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Sligo Arts Festival 2018



July 7 to July 14

An invitation  
to imagination

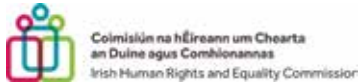
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## Welcome! Cairde Sligo Arts Festival 2018

### An invitation to imagination

Welcome to Cairde Sligo Arts Festival - our eight day cultural adventure set amidst the stunning backdrop of the Wild Atlantic Way. We invite you to join us for a feast of eclectic events and happenings taking place across Sligo town and county for this year's Festival.

Now in it's tenth year, Cairde Sligo Arts Festival has been on a journey since its inception in 2008.

Since then, we have been steadily growing the Festival each year; adding new strands of work, collaborating with a great number of artists and arts organisations; building support, gaining many friends and creating many great memories along the way.

Supported by a loyal and ambitious voluntary team, the Festival is taking great leaps in 2018 with enhanced programming and engagement with artists, new venues and locations, and wider promotion and publicity.

As part of an ambitious three-year development, this year sees a major re-brand and visual identity for the Festival which rolls out this summer.

Inspired by the creative energy of Ireland's Northwest, today's Cairde Sligo Arts Festival is a unique coming together of artists and audiences.

It is a celebration of imagination, and shared experience that welcomes all.

This is your invitation to imaginaton – come join us!

**Tara McGowan**  
Festival Director

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# Opening Party with Disco É Cultura

**Date** Saturday July 7

**Time** 10pm

**Venue** The Swagman

**Tickets** Free

Join us for a vinyl-only party focusing on the music and cultures of Latin America, East Africa and the Caribbean islands with Disco É Cultura.

Well known as Ireland's leading diggers of Brazilian, Latin American, Afro & Caribbean music. Disco É Cultura are constantly travelling and on the hunt for previously undiscovered and exciting rhythms to add to their continually evolving sets of deep, beautiful and rarely heard music from around the globe. They have played all over the world, from fancy clubs in Istanbul to squats in Berlin to Favellas in Rio, and their monthly Sunday yard parties in both the Bernard Shaw in Dublin & the Vicarstown in Cork, are fast becoming the stuff of musical legend.

*Expect good vibes and great, great grooves*





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## Park Fest

# Cairde Sligo Arts Festival's BIG Family day out

**Date** Sunday July 8

**Time** 12 to 6pm

**Venue** The Peace Park, Sligo

**Tickets** Free

Join us for **PARKFEST** - Cairde Sligo Arts Festival's fun-filled, massive family day out featuring music, theatre, circus; art, craft & science workshops & delicious food. This year's Park Fest presents street theatre specialist Nakupelle's brilliantly funny and physical performance of *The Trap*, described as '*a never ending stream of comic business, movements, actions and reactions .. slapstick in the very best tradition of Charlie Chaplin & Buster Keaton*'

The entire park comes to life with a programme including Irish percussion group Maracatu Ilha Brilhante, the multi-award winning entertainer and magician Joel M; street performer Cillian Rogers; music and performance by Sligo Gospel Choir, Moonstone, Emmzi, The Well Dressed Hobos; family yoga with Louise Waters and much more.



## Storytelling with **Imelda Ní Ríain** for ages 4+

**Date** Monday July 9, 12.30pm  
**Venue** Liber Bookshop  
**Date** Wednesday July 11, 12.30pm  
**Venue** Sligo Central Library, Stephen St.  
**Tickets** FREE  
**Running Time** 35 minutes

Join Imelda and her puppets for an engaging story telling session. Imelda will share her poem Love Your Books, her rhyming story Cute Little Pet, her award winning tale Mr & Mrs Oldenday as well as share tips to help inspire you to write your own stories.

## Myth & Magic Storytelling with **Wayne O'Connor** for ages 10+



**Date** Monday July 9, 3pm  
**Venue** Liber Bookshop  
**Date** Weds July 11, 3PM  
**Venue** Sligo Central Library,  
Stephen St.  
**Tickets** FREE  
**Running Time** 40 minutes

Wayne is a local artist and regularly performs a variety of stories based on myths from around the world in schools and libraries throughout the country. An energetic and engaging performer, you can expect lots of laughter, excitement, magic and a healthy dose of participation! Bring only your imagination!



## **Nakupelle The Trap**

**Date** Monday July 9  
**Time** 1.30pm  
**Venue** Tobergal Lane  
**Tickets** Free  
**Running Time** 35 minutes

Nakupelle creates theatre utilising clown, circus, commedia, puppetry, mime, street theatre and cabaret. Technology and nature do battle with an unlucky fool caught in the middle. Sublime slapstick and poetic pitfalls, mad music, peculiar props and hilarious physical comedy.

