talvik

**SUNDAY • September 28**

Balor Arts Centre, Main Street,

**Ballybofey • 8.30pm • €12.50**

[www.sofiatalvik.com](http://www.sofiatalvik.com)



comparisons with the likes of Joni Mitchell and Nick Drake. An accomplished composer and performer, she has six studio albums to her name and has opened

Sofia Talvik is a singer songwriter from Gothenburg, Sweden, now living in Berlin. She has lived and toured extensively in the US so that her music boasts a classic Americana roots flavour, leading to favourable

shows for artists like Suzanne Vega and Maria McKee. She has also played many renowned American festivals like SXSW, Lollapalooza and the Folk Alliance International Conference. Opening for Sofia on the night will be **Ciaran Lavery**.

# Slow Skies

**MONDAY • September 29 • Balor Arts Centre,**  
Main Street, **Ballybofey • 8.30pm • €8.00**

Slow Skies are musician and music producer Conal Herron from Glenties and singer songwriter Karen Sheridan from Dublin. The duo met while studying music in London and returned to Ireland to record their debut EP, *Silhouettes*, at Conal's home studio in Glenties, which they released in the summer of 2012. A second EP, *Closer*, followed in winter of the same year.

Their song, *On The Shore*, was featured on American ABC TV show, *Ravenswood*, and three of their songs will be featured in the forthcoming Imap documentary, *A Search For Freedom*. They have played in New York as part of CMJ Festival, *Other Voices* in Dingle and have headlined shows in Dublin and London. They started off 2014 supporting James Vincent McMorrow on his Irish tour and followed that with recent high profile opening slots for St. Vincent and Cat Power in Dublin's Olympia Theatre. This Balor gig is part of an Irish tour coinciding with the release of their latest EP, *Keepsake*, which will cap a remarkable year for one of Irish music's rising stars.



# Beth Nielsen Chapman

**WEDNESDAY • October 1**

Balor Arts Centre, Main Street, **Ballybofey**

8.30pm • €20 • [www.bethnielsenchapman.com](http://www.bethnielsenchapman.com)

Beth Nielsen Chapman is a singer, songwriter, creativity teacher and environmental activist from Nashville, Tennessee. Considered by many to be one of the finest singer-songwriters of her generation, she has written hit songs for some of the world's best loved artists including Emmylou Harris, Elton John, Bonnie Raitt, Neil Diamond, Roberta Flack and Don Williams. Her No. 1 hits have included This Kiss for Faith Hill, Strong Enough To Bend for

Tanya Tucker and Nothin' I Can Do About It Now and A'int Necessarily So , for Willie Nelson.

In her new album, *Uncovered* , released earlier this year, she has recorded a selection of her own favourite compositions, all of which were Top 10 hits or better for other artists. The result is a record which showcases Beth Nielsen Chapman's prowess at writing in a wide range of styles, from infectious pop sensibilities to the best of bluegrass and country.

Beth will be joined on stage by Belfast singer-songwriter Ruth Trimble and there will also be a guest appearance from the hugely popular winner of The Voice UK 2013 - Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone singer, Andrea Begley.

*Delicately crafted folk music of the highest order*

– **Rolling Stone**





CUIREANN COISTE CULTÚRTHA DHÚN CHEANN FHAOLA I LÁTHAIR

# The Henry Girls

**THURSDAY • October 2**

McIntyre's Bar, **Dunkineely** • 8.30pm • €10/€6 • [www.thehenrygirls.com](http://www.thehenrygirls.com)

Within the past few years, sisters Karen, Lorna and Joleen McLaughlin, have become one of the most talked about folk/roots acts to come out of Ireland, captivating audiences on worldwide stages having toured in the UK, Germany, America, Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, Holland and Austria.

The Henry Girls, of course, have been singing, playing music and performing together from an early age. The McLaughlin family home in Malin, Inishowen was steeped in the musical traditions of Donegal, Scotland and American Oldtime and this has shaped the sisters' distinctive harmonising singing style as well as their instrumental music that veers with subtlety and with verve from traditional Irish, to jazz, to bluegrass and country.

Huffington Post declared their album December Moon as one Top 10 albums of 2013. It was produced by Calum Malcom (The Blue Nile, Lau, Heidi



Talbot) and recorded in Scotland. Earlier this year, they released their latest album *Louder Than Words* to rave reviews. It is soon to be released in the UK, Germany and the USA.

