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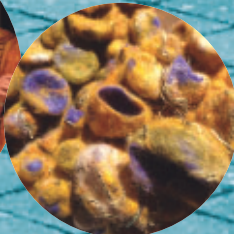
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Wexford 2015 Fringe

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PRESIDENTS WELCOME

On behalf of Wexford Chamber and Wexford Fringe I extend to you the warmest of invitations to come and join us for the 2015 Wexford Fringe. Now in its 63rd year, the Wexford Fringe will run from 16th October to 1st November throughout the town.

A programme packed with fringe theatre, visual arts, photography, music and literature. This year's fringe will not disappoint with its wide variety of entertainment and cultural events, the majority of which are free. Something for all the family to enjoy.

A county renowned for festivals and cultural activities, Wexford continues to attract large numbers of visitors both nationally and internationally. Wexford Fringe, which coincides with the international Wexford Festival Opera, provides exemplary entertainment for all the family.

Martin Doyle
President Wexford Chamber



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Koanga
DELIUS

21, 24, 27, 30 OCT
NATIONAL OPERA HOUSE
€25 - €145



Guglielmo Ratcliff
MASCAGNI

22, 25, 28, 31 OCT
NATIONAL OPERA HOUSE
€25 - €145



Le Pré aux clers
HÉROLD

23, 26, 29 OCT, 1 NOV
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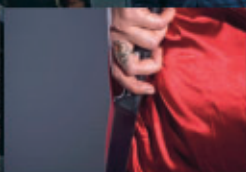
The Portrait of Manon
MASSENET

22, 25, 28 OCT
WHITES HOTEL
€25



Hansel and Gretel
HUMPERDINCK

23, 26, 29, 31 OCT
WHITES HOTEL
€25



Tosca
PUCCINI

24, 27, 30 OCT, 1 NOV
WHITES HOTEL
€25



Lunchtime Recitals

ST IBERIUS CHURCH
€15



Dr Tom Walsh Lecture

STEPHEN BARLOW
24 OCTOBER
NATIONAL OPERA HOUSE
€10



Gala Concert

25 OCTOBER
NATIONAL OPERA HOUSE
€50 - €80



Tara Erraught
CELEBRITY RECITAL

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HISTORY OF WEXFORD



In a country steeped in myth and legend, Wexford's history is no exception. Well known Wexford Writer and Historian Nicholas Furlong and Wexford County Council remind us of our rich heritage and hope to prompt us into reading further about the history of our beautiful town.

Selskar Abbey

This is one of the oldest sites of worship in Wexford. An abbey was built on the site by Alexander Roche who, upon returning from the Crusades, was informed of the decision of his true love to enter a convent believing him dead. The abbey, the tower of which still stands, was the site of synods and parliaments over the centuries. The roofless church is of much later construction.

Cornmarket

The prehistoric market place building dates back to 1775. As the name suggests this was once the central market place of the town with its lower floor an open selling area. It has been a market area, dance venue, concert hall and Municipal offices. The Cornmarket is now home to Wexford Arts Centre and the new Wexford County Library close by in Mallin Street.

Wexford Quays

As with all port towns, the quays are a focal point of Wexford. Over the past thousand years they have extended from their original shoreline close to the present Main Street. In September 2000, this progression continued with an extension width of 25 metres.

A central decked area reminiscent of the old woodenworks of the 1870's provides a pleasant area to stroll. An inner cobbled area with seating is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the view of the River Slaney.

Today Wexford Quay is home to a fleet of commercial mussel harvesters.

The Knights Hospitaller, St Johns Gate St

The remains of the Knights Hospital and Church of that militant Church Order contains the graves of interesting Wexford citizens, including the tomb of John Edward Redmond M.P. and family. Nearby is the birthplace of the great organiser of the Irish Ireland spirit, Robert Brennan, later head of Ireland's Diplomatic Corps in wartime Washington.

The Bullring

The Bullring got its present name from the medieval sport of Bull-baiting, introduced to the town by The Butchers' Guild. From 1621 until 1770, bulls were baited twice a year and their hides presented to the Mayor. During the 1798 rebellion, the Bullring became an open-air factory, making and repairing pikes and other weapons for the insurgents. The Bullring has been the venue of many political rallies and protests: Daniel O'Connell, Charles Stewart Parnell, John Edward Redmond and Eamonn de Valera are among the many political figures who have addressed audiences in this historic square at the heart of Wexford.

The Pikeman statue, sculpted in bronze by Oliver Sheppard, commemorates Wexford's brave but failed rebellion of 1798. It was unveiled in an elaborate ceremony attended by 30,000 people in 1905. In 2009, conservation works to the Pikeman statue took place. A re-construction of the Bullring was carried out as a 1798 bicentenary project and was officially opened by President Mary McAleese on 31st May, 1998. A 'Tree of Liberty', an oak, was planted in the centre of the Bullring, and embedded in the ground behind the Pikeman statue is a 'time capsule' taking the form of a metal cylinder containing items reflective of Wexford life today. The limestone setts which sit on either side of the monument feature inscriptions relating to 1798, while bollards in the shape of cannonballs line the area. Extensive conservation and repair work to the Market Place in the Bull Ring was carried out in 2008.

County Hall

The imposing facade of the former headquarters of Wexford County Council was originally a gaol, built in 1812, with walls twenty feet high enclosing 58 cells and 16 exercising yards. Public executions took place on a green in front of the gaol until 1860. A memorial garden to the men executed during Ireland's Civil War (1922-1923) is sited in the goals graveyard.

West Gate Heritage Centre

This tower once guarded the western entrance to the Selskar monastic precincts. It was built c.1300 by Sir Stephen Devereux. Like the other town gates, it consisted of a toll-taking area, cells for offenders and accommodation for guards.

The Redmond Monument

This monument commemorating the Redmond Family dominates Redmond Square at the Northern end of Wexford Town. The Redmond family was prominent in the business, social and political life of Wexford in the 19th century. They represented the town and county in Parliament, and also instigated the reclamation of great tracts of land including the very ground upon which Redmond Square stands. In 2007, following conservation and cleaning works to the monument, floodlighting was put in place to highlight the monument at night.

Redmond Square, with its obelisk near the railway station, commemorates the elder John Edward Redmond (1806-1865) who was Liberal MP for the city of Wexford. The inscription reads: "My heart is with the city of Wexford. Nothing can extinguish that love but the cold soil of the grave."

Nearby a memorial commemorates the Wexford men who lost their lives in World War One.

St Iberius Church, Main Street

This is Wexford's Church of Ireland place of worship. It is believed that St Iberius stands on an early Christian missionary Iubhars' Christian site. The church is dedicated to the local 'Iberius' whose name is used in various forms as St. Ibar or St. Iver. The present building is of a 1760 vintage and contains interesting memorials to various notable Wexford people.

Crescent Quay

The Crescent Quay of today is the former 'Deep Pool' of Wexford. It was here that deep water ships berthed. The present stone front which dates back to the early 1800's extended the length of the quays until the railway arrived in 1880, and threw its viaduct across the mouth of the Crescent to carry the main line to the Rosslare-Europort.

The bronze statue facing out to sea at Crescent Quay is that of Commodore John Barry, "Father of the American Navy". Barry was born some miles outside Wexford town. The statue was a gift of the American people in 1956. U.S. Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy are among the dignitaries who have laid wreaths here.

Behind John Barry is the Old Ballast Office. It was from this building for many decades, that the Wexford Harbour Commissioners oversaw the smooth running of the busy port which traded with many parts of the world. A reminder of our nautical past is to be found in the quay bollards and the window sills to the side of the building where sailors sharpening their knives made unintentional sculptures in the soft stone.

The Ballast Bank

The unusual rock foundation island which can be seen out from the quays is the ballast bank. It was a place where ships entering or leaving the port could take on or off-load their ballast of sand or stones which they needed to remain stable at sea while travelling without cargo.

The Main Street

Wexford's Main Street, the principal shopping area, is a unique reminder of Wexford's heritage. Its narrow, irregular paths developed from market trails between the Gaelic municipality to the north and the Norse to the south. It gives local people and visitors a taste of the friendly intimacy of this ancient town.

