

## FRIDAY 27 MAY

### FISHBOWL YOUTHGROUP

*Mountshannon Hall. 8pm. Admission €7.*

**Fishbowl** youth invite you to a display of creative young talent from across Clare. A programme of dance, music, short films and more in a candle lit café style setting.

## SATURDAY 28 MAY

### 'THE VOICE OF DRAWING' - a scribble workshop

*Venue-Mountshannon Hall. 11am - 2pm. €10.*

A chance for adults to explore their 'inner child' creatively, through the dynamic process of 'scribbling' with renowned artist **Timothy Emlyn Jones** (Dean of The Burren School of Art). Timothy will also give an illustrated talk about his own drawing practice as an internationally recognized visual artist. Please wear suitable clothing.

To book contact 087 1249570.

### 'WISE WAYS' - BOOK LAUNCH AND EXHIBITION

*The Aistear Centre, Mountshannon. 3pm.*

The new publication '**Wise Ways**', documents the extraordinary wealth of knowledge and sustainable ways of the older generation County Clare in a unique collection of handmade artworks in clay and personal memories or stories. The work was created during two artists residencies; the first at **Raheen Community Hospital and Day Care Centre**, East Clare, and the second **X-PO**, a community-led cultural exchange in the former local Post Office in Kilnaboy, North Clare. Guest speakers: **Ann Leahy**, Assistant CEO, Age and Opportunity and **Catherine Marshall** (Co-Editor, Vol. V, Irish Art and Architecture, Royal Irish Academy).

### SOCCER TOURNAMENT - INISCEALTRA COMMUNITY SHIELD

*Venue: The GAA all-weather pitch in Scariff, 10.30am - 4.00pm.*

8-a-side tournament organised by Mixed Bag United. Soccer players of all ages, male and female, all levels enjoy a knock out competition. Proceeds to go to the Clare branch of The Samaritans. Trophy to be awarded to the winners. Tel Phil: 087 2368777

### SPECIAL OPENING NIGHT EVENT

*Church of Ireland. 8pm.*

Opening Speaker: **Senator David Norris**. We are delighted to welcome renowned Joycean scholar, civil rights campaigner, independent politician and presidential candidate Senator David Norris to open the 16th Iniscealtra Festival of Arts. Highly entertaining as a brilliant raconteur, Senator Norris's visit promises to be one of the main highlights of the festival.

Internationally renowned artist **Nigel Rolfe** presents a new performance piece: 'Follow Voice Keen' created especially for the festival. *(Supported by the Irish Museum of Modern Art's National Programme).*

Music provided by '**Chill**' an exciting young barbershop quartet from Ennis, who recently performed live on RTE's John Murray Show.

## SUNDAY 29 MAY

### CLAY DAY - A One Day Workshop For Teens & Adults

*The Hall. 10am - 5pm.*

Explore the wonderful medium of Clay with the Hand-Building method. With tuition, learn to create a unique piece of work based on this year's Festival theme: **Voice**. All welcome, from beginners to advanced level. Limited places, please book in advance: Tel **Dee** or **Dani** on 086 849162. Full day inc. materials and firing of one finished piece €85 (light lunch provided).

### OTHER VOICES - Exhibition Openings

*'The Snug' wine bar. Weekends 2pm - 5pm and restaurant hours.*

An exhibition of original and inspiring art and craft work designed and created by unique artists living and working in the Limerick area. Very much in the realm of 'Outsider Art' these works can be deeply moving, insightful and are created to a high professional standard.

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### LOCAL CONTEMPORARY ART- Exhibition Opening

*Derg View Gallery. 4pm.*

An innovative exhibition of Contemporary Art in different media, from artists in the East Clare area on the theme of

'Voice'. Guest speaker **Jo Slade**, painter and internationally acclaimed poet. Performance artist **Trudi Van Der Elsen** presents *The Land Beneath the Waves*.

Special guest singer: **Helen Hayes**.

*Sponsored by The Blueberry Gallery, Limerick.*

### EAST CLARE COMMUNITY CHOIR

*Church of Ireland. 7pm. €5.00.*

Established in 2010 under the directorship of **Johnny O'Brien**, this talented 40 person choir perform a range of genres including Jazz, Church Choral, Folk and Popular.

### CLASSICAL CONCERT

*Church of Ireland. 8pm. €15 (€12 conc).*

'**Morisca**' presented by Music Network.

Step back in time to hear a stunning programme of Medieval and Church Music in this historic venue. Playing



a variety of early instruments and featuring **Pauline Graham, Michael Quinn** and **Laoise O'Brien, MORISCA** have impressed audiences and critics. The sound of vielle, recorder, baroque cello and portative organ in St. Caimins will ensure a memorable evening!

## WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE

### AMBISONICS INSTALLATION

*The Aistear Building. 7.30pm. Duration 15 mins.*

*(Also playing on Sun 2.30pm).*

An audio composition using the fusion of human voice, music and technology by multi-media student **Harry van Haaren**, University of Limerick.