*These sisters have a sensational talent. The quality of their harmony singing goes beyond mere technique. They possess an unerring ability to blend tone and resonance in a seamless fashion* – **Eamon Carr, The Evening Herald**

*Louder Than Words is a simply stunning offering from The Henry Girls* – **2UIBestow (12/12)**

*Confident, organic and understated* – **The Irish Times**

CUIREANN CAIRDEAS NA BHFIDLÉIRÍ I LÁTHAIR

# The 32nd Annual Donegal Fiddlers Gathering

FRIDAY – SUNDAY • October 3-5 • The Highlands Hotel, Glenties  
[www.donegalfiddle.com](http://www.donegalfiddle.com)

This well-established event for lovers of the best of fiddle music, is a packed weekend with sessions, classes, a talk on Saturday and the Gala Concert on Saturday night. A great meeting place for friends old and new, the weekend is an unrivalled celebration of the Donegal fiddle tradition.

## Fiddle Masterclasses

Saturday and Sunday 11.30am to 1.00pm at The Highlands Hotel. There is no charge but Booking on 071 9852144 or [rabcherry1@gmail.com](mailto:rabcherry1@gmail.com), is advisable.

## Douglas Lawrence Presentation and Performance

Saturday 12.30pm to 1.30pm at The Highlands Hotel. Douglas Lawrence, who features in tonight's Gala Concert, will give a short talk and play some of the music of North East Scotland and of Hector MacAndrew.

## Nigel Bouiller Presentation and Performance

Saturday 1.30pm to 2.30pm at The Highlands Hotel. Nigel

Bouiller, who also features in tonight's Gala Concert, will give a short talk and play some of the dance music of County Down.

## GALA Concert

Saturday • October 4 • The Highlands Hotel • 9.00pm • €12

One of the main focal points of the weekend will be the Donegal Fiddlers concert on Saturday night. The concert will feature performances by many leading players including Denise Boyle from Glenties, Siobhán



Peoples from Co. Clare, Nigel and Dianna Boullier and Geordie McAdam, from Co. Down. Joining them will be this year's special guest from Scotland, Douglas Lawrence.

**Siobhán Peoples** is the daughter of legendary East Donegal fiddle player, Tommy Peoples. A native of County Clare, her fiddle playing embodies the rich legacy of both the Clare and Donegal music traditions. She is an accomplished composer, recording artist and music tutor and is a resident fiddle tutor on the Traditional Irish Music Programme at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, UL.

**Denise Boyle** is from the Boyle family who run the Highlands Hotel in Glenties, well known supporters of music. A multi-instrumentalist, she is much involved in teaching and is doing wonderful work in support of the continuance of the tradition. She also tours widely throughout Ireland and Europe performing with The Henry Girls.

**Nigel** and **Dianna Boullier** are a duo from Bangor, Co. Down. Nigel is the author of *Handed Down: Country Fiddling and Dancing in East and Central County Down*, recently published by the Ulster Historical Foundation. Dianna is an accomplished fiddle player, author and broadcaster.

**Geordie McAdam** is a legend of the Northern Ireland Bluegrass music scene. A perennial performer at the Ulster American Folk Park's Appalachian and Bluegrass Music Festival, Geordie is a founder member of the very popular Broken String Band.



### **Douglas Lawrence**

Douglas Lawrence is a master fiddle player from Buckie, Banffshire, between Inverness and Aberdeen. He studied under Hector MacAndrew, one of the all-time greats of Scottish fiddle playing. He is also an accomplished classical player, and spent 20 years as a member of the Scottish National Orchestra.

*An extremely accomplished musician, displaying his artistry, technique and interpretation of some of the most famous tunes ever written in Scottish music history.* **Shetland Times**

# Fiona Maria Fitzpatrick & 'The Darling Buds of'

## Eve Belle

**SUNDAY • October 5**

The Heritage Centre, **Ardara** • 8.30pm • €10/€6

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West and further afield, including Sea Sessions and the recent Electric Picnic Festival.

**Eve Belle** is a regular performer at Moya Brennan's monthly Club Beo night, at Leo's Tavern, Crolly. Last year she won Earagail Arts Festival's Soundcheck competition for emerging young songwriters and performed on the Other Voices stage at the recent Electric Picnic Festival. Eve has just released her debut EP, *Sonder*.

