

B I R R

VINTAGE WEEK & ARTS FESTIVAL

55th Annual
4-12 August 2023

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INFO LINE: (089) 473 5055



WELCOME

2023 marks the 55th year of Vintage Week. We are absolutely thrilled to continue this long tradition with a jam-packed week celebrating our culture featuring a town-wide programme of visual arts, theatre, music, street theatre, workshops, exhibitions, and a whole host of community events. We have a new-look brochure this year, with a daily planner at the back and events grouped by type and by location.

Vintage Week is a team effort; from the committee, community organisers, volunteers, participants and thousands of spectators. Our special thanks in particular go to the businesses and people of Birr, whose generous sponsorship and support make this Festival possible and we hope you will enjoy every moment and immerse yourselves in the joy that is Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival. As always, we ask you to support those who support the festival.

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FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS

Mick Egan Memorial Busking Competition

See page 7 for details

Children's Vintage Costume Competition

Dress up your kids and be in with a chance of winning some great prizes.

See Page 5 for more details.

Shop Window Display

Dress your window in vintage style and be in with a chance of winning the brand-new Perpetual Shield, kindly donated by R.J Barber & Sons.

Register by Friday 4 August. Call our

Info Line (089) 473 5055 or email vintageweekoffice@gmail.com

Ann's Best Dressed on Vintage Sunday

A prize of a 100 euro voucher for Dooly's Hotel for the Best Dressed this Vintage Sunday in honour of Ann O'Meara who was so deeply involved in the festival for over 50 years

Pub Competitions

See birr.vintageweek.com



TRADITIONAL VINTAGE EVENTS

VINTAGE SUNDAY PARADE

Sun 6 Aug / Streets of Birr / 3pm

The crown jewel of Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival. Join us for some fantastic family fun with street theatre, marching bands, floats, vintage cars plus lots more! Award-winning photographer Tina Claffey will give the Opening Address and Emma Nee Haslam will return as Parade MC. In honour of Tina, Cloughjordan Circus Club is bringing Tiny Fantastic to the Parade with a giant spider, butterfly stilt walkers, flowers, and bees plus community groups have created their own floats and props this year to celebrate the biodiversity of our beautiful county. Queries; please call our Info Line.

AFTER PARADE ENTERTAINMENT

Green Street / 4pm / Vintage Cars on Display

Emmet Square / 4.45pm / Frankie Magilligan Comedy Juggling Show

5pm / Children's Vintage Costume Competition

Courthouse Yard / 4.30pm & 6.00pm / Baubo Theatre

Frankie Magilligan Comedy Juggling Show

With his incredible smile and impeccable fashion sense, Frankie will leave you in stitches with his hilarious antics and incredible juggling skills, all while performing on his gold unicycle!

Baubo Theatre

Cabinet of Curatrocities

Join the Baron von Munchcracker and the irrepressible Spud as they traverse the nine corners of the earth and the five seas to bring you the sights, sounds and smells of their Cabinet of Curatrocities, using an inventive mix of puppetry, song and dance!

To book: birr.vintageweek.com
Info Line: (089) 473 5055



Dancing at the Cottages

Fri 4 Aug / Burke's Hill / 7.30pm

Hosted by Birr Tidy Towns. Music by Rock on Paddy. Traditional music & dancing, plus other family-friendly fun events. BBQ and refreshments available.

Festival Mass

Sun 6 Aug / St Brendan's R.C Church / 12pm

A special blessing to celebrate the community's activities during the Festival, with choirs of the Parish. All welcome.

Children's Vintage Costume Competition

Sat 5 Aug / Emmet Square / 5pm

Get your children into the festival spirit by dressing up in Vintage costume and be in with a chance of winning some great prizes!

Birr Garden Trail

Mon 7 Aug / Starting from John's Mall / 2pm

After its hugely-successful debut last year, the Birr Garden Trail returns with a brand-new route in 2023 and plenty of different gardens to explore across our lovely little town. Booking is essential.

Children's Pavement Art

Tues 8 Aug / St Brendan's Boys School / 3pm

A new location in Moorpark Street this year due to huge numbers attending in 2022. A festival tradition that every child enjoys! Children must be accompanied by an adult and you need to bring your own chalk.



Connaught Street Capers

Tues 8 Aug / Connaught Street / 7pm

An evening of craic, ceol, games, live music & more.

Children's Treasure Hunt

Wed 9 Aug / Start from Courthouse Yard / 3pm

A festival favourite for many years. Come join the fun! All teams/participants should be accompanied by an adult as there will be road crossings. High-vis jackets recommended. Judging based on timing and questions answered.

Leinster Regiment Annual Lecture & Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Sat 12 Aug

11.30am: Birr Theatre & Arts Centre / Annual Leinster Regiment Lecture; "The Leinsters in Victoria Barracks, Cork" given by Gerry White, noted historian and writer.

1.30pm: Birr Barracks, Crinkill / Wreath-Laying Ceremony at The Leinster Regiment Memorial.

Leinster Regiment Memorabilia Exhibition

4-12 Aug / Birr Library

This exhibition commemorates the colourful history of the Leinster Regiment housed at Crinkle Barracks from 1881 and covers many aspects from this time. Come and view a piece of Birr's history!

TRADITIONAL VINTAGE EVENTS

VINTAGE MARKET

Sat 5 Aug / Green Street / 10am - 6pm

After its long hiatus, it finally returns this year!

From Memory Lane Antiques to Kelly's Bar, ramble through stalls featuring sumptuous food, different creations by local artists, take part in a Drumming Circle and enjoy performances by our Vintage Buskers, fresh from entertaining the town in the Mick Egan Memorial Busking Competition earlier in the day!

FIREWORKS NIGHT & GIG RIG

Thurs 10 Aug / Birr Rugby Club / 7pm

A field of family fun with vintage games, food, fire-breathing, the Mongrel Dog Show plus our Baby Vintage Costume Competition (15 months and under)!

