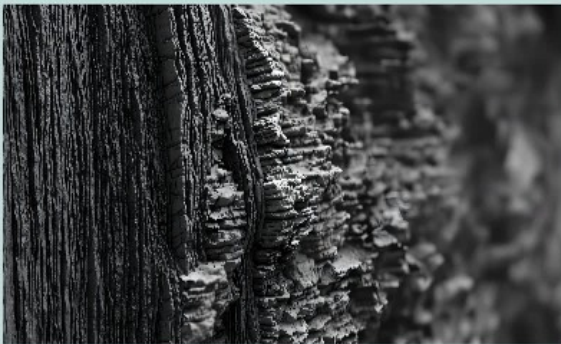


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3 July 2026 onwards - Clonmel Art Trail: *Unconformities* by Bridget O’Gorman

Unconformities is a series of text-based interventions throughout Clonmel by Bridget O’Gorman. The work describes a series of sculptural objects which were never made – each piece existing as a conjured presence, invites unexpected encounter outside of the traditional exhibition space.

More info: www.junctionfestival.com

3-5 July - Junction Arts Festival presents Guerrilla Gaeilge Activist Áine Gallagher

As Ireland’s only known Guerrilla Gaeilge Activist, Áine Gallagher will occupy a bench on Parnell Street in the centre of Clonmel with her “Cup of Focals” hoping to surprise strangers into speaking some Irish with her.

When: 3 July 2026 (12-4pm), 4 July 2026 (11am-4pm), 5 July 2026 (12-4pm), Parnell street and various locations around Clonmel.

More info: www.junctionfestival.com



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20 August - European Medical Student's Orchestra and Choir performances in Roscrea (invitation only)

In August 2026, the European Medical Students' Orchestra and Choir will come together in Birr Cathedral and perform a free concert for the public. As part of the EU Presidency programme, selected members of the orchestra and choir will travel to Roscrea and offer mini concerts in local care homes for those who are less able to travel. Due to the nature of their setting, these performances are not open to the general public.

14-16 August 2026 - Tudor Artisan Hub Collective presents The Bard in the Quarter

A new cultural initiative led by the Tudor Artisan Hub in partnership with local arts organisations in Carrick on Suir. A multidisciplinary reimagining of William Shakespeare's works, performed in locations within the cultural quarter of the 16th-century Ormond Castle.

More info: www.linktr.ee/tudorartisanhub
Tickets: www.ticketsource.com/tudor-artisan-hub



11 September - Pdraig Jack in Concert at Rock of Cashel

Pdraig Jack has emerged as one of Ireland's most compelling songwriters. Blending Irish English language songs with rich storytelling, atmospheric folk arrangements and a deep sense of place, his music is rooted in the history, landscape and spirit of the West of Ireland.

More info: www.cashelartsfest.com



26 September - Street Spectacle at Clonmel Applefest

The festival will amplify the street party atmosphere at the Abbey Street / Friary car park between 2 and 5 pm with International food stands and a street performance showcase to animate the public realm, framed by local community performances, including choir, ceili and youth dance.

More info: www.clonmelapplefest.ie



11 October - Bilingual interview with Brendan Begley at Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival

In what promises to be a very special bilingual event Brendan Begley will bring his extraordinary music and stories to Nenagh Arts Centre. Renowned musician, Begley, will be in conversation with Nenagh musician/composer Brian Morrissey as well as performing his own music and sharing stories from his recent memoir.

More info: www.dnlf.ie



8 October - Tipperary Dance Festival presents Los Perros in The Source Arts Centre in Thurles

Los Perros (The Dogs) is a passionate dance that finds its purest meaning in repetition and catharsis: dancing until exhaustion, barking until the last breath, living until you drop. The event will highlight the festival's distinctive role as an Irish regional festival within the European cultural landscape, emphasising its long commitment to promoting European values of cooperation, integration and territorial equity.

More info: www.tipperarydance.com





24-25 October - A Scare in Cahir - Into the Wild!

A Scare in Cahir – Into the Wild, a thrilling annual Halloween festival, will take place on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 October 2026. The main event on the Sunday evening features a darn and eerie woodland walk beside Cahir Castle, immersing visitors in a spine-tingling trail of live theatrical encounters, inspired by Irish folklore.

Facebook: @friendsoftheplaygroundcahir

27-31 October - Spleodar Halloween Children's Arts Festival in Nenagh

Enhancing the long-running Spleodar festival, European folktales will be explored through parade and spectacle – central to European cultural expression, with artist ROGU acting out his story in the elementary 'language' of fire. A workshop programme for children and young people, including storytelling sessions and puppet making, will complement the parades with hands-on participation and creative expression.

More info: www.spleodar.ie



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31 October - Samhain Fest in Tipperary Town

This family event initiated by Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Town Revitalisation and Tipperary Town Business Alliance celebrates the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, with music, activities, food stalls and a firework display. The EU Presidency culture programme enhances the visual aspect of the newly established event with a large professionally crafted street theatre spectacle float and creative community workshops in mask and lantern-making.

Where: Abbey Street Car Park, Tipperary Town



4 December - The Taste of Music in Roscrea

The addition of The Taste of Music as an additional Friday night event to The Taste of Roscrea festival will add a strong European cultural dimension to an already successful local festival. Music and live performances by local artists from different backgrounds will play an important role in bringing people together and creating a shared cultural experience that appeals to all ages.

Where: Castle Grounds, Roscrea



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