Songwriter, actress and poet **Fiona Maria Fitzpatrick** hails from Belturbet, Co. Cavan. A much admired performer on the South Donegal music and theatre scene, Fiona Maria is currently performing with her new trio of pianist Niamh Currid and songstress, Orlaith Fitzpatrick. The band have enjoyed a busy summer performing at selected festivals and events around the North



# Little John Nee & The Caledonia Highly Strung Orchestra

**AN AOINE • 3ú Deireadh Fómhar**

**FRIDAY • October 3** • Aislann Chill Chartha, Kilcar

8.30pm • €10/€6 • [www.littlejohnnee.com](http://www.littlejohnnee.com)

Glasgow born, Donegal raised theatre maker, actor, writer, musician and singer, Little John Nee is one of Ireland's best-loved performers. His theatre shows – The Derry Boat, Rural Electric, The Mental, The Mother's Arms and the award-winning Sparkplug, among mothers – have been performed all over Ireland, the UK and America. An integral feature of all of Little John's productions has been their musical content, which has contributed immensely to the shows' dramatic impact and to their enduring popular appeal.

Little John's latest project has been to record a selection of songs from some of his most successful theatre shows under the title, 'Songs From The Lough Swilly Delta'. Accompanying John on these recordings was the band from The Mother's Arms, the wonderfully named Caledonia Highly Strung Orchestra, featuring Donegal musicians Orla Gilcreest (vocals, clarinet), Jeremy



Howard (keyboards) and Finn Robinson (vocals, guitars).

Tonight, Little John Nee and the Caledonia Highly Strung Orchestra will give the first public performance of the 'Songs From The Lough Swilly Delta' set, prior to a forthcoming CD release.

*An imitable and very Irish troubadour.*

## **Irish Theatre Magazine**

*He conjures up an atmospheric soundtrack – his array of ukuleles, melodicas and accordions amplified by imaginative audio techniques, audience interactivity and his own bluesy vocals.*

## **The Irish Times**

# Skies Enveloping Everything, and Places

## An Exhibition by Ann Quinn

September 26 – October 5

**OPEN MONDAY – FRIDAY** • 10.00am – 5.00pm and at **Show Times**

**Opening Night** Saturday, September 27 at 7.30pm. All are Welcome.



Ann Quinn is one of Donegal's most distinguished visual artists. She grew up on a farm in East Donegal and graduated with a degree in Fine Art from the National College of Art and Design, Dublin in 2000.

This will be Ann's eleventh solo show to-date. In recent years, Ann has shown her work in the top galleries and art centres in Dublin, Belfast and throughout Ireland including the Royal Hibernian Academy, the Taylor Galleries, Claremorris Gallery, Cavanacor Gallery, Galway Arts Centre and the Dock as well as at the Irish Arts Centre in New York.

In 2012, she won K&M Evans Prize for Painting at the RHA, Dublin and the Hennessy Craig Scholarship in 2009.

Her work is inspired by places – her homeplace of East Donegal figures largely in her work, as do particular places she has visited and where she has undertaken artists residencies - including Glenveagh National Park, the Fundacion Valpairoso in Almeria, Spain and most recently, at the Center for the Creative Arts, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Virginia.

*Inspired by her childhood in rural Donegal, her landscapes are tinged with memory and personal associations.* **Sunday Times**

### Ann Quinn Artist's Talk

**MONDAY** • **September 29** • 11.30am  
Abbey Arts Centre, **Ballyshannon**.

Leaving Certificate visual art students are invited to join Ann Quinn for a tour of the Skies Enveloping Everything, and Places exhibition, followed by a Talk and Slide Show presentation about her work and Ann's career as a professional artist. School groups wishing to attend are requested to book in advance at the Abbey Arts Centre T: 071 9851375.

# Meitheal Ealaíne

*New Work by Deborah J. Stockdale • Margaret Cunningham  
Rik Walton • Ana Stromberg • Sean Maguire Adam McIntyre  
Pamela Manson • Georgina Casey • Bernard McLaughlin*



**26ú Meán Fómhair – 5ú Deireadh Fómhar**  
**FRIDAY • September 26 – SUNDAY • October 5**

**DAILY** 1.00pm – 6.00pm • **SUNDAYS** 1.00pm – 8.00pm  
Saor in Aisce/FREE Eolas ar • T: 074 9730173.  
An Gailearaí Caiseal, **Gleann Choilm Cille**



**Oíche Láinseála** ar An Aoine 26ú Meán Fómhair ag 7.30pm. Fíor Fáilte roimh Cách.  
**Opening Night** — **FRIDAY September 26th** at 7.30pm. Everybody Welcome.

