



Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
Kerry County Council

KERRY ARTS FESTIVALS & EVENTS CALENDAR

FÉILIRE FÉILTE & EACHTRAÍ EALAÍONA CHIARRAÍ



Dates may be subject to change. To confirm dates and details please contact festival organisers. Chun dátaí agus sonraí na bhféilte a dhearbú, déan teagmháil leis an lucht eagraithe. D'fhéadfadh dátaí a athnú.

ARTS VENUES & ORGANISATIONS IONAID & EAGRAÍOCHTAÍ EALAÍONA

Contact the following arts venues and organisations
for information on their 2017 programmes:

- Siamsa Tíre, Tralee**
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E. info@siamsatire.com
W. www.siamsatire.com
- Kerry School of Music, Tralee**
T. 066 71 25690
E. kerrymusicschool@eircom.net
W. www.kerryschoolofmusic.com
- St John's Theatre & Arts Centre, Listowel**
T. 068 22566
E. stjohntheatre@eircom.net
W. www.stjohnstheatrelistowel.com
- The Seanchaí - Kerry Literary & Cultural Centre, Listowel**
T. 068 22212
E. info@kerrywritersmuseum.com
W. www.kerrywritersmuseum.com
- Tech Amergin, Waterville**
T. 066 94 78956
E. admin@techamergin.com
W. www.techamergin.com
- Sliabh Luachra Cultural & Heritage Centre, Scartaglin**
T. 066 71 47231
- The Ivyleaf Art Centre, Castleisland**
T. 086 105 4515
- Ireland's National Events Centre, Killarney**
T. 064 66 71555
E. info@inec.ie
W. www.inec.ie
- Carnegie Arts Centre, Kenmare**
T. 064 66 48701
E. info@carnegieartskenmare.ie
W. www.carnegieartskenmare.ie
- Cill Rialaig Arts Centre, Ballinskelligs**
T. 066 94 79277
W. www.cillrialaigartscentre.org
- Beehive Theatre Company, An Daingean**
Fón: 066 91 52924
R-phost: info@beehivetheatre.com
S. www.beehivetheatre.com
- Diseart, An Daingean**
Fón: 066 91 52476
R-phost: info@diseart.ie
W. www.diseart.ie
- An Lab, An Daingean**
Fón: 087 854 6572
R-phost: ainemoy@eircom.net
S. www.anlab.ie
- Cultural Centre, Killarney**
T. 064 66 26120



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No responsibility is taken by Kerry County Council
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To include your arts festival or arts event in the
'Kerry Arts Festival and Events Calendar 2018' leaflet or app
contact the Arts Office, Kerry County Council
on **066 7183541** or email **arts@kerrycoco.ie**
(Festival must contain at least 50% arts content)

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JANUARY / EANÁIR

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| Tinted Ceoil Every Monday – 7.30pm, Tourist & Heritage Centre, Cloughane | Contact. Caitríona Ní Churráin T. 066 7138137 • E. eolas@cft.ie • W. www.cft.ie The Tinted Ceoil is a replica of the traditional old Irish Cottage kitchen from bygone days. We extend a Cead Míle Fáilte to one and all to join us in the Tinted Ceoil every Monday night. You will experience first-hand what life was like in a typical kitchen in rural Ireland. Soak in the atmosphere the music and song. Tell us your story and listen to the stories of others. |
| Killorglin's 54th Panto 'Robin Hood' 21 – 29, CYMS Killorglin | Contact. Declan Mangan T. 087 6386705 • E. wdmangan@gmail.com W. www.killorglinpanto.com Killorglin's 54th Panto 'Robin Hood' has all the fun, colour, excitement, music, dancing, costumes associated with Killorglin's renowned annual pantomime. |
| Handed Down – 'Dan O'Connell's of Knocknagree' presented by Matt Cranitch 28, Heritage Centre Scartaglin | Contact. P.J. Teahan T. 087 8516695 • E. patrickteahan05@eircom.net • W. www.worldfiddledayscartaglin.ie Matt Cranitch the Cork fiddle player looks back over four decades to tell the story of the famous venue for music and set dancing. |

FEBRUARY / FEABHRA

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| Éigse na Brídeoige 3 – 5, Gaeltacht Ulbh Ráthaigh | Teaghmáil. Fíona de Buis Fón. 087 2931463 • R-phost. fdebuis@eircom.net S. www.eigsenabrídeoige.com Féile chultúrtha ag ceiliúradh oidhreacht agus cultúr Ulbh Ráthaigh, i mbliana a bheidh ag díriú ar Creideamh agus Cré - aginiúchadh rianta na greideamh éagsla ata le sonrú i ngéithe éagsla de thaobh tíre Ulbh Ráthaigh Annual cultural festival celebrating the heritage and culture of Iveragh which this year will focus on the impact of different belief systems (Christian and pre-Christian) on the rich heritage of Iveragh; archaeology, folklore, music and mythology. |
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| Féile Feabhra 11 – 12, Lixnaw | Contact. Bridie Stack T. 086 164 2373 • E. lixnawcwe@gmail.com W. www.kerrycomhaltas.com Féile Feabhra will incorporate music & dancing workshops/ masterclasses, music, singing and Comhrá Gaeilge competitions and a celebrity concert. All events will be held in the Ceolann Cultural Centre, Lixnaw. |
| Handed Down - 'Searching for Padraig' the making of the RTE radio series on Padraig O'Keefe presented by Peter Browne of RTE 18, Heritage Centre Scartaglin | Contact. P.J. Teahan T. 087 8516695 • E. patrickteahan05@eircom.net W. www.worldfiddledayscartaglin.ie Radio presenter Peter Browne looks back to his visits to Slabh Luachra and the people he met in 1991 and 1992. |
| The Gathering Festival 22 – 26, Killarney | Contact. John O'Shea T. 087 234 8824 • E. info@thegathering.ie W. www.thegathering.ie Regarded as one of the best traditional events in Ireland, the five day events include concerts, ceilis, instrument masterclasses, set dance & seanós workshops, numerous free music sessions, a full education programme and much more. |
| Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh 22 – 26, Baile an Fheirtéaraigh | Teaghmáil. Niamh Ní Bhaillín Fón. 086 818 5964 • R-phost. eolas@scoilcheoil.com S. www.scoilcheoil.com Scoil Cheoil Traidisiúnta i mBaile an Fheirtéaraigh, Corca Dhuibhne, Co. Chiarraí, le ranganna, ceolchoirmeacha, léacht, seisiúin, & imeachtaí ceoil & amhránaíochta i rith an bhriseadh lár téarma, m' Feabhra. Tá na ranganna oscailte do óg agus aosta. Bigli linn agus bain sásamh as scoth an cheoil agus an chultúir le ceoltoirí agus amhránaíthe áilia, náisiúla agus idirnáisiúnta! Traditional Music School over 5 days in Ballyferriter on the Dingle Peninsula during February each year. A huge range of classes, concerts and musical events for all the family – experience the best of Irish culture and music in a relaxed atmosphere with top local, national and international performers. |