*'Imagination, Innovation and Improvisation at its very best'*



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## Hands Across the World

**Hawk's Well Theatre & Cairde Sligo Arts Festival Collaboration**

**Date** Sunday July 8 at Park Fest

**Venue** Park Fest, The Peace Park

**Time** 12 to 6pm

and

**Date** Monday July 9 &

**Tuesday** July 10

**Time** 6pm to 7.30pm

**Venue** Ósta Cafe

**Tickets** By Donation

Join us for an intercultural celebration of music, food, talk and spoken word. An opportunity to sit at a shared table, eat together, start up a conversation with your neighbour and enjoy short performances from across the world.

This event celebrates our rich cultural diversity and features cuisine by Sligo Global Kitchen in collaboration with Brid Torrades and Ósta Cafe as well as performances arising out of a series of workshops in music, singing and acting.

Pay what you can. All proceeds go back into the Sligo Intercultural Project.

*This project has been made possible with funding from the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.*





## This Egg Me & My Bee

**Date** Tuesday July 10

**Time** 2pm

**Venue** The Factory Performance  
Space, Lower Quay St.

**Tickets** Adults €10 / Children €7  
Group of 4 €30

**Running Time** 60 minutes

Climate change is massive. Bees Aren't.

Our fuzzy little friends need our help and so we're launching a political party disguised as a party party disguised as a show.

Apparently, Albert Einstein said that without the bees, humans have 4 years left to live. And did you know, we rely on bees to pollinate 1/3 of the crops we use as food? Me & My Bee is light-hearted and playful, informative and thought-provoking. It is about how we can take care of the smaller things and respecting the planet we live on, before it's too late...

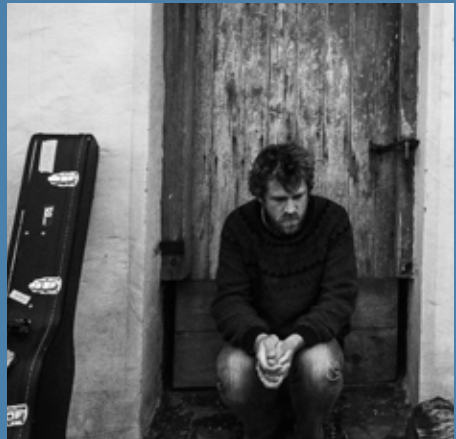
A family show - for adults and children alike - with a combination of storytelling, clowning, original live music, movement and simple audience interaction.

*"a rarity... deliciously eccentric"* - **Lyn Gardner for The Guardian**

# Songs by the Sea

Cairde Sligo Arts Festival's  
series of intimate concerts  
in seaside locations

Curated in partnership  
with **Bluestack Records**



## LemonCello

**Date** Tuesday July 10

**Time** 3pm

**Venue** The Gallery Café, Rosses Point

**Tickets** Free

Laura Quirke (guitar, vocals) and Claire Kinsella (cello, vocals).

Harmonious vocal melodies simply accompanied by cello and guitar, lend a sincere and honest rootsy sound, borrowing from a wide range of influences, traditional and alternative. The result is music described by Remy's Music Blog as *"soothing for the soul"*.

## Native Oak

**Date** Tuesday July 10

**Time** 5pm

**Venue** Nook, Collooney

**Tickets** Free

Leitrim based singer-songwriter, Native Oak has a smooth and warm finger picking style matched with a gravelly voice and reflective lyrics. Native Oak released his debut album "Never too Old" in 2014, has opened for Mick Flannery, Ger Wolfe, Bitch Falcon and many more. His second album is due out later this year.



## Carriages

**Date** Wednesday July 11

**Time** 8pm

**Venue** Shells Seaside Café, Strandhill

**Tickets** Free

Carriages are Harry Bookless and Aaron Page. Carriages use field recordings, captured in and around Dublin city to create a backdrop for their songs bringing a warmth and familiarity to their music.

Carriages have set out to capture a living city in their music, by using recordings from parks, museums, concert halls and coastlines around their hometown and singing of loves won and lost.



## Sarah Crummy & Jessie Whitehead

**Date** Thursday July 12

**Time** 6pm

**Venue** Pudding Row, Easkey

**Tickets** Free

Sarah Crummy and Jessie Whitehead are a songwriting duo from Sligo who have been playing together for a number of years. The songwriters incorporate both original work and covered material in their set and gain influence from the likes of John Martyn and Joni Mitchell. Expect soulful tunes and sweet harmonies.



