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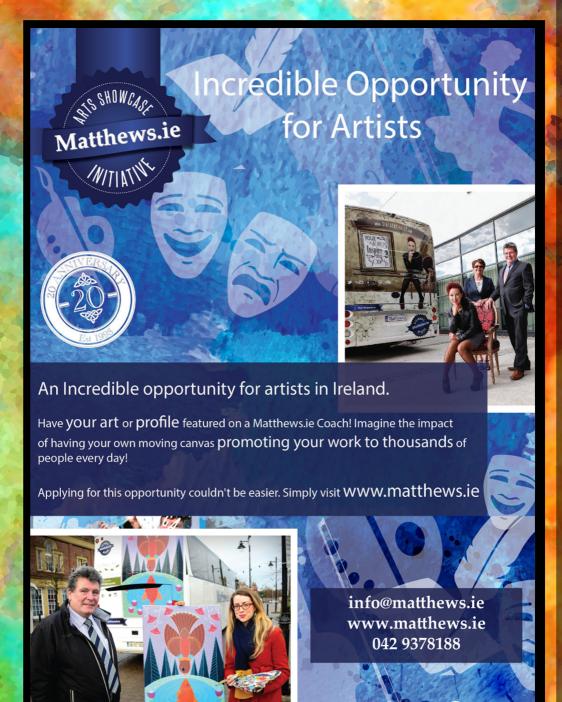


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DELORENTOS

One of Ireland's finest and most imaginative bands, we are delighted that Delorentos have taken time out of their busy European touring schedule to return to



Ireland for Carrickmacross Arts Festival 2016.

Since their formation in 2005, the Dublin four piece have released four top ten albums and have won the Choice Music Prize on their way to become a household name.

Delorentos are known for their attractive guitar sound full of hooks and harmonies. The band's influences include Arcade Fire, Pixies, The Cure and The Clash. With a multitude of hits that includes Pertadu, Everybody Else Gets Wet, Show Me Love, S.E.C.R.E.T. and Forget The Numbers, this is sure to be a night to remember

SUNDAY - MAIN STAGE - 22:15

BARRY MURPHY

Barry forms part of the satirical trio Aprés Match and appears regularly on TV impersonating mainly famous soccer stars and pundits, as



well as his memorable major appearances in the hilarious satire. Irish Pictorial Weekly.

Barry Murphy is often remembered for the six years he spent as a member of the cult comedy trio, Mr Trellis, with Kevin Gildea and Ardal O Hanlon. He is the co-founder of the Comedy Cellar - Ireland's longest running comedy venue, and is easily recognised as one of the "ten kings of Irish Comedy over the last 20 years" (Hot Press Magazine).

Fresh from entertaining us throughout the recent European Championships, Barry is back on the road treating the Carrickmacross crowds to his hilarious stand-up show.

THURSDAY COMEDY STAGE - 23:00

KÍLA

Ireland's greatest world music band ever, mixing traditionals with world influences and having lots of fun. Kíla perform contemporary Irish music



that is Trad meets Irish Rave and back again.

Hailed as one of Ireland's most innovative and exciting bands, the eight members, mostly from Dublin, come from different musical backgrounds and together create a a unique sound. With it's roots in traditional Irish, it features a strong percussive like singing and gorgeous melodies driven by a serious rhythmical undercurrent.

Kila have created their own distinctive style of world music, which has won over audiences around the world through their nine recordings and their spectacular live performances.

SATURDAY - MAIN STAGE - 22:30

THE FRANK & WALTERS

Easily one of Ireland's most recognizable bands, The Frank and Walters have long achieved "Legendary" status on the Irish music scene.



Hailing from Cork, the Indie Rock four-piece took the band name in honour of two eccentric Cork characters. Over two decades on from the release of their very first record, the Franks still continue to defy expectations.

With hits such as 'Fashion Crisis Hits New York' & 'After All' (which reached No.11 in the UK Charts) their career has seen them appear on 'Top of the Pops' and sell out venues across the UK, Europe, and the USA every year. Their music today is as relevant as any of the new pretenders on the block and only a handful of bands anywhere in the world can lay claim to such longevity of popularity.

