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**Fingal County Council Arts Office welcomes you to Culture Night Fingal 2023 which returns on Friday 22nd of September. Culture Night, an annual national public event, celebrates culture, creativity and the arts. For one joyful night audiences can explore the rich arts and cultural events in Fingal, free of charge. Taking place across nineteen locations, the programme will feature live performances, an array of cultural activities and fun family friendly events. Fingal's finest heritage properties, art centres and cultural organisations will extend their opening hours to the public for an eclectic programme specifically designed for Culture Night.**

Fingal Arts Office is delighted to present two special events for the programme. In celebration of the soon to be launched Skerries Art Trail, award winning illustrator and author Aoife Dooley will host 'Sketch Out' a fun drawing event exploring some of the sculptures featured in the trail. In collaboration with DDLETB and Music Generation, musicians Cora Venus Lunny and Oliver Cole will perform live in Swords as the town is set to become one of Fingal's music education hubs for children and young people.

Fingal Libraries will host an array of family friendly events at Malahide and Blanchardstown libraries and for those interested in exploring historic maps and local history there will be an opportunity to access the collection at the Fingal Local Studies and Archives.

Also taking part in Culture Night is The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre, who will host a special music event curated by Ronan Browne featuring up and coming pipers and younger visitors can enjoy a collage workshop with artist Karen Peakin. Ardgillan Castle's bespoke artists' studios and newly established art gallery will be open to the public and there will be an opportunity to meet the resident and exhibiting artists. Our Balbriggan will present live music performances at the Hub and St. Georges' Square.

Budding astronomers can explore DIAS Dunsink Observatory, the oldest astronomical observatory in Ireland. Visit Newbridge House, a beautiful Georgian property, for the screening of a period drama, take a tour of the magnificent medieval Malahide Castle or experience the iconic model railway collection at the Casino Model Railway Museum.

Celebrate Culture Night and join us for a special evening of music, dance, art, heritage, storytelling, talks and tours.

**Sarah O'Neill**  
County Arts Officer

# ARDGILLAN CASTLE

BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN

Ardgillan Castle will open its doors to visitors who can explore the castle and meet the Ardgillan collective of artists who have residencies in this prestigious heritage property. The new Ardgillan Art Gallery will also be open and exhibiting artists will be available to discuss their artwork. Join us for some traditional Irish music dotted throughout the building – quite the festival feeling!

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GENRES: ARTS | CRAFTS | MUSIC  
 TIME: 6PM – 9PM  
 TEL: 01 849 2212  
 WEBSITE: [www.ardgillancastle.ie](http://www.ardgillancastle.ie)  
 AGE SUITABILITY: ALL AGES

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# CASINO MODEL RAILWAY MUSEUM

MALAHIDE, CO. DUBLIN

Experience the iconic model railway collection crafted by Cyril Fry, now housed in the beautifully restored Casino cottage in the heart of Malahide Village and just a 10-minute walk from Malahide Castle. Take an intriguing tour and our guides will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. We welcome walk-ins.

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GENRES: HERITAGE | TOUR | TALK  
 TIME: 5PM – 7PM WITH TALK ON THE HOUR  
 WEBSITE: [www.modelrailwaymuseum.ie](http://www.modelrailwaymuseum.ie)  
 AGE SUITABILITY: 8+

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# DIAS DUNSINK OBSERVATORY

DUNSINK LANE, CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

Join us for a night among the stars and expand your mind with cosmic insights from the astronomers of DIAS Dunsink Observatory! Dunsink is Ireland's oldest astronomical observatory and was once the home of one of Ireland's greatest mathematicians, Sir William Rowan Hamilton. Nowadays, DIAS astrophysicists study explosions on the Sun, search for new stars and planets, and search the universe for exotic astronomical objects. The programme includes a self-guided tour of the 18th century observatory and the Victorian engineering of the South Telescope built by Grubb of Dublin.