Our Music line-up will feature our headline act, **Big Generator**, the winner of the Mick Egan Busking Competition, Dickie Donnelly & The Entourage Band plus more local musicians playing through the night until the fireworks go off!

Bucket collection with thanks to Birr Lions Club.
STRICTLY NO HAWKERS.



Mick Egan Memorial Busking Competition

Sat 5 Aug / Streets of Birr / 2pm -5pm

All performers are welcome to entertain festival goers, earn a Vintage 'bob' and compete for the Pride of Birr Award. Register on Green Street.

Drumming Circle

Sat 5 Aug / Green Street / 2pm & 3pm

Come join Dave from Jabba Jabba Jembe at the Vintage Market for a high-energy interactive drumming circle. Suitable for the whole family. *Free, no booking required.*

OFFline Music 'N' Movies Singalong Quiz

Sat 5 Aug / The Chestnut / 8.30pm

Get those vocal chords in working order and assemble your squad for one of Vintage Week's most-anticipated events. Money raised goes to OFFline Film Festival 2023 (11-15 October). Music by STAGRD. €10 per person (Pay on the night!)

Tom O'Reilly Memorial Car Treasure Hunt

Mon 7 Aug / Start at Dooly's Hotel / 6pm

Birr & District Motor Club presents this much-loved evening for all the family, finding and solving clues! €15 (Register on the day from 5.30pm)



Hibernian Antiques Fair

Mon 7 & Tues 8 Aug | County Arms Hotel | 11am-6pm

Admission | Adults €3.50 (including raffle)
Children are most welcome and free of charge.

Eccentric Walking Tour of Birr

Mon 7, Tues 8 & Wed 9 Aug / 3pm

The fabulous Mary Boissel will guide you on this unique tour of Birr where you can learn about the town through the ages, especially Georgian Birr. Starting in Market Square and finishing at Emmet Square around 4:15pm. Free, no booking required.

Historical Walk

Tues 8 Aug / Starting from John's Hall / 7.30pm

Always hugely popular, local historian Brian Kennedy returns this year to host his fascinating guided tour of Birr's historic centre. Free, no booking required.

Be A Passing Artist

Fri 11 Aug / Tin Jug Studio / 11am-1pm

Annual fun for grown-ups and accompanied children to wander up St Brendan Street and stop under the umbrella to do some art. All materials will be supplied. €2 donation welcome!

THE WIND GARDEN

Sat 5 Aug / 9.30pm

Cal y Canto Teatro, Spain have performed in more than 25 countries all over the world. This magical outdoor show is a spectacle of choreographed flying objects and light that will transform the night sky and immerse you in a dreamlike experience of energy and joy. An unforgettable party in the garden!

Supported by the Spanish Ministry Tickets €15 + booking fees.
Pre-booking is essential.

DANU

Mon 7 Aug / 9.30pm

Erebidae Circus are back with another enchanting night-time performance in Birr Castle's formal gardens. Join us along a guided performance trail alight with lanterns and magical happenings, and expect to encounter weird and wonderful things in the night air. This year's show takes its inspiration from Celtic mythology's mother goddess Danu with fire dance, aerial circus, storytelling, live music and visual installations. Bring your heart's desires and your best intentions as we invite you to sow the seeds of dreams. Featuring a specially-commissioned video installation by Finn Nichol.

Tickets €15 + booking fees.
Pre-booking is essential.



The Big Beautiful Vintage Picnic

Fri 4 Aug / 12.30pm - 3pm

Lay down your blankets and spread out your own vintage-style picnic. A fun-filled memory-making day out for all.

Prizes on the day include: Best Looking Vintage-Themed Picnic, Best Dressed Vintage Family, Best Lemon Drizzle Cake & Best Egg & Cress Sandwich.

Pre-booking is essential:
www.birrcastle.com/events

The Coiffured Launch

Tues 8 Aug / Copper Tree Gallery / 6.30pm

The Coiffured is a unique solo exhibition of work by artist Amanda Jane Graham bringing together art history, the history of hairdressing and her expert knowledge of hairdressing techniques in the artworks.

Social Walk

Tues 8 August / 3pm

Join staff from Offaly Local Development Company on an afternoon stroll through the beautiful grounds of Birr Castle. Followed by some light refreshments and a good chat.

Free, booking essential.

Contact Stephanie on (086 833 6873) or email shill@offalyldc.ie

The Enchanted Island

Presented by Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

Wed 9 Aug / 11am & 2pm

The legendary vanishing Island of Hy-Brazil will descend on Birr Castle Gardens and you're invited to walk within audio landscapes where merfolk sip seaweed tea, Seagull-John cooks white birds over trash fires and dreams and magic appear in multiple forms. Suitable for age: 15+.

€15/10 + booking fees

Limited capacity. Pre-booking is essential.

Plein-Air Painting

Wed 9 & Thur 10 Aug / 9.30am - 4pm

Whether you're an experienced painter or a beginner we hope you'll join Bridget Flannery for 2 days of outdoor painting in the beautiful grounds of Birr Castle. Bridget is a highly-regarded visual artist whose work evokes the immersive experience of being outside in the landscape. Meet in the Castle Courtyard.

€25 per day or €40 for both days.

Pre-booking is essential.

World's Biggest Healing Circle

Thur 10 Aug / 4pm - 6pm

Join the World's Biggest Healing Circle at Birr Castle. Bring your family, drum, blanket and healing energy for the Earth.

Registration essential for number count.

Contact Lynne (089) 465 5279.



Scullion

Fri 4 Aug / 8pm

Get ready to experience one of Ireland's most captivating and enduring live acts - Scullion! This is a rare opportunity to witness the awe-inspiring talents of Sonny Condell, Robbie Overson, and Philip King, as they bring their eclectic musical roots to life in a powerful, poetic and soulful way.

€25 + booking fees.

Out of the Ordinary

IRISH NATIONAL OPERA

Mon 7 Aug / Multiple shows from 11am

Experience the world's first virtual reality community opera. It will bring you to an imagined world, realised through animation, creating a truly unique experience where you will have the ability to move around and interact with the environment and re-imagine what opera can be for a new digital age. Suitable for 14+.

