



COOTEHILL
arts
FESTIVAL 2017

Foreword from Minister Heather Humphreys TD:

The first Cootehill Arts Festival was held some 29 years ago, and I am delighted to see the festival returning to the town for the benefit of the local community. Cavan is home to an extremely vibrant local arts scheme, which is a testament to all of those professionals and volunteers who work so hard to put events such as this one together.

Local festivals are a very important way of bringing arts, culture and creativity to every part of this country. Through festivals like the Cootehill Arts Festival, the vibrancy, creativity and imagination of the local community shines through. With the Creative Ireland Programme, I hope to increase participation in and access to the arts right across the country, because as we all know, engaging in the arts is good for you.

Local audiences in Cootehill will be treated to a range of music, drama, poetry and storytelling this August, including everything from circus performances to a scarecrow festival! The Festival will be headlined by the French Footsbarn travelling theatre company. The poignant highlight this year will no doubt be the Rescue 116 Memorial Concert; a special tribute to Rescue 116 whose Captain, Dara Fitzpatrick's family came from Cootehill. I would like to congratulate Festival Director John Blakey and the rest of his team on bringing this wonderful Festival to Cootehill. I have no doubt that it will prove enormously popular with the local community.

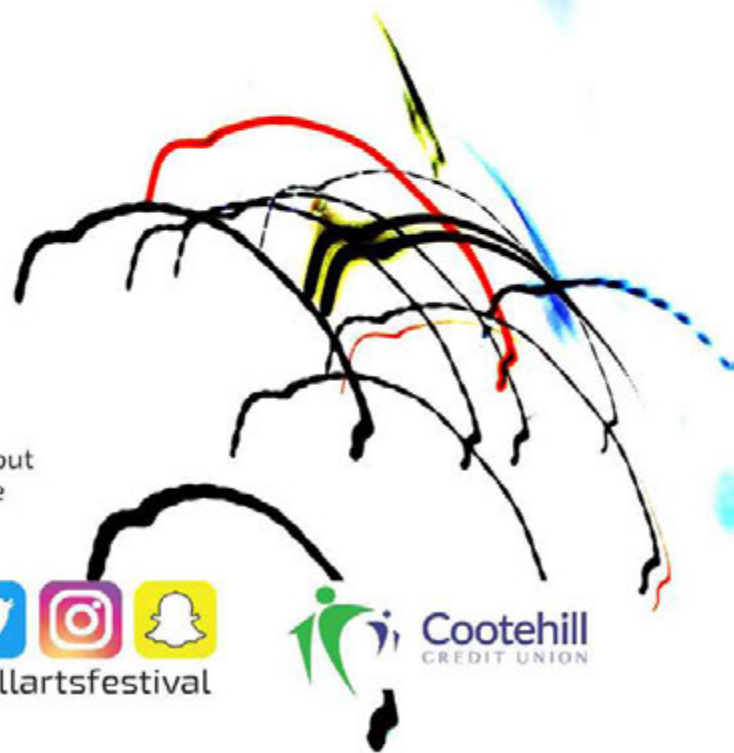


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We are proud to say that our business sponsors have really stepped up and made some outstanding contributions to the Cootehill Arts Festival, we couldn't have done it without them.

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Don't forget to patronise these business and thank them as without their generosity, we couldn't have put on the packed programme that we have. Thank you! Special thanks also to Cavan County Council & Minister Heather Humphreys for their assistance.



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About the Festival...

Cootehill Arts Festival was conceived in 1988 with the 1st Annual Festival taking place from 15th to 23th October. David Gallagher was Chairperson, Vera Greenan Secretary and Fergus Mulligan Treasurer. The late Dermot Healy provided invaluable assistance both with the numerous contacts he had from touring the country, to advice on how Arts Festivals operated. Around this time, the Arts Council had instituted a policy of supporting the Arts throughout the country and not just in Dublin and the Cootehill Arts Festival committee was fortunate that they could avail of this funding over the following years.

