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CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL

Celebrating Our Community



County Longford 21st-27th October 2018



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The festival is organised by a voluntary local committee including Marie Fennessy, Loretto McGarry, Clare Macko, Edel Penrose, Shirley Humpston, Marina Duffy, Maria Gray, Teresa McGuinness, Aine O'Sullivan, Aisling Casey, Erin Shepherd, June Donlon.

#21st-27th October 2018 County Longford

Welcome

This year the Aisling Children's Arts Festival celebrates twenty years of creativity, fun and laughter, arts and crafts, music and dance, theatre and the visual arts.

In 2018 we are also celebrating our community. We want to celebrate the artists and creatives from Co. Longford – people like illustrator Helena Grimes who drew the beautiful artwork for the front cover of this brochure, young animator Mary Smyth, artist Caoimhe Hennessy and singer-songwriter Katie Gallagher, among many others.

We celebrate the young and older members of our community through our inter-generational music project with the children of St. Joseph's NS and the clients of St. Joseph's Day Care Centre.

The founders of the Aisling festival had a dream – to make it possible for all the children of County Longford to participate in the arts. For the past twenty years we have tried to make that dream come true. The survival of the Aisling festival is a testament to the hard work of many volunteers down through the years and the support of the local community and our loyal sponsors. Thank you for making this festival happen.

Lots of the festival events are free. We hope you come to the Free Family Open Day on Sunday 21st October and to as many other events as possible. Enjoy all the festival has to offer from theatre to comedy to music and art and craft workshops. Celebrate all the positive aspects of our community in County Longford and its wonderful people. *Have fun – make art!*

Marie Fennessy,
Chairperson.

ART COMPETITION

Sponsored by Farrell & Coy

With over 1700 entries in 2017 this art competition is open to all children up to 18 years in Co. Longford. Prizes will be awarded at the Festival Launch night at 7pm on 10th Oct. Backstage Theatre. Music on the night by Katie Gallagher.

Overall winner in 2017

*Karolina Wozniak
Meanscoil Mhuire.*



St. Michael's BNS

SUNDAY FAMILY FUN DAY

FREE ENTRY

Mary Smyth
Create your own
Shaped Character

Jabba Jabbe
Jembe
Drumming
Workshop

Jack Wise



*Jack Wise,
a Magician,
Ventriloquist,
Sword Swallower
and well ...
funny guy!*

Lorraine
& Dawn
Rock Monsters

Newtownforbes
CCE

Emily Cuddy
Glitter Ghosts

DJ
Michael Wall

Carnival
Games



Guido Fanzini

Guido Fanzini's Thunderous Imaginarium of Entertainment, featuring comedy, interaction, whip cracking, and juggling.

**Coder Dojo
Tech Spot**

**Nails & Braids
Face Painting
& more...**

**Katie
Gallagher
Music
Workshops**

**Climbing
Wall**

**Put yourself
in the frame**

**Caoimhe
Hennessy
Creepy
Crawly Crafts**

**Girl
Guides
Longford**

**Lorraine
Donohoe
Chamber
Of Secrets**

**Knarky Knickers
& Jelly Tots
Balloon Modelling**

Please note there is no parking in the grounds of St. Michaels.

In addition to the free workshops at Open Day there are workshops throughout the week.

Outreach Workshops take place throughout the week in Ardagh, Lanesboro, Drumlish, Ballymahon, Granard. All workshops €5.

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Lanesboro

Tues 23rd October

4.00pm - 5.30pm Age 6-12

Spooky Door Wreaths

LORRAINE DONOHOE

Create a Halloween Wreath to greet your trick or treaters.

Booking for Lanesboro Library
043 33 21291

Ardagh

Thurs 25th October

4.00pm - 5.30pm Age 6-12

Beautiful Batik

CREATIVE ARDAGH

Bring along a white cotton T-shirt, leggings, white pillowcase for tie-dying and batik. Create your unique design.

Booking for Creative Ardagh
(086) 3027602

Granard

Mon 22nd October

4.00pm - 5.30pm Age 6-12

Model-making for Animation

MARY SMYTH

Create your own character for a cartoon from page to clay.

Thurs 25th October

4.00pm - 5.30pm Age 6-12

Slate Painting

ANGELA TUIE

Create a masterpiece on a slate

Booking for Lus na Greine, Granard
043 66 60977

Drumlish

Wed 24th October

4.00pm - 5.30pm Age 6-12

Slate Painting

ANGELA TUIE

Create a masterpiece on a slate

Booking for Drumlish Library

043 33 24760

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Ballymahon

Wed 24th October

4.00pm - 5.30pm Age 6-12

Haunted Houses

EMILY CUDDY

Create a spooky house to
haunt for halloween.