Grúpa naonar ealaíontóir is iad Meitheal Ealaíne, atáid ag cur futhu thart fá cheanntar Ghleann Choilm Cille, is a thógann ionspioráid ón nádúr is ón gcomhshaol drámatúil fán dtaobh sin tíre.

Bíonn Margaret Cunningham agus Deborah J. Stockdale ag plé le fíodóireacht, cuilteanna is le táipéisí. Is griangrafadóir é Rik Walton agus is péintéirí iad Ana Stromberg, Sean Maguire, Bernard McLaughlin, Sean Maguire, Adam McIntyre agus Georgina Casey, a oibríonn le ollaí, acrílicí, uiscedathanna, peann agus dúch is pinn luaidhe. Is iad portacha Dhún na nGall a thugann ionspioráid do Pamela Manson agus is ealaíontóir portráidí é Ciaran McIntyre.

The Meitheal Ealaíne artists group from Ghleann Cholm Cille, hosts its annual group art exhibition as part of the Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival.

Founder members Margaret Cunningham and Deborah J. Stockdale will show their innovative textile work and paintings. Ana Stromberg will show new oil paintings and recent watercolours. Photographer Rik Walton will feature some of his iconic portraits of musicians while Sean Maguire, Adam McIntyre, Bernard McLaughlin and Georgina Casey will show a selection of paintings and drawings. Ciaran McIntyre is well known for his portrait painting while Pamela Manson will show some of her remarkable Donegal bogland paintings.



# Bundoran Waves

*A celebratory evening of visual art, film, music and surfers' creativity in Bundoran – in association with Eclipse Cinema, Discover Bundoran, Bundoran Retail Park and Pockets Full of Water.*

## Ebb and Flow

Gavin McCrea • Kevin Lowery • Lani

**FRIDAY – FRIDAY • October 3 – 10**

Unit 1 Bundoran Retail Park, **Bundoran**

Open Daily 1.00pm – 7.00pm

**Ebb and Flow Exhibition Opening**

**THURSDAY • October 2 • 7.30pm FREE**

New artworks celebrating the sea and surfing culture by Gavin McCrea, Kevin Lowery and Lani. Visits to the exhibition by school groups are encouraged.

Booking through Dark Daughter

Productions at 086.4047065.

## Surf Film Shorts

**THURSDAY • October 2**

Eclipse Cinema, **Bundoran**

9.15pm – 10.15pm FREE

A special screening of a selection of Wild Atlantic surf-themed film shorts, shot locally by Bundoran surfers Conor Maguire, Cian Logue and Noah Lane. Also included in the programme will be *Wet Dreams*, a new film directed by Giles Carey and produced by Pockets Full of Water.

*We set out to create a surf film that depicts a true representation of surfing and surf culture in Ireland. We wanted to show realistic surfing that people can watch and feel that they can connect with, recognising something they are on a similar level with, or can progress to.*

### Pockets Full of Water

The screenings will followed by live music from **The Corbetts**, and tunes from **DJ Joe**, at **The Bridge Bar**, West End, from **10.15pm**.



*Image: Kevin Lowery*



# A Night for Noelle Vial

Jenni Doherty • *The Little Hours & Guests*

**FRIDAY • September 26 •** The Bayview Hotel, Killybegs • 8.30pm

Last year's Festival saw the launch of the inaugural Noelle Vial Tyrone Guthrie Centre Poetry Bursary, designed to assist an emerging poet by providing an opportunity for them to work on a debut or second collection of work. The first winner of the Bursary was Jenni Doherty, a poet from Greencastle now living and working in Derry. She will be the special guest at this year's Night for Noelle Vial.



Jenni Doherty's debut collection, *Rain Spill*, was published by Guildhall Press in 2012. She is the owner-manager of the Little Acorns

Bookstore in Derry and also works part-time for Guildhall Press.

The Little Hours are Killybegs songwriting duo Ryan McCloskey and John Doherty, who were among ten acts chosen from over 500 entries to play the Electric Picnic Festival this year, as part of RTE 2FM's Play The Picnic with Oxfam competition.

## Noelle Vial

Killybegs poet Noelle Vial, who sadly passed away 11 years ago this year, won the Hennessy Literary Award for Best Poetry by an Emerging Writer in 1994 and produced a highly acclaimed debut collection, *Promiscuous Winds* in 1995. Noelle excelled at public readings of her work and was a passionate advocate for the art of poetry in the community.



