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SPECIAL THANKS

The 2025 AKA Festival is proudly volunteer-led, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible volunteers who make it all possible. Your time, passion, and commitment are the heart of this festival. We would like to extend a thank you to Kilkenny County Council, Kilkenny Tourism, Creative Ireland, Market Cross Shopping Centre, The Heritage Council, and Cartoon Saloon for their generous support which makes the festival possible.

AKA 2025 FUNDERS



AKA 2025 FRIENDS



Welcome to the Alternative Kilkenny Arts Festival 2025

In 2025, the Alternative Kilkenny Arts (AKA) Fringe Festival proudly marks 10 years of celebrating creativity, connection, and community throughout Kilkenny. What began as a grassroots initiative has grown into a thriving, volunteer-led festival that showcases the incredible talents of local artists and community groups.

As we reflect on this milestone, we pay tribute to the many individuals who have helped shape and guide AKA over the years. We are especially mindful of the contributions of the participating artists whose passion and dedication continue to inspire everything we do. Their belief in making the arts accessible and visible has laid the foundation for the festival's ongoing success.

This year's programme is full to the brim with a vibrant mix of visual art, theatre, craft, literature, spoken word, and music, offering something for everyone. To all who have supported AKA along the way, thank you. Your energy and commitment have created something truly special. We are delighted to welcome you to ten days of artistic excellence and community celebration.

The Alternative Kilkenny Arts Committee

Aoife, Asia, Kevin, Liselott, Martin, Nicola, Oisín, Orla and Tom

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A word from AKA'S Festival Ambassador

It's wonderful to be back as Festival Ambassador for our 10th Anniversary Festival which is our biggest festival ever. I'm very happy to take on the challenge once again of attending as many events as possible. As always, there is a huge variety of all aspects of the Arts for you to experience, all over the county of Kilkenny. Please do say hello if you see me on my travels.

- Tony Strickland, Festival Ambassador

KILKENNY CITY: AKA EVENTS



Quay Notes The Irish Composers' Collective

Canal Square, Dukesmeadows, Kilkenny.
10/08 | 8:30 pm | Free

A very special collaboration between the Irish Composers' Collective (ICC), Cartoon Saloon and independent animators living in Kilkenny. Members of the ICC have written new music for animated short films and will perform them live, during an outdoor screening.

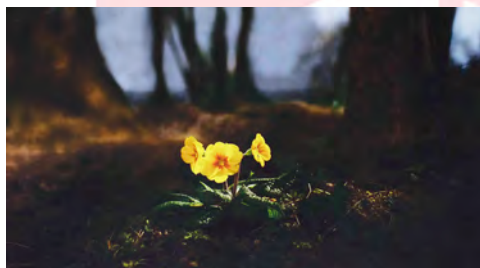
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Peter Brennan - Kilkenny's cultural firestarter Luke Brennan

Rothe House, 16 Parliament St, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 P89C | 10/08 | 6pm - 7.30pm
Free

In early 1940s Ireland, Kilkenny defied the cultural vacuum of 'the Emergency' blossoming into a vibrant artistic hub. Studio potter Peter Brennan was appointed as art master at the Central Technical School at this time. Peter's son Luke will be in conversation with ceramicist Liselott Olofsoon.



Emerging Artists Exhibition Artist Collective

1st floor, The Bank, Rose Inn Street, R95 Y672
07/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 6pm Mon to Sat, 11am - 6pm Sun | Launch: 6th August at 6pm with opening from Artist and Curator Pauline O'Connell

Celebrating its 10th year, the Alternative Kilkenny Arts Festival Emerging Artists Exhibition showcases ten exceptional artists from across Kilkenny, highlighting the county's vibrant and diverse creative talent.

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KILKENNY CITY: CRAFT



Annual exhibition and sale Southeast Woodturners

Ormonde College R95 W2XN | 08/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 5pm

An exhibition of handcrafted woodturned items by ten of the South-East's leading craftspeople. A unique collection of functional, decorative and artistic items to suit all tastes at competitive prices.

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Kilkenny Potters Market Potters from around Ireland

The Parade, Kilkenny | 10/08 | 10am - 6pm

Meet the makers, learn about their craft and support local artists! The Kilkenny Potters Market is back showcasing the work of 26 of the best contemporary potters/ceramicists from around Ireland. A fantastic opportunity to view a wide variety of styles, making techniques and ceramic materials.

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MADE/NEW MADE in Kilkenny

Mayfair Library R95 N23R | 09/08 - 30/08
10am - 5pm, late opening Tuesday/ Thursday
10am - 8pm | Launch: Curator and writer Gemma Tipton will open the exhibition on Saturday, 9 August at 12pm

MADE/NEW celebrates the exciting new work of 26 members and welcomes new talent joining a collective rooted in heritage and creative excellence! Ceramics, jewellery, glass, wood, and more; blending tradition with innovation.



Rainbow Art and Craft

Ormonde College, Ormonde Rd, R95W2XN
08/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 5pm

View an eclectic and colourful range of unique handcrafted items from local artists and craftspeople; textile art, crochet, felt paintings, photography, wood turning, slate art, visual art, knitwear and lots more. Wander up Patrick Street from the traffic lights on the Parade, take the first right and Ormonde College is on your right hand side. An inspiring experience of creativity awaits you.



Kilkenny Stitches Irish Patchwork Society

Chapter House, St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny. R95H1K1 | 07/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 5pm

The Fifth Annual Exhibition by the members of the South Midlands Branch of the Irish Patchwork Society. See quilts of all sizes, modern and traditional, on display in the Chapter House of St. Mary's Cathedral.



Group Art & Craft Exhibition St Mary's Art & Craft Collective

Presentation Primary School, Parnel Street, R95 YT68 | 08/08 - 17/08 | 10.30am - 6pm daily. Sunday 17, 10.30am - 4.30pm | Launch: Friday, 8 August. Light refreshments from 4pm

St Mary's ACC is a vibrant group of creatives from Kilkenny and surrounding counties. We come together to showcase and sell our handmade art and craftwork as part of the AKA Fringe Festival each year. A celebration of creativity you won't want to miss!



Liam O' Neill Wood Sculpture A Retrospective

RY95 YY43 | 08/08-18/08 | 10-6pm | Butler House & Garden, 16 Patrick St, Kilkenny, R95 YY43

Garden Exhibition: A collaboration between DCCI and Butler House & Garden in celebration of connections with Kilkenny Design Workshops as part of August Craft Month.

KILKENNY CITY: LITERATURE



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Soap Box City.. Open Mic / Spoken Word | Kilkenny Writers Anonymous

Rothe House, Parliament Street, Kilkenny
R95 P89C | 09/08 | 2pm - 4pm | Free

Kilkenny Writers Anonymous present Soap Box City at Rothe House, Parliament Street. This year's theme is 'OPENING LINES'. Come to listen or share from 2 - 4 (sign up from 1.30pm). We can't wait to hear what you have to say!



Womb Of The Deep Molly May O'Leary and Rachel Nic Thomás

Hole in the Wall, 17 High St, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 TY30 | 09/08 | 3pm - 3.45pm
€10 (+ booking fee) | Book via eventbrite

Dive into the mystical depths of the ocean at 'Womb of The Deep' - an evening of myths, poems and songs about the mysterious ocean.



The Alchemy of Art Trisha Norton and Friends

Wild Flower Café (at Butler Gallery), Evans Home, John's Quay, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 YX3F | 14/08 | 6pm - 8pm | €10/€15 (with/without wine) | Book via eventbrite

Join us this evening where three artists demonstrate work they've created, while reflecting on what was happening in their lives at the time. There will be time for Q&A and an audience interpretation afterwards.



Fireflies: The Launch
Trisha Norton

Wild Flower Café (at Butler Gallery), Evans Home, John's Quay, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 YX3F | 07/08 | 6pm - 8pm | Free | Book via eventbrite

Fireflies explores how our inner light draws others to us. Enjoy a wine reception, readings, real-life stories, and reflections. Free to attend with limited spaces. Please reserve in advance.

