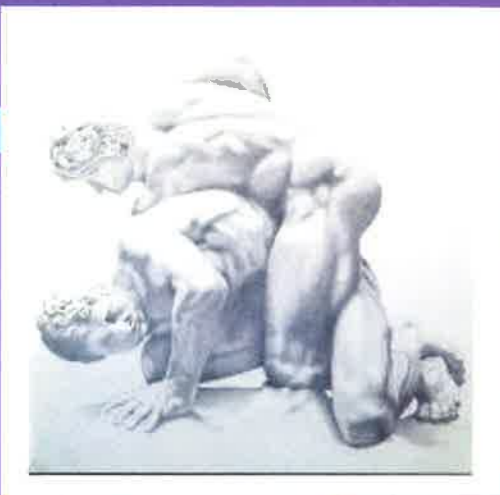


Visual Art Amharc Ealaíne

Shane Cullen exhibition

Daily 12 – 6pm (Old Providers, Main Street)



The Wrestlers
by Shane Cullen.
Photograph by
Declan Barnes

Cruthú are delighted to welcome home Longford born artist Shane Cullen with a retrospective show of his work spanning the past 30 years. Shane Cullen was born in Longford in 1957 and is currently living and working in County Sligo. His work has been widely exhibited in Europe, the United States and Canada. He has undertaken a number of permanently sited commissions in Belgium, Southern Lebanon and Dublin. He is currently working on a proposal to site a permanent commemorative monument to the Peace Agreement of 1998 in Ireland and will present this in 2013.

Ambrose Donnelly Art Exhibition and Readings

Wednesday 26th July, Longford Library 7.30pm, Free Entry

Artist, Ambrose Donnelly, will exhibit his art work which is inspired by his mother, who was born into the Castlepollard Mother and Baby Home. A number of writers from Longford county will then read writings inspired by the theme of Mother and Baby Homes.



This exhibition has been organised by Longford Libraries in association with Cruthú Arts Festival.

Pop-up Art Galleries



Ongoing across the weekend,
Daily 12 to 7pm

Once again, the pop-up units (or temporary galleries) will be making a return to this year's Cruthú Arts Festival. The Galleries give artists of all genres and levels opportunities to display their finest work. The Galleries accommodate two or more artist. This gives amateur artists an opportunity to work alongside more professional artists to facilitate skill development.

Street Art

Ongoing across the weekend



The Cruthú Festival brings street art back to Longford once more. Watch out for new pieces that will be created in 5 new sites during the festival. This year's street artists include artists MYNE, Pat Taffe, D.M.C., LeBas, J.M.K, Kimx & Illjin. [artists names bolded] and can be located on Ballymahon St., Heaton's Carpark, Aldi Carpark, Rue Noyal (beside tesco), Annally Park (Sandy Lane), Garveys Lane.

Temporary Public Art Project

Ongoing across the weekend

The project is based on the creation of temporary pieces of public art made from renewable materials. The art was created by voluntary community groups throughout the County supported by artist Phil Atkinson. The art works will be displayed throughout Longford Town for the duration of the Festival. Voluntary groups involved in the project included the EDI Centre, Acorn Family Centre, Edgeworthstown Development Ass., Lus na Greine and Rath Mhuire Centre.

Schools' Sculpture

Ongoing across the weekend

Meán Scoil Mhuire, St Mel's College, Lanesboro Community College, Ballymahon Mercy, Moyne Community College, Templemichael College and Cnoc Mhuire have created sculptures all on contemporary themes and covered in their photographs. These impressive creations can be viewed on Ballymahon Street between Durkins and Specsavers.



Square Eyes

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th July, Market Square Longford.
12-6pm Free Entry

Square Eyes is an exciting project that harnesses the creative talent of second level student artists and musicians. Over the 3 days square eyes will take over the market square and host live music performances, the creation of 10 large mural works, children's activities, and the display of recycled cardboard furniture – all made and performed by local young people. Participants from St. Christopher's Art Project are also exhibiting their Yarn Bomb installation at Square Eyes.

Expressions Art Photography Exhibition



By Gareth Smyth

Daily. Awards: Sunday 30th July, 3pm

Expressions International Portrait Art Photography Exhibition, now in its third year is having an open air gallery, converting the streets of Longford into a gallery space. Finalists' images will adorn lampposts and walls for everyone to enjoy. The awards ceremony will take place on the Market Square at 4pm on Sunday the 30th of July. Everyone welcome.

Artist Workshops

All workshops are open to general public

Rosemary Langtry

Friday 28th July, 3-4pm, Market Bar (Upstairs)

A workshop that introduces Encaustic Painting (that uses hot wax). Age Group: Over 8s

D.M.C

Friday 28th July, 4pm, Market Bar (Upstairs)

Ask the Artist - talk by Street Artist D.M.C

David Newton

Saturday 29th 4pm, Ward's Shop

A free-flowing workshop for all ages using collage.