### FILM NIGHT

*Mountshannon Hall. 8pm. Donations to Raheen Hospital.*

### SHOW BOAT

Director: George Sidney / USA / 1951 / 108 minutes / Cert: G.

Cast: Kathryn Grayson, Ava Gardner, Howard Keel.

**Showboat**, this timeless classic, set on the Mississippi river has lost none of its charm. Remember the dynamic voices of Kathryn Grayson and Howard Keel...who can forget William Warfield singing 'Old Man River'!

**Shorts:** A varied series of short films; touching, humorous and reminiscent of times past, will be shown before the main feature.

Shown through Access Cinema as part of The Bealtaine festival (A celebration of Creativity in Older Age).

### TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION. *Keane's Bar. 10pm*

The best of East Clare Trad in the homely setting of Keane's Bar.

## THURSDAY 2 JUNE

### FILM VIEWING: ACHILL ISLAND

*Derg View Gallery. 9:30pm. €7.*

An intimate candlelit showing of a silent documentary by filmmaker Terence Ryan, of life as it was on Achill Island in 1979. Cottage industries, shark hunting from small boats, and viewed to the music of Beethoven's 'Irish Suites', it includes a beautiful underwater sequence showing the sea flora and fauna around the Island. As space is small, numbers will be limited to approx 30.

### TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION

*Mountshannon Hotel. 10pm.*

**Martin O'Brien** (Concertina) and friends will perform with their inimitable East Clare playing of the highest order.

### ETHNO JAZZ CONCERT

*St Caimins C of I. 7.30pm. €7.*

**Ensemble 7/8** from Sydney, Australia, **Adriana von Runic** (flute) **M. Giga Jeleskovic** (guitar), **Tom Talmax** (violin), perform new jazz compositions with Macedonian, gypsy and Celtic influences in the beautiful setting of St Caimin's Church.

## FRIDAY 3 JUNE

### THEATRE NIGHT

*The Hall. 8pm. €10.*

The **College Players**, Limerick, present **The Seafarer** by Olivier Award winning playwright **Conor McPherson**. Hugely popular at The Abbey Theatre, Dublin and with



acclaimed runs in London's West End and Broadway, 'The Seafarer' is set in present day Dublin and explores the demons in the lives of broken men. In the midst of this raucous tale of drinking, craic and card playing is a tender story of a family and of redemption. This superb production by The College Players, opened to standing ovations.

### MUSIC SESSION

*Mountshannon Hotel. 10pm.*

**Seamus Bugler** and **Cliodhna Donnellan** and friends play a mighty session of the best traditional music around.

## SATURDAY 4 JUNE

### THE SOUND OF ANGELS

*Mountshannon R.C. Church. 8.30pm. €5 (under 12yrs free).*

The climax to this year's festival theme 'Voice', brings together a large chorus of singers from East Clare and beyond. Under the expert tutelage of UK based musical director and community choir coordinator **Sian Croose**, the singers having spent three days of intense rehearsal, will present a musical extravaganza of over 70 voices.



Sian's highly accomplished 20 strong choir '**Big Sky**' (Norwich, UK) will also perform. As part of the programme they will join with local singers to perform songs from around the world, many in multi part harmony. A spectacular evening, guaranteed to be long remembered... don't miss it!

### THE FAKE MC COYS AND GUEST SINGERS

*Keane's Bar. 10.30pm. Free event.*

A big dance night at Keane's Bar, to the hugely popular sounds of the **Fake McCoys: Jaqui O'Malley, Ali Roberts, Sandy Robinson** and **Marcus Hulme** play a very lively blend of String Band, American and Irish music with an eclectic mix of favourites from the 1930s.

## SUNDAY 5 JUNE

### FESTIVAL WALK *11.00am.*

8 mile return walk from The Aistear to Bohatch Dolmen. Meet at The Aistear. For more information contact Anne Kenny at 087 7697201.

### RAFT RACE *The Harbour. 12pm.*

Join us at the harbour strand for the second annual Mountshannon Raft race. This event was a great success last year where the emphasis is not just on speed and skill but on imagination and a sense of fun. Craft must be home made. All entries are welcome. Please contact **Martin Gibson** at 087 2449434 for more information and to register your participation.

## GREEN FAIR

*The Aistear. 2pm - 6pm. Free event.*

Demonstrations, information and participatory workshops from members of CELT, The Irish Seed Savers Association, and Craft workers from the area in a variety of traditional crafts including metal-work, stone carving, wood and willow skills and textiles. You can watch or join in the activities as well as enjoying delicious home baked food provided by Raheen Wood Steiner School.

## AMBISONICS INSTALLATION

*The Aistear Building. 2.30pm, Duration 15 mins.*

Sound Installation by **Harry Van Haaren**.