BOOK LUNCH
Darren Francis Caffrey

Castle Park, Kilkenny | 14/08 | 2.30pm

A free lunchtime event introducing Darren's debut novel A Hundred Blessings.

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Ali Comerford Live
Ali Comerford, Molly O Shea

The Cookie Co-op, Friary Street, Kilkenny, R95TN80 | 13/08 | 7pm | €12.51 per person (€10 plus booking fees) | Book via eventbrite

Acclaimed singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Ali Comerford brings her repertoire of original folk songs to life at The Cookie Co-op. She will be joined by violinist Molly O'Shea for this very special performance.



Altered Egos: Solar Session
Patrick McGlynn & Naoise Cazenove

1st floor, The Bank, Rose Inn Street, R95 Y672
09/08 | 2pm - 4pm | Solar Tickets on the door
€10 (€16 w/Lunar Session Ticket)

Bask in a balmy atmosphere of experimental electronic sounds: intimate, improvised explorations of texture and tone by Patrick McGlynn and Naoise Cazenove.



Altered Egos: Lunar Session
Dr. Mindflip and NZEN7

1st floor, The Bank, Rose Inn Street, R95 Y672
09/08 | 9pm - 11pm | €10 (€16 w/Solar Session Ticket)

Our resident artists unleash their more nocturnal, noisy side: Dr. Mindflip delivers a dose of unhinged psychedelic synthpop and NZEN7 take us on an interdimensional auditory adventure.



Tea Houses After Hours BlackMarbleSound

Tea Houses Basement, Bateman Quay, Kilkenny | 15/08 | TBA, Night | Booking via Tearooms Instagram Account

Exclusive late night showcases of local Live Electronica Artists and DJs. Invite only.

The Craic

Brewery Corner, Parliament Street, R95PV44
16/08 | 8pm - 1.30am | €7 early bird / €15 on the door | Book via eventbrite

Experience an electrifying DJ night celebrating Kilkenny's vibrant local talent with a lineup of homegrown DJs spinning diverse selections, paired with dynamic VJ visuals. Immerse yourself in a unique audiovisual journey highlighting creativity, community spirit, and incredible beats.



Celtic Calling and Danny Forde of Everything The Light Touches

Hole in the Wall, 17 High St, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 TY30 | 09/08 | 6pm - 7pm
€15 | Book via eventbrite

An evening of music with Irish chart-topping group Celtic Calling featuring acclaimed multi-instrumentalist and composer Danny Forde of Everything The Light Touches.



Kilkenny Electroacoustic Lab Vol.2 Neil Quigley

1st floor, The Bank, Rose Inn Street, R95 Y672
07/08 - 17/08 | Bank Opening Times

An exhibition documenting the fictional history of a small composer community in rural Ireland existing from the late 60's until the late 80's. Inspired by various Irish news stories, cultural ephemera, and post-war electronic music.

KILKENNY CITY: FILM



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Filmmakers' Gathering Cult Collective

The Tea Houses (Upstairs), 1 Bateman Quay, Gardens, Kilkenny | 09/08 | 2pm - 3.45pm | Free


Whether you're a seasoned filmmaker, a beginner, or an artist of another discipline looking to connect with film, join us for an intimate gathering and networking with the film and arts community over coffee. There will also be an opportunity to present a piece if you wish - if you'd like feedback on, or an unfinished piece that you'd like a composer/editor/producer etc. to come onboard with.




Ossory Youth Film Screening Ossory Youth

Desert Hall, Lower New St, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 PH5C | 15/08 | 7pm | Free

A youth-led documentary by Ossory Youth, sharing stories and experiences through the voices of young people. This project is part of Act, Belong & Commit campaign.



The AKA wants to provide the best possible experience for audiences navigating the festival. Please scan the QR code below to complete our brief audience survey for this years festival.



KILKENNY CITY: TALKS AND LIVE PERFORMANCE



Shite Talk: A Live History Podcast Shite Talk History

Hole in the Wall, 17 High St, Gardens,
Kilkenny, R95 TY30 | 14/08 - 15/08 | 8.30pm
- 10pm | €10 | Book via eventbrite

Listen up as comedians Kevin Larney and Jason Brennan discuss a bizarre event from the annals of Kilkenny's history.

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Art Practices As Medicine Work Eleonora "Eta" Liparoti - MYR

Ryans Bar R95 X932 | 11/08 | 7-9.30pm
5 euro on the door

How are we integrating our insights? How are we integrating joy, inspirations and hard lessons? Taking you on a journey, inviting you to exchange, we will explore how art practices can speak the same language as that of healing experiences.



Meet the Makers MADE in KILKENNY

Mayfair Library, Kilkenny, R95 N23R
12/08, 14/08, 19/08, 21/08, 26/08, 28/08
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Join individual members of MADE in KILKENNY as they share insights into their creative journeys—exploring the inspirations, techniques, and materials that shape their work from initial idea to finished piece in these engaging behind-the-scenes talks.



Low Sugar Daddy Shannon Basso Gaule Director David Collier Producer Jo Heffernan

Brewery Corner, Parliament Street, R95PV44
08/08 | 9pm | €8 | Book via eventbrite

A new work- in-progress show, 'Low Sugar Daddy' from award winning comedian Shannon Basso Gaule about finding the funny in living with diabetes.



HOME Barnstorm Theatre Company

Homerule Club, 3 John's Quay, R95 T382
14/08 and 15/08 | Thu 15 August 12pm & 2pm
& 4pm - Fri 15 August 12pm & 2pm & 4pm
€10 (+ booking fee) | barnstorm.ie

Written by Anna Ní Dhúil, HOME is an innovative and exciting theatre project born of Kilkenny, exploring the life of a Kilkenny teenager and her friends on the cusp of adulthood. This street theatre experience brings the audience on a journey into the world of this group of friends.



Death Cafe Kilkenny Claire Finn

St. Kierans College, College Rd, Kilkenny. R95 Y99T | 13/08 | 7 pm sharp/no late comers admitted | Free Event. First come basis
Email clr.fnn@gmail.com for tickets

A Death Cafe is an informal way and safe space to meet, connect and discuss all things Death related. Dying, Grief, Burial, Art, Poetry. And we also eat lots of CAKE! Join us for Kilkenny's Death Cafe. Places are limited and must be reserved.



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KILKENNY CITY: WORKSHOPS



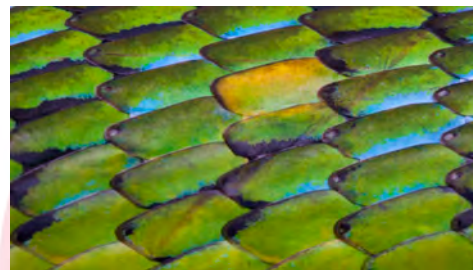
Cats Making Games Exhibition Cats Making Games

Mayfair Library R95 N23R | 07/08 - 08/08
07/08: 2pm-7pm | 08/08: 2pm-5pm

A playable exhibit of various video games made by members of the local game maker club 'Cats Making Games'. These independent games cover a range of different playful interactive experiences.