Angela Tuite

Saturday 29th July, 12-2pm

A workshop that introduces the art of slate painting.

Longford Nua App Launch

Friday 28th July, 3pm, Connolly Barracks

Longford Nua is a digital mapping project that enables citizens to gather information on the past, present and possible future of Longford town to unlock the potential of urban spaces and buildings and thus help in the social and physical regeneration of our town. The project uses a new app developed by Space Engagers, an Irish social enterprise supported by google.org. Come along for the launch and see what it's all about.

Theatre Amharclann

Eggsentialism

Friday July 28th, Backstage Theatre 8pm, €16/€14

Funny, tender and moving, a comedic, autobiographical journey charting the madcap odyssey writer/performer Joanne Ryan embarked upon while trying to decide in her final fertile years whether or not to have a child.



The multimedia show combines live elements of comedy, autobiography and testimony with projection, animation, documentary, soundscaping and original composition to form a sophisticated, richly layered, provocative and engaging theatre narrative.

ReActor

Wednesday 19th July, Ballymahon Library, 8pm, €5

Thursday 20th July, Granard Library, 8pm, €5

Saturday 29th July, John Browne's Pub, 7pm, €5

ReActor is a new and exciting project undertaken by the Cruthú Arts Festival where writers and directors come together to bring to life four previously unseen short plays. These directors have had just one month to put together these plays and while some are experienced others are very new to the scene.

Literature Litríocht

Launch of Windows Publication 2017

Monday 24th July, Longford Library 7.30pm, Free Entry

Established by Heather Brett in 1992, Windows Publications is celebrating 25th years of encouraging, promoting and publishing emerging and established writers and artists. The Cruthú Arts Festival, in association with Longford Libraries, is pleased to welcome Windows Publications to Longford for the launch of their most recent series of 'Authors & Artists Introductions'. Windows Editors are Heather Brett & Noel Monahan.

Slam Night – Music & Poetry

Friday 28th July 10pm. Upstairs in the Market Bar. €5

The stage is set – music acts and poets will join forces for a night of unforgettable entertainment in the intimate setting of the upstairs of the Market Bar. From 10pm to 11.30pm, MC Maggi McKenna will guide the crowd through a magical evening of music and spoken word. This is a night not to be missed!

Blog Writing Workshop with Rachel Masterson

Longford Library 10.30am, €5

Rachel Masterson is an award winning young entrepreneur, blogger and radio/TV presenter. During this three hour workshop, Rachel will go through everything you need to know to get you started on your blogging journey. The workshop will cover types of blogging platforms, how to define your blog and generate content ideas, promoting your blog on social media, growing your network and tips on video blogging.

Domhnach na bhFraochán on Brí Leith (Bilberry Sunday)

Sunday 30th July from 11am, Free Entry.

In ancient times people gathered on Brí Léith (Ardagh Mountain) to collect bilberries for the High King's Lughnasa feast. The tradition of Bilberry Sunday, the last Sunday of July, continued until the mid 1960s. Creative Ardagh and Brendan Farrell of Ardagh Eco-Gardens got together to bring the tradition alive in July 2012.

This year we are launching the **King at the Back of the Hill anthology**. We are also delighted to have children's author **Esther Göbl Uí Nualláin** read from her many children's books, all written in Irish. The Comhluadar group will be joining us for our bi-lingual festivities.

11am, Meeting at Ardagh GAA Pitch to walk up Brí Leith.

12.30pm/1pm, Scones and Tea at Ardagh Heritage and Creativity Centre

1.30pm, Readings from Esther Göbl Uí Nualláin followed by the launch of The King at the Back of the Hill anthology.



Music Ceol

Opening of Cruthú: Shane Cullen exhibition

with music by Bianca Fachel

Thursday 27th July, 8pm, Free Entry

Music provided on the night by Bianca Fachel. Bianca is a singer-songwriter from Brazil with 25 years of musical experience. She is a self-taught musician with many influences such as Chorinho, Samba, Tropicalismo, Afro-Beat, Jazz, Bossa Nova, Soul, Funk, Blues, Folk, Electronic, Classical and Celtic music. Bianca is currently living in Ireland and developing several projects, partnerships in music and her original songs.