The National Opera House

This venue in High Street is the headquarters of the world renowned international Wexford Festival Opera. The original theatre opened in January 1832. In 2006, it closed its doors to undergo a major reconstruction which took just over 2 years to complete. On Friday 5th, September 2008 The National Opera House was officially opened by An Taoiseach, Brian Cowen. This was an historic moment for Wexford and for Ireland. An impressive landmark building (and Ireland's first custom-built Opera House) it was designed and project-managed by the Office of Public Works. This skyline-changing building hosts a multitude of events all year round of theatre, dance, concerts and other events in addition to the Wexford Festival Opera.

The Twin Churches

Dominating the skyline of Wexford are the Twin Churches (the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street and The Church of the Assumption, Bride Street). These two churches built between 1851 and 1858, just years after the Great Famine, are a monument to the devotion of Wexford people and the determination of Father James Roche who saw them to completion. An interesting feature at the main door of both churches is the cobbled mosaic showing relevant names and dates.

Franciscan Friary

The Franciscans are the oldest established religious order in Wexford, having first come c.1240. Since then they have attended to the spiritual needs of the town through good times and bad. For many years, theirs was the only Catholic Church. It was outside the walls of Wexford town. Friars were among the victims of Cromwellian soldiers in 1649. The grounds of the Church were the venue of huge Temperance rallies in the 1840's. One of the features of the Friary Church is the effigy of the young boy St. Adjutor, Roman martyr. This lifelike figure shows the wounds inflicted by the youth's father. It is a much visited shrine.



TICKET INFORMATION

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- (B) Spiegeltent 053 91 99199
www.wexfordspiegeltent.com Box Office, 1 North Main St
- (C) Dun Mhuire Theatre Box Office 083 1130046 / 053 9123061
- (D) Tickets available at the door
- (E) Wexford Arts Centre, Cornmarket 053 91 23764
info@wexfordartscentre.ie www.wexfordartscentre.ie
- (F) Free of Charge
- (G) Wexford Festival Singers 087 3628319
- (H) Ballycogley Players 086 8266340
- (J) Honeycomb Cottage Bettina 087 6569244
- (K) Magical Music Box Workshops & Exhibition 087 9244870
- (L) Wexford County Library 053 91 96760
- (M) Fusion Café 087 3344722
- (N) Whitford House Hotel, New Line Road 053 9143444
- (O) The Pigyard Gallery 053 9122019
- (P) Wexford Light Opera Society, 38 High St 053 9174808
- (Q) Wells House & Gardens 053 9186737
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- (R) Wexford Racecourse, Newtown Road 087 3828099
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- (S) Irish National Heritage Park, Ferrycarrig 053 9120733
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- (U) Wexford Walking Tours - Joanne Crofton 086 3526133
- (V) Whites of Wexford 053 9122311
- (W) Red Moon Theatre 086 0520032

FESTIVAL TOURS



The Wexford Festival Opera Tours are organised by Nicholas Furlong on behalf of the Wexford Historical Society. They are led by expert guides to sites of intense interest and are open to everyone. There is no charge but we ask all drivers to help by offering seats to visitors. The tours leave the Talbot car park at 10.30am sharp. All tours are scheduled to return to Wexford at 1.00pm.

Thursday 22nd Oct

The President of the Society, Brian Matthews, takes the tour to the very ancient parish of Kilmore where the unique custom of placing funeral crosses at sites of historical significance still persists. The tour will also visit Grange Churchyard and the early Christian site at Kilcowan.



Friday 23rd Oct

Great Island, strategic in medieval times, with Kilmokea House, and the smallest High Cross in Ireland. With author and local historian Bernard Browne.

Saturday 24th Oct

The Society of Friends - the Quakers benign presence in South Wexford. This tour will visit Forest, Taghmon, Rathanusce, Killurin and Bregorteen of the Holmes and Penn families. With Gregory Walsh, Editor of the Bannow Historical Journal.

Monday 26th Oct

Former history teacher John McCormack will take the tour to Ardcavan's very early promontory site and adjacent area. Also the wonder of Wexford's reclaimed land ten feet below high water level, the mystery of Bergerin Island and the National Bird Sanctuary.



Tuesday 27th Oct

Peter Miller, Chairman of the Irish Agricultural Museum at Johnstown Castle, tours the award winning Museum of the year 2014, the Castle environs and other exciting developments.

Wednesday 28th Oct



A walking tour along the beach and shoreline in the fishing village of Kilmore Quay. Our tour examines a 600 million year old rocky outcrop unique in Ireland, a raised beach and St. Patrick's Bridge, an unusual landform allegedly constructed by Ireland's patron saint. With naturalist Jim Hurley.

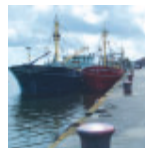
Thursday 29th Oct

Today's tour will bring us to the Eastern slope of the Blackstairs Mountains where Monksgrange House is situated. It has been the home of the Richards family since the mid - eighteenth century. The local Catholic rebel leader John Kelly of Killanne was well known to the owners. Our hosts will be the present owners Jeremy and Rosie Hill. Jarlath Glynn, our guide, is a librarian and local historian. He is currently Chairman of Wexford Historical Society.

Friday 30th Oct

The amazing story of the parish church in Rathangan, the great Devereux fortress of Ballymagir, and the direct lineage of the Devereux family will lead us to the village of Tomhaggard of today. With author and historian Nicholas Furlong.

Saturday 31st Oct



The coaching inns and taverns of character in the historic port of Wexford. With historian and editor of the Wexford Historical Society Journal, Celestine Murphy. A walking tour.

MUSICALS & OPERA



Evening Opera; Koanga

Sung in English

Koanga was Delius's third completed opera, composed between 1895 and 1897, about ten years before *A Village Romeo and Juliet* (Wexford, 2012). Koanga is an African prince and voodoo priest sold into slavery on a Louisiana plantation. The mulatto maid Palmyra is told to try to persuade him to become reconciled to his situation and she succeeds so well that they fall in love. But Palmyra is the half-sister of the planter's wife and cannot be allowed to marry a slave, so she is abducted to prevent the marriage. The result is a voodoo curse on the plantation and violence that culminates in Palmyra's suicide and the killing of Koanga.

A short introductory talk will take place in the Jerome Hynes Theatre one hour before the performance.

O'Reilly Theatre, National Opera House

21st, 24th (SOLD OUT), 27th, 30th (SOLD OUT) Oct 20:00 Tickets: €25 - €145 (A)



Evening Opera; Guglielmo Ratcliff

Sung in Italian with English subtitles

Mascagni was captivated by the young Scottish romantic anti-hero of Heine's play

Wilhelm Ratcliff, and he began composing this opera.

Set in northern Scotland it concerns the tragic consequences of broken relationships in two generations. Maria MacGregor rejected Guglielmo Ratcliff as a husband but is determined that no-one else shall marry her and challenges other suitors. As Maria prepares to marry Count Douglas she learns that her mother and Guglielmo's father had loved each other. However, her mother changed her mind and married MacGregor. The erstwhile lovers later resume their relationship, but Maria's father, MacGregor, killed Guglielmo's father out of jealousy and Maria's mother dies of a broken heart. Guglielmo haunted by the ghosts of the men he has killed in his final delirium kills Maria, her father and himself. A short introductory talk will take place in the Jerome Hynes Theatre one hour before the performance.

O'Reilly Theatre, National Opera House

22nd, 28th, 31st (SOLD OUT) Oct 20:00 25th Oct 17:00 Tickets: €25-€145 (A)



Evening Opera; Le Pre aux Clercs

Sung in French with English subtitles.

Three women are at the heart of Herold's last and finest opera comique, but because the year is 1572 they are little more than pawns in a male-dominated society. Nicette is the exception, happy about her forthcoming marriage to Giro, hotelier from the Pre aux Clercs, across the Seine from the Louvre Palace. Marguerite de Valois, godmother of Nicette, is the wife of King Henry of Navarre and the sister of the king of France Henri III, but she is held in Paris as a virtual prisoner and hostage to peace.