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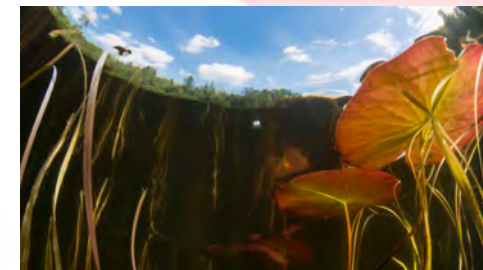
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In the Company of Creatures Tasneem Khan, Joana Santos, Adrian J Hennessy

Hebron Business Park, Hebron Rd, Leggetsrath West, Kilkenny, R95KF6V | 07/08 - 17/08 (Nature Gallery) | 12/08 (Drawn to Scales) 10am - 6:00pm (Nature Gallery) + 6:30 - 9:30 pm for the (Drawn to Scales) | €20 www.nrz.ie

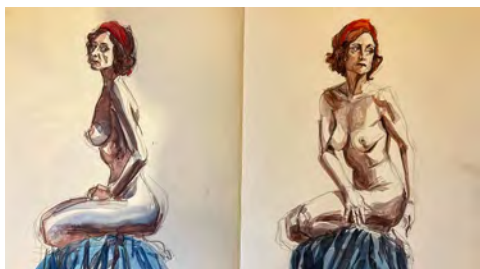
A two-part eco-art experience at the National Reptile Zoo featuring a nature-inspired gallery and an intimate, after-hours drawing session.



[K]Nore Your River: Wild Waters Tasneem Khan / Sea School Studios and Labs

Dukesmeadows Car Park, Kilkenny (52.647764, -7.237105) | 08/08 | 3 PM - 6 PM: Open Lab Evening: Outdoor projection begins around sunset | €10 | seaschool.ie

Where art becomes a collaborative process of exploration - join SEA School Studio and Lab's riverside workshops to uncover the hidden colours of soil through chromatography, and magnify river life through microscopy and projection art.



Life Drawing Workshop in Cartoon Saloon Studios with Tomm Moore

Barrack street, R95 WK60 | 10/08 | 1pm - 4pm
€30 | Book via [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

A 3-hour workshop with a live model in the Barrack Street offices of Cartoon Saloon.



Beginners Salsa Dance Workshop The Dance Club Kilkenny

10 Irishtown, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 DH32
15/08 | 7.30pm | Free
thedanceclubkilkenny.com

Join us and learn salsa! No experience needed—just bring your energy and love for music. We'll guide you through fun, easy steps and have you dancing in no time.



Candle Making Workshop Tracy & Douglas Higgins

Wired Irish Crafts - R95RT6Y | 09/08 & 16/08
2-4pm on both dates | €80 pp
wiredirishcrafts.ie/candle-workshops

Experience the charm of candle making in Kilkenny's historic Castle Yard. Enjoy a complimentary glass of Prosecco as you learn to craft candles using eco soy wax and vegan fragrance oils. Create your own soy candle and wax melts while savoring refreshments and nibbles under the guidance of experienced artisan candle makers.



Youth Arts Workshop Ossory Youth

1st floor, The Bank, Rose Inn Street, R95 Y672
16/08 | 11pm - 12pm | Free

AKA, in partnership with Ossory Youth Kilkenny, is hosting a free youth arts workshop that invites young people to creatively engage with and respond to the work of local artists. All materials will be provided, and no prior experience is necessary. Workshops for 13-18 year olds.

KILKENNY CITY: VISUAL ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY



Life through a Lens Seamus Meaney

Kytelers Inn, Keiran Street, Kilkenny | 07/08 - 17/08 | 2pm - 8pm | Launch: Thursday, 7th August at 7pm

View a variety of landscape and portrait photography including images of historic buildings in Kilkenny and around Ireland.



Among the wildflowers Aisling Holden

Cleere's Bar and Theatre, R95 YR61 | 07/08 - 17/08 | 12.30 - 11.30pm

An installation of handcrafted ceramic plates celebrating the beauty of Irish plant biodiversity.



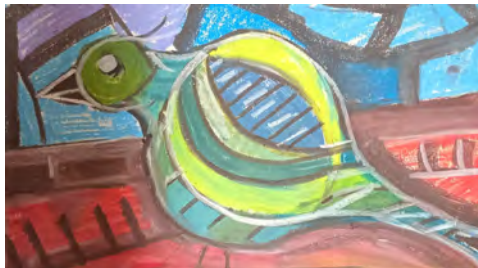
Mudlarking Roger O'Reilly

Berkeley Suite, Pembroke Hotel, 11 Patrick Street, Kilkenny R95 VNP4 | 08/08 - 17/08 11.30am - 5.30pm | Launch: Friday, 8 August at 6.30pm

An exhibition of painted works exploring themes of location, navigation and boundaries as expressed through the ebb and flow of the tidal reaches of the rivers Boyne and Liffey.

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The Homing Eoghan o driscoll

Cakeface, Irishtown, Kilkenny R95 XY22 Saturday, 9 August at 3pm | 07/08 - 17/08 9am - 6pm | Launch: Saturday, 9 August at 3pm

Eoghan presents a selection of recent drawings and oil pastel work with many themes, ideas and choice of subjects. A return to childhood and the feelings and imagination of that time and the simple act of a child drawing.



Grá Fiáin. Wild love Gráinne Quigley Lambert

Mayors walk, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade 07/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 5pm

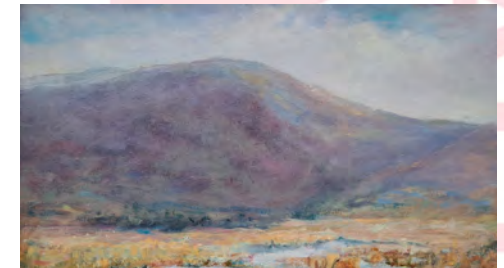
An exhibition of Grá Fiáin/Wild love love through local landscapes, flora, and fauna."



Exhibition of paintings in Oils and Watercolour Sheila Foley

Friary Hall, Friary Street R95TR 85 | Friday, 8 August until 8.30pm | 07/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 6pm Late openings Fridays till 8.30pm Launch: Friday, 8 August until 8.30pm

Exhibition of paintings in oils and watercolour.



Exhibition of oil & watercolour paintings Mary Gaine

The Friary Hall, Friary St., Kilkenny. R95TR85 | 07/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 6pm (Late opening Fridays to 8.30pm) | Launch: Friday, 8 August at 7.30pm

An exhibition of landscapes, seascapes, flowers and local streetscapes in oils and watercolours by local artist Mary Gaine.



'Hedgerow & Wayside | Native Plants of County Kilkenny'
Jen Castle, Polly Minett with Guest Musician Kate Powell

Rothe House, McDonagh Room, 16 Parliament Street R95 P89C | 10am - 6pm daily | Launch: Thursday, 7 August at 6pm

A unique, collaborative exhibition created by environmental artists Jen Castle and Polly Minett. A soundscape, composed by musician Kate Powell complements the exhibition.



An Chéad Tine Collective Exhibition
An Chéad Tine Artists Collective

No. 10, The Parade, R95TYP9 | 07/08- 17/08 11.30am - 5.30pm | Launch: Sunday, 10 August at 2.30pm

An Chéad Tine unites four distinct visual artists exploring dialogues on identity, nature, memory, and transformation in a variety of mediums.



Summer Reflections
Marley Irish

The Hibernian Hotel Kilkenny. R95 WT K3 07/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 6pm

Marley showcases her recent paintings depicting the magical movement of colour in her unique impasto work with palette knife layerings.



"Imagine if"
Tony Oakey

Clubhouse Hotel 22&23 Lower Patrick St. R95PX68 | 08/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 6pm

Tony Oakey is a professional artist from Piltown, Co. Kilkenny whose work is collected worldwide. "Imagine if", his 31st exhibition of paintings and prints at the Clubhouse Hotel explores the weird and wonderful world of nature that surrounds us all.



Tim Goulding - Music series and recent developments
Tim Goulding

Castle View Suite at Butler House, 15 Patrick Street R95 YY43 | 08/08 - 15/08 | 10am - 6pm

Butler House are delighted to host the Basil Goulding collection of contemporary Irish art with recent work by Tim Goulding (son of Sir Basil and Lady Valerie Goulding). View the exhibition in the Castle View Suite at Butler House, 15 Patrick Street, Kilkenny, from Friday, 8 - Friday, 15 of August daily from 10am to 6pm.