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## LemonCello

**In association with Rising Tide**

**Date** Tuesday July 10

**Time** 6pm

**Venue** Lyon's Café

**Tickets** €15 / ticket includes light supper

**Running Time** 80 minutes

Laura Quirke (guitar, vocals) and Claire Kinsella (cello, vocals) started performing together while studying music and languages in Maynooth University. Their thoughtfully crafted lyrics sung in harmony, combined with cello and guitar instrumentation create a rooted original sound. LemonCello draw from a wide range of influences including traditional and alternative folk music, jazz, pop, blues and classical music to create an immersive experience through a dynamic expression of lyrical story.

*"Lemoncello's blend of mystical and contemporary folk sounds conjure up images of moving Harry Clarke characters from ancient Irish folklore. It is colourful and thought-provoking and vivid."* - **Remy's music blog.**



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## Julia Croft Power Ballad

**Date** Tuesday July 10, 8pm

**Time** 8pm

**Venue** The Factory Performance  
Space, Lower Quay St.

**Tickets** €14

**Running Time** 60 minutes

**Followed by**  
DJ Sweet Cup and DJ Fuzzrock  
at O'Sullivan's bar on the Mall

Power Ballad is an angry, feminist, live art investigation of language and its sometimes hidden ideologies. Part performance lecture, part karaoke party, Power Ballad deconstructs gendered linguistic histories and rips apart contemporary language to find a new articulation of pleasure, anger and femaleness. With an 80s soundtrack to rival any school disco, Power Ballad is anarchic, loud and filled with feminist rage and Annie Lennox.

*Best contemporary performance/live art, best performer*  
**Auckland Fringe 2017**

*Melbourne Festival 'Discovery Award*  
**Melbourne Fringe 2017**

*Shortlisted: Total theatre award for emerging artist*  
**Edinburgh Fringe 2017**

*"Power Ballad is a revolution: winking while bringing both form and content to its knees in a way that is deeply, deeply hopeful." - Pantograph Punch*





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## An Tara – Matthew Noone & Tommy Hayes

**In association with  
Hawk's Well Theatre**

**Date** Thursday July 12

**Time** 1.10pm

**Venue** Hawk's Well Theatre Foyer

**Tickets** Free

**Running Time** 40 minutes

Cairde Sligo Arts Festival has teamed up with the Hawk's Well Theatre for a special Trad at Lunch gig.

An Tara is a unique duo comprised of Tommy Hayes and Matthew Noone that explores the spaces in-between the traditions of Irish and Indian classical music. Both regarded as pioneers on their chosen instruments and fearlessly inventive, they create a diverse yet cohesive musical experience.

Matthew Noone is a founding member of The Bahh Band and has studied North Indian Classical Music in Kolkata under the tuition of Sougata Roy Chowdhury for over a decade.

Tommy Hayes is one of the founding members of Stockton's Wing and is considered one of the greatest bodhrán players on the planet.

*A unique collaboration producing a delightful aural journey that knows no borders and defies categorisation -  
Carol Corcoran, RTE Lyric FM*



## A Pop up Family Sing

**In association with  
Hawk's Well Theatre**

**Date** Wednesday July 11

**Time** 6pm

**Venue** Hawk's Well Theatre

**Tickets** €5 / Children Free

**Running Time** 60 minutes

Join Dave Flynn, RTE Choir of Ages, for a summer singalong! Come along to this fun family workshop and enjoy learning to sing a number of well known songs together as one big group. No prior experience whatsoever is needed – just come along and enjoy the fun!



## The Model Presents Cairde Visual

**Date** Wednesday, July 11 to  
Sunday, August 19

**Opening reception**  
Wednesday July 11, 6pm.

**Venue** The Model

**Tickets** Free

The Model presents Cairde Visual; Cairde Sligo Arts Festival's fifth annual open submission exhibition. Building on the success of 2017's successful partnership with The Model, this show will feature work from both Irish and international artists across a broad diversity of media.

### Opening Hours

**Tue – Sat: 10am – 5pm**

**Sun: 10.30am – 3.30pm**

**\*Gallery closed to public 10 Aug**

Thank you to The Model, The Hamilton Gallery and Cosgrove's Delicatessen for providing awards.

Thank you to our Selection Panel: Ronnie Hughes, Emer McGarry, Marilyn North, Christian Reeves, Michael Wann and Heidi Wickham



## Hazel Egan & Noel Tighe

**Winners of The Hamilton Gallery Award at Cairde Visual 2017**

**Date** Monday to Saturday

**Time** 10 am to 6pm

**Venue** The Hamilton Gallery, Castle St

**Tickets** Free

**Hazel Egan;** Lull is a new body of work by Dublin based artist Hazel Egan. Demonstrating the quiet and meditative aesthetic of Egan's practice, this series of graphite on paper drawings speak about the apparent pauses and gaps in time that are often experienced before moments of clarity.