€10 + booking fees.

Fred & Alice

Fri 11 Aug / 2.30pm

This popular play comes back to Birr on its 10th anniversary tour! A quirky love story about 2 amazing mischievous characters who meet in a home. If you've seen it before we know you'll come back. If you haven't, what are you waiting for?

€15 + booking fees.

The Frank and Walters

Sat 12 Aug / 8pm

Get ready to close out Vintage Week with a bang! The Frank and Walters, one of Cork's most-beloved indie rock bands, will be taking the stage in a special acoustic duo formation for an unforgettable night of music. Join us as they unleash their signature catchy pop hooks, melodic guitar riffs, and whimsical lyrics.

€22.50 + booking fees.



@ BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE

Rock 'n' Roll years and Dance Hall days

Wed 9 Aug / 8pm

Step into a world of timeless melodies and unforgettable rhythms featuring the incomparable Trevor Kelly and the sensational George Jones. Together, they promise an evening filled with heart-warming nostalgia, toe-tapping rhythms and soul-stirring music. €20 + booking fees.

Tunes in the Afternoon

Thur 10 Aug / 2.30pm

A nostalgic trip down memory lane filled with music and songs from the popular Irish trio "No Half Measure". Come to reminisce and sing along to popular tunes. Teas and coffees will be served. €10 + booking fees (including refreshments).

Family Film: Babe

Fri 11 Aug / 7pm

Babe, an orphaned piglet, is chosen for a "guess the weight" contest at a county fair. The winning farmer brings him home to stay with a Border Collie named Fly, her mate Rex and their puppies, in the barn. Join us for this enchanting adventure that will leave you inspired and entertained. Book your tickets now for a memorable movie experience that the whole family will love! €5

BIRR SCHOOL OF MUSIC *presents*

Classical Evening

Mon 7 Aug / John's Hall / 8pm

Sit back with a glass of wine and enjoy an evening of classical favourites, well-known songs and traditional airs with singers Julie Shanley and Clare McEvoy, accompanied by pianist Sophie Ward. Get in the spirit and wear your finest vintage costume!

€18 (includes a glass of wine/cheese).
Booking is essential.

Children's Concert

Tues 8 Aug / John's Hall / 1.30pm

The pupils of Birr School of Music present some of their favourite pieces for solo piano and guitar. Come support these young musicians in the making! Free entry.

Silent Movie Night

Tues 8 Aug / John's Hall / 8pm

Take a trip back in time for this magical night of short silent films with live musical accompaniment.

€18 (includes a glass of wine/cheese).
Booking is essential.

The Adventures of Mr Fox

Wed 9 Aug / St Brendan's Hall, Emmet St /
10am & 11am

Parent/Toddler Music. Join Mr. Fox and his friends for a musical adventure, featuring songs, rhymes, dancing, puppets, and musical fun! Suitable for ages 13 months - 3.5yrs accompanied by an adult. Duration: 30 mins. €10 per child. Booking is essential.

@ ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

Lunchtime Organ Recital

Fri 11 Aug / 1.05pm

Gerard Gillen is titular organist emeritus of Dublin's Pro-Cathedral and professor emeritus of music at Maynooth University. He has given over 1,000 recitals in a career that has taken him to four continents, acting as a member of a number of international competition juries, and performing at many of the world's most prestigious recital venues.

Free entry but donations particularly welcome.

Lunchtime Recital: Vivaldi & Bach

Sat 12 Aug / 1.05pm

Featuring performances by Charles Marshall (organ) and Bogdan Sofei (violin). A resident of Westmeath, Charles is the Director of Music and Organist at St Ann's Church in Dublin while Bogdan is a founding member of ConTempo Quartet.

Free entry but donations particularly welcome.

PLEASE NOTE

Birr School of Music
booking for these events via
office@birrschoolofmusic.com

@ THE COURTHOUSE YARD

Everyone is welcome to drop in to the Courthouse Yard, where we have art materials and games for the young and young at heart and plenty of visual stimulation.

FLEA CIRCUS

Sat 5 Aug / Multiple shows from 12pm

The highly-trained, teeny tiny fleas are coming to Birr. Don't miss Jay Ryan's Flea Circus, involving feats of astonishing bravery and breath-taking beauty – acrobatics, trapeze, high wire and more.

20-minute show, suitable for families (5+ years). €5 + booking fees.

VINTAGE LUMINARIES

Wed 9 Aug / From 10pm

For the Love of It

A trio of artists present a film about love, in five segments. Based on ancient Greek concepts but from a modern, youthful perspective.

Swift Story

An immersive audio visual installation inspired by the swift box installed on the building to provide a nesting site for the swifts made homeless when the roof was repaired.

UKRAINIAN FOLK ART WORKSHOPS

Flower Painting

Petrykivka Петриківський розпис

Mon 7 Aug / 11am

Join Katerina to learn this traditional technique of flower patterns through distinctive brush techniques on the traditional white background. €5 + booking fees

Traditional Winding Doll

Motanka мотанка

Mon 7 Aug / 2pm

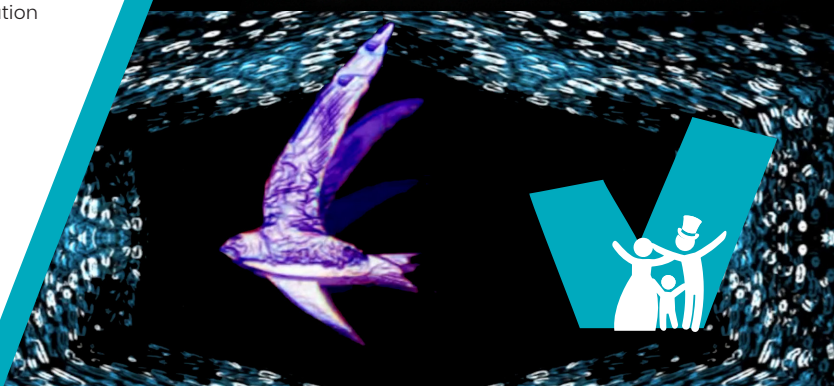
A winding doll is made without using a needle or scissors. Motanka is a symbol of well-being, goodness and hope, and is a talisman of human fate, so cannot be stabbed or cut. €5 + booking fees