Exhibition of Oil paints and stained glass mosaics
Frances Walsh

The Friary Hall, Friary St. R95 TR84 | 07/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 6pm, late opening Fridays to 8.30pm | Launch: Friday, 8 August, late opening

Exhibition of oil paintings and stained glass mosaics.



Soft Bloom - Hard Shell
Marie Langton

The Ormonde Hotel, Ormonde Street, R95Y5CX | 08/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 5.30pm

Large studies of bog cotton, peonies and lobsters; interpretation of native flora and sea scapes, conveying mood and colour.



One life, live it and love it
Ellen Duggan, Marie Langton

The Ormonde Hotel, Ormonde Street, Kilkenny, R95Y5CX | 09/08 - 17/08 | 10 - 6pm

Ellen Duggan, continues her explorations of life off canvas, on canvas, through mixed media and acrylic.



Against the wall
Gérard Brophy

Mayors walk, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade
07/08 - 17/08 | 10am to 5pm

Intuitive abstract artist.



Athena Made Art
Athena Brownrigg

Presentation Primary School, Parnell Street,
R95YT68 | 08/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 6pm Daily,
Sunday 17, 10.30 - 4.30pm | Launch:
Friday, 8 August. Light refreshments from
4pm

Athena Brownrigg is the creative force behind 'Athena Made Art' - a self-taught artist, crafter and workshop facilitator. In 2025, she celebrates 10 years of organising St Mary's ACC group and exhibiting in the AKA!



40th Annual Exhibition
Kilkenny Photographic Society

Central Mall (Dunne's Stores end)
MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre
07/08 - 17/08 | 9.30am to close | Launch:
Thursday, 7 August at 7pm

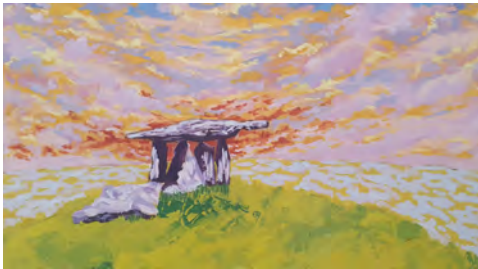
40th Annual Exhibition of photography by
members of Kilkenny Photographic Society.



Artists on the Parade

Mayors walk, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade
07/08 - 17/08 | 9am - 6pm

Artists on the Parade is a vibrant open-air
exhibition celebrating local creativity. Set
against the lively backdrop of the Parade in
Kilkenny, view a diverse range of artwork from
emerging and established artists—inviting you
to explore, connect, and be inspired.



A symphony of Nature
Marie Cleere

The lodge, Barrack Lane, Kilkenny R95 AK7Y
08/08 - 17/08 | 10.30am - 6pm

An exhibition of paintings in oil, watercolour
and pastel based on observations of nature
and the natural world. Inspired by wildlife
programmes from Éamonn De Buitléir to Sir
David Attenborough and the artists
upbringing in the countryside.



The Gaol Road Artist Collective

Ormonde College of Further Education R95
W2XN | 07/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 5pm

Experience the work of a diverse group of
recent fine art graduates from the Ormonde
College of Further Education.



Life in the Hinterland
Jacinta Crowley-Long

Rothe House, 16, Parliament St. R95 P89C
07/08 - 17/08 | 10.30am - 6pm

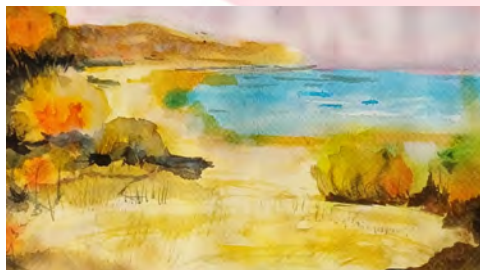
Jacinta has a deserved reputation as Ireland's
foremost contemporary canine and
equestrian artist and this exhibition includes
her paintings of rural life around her home in
Wicklow.



**How much is that e-girl in the
window?**
Aoife O'Neill

Art & Hobby, Market Cross Shopping Centre
R95 V32A | 07/08 - 17/08 | 9am - 6pm

Take a look in the shop window at an offering
of portraits made by one of Kilkenny's online
painters.



TOGETHERNESS VTOS
Artists and students of VTOS
KILKENNY

Koru Wellness, Unit 3G, Castle Yard, Gardens, R95 K662 | 07/08 - 15/08 | 10-5pm
Launch: Thursday 7th August

We are a group of students from VTOS Kilkenny. We are studying Art and Design, Ceramics, Digital Photography, and Woodwork. We are beginners but really enthusiastic. Workshops will be held in the gallery space daily between 12-4pm.

History in watercolour
Fionna Quigley

St Canics Community Hall, Butts Green, Kilkenny R95VK7X | 7th, 8th and 11th till the 14th August | 11am - 4pm

Kilkenny history in watercolour.

Nature's palette
Breda Greaney

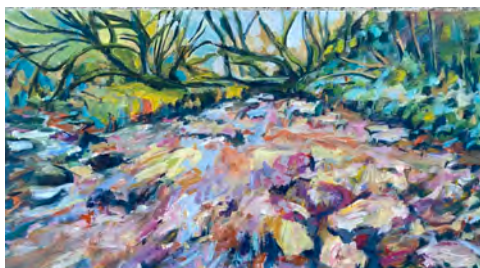
Breda's Gift Shop, St Kieran's St, Gardens, Kilkenny, Ireland. R95P3KT | 07/08 - 17/08 10am - 6pm

A collection of oil paintings based on the artist's love of nature. Through vivid colors and textured brushwork, Breda hopes to capture the spirit, beauty, and serenity of the Irish countryside and its inhabitants.

Where the light falls
Geraldine Walsh

Castle Yard , R95A8HN | 07/08 - 17/08 10am - 5 pm | Launch: Thur, 7 Aug at 5pm

"Where the Light Falls' is a collection of oil paintings capturing the fleeting beauty of the Irish landscape , the moments when light brushes an old stone wall, glimmers on the sea, or slips softly across a field. Artist Geraldine, invites the viewer to pause, to notice and to find beauty in the familiar places where light and memory meet.



Arts Week Exhibition
Graham Carew Art

Mayors walk, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade 07/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 6pm

Kilkenny artist, Graham Carew, showcases his works on the Mayor's Walk beside Kilkenny Castle.

Kilkenny Employment for Youth, "ARTWORKS"
Learners from K.E.Y.

The Friary Hall, Friary St. R95 TR84 | 07/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 6pm | Late opening Friday, 8 August to 8.30pm

Exhibition of artworks created by learners from Kilkenny Employment for Youth. Paintings drawings, prints and more.

Where Clouds Meet the Shore
TOSHIE ART

Ormonde College, Ormonde Rd, Kilkenny R95W2XN | 07/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 5pm

Kilkenny-based Japanese visual artist Toshie captures the beauty and spirit of nature through oil paintings and sculptures, expressing the unique character of landscapes, people, and animals.

Arts Festival Exhibition
The Kilkenny Art Gallery

25 Patrick Street, Kilkenny, R95 A974 07/08 - 17/08 | 10am to 6pm

An exhibition showing the work of more than 30 professional painters and sculptors in two venues; in our permanent gallery at 25 Patrick Street and in 45/46 High Street for the duration of the festival.



Brettionism

The Clubhouse Hotel, Lower Patrick Street, R95 DX76 | 07/08 - 17/08 | 9am - 6pm

Cards, prints and paintings.

Create-Connect Lisa Moran, Kate Heary & Conor Turner

The Cookie Co-op, Friary Street, R95TN80
Lisa Moran 07/08-09/08, Kate Heary 13/08, Conor Turner 14/08-16/08 | 8am-4pm

Create-Connect' sees local emerging creatives Lisa Moran (quilling), Kate Heary (jewellery making) and Conor Turner (abstract art) exhibiting work, as well as exploring their respective processes to create new pieces in real-time in response to their coffee-house surroundings.