SUNDAY - MAIN STAGE - 20:35

WYVERN LINGO

Wyvern Lingo are a three-piece from County Wicklow, comprising of Karen Cowley vocals, keyboards & bass synth, Caoimhe Barry vocals &



drums and Saoirse Duane on vocals & guitar.

Friends and bandmates since school days, Wyvern Lingo share a gift for close harmony, keen songcraft and effervescent live performance which belies their tender years.

Drawing on a diverse range of influences from pop, rock and R'n'B, their voices interweave to create a fresh, forward-looking sound. Their huge radio hits; Used, Subside and Letter to Willow will be instantly recognisable as will the voice of Karen, who dueted on Hozier's haunting 'In A Week' on his multi-platinum debut album.

SUNDAY - MAIN STAGE - 19:00

WALLIS BIRD

At the very early age of 6 months, Wallis Bird got her first guitar and thus began a lifelong love with music. An accident with a



lawnmower when Wallis was 18 months old left her with 5 fingers severed on her left hand, It was this incident that would eventually create Wallis' unique playing style.

Although based in Germany, Wallis Bird was born in Meath, she's loudly, proudly, vocally Irish – her accent seeps through in many of her lyrics. Her talent is fresh and her influences many: Ireland. Family. Mates. Life. Love. Pubs. Fiona Apple. Ella Fitzgerald and Nina Simone.

Carrickmacross Arts Festival is a rare chance to see Wallis on home soil before she kicks off a gigantic 60 date European tour in Autumn.

SATURDAY - MAIN STAGE - 20:50

DECLAN O'ROURKE

Arguably one of the world's finest singer-songwriters, Declan's style moves faultlessly between impressionism, and story telling, and



can be at home in almost any form.

A dynamic performer, he is at once as comfortable fronting a 50-piece orchestra, as playing solo with his trademark guitar and bass drum. Songs of O'Rourke's have been covered by a growing list of established artists ranging from Christy Moore, to Eddi Reader, to Josh Groban.

Even The Jam's Paul Weller is an admirer describing O'Rourke's 'Galileo', as "possibly the greatest song written in the last 30 years." With that kind of praise it's hardly a suprise Declan is often regarded as the Luke Kelly of a new generation.

SATURDAY - MAIN STAGE - 19:15

COLUM MCDONNELL

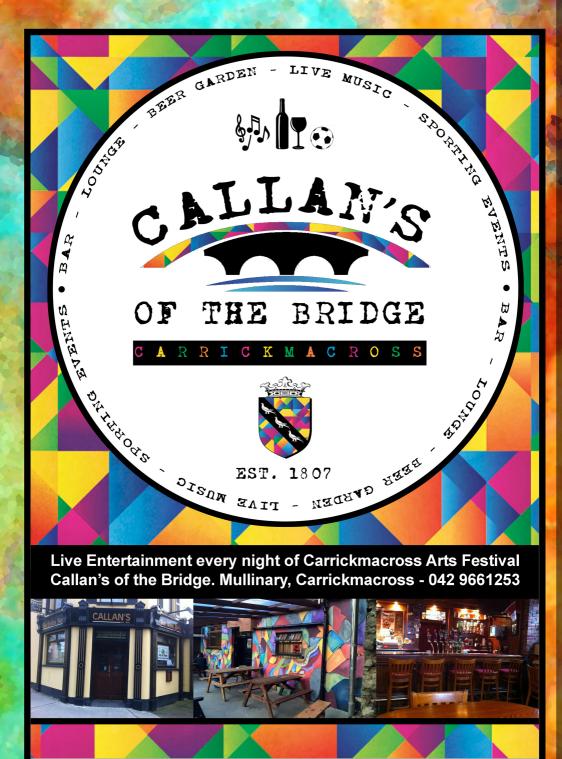
Colum McDonnell is a comedian, actor, writer and broadcaster. This diminutive Dundalk man has stood up and made people laugh worldwide.



