

Mick Flannery



with special guest **Haiku**

Sunday 31 July
in St. John's Church at 8pm

Tickets: €25 Available from
Longford Tourism Office and Tickets.ie



Aindrias de Staic

Thursday 28 July at 9pm
Season's, Market Square, Longford
Tickets: €12 from www.tickets.ie
and Longford Tourism Office

Award winning music/comedy/storytelling show about football, mayhem and magic! Throughout the performance, de Staic uses his exquisite fiddle playing to adorn and embellish the narrative

“The Man From Moogaga” is an hilarious, fantastical tale of growing up in remote small town Ireland in the 1980's, while playing with friends on the local GAA team. As the years pass, he and his teammates take to the road, becoming part of the Irish diaspora. This rights of passage tale is full of twists and turns with a cast of strong, peculiar characters.

Thursday to Sunday
Pop-up galleries in various venues, 12pm to 7pm
Response to the Proclamation exhibitions in various venues (including Mean Scoil Mhuire TYs and a selection in Engage Longford)
James Quinn (Cern) mural - live painting

Thursday to Saturday
Longford Camera Club exhibition in Coffee House 45

Friday to Sunday
Live Street Art all day at various locations

Thursday 28 July
11am Story Telling and Teddy Bears' Picnic in Longford Library
1pm Richard Brennan - Pop Up Spoken Word
3pm Brian Flemming - Drumming Workshop
9pm **Aindrias de Staic** in Season's

Friday 29 July
1pm Mark Grist Workshop in Canal Studio
3pm Shadow Puppets with Julie Rose McCormick in small ballroom, Longford Arms
3pm Mark Grist Workshop in Canal Studio
8pm **Mark Grist** in Canal Studio, Backstage

Saturday 30 July
2pm Anton Pompa Music School in The Courtyard
7pm Perfidia in John Browne's
8.30pm Awaking the Midlands Spoken word in Season's

9pm **Jerry Fish** in the Longford Arms
Doors 8.30pm, Support by Paddy Dennehy and the Red Herring

Sunday 31 July
11am Bilberry Walk up Brí Leith, Ardagh followed by tea and scones in Ardagh Heritage and Creativity Centre
3pm Turf in the Longford Arms
3pm Dr Sketchy's Anti Art School in Season's
4pm Dr. Sketchy's Anti Art School in Season's
5pm Dr Sketchy's Anti Art School (18+) in Season's
6pm Turf in the Longford Arms
8pm **Mick Flannery** in St John's Church



Folk-jazz group
Paddy Dennehy and the Red Herring
support Jerry Fish
on Saturday 30 July

Saturday 30 July
Longford Arms Hotel
Support by
Paddy Dennehy and the Red Herring
Doors open 8.30pm
Tickets €17
www.tickets.ie

JERRY FISH



28 to 31 July 2016

Tickets for most events are available from Longford Tourism Office. Drop in or call 043 3342577

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Mark Grist: Rogue Teacher

Friday 29 July at 8pm
Backstage Theatre (Canal Studio)
Tickets: €15 (plus online booking fee)
Available from Longford Tourism Office and www.backstage.ie

Workshops: Friday 29 July at 1pm and 3pm
Tickets: €5 (plus online booking fee)
Available from Longford Tourism Office and www.backstage.ie

In 2012, millions watched an ex-English teacher defeat a teenage grime artist in a rap battle. But it's a lot more complicated than that.



Mark Grist (Dead Poets) has been walking the fine line between stupidity and bravery. Mid-recession, he quit his teaching job to embark on a series of challenges, leading him to become 'an internet sensation' (Sun) and 'unlikely heart-throb' (Guardian). But when teachers expressed concern about having him in to meet the kids, Mark began to wonder if in all the excitement he'd left himself behind...

Mark will be holding two workshops on writing and performance in the Canal Studio followed by a solo performance where some workshop attendees will have the opportunity to form part of the act.

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Meal Deals available all weekend

Coffee House 45, Moments, Sambos, Black Olive, Market Bar
Bring this along and ask for details

Live Street Painting

Around the town

All weekend

Artists: Phil Atkinson,
Kevin Bohan, Emma Blake,
Katrina Rupit (KINMX) and Iljin



Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details, special events and updates.



James Quinn (Cern)

New York Street Artist James Quinn (Cern) returns this year and will transform this site at rear of Main Street from Thursday to Sunday.



Performed by Longford actor Frank Farrell, TURF invites the audience on an investigative journey, punctuated with provocative, fiercely athletic and beautifully detailed movement. Situated somewhere deep within the Irish soul, it tells the story of one life, but many selves.



TURF by the Rowan Tolley Company,
The Longford Arms, Sunday 31 at 3pm and 6pm

Tickets available from Longford Tourism Office tel. 043 3342577
www.longfordtourism.ie Tickets €7.

TURF searches for the truth hidden in a fractured landscape. Sculpture, Installation, Performance, it explores not how to hold the TURF but how the TURF takes a hold of you. At the mercy of nature, the block waits to cut, to spread, to foot, when it moves it lives.