An Chéad Tíne Art Gallery Group Exhibition

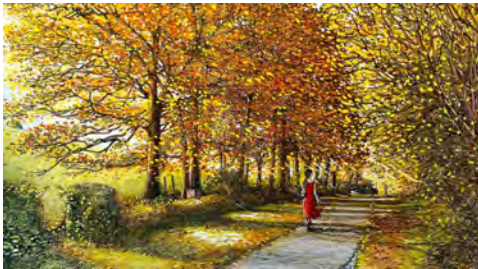
1st floor, Dunnes Stores, Kieran St, Kilkenny R95 PF82 | 07/08 - 31/08 | 10.30am - 8.30pm
Launch: Saturday 8th August at 6pm

An Chéad Tíne Art Gallery, Kilkenny, presents a group exhibition curated by Mary Doyle Burke, featuring work by Irish artists including Blaise Smith, Eamon Colman, Pauline O'Connell & Ellen Martin Friel, Marco Di Sante, Louise Cherry, Francis Tansey and Bernadette Kiely.

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Back to the Lighthouse Nelius Flynn Artworks

The Lighthouse, Dean Street, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 P93V | 08/08 - 17/08 10am-5pm

Monaghan based artist Nelius Flynn loves Kilkenny and its people and is returning to bring friendships and make new ones bringing a mix of meticulously detailed drawings and wood burnings to this year's festival.

Kilkenny City and Country Life Sandra Blanchfield

Pembroke Hotel, E95 VNP4 | 08/08 - 17/08 11am-6pm

This original oil art exhibition captures Kilkenny's majestic buildings in rich, intricate detail, contrasting them with serene countryside scenes. Artist Sandra highlights a striking balance between architectural strength and rural tranquility.

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KILKENNY CITY: MARKET CROSS; CRAFT AND VISUAL ART



CrossRoads Art Navodita Bhatnagar

Market Cross Shopping Centre, High St, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 V32A | 09/08-10/08 and 16/08 - 17/08 | 12 - 6pm

Self-taught artist who makes hand painted crafts and colorful paintings inspired by Henna and Mandala art. Each craft item is painted by hand.

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Mindscapes John Whelan

Market Cross Shopping Centre, High St, Gardens R95 V32A | 07/08 - 10/08 and 14/08 - 17/08 | 12 - 7pm

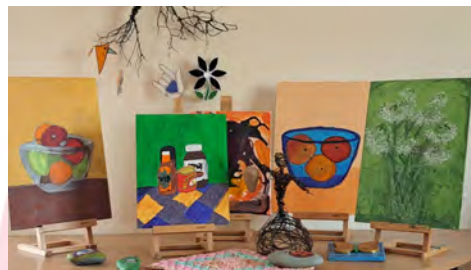
Mindscapes explore the connection between art and mental wellness through dramatic abstract land and seascapes. Entirely imagined, these natural works invite you to pause, reflect and find peace in these artistic expressions. A journey into emotion, imagination and healing.



ANNA GALLERY with FRIENDS

Market Cross Shopping Centre, High St, Gardens R95 V32A | 07/08 - 10/08 and 14/08 - 17/08 | 12 - 7pm

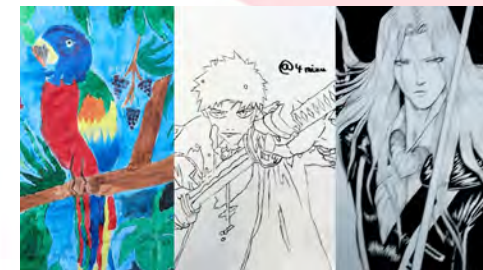
ANNA GALLERY as collected works - oils, dry pastels, pencil, all inspired by the charm of Kilkenny and Ireland, made by the artist ANNA SPALEK MLYNARCZYK, and her friends from the Yellow Cottage Art Group. ANNA as an architect and painter is particularly sensitive to the surrounding beauty of architecture and landscape, hence her need to paint.



Colours of Recovery Cairde Le Chéile

Market Cross Shopping Centre, High St, Gardens R95 V32A | 07/08 - 10/08, 15/08 - 17/08 | 12 - 6pm

We are a community employment scheme for people in recovery from addiction. The Art on display here is part of our ongoing Art Therapy which supports our wellbeing and mental health in our recovery journey.



Artist Amalgamation Exhibition Kate Fenelon, Ben Magnez, Patryk Loszakiewicz & Mueez Shah

Market Cross Shopping Centre, High St, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 V32A | 15/08 and 16/08 | 10am - 4pm

NLN Kilkenny are delighted to present 'Artist Amalgamation' Art Exhibition. We are an amalgamation of many art forms with a shared passion for creating and sharing our voices without speaking. Our works include drawings and paintings of metamorphic creatures, fairy tale fantasies and hip animations.



Earrings that make you Smile Kate Heary

Market Cross Shopping Centre, High St, Gardens R95 V32A | 15/08 - 17/08 | 12 - 6pm

An emerging jewellery-maker from Kilkenny, Kate has a keen focus on sustainability. Her imaginative designs have brought immense joy to those who have given her sentimental costume jewellery to refashion into wearable pieces. With a love of colour and form, her beautiful earrings combine semi-precious stones and glass beads, and will certainly make you smile!