His TV credits are numerous, including "The Republic Of Telly","The Podge and Rodge Show", Comedy Centrals "The World Stands up", and more recently RTE's critically acclaimed shows "Irish Pictorial Weekly" and Des Bishops "Under The Influence".

Colum has appeared at The Kilkenny Cat Laughs, The Vodafone Comedy Festival, The Edinburgh Comedy Festival and The Adelaide Comedy Festival. He has performed all over the world with his hilarious Stand-Up show from the UK to Vienna, Zagreb, Texas and even Bahrain, so the next obvious step in career advancement was Carrickmacross!

THURSDAY - COMEDY STAGE - 22:25







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19.30 GATES OPEN
20.00 BBQ & MUSIC
20.50 .. BARRY MACK (MC)
21.00 STEVE BENNETT
21.20 .. MICHAEL DOWNEY
21.40 NIAMH MARRON
22.10 INTERVAL
22.25 COLUM MCDONNELL
23.00 BARRY MURPHY
FOLLOWED BY LIVE MUSIC IN THE BAR

THURSDAY

CULTURE & FILM NIGHT - FRIDAY THE 12TH



GATES OPEN AT 17:00

18:00 Photography Exhibition (Visual Arts Tent) An ehibition of Carrickmacross Camera Club's finest work from 2016 Kindly Sponsored by Matthews.ie

19:00 Poetry & Prose Corner (The Living Room)

A local Creative Writing group showcase their original works, with Art Agnew from the Patrick Kavanagh Centre as MC. Kindly Sponsored by MEP Matt Carthy

20:00 Drama (Main Stage)

"House Plays" written & directed by Mina Tenison Kindly sponsored by Superior Security

"Under the Stars" Outdoor Cinema

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21:30 A Collection of new Irish Short Films

Every year we try to promote some of the best new film makers in Ireland. This year we are showing a selection of the best shorts from the 2016 Clones Film Festival as well as a promotional preview of the locally made 'Wild Goose Lodge Movie' which is released in Ireland this October.

22:00 Main Feature: The Goonies (1985) PG/12s

Please note that the Outdoor Cinema starting times are approximate only as we will require a certain leval of darkness for the best possible projection quality. Feel free to bring blankets, chairs & cushions. If weather is unsuitable the cinema will relocate to Main Marquee.





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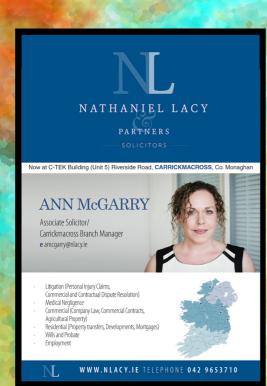
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THE MAIN STAGE

THE LIVING ROOM

22.30 Kíla

Full details in the biography section

20.50 Wallis Bird

Full details in the biography section

19.15 Declan O'Rourke

Full details in the biography section

17.50 Third Smoke

Full details in the biography section

16.30 Red Temple

An original alternative rock band, hailing from Carrickmacross and Kingscourt, with an evocative contemporary sound.

15.10 Litehouse

The four piece alternative pop/rock band from Co. Monaghan bring their energetic stage performance to the festival.

14.25 Dara MacGabhann

Writing songs and poems since her teenage years, Dara and her band specialise in sultry blues and silky jazz.

13.45 Words That Burn

Record Deal - Critically acclaimed debut - European tour. It's been quite the year for local metal band Words That Burn.

21.45 **Jinx Lennon**Full details in the biography section

20.10 **Grainne Hunt**Full details in the biography section

18.10 Sonnets & Sisters

Louth folk-pop four piece band whose music has a strong emphasis on vocal harmonies and catchy melodies.

17.15 **Ray Scully**

Performing on stage since he was 12, Ray plays his own style of soulful blues/rock with a Seattle influence.

