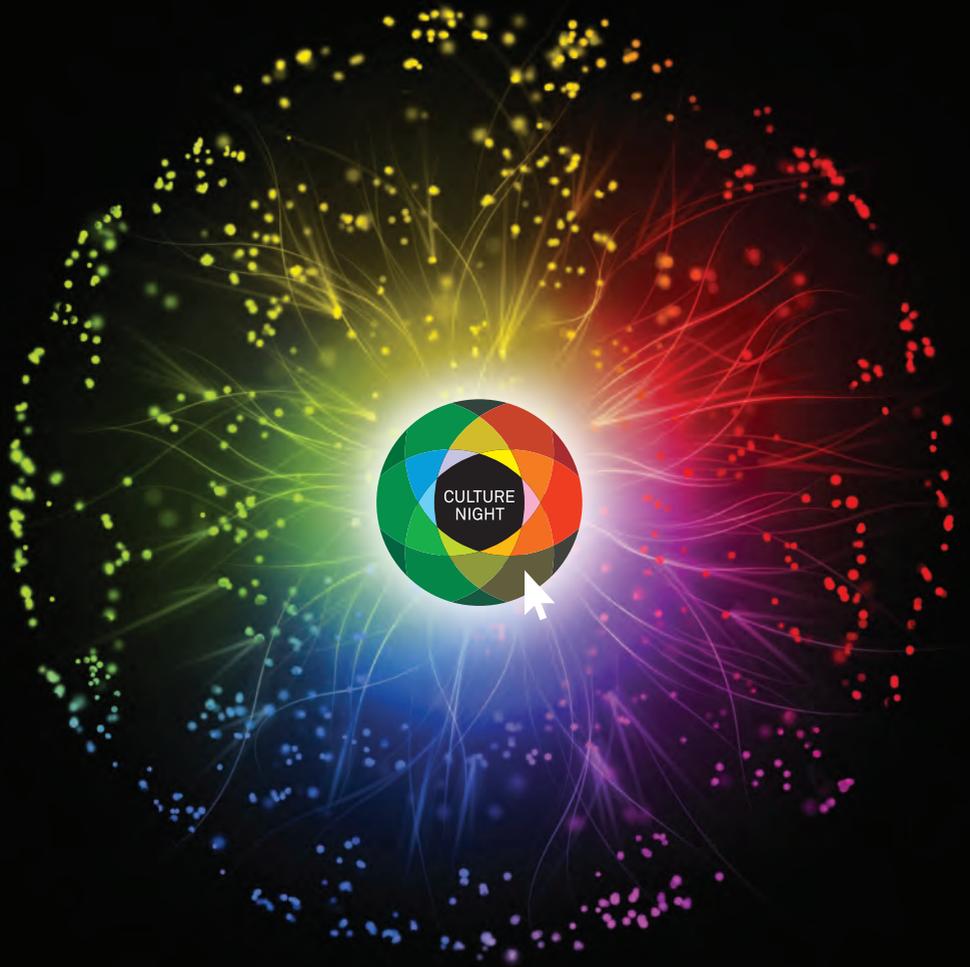


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'Portal - Otherworldly Wonders' - <i>Artist's Talk with Tina Claffey</i>	7pm
Birr Projection - <i>A postcard view of Birr</i>	7.30 - 10.30pm

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Culture Night Offaly – Friday, September 18th, 2020

CONNECT THROUGH CULTURE

OPENING STATEMENT

Culture Night Offaly Friday September 18th. This year we Connect Through Culture across Offaly and beyond as we explore new ways of expression. As well as some smaller venue events, in an exciting twist for 2020, artists and venues will also open their virtual doors to host a programme of FREE entertainment as part of our national celebration of arts and culture. In its 10th milestone year, come and experience Culture Night Offaly through a spectacle of song, music, dance and visual arts as you've never seen before.

ONLINE EVENT LINKS

Links to all online films will be live on the events page of www.offaly.ie/arts on Culture Night. Alternatively 'like', CultureNightOffaly on Facebook for all news.