A young countess, Isabelle, Marguerite's lady-in-waiting, is in love with Baron de Mergy from Navarre and he with her, but Henri wishes her to marry Comte de Comminge. Marguerite is told that she may return to Navarre but Isabelle must marry Comminge. Marguerite helps Mergy and Isabelle to marry secretly. Mergy kills Comminge in a duel and escapes with Isabelle across the border to Navarre.

A short introductory talk will take place in the Jerome Hynes Theatre one hour before the performance.

O'Reilly Theatre, National Opera House

23rd (SOLD OUT), 26th, 29th Oct 20:00
1st Nov 17:00 Tickets: €25 - €145 (A)



Lunchtime Recitals

The very popular Lunchtime Recitals provide an insight into the artistic personality of some of the principal singers of the Festival and are a way to meet them in an informal setting.

St. Iberius Church

22nd, 23rd, 24th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st Oct 13:05
Tickets: €15 (A)

MUSICALS AND OPERA



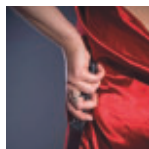
ShortWork; Hansel and Gretel

Sung in English

This was the story of a young brother and sister in the forest and their escape from the witch who intended to eat them. The story probably originated in the Great Famine (1315-1317) in Northern Europe, when desperation, caused by starvation and disease, led to child abandonment and cannibalism.

Whites of Wexford

23rd, 26th, 29th, 31st Oct 15:30 Tickets: €25 (A)



ShortWork; Tosca

Sung in Italian.

Three opening chords, which represent the vindictive character of Scarpia, are heard at the beginning, so the opening scenes in the church are underpinned by an atmosphere of political instability. Menace and fear are frighteningly normal and reflect the historical reality of the political background of Rome in June, 1800, when the Kingdom of Naples control of Rome was threatened by Napoleon's invasion of Italy. This instability is increased by the contrasting lyrical beauty of the arias and duets of Tosca and Cavaradossi. But their happiness is doomed. Cavaradossi helps Angelotti, an escaped political prisoner, to hide, which brings him to the attention of Scarpia, who lusts after Tosca and will do anything to make her his own, including destroying Cavaradossi.

Whites of Wexford

24th, 27th, 30th Oct 15:30 1st Nov 11:00 Tickets: €25 (A)

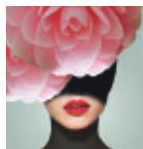


'Hits from the Musicals'

Wexford Light Opera Society perform the 'Hits from the Musicals' in a cabaret-style relaxed setting. One of the most popular fringe events of the festival.

Early booking is essential! Whites of Wexford

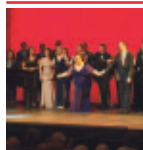
26th - 29th Oct 20:00 Tickets €20 (P)



ShortWork; The Portrait of Manon

Sung in French with English Subtitles.

Manon Lescaut, a young woman with an ardent and loving nature, as well as extravagant and luxurious tastes, who came to the moralist's "bad end", was the heroine of a short novel by Abbe Prévost. Massenet wrote The Portrait of Manon as a one-act opera comique sequel or epilogue ten years after his superlatively successful 1884 opera Manon. In it, she returns to the character of the Chevalier Des Grieux, now an old man who is obsessed with memories of Manon, his lost love. Des Grieux's nephew Jean is in love with Aurore but she is neither wealthy nor of noble birth and Des Grieux forbids their marriage, possibly not wanting Jean to be hurt in love as he was hurt by Manon. However, it turns out that Aurore is the niece of Des Grieux's beloved Manon and so all ends happily. **Whites of Wexford**
22nd, 28th Oct 15:30 25th Oct 11:00 Tickets: €25 (A)



Gala Concert

The Gala Concert is one of the highlights of Wexford Festival Opera and features a collection of favourite party pieces from members of the Festival Company. All proceeds go toward supporting the programmes of Wexford Festival Opera. **O'Reilly Theatre, National Opera House**
25th Oct 21:00 Tickets: €50-€80 (A)



Oyster Lane Theatre Group

OCTOBER 20TH - 25TH 2015

Oyster Lane Theatre Group presents the hit Broadway and West End musical 'Hairspray'. With music written by Marc Shaiman and lyrics by Scott Wittman and Shaiman, this fun filled musical features some of 'The Nicest Kids in Town', as Oyster Lane Theatre Group celebrates their 21st birthday with a bang, proving 'You Can't Stop Their Beat'.

Dun Mhuire Theatre, South Main Street

20th - 24th 20:00 Nightly 25th Oct 14:30 Matinee
Tickets available from 10th Oct €12 (C)

Festival Windows Competition

Friday 23rd of October 10:00

Judging of the Festival Windows will take place.

Pre-booking is essential. Please contact: Wexford Chamber: admin@wexfordchamber.ie 053 9122226



MUSIC



Soprano Trish Goggins & Guests Lunchtime Charity Concert

In aid of Wexford Marine Watch & Wexford Mental Health Association.

Join Trish for an hour of beautiful music for a worthy cause.

The Friary Church

24th Oct 13:00 - 14:00 Tickets: €15.00 (E)



Wexford Male Voice Choir - Live @ Lunchtime

Wexford Male Voice Choir will perform a special

concert in the Spiegeltent on Wexford Quay.

Spiegeltent Wexford Quay Front

25th Oct Doors open 13:30 Show starts at 14:00

Tickets: €10 (B) (T)



Wexford Folk Orchestra Concert & Guests

An entertaining evening of folk music, song and verse.

Riverbank House Hotel 22nd Oct 19:30 Tickets: €10 (D)



Our Lady's Island Organ Recital

After a lapse of eight years Our Lady's Island is once again having a Fringe event and featuring European renowned Richard Dunster-Sigtermans: accompanist, conductor, educator and examiner.

Amongst many pieces he will play Handel's Water Music Suite.

Church of the Assumption, Our Lady's Island

1st Nov 14:30 Tickets: €10 (D) (O) (E)



Eleanor McEvoy

Irish Songstress, multi-instrumentalist, bewitching live artist, writer of classics 'A Woman's Heart', 'Sophie', 'Harbour' and 'The Secret of Living' performs her moving 'Alone' show.

Wexford Arts Centre 17th Oct 20:30 Tickets: €18/€16 conc. (E)



Musici Ireland presents Guitar Music by Boccherini and Vivaldi with Guitarist David Creevy

Following another outstanding year of performances with sell out concerts and their debut live broadcast on lyric FM, Musici Ireland return home to play with David Creevy, formerly of the Dublin Guitar Quartet.

Rowe Street Church 26th Oct 15:00 Tickets: €15/€10 conc.

Children under 16 Free (D) (E)



Piano Recital

The Tenth Dublin International Piano Competition took place between 15th and 26th May 2015. Sixty-nine selected applicants from eighteen countries, including six from Ireland, competed in front of a panel of distinguished judges for monetary prizes and professional engagements. The winner of the 2015 competition was Nathalia Milstein (18) from France. Nathalia will begin a career with a number of important debut engagements that come with the first prize one being the National Opera House, Wexford as part of Wexford Festival Opera. **O'Reilly Theatre, National Opera House** 31st Oct 11:00 Tickets: €25 (A)



St Iberius' Lunchtime Charity Concert:

The Wexford Tenor Trio, Fr Aodhán Marken, Fr Jim Fegan and Cllr George Lawlor with guest artists.

