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Carlow Arts Festival is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting culture in all its forms and to delivering exceptional arts experiences for audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Your support helps us to present the festival each June, to create opportunities for local and national artists and to deliver ASSEMBLY, our year-round community engagement programme, across County Carlow.

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Thank you!

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Carlow Arts Festival 2023

**Join us in the grounds of Carlow College,
St. Patrick's, from Wed 7 to Sun 11 June.**

In 2022, our festival programme attracted over 22,500 attendees to a diverse array of events, as we were able to gather in person once more. We are grateful for the crucial and ongoing support of our funders, artists, audiences and participants, year-on-year.

From music to visual and performing arts, theatre, dance, spectacle, literature, and beyond, this year's programme is vibrant, challenging and full of surprise.

On stage at VISUAL, we present Irish premieres of three works from European artists who blur the boundaries between artforms; it's our modest way of celebrating 50 years of EU membership in 2023.

From Belgium, Dag Tældeman's and Andrew Van Ostade's electrifying *BodyBodyBodyBody* is a journey to the edge of trance, rooted in the folk traditions of the Italian tarantella. In *MOS*, Greece's Ioanna Paraskevopoulou appropriates seemingly random objects, including bellows, a coconut, and a plunger, to conjure up cinematic soundtracks in a playfully captivating dance. And we present *Sorry, But I Feel Slightly Disidentified...*, a provocative performance piece created by Benjamin Kahn (France/Belgium) in collaboration with the incredible Dutch performer Cherish Menzo.

Other highlights include Unqualified Design Studio's *Without Sin*, a contemporary confessional for the modern sinner that cultivates a space for intimate conversations and 2023's ARTWORKS in VISUAL, *Remembering the Future*, which features a complete exhibition of the Irish Names Project's AIDS Memorial quilts.

At the O'Hara's Quarter you can catch some of Ireland's most acclaimed up-and-coming music artists, including rising Irish hip-hop star Jafaris, folk singer and multi-instrumentalist John Francis Flynn, and the genre-defying Æ MAK on the Main Stage, and the best music talent from County Carlow on the O'Hara's Live & Local Stage.

Carlow Arts Festival is a welcoming space for children and young people to experience the wonder of the arts, inspiring them to explore their own creativity. We present performances that will ignite imaginations of all ages. Highlights include Bombinate Theatre's charming show for little ones *Goodnight Egg* and *Wires, Strings & Other Things*, a performance that explores the mystery of how musicians compose and improvise.

We are thrilled that Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's national day of creativity for children and young people, again coincides with our festival. We've a fantastic programme of free creative activities, both on Saturday and on Sunday. The highlight will be the second *Carnival of Collective Joy*, co-created with the children of Carlow, which explodes onto the streets of Carlow Town on Saturday.

The carnival is one of a number of projects from our year-round arts participation and community engagement strand ASSEMBLY that comes to fruition at the festival. Through ASSEMBLY, we bring communities and artists together to collaborate on innovative, interdisciplinary arts projects. In 2023, we also present *The Long and Short of It*, the culmination of a project developed with older community members. This beautiful exhibition of animated stories brings to life deeply personal memories and rich social histories. Other ASSEMBLY events include *Cycles: Spokes*, a series of discussions about our sense of place within County Carlow and *Roots*, a space for playful creativity.










This year's programme presents work that is vital and visceral, thoughtful and thought-provoking — as purposeful as it is joyful. We welcome everyone to share in this collective experience, as we seek to open up a space for jubilation and concentration, entertainment and reflection.

The Festival Team

BOOK NOW

To book your tickets and plan your visit go to carlowartsfestival.ie

EVENT TYPES

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|  Children & Families |  Literature & talks |
|  Visual Arts |  Music |
|  Theatre |  Spectacle |
|  Street art |  Workshop |
|  Dance | |



WIRES, STRINGS & OTHER THINGS

The Ark & Music Network

VISUAL Theatre / Wed 7 June / 10.15am & 12.15pm / ⌚ 45mins ●●●

School Performances for ages 6+ (1st - 6th class) / €7.50 per child / Teachers free /
To make a school booking, please email info@carlowartsfestival.ie

Meet Ed, Andreea and James, three people who are crazy about music and sound.

Ed is in the corner, building strange electronic instruments. Andreea plays the viola beautifully, reading sheets of music as if they were fairy tales. And James wanders a labyrinth of sound like an explorer, disrupting with his bass clarinet as he goes.