**Noel Tighe;** Entropy – Birth, life and death is a constant pattern in all of the natural world, it is all around us ever present. I see these pieces as 3 dimensional drawings using the marriage of materials in the language of sculpture to analyse the relationship between the fusion of life with the passage of time.

Also running at The Hamilton Gallery:

**An Irish Airman foresees his death,** Invited Artists Exhibition To mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of the 1st World War, Hamilton Gallery has chosen W B Yeats poem as the catalyst for this exhibition.



## Lorna Watkins Heartfelt

**Date** Tuesday 10 to Saturday 14 July

**Time** 10am to 5pm

**Venue** Hyde Bridge Gallery, Hyde Bridge

**Tickets** Free

A solo exhibition of new work by Sligo based artist Lorna Watkins. Loose and experimental mark making have made their way from source drawings into paintings. Imbued with painterly layers of bright vivacious colours and marks, her work is fresh and full of energy.







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## California Footwarmers

**In association with  
Hawk's Well Theatre**

**Date** Wednesday July 11

**Time** 8pm

**Venue** The Hawk's Well Theatre

**Tickets** €18 / €9 U.18's

**Running Time** 90 minutes

Recognised as one of the hottest bands playing out of one of America's steamiest states, The California Footwarmers return to Europe for appearances at festivals throughout the summer.

The Los Angeles-based 7-piece has gathered praise from some of the biggest names in the biz. When they headlined at Herb Alpert's nightclub in Beverly Hills, where Hollywood's A-list go to have themselves some fun, Sir Tom Jones enjoyed the show so much he declared himself a fan, told them to head for London and said: "Just tell them Tom Jones sent you!"

He wasn't the first big name to fall under their spell...this is the band that Keb' Mo' sought out to provide an air of authenticity when he recorded his Blues Americana album. The collaboration won them a Grammy-nomination. Their boisterous on-stage antics are solidly underpinned by playing that is as close to the source as it can be.





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## Niwel Tsumbu & Éamonn Cagney

**Date** Wednesday July 11

**Time** 10pm

**Venue** Tricky's McGarrigles,  
O'Connell St

**Tickets** €12

**Running Time** 70 minutes

**Followed by** DJ Will Softly

Built on 15 years of constant collaboration, Niwel Tsumbu and Éamonn Cagney performances are known for their incredible musical chemistry and exciting, joyous performances. Expect a highly engaging concert, both intimate and elaborate, a musical river whose sources range from classical to Central Africa, with pulsating rhythms, wild guitar solos and so much more.

12 years ago Tsumbu and Cagney released their debut album "A Long way / Nzela Molayi", and have since travelled the world, working with Liam Ó Maonlaí, Michéal Ó Suilleabháin, Afel Bocoum, Iarla Ó Lionáird, Ma Xiaoue, The Abbey Theatre, Donal Dineen, and many more.

*"This duo had a cataclysm of moods and moves to share, unveiling a cavernous stash of redemptive music, and promise of much more to come"* - **The Irish Times**

*"Tsumbu and Cagney's fiery percussive exchange crowned a memorable performance"* - **Ian Paterson, All About Jazz**



## Foyle Punt

**Date** Wednesday July 11 &  
Thursday July 12

**Time** 8.30pm

**Venue** Rosses Point Sailing Club  
and

**Date** Friday July 13

**Time** 8.30pm

**Venue** Raghly Harbour

**Tickets** €15

### Foyle Punt

**A boat, a story, a feed.**

In 1750, the McDonald Clan rowed from their native Scotland to Inishowen in Donegal, fleeing a war in a boat they built themselves. Since then, six generations of McDonald men have stayed on dry land, building wooden boats in Greencastle for more adventurous seafarers. Philip and Brian McDonald are the last in this line.

Foyle Punt is an immersive, site-specific experience with songs, that tells the story of boatbuilder Philip McDonald in his own words. Joined by Libyan-Irish singer Farah Elle and composer Little John Nee, Philip will share the unique history, craft, and skill that runs through McDonald's veins.

The performance, taking place on rural piers throughout Sligo, Derry and Donegal this summer, imagines a new kind of future for small boats in safe harbours.

Foyle Punt is the first site-specific show of The Local Group, a new company making unique performance projects in off-the-grid locations.

Co-produced by Earagail Arts Festival. Supported by The Abbey Theatre, Cairde Sligo Arts Festival, Derry City Council and CREATE. Funded by The Arts Council/ An Chomhairle Ealaion.



