



Kerry Arts Festival & Events Calendar

Féilire Féilte
& Eachtraí Ealaíona Chiarraí

2023



January | Eanáir

Handed Down | Scartaglin

28 January

Contact PJ Teahan | T. 087 851 6695
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www.worldfiddledayscartaglin.ie

The Handed Down Sliabh Luachra Series in Scartaglin is an award winning series where Sliabh Luachra is celebrated. Each month a guest speaker gives a talk and young musicians play. Matt Cranitch performs in January.

February | Feabhra

Biddys Day | Killorglin

3, 4 February

www.facebook.com/biddysday

Biddy's Day Events in Killorglin: Lantern Making Class, Traditional Butter Making Class, How to Make a Kerry Cross/Brigid Wheel, Biddy Hat Making Class Parade.

Éigse na Brideóige | Gaeltacht Uíbh Ráthaigh

3 - 6 February

Teagmháil: Fiona de Buis
Fón. 087 2931463
R-phost. fdebuis@gmail.com
www.eigsenabrideoige.com

The great Iveragh singer Seán Garvey will be celebrated le ceol agus amhránaíocht ar fúd Uíbh Ráthaigh le scoth na gceoltóirí.

Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh | Baile an Fheirtéaraigh

15 - 19 February

Teagmháil: Niamh Ní Bhaoill
R-phost. scoilcheoilciarrai@gmail.com
www.scoilcheoil.com

Scoil Cheoil Thraidisiúnta thar treimhse 5 lá i gCorca Dhuibhne, áit a ndéanaimid ár gcultúr, ár gceol, ár rince agus ár amhráíocht a cheilúradh.

February | Feabhra contd.

Handed Down | Scartaglin

18 February

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Féile Feabhra | Lixnaw

25, 26 February

Contact Anne O'Sullivan | T. 087 6979334
E. lixnawcce@gmail.com

Festival of traditional Irish music, song and dance along with competitions, workshops and concerts.

Kenmare Film Club | Kenmare

2, 9, 16, 23 February

Contact Carnegie Arts Centre | T. 064 6648701
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www.carnegieartskenmare.ie

2 February, 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Film: The Lost King

9 February, 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Film: Mrs Harris Goes To Paris

16 February, 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Film: Official Competition

23 February, 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Film: Three Thousand Years of Longing

The Gathering Traditional Festival | INEC, Killarney

22 - 26 February

Contact John O'Shea | T. 087 234 8824
E. johngathering@hotmail.com

This year's festival programme is loaded with concerts, céilís, sessions, and workshops along with the addition of a late-night festival club.

March | Márta

Kenmare Film Club | Kenmare

9, 16, 23

Contact Carnegie Arts Centre | T. 064 664 8701
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www.carnegieartskenmare.ie

9 March, 8.00pm - 10.00pm

Film: Alcarrás

16 March, 8.00pm - 10.00pm

Film: Aftersun

23 March, 8.00pm - 10.00pm

Film: Everything, Everywhere All At Once

Animation Dingle | Dingle

24 - 25 March

Contact Maurice Galway | T. 087 913 9962
E. maurice@animationdingle.com
www.animationdingle.com

Animation Dingle is a two day festival for students and professionals in the animation sector. Conference, Awards, Workshops and Screenings.

Kerry Drama Festival | Castleisland

3 - 11 March

Contact Aidan Reid
facebook.com/kerrydramafest

Kerry Drama Festival is one of a number of preliminary drama festivals held in Ireland each year under the auspices of the Amateur Drama Council of Ireland

Ballydonoghue Bardic Festival |

Ballydonoghue

23 - 26 March

Contact John McGrath | T. 087 625 7705
E. ballydbardfest@gmail.com
www.ballydbardfest.com

Bi-lingual Literary Festival with culture and fun! Literary competitions, writing, dance and traditional music workshops, concert and open mic events.

April | Aibreán

Kenmare Film Club | Kenmare

TBC

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E. info@carnegieartskenmare.ie
www.carnegieartskenmare.ie

Screenings to be confirmed.

Artist's Eye on Kerry | Great Southern Killarney

7, 8, 9 April

Contact Theresa Kelleher | T. 087 2213090
E. artistseyebooks@gmail.com

Exhibition of work from upcoming publication
Artist's Eye on Kerry.