Anything can happen as they start to invent music together. With your help, they'll explore the magic and mystery of how to compose, perform and improvise.

Wires, Strings & Other Things, conceived and created by Brian Irvine and Wouter Van Looy is a music performance that encourages you to always be curious.

Presented in partnership with Music Generation Carlow.

ARTWORKS 2023

Remembering the Future

VISUAL / Thur 8 – Sun 11 June / 11am – 8.30pm / FREE

ARTWORKS continues in VISUAL until 27 Aug. ●

Launch of ARTWORKS / Thur 8 June / 6pm / FREE

Guided Tour of ARTWORKS / Fri 9 June / 1pm / FREE

2023's ARTWORKS exhibition, *Remembering the Future*, considers time, and the ability of memories, real or imagined, to collapse past, present, and future together.

The artworks in the exhibition explore memory and imagination as utopian tools for dreaming different worlds and for preserving the past.



The exhibition includes invited and commissioned works along with Irish and international artists selected through VISUAL and Carlow Arts Festival's annual ARTWORKS Open Call.

The first complete exhibition in a gallery setting of the Irish Names Project's AIDS Memorial quilts is the anchor point of the season. The quilts represent the lives of those affected by the AIDS epidemic.

Remembering the Future also includes a new large-scale commission and existing works by Sinéad Kennedy from her ongoing Grandland project, and Brianna Hurley's *Castalia*, paintings of a planet whose people have been oppressed by a conquering force.

Five ARTWORKS Prizes of €1000 each for outstanding pieces of work from promising practices will be presented at the exhibition launch at VISUAL on Thursday 8 of June at 6pm. All welcome.



THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

Assembly

Carlow College / Thur 8 – Sun 11 June / 11am – 8pm / FREE ●

This exhibition is the culmination of a year-long community engagement project developed by Carlow Arts Festival with older community members (65+) from Rathvilly, Hacketstown, Myshall and Graiguecullen.

In each area, over seven-weeks of workshops, our participants collaborated with writer Darren Donohue, director Janice de Bróithe, artist Paul Bokslag, and animator and sound designer Seán Parnell to create animated stories inspired by their personal memories and their community's social histories.

This exhibition features the animations, the original papercuts, scripts, and community artefacts.

Voiced by the participants, these beautiful and evocative papercut animations bring to life deeply personal memories of communities gathering for the threshing at harvest-time, children swimming in the River Barrow and young couples dancing to showbands.

The Long and Short of It is part of ASSEMBLY, Carlow Arts Festival's year-round arts participation and engagement programme.

The Long and Short of It is funded by Creative Ireland's Creativity in Older Age Fund and delivered in partnership with Carlow Arts Office and Carlow County Development Partnership

WITHOUT SIN

Unqualified Design Studio

The Orchard, Carlow College /
Thur 8 – Sun 11 June / Various Times (12pm
– 9pm) / €5 (over 18s only) /
🕒 25mins ●●

Bless you, friend, for you have sinned.

You enter a private confessional, alone. Someone else enters next door. Guided by light, sound, and a shared hymn sheet, you make a story together about change, loss, and redemption.

A contemporary confessional for the modern sinner, this immersive one-to-one experience cultivates a space for intimate conversations among friends and strangers, re-threading the seams of a frayed social fabric, one good story at a time.

Created by an award-winning international team of designers and theatre makers, *Without Sin* is a space to listen and be heard, away from the digital divide.



POETRY SOS

Poetry Ireland

The Orchard, Carlow College / Sat 10 & Sun
11 June / Various Times (1pm – 6pm) / €8 /
🕒 10mins ●

Take a moment to rediscover the healing power of poetry with a one-to-one consultation with a poet, amid the tranquil surroundings of Carlow College's Orchard.

In a bespoke ten-minute session, your poet-physician will prescribe a poem from *Vital Signs*, a new anthology of courageous responses to the human experience of illness and healing.

Vital Signs, published by Poetry Ireland and edited by Martin Dyar, features a selection of poems by some of the most respected writers of our time, including Eavan Boland, Paula Meehan, and Paul Muldoon.

Advance booking is essential for this unique and intimate experience.