## Noelle Vial Tyrone Guthrie Centre Poetry Bursary 2014

Poets wishing to be considered for the 2014 Bursary are invited to submit between 6 – 10 Samples of Recent Work, their Current CV and an Artist's Statement, outlining why a stay at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre would assist their development as a writer.

Submissions should be forwarded to the Noelle Vial Tyrone Guthrie Centre Poetry Bursary, Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival, c/o Donegal County Library, Rosemount, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal no later than 5.00pm on Monday, November 3rd next.

# RTÉ Sunday Miscellany

*Pat Boran • Moya Cannon • Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh • Marie Hannigan  
Anthony Glavin • Martin McGinley • Denise Blake • Siobhán McNamara  
Guy Le Jeune • Donegal Camerata String Ensemble • Marie Askin  
Winifred McNulty • Alan McMonagle • Kieran Kelly*

*Hosted by Clíodhna Ní Anluain*

**SUNDAY • October 5 •** The Abbey Arts Centre, **Ballyshannon • 3.00pm • FREE**  
Booking Essential • 071 9851375

Special Thanks to **The Sandhouse Hotel & Marine Spa Rossnowlagh.**

For over four decades RTÉ Radio's Sunday Miscellany has been at the heart of the Irish Sunday morning. With its distinctive mix of brand new short essays and poetry presented on air by their authors and interspersed with music, it makes a hugely welcome return visit to The Abbey Centre where two editions of the iconic radio programme will be recorded for future broadcast, the first on Sunday, October 12th.



## **Anthony Glavin**

Boston-born Anthony Glavin lived in Glencolmille, Co Donegal during the

1970s and 1980s. Author of a critically acclaimed novel, *Nighthawk Alley*, and

two story collections, *One for Sorrow* and *The Draughtsman and The Unicorn*. His short stories have appeared in *Best Irish Short Stories*, and *New Irish Short Stories* (Faber, 2011).

## **Pat Boran**

Pat Boran was born in Portlaoise in 1963 and lives in Dublin. He has published more than a dozen books of poetry and prose - among them, his most recent poetry collection, *The Next Life* (2012). He has presented the Poetry Programme and *The Enchanted Way* on RTE Radio 1 and is a regular contributor to *Sunday Miscellany*. He is a member of Aosdána.

## **Denise Blake**

Denise Blake is a successful poet, writer and creative writing facilitator. Summer Palace Press have published her two

poetry collections, *Take a Deep Breath* and *How to Spin Without Getting Dizzy*. A very popular contributor to *Sunday Miscellany*, she has taken part in live recordings from Omagh, Ballyshannon and the National Concert Hall. Denise is literary curator for Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival.



### **Moya Cannon**

Moya Cannon's fourth collection of poetry, *Hands*, was published by Carcanet

Press in 2011 and was short-listed for the 2012 Irish Times Poetry Now prize. Originally from Dunfanaghy, Moya has spent most of her writing life in Galway. A winner of the Brendan Behan award and of the Lawrence O'Shaughnessy award, she is a member of Aosdana.

### **Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh**

Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh is one of Donegal's finest and best-loved musicians and singers. A founder member of internationally successful Donegal traditional band Altan, Mairéad is also a member of the T with The Maggies quartet with Máire Ní Bhraonain and Mairéad and Triona

Ní Dhomhnaill. She released her debut solo CD, *Imeall*, in 2009.

### **Martin McGinley**

Martin McGinley is one of Donegal's best-known fiddlers. Recently he was among a group of six fiddlers who played the Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin piece, *Francesco Walks*, with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra at the National Concert Hall. He also played and acted as MC at the Donegal Fiddle Masters concert at this summer's Earagail Arts Festival. Martin is originally from Raphoe. His late mother Kathleen was also a well-known fiddler.



### **Marie Askin**

Marie Askin is a musician, composer and music teacher from Ballyshannon. An accomplished pianist, she appeared on Donegal traditional band Altan's early recordings, *Horse With*

A Heart and The Red Crow, and also collaborated with the late Margaret McGinley, Ballyshannon, in the creation and performance of The Glenveagh Suite, a musical remembrance of the infamous Derrveagh Evictions of 1861.

### **Marie Hannigan**

A native of Killybegs, Marie Hannigan has written for stage, television and radio. She was a winner in the Irish Writers' Centre inaugural Novel Fair competition.