26th Oct 13:05 Tickets: St Iberius' Church 09:30 - 16:00 Daily: €12

MUSIC



Music at Whitford House Hotel (F)

17th Oct 22:15 - 00:15 **Derek Cunningham**
 18th Oct 18:00 - 20:00 **Rob Weldon**
 18th Oct 21:00 - 23:30 **John Flood**
 23rd Oct 21:30 - 23:30 **Stuart Byrne**
 24th Oct 22:15 - 00:15 **Des Browne**
 25th Oct 18:00 - 20:00 **Stephen Murphy**
 25th Oct 21:30 - 23:30 **Jimmy Hogan**
 31st Oct 22:15 - 00:15 **Blue Lace**



Maggie May's Bar Gig Guide

16th Oct 22:30 **Panic Animal**
 18th Oct 21:30 **Trad/Ballad Session**
 19th Oct 21:30 **Borderline**
 22nd Oct 21:30 **Shane O Leary**
 23rd Oct 22:30 **Wrecking Ball**
 25th Oct 19:30 **Trad/Ballad Session**
 25th Oct 22:30 **Switch**
 26th Oct 21:30 **Trad/Ballad Session**
 30th Oct 21:30 **The Shindigs**
 1st Nov 21:30 **Trad/Ballad Session**

Mon - Thurs 10:30 - 23:30, Fri & Sat 10:30 - 00:30, Open BHW (F)



Frankenstein Bolts

2 Wexford artists - Justin Cullen and Dan Comerford return from some of the country's biggest festivals to play their own brand

of dreampop & folk with recently recorded debut single 'Up to the Root'. **Wexford Arts Centre**

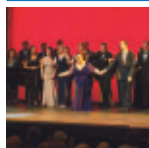
16th Oct 20:30 Tickets: €10 (E)



Wexford Festival Singers

Classical Choral Concert including Dvorak Mass in D. **Rowe St Church**

1st Nov 15:00 Tickets: €15 (D) (G)



Gala Concert

The Gala Concert is one of the highlights of Wexford Festival Opera and features a collection of favourite party pieces from members of the Festival Company.

All proceeds go toward supporting the programmes of Wexford Festival Opera. **O'Reilly Theatre, National Opera House**

25th Oct 21:00 Tickets: €50 - €80 (A)



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 25th Oct 21:30 **Stuart Burns**
 27th Oct 21:30 **'TMT' Trad Session**
 28th Oct 21:30 **Katie Wright**
 29th Oct 21:30 **Stuart Burns**
 30th Oct 21:30 **Family Affair**
 31st Oct 21:30 **Stuart Burns**
 3rd Nov 21:30 **'TMT' Trad Session**

Open from 12:00 til late (F)



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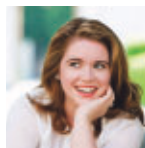
23rd Oct 13:00 Tickets: €10/€8 conc. (E)



Lunchtime Recitals

The very popular Lunchtime Recitals provide an insight into the artistic personality of some of the principal singers of the Festival and are a way to meet them in an informal setting. **St. Iberius Church**

22nd, 23rd, 24th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st Oct 13:05 Tickets: €15 (A)



Celebrity Recital; Tara Erraught

Dundalk-born mezzo-soprano Tara Erraught garners critical praise and enthusiastic audience acclaim wherever her increasingly busy international opera career takes her. In 2010 she received the National Concert Hall, Dublin's Rising Star Award. She is the youngest recipient, and only the fifth musician, to have received this annual award since its instigation in 2000.

O'Reilly Theatre, National Opera House

26th Oct 11:00 Tickets: €25 (A)



SPOKEN WORD



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A reading from the new book by local author Maleen Junge. Seen through the eyes of a little girl Mothercross is an honest, insightful, unsentimental and heart-breaking account of a child who is caught in the crossfire of her Nazi family as she innocently documents the rise and

demise of the Third Reich ... "An eye-opening marvel!" Billy Roche.

Wexford Library, Mallin Street

22nd Oct 10:30 booking recommended (F) (L)



William Butler Yeats: where myth, history and lived experience battle it out with dramatic intensity

A lecture by Dr. Derek Coyle, English Literature and Irish Studies at Carlow College.

The presentation will examine Yeats' 'The Tower' (1928), a volume critics consider his greatest and which contains poems that respond to the historic events that led to the foundation of the Irish state, the War of Independence and the Civil War; poems like 'Meditations in Time of Civil War', 'The Tower', 'Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen', 'Among School Children' and 'Sailing to Byzantium'. The presentation will offer historical and biographical context as well as offer a close reading of a number of Yeats' classics.

Wexford Library, Mallin Street

23rd Oct 19:30 booking recommended (F) (L)



Reading the Rising: examination of the literature of 1916 with Ciara Murphy, MA.

A series of 4 reading workshops

for adults. **Wexford Library, Mallin Street**

26th Sept, 17th Oct, 7th & 28th Nov 11:30

booking recommended (F) (L)



British Intelligence and the 1916 Rising

A historical lecture by Eunan O'Halpin, Professor of Contemporary Irish History and International Integration Studies at

Trinity College Dublin. **Wexford Library, Mallin Street**

22nd Oct 19:30 booking recommended (F) (L)



Russian Literature Lecture Series with Anna Mackay

Halloween lecture Viy - an exploration of Nikolai Gogol's classic Russian ghost

story. **Wexford Library, Mallin Street**

20th Oct 11:00 - 13:00 booking recommended (F) (L)



Dr Tom Walsh Lecture

This year given by Maestro Stephen Barlow who will be conducting Koanga at this year's Wexford Festival Opera, his lecture will be a fascinating opportunity to

hear from someone who is so intimately connected with the production. He is the Artistic Director of Buxton Festival and has an international opera and orchestra conducting career. He is also a pianist and composer. As a composer, his works include Rainbow Bear for orchestra and narrator, which he recorded with his wife Joanna Lumley, and a Clarinet Concerto for Emma Johnson. His opera, King, about Thomas Becket and King Henry II, was premiered in Canterbury Cathedral in 2006. Tea and coffee will be served from 10:00 before the lecture.

Jerome Hynes Theatre, National Opera House

24th Oct 11:00 Tickets: €10 (A)

Dr George Hadden Memorial Lecture

Social conditions in Wexford before the 1916 Rising,

given by Catriona Crowe. Catriona Crowe is Head of Special Projects at the National Archives of Ireland and Manager of the Irish Census Online Project. A Chairperson of the SAOL Project Rehabilitation Initiative, of the Inner City Renewal Group and the Irish Theatre Institute, Catriona is also a member of the Royal Irish Academy. **St Michaels Centre, Green Street**

29th Oct 20:00 Tickets: Non Members €5 Members (F) (D)



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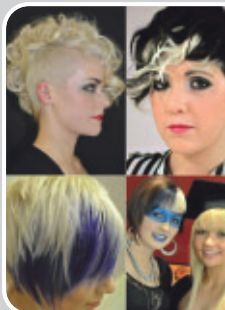
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30th Oct 18:00 - 22:00, 31st Oct 17:00 - 22:00 Tickets: Adults €5, Children under 13 €3. Family rates on request. (D)



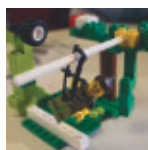
Ghost Tour of Wexford Town

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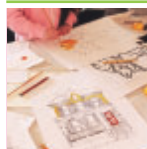
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24th Oct 13:00 - 16:00 Ages 7+ Booking fee: €20 (E)



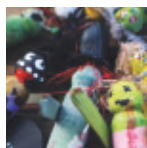
Little Artists Club

We are going back to the basics in our Little Artists Club and exploring shape, colour and texture. Join us for a fun filled season of activities guaranteed to keep young minds active and engaged. Each Saturday we will explore different activities including creating colourful abstract works using marbles, making a mixed media cityscape, and creating a spinning spiral to learn about colour.
Wexford Arts Centre
17th, 24th, 31st Oct 10:45 - 12:15 Ages 4 - 6.
Booking fee: €7.50 (E)



Saturday Art Club

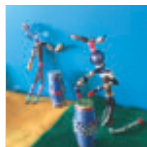
In these Saturday Art Clubs, children will paint, draw and create mixed media pieces whilst exploring the basics of composition: shape, colour and texture. To coincide with our Jack B. Yeats exhibition, children will learn about the themes and style of this notable Irish painter; taking inspiration to create their own pieces in response.
Wexford Arts Centre
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Booking fee: €7.50 (E)



Halloween Art Workshops

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Booking fee for both workshops: €15.00 (E)

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Children's Art & Craft Workshops

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CBS School Hall, Thomas St.

25th Oct 12:00 - 18:00, 26th Oct 11:00 - 17:00

Entrance Fee: Adult €4 Child €2 Family of 4 €8 (D)



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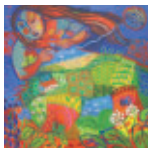
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New Paintings...Kate Whitty by Kate Whitty

25th Oct - 1st Nov 12:00 - 16:00

By appointment: 087 2311444 (F)



Talbot Hotel, The Quay

Jacinta Crowley-Long 'The Country Girl'

Exhibition of oil and watercolour paintings.