MOS

Ioanna Paraskevopoulou (Greece)

VISUAL Theatre / Fri 9 June / 7.30pm / €15 (adult) / €12 (con) / €8 (child, 8yrs+)

🕒 45mins ● ● ●

In *MOS*, Ioanna Paraskevopoulou and Georgios Kotsifakis create a physical soundtrack before our very eyes, using everyday tools to score a series of cinematic scenes, from zombie horrors to nature documentaries.

With their bodies engaging in combat with objects such as a pair of bellows, two halves of a coconut, and a plunger, they conjure up sounds in a playful and hallucinogenic experience.

The duo appropriates the Foley film sound technique, which is used to create sounds in a studio that cannot be captured on the live film set and harness it as a choreographic tool.

Don't miss this unique and mesmerizing performance that explores the relationship between movement, sound, and image.

With the support of Onassis STEGI – Athens – Outward Turn Cultural Export Programme, Danse élargie and the SADC.

BODYBODYBODYBODY

Dag Tældeman & Andrew Van Ostade (Belgium)

VISUAL Theatre / Sat 10 June / 7.30pm / €15 / €12 / 16+ / ⌚ 50mins ● ●

BodyBodyBodyBody is a journey to the edges of trance.

In this electrifying dance concert, percussive music impregnates our body until it contaminates it. As the intoxicating repetitive rhythms of Dag Tældeman and Andrew Van Ostade merge with the haunting voice of soprano Lies Vandewege, the audience is entranced by the rhythmic gyrations of Sardinian dancer Matteo Sedda, rooted in the folk tradition of the Italian tarantella.

The magnetic oscillation between guitar, drums, voice and electrified bodies reaches an emotional peak that will leave you exhilarated.

BodyBodyBodyBody is a tidal wave of music and movement, drawing its evocative power from the magic of folk traditions and the propulsive power of Electro.

Contains strong language and includes the use of strobe lights.

With the support of Flanders –
State of the arts



O'HARA'S QUARTER LATE NIGHT

The O'Hara's Quarter Main Stage line-up features the mesmerizing John Francis Flynn, the genre-defying AE Mak, and rising hip-hop star Jafaris. Support TBC, check our website for details (over 18s only).



OPENING PARTY

O'Hara's Main Stage / Thur 8 June / 7pm /
FREE ●

After the launch of Carlow Arts Festival and this year's ARTWORKS exhibition in VISUAL (p 3), join the artists and festival team as Carlow Arts Festival kicks off in style at our opening party, featuring an eclectic line-up of DJs, up-and-coming comedians, and free entry for all.

All Day Music Pass

€25 PER DAY

INCL. O'HARA'S MAIN STAGE
AND LIVE & LOCAL STAGE

Saturday & Sunday

Weekend Music Pass

ONLY €50

INCL. O'HARA'S MAIN STAGE
AND LIVE & LOCAL STAGE

Friday, Saturday & Sunday



Æ MAK

O'Hara's Main Stage / Fri 9 June /
9.30pm / €18 ●

Æ MAK defies classification. Blending the creative energy of Sia, Grimes, and Paul Simon with the theatrics of a young David Byrne, her infectious hooks take on a life of their own, beckoning you to the dance floor.

Æ MAK has performed across Ireland, the UK, and Europe, supporting acts like Tune-Yards, Django Django, and Warpaint.

Her new mixtape *Berlin* has been called "a dose of art-pop that is electrifying in its vision" by Clash Magazine and a debut LP is on the horizon for this mould-breaking musical priestess.



JOHN FRANCIS FLYNN

O'Hara's Main Stage / Sun 11 June / 8.30pm
€18 or €25 incl O'Hara's Live & Local

John Francis Flynn is a leading figure in Ireland's folk music renaissance. The singer and multi-instrumentalist is a founding member of Skipper's Alley and a frequent collaborator with the likes of Ye Vagabonds and Lankum.

Rough Trade's River Lea label released his critically acclaimed debut album *I Would Not Live Always*. The album captivated folk fans and showcased Flynn's striking clarity of artistic vision. Rooted in traditional song, Flynn uses his source material to explore new musical territories, framing his rich, resonant voice in abstract drones and loops.

John Francis Flynn's live shows are intimate, emotionally charged experiences. This is going to be special.

JAFARIS + SNKY SESSIONS DJ SET

O'Hara's Main Stage / Sat 10 June / 8.30pm
€18 or €25 incl O'Hara's Live & Local

Jafaris

Dublin's Jafaris is one of the brightest stars in Irish hip-hop, whose infectious energy, dazzling lyricism and soulful voice, mark him out as a singular talent.