## One World Kid's Disco with DJ Will Softly

**Date** Thursday July 12

**Time** 2.30pm

**Venue** The Big Top

**Tickets** €5 – Parents go Free

**Running Time** 70 minutes

Time once again to shake, move, wiggle and bounce to the sounds of One World DJ Will Softly. Will has inspired kids all over Ireland to shake their thang at festivals including Electric Picnic, Body and Soul and many more.

A Cairde festival favourite!

## Lulu's World

**Date** Thursday July 12 to Saturday July 14

**Time** 1.30pm daily

**Venue** Stephen St. Car Park

**Tickets** Free

**Running Time** 30 minutes

Meet Lulu, a street artist that can't be contained in any gallery. Enter her crazy world of make believe, where magic happens right in front of you! Dressed in yesterday's news, this lady will sweep you off your feet and drag you into her imagination. Against a background of madness, scenes unfold, pouring from her pen onto paper, turning the 2D world of sketching into a 3D experience for the child in all of us.

*'Francesca Castellano has been working in street theatre and circus for over 12 years. Lulu's world is a combination of her love of clowning, art and physical theatre. This non-verbal show appeals to all ages and languages.'*



Alice Lyons



Stephen James Smith



Elaine Cosgrove



Julianna Holland

## Vagabond Verses

### Trail of poetry and spoken word

Curated by Patrick Curley

Date Thursday July 12

Time 3 to 6 pm

Tickets Free

An afternoon of pop-up poetry & spoken word vignettes by award winning and cutting edge writers based in Ireland's North West. The readings will be approximately fifteen minutes in length. We'd love you to join us for the full trail or feel free to jump in and out at times that suit you best.

Please see our website for full biographies of participating artists. Times & Venues are listed below.

**3pm** Brian Leyden, The Model, The Mall

**3.30pm** Adam Rooke, Bookmart, Bridge St.

**4pm** Elaine Cosgrove and Mary Branley, Sligo Central Library, Stephen St.

**4.30pm** Una Mannion, Mayor's Parlour, Sligo City Hall, Quay St.

**5pm** Eoin McNamee, Liber, O'Connell St.

**5.30pm** Julianna Holland, Yeats Building, Hyde Bridge

## Stephen James Smith, Alice Lyons, An Tara & The Kobe Trio

Date Thursday July 12, 6pm

Venue Yeats Building, Hyde Bridge

Tickets €10

Stephen James Smith is a Dublin poet and playwright central to the rise of the vibrant spoken word scene in Ireland today. In 2017 Smith was commissioned by St. Patrick's Festival to write a "celebratory narrative" of Ireland. The resultant piece 'My Ireland' is accompanied by a short film by Director Myles O'Reilly.

Alice Lyons is Yeats Society poet in residence 2018/2019. Her third collection of poetry is *The Breadbasket of Europe* (Veer Books, London, 2016). Lyons's poems have appeared in publications such as *Tygodnik Powszchenny* (Kraków) and *Poetry* (Chicago), as poetry films, public artworks and in gallery contexts.

**The Kobe Trio** Classic, contemporary, and original jazz with Mark Murphy piano, Jaimie Carswell double bass, Con Schmaucks drums

**An Tara** Matthew Noone (sarode) & Tommy Hayes (bodhrán)





## Family Concert with MOXIE

**Date** Thursday July 12

**Time** 6pm

**Venue** The Big Top, Stephen St  
Car Park

**Tickets** Adults €12 / U. 18's €6 /  
Family 4 ticket €30

MOXIE have a solid Irish backbone, inspired and shaped by the surroundings of the west of Ireland, but with progressive, world and jazz influences in their musical pot it makes for a truly heady and distinctive sound, putting them at the forefront of new acoustic music from Ireland.

A family concert with MOXIE is an event not to be missed!

*MOXIE is the music of a new era, where fluidity, cross-pollination, and innovation are the future and salvation of Irish music." - Irish Examiner*

*"Irresistible, revolutionary energy" - The Irish Times*

★★★★





## Double Bill

# Jerry Creedon & Friends

# Manus Noble

In association with  
**Con Brio**

**Date** Thursday July 12

**Time** 8pm

**Venue** Calry Church

**Tickets** €16 / U. 18's €8

**Running Time** 120 minutes

**Jerry Creedon** Guitar

**Eilís O'Sullivan** Flute

**Ilse De Ziah** Cello

A fascinating mix of the classical and the modern, all involving the guitar, in a programme ranging from the cool jazz of Thelonius Monk to the Tango sensations of Astor Piazzolla.