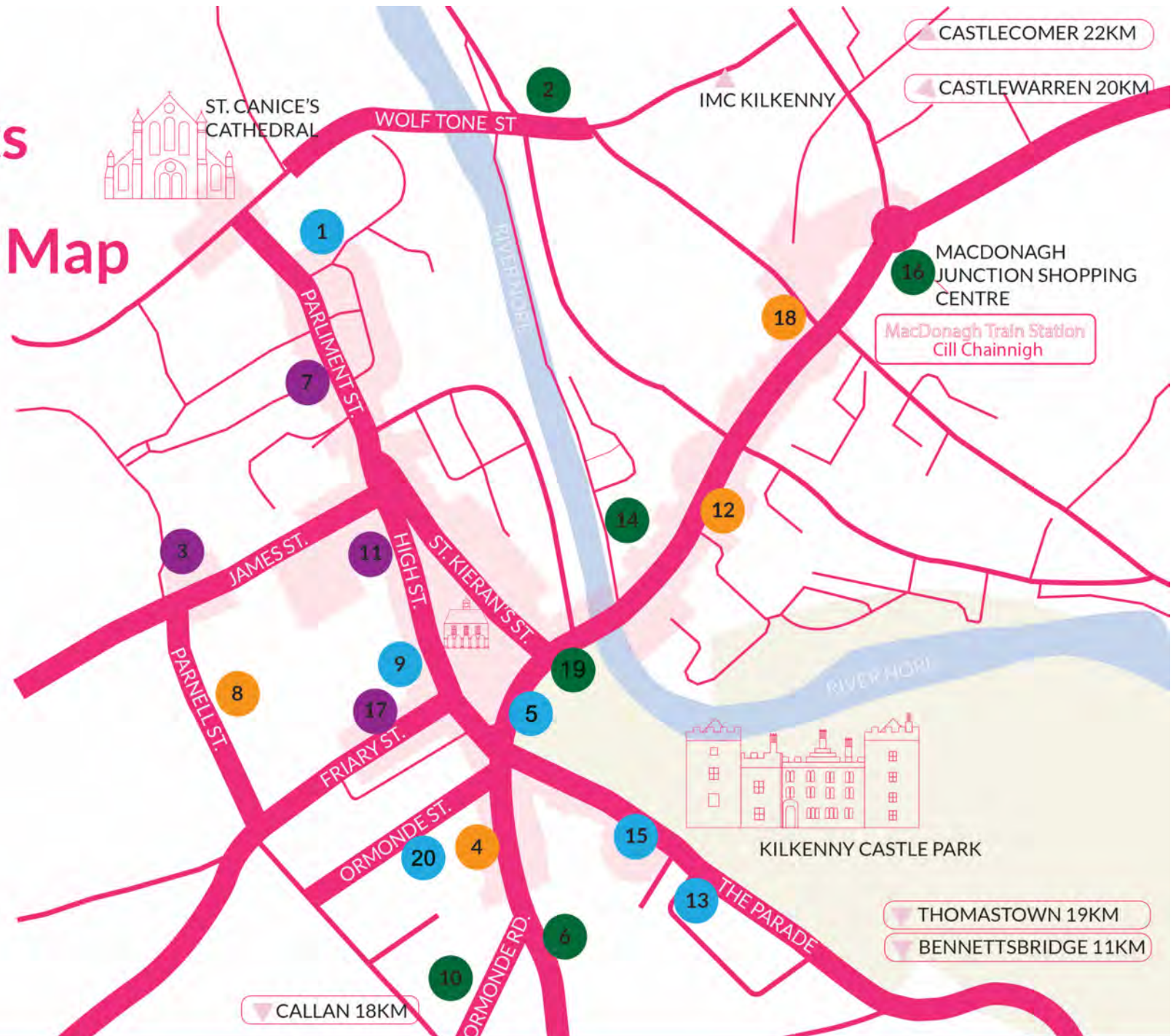
Shiny Happy People Jonah Anderson

Market Cross Shopping Centre, High St, Gardens R95 V32A | 15/08 - 17/08 | 12 - 6pm

Jonah Anderson's artwork is a collection of quick, expressive drawings that capture the essence of everyday life. He focuses on characters from all backgrounds and situations, highlighting their joy, quirky energy, and individuality.

Alternative Kilkenny Arts (AKA) Festival City Map

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KILKENNY COUNTY: CRAFT



Connecting Glass Society of Ireland

Jerpoint Glass, Oldtown, Stoneyford, R95 WN67 | 07/08 - 24/10 | Monday - Saturday: 10am - 5 pm Sunday: 12 - 5pm | Launch: Friday, 1 August at 7pm

A group exhibition exploring themes of connection through glass by members of the Glass Society of Ireland at Jerpoint Glass. The show highlights relationships between maker, material, community, and the broader environment.

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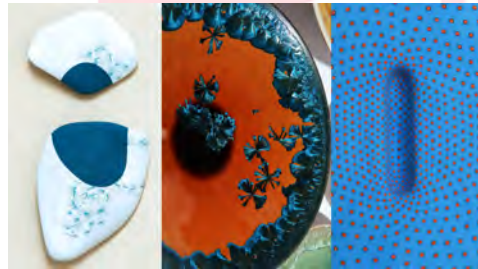
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Quirky colourful ceramic houses Sonja Guenther

Upper Paddock Biodiversity Garden, Thomastown, above the Quay Car Park 08/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 6pm

Ceramic houses exploring the mood and character of the architectural environment.



New Ground Grainne Watts, Gus Mabelson, Tina Byrne

Clay Studios Gallery, Ballyreddin, R95A5W7 07/08 - 31/08 | 10am - 6pm

Welcome to a new gallery space at the Clay Studios, Ballyreddin, Bennettsbridge showing the latest work by renowned ceramic artists Grainne Watts, Gus Mabelson and Tina Byrne.

KILKENNY COUNTY: MUSIC



Musical Bridge Peter Brabazon

Fennellys, Bridge St. Callan, R95 WK80 15/08 | 7.30pm - 9pm | €5 | Tickets at door

Following on from his sell-out show, Peter Brabazon returns this year to Fennellys. A gifted singer-songwriter, his original songs have hints of Bob Dylan and Van Morrison.

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Ultan O'Brien Etaoin Holahan, Steve Finnerty and Denise Conroy

Fennellys, Bridge St., Callan R95 WK80 09/08 | 7pm | €15 | Book via eventbrite

Fennellys' of Callan in collaboration with Steve Finnerty and Votive Designs present Ultan O'Brien playing live on the courtyard garden stage of Fennellys'; great music, great food, beautiful design in flower-filled courtyard.



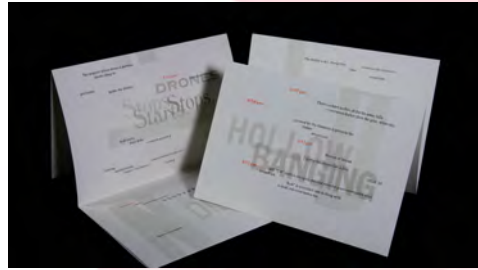
Double P.E.

Fennellys, Bridge St., Callan R95 WK80 16/08 | Doors at 7pm, start of 7:30pm | €12 Book via eventbrite

Double P.E. began as two old friends writing songs just to try to make each other laugh. Songs about wanting to become a Gravedigger, about life in Dublin when you've nowhere to be.

KILKENNY COUNTY: TALKS AND LIVE PERFORMANCE

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there Pauline O'Connell in collaboration with Ellen Martin-Friel

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10/08 | 2pm - 5 pm | Free

there, is an artist's book by Pauline O'Connell and Ellen Martin-Friel, 2025. Inspired by Georges Perec, it captures infra-ordinary moments of movement and stillness, human, animal and elemental at 'The Shelter' at Brooke's Cross through sparse, evocative prose.



Two talks with Mary McGrath Mary McGrath

Castlewarren Village Studios R95 AK84
10/08 and 16/08 | 5.30pm | Launch: Sunday,
10 August at 4pm | Free

Join Mary McGrath, Art Conservator, Fellow of the International Institute of Conservation, for a talk on 'The History of Printmaking' on Sunday, 10 August at 5.30pm. Mary will give a second talk on Saturday, 16 August at 5.30pm on her work has an art conservator treating Renaissance paintings and gilded wood. Please call 0863094520 for bookings.



A Journey through Stained Glass Margaret Becker

Castlewarren Village Studios R95AK84
16/08 | 3.30pm | Free

Margaret will take us on a journey through the world of stained glass; the beginnings, the deterioration, and the revival. Margaret has been working in stained glass for 65 years and her work can be seen throughout Ireland, including Glenstal Abbey, Clongowes, as well as windows in the US and UK. Her work is included in the permanent collection in the Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin.



Scar Tissue KATS Theatre Group

Concert Hall, Station Rd, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny | 07/08-09/08 | Doors at 7pm. Start time 7.30pm | €12 | book via gr8events.ie

Grief and healing intertwine in this Irish premiere by KATS of 'Scar Tissue' by Gabriel Rivas Gomez. A heart surgeon faces emotional collapse as she treats a war veteran, haunted by the memory of her daughter, a soldier lost in Afghanistan.



The Upper Paddock Thomastown StoryTelling Martin Matthews

The Biodiversity Garden, Thomastown (At The Quay Carpark, Thomastown) | 10/ 08 and 17/08 | 2pm | Free

Join Martin Matthews at the Upper Paddock Biodiversity Garden, Thomastown, on Sunday, 17 August at noon for 'Stories Made in Stone'. Through carved stone, Martin shares original tales and folklore inspired by nature, people, and place.



Raga and Rhyme Siobhan de Paor and Vishesh Kalimero

Kells Priory, Kilkenny | 08/08 | 7pm - 9pm
€25 | www.wildirish.ie

As part of the Ancient Voices Series in the striking amphitheatre of Kells Priory, powerful spoken word poet, Siobhán de Paor will be joined by Indian virtuoso Vishesh Kalimero for a rare and spell-binding performance.