Jafaris' journey began with dance, which he pursued until landing a role in the acclaimed Irish film *Sing Street*. Since then, he has signed with Primary Talent agency, sharing a roster with Stormzy and J Hus. Collaborations with Joy Crookes, Saint Sister, and Denise Chaila followed. His superb debut album, *Stride*, was a commercial and critical hit, earning him a nomination for RTÉ Choice Music Award's Album of the Year.

With new music in the pipeline, Jafaris is ready to take next step into a whole new world.


SNKY Sessions

SNKY Sessions return to the festival following a sensational set in 2022. The DJ collective has taken the House and Techno scene by storm over recent years and their distinctive mixing style guarantees an electrifying atmosphere.










PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE













WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE

10.15am - 11am	Wires, Strings & Other Things	VISUAL Theatre	Children €7.50	p 2	  
12.15pm - 1pm	Wires, Strings & Other Thing	VISUAL Theatre	Children €7.50	p 2	  

THURSDAY 8TH JUNE

11am - 8pm	The Long and Short of It	Carlow College	Free	p 4	
12pm - 9pm	Without Sin	The Orchard	€5	p 5	 
6pm - 7.30pm	ARTWORKS 2023 Remembering the Future (Launch)	VISUAL	Free	p 3	
7pm - Late	Opening Party	O'Hara's Main Stage	Free	p 8	
7.30pm - 8.30pm	ASSEMBLY	Festival HQ	Free	p 17-19	 

FRIDAY 9TH JUNE

11am - 7pm	ASSEMBLY	Festival HQ	Free	p 17-19	 
11am - 8.30pm	ARTWORKS 2023 Remembering the Future	VISUAL	Free	p 3	
11am - 8pm	The Long and Short of It	Carlow College	Free	p 4	
12pm - 9pm	Without Sin	The Orchard	€5	p 5	 
1pm - 1.45pm	ARTWORKS 2023 Remembering the Future (Guided Tour)	VISUAL	Free	p 3	
5pm - 8pm	Music & Comedy	O'Hara's Pavilion	Pay what you can	p 12	
7.30pm - 8.10am	MOS	VISUAL Theatre	Adults €15 / Children €8	p 6	  
9.30pm - Late	AE MAK	O'Hara's Main Stage	€18	p 8	










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All prices + €1 booking fee.

Full Ts & Cs online.

EVENT TYPES

-  Children & Families
-  Visual Arts
-  Theatre
-  Street art
-  Dance
-  Literature & talks
-  Music
-  Spectacle
-  Workshop

FESTIVAL FOOD VILLAGE

Great food is integral to the festival experience. Our Food Village has a carefully selected mix of the best pop-up food trucks, coffee bars and more. O'Hara's are serving a superb range of Irish Craft Beer and other grown-up beverages, alongside non-alcoholic beer Estrella Galicia 0,0. This year, we welcome back a number of selected local craft vendors. Lennons, the restaurant and café at VISUAL is also open during the festival.

The Food Village opens 7pm till late from Thursday - Sunday.

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE

11am - 7.30pm	ASSEMBLY	Festival HQ	Free	p 17-19	 
11am - 8.30pm	ARTWORKS 2023 Remembering the Future	VISUAL	Free	p 3	
11am - 8pm	The Long and Short of It	Carlow College	Free	p 4	
11am - 12pm	Yoga with Laura Locab	O'Hara's Main Stage	Pay what you can	p 5	
12pm - 9pm	Without Sin	The Orchard	€5	p 5	 
1pm - 6pm	Music & Comedy	O'Hara's Pavilion	Pay what you can	p 12	
12pm - 12.30pm	Goodnight Egg	Festival HQ	Free	p 16	 
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Carlow Carnival of Collective Joy	Starts at Festival HQ	Free	p 14	  
1pm - 6pm	Poetry SOS	The Orchard	€8	p 5	
2.30pm - 3.30pm	F.Art! A Casual Creative Club	O'Hara's Main Stage	Pay what you can	p 5	
4pm - 11pm	Live & Local	O'Hara's Live & Local	€12 or €25 incl O'Hara's Main Stage	p 13	
5pm - 5.30pm	Goodnight Egg	Festival HQ	Free	p 16	 
7.30pm - 8.10pm	BodyBodyBodyBody	VISUAL Theatre	€15	p 7	 
8.30pm - Late	Jafaris / SNKY Sessions	O'Hara's Main Stage	€18 or €25 incl Live & Local	p 9	
9.30pm - 11pm	Outdoor Cinema - Encanto	Festival HQ	Free	p 16	