15.55 Fergal McCahey

Fergal's incredible voice and musical maturity has gained him wide acclaim as one of Carrick's finest performers.

From 12 midday to 3pm on Saturday and Sunday there will be many young Buskers on site from The Carrickmacross School of Music.

Throughout the weekend there will also be surprise pop-up musical Performances by Carrickmacross Comhaltas, Born 2 Perform and An Lochrann Linn band.

Please show your support for all of these fantastic Musicians and their mentors. Many of these younger musicians will be the next generation gracing our main stage in the near future.



SATURDAY

AUGUST 13TH



VISUAL ARTS TENT

KIDS ACTIVITIES 12PM TO 6PM - UNDER 12s FREE ADM

Catherine King

Watercolour artist

Children's Entertainment (The Living Room Stage)

Flavia Bernardes

Portrait artist

13.15

12.30

Karen McArdle Textile artist

Comhaltas Session (The Living Room Stage)

Alma Sheelan Abstract artist

13:30

Pamela Hilliard Landscape Painter

Mindful Kids Ireland (Meditation, ages 6+)

Brian Gallagher Print/drawing/illustrator

14:30 **Weird Science**

John O'Flynn Figurative/realist artist

15:30

Celia Richards Mixed media artist

Cupcake Decorating

Paul Connolly

16:30

Digital Artist

Money Box Decoupage

Fiona Keenan-O'Brien Performance Art / Dance (4pm)

From **12pm to 6pm** on Saturday and Sunday there is a full range of kids activities that includes Pop-up Theatre, Aboriginal Prints, Giant Jenga, Giant KerPlunk, Frisbee Challenge, Toilet Roll Toss, Outdoor Play Area, Penalty Shootout,

Crossbar Challenge, Face Painting

Barry Jazz Finnegan

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Fri 19th August Just Mustard

Sat 20th August Black Svan, Words That Burn

Wed 7th September Niall Connolly

Thu 22nd September Picture This

> Thu 6th October Ciaran Lavery

Sun 9th October Kevin Montgomery + Clive Barnes Fri 14th October Al Porter At Large

Fri 21st October Band Of Friends A Celebration Of The Music Of Rory Gallagher

> Sun 23rd October Máirtín O'Connor, Zoe Conway, Dónal Lunny

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SUNDAY

AUGUST 14TH



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VISUAL ARTS TENT

Derek Bell Abstract artist



Emily Mc Gardle

Print/Satire

Francis Quinn

Conceptual artist

Marilyn Gaffney

Mixed media

Michelle Dalton

Conceptual artist

Ellen-Marie Clavin

Mixed media / drawing

Alison Bole

Sculptor

Joanne Behan

Sculptor

Hattie Billingham

Glass Sculptor

Fiona Keenan-O'Brien

Performance Art / Dance (4pm)

Barry Jazz Finnegan

Charcoal Portrait Artist Live Drawing Demo (12-6pm)

KIDS ACTIVITIES

12PM TO 6PM - UNDER 12s FREE ADM

12.30

Slow Session Comahltas

All ages and standards welcome (The Living Room Stage)

13.15

Kids Open Mic

(The Living Room Stage)

14.00

Kids Open Mic Headliners

(The Living Room Stage)

13:30

Animal Dot Painting

14:30

Puppet Making

15:30

Kite Making

16:30

Céilí Dance Workshop

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THE LIVING ROOM

THE MAIN STAGE

21.30 Elephant

Full details in the biography section

19.50 Dysania

A 7 piece band from Co. Monaghan, blending the Irish language into Celtic-Punk/Indie-Rock with a twist of trad.

18.20 Barry Jay Hughes

Full details in the biography section

17.05 Cantemus Choir

Cantemus Chamber Choir offer an eclectic repertoire from haunting medieval to classical standards.

15.55 Sean O'Riodean

Having previously played the festival with "Hand like a Foot", Seán returns armed with a solo set of new originals.