### Eilís O'Sullivan

Award winning Irish flautist Eilís O'Sullivan is much in demand as a solo, chamber and orchestral musician, having broadcast and toured extensively. Eilís is a lecturer at the CIT Cork School of Music, Ireland.

Jerry Creedon Lecturer of Classical Guitar and founder of the Classical Guitar Studies Programme at the new state of the art CIT Cork School of Music. He has his own Jazz Ensemble, is a founding member of Irish Guitar Quartet, and has performed nationally and internationally.

### Ilse de Ziah

Ilse de Ziah is a composer, arranger and improviser. She performs with her classical "Scarlet String Quartet", contemporary Australian ensemble "Ozmosis" and experimental "Quiet Music Ensemble". She is principal cellist of the City of Cork Symphony Orchestra.

### Manus Noble

In 2010, Irish guitarist Manus Noble graduated with first class honours from the Royal College of Music and was awarded a scholarship to continue his studies at the Royal Academy of Music. He has received Performance Awards by the Musicians Benevolent Fund, Countess of Munster and Ian Flemming Trust, and was accepted onto the Park Lane Group Concert Series.



## HeadStuff Lectures

In association with  
Hawk's Well Theatre

Date Thursday July 12

Time 8pm

Venue Hawk's Well Theatre

Tickets €14

Runtime 90 minutes

Join comedian and presenter Gearóid Farrelly for a fun night of 'Lectures' with wonderful speakers talking passionately about different topics. They could be about frog memes or democratic revolutions. They could also be about Erwin Schrodinger or Paris Hilton. Or anything in between. HeadStuff lectures are not mass, not school and definitely not Ted Talks.

For the very first time the popular long running HeadStuff Lectures is leaving Dublin and is coming west for Cairde Sligo Arts Festival! Comedian Gearóid Farrelly will host, bringing his mischievous and charming humour to the proceedings. Guests include: Kevin McGahern, Eve Darcy, Ciaran Conliffe, Teresa Coyne and Tony Cantwell.

Talks About Stuff You Didn't Think You'd Care About...



## La Orquesta Kalamares

Date Thursday July 12

Time 10pm

Venue The Swagman

Tickets Free

Runtime 120 minutes

**Barbara Vulso** Vocals

**Alan Preims** Congas / Percussion / Vocals

**Antonio Aguilar** Piano / Bass / Vocals

La Orquesta Kalamares is a small band with a big sound! It is the smallest Salsa/Latin orchestra in Ireland, but don't be fooled by the size of the band. Coming out of the fertile music ground of Galway in the west of Ireland with its vibrant Latin community, the band started with the challenge to compress the full sound of a large sized Salsa band into a compact 3-piece combo. The band soon put together an extensive repertoire, a winning combination of original songs and own arrangements of very popular songs, embracing different styles of Latin music: Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Rumba, Kizomba, Cha Cha Cha, Cumbia.



## Circus Workshops For Children 8- 12

**Date** Friday July 13 and  
Saturday July 14

**Time** 11.30am to 1pm

**Venue** The Big Top,  
Stephen St Car Park

**Tickets** €8

**Running Time** 90 minutes

Join the international crew of award winning Tumble Circus for a fun filled and energetic 90 minutes of circus fun. This workshop will cover an introduction to circus skills including juggling, balance, diabolo, trapeze, clowning, slack rope and acrobatics.



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## Tumble Circus Unsuitable

**Date** Friday 13 July

**Time** 6pm

**Date** Saturday 14 July

**Time** 3pm

**Venue** The Big Top,  
Stephen St Car Park

**Tickets** Adults €12 / Children €6

Family of 4 €30

**Running Time** 70 minutes

Forget what you think Irish circus is, and give you and your family one incredible hour of extraordinary feats of circus skills at the Big Top. The award winning Tumble Circus is much more than your average high-wire act, mixing breathtaking spectacle with theatre and comedy. Laugh, be enlightened and entertained by a cast of five internationally renowned circus artists – acrobats, aerialists, jugglers and clowns.

*The Irish Cirque du Soleil if Cirque du Soleil were hit by a bus - **BONO***

*It's impossible not to smile, laugh, cry-**The Reviews Hub***



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## Flook

**In collaboration with  
Hawk's Well Theatre**

**Date** Friday July 13

**Time** 8pm

**Venue** Hawk's Well Theatre

**Tickets** €20 / €18 Conc / €10 U.18's

**Running Time** 100 minutes

The flutes of Brian Finnegan and Sarah Allen, the guitar of Ed Boyd and the bodhran of John Joe Kelly weave and spin traditionally rooted tunes into the breathtaking sound of the groundbreaking band Flook. This group possesses a rare blend of fiery technical brilliance, delicate ensemble interaction and a bold, adventurous musical imagination.