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

11am - 8pm	ASSEMBLY	Festival HQ	Free	p 17-19	 
11am - 8.30pm	ARTWORKS 2023 Remembering the Future	VISUAL	Free	p 3	
11am - 8pm	The Long and Short of It	Carlow College	Free	p 4	
11am - 12pm	Yoga with Connie Byrne	O'Hara's Main Stage	Pay what you can	p 5	
12pm - 9pm	Without Sin	The Orchard	€5	p 5	 
1pm - 3pm	Spiral	O'Hara's Pavilion	Pay what you can	p 12	  
1pm - 6pm	Poetry SOS	The Orchard	€8	p 5	
4pm - 11pm	Live & Local	O'Hara's Live & Local	€12 or €25 incl O'Hara's Main Stage	p 13	
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Trad Seisiúin	O'Hara's Main Stage	Pay what you can	p 5	
7.30pm - 8.20pm	Sorry, But I Feel Slightly Disidentified	VISUAL Theatre	€15	p 20	 
8.30pm - Late	John Francis Flynn	O'Hara's Main Stage	€18 or €25 incl Live & Local	p 9	

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and carlowartsfestival.ie



O'HARA'S QUARTER

BY DAY

From Friday to Sunday, the O'Hara's Quarter is the place to catch some fantastic free daytime performances and activities.



F.ART! A CASUAL CREATIVE CLUB

Sarah Devereux

O'Hara's Main Stage / Sat 10 June / 2.30pm
/ pay what you can / over 18s ●

Carlow's very own Sarah Devereux, a.k.a. The Dirt Bird, is F.Arting*! An afternoon of fun drawing activities based around the finest Irish icons in all the land. Draw Enya with your eyes closed using only her spirit to guide you! Make Riverdance 1994 puppets! LOOK OUT! What's that behind you?! IT'S UPSIDE DOWN ANNE DOYLE!!!

A joyous arty celebration of OUR TRUE IRISH ICONS!!

There's no skill required! Art materials provided. Places limited to keep it cosy.
(*The F stands for fun xoxo)

O'HARA'S PAVILION

O'Hara's Pavilion / Fri (5pm - 8pm) / Sat (3pm - 8pm)

The Pavilion is the place to hang out and watch free comedy and DJ sets on Friday and Saturday afternoons all programmed by Ash Flynn, from SNKY Sessions.

SPIRAL

Light Moves Festival

O'Hara's Pavilion / Sun 11 June / 1pm - 3pm
/FREE ●●●

Artist duos Bryan O'Connell and Nick Bryson, Jürgen Simpson and Angie Smalis, and Jenn Kirby and Isabella Oberländer navigate the vivid possibilities of live electronic sound and live dance performances.



MORNING YOGA

O'Hara's Main Stage/ Sat 10 & Sun 11 June / 11am / pay what you can ●

Join Laura Lochab on Saturday and Connie Byrne on Sunday for a calming yoga workshop. Please bring along your own yoga mat.

TRAD SEISIÚIN

O'Hara's Main Stage / Sun 11 June / 2.30pm
/ pay what you can / over 18s ●

Grab a drink from the bar and join a selection of our best local musicians for some traditional tunes on Sunday afternoon.

O'HARA'S
LIVE AND
LOCAL

O'HARA'S LIVE & LOCAL

The Live & Local Stage is back in 2023. It's a platform for the most exciting music from across County Carlow. This year's line-up features upcoming Carlow Town artist Trizzalini, the poetic, beat-driven Shakalak, and recent iTunes chart-toppers Jaek (over 18s only).

Tickets for O'Hara's Live & Local are €12/day or €25 incl access to the O'Hara's Main Stage.



SAT 10 JUNE ●

John Walsh (4pm), Miranda Faul (4.35pm), Becca Mitchell (5.10pm), Hugsie (5.50pm), Jukebox059 (6.30pm), Trizzalini (7.10pm), Dara Eaton & Band (7.55pm), Chambers (8.40pm), Fēnix (9.25pm), Eric de Buitléir (10.15pm).