### **Donegal Camerata String Ensemble**

Led by Spanish cellist Victor Yélamo, the Donegal Camerata String Ensemble is an ensemble of locally-based, professional string players including Orsolya Szabó-Yélamo (violin), Lucy Spacirova (viola), Michael McGinty (double bass) and Claire Cunningham (violin). They host their own 'Sundays in Conwal' concert series at Conwal Parish Church, Letterkenny and they have performed at the Earagail Arts Festival and the Patrick McGill Summer School.

### **Alan McMonagle**

Alan McMonagle has published two collections of stories, *Liar Liar* and *Psychotic Episodes*. Earlier this year, his radio play, *Oscar Night*, was broadcast as part of RTÉ's Drama on One season.

### **Siobhán McNamara**

Siobhán McNamara is a journalist and creative writer from Donegal Town. She works for River Media and has had short fiction published in print and in online journals. She blogs fiction, non-fiction and photography at [siobhanmcnamara.wordpress.com](http://siobhanmcnamara.wordpress.com)

### **Guy Le Jeune**

Guy Le Jeune is writer, theatre maker and playwright, based in the North-west. His stories have been shortlisted for the Costa Book Awards, the Sean O'Faolain and the Fish short story prizes. His reminiscence theatre play, *Fiesta*, enjoyed a sold-out run at An Grianán Theatre, as part of this year's Earagail Arts Festival.

### **Kieran Kelly**

Kieran Kelly is a primary school teacher from Letterkenny. He is the editor of the Letterkenny Community Heritage Group's historical magazine, *By The Way*, and is the author of *Letterkenny: Where the Winding Swilly Flows*, due for publication this autumn.

### **Winifred McNulty**

Winifred McNulty is a widely published poet and is winner of this year's iYeats Poetry Competition. She is co-author, with photographer Heike Thiele, of *High Shelves and Long Counters*. Winifred has read her work throughout North West and beyond.

# Generation Games

*Devised by Nora Kavanagh and Kate Brown • Facilitated by Nora Kavanagh.*

**TUESDAY – FRIDAY • September 30 – October 3**

Available to Primary Schools in South Donegal

Generation Games encourages good old-fashioned play. Devised by drama and dance facilitators Kate Brown and Nora Kavanagh, Generation Games focuses on pretend play, street games, ball games and rhythm & rhyme. This is a fun day for the whole family to play together, learn new skills and reminisce about days gone by.

Generation Games has been designed for First to Sixth class children, their parents, care-givers and grandparents. Adults will join Nora for a morning of reminiscence play. They will pass on their childhood games and share memories with the children in an afternoon session.

In 2013, Kate Brown and Nora Kavanagh were engaged by Co-operation Ireland to facilitate on the Generations for Peace project for primary school children in Northern Ireland, focusing on street and playground games from past and present. Generation Games was inspired by their experiences with Co-operation Ireland and last year the Festival was delighted to assist



them bring this very exciting model to Donegal, where it was embraced with admirable enthusiasm by young and old.

Nora Kavanagh has delivered projects in dance and music for An Grianán Theatre, The Alley Theatre and The Playhouse, Derry. She also developed and co-ordinated a Drama Training Programme for Teachers with An Grianán Theatre.

*Generation Games was originally developed for the Generations For Peace programme supported by The PEACE III Programme managed for the Special EU Programmes Body by the North West Peace III Cluster.*

FANZINI BROTHERS PRESENT

# Ronaldo Fanzini King of Mayhem

CÉADAOIN &amp; DEARDAOIN • 1ú-2ú Deireadh Fómhair

WEDNESDAY &amp; THURSDAY • October 1 – 2

Do Scoileanna Náisiúnta i nDeisceart Dhún na nGall.

www.fanzini.com



Ronaldo Fanzini, of the fabulous Fanzini Brothers, who brought their daredevilish extravaganzas Canonball Circus and Deathwish! to Donegal in recent years, makes a welcome return to the Festival with his brand new solo show, Ronaldo Fanzini King of Mayhem.

So gather round, gather round to witness the jaw-dropping antics of this devilishly handsome Irish speaking, Italian Kerryman with the big hair. His is a world where skill is effortlessly blended with comedy, magic and slapstick and where the audience is at the heart of the show.