**Booking for
Ballymahon Library**

090 643 2546

keep an eye out for...

The amazing artworks on display throughout Longford town.

These are the creations of young artists from Mean Scoil Mhuire for their Junior Cert Art Exams 2018.

Aisling Children's Art Festival wanted to show everyone the amount of talent and hard work that goes into these pieces.

We think you will agree they deserve to get their moment in the spotlight.

20 Years of Aisling

Commemorating twenty years of the festival through an exhibition of photos and memorabilia in the Atrium Gallery, Backstage Theatre.

Our stickers!

Ask and you shall receive. We have had requests in previous years about stickers for children to put on their bags, books and walls. We hope you like them!

Monday 22nd October 2018



*Intergenerational
Music Project*

Concert at St. Joseph's Day Care Centre 2pm

Inter-generational Music Project with St. Joseph's Day Care Centre and the pupils of St. Joseph's NS, Longford – facilitated by Angela Reynolds.

Over a number of weeks children from St. Joseph's NS learn the popular songs from bygone days. Then during the festival they entertain the clients of St. Joseph's Day Care Centre at a special concert.

Celebrating the young and old in our community.



Tuesday 23rd October 2018



Bold Girls Event, Scoil Mhuire NS, Newtownforbes
in conjunction with Children's Books Ireland

Meet Dr. Norah Patten Scientist & Author of "Planet Zebunar". Norah is from Ballina in Co. Mayo, and is one of 12 participants from around the world selected to take part in a unique scientist-astronaut training programme in Florida. She became fascinated with space at the age of 11 after a family trip to NASA and never let go of that passion; designing rockets for her junior certificate art project. A faculty member at the International Space University, she has participated in many space related programs over the years. Her own company, Planet Zebunar, has STEM products designed to encourage, inspire, and motivate the next generation of engineers, astronauts, scientists, and innovators.

I am Baba

Canal Studio, Backstage Theatre
10am/ 11am/ 12pm
Tickets from Backstage Theatre €5

I AM BABA – a brand new magical adventure of songs, lights, and textures for babies aged 0-12 months. **It's a show about identity, agency, and personhood.** Created by internationally renowned theatre director Anna Newell and composer David Goodall.



Wednesday 24th October 2018

The Velveteen Rabbit

Adapted and directed by Maisie Lee

A work-in-progress presentation of a new adaptation for the stage of Margery William's classic children's story. A young boy receives a Christmas gift of a stuffed rabbit. While waiting for the boy to choose him as a playmate the rabbit befriends the rocking horse, the wisest toy in the nursery, who tells him stories of how toys can become 'real' through the love of a child. **Schools participating in this project are St. Michael's BNS, Longford & Stonepark NS.**

*"Real isn't how you are made...
It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you
for a long, long, time, not just to play with,
but REALLY loves you, then you become Real."*



Longford Writers Group

Short Story Competition

WRITE A STORY FOR CHILDREN

*in conjunction with Aisling Festival
and Creative Ireland Longford*

Longford Writers Group held a competition to write a short story for children aged five to eight.

Children's author Patricia Forde has chosen the final 5 stories, which will be judged by children from Longford on Wednesday 24th October at 10am in Longford Library.

1st Prize
50 euro
Book Token

2nd Prize
30 euro

3rd Prize
15 euro



Thursday 25th October 2018



SCHOOLS' SHOWCASE

Backstage Theatre 7pm Tickets €5

Children from 3 local schools
work with theatre professionals
to produce their own shows

**St. Christopher's
Special School**

with
Julie Sharkey

**Gaelscoil
Longfoirt**

with
Doug Fox Roberts

**St. Teresa's
NS, Killoe**

with
Christine Caleo



The Army Band

Edgeworthstown Community Centre at 11am

Band 2 Brigade from Custume Barracks, Athlone, under the baton of Captain Tom Kelly, are coming to play a concert for the children of Edgeworthstown NS, Aughnaccliffe NS, and Ballinallee NS. This fun concert introduces the children to the various instruments in an orchestra and the band play lots of classical and pop favourites.

Friday 26th October 2018



Comedy Club 4 Kids

Comedy Club 4 Kids brings the best stand-ups and sketch acts from the international circuit to do their thing for an audience of children (aged 6+) and their families ... but without the rude bits!