SUN 11 JUNE ●

HSE Carlow Melodies Choir (4pm), Emma Cotter (4.40pm), Jack O'Flaherty (5.20pm), Alice Laffan (6pm), Tadhg (6.40pm), Aaron Smith & Band (7.20pm), One Morning in August (8.05pm), Beef Supreme (8.50pm), Shakalak (9.35pm), Jaek (10.15pm).

Live & Local is supported by Carlow County Council Arts Office. With the support of O'Hara's Craft Beer and Blacknight Solutions.



**See carlowliveandlocal.ie
for more info on the line-up**



Celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's national day of creativity for children, with us on Saturday 10 June. The Carnival of Collective Joy will explode onto the streets of Carlow and our Cruinniú na nÓg Tent will host workshops and performances for children and people of all ages on both Saturday and Sunday.



CARNIVAL OF COLLECTIVE JOY

Carlow / Sat 10 June / 1.30pm / FREE ● ● ●

"Carnival is something people create and generate for themselves" Mikhail Bakhtin

The Carnival of Collective Joy returns to the streets of Carlow for Cruinniú na nÓg, in a celebration of the creative imagination of school children across County Carlow. In collaboration with Carlow Arts Festival and VISUAL, and with the support of Music Generation, these young artists have brought to life their own unique worlds and the captivating characters that inhabit them. With guidance from Creative Director Selene Murphy and Assistant Creative Director Susanne Kennedy Horsch, the children have created a spectacle of wild and wonderful creatures that will parade through Carlow Town.

This year's participating schools are St Joseph's N.S. Hacketstown, St. Fiacc's N.S. Graiguecullen, Scoil Mhuire N.S. Tullow, and St. Patrick's N.S. Rathvilly.

Parade route: the Carnival will parade through Carlow Town from 1:30pm. Starting at Carlow College, the parade will go down Dublin St., up Tullow St. and up College St., finishing back at our Cruinniú na nÓg tent in the Carlow College grounds.

Supported by the Bank of Ireland Begin Together Arts Fund in partnership with Business to Arts.



Carnival Workshop

Cruinniú na nÓg Tent / Sat 10 June / 11:30am–12:30pm / FREE ● ● ●

Come and be part of the Carnival! Join us at our Cruinniú na nÓg tent to create your own unique costume that will make you stand out in the parade. Whether you're young or young-at-heart, everyone is welcome to get involved.

Samba Drumming Workshops

Cruinniú na nÓg Tent / Sat 10 June / 12:30pm (8-12yrs) / 4pm (12-18yrs)/ FREE ● ● ●

Experience the infectious beats of samba drumming in Rhythmriot's hands-on workshop. With the use of rhythm games and mnemonics, you'll learn samba drumming in an engaging and interactive way. This inclusive workshop caters for all levels of ability and everyone can join in.

Dance Workshop with Dance Republic

Cruinniú na nÓg Tent / Sat 10 June / 3pm / FREE ● ● ●

Join local dance school Dance Republic for this workshop for 5-12 year olds and learn some fantastic dance moves. Discover the art of Freestyle, Slow Dance and Lyrical Dance, and unleash your inner dance star!

Comic and Flag Making Workshops

VISUAL / Sat 10 June / 11am – 12:30pm and 3pm – 5pm / FREE ● ● ●

VISUAL host a series of drop-in workshops, inspired by works from the exhibition *Remembering the Future*: Sinéad Kennedy's project *Grandland* and Brianna Hurley's paintings of the fantasy planet *Castallia*.

The workshops will be led by artist facilitators at 4 stations (for u4s; 4–8 yrs; 9–12 yrs; and 12+). It's a chance to visit the exhibitions and make your own flags and comics to take home.

Silent Disco

VISUAL Digital Gallery / Sat 10 June / 6:30pm / 12-18yrs/ FREE ● ● ●

The VISUAL Collective, VISUAL's Young People's programme will host the silent disco *Together Again* for collective members and friends. This event is for 12–18-year-olds.

GOODNIGHT EGG Bombinate Theatre

Festival HQ / Sat 10 June (12pm & 5pm) / FREE / For ages 3-6 / ⌚ 35 minutes ● ● ●

Sometimes it can be hard to sleep. Our minds wander and we can't keep our eyes shut. But tonight, things will be different. Cross your fingers (and toes)...

This joyful play, for families and their 3 - 6-year-olds, celebrates change and finding friendship in unusual places.