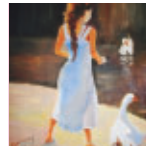
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20th Oct - 1st Nov 10:30 - 20:00 (F)

Cream Coffee Shop and Tea Room, Henrietta Street

Sea Scapes Exhibition of paintings by Patricia Sherriff

Jul - Dec 09:00 - 16:00 Weekdays 09:00-17:00 Sat (F)



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Mary T Carberry - Exhibition of Oils

Landscape, Seascape and Still Life

16th Oct - 4th Nov 9:30 - 19:00 (F)

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16th Oct - 1st Nov 10:00 - 18:00 (F)



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Wexford Model Railway Club

Annual Exhibition featuring working model Railway layouts,

Trade stands and raffle.

25th Oct 12:00 - 18:00, 26th Oct 11:00 - 17:00

Entrance Fee: Adult €4 Child €2 Family of 4 €8 (D)



Whites of Wexford, Reception Area

Bianca Divito Art Glass

Bespoke, RHS award winning art glass and crystal features by Wexford based artist Bianca Divito.

22nd Oct - 1st Nov 10:00 - 19:00 (F)

EXHIBITIONS IN TOWN



Wexford Arts Centre Annexe, Johns Gate St

Artpanther is an artist-run gallery, shop and studios. Artpanther offers a wide range of beautiful yet affordable art products. The quirky, custom-fitted shop showcases an eclectic collection of work by local, national and international contemporary artists, designers and makers. From original paintings to digital prints, hand-made jewellery to 2D and 3D design. Above the shop, the studios of the resident artists, Jonathan Murphy and Kate Murphy, will be open for the duration of the festival, exhibiting their most recent work.

Wine reception launch for studio shows: 17th Oct 17:00 (F)

Open: 10:00 - 18:00 Daily (F)



6 Upper George St, Bluebird Homecare Offices

Potpourri; a mixture of things

An exhibition of recent paintings by local Wexford artist Sheila Burton.

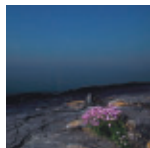
24th Oct - 1st Nov 11:00 - 17:00 (F)



Blue Egg Gallery, 22A John's Gate Street

Bravura 2015

An exhibition of studio ceramics and silver
17th Oct - 1st Nov 11:00 - 17:30 Daily (F)



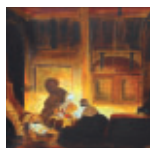
Wexford Library, Mallin Street

Hook Peninsula Photographic Exhibition

Presenting the stunning and historic Hook Peninsula in this beautiful exhibition of photography at Wexford Library. Images have been captured over the last 12 months by amateur and professional photographers alike. Discover the area's significant heritage, striking landscape, fascinating coast life and wonderful people.

16th Oct - 1st Nov Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 10:30 - 17:30

Tue, Thurs 10:30 - 21:00 (F)



Whites of Wexford, McClure Lobby

Exhibition of Oil Paintings, Reproductions and Prints

Betty Forde works with oils, acrylics, mixed media and reproductions of the old masters, Rembrandt being her favourite. 22nd Oct - 1st Nov Open all day (F)

Talbot Hotel, On the Quay



'Kent and Byrne Visions of the South East' An exhibition of original Watercolour & Oil Paintings

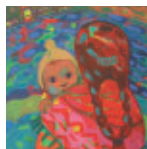
The O'Brien Suite

21st Oct - 1st Nov Daily (F)



Art Exhibition by Donal O'Braonain
The Webb Suite

21st Oct - 1st Nov Daily (F)



The Denis Collins Gallery
The Wilson Suite

21st Oct - 1st Nov Daily (F)



Darragh Tracey

Art Exhibition of Paintings
The Maguire Suite

21st Oct - 1st Nov Daily (F)



Jacinta Crowley Long

Art Exhibition of Recent Oil Paintings

The Pike Suite 21st Oct - 1st Nov Daily (F)



Lar Joyce

Art Exhibition of Paintings
First Floor Foyer

21st Oct - 1st Nov Daily (F)



Beveledge - Exhibition of woodcraft
from Donal Murphy

First Floor Foyer

21st Oct - 1st Nov Daily (F)



Wexford Antiques Fair,
Slaney Suite

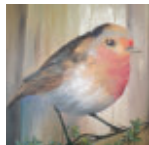
22nd - 26th Oct 12:00 - 19:30 (D)



The Wexford Book Fair,
Slaney Suite

1st Nov 11:00 - 17:00 Admission: €2 (D)

Whites of Wexford, Abbey Street



Mary T. Carberry

Exhibition of Oils & Watercolours

Pembroke Suite

22nd - 27th Oct, Daily 09:30-19:00 (F)



Justin Carroll

Exhibition of Abstract Expressionism, Wood Sculpture, Fine Art & Yantras

Pembroke Suite 28th Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)



Wilhelm Balcerzak

Art Exhibition of Paintings

Business Centre Lobby

22nd - 26th Oct, Daily 11.00-18.00 (F)

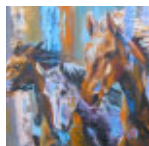


Padraig McCaul Art

Exhibition of Paintings

Selskar Suite

22nd - 26th Oct, Daily (F)



Jean English

Art Exhibition of Painting

Walter Dene Suite

22nd - 26th Oct, Daily (F)



Betty Maher Caulfield of The Silk

Connection Exhibition of Silks Coats, Jackets, Scarves, Blouses & Bedlinen by

Selskar Suite

27th Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)



Diana Marshall Fine Art

Exhibition of Paintings

McCarthy Suite 1

22nd Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)



Joop Smit

Exhibition of Paintings

McCarthy Suite 2

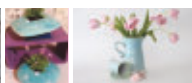
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Liam Jones Exhibition of Paintings

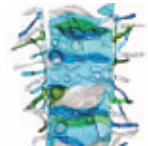
Westgate Suite

22nd Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)



Wexford Craft Trail

including Varna Studios, The Potters Yard, Phil Stewart Embroidery, Ballyelland Pottery, Tir na Nóg Creation, Paul Maloney Pottery **Oscar Wilde Suite** 22nd Oct - 1st Nov Daily (F)



Creations by Annette Whelan and Mad 4 Hats by Patsy Flood O'Connor

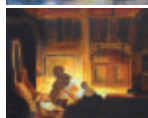
Exhibition of Fused Glass and hand crafted hats and garments

McClure Lobby 22nd Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)



Mary Brennan Exhibition of Paintings

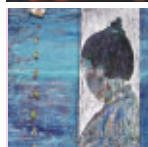
McClure Lobby 22nd Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)



Betty Forde

Exhibition of Paintings

McClure Lobby 22nd Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)



Mary Wallace Exhibition of Paintings

McClure Lobby 22nd Oct - 26th Oct, Daily

Business Centre Lobby 27th Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)



Carol Ann Waldron

Exhibition of Paintings - daily at:

Reception Lobby 22nd Oct - 26th Oct

Selskar Suite 27th Oct - 1st Nov (F)



Senan O'Brien Exhibition of Paintings

Reception Lobby 22nd Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)



Bianca Divito Bespoke award winning art, glass, crystal features and lighting

Reception Lobby

22nd Oct - 1st Nov, 10.00 - 19.00 Daily (F)



Eoin O'Connor Exhibition of Paintings

inspired by his immediate surroundings, the landscapes, the sea, the farmsteads and its many characters. **Reception**

Lobby 22nd Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)



Peter Cassidy Exhibition of Paintings

Reception Lobby 22nd Oct - 1st Nov,

Daily (F)



Kingfisher Ashford.com

Exhibition of Custom Handmade Pieces

made from Native & Imported Hardwoods

Reception Lobby 22nd Oct - 1st Nov, Daily (F)

EXHIBITIONS IN TOWN



Pop-Up Gallery, Venue to be Confirmed, See Posters and Advertising

Hour X Hour

Artists Declan Breen and Kathleen

Delaney work with a variety of materials in a theatrical manner. They explore the nature of reality to arrive at a greater understanding through the use of artifice and enigma. Both artists are Wexford based.