Paper Cutting

Vytynanky Витина́нки

Mon 7 Aug / 4pm

Vytynaty literally means to cut out – it is an ornamental decoration of the home, which is cut with a knife or scissors from paper. Traditional Ukrainian techniques include stylised figures of people, animals and plants. €5 + booking fees



Parade Workshops

Sat 5 Aug / 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm

The Courthouse Yard will be a buzz of activity getting ready for the Parade. Come and help finish the Vintage Week float or make your own props to use as a spectator or participant.

Art Wall Workshops

Sat 5 Aug / 2pm-4pm

Mon 7 & Tues 8 Aug / 11am-1pm

Wed 9 Aug / 12pm-1pm

Cut, stick, paint, draw, create! We have a 14 metre long wall to fill and we need your help! Suitable for all ages, families welcome. €5 + booking fees (per workshop)

Lunchtime Buskers

Tues 8 & Wed 9 Aug / 1pm

Pick up some lunch from one of our fabulous cafés and come to the Courthouse Yard. Listen to some music or join in and keep the kids happy with drop-in art activities and games.

Shannon Bergin Illustration Workshop

Tues 8 Aug / 11am

Become an illustrator with Shannon whose debut illustrated book "Evie's Christmas Wishes" was shortlisted for the 2021 Irish Book Awards. Suitable for Age 8+. €5

Slime Labs

Wed 9 Aug / 11am

Join the Slime Labs with exciting experiments, Slime (Giant Slime bubbles, Slime Falls) Test Tube Science and Coke geysers. Definitely not one to miss for some gooey oozy fun. Duration: 1 hour. €10 + booking fees.

Red Embers Belly Dancers

Wed 9 Aug / 8pm

Come and see a fantastic cultural dance show with The Red Embers of Tullamore. Their dance style includes Cabaret, Tribal and Oriental Bellydance. Free.

Paint Pouring Workshop

Thur 10 Aug / 12pm & 2pm

Explore this exciting medium with Terri Dale Kearney, learn some different techniques and bring out your inner creative artist! Duration: 1 hour.

12pm: Adults & Teens. €10

2pm: Children 5+. €5

Vintage Week Awards Ceremony

Fri 11 Aug / 6pm

Join us as we present our festival competition winners with their awards including our Parade winners and the winners of this year's Shop Window Display. We'll also have music and refreshments.

All welcome!



MORE FAMILY EVENTS

BIRR AIR DISPLAY

Sat 5 Aug / Birr Airfield / 10am - 6pm

After being rained off last year, it's back and bigger than ever with its most exciting line up in its 10-year history. This year, see the 'Top Guns' of international UK & Ireland air display acts! A truly unique day for all the family with a large selection of attractions for all ages and a huge selection of food options in their Food Court.

Adult €25 | Child €12.50 | Family x 4 €65 | Family x 6 €75

To book: www.birrairdisplay.ie

CRINKILL SOAPBOX DERBY

Sat 12 Aug / Crinkill / First car down at 3pm

Kindly sponsored by **ROMAQUIP**

It's back and it's going to be bigger than ever with an exciting new course that includes more jumps and thrills to wow the crowd. There's €500 up for grabs for the fastest soapbox AND €500 for the best novelty entry. With music, food and family entertainment throughout, it's a day not to be missed! Registration up to 2pm.

€40 to enter (*participants must be over 18*)

Contact via Facebook or email
crinkillsoapboxrace@gmail.com
Or call (089) 422 6894 or (086) 100 2207



MAP KEY

Arts Trail & Key Event Venues

- 1 Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
- 2 Courthouse Yard
- 3 Oxmantown National School
- 4 The Growery
- 5 Masonic Hall
- 6 Birr Castle & Copper Tree Gallery
- 7 Maltings
- 8 Tin Jug Studio
- 9 Old Cinema
- 10 Birr Technology Centre
- 11 The Space Above
- 12 John's Hall
- 13 New Order District

Other venues

- 14 St Brendan's Church of Ireland
- 15 St Brendan's Hall
- 16 Wilmer Tennis Club
- 17 Birr Golf Club
- 18 Marian Hall
- 19 town. Restaurant
- 20 St Brendan's GAA Grounds
- 21 Birr Rugby Club
- 22 Birr Leisure Centre
- 23 Birr Airfield
- 24 Birr Barracks, Crinkill
- 25 The Buddha Lounge

Pubs

- 1 The Cherry Tree
- 2 County Arms Hotel
- 3 The Chestnut
- 4 Craughwell's Bar
- 5 Dooly's Hotel
- 6 The Fighting Cocks
- 7 Haverty's Pub
- 8 Kelly's
- 9 The Market House Tavern
- 10 Molloy's
- 11 Nolan's Pub
- 12 Ormond Clubhouse
- 13 The Palace Bar
- 14 Pilkington's
- 15 The Thatch
- 16 Whelehan's

- Event Venue
- Key Location
- 🚗 Car Park
- ... Parade Route



Parade Route – The festival Committee would appreciate if the parade route as outlined on the map could be left free of cars from 10am – 6pm and the Marian Hall Car Park left free for parade participants only from 12-4pm on Sun 6th August.

Traffic Diversions – With special thanks to Birr Gardaí. In the interest of safety and enjoyment of the festival, local traffic diversions will be in operation during the festival week. Disruption will be kept to a minimum and co-operation is appreciated.

Parking Restrictions – To provide space and to enhance your enjoyment of some festival events, parking restrictions will be in place throughout the week. Please obey the temporary notices. Thank you.