In 1989, David stepped down as Chairperson, but stayed on the Committee and Una Smith (Dermot's sister) took over as Chair. The Festival ran very successfully until 2005. Over the years as well as the aforementioned individuals, many people became

synonymous with the Festival namely Kay Phelan, Roisin Lyons, Anne and Seamus Tully, Brian Reynolds, Jacinta Gallagher, Pete Ward, and many other individuals who gave of their time and energy tirelessly. They brought world-class artists to perform in Cootehill. We owe them a debt of gratitude for the foundations they laid.

In 2016, following representations from the Fooksbarn Traveling Theatre Group (who first came to Cootehill as a result of their friendship with Dermot Healy), it was decided to stage two events featuring Fooksbarn. This was a sell-out, and as there had been numerous calls down through the years from the younger generation to revive the Festival, members of the original committee, augmented with new younger members got together and re-formed the Cootehill Arts Festival Committee, under the Chairmanship of Artist John Blakey.

About the place...

Sweet Cootehill Town is located in South Ulster among drumlins, lakes and rivers, on the Cavan/Monaghan border. It is an area of outstanding beauty and natural resources. Cootehill was formally established as a market town almost 300 years ago by Thomas Coote and had strong links to the flax industry. It is laid out in a cruciform shape and has a number of buildings of historical interest.

Nowadays, it is a thriving country town, with a population that's being augmented by blow in's over the years, from the teachers who arrived following the establishment of St Aidan's Comprehensive school in 1966 to the many young men who arrived from all over the country in response to the Northern Troubles, and were stationed at Tanagh Army Barracks with the 27th Infantry Battalion C Company.

Today, despite the economic struggles of the last 10 years, Cootehill has emerged stronger and more vibrant, with full employment, thanks to a number of strong employers in Abbott Nutrition, Abcon Industrial Ltd, PQE, EMCA, Mastek, Carleton Cakes. There are vibrant sporting clubs covering a wide range of disciplines in the GAA, Soccer Club, Camogie,

walking, running, cycling and open water swimming. Arts are well represented with an amateur painting group, drama group, traditional Irish music classes and an Irish language speaking group. There are plans for an Arts centre, the array of activities and interests illustrates the creativity, diversity and initiative of the people of Cootehill.

Cootehill, with the Holy Family School and Drumlin House Training Centre and Print workshop has become a supportive community for children and adults with special needs. In addition, it is a multi-denominational town with excellent cross-community relations.

Down through it's history, Cootehill produced many political leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, contrarians, artists and shakers. So to the present day wonderful people have emerged from the local community showing leadership and innovation. All things considered, while the outlook for towns of our size around the country is problematic, here in Cootehill, we see hugely positive developments in the town and look forward to a vibrant and lively future for ourselves, our children and grandchildren.

TUESDAY



Larry McCluskey

"Awhile with Seamus Heaney"
A Performed Reading, with linking commentary and live music of the Nobel Poet's best and most popular works by Irish Actor/ Director, Larry McCluskey.

Venue: Drumlin House
Doors: 8pm
Admission: €10/€8 conc.

Kids Magic Show

Ages: 9-12yrs olds
Venue: Cootehill Library
& Arts Centre
Time: 11am -12pm

**FREE
EVENT**



A Selection of Prints & Drawings From Various Artists From The Tyrone Guthrie Art Collection

Opening @ 2pm by Peter Fallon
Venue: Cootehill Library
Poetry Reading by Peter Fallon.

**FREE
EVENT**



Original Music Night

Local artists' performing original music.

Venue: Nulty's Lounge
Time: 9.30pm to close

**FREE
EVENT**

SUPPORT LOCAL MUSIC

WEDNESDAY

FOOTSBARN Theatre

Renowned for their exciting adaptations of classics such as Shakespeare & Molière, transcending the barrier of language with its unique blend of visual theatre, music and magic techniques all of which inhabit and enrich every performance.

Performance: "CUCKOO'S NEST"

Footsbarn's unique adaptation of Ken Kesey's cult novel. This ode to freedom upholds the values of solidarity, humour and dignity in the face of the "Machine" of society, with its system of control, rules and punishment. Big heads, projections, life-size puppets, comedy, film, live music, Footsbarn uses all its stage craft to blow life into this modern tale, more pertinent than ever.