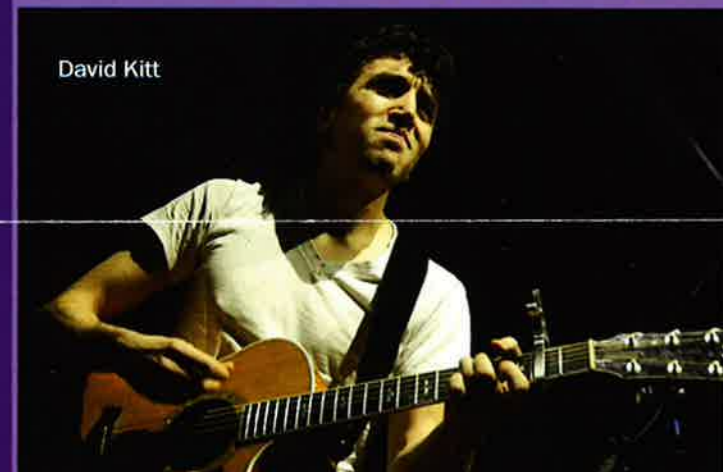


Bianca Fachel

Café Sessions

Friday 28th & Saturday 29th July (4pm & 5pm)

The best of live local music sessions late afternoons in the following cafes – Moments, Torc, Fabaini and Coffee House 45. Line up includes Sean Rooney, Pub Fiction, Painted Skies.



David Kitt

David Kitt with support from Katie Laffen

Saturday 29th July, 8.00pm, St John's Church, Battery Road €23.99 [Eventbrite](#)

David Kitt: It's been eight years since the release of David Kitt's last album, 2009's critically acclaimed *The Nightsaver*. David will be performing with Australian musician Margie Jean Lewis on violin and vocal. Kitt will perform a selection of songs from his extensive back catalogue as well as material from his forthcoming album.

Katie Laffen: Katie and her band have played a series of prestigious shows – including Cork Jazz, Electric Picnic, Body & Soul, Other Voices and Young Blood. Her latest single 'Tastemaker' sees her take another left turn, this time into the world of disco and pop – while never losing her uncanny skill for a sharp lyric and a memorable melody.



Katie Laffen

Book online at www.eventbrite.ie or Cruthú Festival office.



Áine Cahill

Áine Cahill with support TBC

Sunday 30th July, 8pm, St John's Church. €20.50

Áine Cahill is a 21 year old singer-songwriter from [Eventbrite](#), Cavan, Ireland. Inspired by current music of course, but combining with her love of classic Jazz from the 1950's, Áine's unique sound and writing style captivates the listener; her storytelling evoking emotion and vivid imagery, allowing the audience to escape into her world. Over the last year or so, Áine has played sell out shows at Vicar Street, Cork Opera House and most recently, her headline show at The Grand Social, Dublin. 'Black Dahlia' nominated by Hot Press for 'Best Track'. Her Debut EP 'Paper Crown' was named #1 Unsigned EP by U&I Magazine. This year at Glastonbury she was named in the top three best live shows at Glastonbury.

'This is a massive vocal talent clearly ready for a much bigger stage. Cahill is clearly getting somewhere, fast. Sometimes you don't need a massive production to make a big impact!' -The Irish Times

Book online at www.eventbrite.ie or Cruthú Festival office.

Family fun *Spraoi teaghlaigh*



Little Gem Puppets

Saturday 29th July, 3pm, Market Square, Free Entry

Seó na bPúipéad: Little Gem Puppets will be performing a muppets style interactive, bilingual puppet show as part of our family fun day.

Teddy Bear Picnic storytelling with Maggi

Saturday 29th July, Longford Library 11am, Free Entry

Come along to Longford Library and experience the fun and excitement of storytime with Maggi McKenna.

Sunday, fun-day!

Sunday 30th July, 12 to 6pm, Market Square, Free Entry

The Market Square will come to life for all the families to enjoy Cruthú. The family fun day includes face painting, novelty balloons and a chance for the kiddies to get creative!

POP-UP EXHIBITIONS & STREET ART, STUDENT SCULPTURE TRAIL, YARN BOMB, EXPRESSIONS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION, TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART PROJECT

DAILY

OPENING EVENT:

SHANE CULLEN RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION

Old Providers Building Main Street. Music by Bianca Fachel 8pm

Thursday

27th

SQUARE EYES: student art & music – Market Square 12-6pm;

CAFÉ SESSIONS: 4-6pm; ART WORKSHOP: DMC, Market bar 4pm;

EGGESTENTIALISM: Backstage Theatre 8pm;

SLAM NIGHT: Market Bar 10pm

Friday

28th

SQUARE EYES 12-6pm; BLOG WRITING WORKSHOP: Longford Library 10.30am; STORY TIME WITH

MAGGI: Longford Library 11am; LITTLE GEM PUPPETS: Market Sq 3pm; CAFÉ SESSIONS: 4-6pm;

ART WORKSHOP: David Newton 4pm; REACTORS ONE ACT PLAYS: John Browne's Bar 7pm;

REPRISAL: Eamon Farrell's 10.30pm;

DAVID KITT & KATIE LAFFAN: St John's Church 8pm

Saturday

29th

DOMHNACH NA bhFRAOCHÁN: Ardagh Heritage and Creativity Centre 11am

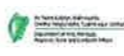
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EXPRESSIONS AWARDS CEREMONY: Market Square 3pm

Sunday

30th

AINE CAHILL: St. John's Church 8pm



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