21st Oct - 1st Nov 11:00 - 18:00 Daily (F)



Wexford County Council Carricklawn

Nick Miller Exhibition Selected Works 2004 - 13

The Arts Department of Wexford

County Council in partnership with Wexford Arts Centre are delighted to host an exhibition of work by renowned and celebrated Irish based painter Nick Miller. The exhibition in the County Buildings will present a selection of Miller's larger scale landscape works from 2004 to 2013 from both the acclaimed Truckscapes and Yard series. In 2014, Miller won the inaugural Hennessy Portrait Prize at the National Gallery of Ireland. and his work is featured in various national collections such as IMMA, The Hugh Lane, The Niland Collection and the National Gallery of Ireland. He has been a member of Aosdána since 2001.

19th Oct - 20th Nov (F)



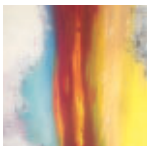
Sky & The Ground Pub

Photos & Frets 2

After last year's massive success it's back.

This is a collection of music photographs by local photographers Kenny Rutledge and Peter O'Hanlon. They blend together part of their collection of local, national and international musical acts with some of Wexford's legendary musicians. In aid of NILMDTS Ireland (Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep).

24th, 25th, 26th, 31st Oct - 1st Nov 14:30 - 19:00 (F)



Honda Slaney View Motors, Carcur

An Exhibition of new works by Artist Mai Fanning

"Horizons" oil on canvas abstracts,

focusing on the bursts of colour from sunrise to sunset, on the edge of our world.

16th Oct - 1st Nov 9:00 - 18:00 Daily (F)



Wexford Arts Centre

Yeats & Son -

John and Jack Butler Yeats

On loan from The Model, home of The Niland Collection, Sligo

Wexford Arts Centre and Wexford County Council are delighted to present an exhibition featuring work from two of Ireland's major artists, John and Jack Butler Yeats. This exceptional collection of work on loan is presented in collaboration with The Model, home of The Niland Collection in Co. Sligo, and offers some of the finest examples of work from members of the Yeats family.

The strength and lasting appeal of Jack B. Yeats work lies in his intensely personal response in documenting everyday life in Ireland. He began his career as an illustrator of broad sheets and journals, where he developed the style of bold and linear lines one can see in his works up to 1920. He is known as one of the most important Irish artists of his time. Although he was not actively political, he painted some of the most important scenes of Irish history.

18th Oct - 21st Nov (F) and on 26th Oct 14:00 - International Coracle Europe residency writers share W.B. Yeats inspired writing and stories. (F)

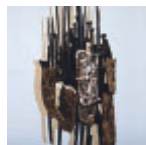


Martin Doyle Goldsmith, Lr. Rowe Street

Martin Doyle, Kirsten N. Thomas, Erwin Springbrunn & Heike Wiehagen.

Exhibition of hand wrought fine quality jewellery & hand painted silk scarves.

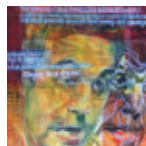
17th - 27th Oct 10:00 - 13:00, 14:00 - 17:30 Closed Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday (F)



Greenacres, Selskar

Art Exhibition at Wexford Festival 2015

17th Oct - 7th Nov 9:00 til late (F)



M.A. O'Leary's, 103 South Main Street

'Waiting for the Rain'

Paintings by Kevin Ryan

23rd Oct - 1st Nov 10:00 - 17:00 (F)

EXHIBITIONS IN TOWN



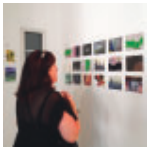
Wexford Tourist Office

Exhibition of Paintings, Sculpture and Crafts

by successful and accomplished Wexford Artists at Wexford Tourist Information Office on the Quay Front.

Meet the friendly Tourist Advisors who are experts at offering advice on having the best experiences while visiting Wexford and County.

12th Oct - 7th Nov 09:00 - 17:30 Mon - Fri 09:30 - 17:30
Sat 26th (Bank Hol) 10:00 - 17:00 (F)



The Saturday Gallery, 88 South Main Street

Cultural Imperative's show 'Round'

Featuring round-shaped works by local and international artists.

16th Oct - 1st Nov

Please contact: 087 3119647 for further information (F)



St Iberius Church, North Main Street

Exhibition of Paintings: 'Giving Shape to the Story' and Other Works

22nd Oct 14:30: Official Opening/Wine & Cheese reception
23rd Oct - 2nd Nov 10:00 - 16:00 Daily Closed 25th Oct (F)



The Collins - Grant Gallery, 2 Rowe St Lower

'Flâneur - The fugitive and the Infinite' Photographs by Padraig Grant

"...for the passionate spectator, it is an immense joy to set up house in the heart of the multitude, amid the ebb and flow of movement, in the midst of the fugitive and the infinite. To be away from home and yet to feel oneself everywhere at home, to see the world, to be at the centre of the world, and yet to remain hidden from the world..." Charles Baudelaire, 'The Painter of Modern Life', originally published in Le Figaro in 1863. 15th Oct - 2nd Nov 10:30 - 17:30
Mon to Sat 12:30 - 17:30 Sun (F)



Venue to be Confirmed

Harmonics

Visual Arts Group Exhibition.
Pop-up Show.

16th Oct - 1st Nov 11:00 - 17:30 (F)



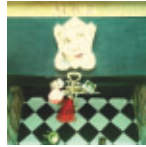
Weston, Westgate

An Exhibition of New Work - Drawings and Paintings by Annabel Potterton

Annabel looks for order in her work but has surrendered to the fact that there is no escaping disorder.

19th - 30th Oct 10:00 - 17:00

Closed: 24th, 25th Oct Bank Holiday 26th: 11:00 - 17:00 (F)



Cream Dreams, The Quay

'Shelf of Myself' by Martina McAteer

A Vintage themed exhibition of small works, features many novelty pieces such as the miniature time machine, and Alice in Wonderland box and Praxinascope made from recycled materials.
16th Oct - 1st Nov Daily (F) (K)



Friary Hall, School Street

Southend Camera Club

Photographic Exhibition 'Eyes on Ireland'
24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st Oct, 1st Nov
10:00 - 17:00 (F)



National Opera House

Shawcross @ National Opera House

Art Exhibition curated by Greenacres
21st Oct - 1st Nov 9:00 til late (F)



Crescent Quay, Henrietta Street

FlashBack 14

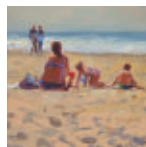
Black & White Photographic exhibition from Denis O'Connor archive
22nd Oct - 2nd Nov, 10:30 - 17:30 Open over Bank Hol 12:00 - 18:00 (F)



Pigyard Gallery, Spectrum Art & Framing, 13 Selskar St

New Work by Trevor Geoghegan

17th Oct - 7th Nov 09:00 - 17:30 Mon - Sat
13:00 - 17:00 Sun and Bank Holidays (F)

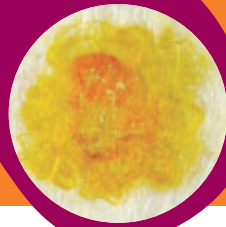


Former Library, McCauley's Car Park, Selskar

Group Show by Irish Artists

17th Oct - 7th Nov 09:00 - 17:30 Mon - Sat
13:00 - 17:00 Sun and Bank Holidays (F)

EXHIBITIONS OUT OF TOWN



Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, Clubhouse, Drinagh

Art Exhibition 'New Beginnings'

Collection of artwork painted and designed by Wexford branch of Acquired Brain Injury Ireland members. All pieces have been completed by people who have shown strength and courage to overcome great challenges in their lives. We hope you will view our gallery & enjoy our precious artwork.

Mon - Fri 9:00 - 17:00 throughout Festival. Closed Bank Hol (F)



Kiltrea Bridge Pottery, Enniscorthy

Autumn Sale

21st Oct - 1st Nov 11:00 - 17:00 Mon - Sat
14:00 - 17:00 Sun (F)



Market House Design, Gorey

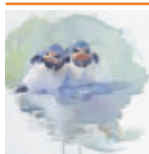
Love, Amour, Amore

Market House Design located in the historic Market House, a

registered retail partner of the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland, is an exhibition venue, providing a Main street location for artists and craft workers to showcase, promote and sell their work. Work on exhibit ranges from handmade jewellery, fine art, sculpture, print work, fused glass and much more.