NO HAWKERS - We urge the public to only purchase goods from official festival sellers. Whilst every effort is made to ensure the information contained herein is correct, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omissions.

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VISUAL ARTS

5 - 11 AUGUST | 1PM - 6PM

VISUAL ARTS TRAIL LAUNCH

Fri 4 Aug / Oxmantown National School / 8pm

Starting at Oxmantown School, followed by the Old Cinema and the Enterprise Units at Birr Technology Centre and finishing with Vintage Luminaries at The Maltings at 10pm.

THE COIFFURED Amanda Jane Graham

Copper Tree Gallery, Birr Castle

The Coiffured is a unique solo exhibition of work by artist Amanda Jane Graham. Amanda brings art history, hairdressing history and her expert knowledge of hairdressing techniques together in the artworks. The art practice is research-led. A sociological lens reveals the hairdressing profession's rich and fantastic history. The artist explores the significant landmarks in the history of hairdressing, from the headdresses of Egyptian pharaohs to Queen Marie Antoinette. Thus, her creative approach provokes a re-evaluation of historical art from the perspective of a hairstylist, acknowledging the collaborative process. Using instantly recognisable equipment and techniques, she highlights the significant contribution of hairstylists to art history and directly places the hairdressing profession within the frame of historical portraiture.

ANNUAL OPEN SUBMISSION EXHIBITION

Commuovere curated by Amanda Jane Graham

Oxmantown National School

Our Open Submission Exhibition for 2023 has a focus on diversity and inclusion. Artists have been invited to share their stories to create links between their personal experiences and the audience using the power of visual language to start conversations, establish new connections, understanding and inclusion.



@ BIRR TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

Spontaneous People/ Spontaneous Paintings

Diana Chambers, Seamus Morton

The word 'spontaneous' refers to the impulse, instinct and natural feeling that fuels the work of both Chambers and Morton. The works presented in Spontaneous People/ Spontaneous Paintings also demonstrate the deep curiosity and expression of two artists dedicated to art practice.

Diana works from the KCAT studio in Callan, Kilkenny. She is a prolific painter who addresses a range of subject matter from portraiture to landscape to everyday scenarios and objects. Seamus Morton works from his studio at Erkina House Rathdowney Co. Laois. He has developed a substantial body of work, including portraiture, landscape, and still life.

For The Love of It

A trio of artists present a film about love, in five segments. Based on ancient Greek concepts but from a modern, youthful perspective.

Art Link Collective

The Art Link Collective comprises a group of artists from counties Galway, Roscommon and Offaly. Their work is diverse and often inspired by a chosen theme to be interpreted and depicted by the individual artists in a collaborative exhibition.



Anam Beo Films

Anam Beo Arts in Health works in partnership with Offaly County Council, Dublin Mid-Leinster HSE and many more collaborators and agencies. Since 2005 Anam Beo artists have provided nearly 1,900 arts, music and creative sessions for individuals and groups.

FILMS SCREENING:

Conversations with Clouds

by Rowena Keaveny

SS2017

by Rowena Keaveny and Julie Spollen

Arpillera Quilts

by Jackie Lynch

'Ailish Claffey Dance'

Birr Creatives

In addition to their own member's work, the Birr Creatives will include craftwork from other cultural backgrounds, reflecting the diversity in today's Ireland.

Artists at Work

Visit the Pop-up studio throughout the week, with painters John Gillen, Eamonn Byrne and Katerina Hayden.

Birr Art Group

With around 17 members, Birr Art Group has been working together for many years under the guidance of Kathleen Gormley.

Flow

Let it come, Let it go, Let it Flow. Film, art and craft made by participants of the FLOW Youth Programme.

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LONGFORD LIGHTS ON TOUR

Artistic Director Tom Meskell

Old Cinema

The Old Cinema has been transformed into a stunning, magical world of animals and illumination. We are thrilled to partner with Longford County Council to bring this immersive experience to Birr with works created by artists and community groups. Longford Lights was the biggest lantern festival in Ireland, visited by over 10,000 people over 3 nights in February. We are so excited to bring a selection of this work to the town with additional pieces made by local participants.

VINTAGE LUMINARIES

Fri 4 & Tues 8 Aug / The Maltings / 10pm

Wed 9 Aug / Courthouse Yard / 10pm

A Heritage Trail with a modern twist. These immersive audio-visual installations use video-mapping projection to captivate the viewer. The Maltings projection is a reworking of the 2019 event which was interrupted by adverse weather. The Courthouse Yard will host a screening of 'For the Love of It' and a new work, Swifts. The Luminaries magic continues throughout the week as part of Longford Lights on Tour inside the old Cinema and as part of the Danu performance at Birr Castle.

THE HORSE BOX ART GALLERY

Sat 5 & Sun 6 Aug / Courthouse Yard

We welcome Johanna Cooke with a pop-up of local artists in this unusual gallery.



Beating the Bounds

Masonic Hall

Presented by The Amusaleum. Lynne Hoare's connection to the environment is the inspiration for this exhibition in which she brings a new meaning to each object, providing the viewer with a provocative and engaging experience of every piece.

Aspects

Hazel Greene

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

Greene's artistic vision is inspired by the concept that our cultural and natural surroundings influence us constantly and her works with reduced observed drawings reflect this idea in a striking and unique way. Each piece of artwork takes visitors on a journey through her imaginative creations, allowing them to experience the cultural and natural influences that shape our daily life in a new way.

People & Places

Courthouse Yard

Anam Beo promotes a place for arts and creative endeavours in nurturing safe environments & sustainable communities. As they approach their 20th anniversary, they are celebrating the diverse range of projects that have taken place in care settings and community settings.

Ukrainian Journey

Katerina Putintseva

Courthouse Yard

A series of collage prints exploring the culture and traditions of Ukraine



The Press Photographers Association of Ireland (PPAI)

Oxmantown National School

In association with Birr Theatre & Arts Centre. The PPAI is dedicated to showcasing the extraordinary work produced by its members, comprising the country's finest exponents of their craft, and to promoting the role of the press photographer in building the nation's visual historical record.