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**GENRES:** SELF-GUIDED TOURS | ASTRONOMY  
**TIME:** 5.30PM - 6.30PM | 7PM - 8PM | 8.30PM - 9.30PM  
**EMAIL:** dunsink@dias.ie  
**WEBSITE:** [www.dunsink.dias.ie/culturenight](http://www.dunsink.dias.ie/culturenight)  
**BOOKING REQUIRED:** <https://culturenightdunsink.eventbrite.ie/>  
**AGE SUITABILITY:** ALL AGES

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# DRAÍOCHT

BLANCHARDSTOWN, DUBLIN 15

## YOUTH THEATRE CULTURE

Join D15 Youth Theatre members and Workshop Facilitator Eimear Morrissey and let them introduce you to Draíocht, to Youth Theatre and to what it is they do here on Tuesday nights. Have you ever wanted to dip your toe into the Youth Theatre workshop waters - well now you can. So come along and experience Youth Theatre Culture in this fun and relaxed workshop. All welcome.

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**GENRES:** THEATRE | DRAMA  
**TIME:** 7PM - 8PM  
**WEBSITE:** [www.draiocht.ie](http://www.draiocht.ie)  
**BOOKING:** 01 885 2622 or [www.draiocht.ie](http://www.draiocht.ie)  
**CAPACITY:** 40  
**AGE SUITABILITY:** 14-18 YRS

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# MUSIC GENERATION FINGAL

BURGUNDY HOUSE, FORSTER WAY, SWORDS DEMESNE

Music Generation Fingal will celebrate Culture Night by showcasing two exceptionally talented music educators. This double bill will see a performance from improvising and composing musician Cora Venus Lunny – a violinist since early childhood, Cora has performed around



the world as a soloist and chamber musician and now specialises in collaborative contemporary music; and critically acclaimed songwriter Oliver Cole - having signed to Infectious Records in 1998, Cole enjoyed success with band 'Turn', releasing three top ten Irish records, signing to EMI as a solo artist in 2016, he released three successful albums. Cole continues to collaborate and tour with some of Ireland's biggest names. He is currently Head of Songwriting at BIMM Institute Dublin. Music Generation Fingal is committed to providing accessible music education to children and young people, made possible by DDLETB, Fingal Arts Office and Music Generation

**GENRE:** MUSIC  
**TIME:** 6.30PM – 8.30PM  
**TEL:** 089 467 7731  
**FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/MusicGenFingal>  
**INSTAGRAM:** <https://www.instagram.com/musicgenfingal/>  
**BOOKINGS:** [SCAN THE QR CODE OR SIGN UP HERE](#)  
<https://forms.office.com/e/5DXZyiSCdU>  
ALTERNATIVELY CONTACT US VIA OUR FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM.  
**AGE SUITABILITY:** ALL AGES WELCOME, BRING THE FAMILY!



# FINGAL LOCAL STUDIES AND ARCHIVES

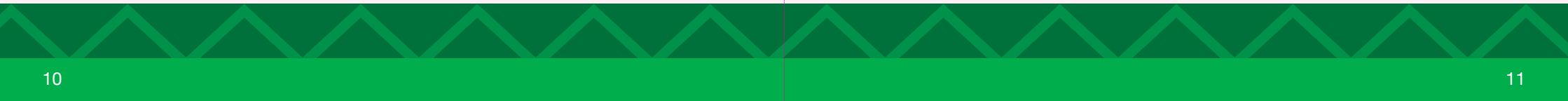
46 NORTH ST., TOWNPARKS, SWORDS, CO. DUBLIN

To celebrate Culture Night 2023, Fingal Local Studies and Archives will open their doors to the public. Visitors will be able to view many of the hidden gems which nestle within their collections. Hand-written minute books of Dublin County Council from 1898 along with those



of the Rural District Councils, Howth Urban District Council and the Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be on display. Letters written by those involved in the fight for Ireland's Independence can be read along with harrowing letters from the trenches of WW1. Survey maps of lands owned by the Hamiltons of Abbotstown and the Earl of Howth will be on view as well as a number of historic maps and a comprehensive local history collection. This is a rare opportunity for the public to go behind the scenes of Fingal Local Studies and Archives. Staff will be onsite to answer questions and guide visitors through the night.

**GENRES:** HERITAGE | TOUR  
**TIME:** 6PM - 8PM  
**TEL:** 01 870 4486  
**WEBSITE:** [www.fingal.ie/libraries-events](http://www.fingal.ie/libraries-events)  
**AGE SUITABILITY:** ALL AGES



# MALAHIDE LIBRARY

MAIN STREET, MALAHIDE, CO. DUBLIN

## EXHIBITION OF ART FROM PROSPER FINGAL

Come along to see this fabulous display of art which was created in conjunction with Prosper and artist John Carpenter.