Tar éis seóanna iontacha ar nós Cannonball Circus agus Deathwish! a dhéanamh dúinn sna blianta atá thart, tá Ronaldo Fanzini as na Fanzini Brothers taghta thar nais go Dún na nGall óna bhaile i nGaeltacht Chiarraí lena chur i láthair nua, Ronaldo Fanzini King of Mayhem. Beidh mórchuid greann is draíocht is scileanna cleasaíochta ann, a chuirfidh gliondar i gcroí chuile pháiste a fheiceann é.

**Nóta:** Is féidir le Ronaldo an seó seo a chur i láthair trí Gaeilge nó trí Béarla, nó go dhá-theangach.

*Awesome*  
**The Irish Times**

## Bookáil/Booking

For all Festival events, tickets will be available for purchase at the venue on the evening of the performance. To avoid disappointment, however, please plan to arrive at the venue at least 20 minutes before the advertised showtime. Should you wish, you may also book certain performances in advance, at the following venues ...

- Booking at **THE ABBEY ARTS CENTRE**, Ballyshannon • 071 9851375  
Remembrances at Glenties Community Centre and Halla Mhuire Ghleann Choilm Cille. Frank Pig Says Hello at Abbey Arts Centre and Glenties Community Centre. Donegal Youth Choir at Abbey Arts Centre on Festival Opening Night. Sunday Miscellany at Abbey Arts Centre.
- Booking at **THE BALOR ARTS CENTRE**, Ballybofey • 074 9131840  
Slow Skies, Beth Nielsen, Sofia Talvik and Jonathan Harker & Dracula at The Balor Arts Centre.
- Booking at **THE TERMON COMPLEX**, Pettigo • 071 9861111  
Remembrances at The Termon Complex.
- Booking at **JOHNNY DOHERTY FESTIVAL**, Ardara • 087.6900714  
Rachel Walker & James Graham, Cherish the Ladies, The Friel Sisters.
- Booking at **ÁISLANN CHILL CHARTHA**, Kilcar • 074 9738376  
Little John Nee & The Caledonia Highly Strung Orchestra.
- For General Information on **THE FESTIVAL**, please contact  
The Festival Office • 074 9121968.

## DIALANN LAE/DAY BY DAY

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26

|                                    |                                    |         |    |
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| Meitheal Ealaíne Exhibition        | Cashel Gallery, Gleann Cholm Cille | 7.30pm  | 21 |
| Rachel Walker and James Graham     | Beehive Bar, Ardara                | 8.00pm  | 9  |
| Balor Rep Theatre, Remembrances    | Community Centre, Glenties         | 8.30pm  | 3  |
| Night for Noelle Vial              | Bayview Hotel, Killybegs           | 8.30pm  | 23 |
| Céilí and Sets, Emerald Céilí Band | Nesbitt Arms Hotel, Ardara         | 10.00pm | 9  |

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

|                              |                                 |                  |    |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----|
| Céili & Set Dance Workshop   | Methodist Hall, Ardara          | 11.00am & 3.00pm | 9  |
| Donegal Weavers Performance  | John Molloy Tweeds, Ardara      | 2.00pm           | 11 |
| Ann Quinn Exhibition Opening | Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon | 7.30pm           | 20 |
| Donegal Youth Choir          | Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon | 8.00pm           | 12 |
| Cherish The Ladies           | Nesbitt Arms Hotel, Ardara      | 8.00pm           | 10 |

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28**

|                                 |                                  |         |    |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|----|
| Sean N6s Dance Workshop         | Heritage Centre, Ardara          | 11.00am | 9  |
| Afternoon C6il6 with C6il6 Time | Methodist Hall, Ardara           | 3.00pm  | 9  |
| The Friel Sisters               | Beehive Bar, Ardara              | 8.00pm  | 10 |
| Sofia Talvik                    | Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey    | 8.30pm  | 13 |
| Aoife Toner, Turas              | Oideas Gael, Gleann Choilm Cille | 8.30pm  | 8  |

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29**

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| Slow Skies<br>(Conal Herron, Karen Sheridan) | Balor Arts Centre | 8.30pm | 13 |
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**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1**

|                                  |                                 |        |    |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|----|
| An Grian6n, Frank Pig Says Hello | Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon | 8.30pm | 5  |
| Beth Neilsen Chapman             | Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey   | 8.30pm | 14 |

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 2**

|                                 |                               |        |    |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|----|
| Bundoran Waves, Exhibition      | Unit 1, Bundoran Retail Park  | 7.30pm | 22 |
| Balor Rep Theatre, Remembrances | Termon Complex, Pettigo       | 8.30pm | 3  |
| The Henry Girls                 | McIntyre's, Dunkineely        | 8.30pm | 15 |
| Ulster Theatre Company, Dracula | Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey | 8.30pm | 6  |
| Bundoran Waves, Film Screenings | Eclipse Cinema, Bundoran      | 9.15pm | 22 |