Frank Farrell is a Longford based actor and physical performer. His work extends across traditional theatre, physical-movement theatre, site specific theatre and film. He has been a regular member of The Rowan Tolley Company for the last seven years.



TURF is kindly supported by Trident Holiday Homes

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'Would you die for Ireland' by Internationally acclaimed artist John Byrne, will feature at this year's Cruthú. Originally filmed in 2003, it has been re-worked for 2016 in partnership with the LAB gallery and the Irish Cultural Centre, Paris.

"John Byrne's practice could best be described as a strategy.....his approach reminds me of an expression which is used in rural Ireland 'Whistling past the graveyard'. It refers to the fear passing a graveyard at night. In order to bypass that fear you would whistle a cheerful tune as you passed.

Byrne's practice and strategy is similarly a way of negotiating the darkness of our historical reality, or to para-phrase the psychologist R.D Laing, Byrne's part humorous, part anxious moments are actually 'sane responses to an insane world'." Declan Mc Gonigal

Opening Event in Engage Longford

7pm Thursday, Old Provider's Building, Main Street
Including Artist John Byrne who returns to his stand up roots in an alternative take on the 'artist talk'.

Brian Fleming : Drumming Workshop

3pm Thursday 28 July €3 per person, up to 30 participants
Brian's workshops are fun, physical and educational. Go away with an understanding of traditional drums and how real traditional rhythms are as recognisable as any song or melody.

David Newton : American Artist

Artist David Newton will ask the event attendees to be creative. Collage will be the medium and communication with someone the goal. No art-crimping rules like composition, line, form and shadow will be discussed, imposed or enforced.. If you attend, do watch out for the serious wielders of glue-sticks.

Anton Pompa Music School

Children's Performance
Saturday 29 July 2-3pm
The Courtyard Cafe



Bilberry Sunday

Sunday 31 July at 11am
Guided walk up Brí Leith
Tea and scones afterwards in
Ardagh Heritage and Creativity Centre



The Souvenir Shop 2016

This major Arts Council project is an exploration of the Irish everyday - ourselves together. Familiar domestic commodities are transformed into art works, exploring the nuances of Irish life as part of the 1916 centenary commemorations, through the transformative art of Rita Duffy.

Duffy's 'multiple produce' is delivered to Cruthú in a military field dressing station, an exploration of the Irish shared lived experience: historical, political and social events will be reworked and presented to the public as irreverent thought-provoking everyday commodities - tins and jars are released from the larder to question our cultural divisions, blankets from the hot press, pharmacy or chemist products - all approached and presented to reaffirm and examine the commonality of our essential human needs alongside cultural diversity.



In Dr. Sketchy's we've got incredible, underground performers as models. We've got ridiculous art contests (best incorporation of a woodland animal? Best imagined costume?), good music and prizes. Our mini taster sessions for Cruthu Arts Festival will feature costumes inspired by the local myths and legends of the Tuatha De Danann 'Midir & Etain' and will last approximate 45 minutes, beginning on the hour from 3pm on Sunday 31 July.
Please note: Sessions at 3pm and 4pm will be "family friendly" and suitable for all ages, once accompanied by an adult.
The 5pm session will be suitable for over 18s only.

Tickets: Children €3; Family of 4 €10; Adults €5
available on the door or from Longford Tourism Office

Shadow Puppet Workshop with Julie-Rose McCormick

Friday 29 July, 3pm
Longford Arms .

Create learn and perform with your own shadow puppet. Meet the collection of shadow puppets from around the world which Julie-Rose has collected over many years. Age guide 7 years to adult.



Tickets €5 from Longford Tourism Office



Pop-up exhibitions

Each day 12pm to 7pm
A wide variety of artists in
various venues around the town
Follow the signs

Longford Art College Undergraduates Exhibition

Longford County Arts Office wishes to maintain a connection between the county and the current crop of art undergraduates from Longford by organising a group exhibition of their work as part of this year's Cruthú Arts Festival in July 2016.

Response to the 1916 Proclamation exhibitions

A selection of artworks in a variety of media from around the country submitted to the Open Call in Response to the Proclamation as part of the 1916/2016 national celebrations.

Check out www.cruthuartsfestival.com
for full details and biographies

Perfidia by Jimmy Murphy

Presented by Backstage Theatre Group
Saturday 30 July, 7pm
In John Browne's Pub (Little Blue Room)
Entry: €5

"The story of Ciara and Niamh.. A take on Ireland and the new poor. Two women: one on the way up one on the way one on the way down..." Starring Mary Killane and Mags McKenna, Backstage Theatre Group



Spoken Word events

WAKING
THE
MIDLANDS

Sign up for Longford's newest poetry open mic night!



Leitrim-based poet Stephen Murphy will be hosting a poetry open mic night, where poets of all styles, ages and experience will be welcome to perform. Entry: €5
Saturday 30 at 8.30pm, Season's, Ballymahon Street.

Pop-up spoken word performances will be taking place in random times and venues around Longford by seasoned performer Richard Brennan.