## EXTRAVAGANZA SPECTACULAR!!

*Starting in the Aistear. 3pm--5pm.*

**Small World Theatre** from Wales bring us 'BRAN THE BLESSED RETURNS'.

Mythological Bran the Blessed, a 25 foot tall welsh giant comes to Mountshannon! The biggest human powered giant ever, will be animated into life to bring wisdom, unification and great joy, in a performance that will be truly



awesome. Giant tricycles and street theatre accompanied by local school children and The Lough Derg Singers will parade to the harbour for the climax of the performance.

## FESTIVAL BIG BAND DANCE NIGHT

**The North Strand Kontra Band**

*Mountshannon Hall. 9:30pm. Admission €10.*

A much anticipated return from our Dublin friends who had us dancing in the streets a couple of years ago, the **North Strand Kontra Band** have been playing their own unique

blend of balkan / klezmer music around Ireland & abroad for the last five years. This seven piece instrumental band play an upbeat mix of original and traditional material



influenced predominantly by the music of Romania and Bulgaria, all the while incorporating elements of funk & drum & bass to make things a little more interesting, & lively!

*Support:* The fabulous sounds of **Ruaille Buaille's DJs** mix of world music hits Mountshannon's dance floor!

## MONDAY 6 JUNE

### TRADITIONAL SINGING SESSION

*Keanes Bar. 2.30pm.*

Our favourite Clare singer **Ro??ine McMahon** joins with a selection of some of the finest traditional singers to give us a wonderful afternoon of entertainment. Bean an Tí **Peneloapaí Ní Tiung** (Singers Club Lough Deirge).

### THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY FAMILY DAY

*The Aistear. 2pm - 6pm. Admission Free.*

Join in the fun and festivity of the **Mad Hatter's Tea Party**. Come and create your own hat and decorate your own crazy cake. There are many other workshops, games and pony rides. Alice in Wonderland sing-alongs by **The Swell Berries**. Tall-tale teller **Eddie Lenihan**, Irish dancers and a riverdance workshop. Fantastic sculptural cake competition. Auction of the best three cakes and hats. Proceeds to go to Mountshannon School. **DON'T BE LATE FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT DATE!** Bring your parade and animal costumes. Donations to the Cheshire Cat please. Enquires: **Molly Lynch-O'Mara** 086 8980356

## EXHIBITIONS, WORKSHOPS & EDUCATION PROGRAMME

### NATIONAL SELF PORTRAIT COLLECTION OF IRELAND

*Scariff Library. Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>-Fri June 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*Library opening hours. Free admission.*

On loan from **The University of Limerick's National Self Portrait Collection of Ireland**, this selection from over 400 works, includes portraits by some of Ireland's most prestigious fine artists including **Louis Le Brocquy, John Shinnors, Gwen O'Dowd, Michael Mulcahy, Brian Maguire, Dorothy Cross** and **Hughie O'Donoghue**.

### WISE WAYS EXHIBITION

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### CONTEMPORARY ART FROM THE AREA

*Venue: Derg View Gallery, daily.*

*29th May - 6th June from 12 to 6pm.*

An innovative exhibition of Contemporary art in different media by artists from the East Clare area on the theme of 'Voice', featuring sculpture, painting, print, ceramics, glass and photography.

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### NATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAMME

*May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>.*

The portrait exhibition will form the basis of the **National School Programme**, where schools from the area are invited to discuss the work on show with practicing artists and take part in an intergenerational art project with older members of the community at **Raheen Hospital Day Care Centre**.

### CHILDRENS THEATRE WORKSHOPS.

*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.*

Children from nearby National Schools, and children from Scariff Youth Group, will take part in theatre and drama workshops with **Small World Theatre**, towards taking part in the parade of Bran The Blessed on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### ARTIST RESIDENCY - RAHEEN HOSPITAL

Glass artist **Kathryna Cuschieri**, has been commissioned by The Arts Festival and Raheen Hospital Support group to work with Day Care visitors, working individually to cast a group of 'hands' and special possessions which when cast in glass will form a sculpture to be installed at Raheen Hospital. It will be shown during the festival in the Aistear Building. Of the process Kathryna says: *"Casting the hands of visitors and residents of Raheen Hospital brought me close to their lives and the things that have touched them. Working hands that connect to a vanishing world. My work captures the memories and objects dear to the hearts of these Clare people"*.



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**Thanks also to** the local clergy and businesses, Mountshannon CC, Hall committee, Aistear Iniscealtra, Mountshannon NS Parents Association and the Schools involved.

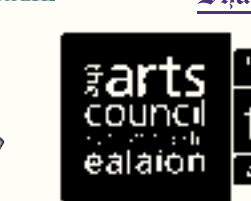
**Many Thanks** to all the committee who work so hard, voluntarily for the festival throughout the year: Jimmy Grady, Vivienne Bogan, Doreen Hanley, Kathryna Cuschieri, Jane Seymour, Leon van Haaren, Nicola Henley, Melanie Jones, Paul Murray and Nard Slabbers.

### ACCOMMODATION

For all your accommodation needs, see [www.visitclare.net](http://www.visitclare.net) [www.mountshannon-clare.com](http://www.mountshannon-clare.com)

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