20th Oct - 2nd Nov 9:30 - 17:00 Mon - Sat.

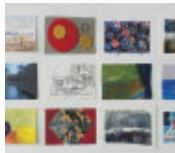
14:00 - 17:00 Sun & Bank Holiday Mon (F)



The Pumphouse, Wexford Wildfowl Reserve

Images of Birds 2015 by Dave Daly

24th Oct - 1st Nov 10:00 - 17:00 (F)



Art Bank, Cultural Imperative HQ, Bunclody

Cultural Imperative's 'Wish You Were Here' Postcard Show and New Additional Works

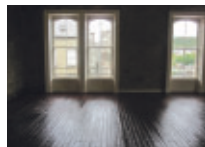
16th Oct - 1st Nov 10:00 - 18:00 Daily (F)



Gilly Thomas Sculpture Gallery, Carnagh Woods, Gusserane, New Ross

Sculpture and fine art in bronze and other materials, pen and ink drawings and pictures made of silk fibre and gold leaf. Prices range from €3,000 - €5. Two miles from Ballinaboola on the L4023 road to the JFK Arboretum. Location shown on Google Maps and Visit Wexford.

16th Oct - 1st Nov 14:00 - 18:00 Daily (F)



The Church Institute, Enniscorthy

Sift

John Busher, Trudi Van Der Elsen, Noelle Gallagher, Will O'Kane,

Kate Murphy, Joan Sugrue, Caroline Busher, Peter Murphy. Sift is a co-curated project. Without addressing a specific theme, the works examine emerging developments in contemporary painting practice. [Twitter.com/siftpainting](https://twitter.com/siftpainting)

17th - 31st Oct 10:00 - 17:00 Closed Sun & Mon (F)

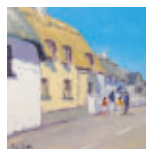


Murrinctown Community Centre, Murrinctown

Arts Exhibition

At Murrinctown Community Centre (2 mins from Johnstown Castle). 14th year showcasing art from local artists, art groups and children from nearby National School and Childcare Centre. All levels welcome. Email: murrinctowncomcentre@eircom.net or Tel: 053 9139328 for more info.

23rd Oct 19:00 - 21:00, 24th, 25th Oct 09:00 - 17:00, 26th Oct 9:00 - 13:00 (F)



Silver Fox Seafood Restaurant, Kilmore Quay

Ivan Sutton Exhibition - Oil Paintings

16th Oct - 1st Nov 12:00 - 20:00 Daily (F)

EXHIBITIONS OUT OF TOWN



Rosslare Community & Sport Ctr, Rosslare Strand

Exhibition of Contemporary Visual Art

Rosslare Community and Sport Centre will be hosting an exhibition of contemporary visual art featuring work by Deirdre Southey, John Cullen & others.
16th Oct - 1st Nov 09:00 - 21:00 Mon - Fri. 09:30 - 15:00 Sat & Sun. 10:00 - 17:00 Bank Holiday Mon (F)



Rosslare Harbour Maritime Heritage Ctr, Rosslare Harbour

Rosslare Harbour Community Art Exhibition

A variety of themes in paintings created by local artists.
24th, 25th, 26th Oct 12:00 - 17:30 Daily (F)



Kilmore Community Centre, Kilmore Village

Seascapes, Flowers and Landscapes

Inspirational seascapes, flowers, landscapes are among the work of our Amateur Art Club. We exhibit our work once a year during the Wexford Festival.
24th, 25th, 26th Oct 11:00 - 18:00 Daily (F)



Murphy's Barn, Skeeter Park, Cleariestown

Art At The Barn

Murphy's Barn Art Exhibition.
A collection of paintings by artists from the South-East of Wexford. Drinks reception on Saturday 24th at 19:00.
23rd - 27th Oct 10:00 - 18:00 (F)



9 Seabury, Station Road, Rosslare Strand

Patrick Cahill Open Studio 15'

Exhibition of Oil Paintings with an interesting variety of new work, with diverse subject matter and a mix of sizes and prices.
16th Oct - 1st Nov 11:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 19:00 Daily (F)



Paul Maloney Pottery, Ballindinas, Barntown

Autumn Pottery Sale

Mon 19th Oct - Bank Hol Mon 26th Oct inc.
Mon-Sat 09:00-17:30 Sun - afternoon (F)



The Irish National Heritage Park, Ferrycarrig

'Unfur!'

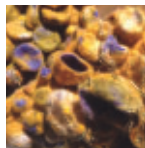
An exhibition of paintings and experiential felted sculptures by Roisin Markham. Inspired by nature and internal landscapes.
16th Oct - 1st Nov 09:30 - 17:30 Daily (F)

Exhibition of Paintings by Maurice Roche and Dimitry Diamund

16th Oct - 1st Nov 09:30 - 17:30 Daily (F)

Basic Celtic Design Workshop

Basic Knot Work Theory, Basic Pattern. Demonstration in how to knit basic patterns together. Pre-booking essential.
24th, 25th Oct 14:00 - 16:30 €20 per workshop (S)



Felt Making Workshop

Learn how to handle and make felt items. Demonstration of traditional felt making. All materials provided. Pre-booking essential.
18th, 24th Oct 15:30 - 17:00
€35 per person (S)



Guided Tours Daily

16th Oct - 1st Nov 09:30 - 17:30 (S)



Ballyelland Pottery, The Old Mill, Castlebridge

Leaves Of Time

An exhibition of sculpture, ceramics and pottery. Also at Whites of Wexford.
17th Oct - 1st Nov 10:30 - 17:00 (F)

The Old Mill, Castlebridge

Exhibitions Opening

You are invited to the opening of an exhibition of paintings in oil and watercolour by Tomás King and ceramic panels and forms by Mairead Stafford (Leaves of Time)
17th Oct 14:00 (F)



The Old Mill, Castlebridge

Tomás King Exhibition - 'As Way Leads On To Way'

An exhibition of paintings in oil and watercolour by Tomás King.
17th Oct - 1st Nov 10:30 - 17:00 Daily (F)



COMEDY, THEATRE AND MORE



Wexford Festival Opera Opening Ceremony - Fireworks Display

Wexford Quay Front 21st Oct. 19:00 (F)



More Than One Wing

Raven Theatre, Wexford's newest theatre company, presents an evening of entertaining and compelling theatre with a number of short pieces in a new and unique performance space. **Fusion Café, Monck St, Wexford** 29th Oct - 1st Nov Nightly 20:00 (M)



Ghost Radio

'Ghost Radio' is a new One-Act Play, written and directed by Eamonn Coffey. It tells the story of Grigi Foals, who lives on the rooftop of a solitary building in a bombed-out city. His self-imposed isolation is threatened when a young man climbs onto his roof, with the intention of catching a signal from the last radio station, Ghost Radio. The play will run as a 1pm lunchtime show and there will also be an evening performance on the final three days.

Fusion Café, Monck St, Wexford

18th - 25th Oct 13:00. Extra Shows 23rd, 24th, 25th 20:00
Admission: €12/€8 conc. with soup and rolls (M)



Bridge Drama

Bridge Drama presents 'The Cripple of Inishmaan', by Martin McDonagh. This uproariously funny, 3 act tragicomedy play depicts the young life of 'Cripple Billy' on Ireland's desolate Aran Islands in 1934. A must see for all. **Wexford Arts Centre, Cornmarket, Wexford** 28th - 31st Oct Doors Open: 19:30 Start: 20:00 Tickets: €12 (E)

Drinagh Antiques and Collectables

Established for over 40 years and specialising in unusual gifts for all occasions. Small furniture, small silver, silver plate china, prints and much more!

Drinagh Lodge, Rosslare Road, Co. Wexford
16th Oct - 1st Nov 10:00 - 18:00 Daily (F)



Horripping Histories

Horripping Histories is a gruesome look at some of history's most horrible, horripping (and sometimes hilarious) people and events. This show is for kids (and adults) of all ages and revels in all the nasty things that our ancestors used to like to do to themselves and each other. You are likely to learn lots of stuff!!