Handed Down | Scartaglin

15 April

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Ceardlann Scríbhneoireachta Gaeilge | Trá Lí

25 April

Teagmháil: Pádraig Mac Fhearghusa
T. 087 290 1154 | padraigmacfhearghusa@gmail.com

Ceardlann, eagraithe ag Scríbhneoirí Gaeilge Chiarraí, atá dírithe ar scríbhneoireacht na Gaeilge, idir phrós agus fhilíocht, a chothú.

Féile na Bealtaine | An Daingean Uí Chúis/Dingle

27 April - 1 May

Contact Claire Galvin | T. 087 790 3950
E. info@feilenabealtaine.ie | www.feilenabealtaine.ie

Féile na Bealtaine is a multi disciplinary arts festival held annually in Corca Dhuibhne / Dingle Peninsula since 1994.

May | Bealtaine

World Fiddle Day | Scartaglin

20 May

Contact PJ Teahan | T. 087 8516695

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www.worldfiddledayscartaglin.ie

The annual celebration of the Sliabh Luachra fiddle tradition.

Handed Down | Scartaglin

19, 20 May

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Féile Cheoil an tSamhraidh / Dingle Summer Music Festival | Dingle

20 - 22 May

Contact Gábor Péli | T. 086 2204598

dinglenewmusic@outlook.ie

The Dingle Summer Music Festival is a Choral and Chamber Music Festival with visiting choirs from Ireland and abroad. The Festival will see concerts, workshops, mass performances and much more through the medium of the Irish and English languages.



June | Meitheamh

Listowel Writers' Week | Listowel

31 May - 4 June

T. 068 21074 | E. info@writersweek.ie
www.writersweek.ie

Ireland's oldest literary festival where writers, artists, poets and readers gather to celebrate the arts every June.

K-FEST | Killorglin

3 - 6 June

Contact Tim Clifford
T. 086 035 2298 | E. chair@kfest.ie
www.kfest.ie

K-FEST, a dynamic arts festival with an emphasis on emerging artists, uses unoccupied spaces in Killorglin, transforming vacant retail outlets, deserted buildings, and even domestic homes into curated bespoke pop-up galleries and venues.

Fleadh Cheoil Ciarraí | Ballybunion

10, 11, 17, 18 June

Contact Martina Browne / Betty Joyce
T. 087 1243110 / 087 9662902
E. secretaryballybcce@gmail.com
www.kerrycomhaltas.ie

Irish traditional music, song, story and dance competitions, concerts and street entertainment in the town.

Féile Cheoil | Lixnaw

10, 11 June

Contact Anne O'Sullivan
T. 087 6979334
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Festival of traditional Irish music, song and dance along with competitions, workshops and concerts.

Spraoi Chiarraí | Killarney

10 June

Contact Tim O'Shea | T. 087 281 4550
E. timoshea99@hotmail.com

One of 7 FREE Concerts in Killarney at St. Mary's Church of Ireland, 8.00pm.

Cruinniú na nÓg | Countywide

10 June

Contact Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer
T. 066 718 3541 | E. arts@kerrycoco.ie
<https://arts.kerrycoco.ie/cruinniú-na-nog/>

A Day of Youthful Creativity!

Cruinniú na nÓg celebrates and encourages children and young people's participation in culture and creativity through performance, workshops, special events and much more. Events are free, local and activity-based.

Con Curtin Music Festival | Brosna

23 - 25 June

Contact Mike Moriarty | E. concurtinmusic@gmail.com
concurtinmusicfestival.com

Concerts, music workshops, session, céilí and more!



July | Iúil

Spraoi Chiarraí | Killarney

1 & 22 July

Contact Tim O'Shea | T. 087 281 4550
E. timoshea99@hotmail.com

Two of 7 FREE Concerts in Killarney at St. Mary's Church of Ireland, 8.00pm.

Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan Munster Fleadh Cheoil | Tralee

10, 16 July

Contact Karen Trench | T. 087 2321428
E. munsterfleadh2023@gmail.com
www.munsterfleadh.ie

Munster Fleadh Cheoil competitions will be in MTU Tralee & Dúchas Comhaltas Centre. Concerts, street entertainment and fringe events will take place in Tralee town centre.