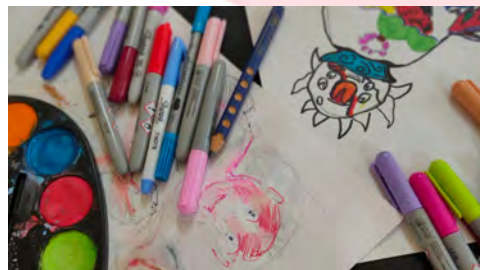
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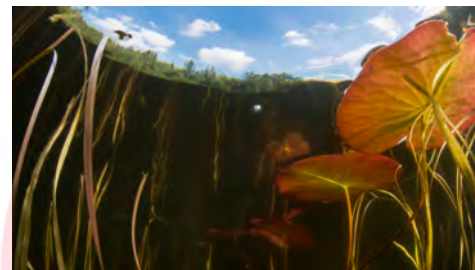
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Let's Make Art! Workshop for Neurodiverse Families

Danesfort Community Hall Father Campion Place Danesfort, Dandayark Co.Kilkenny, T95 EP63 | 13/08 | 3pm-5pm | €22.42 | Book via eventbrite

This a fun visual art creative expression workshop is for teenagers and young people (age 12-22 yrs) on the autism spectrum and their families. A parent / carer / guardian must be present throughout the workshop, and both parents and a siblings are welcome.



[K]nore Your River: Wild Waters Tasneem Khan / Sea School Studios and Labs

Island Weir Swimming Area, Thomastown 15/08 | 11-1pm | €10 | www.seaschool.ie

Where art becomes a collaborative process of exploration – join SEA School Studio and Lab's riverside workshops to uncover the hidden colours of soil through chromatography, and magnify river life through microscopy and projection art. Together, we blend science and imagination to co-create with the river.



Seeds & Threads Muirne O'Connor

Upper Paddock Biodiversity Garden, Quay carpark Thomastown | 16/08 | 10am-4pm

Seeds & Threads is a free, drop-in workshop hosted by members of the Upper Paddock Biodiversity Garden—inviting all ages and abilities to get creative with nature. Come for ten minutes or stay all day—no booking needed, no experience required. Join us for a hands-on day of Wildflower seed paper making, nature printing and weaving a community path. Donations are welcome.



Handmade Nature Books & Prints Workshop Alannah Walklett

The Biodiversity Garden, Thomastown (At The Quay Carpark, Thomastown) | 13/08 and 15/08 | 2 workshops on each day : 10.30am - 12 & 2.30pm - 4pm | €10pp | Contact via 0879429898

Handmade Nature Books & Prints Workshop - join 11-year-old Alannah for a fun, hands-on session where kids aged 6-12 create mini nature books and leafy prints using real plants. A perfect peer-led workshop.



Try your hand at Kurinuki - Pottery Workshops Lydia Smith Ceramics

Thomastown Scout Den, Chapel Lane, R95 E406 | 14/08 - 15/08 | 2pm - 4pm | €45 (€20 deposit required on booking) | Book via text 0830218387

Join pottery teacher Lydia for an introduction to the meditative Japanese art of hand carved ceramics, kurinuki. Carve your own teabowl or vase from clay and choose a glaze to finish your piece. Limited places available across two dates.



Silk screen printing Michele Sweetman

Castlewarren Village Studios R95AK84 15/08 - 17/08 | By Appointment 2pm to 6pm 0863094520

Give new life to old clothes by screen block printing on them! Learn to hand cut stencils and print using water based inks. Materials are supplied, (linen napkins), however if you'd like to make a large table cloth you are welcome to bring your own to print on.



Eist-Intuitive singing and poetry Vishesh Kalimero and Siobhán de Paor

Teacht Aniar, Mullinavat, Kilkenny, X91CP20 09/08 | 10am - 6pm | wildirish.ie

éist: A collaborative day-long workshop working on developing the voice with techniques developed by Indian virutoso Vishesh Kalimero and experiment with Irish language sounds supported by Irish language poet Siobhán de Paor.

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THOMASTOWN CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL OPENING

Saturday 9th August

1pm Meet & Greet with

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2pm Guest Speaker

Gareth Kennedy | artist,

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coordinator of NCAD FIELD

The Watergarden

Cafe & Gardens, Lady's Well,

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This is a family friendly event. Children are welcome to participate in creative activities during the Festival Opening.



THOMASTOWN EXHIBITION VENUES



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BUSINESSES

1. Tabú Tapas
2. Ttown Delights
3. Prendergast Butchers
4. The Rosemary Tree, The Jerpoint Bernard Kavanagh Pottery
5. Harmony
6. The Blackberry
7. Healy's pharmacy, Unwind Coffee
8. Lekker Food Collection
9. Truffle Fairy Chocolatier
10. Slattery Designs
11. Jerpoint Glass Studio, Cahir Arts, Thomastown Community Kindergarten

ARTISTS

1. Community Centre
2. The Men's Shed
3. Scout's Den
4. Biodiversity Garden
5. The Berkeley Gallery & Cahir Arts
6. Island Mill (formerly Grennan Mill Craft School)
7. Marshes St
8. Seomra4 Art Gallery
9. Brid Lyons Ceramics
10. Sinead Whelan Designs
11. Marzena Dziedzic - Rzeszutko
12. Capital Hardware window
13. Truffle Fairy Chocolatier
14. Jerpoint Glass Studio Karen Morgan Ceramics
15. Krisztina Rozanich
16. Bennettsbridge Art Group
17. Intro to Therapeutic Photography
18. Bernadette Kiely Studio
19. Thomastown Library



KILKENNY COUNTY: PHOTOGRAPHY AND VISUAL ART



Moments Polly Donnellan

Thomastown Men's Shed, Station Road, Thomastown | 08/08-17/08 | 10am - 5.30pm

An exhibition of photographs from around the country; moments glimpsed in passing.



Gateway to the Spiritual World beyond the Cave Vicki O'Donoghue

Thomastown Scout Den, Chapel Lane, Cloghbrody, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny R95 E406 | 07/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 6pm
Launch: Thursday, 7 August at 6pm

This body of work explores the symbolic nature of caves, and the people who documented life as it was, 40,000 and 14,000 years ago. These profoundly dark spaces, provided the ultimate place to be at one with their subconscious/unconscious selves.



Happy Animals Marzena Dziezic-Rzeszutko

Marshes Street Unit 1 Thomastown Co.Kilkenny, R95 DE9F | 07/08 - 17/08
10 am - 6pm

Marzena has loved animals since she was a child. Don't be afraid to pop in to see the beautiful arts influenced by the love for animals and nature.

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Framed and unframed Micheal O Fearghail

Concert Hall, Station Rd, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny | 08/08 - 18/08 | 10am - 5pm

View original paintings in watercolour and on canvas on the theme of water - sea, lakes and rivers. Impressionist, light seeking landscapes and seascapes. No agenda, only tranquility.



Batik and wax resist painting Trini Kenny

Lavistown House R95 E5NH | 08/08 - 17/08
11am - 6pm | Launch: Saturday, 9 August at 4pm

Through her unique interpretation of batik techniques, Trini Kenny pushes the medium beyond craft into the realm of fine art making her work recognisable and deeply evocative. Visit her inspirational exhibition and open studio in the beautiful gardens of Lavistown house and step into the world of batik and wax resist painting.



Fine Art Flower Photography and Architecture Anna Poremska

Marshes Street, Thomastown, R95 DE9F
07/08- 17/08 | 10am - 6pm

Flowers and architecture photographic exhibition by Anna Poremska.



Textured Terrains Helen Ahern

Thomastown Men's Shed, Station Road, Thomastown R95D996 | 07/08 - 17/08
10am - 5pm

Helen Ahern paints with acrylics and mixed media on hand-made paper which she makes herself from recycled paper scraps. Her paintings are inspired by the wild Irish landscape and combine realism with elements of abstraction.



BridgeART Callan. An exhibition by local artists

7-5 West St, Callan South, Callan, Co. Kilkenny, R95 W8H3 | 07/08 - 17/08 2pm - 5pm Mon-Fri; 12 -5pm Sat-Sun Launch: Friday, 8 August at 5pm

An exhibition of original art made by the BridgeART group in Callan.

The 'Bridge Collective 2025 Bennettsbridge Art Group

Bennettsbridge Community Hall R95YA24 08/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 5pm | Launch: Friday, 8 August at 7pm

The Bridge Collective 2025 Bennettsbridge Art Group is delighted to present a colourful display of paintings in oils, watercolours and acrylics. Formed in 2000, the group combines friendship with making art.