- GENRES: ART EXHIBITION  
 TIME: 4PM – 7.30PM  
 TEL: 01 870 4430  
 WEBSITE: [www.fingal.ie/libraries-events](http://www.fingal.ie/libraries-events)  
 AGE SUITABILITY: ALL AGES

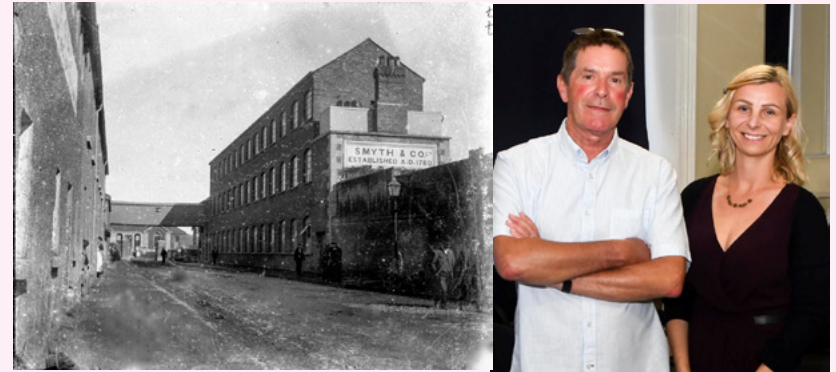
## SILVER TREE STORY TELLING WITH CLIODHNA NOONAN

Come along to the library and sit under the beautiful twinkly Silver Tree for bedtime stories. Bring along your favourite teddy and get extra snugly.



- GENRES: STORYTELLING | FAMILY | CHILDREN  
 TEL: 01 870 4430  
 WEBSITE: [www.fingal.ie/library](http://www.fingal.ie/library)  
 TIME & AGE: 5:45PM – 6:30PM FOR 0 TO 3 YEARS  
 6:45PM – 7:30PM FOR 3 TO 6 YEARS

## STOCKINGS FOR THE QUEEN: A TALK BY BALBRIGGAN HERITAGE GROUP



Balbriggan, a small coastal town in North Fingal, was once a place with royal connections. From here, the word of fine Balbriggans (synonymous with underwear and hosiery of especially fine knitted fabric) spread around the world. Several renowned hosiery factories were established here, including the well-known Smyth & Co., whose high-quality hosiery won clients from the ranks of European aristocracy including the Empress of Austria, the Tsarina of Russia and the Princess of Denmark. Its most famous customer was, however, Queen Victoria of England who first commissioned stockings in 1837, the year of her coronation. Join David and Petra from the Balbriggan Heritage group for a fascinating talk and showcase of original artefacts of this once acclaimed local craft.

- GENRES: HERITAGE  
 TIME OF EVENT: 7PM – 8PM  
 TEL: 01 870 4430  
 WEBSITE: <https://www.fingal.ie/libraries-events>  
 AGE SUITABILITY: ADULTS

# MALAHIDE CASTLE & GARDENS

MALAHIDE DEMESNE, MALAHIDE, CO. DUBLIN

After hours at the castle! We are throwing the doors open from 5pm. This is not just a tour of a castle; this is a trip through 800 years of history. Learn about the Talbot family and the historical events that shaped their lives, explore the private rooms and furniture and art collections, and hear tales of battles and banquets from our passionate guides. Hear little nuggets of information that you haven't hear before! An opportunity to ask questions and engage with our passionate guides.

GENRES: HERITAGE | TOUR  
TIME: FIRST TOUR: 5PM – 45 MINS / SECOND TOUR: 6PM – 45MINS  
EMAIL: [reservations@malahidecastleandgardens.ie](mailto:reservations@malahidecastleandgardens.ie)  
WEBSITE: [www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie](http://www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie)  
AGE SUITIBILITY: 16+



# MILLBANK THEATRE

CHAPEL GREEN, RUSH, CO. DUBLIN

## LOVE LETTERS

Join us for 'Love Letters' a play by A. R. Gurney that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The play centers on two characters, Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III. Using the epistolary form sometimes found in novels, they sit side by side at tables and read the notes, letters and cards – in which over nearly 50 years, they discuss their hopes and ambitions, dreams and disappointments, victories and defeats – that have passed between them throughout their separated lives.