MEGA PLAY ALONG

with Music Generation Offaly/Westmeath

Time: 3pm

This Culture Night we're trying something a little different.

Our aim is to get as many people as we can, playing and singing together online and we'd love you to take part!

Our mega play and sing along will have 2 sessions – First join us for a Facebook Live event at 3pm on Friday 18th September, with tips and tools on how to play/sing your part from our musician team, and then on Sunday 27th September we will all meet on zoom for the biggest play and sing along event.

So...whether you play the spoons or the sousaphone keep an eye on the Music Generation Offaly Westmeath Facebook page for all the details on how to get involved. All ages welcome.



Music Generation
Offaly/Westmeath
Uibh Fhaili/na hIarmhí



Culture Night Film Offaly



Energise | Envisage | Engage

Time: 7pm

Offaly County Council Arts Office, has commissioned a film for Culture Night 2020. Produced by One Productions, the film showcases the work of some of Offaly's amazing artists. It is an eclectic mix of performances and installations that are set at a number of stunning locations and venues around the county, creating an artistic impression of a people and a place. It will show case new songs by Mundy, Tolu Makay and Hubert Murray, spoken word by Richard Brennan, music by Aoise O'Dwyer, Sadie Mitchell and

Sean Ryan, contemporary dance by Amy Donlon and her dance troupe Isobel Gibney, Mia Gibney, Sophie Gibney and Rebecca Walsh and traditional dance by Ciara Callanan Ryan. Michael Bulfin will be making an appearance among the Sculptures of Lough Boora, including his own work Sky Train. As well as a special installation of artist's works presented at Rosalind and Derek Fanning's St. Brendan's House and Tin Jug Studio of Birr, including the works of Hazel Green, Eileen Casey, Rosemarie Langtry, Caroline Conway and Jock Nichol, with prose read by Darragh O'Toole. This film will be a lasting legacy to the creativity of the county and should not be missed.

The Irish Legacy of the Bronte Family in 15 Objects



Link: drmaebhoregan@gmail.com



Time: 7pm

Charlotte Bronte married Banagher-man, Arthur Bell Nicholls. In 1861 he brought all the remaining Bronte belongings back to Banagher. This online talk will provide an insight into the Bronte family through 15 items in this collection. Branwell's *Pillar Portrait* is one of the objects under discussion.

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Shoes of Edenderry

*A Self-Guided Exhibition through
Edenderry Town*

Time: 5-10pm



WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

Creative Edenderry, a cultural empowerment initiative involving the Edenderry community, Offaly County Council Arts Office and Voluntary Arts Ireland, present a series of images and stories in various locations and shop windows. Experience the nostalgia of a community of workers past and present who worked and lived in Edenderry. Experience each display at your own pace, drawing together the old and the new, embracing diversity and "walking in time".

No bookings required
Family Friendly



Vintage Luminaries Light Shows

Time: 6.30pm



Offaly Libraries presents artist Caroline Conway, who will share a selection of recordings of Vintage Luminaries light shows that have taken place in Birr town in recent years.

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FOUNDATIONS

- Museum of Everyone

Curator's Talk with Brendan Fox

Time: 7.45pm

Curator Brendan Fox will be launching a new project in Tullamore. This project is as an Offaly County Council Arts Office initiative that will be working with communities in Tullamore, and aims to engage with artists, groups and the public by developing an active platform for local creativity within our community. Foundations - Museum of Everyone is a platform for potential, collaboration, original thinking and action.



Sparks of the Divine



Time: From 8pm

JJ Hough's Singing Pub brings you a night of unique and uplifting music, song and story featuring Irish singer songwriter Ultan Conlon. His video 'Sparks of the Divine', will take you on an exploratory journey of a song that hints at our unpredictable technological future, based on a short story by Ger Hough's 'Love in the time of Technology'. Enjoy a Facebook Live performance by Ultan as well as one of the Hough's amazing videos - 'More Clickbait than W.B. Yeats' plus there will be an interview with Christine Dwyer Hickey, author of 'The Narrow Land'.