Ballybunion Arts Festival | Ballybunion

21 - 24 July

Contact Marian Relihan | T. 085 137 3523
E. ballybunionartsfestival@gmail.com
www.ballybunionartsfestival.ie

Ballybunion Arts Festival is a platform for local and national artists. Accessible to audiences and supporting artists and the community.

August | Lúnasa

Cahersiveen Festival of Music & the Arts | Cahersiveen

4 - 6 August

Contact Ann Landers | T. 087 205 3315
E. annlanders27@gmail.com
www.celticmusicfestival.com

There's something for everyone at this hugely popular festival, now in its 25th year, from live bands, social dancing, set dancing, workshops, children's entertainment and historical talks and walks.

August | Lúnasa contd.

Spraoi Chiarraí | Killarney

5, 12, 26 August

Contact Tim O'Shea | T. 087 281 4550
E. timoshea99@hotmail.com

Four FREE Concerts in Killarney at two historical venues - 5th, 12th and 26th at St. Mary's Church of Ireland, 8.00pm and 12th August at Killarney House and Gardens, 2.00pm.

Revival Music Festival | Listowel

11, 12 August

E. info@revivalfestival.ie | www.revivalfestival.ie

The Revival Music Festival is a two day festival in Listowel with headline acts including Bell X1, Damien Dempsey and Pillow Queens.

Puck Fair | Killorglin

10 - 12 August

Contact Declan Falvey Chairman | T. 066 9762 366
E. puckfairinfo@gmail.com | www.puckfair.ie

A festival that's over 400 years old. With over 12 hours of free outdoor entertainment this event is a must in the summer calendar.

Chamber Music on Valentia | Valentia Island

17 - 20 August

Contact Mary Dullea | T. 083 096 5977
E. info@chambermusicvalentia.com
www.chambermusicvalentia.com

Ireland's most westerly Chamber Music Festival on Valentia Island celebrates its 10th edition, with international and Irish artists, alongside innovative outreach activities

September | Meán Fómhair

Kenmare Film Club | Kenmare

TBC

Contact Carnegie Arts Centre

T.064 6648701

E. info@carnegieartskenmare.ie

www.carnegieartskenmare.ie

Screenings to be confirmed.

Kerry Music Showcase | Killorglin

TBC

Contact Tim Clifford

T. 0860352298

E. hello@turnofevents.ie

www.turnofevents.ie

Kerry Music Showcase is an event to help emerging contemporary music artists in County Kerry, including live performances, workshops and networking.

Culture Night Kerry | Countywide

22 September

Contact Kerry County Arts Office

T. 066 718 3541

E. arts@kerrycoco.ie

www.culturenight.ie

On Culture Night, key artistic and cultural organisations around Kerry extend their opening hours until late in the evening to provide the public with increased access to the various collections, workshops and other events.

Architecture Kerry | Countywide

23 - 25 September

Contact Victoria McCarthy

T. 066 718 3793

E. vmccarthy@kerrycoco.ie

www.kerrycoco.ie

Architecture Kerry will showcase and celebrate the best of the county's architectural heritage, with talks, free guided tours, exhibitions, workshops and family events.

October | Deireadh Fómhair

Kenmare Film Club | Kenmare

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Screenings to be confirmed.

Children's Book Festival |

Libraries Countywide

Month-long

Contact Kerry Library

T. 066 712 1200

E. info@kerrylibrary.ie

www.kerrylibrary.ie

The festival is aimed at readers of all ages and interests and features story-time sessions, author visits, craft and STEM workshops, book clubs and movie days.

Kerry International Film Festival |

Killarney

19 - 22 October

E. info@kerryfilmfestival.com

W. www.kerryfilmfestival.com

Focusses on emerging film talent, shorts, Irish features and music themes.

Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Festival |

Castleisland

26 - 30 October

T. 087 2731441

E. patrickokeeffefestival@gmail.com

www.patrickokeeffefestival.com

Traditional Irish music festival in Castleisland based on the late fiddle player Patrick O'Keeffe's 'Slabh Luachra' style of playing.

November | Samhain

Kenmare Film Club | Kenmare

TBC

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E. info@carnegieartskenmare.ie
www.carnegieartskenmare.ie

Screenings to be confirmed.