GENRE: THEATRE  
TIME: 8.30PM – 10PM  
TEL: 01 843 7475  
WEBSITE: [www.millbanktheatre.ie](http://www.millbanktheatre.ie)  
BOOKINGS: ESSENTIAL – SEE WEBSITE





# OUR BALBRIGGAN

GEORGES SQUARE, BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN



Join us for a photographic exhibition featuring scenic Balbriggan, impromptu musical performances on the Square and the hub, visual art in Vauxhall Street and other cultural offerings throughout the evening.

GENRES: VISUAL ART | PHOTOGRAPHY | MUSIC | POETRY  
 TIME: 4PM – 8PM  
 WEBSITE: [www.balbriggan.ie](http://www.balbriggan.ie)  
 AGE SUITABILITY: ALL AGES

# READ MÓR

CONNOLLY HOSPITAL, BLANCHARDSTOWN, DUBLIN 15

After a hugely successful debut in 2022, the Arts Council’s book-gifting project Read Mór is back for Culture Night 2023. This year, in partnership with HSE Healthy Ireland, the campaign will bring Read Mór and Culture Night to those who can’t take part. A curated list of 30 titles from Ireland’s literary talent will be gifted to patients, staff and visitors in 7 selected hospitals nationally, including Connolly Hospital Dublin on the afternoon of 22 September 2023.

WEBSITE: [www.artscouncil.ie](http://www.artscouncil.ie)  
[www.culturenight.ie](http://www.culturenight.ie)

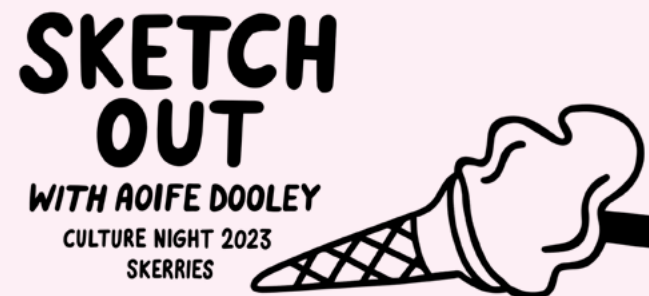


# SKETCH OUT WITH AOIFE DOOLEY, SKERRIES

MEETING POINT: RED ISLAND CARPARK,  
(NEAR MARTELLO TOWER), SKERRIES

Fingal Arts Office is delighted to present a unique public engagement event to mark the soon to be launched Art Trail in Skerries featuring new works by Atsushi Kaga, Liliane Puthod, Bennie Reilly, Marie Farrington & Mary Conroy. Award winning illustrator and author Aoife Dooley is developing a bespoke map that will be available to visitors activating the trail, with a focus on those accessing the trail from the autism community. As a preview to the map and the art, Aoife will host a “Sketch Out” where participants can join her in drawing at some of the sculptures. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. Sketchbooks and pencils provided. The St. Patrick’s Way and Art Trail is a new walking experience where locals and visitors are invited to walk in the rich natural and historical legacy of Skerries, while experiencing recently commissioned artworks which are sure to provide moments of joy and surprise along the way.

GENRES: VISUAL ART  
 TIME: 6PM  
 BOOKING: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/700730121657>  
 CAPACITY: PLACES LIMITED. BOOKING ESSENTIAL.



# NEWBRIDGE HOUSE & FARM

HEARSE ROAD, DONABATE, CO. DUBLIN

Join us this Culture Night at Newbridge House for a screening of ‘Love and Friendship’ a historical drama with many recognisable scenes filmed in our historical Georgian house! Enjoy this intimate screening inside the evocative setting of the servants’ quarters. A true merging of movie and historical culture. Limited capacity, booking essential.

- GENRES: **HERITAGE | DRAMA**
- TIME: **6PM**
- TEL: **01 895 8282**
- WEBSITE: [www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com](http://www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com)
- AGE SUITABILITY: **OVER 16s**
- BOOKING DETAILS: <https://bookings.newbridgehouseandfarm.com/Event/CULNIGHTNH>



# THE SÉAMUS ENNIS ARTS CENTRE

MAIN STREET, NAUL, DUBLIN, K32 AY27

## LITTLE ARTISTS

The Easter Snow’s latest exhibition Little Days by artist Kayla Martell is the focus of our Culture Night children’s art workshop. Designed for children aged 6-12 years, the children will be led by facilitator Karen Peakin in a collage/drawing workshop that responds to Kayla’s work. This exhibition brings to life the spirit and beauty of everyday things on the canvas and each painting is a little conversation between her and those special characters.