Adult content

Deep Mapping: Lough Boora Sculpture Park

Book Launch and Talk



Time: 8.15pm

Initiated by Offaly County Council in partnership with Bord na Móna and the Lough Boora Sculpture Park Management committee, The Collins + Goto Studio were asked to develop a deep mapping project that would reveal a detailed depiction of place, people, buildings, objects, flora and fauna, existing within and surrounding the Lough Boora Sculpture Park. Enjoy the views of Tim Collins and Reiko Goto Collins from this recently published document which offers the unique perspective in considering a sustainable artistic vision, that can inform the future development of the Sculpture Park.





BIRR PROJECTION

A postcard view of Birr

Location: 14 Main Street, Birr

Time: 7.30pm to 10.30pm



Drawing on a collection of 70 postcards specific to Birr from 1900, the evening will highlight the changing nature of the town as captured through the lens of early photographers. Duration: 20 minutes loop. Organiser: Paul Barber & Ger Murphy

M.51/Spiral Nebula

Time: 10pm



Immerse yourself in this visual essay in celebration of the discovery of the spiral structure of the Nebula Whirlpool. This momentous discovery, by William 3rd Earl of Rosse, allowed humans to see, and realise, for the first time that we lived not in a singular galaxy but multiple galaxies, a much vaster universe than has been imagined.

This film, produced by Offaly Drama Project and funded by Creative Ireland, brings together artists from different disciplines to collaborate and create a film from their collective creative response.

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'Portal - Otherworldly Wonders'

Artist's Talk with Tina Claffey

Time: 7pm

Birr Theatre and Arts Centre



Join Tina as she takes us on a seasonal journey through the mysterious bog wilderness, while also showcasing some of the images from her forthcoming solo show 'Portal' in Birr Theatre & Arts Centre.

Lichens become enchanted forests, mystical goblets appear that are fit for otherworldly kings and queens. Tentacles of carnivorous sundews poise like a cobra ready to strike, while wondrous caterpillars snooze on ancient mosses. Immerse yourself in scenes within the bog that defy your sense of reality, like portals to ancient worlds that co-exist with us.

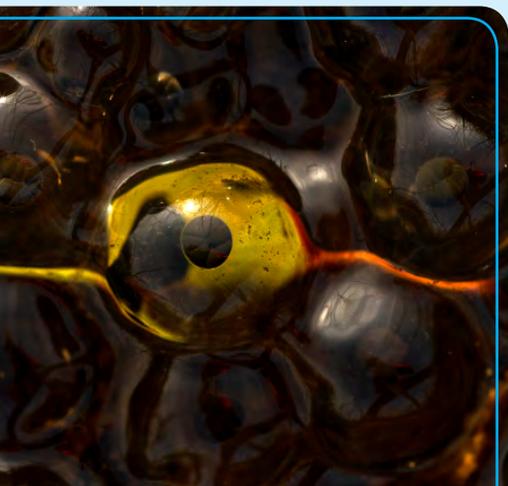
BOOKING THROUGH

www.birrtheatre.com or the box office **057 9122911 (1 – 5.30pm)**

No Walk-ins

(advance booking only)

Wheelchair Accessible



Rahan Comhaltas & Friends



'Faces of Culture and Creativity'

Time: 9pm

Partnered with Charleville Castle and taking their show to the realms of the internet, expect Rahan Comhaltas and friends to once again bring you an exciting and trans-cultural selection of traditional music, song, dance and who knows, maybe even a story or two! Also enjoy an electric trad dance session with The Celtic Blondes, an exquisite JS Bach flute performance with Adriana von Runic, energetic Indian Dance with Aparna Shukla and Meghana, and an exploration of the audio and visual senses with DJ Darrendajourney, Tracy McEvoy and Terri Dale-Kearney.

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