The Irish National Heritage Park, Ferrycarrig, Wexford

27th, 28th, 29th & 30th Oct 16:00 Tickets: €5 per person, pre-booking essential (S) Park open daily 09:30 - 17:30



Guided Tours Daily

16th Oct - 1st Nov. 09:30 - 17:30

Admission: Adult: €9.50

Family (2 Adults, 3 Children): €25 (D)



Magical Music Box Workshops

Hour long art and craft workshops with local artist Martina McAteer involving storytelling and making visual art stories, promoting creative thinking and self-confidence and self-awareness. Martina's 'Shelf of Myself'

Vintage themed exhibition of small works, is at Cream Dreams.

Cream Dreams, The Quay 16th Oct, 19th Oct - 1st Nov PM (K)
EPA, Johnstown Castle 17th & 18th Oct 14:00 - 16:00 (K)



Dare to Scare Halloween Tour at Wells House & Gardens

Are you brave enough to join our annual Halloween Tour this year? 4 shows daily from 24th October to 31st.. for the fearless! Booking through our website. **Wells House & Gardens, Ballyedmond, Gorey, Co. Wexford** 24th Oct to 31st Oct Shows daily at 16:00, 17:30, 19:00 & 20:30 Tickets: €11 per person (Q)



Red Moon Theatre: Drama, Youth Theatre, Art & Film

Weekly after-school Classes, Workshops and daytime School Visits for all ages.

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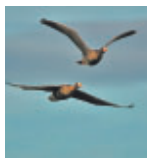
Schools "Only Messing" and in Post-Primary Schools "Project Id". T.V., Theatre & Film engagements feature strongly in our repertoire.

Classes: Wexford Arts Centre/Kilmore NS/Presentation Centre Enniscorthy After School, Wkds & School Hols (W)



R.N.L.I Irish Lifeboats

Coffee Morning
Riverbank House Hotel,
Ferrybank, Wexford 30th Oct
 10:30 - 13:30 Donations on door



2015 Goose Festival

To celebrate the return of the wintering flocks of Greenland White-Fronted Geese to Wexford Wildfowl Reserve each October, we run a series of events.

Rise with The Geese: We start very

early at the Raven Nature Reserve, we set out to watch the Geese rise from their overnight roost (book in advance; outdoor clothes + walking boots required). **24th Oct 06:00 (F)**

Dawn Goose Watch: We open our Visitor Centre to watch the Geese fly in to the slob for the day. **27th, 29th Oct 07:00 (F)**

Evening Goose Watch:

We're staying open till sundown (17:30) to watch the Geese fly out to roost at night (binoculars provided but bring your own).

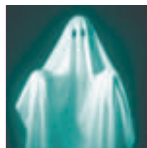
28th, 30th Oct 17:30 (F)

Pond Dipping and Squirrel Detection: Pond-dipping, bug hunting and Squirrel tracking for all the family in the Raven Nature Reserve. **28th, 30th Oct 14:00 - 15:30 (F)**

Book sale (proceeds to BirdWatch Ireland) and Treasure Hunts in the Visitor Centre.

Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, North Slob, Ardavan, Co. Wexford

24th Oct - 1st Nov. No booking required unless stated (F)

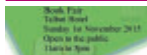


Ghost Tour of Wexford Town

On this walking tour lasting about an hour, discover Wexford's ghostly ghastrly past, hear tales of the supernatural and sinister - may not suit very young children. Ghosts appeared and history happened in all weathers and so do our tours.

Departs from Wexford Tourist Office, Crescent Quay

19th, 23rd & 26th Oct 17:00 sharp No tickets but pre-booking essential €5 per adult €1 per child (U)



Wexford Book Fair

Book and Coin Fair with major dealers from all over Ireland exhibiting. Books for all ages and preferences. This Event has been an integral part of the Festival for 30 years. It brings together book dealers from all over Ireland. Local history groups now also take part to share and gather information. At the end of the Festival it's time to relax, browse and have a 'Good old Chat'.

Talbot Hotel, The Quay, Wexford

1st Nov 11:00 - 17:00 Admission: €2 (D)



Ballycogley Players

In their 40th year the Players present 'Best of Ballycogley' an evening of 1-act plays, featuring favourites & new offerings. A night of comedy and drama, but with

the emphasis on comedy! **St Michael's SVP Hall, Thomas St**
 22nd - 25th Oct 20:00 Tickets: €10 (D)



National Hunt Races Meeting

Race Meetings: Sat 24th, Sun 25th Oct

Dine at Phelim Byrne's

Seasuir in the Ivy Room. Bettyville, Newtown Road, Wexford
 Please visit www.wexfordraces.ie for more information. (R)



Book Launch

The Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company by Ernie Shepherd.

A thorough history of this relatively unknown company which is full of interest and, at times, intrigue. At the height of its existence, the Company owned a total of almost 104 miles of track in Ireland as well as just short of a mile of line at Fishguard Harbour, it is currently jointly owned by Irish Rail and Stena. The book details the developing schemes and eventual opening, experience through two world wars and ultimately nationalisation. Includes information on locomotives and rolling stock, shipping and the brief hotel operations.

Terminal Building, Rosslare Europort 29th Oct 19:30 (F)



South Main Street Oktoberfest

Experience the very best in German style craft beer along Wexford's South Main Street as

Oktoberfest comes to town. Simon Lambert & Son's will be brewing their own YellowBelly German specials throughout Oktoberfest which will also be available at The Sky & The Ground and Bugler Doyles along with renowned German favourites. Expect beer halls, German outfits, live music and great beer at all three venues. **11th Oct - 1st Nov Standard Pub Hours (F)**
Simon Lambert & Sons, 37 South Main Street,
The Sky & The Ground, 112 South Main Street,
Bugler Doyles, 83 South Main Street,



St Iberius' Lunchtime Charity Concert:

The Wexford Tenor Trio, Fr Aodhán Marken, Fr Jim Fegan and Cllr George Lawlor with guest artists.

26th Oct 13:05 Tickets: St Iberius' Church 09:30 - 16:00 Daily: €12



SINGING AND SWINGING PUBS



THE GUINNESS SINGING & SWINGING PUBS COMPETITION 2015



2014 Winners

The Guinness Singing and Swinging Pubs competition is now in it's 63rd year. This competition has come a long way since it first started in 1952, and it hasn't lost an ounce of its unique character in those 63 years. The people who contribute and compete in the Guinness Wexford Singing and Swinging Pubs competition have managed to nurture the event through time. They have also worked hard to ensure the original competitiveness and atmosphere still exists today.

People travel from all over the world to soak up the atmosphere and indulge in the ever expanding talent that Wexford has to offer. Apart from the fact that this is an Over 18s Event, there are no written rules beyond an appropriate time period. We invite you to visit some, or all, of the pubs and hotels taking part to see if you agree with the adjudicator's decision. The main sections in the competition are Singing, Swinging, Variety and Traditional Style.

Why not decide for yourself when you attend a show what type of house you are in. Crowd participation is a very important element and whether you are in your local pub or visiting for the Festival, you can be as much a part of it as the singers and the musicians. On behalf of Diageo Ireland can I wish all the competitors the best of luck in the competition. I would also like to thank the people of Wexford and all the very welcome visitors for their support over the last 63 years. Let's make the 63rd year the best ever.

Enjoy the Guinness Singing and Swinging Pubs competition 2015.

Brian Cantwell - Diageo Ireland

ADJUDICATION AND PRIZES

The adjudicator will visit each of the pubs and judge their performances over a period of 30 minutes. Following tradition, a Diageo Ireland representative will post the results in the Bull Ring around 11.45pm on Thursday 29th October.

Prizes will be presented over the weekend of Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October where the winning pubs will organise a re-run of their shows on those nights.

For the most up to date times and venues for the Guinness Singing and Swinging Pubs Competition 2015 log on to
www.wexfordfringe.ie



The Porter House
Winner of Traditional Style Section



The Wicked Swan
Winner of Variety Section



Jack Bailey's
Winner of Swinging Section



The Gaelic Bar
Winner of Singing Section

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