Memories, Secrets, Drawings

Sorrel Lambton

Oxmantown National School

In 2022, Sorrel's installation invited the public to contribute memories, secrets and drawings. This exhibition is a response to what was shared.

The Wall at New Order District

Local artists share their talent at this fantastic venue.

Something Old Something New

Tin Jug Studio

Out of the old trunks and into Birr's little art studio and gallery, hidden in a courtyard garden, an 'old curiosity shop' mix of things for show and some for sale. Open after the parade on Sunday afternoon and Monday - Thursday, from 2-5pm (or by appointment 087 668 1783).

Carolán Duff

The Space Above

In this solo exhibition, Carolán Duff, a young emerging artist brings a childlike joy into her art. Inspiration is taken from the Irish countryside, folklore and fairie tales.

NEW THIS YEAR

Ecstatic Dance

Tues 8 Aug
Birr Theatre & Arts Centre / 6pm

Meditative Ecstatic Dance is a freestyle dance and everyone can join in. It's a fabulous way to feel energised. €20

Belly Dancing Workshop

Thurs 10 Aug
St Brendan's Hall / 5.30pm

Join Tracy McEvoy from The Red Embers to learn a fun combination of both vintage and modern moves! €5

Children's Archaeological Workshop

Thur 10 Aug
John's Hall / 10am, 11.30am, 2pm

Hosted by the Irish Heritage School. This workshop will explain the world of archaeology (with a midlands focus) in an engaging, hands-on manner, giving children a good base understanding of 'how archaeology works'. Suitable for children aged 9-12. FREE. First-come, first-served!

Cheese & Wine Pop-Up

Sat 5 Aug
Memory Lane Antiques / 6pm

Join Wild Plates for a Cheese & Wine Pop-Up in the gorgeous Memory Lane Courtyard. BYOB

Backyard BBQ Pop-up by Wild Plates

Fri 11 Aug
Ormond Clubhouse / 7pm-Late

A evening of delicious BBQ food cooked live over open fire, delicious drinks and good company. All accompanied by a tasteful selection of music from around the world by DJ PIQUÉ. Tickets (€28).

Email info@wildplates.ie or @wildplatesfood on Instagram

A Taste of Town & Trivia

Fri 11 Aug
town. Restaurant / 7.30pm

Tickle your taste buds and test your general knowledge with an evening of trivia in Town whilst grazing our offering of tasting plates and boards from around the world. A great night of food and fun! To book call (057) 91 01124.

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Growery Open Social

Sun 6 Aug / 6.30pm-11pm

Circus for Children

Tues 8 Aug
2.30pm / Ages 3+
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Ball Juggling for Children

Tues 8 & Thur 10 Aug
2.30pm-4pm / Ages 8+

Staff Spinning

for Adults of all Ages

Wed 9 Aug
4pm / Ages 8-17
6.30pm / Ages 18+

Windstyle Dance / Movement Workshops

Fri 11 Aug
2pm / Under 18s
5pm / Over 18s

Candlelit Open Stage Night

Fri 11 Aug / 8.30pm sharp

Sunset Taiji

8.00pm-9.30pm
Every evening EXCEPT
Sun 6 & Fri 11 Aug

Booking is essential. For more info and how to book: visit [The Growery page on birrvintageweek.com](http://TheGrowerypageonbirrvintageweek.com)

** Additional events may be added to the schedule. For queries: birrgrowery@gmail.com

SPORT & WELLBEING

Holistic & Well-Being Fest

Fri 4, Sat 5, Mon 7 & Tues 8 Aug

The Buddha Lounge is your one-stop shop for yoga and relaxation during Vintage Week. From drop-in classes to workshops, a sound bath and more, there's something for everyone. See buddhalounge.ie and our Daily Planner events. Pre-booking is essential.

Seán Lowry Memorial 5K Run/Walk/Jog

Fri 4 Aug / Birr Rugby Club / 7.30pm

Hosted by Birr Athletics Club. Round 8 of the Buildmore Offaly 5K Road Race Series. Registration closes at 7.15pm at Birr Rugby Club or register online www.popupraces.ie

Vintage Cup

Sat 5 & Sun 6 Aug / Birr Golf Club

Timesheet available on request. Sponsored by Millenium Promotions. 18-Hole Open Stableford Competition. Open to Ladies and Gents. Category prizes with vintage attire encouraged.

€10 for members, €30 for visitors.

Booking: info@birrgolfclub.ie | 057 91 20082

Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament

Sat 5 Aug / Birr Rugby Club / 5pm

Get your team together for a great day of fun, excitement and rugby! Each team can have up to 10 players with a minimum of three female players. Free BBQ after for all players. €100 per team | 10 players per team | Age 16+

Swim Gala

Wed 9 Aug

Birr Leisure Centre / 1.30pm-3.30pm

For ages 7+: 1.30pm-2.30pm.

Free Public Swim: 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. (Registration from 1.15pm)

Standing Yoga & Qigong

Fri 11 Aug / The Courthouse Yard / 5.30pm

Come as you are with your family and friends, no equipment needed, just flat shoes or runners as we embody & celebrate the values of Birr Vintage Week, along with Sacred Local Narrative in a slow flow unity of nourishing movement. Available to all levels. 20 minutes duration.

Vintage Tennis Open

Fri 11 Aug / Wilmer Tennis Club / 7pm

Prizes for Best Dressed Lady and Gent on the night.

Birr Festival of Hurling

Sat 12 Aug / Birr GAA Grounds / 10am-5.30pm

Grant Heating St Brendan's Park will once again play host to its Festival of Hurling with teams participating at U8, U10 and U12 level in a variety of tournament games. Drop in and see our stars of the future in green and red. Entry | Free.

@BIORRA LE GAEILGE

IMEACHTAÍ GAEILGE / IRISH EVENTS

Oíche Gaeilge

Wed 9 Aug / Craughwell's / 8pm

Oíche Gaeilge in Craughwell's Bar, 8 till late. Comhrá, ceol, canadh agus craic. Oscailte do chách.