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 3**

|                                     |                                     |        |    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|----|
| An Grian6n, Frank Pig Says Hello    | Community Centre, Genties           | 8.30pm | 5  |
| Donegal Drama Circle, Moll          | John Bosco Centre, Donegal Town     | 8.30pm | 4  |
| Little John Nee Caledonia Orchestra | Aislann Chill Chartha, Kilcar       | 8.30pm | 19 |
| Donegal Fiddlers Gathering          | Highlands Hotel, Genties (informal) | 9.00pm | 16 |

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 4**

|                                   |                                 |         |    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|----|
| Fiddlers Gathering Masterclasses  | Highlands Hotel, Genties        | 11.30am | 16 |
| Douglas Lawrence                  | Highlands Hotel Genties         | 12.00pm | 16 |
| Nigel Bouiller                    | Highlands Hotel, Genties        | 1.00pm  | 16 |
| Wild Atlantic Way Carnival Parade | Ballyshannon                    | 7.30pm  | 7  |
| Donegal Drama Circle, Moll        | John Bosco Centre, Donegal Town | 8.30pm  | 4  |
| Donegal Fiddlers Gala Concert     | Highlands Hotel, Genties        | 9.00pm  | 16 |

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 5**

|                                    |                                     |         |    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|----|
| Fiddlers Gathering Masterclasses   | Highlands Hotel, Genties            | 11.30am | 16 |
| Donegal Fiddlers Gathering         | Highlands Hotel, Genties (informal) | 2.00pm  | 16 |
| RTE Radio 1 Sunday Miscellany      | Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon     | 3.00pm  | 24 |
| Balor Rep Theatre, Remembrances    | Halla Mhuire, Glencolmcille         | 8.30pm  | 3  |
| Donegal Drama Circle, Moll         | John Bosco Centre, Donegal Town     | 8.30pm  | 4  |
| Fiona Maria Fitzpatrick, Eve Belle | 18 Heritage Centre, Ardara          | 8.30pm  | 18 |



## TAISPEÁNTAISÍ / EXHIBITIONS

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| ANN QUINN   | 20 | Deborah J. Stockdale, Rik Walton & Friends<br>Cashel Gallery, Cashel, Gleann Choilm Cille.<br>Monday – Saturday • 1.00pm – 6.00pm<br>Sundays • 1.00pm – 8.00pm<br>FREE To October 5. |
| ANN QUINN Artist's Talk<br>Monday September 29 • 11.30am<br>Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon |    | EBB AND FLOW   |
|   |    | Gavin McCrea Kevin Lowery Lani<br>Unit 1, Bundoran Retail Park, Bundoran<br>Monday–Saturday • 1.00pm – 7.00pm<br>FREE To October 10.   |
| MEITHEAL EALAÍNE  | 21 | Margaret Cunningham, Ana Stromberg   |

## FÉILE NA NÓG / SHOWS FOR SCHOOLS

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|---|----|---|----|
| FANZINI BROTHERS RONALDO FANZINI  | 28 | GENERATION GAMES NORA KAVANAGH  | 27 |
| Touring Primary Schools, South Donegal<br>October 1 – 2 • Eolas 074 9121968 |    | Touring Primary Schools, South Donegal<br>September 30 – October 3 • T: 074 9121968 |    |



## The Food Coast – Donegal's Good Food Initiative

*Putting Donegal on the Good Food Map!*

The naturally diverse environment and long coastline of Donegal has allowed us to be seen as an unspoilt location in which to produce some of the finest foods in the country. The Food Coast Initiative is a

programme focused upon making more people aware of the importance of our food sector and the diverse range of foods which can be enjoyed from our producers,

chefs and restaurants. The Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival offers the perfect opportunity to enjoy



a truly memorable experience of Donegal through its local food offering. To help add to your experience, we have put together a list of some of the restaurants, hotels and bars in South and South West Donegal which are focused on offering local Donegal food, complementing your enjoyment of the Festival's diverse programme of local music, theatre, carnival, visual art and literary events. To find out more about The Food Coast Initiative and how it can help local Donegal food businesses, please contact Eve-Anne McCarron of the **Local Enterprise Office**, Donegal County Council on:

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