ENCANTO SING-ALONG! Outdoor Cinema

Festival HQ / Sat 11 June / 9.30pm / FREE ●●

It's fiesta time at our outdoor screening of Disney's heart-warming musical, Encanto. With dazzling animation, infectious music, and a powerful message of self-acceptance, this film captivates audiences of all ages. Join us for a night of enchantment under the stars and sing along with the lyrics on screen, but remember, "we don't talk about Bruno, no, no, no"...

Spread Your Wings

Cruinniú na nÓg Tent / Sun 11 June / 12.30pm / FREE ●●

Equal Chances Polish School's *Spread Your Wings* project promotes intercultural dialogue among young people. This workshop includes art activities and a Polish Dance performance. It's an exciting opportunity for creativity and cultural exchange!

Projekt «Rozwój skrzydła» realizowany przez Polską Szkołę Równe Szanse promuje dialog międzykulturowy wśród młodych ludzi. Warsztaty obejmują zajęcia plastyczne oraz pokaz tańca polskiego. To ekscytująca okazja do kreatywności i wymiany kulturalnej!

Music Makers

Cruinniú na nÓg Tent / Sat 10 June (10.50am) / Sun 11 June (11.30am)/ FREE ●●

Come along with your children to enjoy a session of music-making featuring singing, percussion playing, movement and lots more. This workshop by Carlow College of Music is ideal for children aged 3-6.



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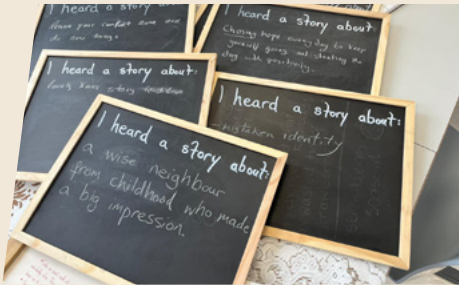


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ASSEMBLY

Throughout the year, Carlow Arts Festival works with communities across County Carlow on a wide variety of arts-based engagement and participation projects, collectively known as the ASSEMBLY programme.

ASSEMBLY brings communities and artists together to collaborate on arts projects with thought-provoking themes and topics. This work is then showcased as part of our festival each year in June. In 2023, we present *The Long and Short of It* (p 4) and *The Carnival of Collective Joy* (p 14), as well as the following series of talks and workshops.



ROOTS SHOP

ASSEMBLY Tent / Fri 9 – Sun 11 June /
11am – 7pm / FREE

What makes Carlow tick? Carlow Arts Festival and Trasna Production's *Roots Pop-Up Shop* will be full of playful and meaningful creative activities for young people and adults.

Inspired by *Encounters Art* shops, *Roots* is mentored and co-designed by artist Ruth Ben-Tovim with creative practitioners Janice de Bróithe and Ciara Harrison.

Across the weekend, there will be a series of 30-minute spoken-word performances created from the responses of people from County Carlow to questions about their sense of connection to their community and cultural heritage: Thur 7pm; Fri 3.30pm & 6.30pm; Sat 12pm & 3.30pm; Sun 12pm, 3.30pm & 5.30pm.

Supported by LEADER and Carlow County Development Partnership.



IMAGINATION GENERATION STATION

ASSEMBLY Tent / Fri 9 – Sun 11 June /
11am – 7pm / FREE

Carlow Arts Festival and our Kilkenny neighbours Asylum Productions are dreaming up an electrifying new intergenerational, community production for June 2024. The show will re-imagine the future of energy production by looking to the past - the Rural Electrification Scheme.

This year, Asylum's Medb Lambert and Donal Gallagher will be generating ideas to power the show. Come and meet the Inmates, share your thoughts, and maybe be electrified yourself.

Supported by Creative Ireland in partnership with Carlow Arts Office and Carlow County Development Partnership.

CYCLES: SPOKES

Spokes is a series of discussions and workshops about our sense of place within County Carlow. *Spokes* will host conversations on language, cycling, ecology and more.

Spokes is part of *Cycles*, a community engagement project happening across Hacketstown, Rathvilly, Graiguecullen and Tullow, and led by artists Michelle Browne and Eszter Némethi. *Cycles* will culminate in a large outdoor cycling and performance event in September 2023.