After the festivities every night, be sure to check out Callan's Bar & Lounge for further entertainment. There will be live bands, trad sessions and even a Retro Vinyl Jukebox DJ Party set (Yeah we're not sure what that is either, but we're told it's awesome)

22.15 Delorentos

Full details in the biography section

20.35 The Frank & Walters

Full details in the biography section

19.00 Wyvern Lingo

Full details in the biography section

17.40 Sanzkrit

Full details in the biography section

16.30 **D-Day**

The Galway band's crisp, professional sound and 60's rock'n'roll vibe makes a very welcome return to Carrick!

15.20 Just Mustard

A formidable live band who's sound creates a juxtaposition between soft ethereal melodies and a wall of sound

14.35 The Future West

Francis Watters & Co. take us on a journey of the mind told through tales of past, present and future.

Artisan Avenue (12pm to 9pm on Sat & Sun) - Kindly sponsored by Carrickmacross Credit Union A collection of Irish Artisans will be selling their bespoke crafts and boutique hand made gifts. There will be different vendors on each day ranging from Organic Foods and Herbal Skincare to Handmade Jewellery and Fairtrade Clothing. There's even upcycled musical themed furniture!



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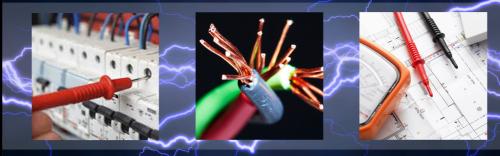
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ELEPHANT

Dundalk based multiinstrumentalist Shane Clarke has, of late, taken a turn from the quiet looping soloist into a full band foray. Showcasing a dynamic retelling of the debut album that can get a little to a



lot louder than what Elephant listeners might be used to while still retaining nuance and intimacy.

Elephant has rightly garnered much praise on the live front with his earnest vocal delivery and unique lyrical style captivating audiences and securing him performances at most of the country's top festivals including Electric Picnic and Body & Soul.

SUNDAY - THE LIVING ROOM - 21:30

OUTDOOR CINEMA 'THE GOONIES'

Our under the stars screening this year as voted by you is the 1985 American adventure comedy classic, The Goonies.



A band of pre-teens discover an old Spanish map that leads them on an adventure to unearth the long-lost fortune of One-Eyed Willy, a legendary 17th-century pirate. During the adventure, they are chased by a family of criminals, who also want the treasure for themselves.

Main Feature will be preceeded by a selected short film from this year's Clones Film Festival

FRIDAY - OUTDOOR PAVILION - 21:30

BARRY 'JAZZ' FINNEGAN

One of Ireland's hottest artists on the scene at the moment, Carrickmacross man, Barry 'Jazz' Finnegan showcases his work on YouTube which has gained him thousands of



viewers worldwide and the respect from the Art community both at home and abroad.

Barry loves getting his hands dirty with his charcoal portraits, many of which are based on musicians and movie-stars or scenes from classic films, where he captures the essence of the characters in every piece. Barry recently received the IBAM Artist of the year award from the Irish-American Heritage Centre.

SAT & SUN - VISUAL ARTS TENT - 12PM TO 6PM

THIRD SMOKE

An indie rock band from
County Louth taking musical
influence from The Dandy
Warhols, Arcade Fire, The
Beatles and The White
Stripes, the energetic Third
Smoke have cemented their



place as one of Ireland's must see bands, as anyone who saw them at the 2016 Carrickmacross Arts Festival launch night will undoubtedly testify.

After recent studio time, Third Smoke have returned with some incredible new songs and have been tearing up the festival circuit with live shows built on controlled mayhem and powerful vocal interplay.

SATURDAY - MAIN STAGE - 17:50

NIAMH MARRON

Multi award winning comedian Niamh Marron, a Carrickmacross native has toured Ireland, England and Scotland supporting PJ Gallagher, David Mc Savage, Al Porter and Foil, Arms&Hog,



She performed in Vicar St. for 'Dublin Does Comic Relief', alongside comic legends Eddie Izzard, Tommy Tiernan and Dara O'Briain.