Quartet Amelia Peart, Margaret Becker, Mary Mc Grath & Michele Sweetman

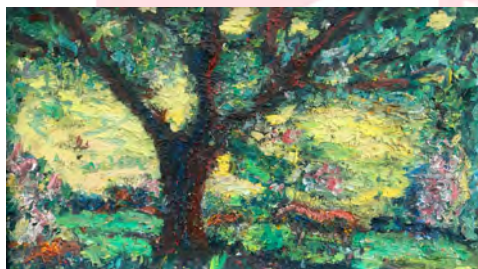
Castlewarren Village Studios. R95AK84 10/08 - 17/08 | 2pm - 6pm | Launch: Sunday, 10 August at 4pm

A collection of works by four artists who will exhibit oil on canvas, watercolours, screen prints, etchings and stained glass panels. Alongside this exciting show, the artists will give talks and workshops in their professional practices spanning over 60 years.

Where Tradition Lives Gabriela Nava Romero

Thomastown Community Centre, Marshes Street, R95PX56 | 08/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 6pm

Mexican born Gabriela, who now lives in Thomastown, presents a personal selection of Mexican and Irish traditional/heritage photographs.



Callan Will Be Michael van Valkengoed

Fennellys, Bridge St., Callan R95 WK80 07/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 3pm Wed and Thurs, 11am - 9pm Fri and Sat | Launch: Friday, 8 August at 4.30pm

An exhibition of paintings and prints by local artist Michael van Valkengoed exploring the iconic buildings, morning light and streetscapes of Bridge Street, Callan.

Escape from the Thicket of Prepared Positions Oisín Bourke

Thomastown Scouts Den, Chapel Lane, R95 E406 | 07/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 6 pm

The title of this exhibition is a quote from the German-British painter Frank Auerbach who passed away last year. It explores how paintings transform what is painted into something that must be directly experienced.

The Green House Window Gallery Faisal Laibi Sahi

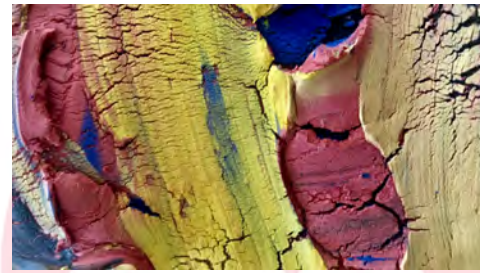
Lower Bridge Street, Callan, R95H2F6 07/08 - 15/08 | 10am - 6pm

Born in Basra, Iraq in 1945, Faisal creates vibrant works using oil, acrylic, watercolour, and ink. He draws inspiration from Mesopotamian heritage, blending it with modern techniques to depict Iraqi life through paintings, including scenes of historical everyday moments. His coffee shop pieces often depict a variety of influential figures within Iraqi society.

Survival and Revival Helena Fitzgerald-Cody

Thomastown Community Hall, Thomastown R95PX56 | 08/08 - 17/08 | 10am - 6pm

An exhibition of retrospective and current visual art after a long episode of serious illness, representing both a milestone in my recovery and a post-illness awakening through art. This is not just Survival - it's Revival through expression.



Keepers of stories Monica Dunne

Thomastown Scouts Den, Chapel Lane, R95 E406 | 07/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 6pm

Stories and secrets recognising traumas of the past. Using paint, text and crochet to tell our stories and give memory to the forgotten. The silence that once surrounded us slowly unravels.

The Secret Garden by Berkeley Gallery & Cahir Arts Curated selection of Irish Visual Arts, Craft & Sculpture Garden

The Berkley Gallery, Mill Street, Thomastown R95VK23 | 07/08 - 17/08 11am - 6pm | Launch: Sunday, 10 August at 3pm

Berkeley Gallery teams up with Tipperary Gallery Cahir Arts to present a selection of Contemporary Irish Art, Craft and Sculpture. The exhibition is spread over the indoor galleries and garden at the iconic Mill in Thomastown.

Moving Through Colour Karen Morgan

Jerpoint Church , Thomastown, Co.Kilkenny, R95X8C7 | 08/08 - 17/08 | 11am - 4pm

Artist Karen Morgan invites you to her studio to view an exhibition of new ceramic artworks. These expressive and energetic pieces are an exploration of clay as a colourful painting and building medium.

Ground Time Brigid Teehan

Truffle Fairy Chocolate Shop + Yard Chapel Lane Thomastown R95 F593 | 07/08 - 17/08 10am - 4pm

Experience a site specific installation with various media by artist Brigid Teehan who delves into ecology, growth and decay marked by cycles of time.



Féile Lachtain Annual Art Exhibition

Ionad Lachtain, St. Lachtain's Church of Ireland, Freshford, Kilkenny R95 XA31 09/08 - 17/08 | 2pm - 4pm | Launch: Friday, 8 August at 7.30pm

The annual Ionad Lachtain Art Exhibition which is an integral part of the Féile Lachtain programme each year. Artists were invited to submit works based on the festival theme and are now displayed in the beautiful setting of St. Lachtain's Medieval Church.

The Stroke of a Brush Vlado Balaban

Thomastown Men's Shed, Station Road, Thomastown R95D996 | 07/08 - 17/08 10am- 5pm

Vlado is an enthusiastic artist with disability from an acquired brain injury. His stroke left him unable to communicate and paralysed his dominant right side. He began painting with his left hand, gradually training himself to use a paintbrush and bring colour to paper. His first solo exhibition was held in KCAT Callan, May 2024.

Observe, Notice, and Connect Rennie Buenting

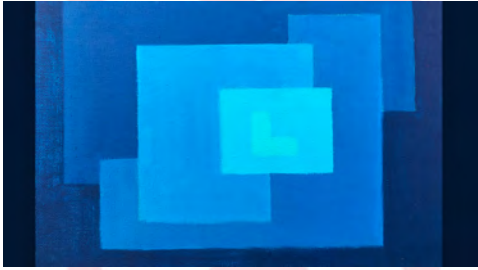
The Scout's Den, Chapel Lane, Cloghbrody, Thomastown, R95E406 | 07/08 - 17/08 11- 5pm | launch: Thursday, 7 August at 6pm

Rennie Buenting makes original work, connecting her audience to the artistic, heritage, and cultural realm. Submerging herself in her subject , she allows it to dictate the medium she uses. This exhibition shows paintings, prints, drawings, textile, and ceramics.

Spatial Unawareness Ian A Mannion

Truffle Fairy Chocolate Shop + Yard Chapel Lane Thomastown R95 F593 | 07/08 - 17/08 10am - 4pm

Exploring consumption in its many forms— mental, political, carnal—interpreting how media is prepared, conveyed, absorbed. Drawing from eclectic influences, disparate sources and genres are merged to create mixed-media hybrids, blending digital and traditional printmaking techniques.



Becoming Turquoise
Shirley O'Brien

Thomastown Men's Shed, Station Road,
Thomastown R95D996 | 08/08 - 17/08
10am - 5:30 pm

A collection of paintings exploring pathways in, or towards, turquoise together with a selection of prints and hand crafted items. Special thanks to organizer Bryan Culley of the Thomastown Men's Shed.



Eamon Colman Open Studio
Eamon Colman

Cassagh House, Coolcullen, Kilkenny
R93P7E8 | 10/08 - 17/08 | 2-4pm only

Artist Eamon Colman invites the public to visit his studio, view displayed artworks and works in progress, and engage in open conversation about artistic themes, creative methods, and life itself. A rare glimpse into his creative world.



Open Exhibition of Ceramic Work
Megumi Ceramics

Marshes Street, Thomastown | 08/08 - 17/08
| 11am - 6pm

An open exhibition of recent ceramic work.



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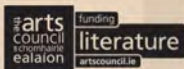
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Thank you.