Pop-up Gaeltacht

Sat 12 Aug / Birr Library / 11am-1pm

Pop-up Gaeltacht sa Leabharlann chun Heritage week agus Vintage a cheiliúradh. Bigi linn idir 11 agus 1. Beidh fáilte roimh gach duine.



DAILY PLANNER

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST

Drop-in Buti Yoga	7am	Buddha Lounge
Open Morning	10am-2pm	The Growery
Chair Yoga	11am	Buddha Lounge
The Big Beautiful Vintage Picnic	12.30pm	Birr Castle
Kid's Yoga	3.15pm	Buddha Lounge
Seán Lowry Memorial 5K	7.30pm	Birr Rugby Club
Dancing at the Cottages	7.30pm	Burke's Hill
Visual Arts Trail Launch	8pm	Oxmantown School
Scullion	8pm	Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Sunset Taiji	8pm	The Growery
Vintage Luminaries	10pm	The Maltings

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

Drop-in Hot Yoga	8am	Buddha Lounge
Vintage Market	10am-6pm	Green Street
Drop-in Back & Core Yoga	10am	Buddha Lounge
Open Morning	10am-2pm	The Growery
Vintage Cup	Timesheets on request	Birr Golf Club
Parade Workshop	11am	Courthouse Yard
Flea Circus	From 12pm	Courthouse Yard
Art Wall Workshop	2-4pm	Courthouse Yard
Busking Competition	2-5pm	Streets of Birr
Birr Air Display	2pm	Birr Airfield
Drumming Circle	2pm & 3pm	Green Street
Essential Oils Workshop	2pm-4pm	Buddha Lounge
Busking Winners on Stage	5pm	Green Street
Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament	5pm	Birr Rugby Club
Cheese & Wine Pop-Up	6pm	Memory Lane Courtyard
Sunset Taiji	8pm	The Growery

Offline Music N' Movies Signalong Quiz	8.30pm	The Chestnut
The Wind Garden	9.30pm	Birr Castle Gardens

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST

Open Morning	10am-2pm	The Growery
Vintage Cup	Timesheets on request	Birr Golf Club
Festival Mass	12pm	St Brendan's R.C Church
Vintage Sunday Parade	3pm	Streets of Birr
Vintage Cars on display	4pm	Green Street
Frankie Magilligan Comedy Show	4.45pm	Emmet Square
Kids Vintage Costume Competition	5pm	Emmet Square
Baobo Theatre	4pm + 6.30pm	Courthouse Yard
Growery Open Social	6.30pm-11pm	The Growery

MONDAY 7 AUGUST

Holistic & Wellbeing Fest	10am-3pm	Buddha Lounge
Open Morning	10am-2pm	The Growery
Hibernian Antiques Fair	11am-6pm	County Arms Hotel
Art Wall Workshop	11am-1pm	Courthouse Yard
Ukrainian Flower Painting Workshop	11am	Courthouse Yard
Out of the Ordinary (VR Opera)	From 11am	Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Birr Garden Trail	2pm	Starting in John's Mall
Ukrainian Winding Doll Workshop	2pm	Courthouse Yard
Eccentric Tour of Birr	3pm	Market Square
Ukrainian Paper-Cutting Workshop	4pm	Courthouse Yard
Car Treasure Hunt	6pm	Dooley's Hotel
Classical Evening	8pm	John's Hall
Sunset Taiji	8pm	The Growery
Danu	9.30pm	Birr Castle Gardens

TUESDAY 8 AUGUST

Buddha Day Retreat	10am-2pm	Buddha Lounge
Open Morning	10am-2pm	The Growery
Hibernian Antiques Fair	11am-6pm	County Arms Hotel

Art Wall Workshop	11am-1pm	Courthouse Yard
Shannon Bergin Illustration Workshop	11am	Courthouse Yard
Lunchtime Buskers	1pm	Courthouse Yard
Birr School of Music Children's Concert	1.30pm	John's Hall
Circus for Children	2.30pm + 4pm	The Growery
Ball Juggling for Children	2.30pm	The Growery
Eccentric Tour of Birr	3pm	Market Square
Children's Pavement Art	3pm	St Brendan's Boys School
Social Walk	3pm	Birr Castle
Ecstatic Dance	6pm	The Growery
Connaught Street Capers	7pm	Connaught Street
The Coiffured Launch	6.30pm	Copper Tree Gallery
Historical Walk	7.30pm	Start from John's Hall
Silent Movie Night with Live Music	8pm	John's Hall
Sunset Taiji	8pm	The Growery
Vintage Luminaries	10pm	The Maltings

WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST		
Plein-Air Painting	9.30am-4pm	Birr Castle
The Adventures of Mr Fox	10am & 11am	St Brendan's Hall
Open Morning	10am-2pm	The Growery
The Enchanted Island	11am & 2pm	Birr Castle
Slime Labs	11am	Courthouse Yard
Art Wall Workshop	12pm	Courthouse Yard
Lunchtime Buskers	1pm	Courthouse Yard
Swim Gala	1.30pm	Birr Leisure Centre
Children's Treasure Hunt	3pm	Courthouse Yard
Eccentric Tour of Birr	3pm	Market Square
Staff Spinning for Adults	4pm + 6.30pm	The Growery
Oíche Gaeilge	8pm	Craughwell's
Red Embers Belly Dancers	8pm	Courthouse Yard
Rock n Roll Years & Dance Hall Days	8pm	Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Sunset Taiji	8pm	The Growery
Vintage Luminaries: Eileen Casey	10pm	Courthouse Yard

