

Shoreline Arts Festival 2008

Programme of Events

The Shorelines Arts Festival will run from Thursday evening, 11th September, until Sunday afternoon, 14th September.

The festival features a fresh line-up of art exhibitions, writing workshops, photographic exhibitions, a youth theatre workshop for teens, drama and dance for children, african drumming for all ages and a car treasure hunt, readings and lots of fun, all organised by Portumna Arts Group with financial assistance from Galway County Council, Poetry Ireland, Portumna Credit Union, Portumna Lions Club, and other local businesses and groups.

We are delighted to be hosting an exhibition of work by photographer Joe Geoghegan (who has recently photographed the left eye of a number of poets and then asked them to write a composition based on the photographs).

This exhibition is called "**Eye of the Beholder**" and really is a must see.

<http://www.joegeoghegan.com/>

Portumna Camera Club will be on board to document the weekend and will have an exhibition of work on display in the town for the duration of the weekend. Some of the work displayed will be the subject of forthcoming calendar that is being produced by Portumna Camera Club. Stay tuned for more details.

In short, we believe there is, at the risk of a cliché, something for everyone.

Thursday 11th September

19:30 **Grand Opening of Shoreline Arts Festival** - Cheese and Wine Reception

Venue - Convent

Cost - *Free*

20:00 **Opening of Photo Exhibition - "Eye of the Beholder"**

Venue - Convent

Cost - *Free*

Friday 12th September

18:00 **Treasure Hunt** (*in cars*)

Venue: Portumna Town Square

Cost - *€40 per car*

21:30 **Poetry Reading**

Venue - Portumna Retirement Village

Cost - *Free*

Saturday 13th September

11:00 **Recitation Hour for Residents of Retirement Village**

Venue - Retirement Village

Cost - *Free*

14:00 - 16:30 **Writing Workshop With Active Retirement Groups – Derek Coyle**

Venue: Retirement Village

Cost - *€10*

- 14:00 -16:30 **Writing Workshop with Young Adults – Martin Dyar**
Venue -Sign Out Youth Café
Cost - €10
- 14:00 -17:00 **Writing Workshop with Writing Groups – Iggy McGovern**
Venue - An Gairdín
Cost - €10
- 14:00 -17:30 **Drama/Dance for Children – Paula Short of LYT**
Venue - Portumna Town Hall
Cost - €10
- 20:00 **Poetry and Piano – The Shore** Portumna Castle **Free**

Sunday 14th September

- 12:00 **Soup, Sandwiches, Song**
Horan's Corner House **Free**
- 14:00 **African Drumming Workshop**
Venue -Retirement Village
Cost - €10
- 2:30 - 17:00 **Youth Theatre Workshop – Fergal Darcy**
Venue - Portumna Town Hall
Cost - €10
- 17:00 **Barbara Kennedy Memorial**
Venue - An Gairdín
Cost - Free

Portumna Arts Group (PAG) was set up as a coordinating organisation for the many arts groups in the Portumna area.

*Our main objective is to promote awareness of the Arts including Community Arts in Portumna and it's surrounding area, in an environmentally friendly and inclusive way; to develop all forms of art and provide a forum for crafts' people, makers and artists, through **Appreciation, Accessibility, Participation, Imagination and Enjoyment***

Extended from this the group intends

1. To provide an opportunity for constructive discussion on community needs.
2. To disseminate information and work in co-operation with other art groups at county, regional and national level
3. To co-ordinate the work of the group in the promotion of community welfare within the district of Portumna
4. To act as a negotiating body with statutory agencies and other bodies in regard to policy making, finance and other relevant art related matters.
5. To keep in touch with new developments etc. in relation to the arts
6. To fundraise and secure funds for the effective running of the group.

Portumna Arts Groups

<http://www.portumnaartsgroup.com/index.php>