Cycles: Wheel of Futures

Festival HQ / Sat 10 & Sun 11 June / Various times / FREE

As part of the launch of our festival, artists Michelle Browne and Eszter Némethi host *Wheel of Futures*, a collective storytelling event exploring possible presents, pasts and futures for Carlow. Roll the wheel to help create a speculative, fictional map of the Carlow landscape.

Kathleen Murray

ASSEMBLY Tent / Sat 10 / 5pm / FREE

Kathleen Murray's debut novel, *The Deadwood Encore* (2022) was recently selected as Carlow's representative in the Irish Times' list of 32 novels set in 32 counties. Here, Kathleen reveals how her characters' idiosyncratic voices were inspired by the idiom of her native county.



Sean-nós with Inni-K

ASSEMBLY Tent / Sat 10 / 6.30pm / FREE

Join Eithne Ní Chatháin (Inni-K) for this interactive workshop in sean-nós and traditional singing, where Eithne will teach two songs - one in Irish and one in English in her characteristic informal, welcoming and informative manner.

No previous experience required. Lyrics will be provided. Fáilte roimh gach éinne / Everyone welcome.



Cycling: Past, Present & Future

ASSEMBLY TENT / Sun 11 / 1pm / FREE

Two of Carlow's finest cyclists, past and present, Conal Scully and Mike O'Donoghue share their experiences of competitive cycling. Conal is a road racing cyclist who competes internationally for Ireland. Mike was one of the top amateurs in Ireland during the 1970s and won the Rás Tailteann for Carlow in 1973.

A Glimpse into 1923 by Fin Dwyer

ASSEMBLY Tent / Sun 11 / 2.30pm / FREE

Historian Fin Dwyer discovers what life was like for Carlovians back in 1923. Fin's meticulously researched Irish History Podcast has uncovered some of the most fascinating stories from our past, including about the Great Hunger, the Norman Invasion, and Ireland's involvement in the Spanish Civil War.



Poetry As Gaelige: Róisín Sheehy

ASSEMBLY Tent / Sun 11 / 4.30pm / FREE

Is file, drámadóir agus craoltóir í Róisín Sheehy a bhfuil duaiseanna buaite aici. D'fhoilsigh Coiscéim a céad cnuasach filíochta Líomóidí 's Rúbarb. I 2022 d'fhoilsigh LeabharComhar a dráma Snámh na Saoirse.

Róisín Sheehy is an award-winning poet, playwright and broadcaster. Coiscéim published her debut collection Líomóidí 's Rúbarb and her play Snámh na Saoirse was published by Leabhar Comhar.

Clifton Redmond

ASSEMBLY Tent / Sun 11 / 6pm / FREE

Join Take A Part Carlow's Community Writer in Residence Clifton Redmond for a discussion about language and place.

Legends of the Mountains Screening

ASSEMBLY Tent / Sun 11 / 7.30pm / FREE

Folktales surrounding an ancient sacred site, hold within them a turbulent and painful history. In this short film directed by Nuala Dalton, members of Killoughternane Drama Group, County Carlow, recount excerpts from these local tales, and historians share the historical context through which they emerged.

Cycles is funded by ART:2023, a Decade of Centenaries programme, presented by The Arts Council | An Chomhairle Ealaíon, in association with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. This project is created in partnership with Carlow Sports Partnership, Carlow County Council Arts Office, Carlow County Development Partnership, Carlow County Library, Carlow Museum and Carlow Environmental Network.



SORRY, BUT I FEEL SLIGHTLY DISIDENTIFIED...

Benjamin Kahn (France/Belgium/The Netherlands)

VISUAL Theatre / Sun 11 June / 7.30pm / Limited Capacity / €15 / €12 (con) / 16+ /

🕒 50mins ● ●

Sorry, But I Feel Slightly Disidentified... is a provocative and thought-provoking performance piece created by Benjamin Kahn in collaboration with Cherish Menzo, a Dutch performer and choreographer of Surinamese descent.

Menzo's body serves as a canvas for exploring themes of race, gender and status: layer after layer, the performer unfolds and metamorphoses, challenging our preconceived notions and biases.

As the viewer grapples with a complex mix of emotions and ideas, including empathy and surprise, eroticism and exoticization, the piece asks

us to reflect on how identities are constructed and the impact that cultural expectations can have on our understanding of ourselves and others.

This is a must-see for anyone interested in the intersection of art, culture, and equality.


Contains partial, non-explicit nudity and includes the use of strobe lights.

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