Niamh has appeared on Britain's Got Talent and written for Channel 4 Comedy, BBC1 and BBC3, even co-hosting Jason Manford's popular Radio show winning the hearts of many London listeners.

THURSDAY - COMEDY STAGE - 21:40

JINX LENNON

Part poet-part punk-all genius! Jinx Lennon aka Free State Nova sinks teeth into the nitty gritty of existence with slices of piercing life enhancing sound to excavate under your



epidermis and marinate your apathy filled brain cells. Dundalk man Jinx is a prolific writer and performer who delivers masterpieces underpinned by droning acoustic guitars and stabbing electronica

In an RTE special about Jinx Lennon, he was described as 'timeless in the way Dylan is timeless' by Monaghan writer Pat McCabe, whilst Jack L said he was 'one of the great Irish artists'.

SATURDAY - THE LIVING ROOM - 21:45

SANZKRIT

In 2009 Sanzkrit released their award winning debut album 'After the Wedding' to mass critical acclaim . They played at festivals such as Electric Picnic and had their album chosen in the



'album of the year' lists of Hotpress and The Irish Examiner. They supported lots of their favourite bands and played lots of headline gigs to promote their album.

Five years ago Sanzkrit wrote a second album and returned to the studio to record it. They never released it and they haven't gigged since.

SUNDAY - MAIN STAGE - 17:40

GRAINNE HUNT

Local singer-songwriter
Gráinne Hunt is well known
for lending her beautiful
vocals to Mark Geary, Nicole
Maguire and Glen Hansard
and is regularly compared to
Natalie Merchant, Dolores



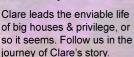
O'Riordan and Alison Moyet amongst others.

Having released her eagerly anticipated mini album in 2015, Gráinne has gained significant airplay and praise for a style that is embroidered with her ability to take the melody line off the beaten track and a lyrical awareness that displays the genuine personal investment she pours into her music.

SATURDAY - THE LIVING ROOM - 20:10

DRAMA & POETRY

Drama: "House Plays" written & directed by Mina Tenison



Raised in a big Georgian house in Ireland in the lap of privilege, Clare is finding that her enviable life is breaking apart at the seams.

Poetry: A full program of poetry readings featuring New Original work and recited classics, curated and presented by The Kavanagh Centre's Art Agnew.

FRIDAY - THE LIVING ROOM - 19:00 (POETRY) FRIDAY - MAIN STAGE - 20:00 (DRAMA)

MICHAEL DOWNEY

Carrickmacross funny man Michael Downey has been a finalist in the BBC new comedy competition and Channel 4's 'So You Think You Are Funny'. He is currently a regular in the



Michael's quick-witted and observational style keeps audiences hanging on his every word as he weaves through stories of happiness, sadness, love and hate -all the while leaving us in stitches.

THURSDAY - COMEDY STAGE - 21:20

STEVE BENNETT

Eminently likeable, Steve Bennett is a charismatic and energetic musical comedian from county Laois. Steve blends a witty and charming comedy style with discerning guitar and ukulele comedy.



Bennett's effervescent good natured comedy is inherently funny and has led to him winning 'Show Me The Funny 2014, The Musical Comedy Awards Best Newcomer 2014 and Buskfactor 2015, You may know Steve from his appearances at Electric Picnic or Body & Soul or as MC of The Roisin Dubh's Comedy Club in Galway

THURSDAY - COMEDY STAGE - 21:00

BARRY JAY HUGHES

As a songwriter, Barry brings his audience on a journey. As a performer he gives you everything an acoustic folkrock artist should; Passion, Honesty and Raw Talent.



A seasoned performer around these parts Barry has toured extensively nationwide. He has played support to artists such as Paddy Casey, Jack L, Hudson Taylor and Gavin Glass among many more.

Barry's two solo EPs to date "This Way Up" and "Tried and Treasured" have garnered high praise critically and the future looks very bright indeed.

SUNDAY - THE LIVING ROOM - 18:20



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