National Circus Festival of Ireland | Tralee

2 - 5 November

Contact Con Horgan | T. 087 997 8146
E. info@circusfestival.ie
www.circusfestival.ie

The festival offers a place where people can learn to fly, to defy gravity and to move with poetic grace and beauty. It offers a place where ordinary people can become extraordinary. Since then it has grown to be Ireland's largest and representative circus festival and one of the most exciting festivals in Ireland.

Dingle Distillery International Film Festival | An Daingean Uí Chúis / Dingle

3 - 5 November

Contact Mark McLoughlin
E. dinglefilmfest@gmail.com
www.dinglefilmfest.com

A unique, ground breaking, inclusive and inspiring event for up-and-coming and established filmmakers and a broad audience. *Is é ár misean ná imeacht ceannródaíoch, ionchuimsitheach, ionspráideach ar leith a dhéanamh den fhéile seo do scannánóirí, idir nua agus seanbhunaithe.*

Dingle Literary Festival | Dingle

17 - 19 November

Contact Peter McKay | E. info@dinglelit.ie
www.dinglelit.ie

The Dingle Literary Festival / Féile Liteartha Chorca Dhuibhne brings readers and writers together to celebrate contemporary Irish writing.

December | Mí na Nollaig

Kenmare Film Club | Kenmare

TBC

Contact Carnegie Arts Centre | T.064 6648701
E. info@carnegieartskenmare.ie
www.carnegieartskenmare.ie

Screenings to be confirmed.

Kerry Choral Union | St. John the Baptist Church, Tralee

TBC

Contact Linda Lynch | T. 087 919 5007
E. kchoralunion@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/KerryChoralUnion

This is the Kerry Choral Unions' Annual Christmas Concert. It will be an evening of Christmas Music both traditional and contemporary including some well-known soloists. The performance begins the festive season on a very traditional and musical note.

No responsibility is taken by Kerry County Council for the change or cancellations of events. To include your arts festival or arts event in the 'Kerry Arts Festival and Events Calendar 2024' e-leaflet contact the Arts Office, Kerry County Council on 066 7183541 or email arts@kerrycoco.ie (Festival must contain at least 50% arts content)

ARTS VENUES & ORGANISATIONS

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Dates may be subject to change.
To confirm dates and details please
contact festival organisers.

D'fhéadfaí dátaí a athrú. Chun dátaí
agus sonraí na bhféilte a dhearbhuí,
déan teagmháil leis an lucht eagraithe.



Contact the following arts venues and organisations for information on their 2023 programmes:

Siamsa Tíre, Tralee

T. 066 712 3055 | E. info@siamsatire.com
www.siamsatire.com

Kerry School of Music, Tralee

T. 066 712 5690 | E. kerrymusicschool@eircom.net
www.kerryschoolofmusic.com

St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre, Listowel

T. 068 22566 | E. info@stjohnstheatre.ie
www.stjohnstheatre.ie

The Kerry Writers Museum, Listowel

T. 068 22212 | E. info@kerrywritersmuseum.com
www.kerrywritersmuseum.com

Sliabh Luachra Cultural & Heritage Centre, Scartaglin

T. 066 714 7231

The Ivyleaf Art Centre, Castle Island

T. 066 714 1135

Ireland's National Events Centre, Killarney

T. 064 667 1555 | E. info@inec.ie | www.inec.ie

Carnegie Arts Centre, Kenmare

T. 064 664 8701 | E. info@carnegieartskenmare.ie
www.carnegieartskenmare.ie

Kenmare Butter Market, Contemporary Art and Exhibition Space

E. kenmarebuttermarket@gmail.com
W: kenmarebuttermarket.org

Cill Rialaig Arts Centre, Ballinskelligs

T. 066 947 9277 | www.cillrialraigartscentre.com

Beehive Theatre Company, An Daingean

Fón: 066 915 2924
R-phost: info@beehivetheatre.com
S. www.beehivetheatre.com

Díseart, An Daingean

Fón: 066 915 2476 | R-phost: info@diseart.ie
W. www.diseart.ie

Anam Arts & Cultural Centre, Killarney

T. 064 663 1023 | E. killarneyartscentre@kerrycoco.ie

Tinteán Theatre, Ballybunion

T. 068 27972 | E. kerrytheatre@gmail.com