Though their first release, *Flook! Live!* (1997), was already heralded as "the ultimate modern flute album" by *The Irish Times*, Flook only properly burst onto the international music scene with the release of their debut studio album, *Flatfish*, in 1999. *Flatfish* was hailed as "stunning", "remarkable" and "little short of miraculous". *"Rubai"*, released in 2002 and nominated for BBC Folk Album of the Year, was universally applauded by both journalists and fellow musicians and cemented Flook's reputation as one of the most exciting and innovative bands to emerge from the English/Irish folk scene. They went on to win the coveted award for Best Group at BBC Folk Awards 2006.





# Karl Spain, Danny O'Brien and Eve Darcy

**Date** Friday July 13

**Time** 9pm

**Venue** The Big Top,  
Stephen St Car Park

**Tickets** €14

**Running Time** 90 minutes

\*Recommended Age 16+

Karl Spain is probably best known in Ireland for his TV series Karl Spain Wants a Woman, which was a huge success in that he not only got huge ratings but he also found himself a woman. He has appeared on Liffey Laughs, The Late Late Show, The Panel and is a regular at Kilkenny Cat Laughs, Vodafone Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival and Montreal Just for Laughs.

Danny O'Brien . Resident host and owner of The Comedy Crunch in Dublin - his friendly, high energy and anecdotal style draws in an audience and brings on the big laughs with ease! Following in the footsteps of Simon Pegg, Dylan Moran and Dara Ó Briain, Danny was handpicked in 2016 to perform as part of the iconic "Best of The Edinburgh Fest" Show.

Eve Darcy, host of 'COMEDY' at the Workman's Club in Dublin, performs all around Ireland, including Vodafone Comedy & Cat Laughs Festivals. She has performed in Vancouver, the UK and brought her solo show 'That's Why' to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2017. Eve returns to Edinburgh this August with her new solo show 'All About Eve'.



## Innercity

**Date** Friday July 13

**Time** 9pm

**Venue** Bookmart, Bridge St.

**Tickets** €5 By Donation

Psychedelic, spiralling, lo-fi synth/electronics and guitars with a heavy dose of Antwerp. Light meditative rhythms to conjure up sleepy crystal creatures who love to dance to the sound of manipulated vocals with new age leanings. Innercity has created an atmosphere of a digital forest for those long hazy walks.



## New Jackson & Margie Lewis

Followed by DJ set  
with David Kitt

**Date** Friday July 13

**Time** 10pm

**Venue** Tricky's McGarrigles,  
O'Connell Street

**Tickets** €12

There aren't many artists that can lay claim to having put out records on labels as divergent as Rough Trade and John Talabot's Hivern Discs. Perhaps this is because few artists express such genuine diversity in their musical tastes and creative explorations as David Kitt. Since the turn of the decade as New Jackson, he has mined a seam of driving, ghostly house to run parallel with his solo strand of ambient folk electronica.

New Jackson's debut album, *From Night to Night*, was recorded in Kitt's bedroom studio overlooking Dublin bay, its nocturnal hues very much a product of the nightshift often working on headphones with the rest of his housemates fast asleep. It takes full advantage of the scope of the LP format, ebbing and flowing between deep house club ready gems and more restrained and meditative beatless moments for the morning after.

# LORDS OF STRUT



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## Lords of Strut Release the Freak

**Date** Saturday July 14

**Time** 8pm

**Venue** The Big Top,  
Stephen St Car Park

**Tickets** €14 (For ages 16+)

**Running Time** 70 minutes

Banging Dance Routines & Extremely Sexy Comedy. See Lords of Strut as you have always wanted, FULL craic... smashing out the freakiest, funniest and sexiest routines that these high fashion dancing legends can manage through their endless melodrama. No one does absurd dancing soap operas better than the LORDS OF STRUT!

Laughs come fast and hard as the boys leap around in less clothing than a naturalist at a bongo party and generally unleash a full dose of madness.

*Truly Subversive* – **New York Times**

*An hour of Belly Laughs* – **The Irish Times**

**Join us at the Big Top for this unmissable event!**



# Katie Laffan

## Followed by DJ Nooneboy

**Date** Saturday July 14

**Time** 10pm

**Venue** Tricky's McGarrigles,  
O'Connell Street

**Tickets** €12

Recently named by the Irish Times as one of their 50 people to watch in 2018, and hailed 'Best Newcomer' at 2017's Electric Picnic - Katie Laffan has never been an artist to stand still. From her debut EP of lo-fi funk 'Dead as Disco' and last year's alternative disco anthem 'Tastemaker', the Dubliner delights in taking influence from a wealth of genres - producing most of her own music in her home studio. In 2017, Katie has played the IMRO Other Room at Other Voices, Body & Soul and the St Patrick's Festival Young Blood event at the National Concert Hall. This artist is definitely set to soar.