*MC Tiernan Douieb with comedians
Bec Hill and Reuben from RTEjr*

Friday 26th Oct 7pm

Backstage Theatre – Tickets €5

Saturday 27th October 2018

Little Folk with Kyle

After a sell-out show earlier this year at the Cruthu Festival and a recent appearance at Electric Picnic, Little Folk is back as part of Aisling Children's Festival

Join Kyle Riley as he leads children and their adults through a variety of music that gets you singing, jumping, and shaking. Make big sounds with percussive instruments, move with colourful scarves and float with the bubbles in this hugely engaging musical session. Little Folk on Tour is a fun filled exploration of music and movement perfectly suited for your energetic under 5's!

Saturday 27th Oct at 2pm

Canal Studio @Backstage Theatre – Tickets €5

Temperance Hall – Saturday 27th October

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| 11am-12pm | Caoimhe Hennessy | Tin Foil Robots & Paper Monsters
<i>Build them with collage and colour.</i> |
| 11am-12pm | Mary Smyth | Bring your Drawings to Life
<i>Learn to make your drawings move.</i> |
| 11am-12pm | Lorraine & Dawn | Flowerpot Monsters
<i>Growing your own for Halloween!</i> |
| 11am-12pm | Lorraine Donohue | Hairy Scary Eyeballs
<i>Make big hairy eyes to keep a look out!</i> |
| 12pm-1pm | Caoimhe Hennessy | DIY Trick Or Treat Bag
<i>Decorate your own trick or treat bag.</i> |
| 12pm-1pm | Mary Smyth | Bring your Drawings to Life
<i>Learn to make your drawings move.</i> |
| 12pm-1pm | Lorraine & Dawn | Halloween Sock Cats
<i>Growing your own for Halloween!</i> |
| 12pm-1pm | Lorraine Donohue | Hairy Scary Eyeballs
<i>Make big hairy eyes to keep a look out at the front door this halloween!</i> |

Arts & crafts workshops in the Temperance Hall, Longford from 11am – 12pm and 12 – 1pm. All workshops €5.

Booking for Temperance Hall @ Backstage Theatre 043-33 47888 or at the Festival Open Day in St. Michael's BNS on 21st October



Temperance Hall Workshops

Longford Leader Project

This year's Aisling supplement was produced by TY students from: Ardscoil Phadraig, Granard, Ballymahon Vocational School, and Meanscoil Mhuire, Longford.

Students work with staff on the local newspaper to produce a supplement for the Longford Leader, containing their own articles on topics of their choosing plus information on the Aisling Festival.

It's a great opportunity for students to see how a newspaper works. They get to devise and produce their own content and manage their time working to a deadline.

Hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it!



Thank You
Longford
for an amazing

20
YEARS

Here's to the next 20!

OCTOBER 17 to OCTOBER 22

Booking Office To book workshops and theatre performances, please contact Backstage Theatre. 10am – 5pm 043 33 47888

Barry Express
BM Motor Factors Ltd
Brentech Data Systems Ltd
Brian Fallon Hardware LTD
Edward J. Valentine
Core Financial Services Ltd
Create Interactive
Crossan Cablecomm Ltd
Clr. Micheál Carrigy
Clr. Seamus Butler
Clr. Peggy Nolan
Dr. Mel Gorman
Dr Celine Mc Hugh
Dr. Niall Donohue

Dr. Paul Trueick
Donlon Couriers
Durkins (Longford)
Farrell-Coy
Fenelon Precision Limited
Flynn & Lynch
Glennon Bros Timber Ltd
Hair by Ronan
John Browne & Co Accountants
John J. Quinn & Co
Kanes Travel Agency Ltd
Kevin "Boxer" Moran TD
Longford Credit Union
Longford Indoor Market

Nevin's Taxis
Prestige Property Consultants
Oasis Design
O'Reilly Insurance Broker
Outtake Community Media
Providers (Longford) Ltd
Robbie Shaw
Shaws Garage
Sherpack Ltd
Stonehouse Cash & Carry
Sweeney Architects
Tesco Ireland
Western Plastics
Viewmount House



An Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreacht,
Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta
Department of Arts, Heritage,
Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs



Department of
**Agriculture,
Food and the Marine**
An Roinn
**Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara**



The European Agricultural Fund
for Rural Development.
Europe investing in rural areas

**SAINT
MICHAEL'S
B.N.S.**



**Longford
Leader**



**Thank You All For Your
Amazing Support!**

The Aisling Committee accepts no responsibility for any injuries which may result from any event connected with the festival. The festival organisers cannot be responsible for transporting children to and from events. Adults must accompany small children to the theatre performances. Many of the workshops can be messy so children should wear old clothes or bring an old shirt or apron. Children must be collected on time from workshops. Photos taken at festival events may be used as promotional material for the festival.

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