Doors: 7pm

Venue: Theatre Tent St Aidan's School



Shane Connaughton

A reading from academy award-winning screenplay writer/actor and author Shane Connaughton.

**FREE
EVENT**

Time: 6pm

Venue: Cootehill Library



Drawdio Music & Electronic Arts

Ages: 8-12 yr olds

Venue: Cootehill Library

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Admission:

€2 per child



Tae & Tunes

Venue: Cootehill Library

Time: 2pm-3pm

**FREE
EVENT**

THURSDAY



FOOTSBARN Theatre

Performance: "CUCKOO'S NEST"

Venue: Theatre Tent
St. Aidan's School
Doors: 7pm



Clones Photographic Exhibition

Venue: Enterprise Centre Cootehill
Time: 6pm

**FREE
EVENT**



David Gallagher

**FREE
EVENT**

"A Retrospective"

A collection of the artist's work over many years of the artists.

Born in post war London to Irish parents in Camden town, London, David Gallagher was a painter, printmaker, sculptor and art teacher in St. Aidan's Comprehensive, Cootehill. Innovative and prolific in many media, his early influences crossed genres from classic Italian painting, cubism and modern art.

Venue: Enterprise Centre Cootehill
Time: 6pm



Claudia Schwab

Austrian fiddle player, singer and composer, who lives and works in Ireland. Claudia's music is a blend of Irish, Indian, Swedish and Eastern European folk music styles overlaid with Austrian yodelling.

Venue: Enterprise Centre Cootehill
Time: 6.30pm

**FREE
EVENT**



Hula Hoop, Sticks, Pella Pella.

Venue: St Aidan's School Time: 10am-2pm

FRIDAY

Rescue 116 Memorial Concert

Rescue 116 Memorial Concert features Triona Marshall, Martin Tourish, Declan O'Rourke, The Clew Bay Pipe Band with Janice Igoe, Zeke Deighton Roscommon Solstice Choir and many more guest artists. This promises to be a wonderful evening that pays tribute to the bravery of the lost crew of Rescue 116. Captain Dara Fitzpatrick's family hails from Cootehill and all proceeds are being donated to the RNLI. Compère by Ray D'Arcy.

Venue: Theatre Tent, St Aidan's School

Doors: 7.45pm



Roscommon Solstice Choir



Janice Igoe



Clew Bay Pipe Band



JCT Productions "Tell You a Question"

Venue: Drumlin House

Time: 8.30pm

Admission: €5

A staged reading of a new John McManus play starring Charlie McGuinness & Thomas Sharkey.



Pat McCabe

A reading from the playwright and novelist.

Venue: Nulty's Lounge

Time: 5pm-6.30pm

**FREE
EVENT**



hula hoop, stunts, folla bolla

Venue: St Aidan's School **Time:** 10am-2pm

SATURDAY



FOOTSBARN Theatre

Performance: "THE FORCED MARRIAGE"

An old bachelor is seduced into becoming engaged with a money grabbing young woman. Full of doubts on the wisdom of this marriage, he embarks on a personal odyssey, questioning everyone he meets, philosophers, gypsies and friends, who in turn give him more and more confusing advice. This caustic and candid masterpiece offers an incredible palette of truculent characters and tragi-comic situations.

Venue: Threatre Tent St Aidan's School

Doors: 7pm



Guided Tour

Tyrone Guthrie Centre

Departing: Cootehill Library

Time: 12.30 - 2.30pm

**FREE
EVENT**



Brian Leyden - A reading

from the Irish, best selling novelist

Venue: White Star Complex

Time: 4pm - 5pm

**FREE
EVENT**



Hip Hop & Graffiti Street Art Event

All ages welcome Venue: White Star Complex

Time: 2pm-8pm Admission: €5



hula hoop, stunts, rolla bolla

Venue: St Aidan's School

Time: 10am-2pm

SUNDAY

FOOTSBARN Theatre

Performance:
"THE JEALOUSY OF THE BARBOUILLÉ"

In a way a sequel to the forced Marriage. The main protagonists are wedded but the husband is full of doubts as to the faithfulness of his wife and seeks to lock her out of the house. However his wily wife turns the situation to her benefit.