*Fabulously lissom beatnik disco pop...* - **The Times**

*It's so addictive, we sense stardom is imminent... Record Of The Day You can almost hear the disco ball spinning overhead...* - **The 405**

*As fresh as a day old haircut...* - **The Irish Times**



# Day by Day

## Saturday July 7

### Opening Party with Disco É Cultura

The Swagman, 10pm  
Tickets Free

## Sunday July 8

### Park Fest

The Peace Park, 12 to 6pm  
Tickets Free

## Monday July 9

### Storytelling with Imelda Ní Riain for ages 4+

Liber Bookshop, 12.30pm  
Tickets Free

### Nakupelle, The Trap

Tobergal Lane, 1.30pm  
Tickets Free

### Myth & Magic, Storytelling & Animation with Wayne O'Connor

Liber Bookshop, 3pm  
Tickets Free

### Hands Across the World

Ósta Café, 6pm  
Tickets by donation

## Tuesday July 10

### Me & My Bee

The Factory Performance Space, 2pm  
Tickets €10 / €7 / Family of 4 €30

### LemonCello – Songs by the Sea

The Gallery Café, Rosses Point, 3pm  
Tickets Free

### Native Oak – Songs by the Sea

Nook, Collooney, 5pm  
Tickets Free

### Hands Across the World

Ósta Café, 6pm  
Tickets by Donation

### LemonCello

Lyon's Café, 6pm  
Tickets €15, incl light supper

### Julia Croft, Power Ballad

The Factory Performance Space, 8pm  
Tickets €14

### DJ Sweet Cup and DJ Fuzzrock

O'Sullivan's Bar, from 9pm  
Tickets Free

## Wednesday July 11

### Storytelling with Imelda Ní Riain for ages 4+

Sligo Central Library, 12.30pm  
Tickets Free

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Tickets Free

### Pop up Family Sing

Hawk's Well Theatre, 6pm  
Tickets €5 Adults / Children Free

### The Model presents Cairde Visual

The Model, 6pm Opening Reception  
Daily until Saturday August 19 (closed Mondays)  
Tickets Free

### California Footwarmers

Hawk's Well Theatre, 8pm  
Tickets €18 / €9 U. 18's

### The Local Group, Foyle Punt

Rosses Point Sailing Club, 8.30pm  
Tickets €15

### Niwel Tsumbu & Eamon Cagney

Tricky's McGarrigles, 10pm  
Tickets €12

### DJ Will Softly

Tricky's McGarrigles, 10pm  
Tickets Free

## Thursday July 12

### **An Tara, Trad at Lunch**

Hawk's Well Theatre, 1.10pm

Tickets Free

### **Lulu's World**

Stephen St. Car Park, 1.30pm

Tickets Free

### **One World Kid's Disco with DJ Will Softly**

The Big Top, 2pm

Tickets €5 / parents go Free

### **Vagabond Verses**

Poetry Trail, 3 to 6 pm

See Page 22 for details

Tickets Free

### **Stephen James Smith & The Kobe Trio**

Alice Lyons & An Tara

The Yeat's Building, 6pm

Tickets €10

### **Family Concert with MOXIE**

Big Top, Stephen St. Car Park, 6pm

Tickets Adults €12 / U. 18's €6 / Family of 4 €30

### **Double bill: Jerry Creedon & Friends and Manus Noble**

Calry Church, 8pm

Tickets €16 / U. 18's €8

### **HeadStuff Lectures**

Hawk's Well Theatre, 8pm

Tickets €14

### **The Local Group, Foyle Punt**

Rosses Point Sailing Club, 8.30pm

Tickets €15

### **La Orquesta Kalamares**

The Swagman, 10pm

Tickets Free

## Friday July 13

### **Circus Workshops for Children 8- 12**

The Big Top, 11.30 am to 1pm

Tickets €8

### **Tumble Circus Unsuitable**

The Big Top, 6pm

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## Daily Events

### **Hazel Egan & Noel Tighe**

The Hamilton Gallery

Daily - Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 6pm  
(Closed Sunday)

Tickets Free

### **Lorna Watkins Heartfelt**

Hyde Bridge Gallery

Daily - Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm

Ticket Free

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# Family Day

  
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**First Race 1.50pm**

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