- GENRES: **VISUAL ART**
- TIME: **6PM - 7PM**
- WEBSITE: [www.tseac.ie](http://www.tseac.ie)
- BOOKING DETAILS: [www.tseac.ie](http://www.tseac.ie)
- AGE SUITABILITY: **6-12 YEARS**

## THE PIPER IN THE PARLOUR

Join us at the crossroads of words and music as, each month, Ronan Browne invites a different special guest to discuss their musical journey in a relaxed, intimate atmosphere. Enjoy shared stories, melodic moments, and easy-going conversations that offer insights into the essence of their artistry and the profound impact of music on their lives. Join us monthly for an evening of memorable experiences, of the magic of music weaved with conversation. Premiering at TSEAC on Culture Night.



- GENRES: **MUSIC | HERITAGE**
- TIME: **8:30PM - 10PM**
- WEBSITE: [www.tseac.ie](http://www.tseac.ie)
- BOOKING DETAILS: [www.tseac.ie](http://www.tseac.ie)
- AGE SUITABILITY: **6-12 YEARS**

# SKERRIES MILLS

TOWNPARKS, SKERRIES, CO. DUBLIN

Join us this Culture Night at Skerries Mills, a unique heritage centre comprising of two working windmills and a watermill, for an exhibition by local artist Mark Dooley from 5 – 7pm and a talk, ‘Remembering Ancient Rockabil’ by Patricia Langton, author of ‘Stones in my Bones’ at 7pm.

- GENRES: ART | HERITAGE
- TIME: 5PM – 8PM
- TEL: 01 849 5208
- WEBSITE: [www.skerriesmills.ie](http://www.skerriesmills.ie)
- BOOKING DETAILS: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/691611918867?aff=oddtcreator>
- AGE SUITABILITY: 16+



# THE IRISH INSTITUTE OF MUSIC AND SONG

CHURCH STREET, BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN

The Irish Institute of Music and Song campus has expanded since last year, and is now host to Ireland’s newest, and most state-of-the-art concert hall - “The Lark”. Tonight, we will welcome our guests at the entrance to the new building and show them around this fantastic new facility for Balbriggan. As they tour the campus, guests will be treated to various musical performances by our talented students, our highly experienced tutors, and invited musicians, who will be showcasing many genres of music. They will also have an opportunity to see examples of the workshops we offer. All tours will conclude near the La-La restaurant and cafe, which is also contained within our campus. Reservations for the restaurant are required.

- GENRES: IRISH MUSIC
- TIME: 5PM – 9PM
- EMAIL: [info@iims.ie](mailto:info@iims.ie)
- WEBSITE / BOOKING: [www.irishinstituteofmusic.com](http://www.irishinstituteofmusic.com)
- AGE SUITABILITY: AGE 7+



# TWIST OF IRISH

SWORDS CASTLE, MAIN STREET, SWORDS  
AND ST. SYLVESTER'S GAA CLUB,  
CHURCH STREET, MALAHIDE, CO. DUBLIN

Twist of Irish invites you to join us for Culture Night as we embrace the spirit of Irish dance. Our very talented dancers will perform in full Celtic costume. Music will be performed throughout the event. Participants will learn the basic steps while having some fun. All participants receive a certificate of participation at the end of the event.

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GENRES: DANCE | HERITAGE  
 TIME: 6.30PM - 8PM SWORDS CASTLE  
 8.30PM - 10.30PM ST. SYLVESTER'S GAA  
 TEL: 086 882 2024 / 086 6010919  
 WEBSITE: www.twistofirish.com  
 AGE SUITABILITY: ALL AGES - FAMILY FRIENDLY  
 BOOKING DETAILS: twistofirish@gmail.com

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Please visit [www.culturenightdublin.ie](http://www.culturenightdublin.ie) for full details of the Dublin programme and for the national programme visit [www.culturenight.ie](http://www.culturenight.ie)

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