Venue: Theatre Tent St Aidan's School
Doors: 2pm

Scarecrow Competition Results

Venue: St Aidan's School
Time: 4pm (after the matinee)



Festival Miscellany

Venue: White Star Complex
Time: 11am-1pm



Glen Hansard + Special Guests

Venue: Theatre Tent
St Aidan's School
Doors: 7pm
Admission: €30



kids Poetry results

Venue: St Aidan's School
Time: 4pm (after the matinee)



TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Kid's Magic Show Library - FREE 11am - 12pm 5-9yrs <i>Booking Essential</i>	Drawdio Music & Arts Workshop Library - €2 10.30am - 12.30pm <i>Booking Essential</i>	Circus Skills St Aidan's School 10am - 2pm	Circus Skills St Aidan's School 10am - 2pm	Circus Skills St Aidan's School 10am - 2pm	Festival Miscellany White Star 11am - 1pm FREE
Tyrone Guthrie Art Collection Opening by Peter Fallon Library- 2pm FREE	Tae & Tunes Library - FREE 2pm - 3pm	Drama Workshop Footsbarn Actors St Aidan's School 11am - 1pm - €25	Arts & Crafts Family Workshop Library - FREE 2pm - 3pm <i>Adult Accompany</i>	Drama Workshop Footsbarn Actors St Aidan's School 11am - 1pm - €25	Footsbarn Theatre 'Mingling w Molière' Theatre Tent St Aidan's School Doors 2pm - €15
Peter Fallon Poetry Reading Library - 2.45pm FREE	Shane Connaughton Reading - Library 6pm - 7.15pm FREE	Kid's Workshop 'Mug Painting' Library - 6-10 yrs 3pm - 4.30pm	Family Storytime with Jean Library 3-6 yrs 3.30pm - 4pm <i>Adult Accompany</i>	Tyrone Guthrie Guided Tour Depart @ Library 12.30pm - 2.30pm FREE	Kid's Poetry Results & Scarecrow Comp Results St Aidan's School 4pm (after the matinee)
'Awhile with Seamus Heaney' Drumlin House 8pm - 9.15pm €10/€8 conc	Footsbarn Theatre 'A Cuckoo's Nest' Theatre Tent St Aidan's School Doors 7pm - €15	David Gallagher 'A Retrospective' Enterprise Centre 6pm - FREE	Pat McCabe Reading Nulty's Lounge 5pm-6.30pm FREE	Hip Hop & Graffiti Street Arts Event White Star Complex 2pm - 8pm €5 Entry	Glen Hansard + Special Guests Theatre Tent St Aidan's School Doors 7pm - €37.50
Original Music Night Nulty's Lounge 9.30 - Close FREE	Farney Players 'Comedy Sketch' Tir na N'Og - FREE 9 - 9.30pm & 10.30 - 11pm	Clones Photographic Exhibition Enterprise Centre 6pm - FREE	Roscommon Solstice Choir St Michael's Church 6.45pm FREE	Brian Leyden Reading - FREE White Star Complex 4pm - 5pm	
		Claudia Schwab Enterprise Centre 6.30pm - FREE	Rescue 116 Memorial Concert Theatre Tent St Aidan's School Doors 7pm - €25	Footsbarn Theatre 'Mingling with Molière' Theatre Tent St Aidan's School Doors 7pm - €20	
		Footsbarn Theatre 'A Cuckoo's Nest' Theatre Tent St Aidan's School Doors 7pm - €15			
		JCT Productions 'Tell You a Question' New play by John McManus. Drumlin House 8.30pm - €5			
FESTIVAL CLUBS	MULLEN'S BAR	WEST END BAR	DON SMITH'S	TIR NA N'OG	BANNON'S BAR



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