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST		
Plein-Air Painting	9.30am-4pm	Birr Castle
Kid's Archaeological Workshops	From 10am	John's Hall
Open Morning	10am-2pm	The Growery
Paint Pouring Workshop	11am	Courthouse Yard
Tunes in the Afternoon	2.30pm	Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Ball Juggling for Children	2.30pm	The Growery
World's Biggest Healing Circle	4-6pm	Birr Castle
Belly Dancing Workshop	5.30pm	St Brendan's Hall
Fireworks Night & Gig Rig	7pm	Birr Rugby Club
Sunset Taiji	8pm	The Growery

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST		
Open Morning	10am-2pm	The Growery
Be a Passing Artist	11am-1pm	Tin Jug Studio
Lunchtime Organ Recital	1.05pm	Church of Ireland
Dance/Movement Workshops	2pm+5pm	The Growery
Fred & Alice	2.30pm	Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Standing Yoga & Qigong	5.30pm	Courthouse Yard
Vintage Week Award Ceremony	6pm	Courthouse Yard
Family Film: Babe	7pm	Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Vintage Open Tennis	7pm	Wilmer Tennis Club
A Taste of Town & Trivia	7.30pm	town. Restaurant
Backyard BBQ Pop-Up	7pm	Ormond Clubhouse
Candlelit Open Stage Night	8.30pm	The Growery

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST		
Birr Festival of Hurling	10am-5.30pm	Birr GAA Grounds
Open Morning	10am-2pm	The Growery
Leinster Regiment Lecture	11.30am	Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
Pop-Up Gaeltacht	11am-1pm	Birr Library
Lunchtime Recital: Vivaldi & Bach	1.05pm	Church of Ireland
Leinsters Wreath-Laying Ceremony	1.30pm	Crinkill
Crinkill Soapbox Derby	2pm	Crinkill
Sunset Taiji	8pm	The Growery
The Frank and Walters	8pm	Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

PUB ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST

Jack Keogh / 10pm / The Cherry Tree
Ed Simmons / 10-12pm / County Arms
Live Music / 9pm / Craughwells
Special Menu in Emmet Restaurant / Dooly's Hotel
Kevin McDonald / 10pm / The Fighting Cocks
Elvis / Kelly's
Tavern Tunes Session / 9.30pm / Market House Tavern
Pete Kennedy & The Nashville Country Rock Band
9pm / Ormond Clubhouse
Pool Competition + Singing Pubs / 8pm / The Palace Bar
Mary Hoey / 8pm / Whelehan's

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

Ray Montana / 10pm / The Cherry Tree
Conor Fay / 10-12pm / County Arms
Live Music / 9pm / Craughwells
Melbas / Dooly's Hotel
DJ Stephen / 10pm / The Fighting Cocks
Nightowls / Kelly's
G&T / 10pm / Nolan's
Eoin Maher / 9pm / Ormond Clubhouse
David Mills (Karaoke) / 9.30pm-Late / The Palace Bar
Flying High with Diarmuid Guinan (After the Airshow) /
10pm / The Thatch
Trads / 8pm / Whelehan's

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST

Alex Roe / 10pm / The Cherry Tree
Rise and Shine, Splendid Isolation +DJ / 5pm / The Chestnut
Joe Wynne / 9.30-11.30pm / County Arms
Pete Kennedy followed by Wellson & Ma Denton
4pm-Late / Craughwells
Melbas - Access All Areas / Dooly's Hotel
Niamh agus Daithí / 8pm / The Fighting Cocks
Kevin Spain (4-7pm) / Nightowls (7-9pm) /
Rock on Paddy (9pm-Late) / Kelly's
Tavern Tunes Session / 9.30pm / Market House Tavern
SOS / 10pm / Nolan's
Vintage Week Surprise + Sponsored BBQ
From 4pm / Ormond Clubhouse
Finnegan's Furey / 7-9pm / The Palace Bar
Easy Singles / 9pm / The Thatch
Trevor Kavanagh / 8pm / Whelehan's

MONDAY 7 AUGUST

Ger Long / 10pm / The Cherry Tree
Mick & Paddy Buckley / 9pm / The Chestnut
Coachhouse Bar Specials / Dooly's Hotel
Rise and Shine / Kelly's
Michael Hutchinson / 6-8pm / The Palace Bar
Rock on Paddy / 8pm / Whelehan's

TUESDAY 8 AUGUST

Singing Pubs / The Chestnut
Classic Burger Night in the Coachhouse Bar / Dooly's Hotel
Alan Lawlor / 8pm / Whelehan's

WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST

Osín Foley: Mentalist & Magic / 8.30pm / The Chestnut
Coachhouse Bar Specials / Dooly's Hotel
Killer Darts Competition / 7pm / The Palace Bar
Singing Pubs / Ormond Clubhouse
Singing Pubs / The Thatch

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST

The Groomsman / 9.30pm / The Chestnut
Melbas / Dooly's Hotel
Dooley Brothers / 10pm / The Fighting Cocks
Singing Pubs / Kelly's
Singing Pubs / Nolan's
Thirsty Thursday (Free jukebox + Drinks Promos)
5pm-Late / The Palace Bar

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST

Neapolitan Pizza Night / 6-9pm / The Chestnut
John Doherty / 10-12pm / County Arms
Live Music / 9pm / Craughwells
Outa Diesel / Kelly's
Tavern Tunes Session / 9.30pm / Market House Tavern
Wild Plates BBQ + DJ PIQUÉ / 7pm / Ormond Clubhouse
Ladies Night with Tarot Card Readings / 7pm / The Palace Bar
(Proceeds go to GSPCA Raffle on the night)
Trad Friday with the Brady Family / The Thatch
Jackie Rabbitt / 8pm / Whelehan's

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST

Mismatch / 10pm / The Cherry Tree
Brian Nolan / 10-12pm / County Arms
Live Music / 9pm / Craughwells
Melbas / Dooly's Hotel
DJ Stephen / 10pm / The Fighting Cocks
Tim Chambers / Kelly's
Live Music / 9.30pm / Market House Tavern
DJ Iano (80s + 90s) / 9.30pm-Late / The Palace Bar
Rock on Paddy (After Soapbox Derby) / 9-12pm / The Thatch

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST

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