MARCH / MÁRTA

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| Young Musician of the Year 3 & 4, Killarney | Contact. Barry Murphy T. 064 6634650 • E. barry@murphyprint.com The competition caters for year on year between 150 to 200 classical music students in County Kerry. |
| Kerry Drama Festival 3 – 11, Castlesland | Contact. Jerome Stack T. 086 1054515 A qualifying festival for the All Ireland Amateur Drama Finals which takes place in the lyfale Arts Centre. It incorporates a week long programme of plays by drama groups countrywide. |
| Dingle International Film Festival 23 – 26, Dingle | Contact. Maurice Galway T. 087 913 9962 • E. maurice@dinglefilmfestival.com W. www.dinglefilmfestival.com Dingle International Film Festival offers screenings from Ireland and around the globe, covering all genres and is home to The Gregory Peck Award and Fisin. |
| Animation Dingle 24 – 25, Dingle | Contact. Maurice Galway T. 087 913 9962 • E. maurice@dinglefilmfestival.com W. www.dinglefilmfestival.com Animation Dingle brings together the best in animation from Ireland and around the globe, along with it's animation conference and animation awards. It is home to The Murakami Award |
| Handed Down - 'The Changing Styles of Paddy Cranin' presented by Liam O'Connor 25, Heritage Centre Scartaglin | Contact. P.J. Teahan T. 087 8516695 • E. patrickteahan05@eircom.net W. www.worldfiddledayscartaglin.ie Gramam Cheoil winner and one of Ireland's top fiddle players Liam O'Connor re-visits an interview he did with Paddy Cranin in 2012. |

APRIL / AIBREÁN

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| Féile Cheoil & Sleibhteoireacht Chnoc Bhreánainn 3 – 6, Cloughane Brandon | Contact. Caitríona Ní Churráin T. 066 71 38137 • E. eolas@cft.ie W. www.cft.ie Cá háile éinn féarr le deireadh seachtaine na Cásca a chaitheamh ag éisteacht le ceol den scoth & ag baint sult as an tir dhreach aoihbhinn a bheidh le feiscint mar chuid des na siúlóidí treoiraithe a chuirfear ar fail. Weekend of music events with guided walks through the breath taking scenery of the Cloughane in West Kerry. |
| Tocht Dance Festival 19 – 22, Tralee | Contact. Siamsa Tire Box Office T. 066 71 23055 • E. boxoffice@siamstire.com W. www.siamstire.com Tocht celebrates dance – watching, learning, taking part and experiencing something new, dance for people of all ages! |
| Féile Neidín 20 – 23, Kenmare | Contact. Kit Dunlop T. 064 66 42268 • E. feileneidin@gmail.com W. www.kenmareirishmusicfestival.com As part of Féile Neidín 2017, there will be a headline concert in the Carnegie Theatre, a celli, workshops and numerous sessions in the pubs. |
| Handed Down - 'Jimmy Doyle of Slabh Luachra' presented by Bryan O'Leary 24, Heritage Centre Scartaglin | Contact. P.J. Teahan T. 087 8516695 • E. patrickteahan05@eircom.net W. www.worldfiddledayscartaglin.ie Bryan O'Leary takes a look at the life and music of one of his influences the great box player Jimmy Doyle. |
| Féile na Bealtaine 27 – 1 May, An Daingean / Dingle | Contact. Claire Galvin T. 087 790 3950 • E. info@feilenabealtaine.ie W. www.feilenabealtaine.ie Féile na Bealtaine held annually on the Dingle Peninsula is a bursting-at-the-seams multi disciplinary arts festival with over 100 separate events over 5 days. Is Féile na hEalaíon den chomhphobal i Fhéile na Bealtaine. Beidh suas le cead imeachtaí éagsla ar súil i rith an fhéile. |
| Portmagee Annual Set Dancing & Music Weekend 28 – 30, Portmagee | Contact. Gerard Kennedy T. 066 94 77108 • E. enquiries@moorings.ie W. www.portmagee.ie Great weekend of traditional music and set dancing. Workshops, bar sessions and a mighty ceilí. |

MAY / BEALTAINE

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| Sweets of May Traditional Music & Set Dancing Weekend 5 – 7, Tralee | Contact. Joan Pollard Carew T. 086 8718819 • E. joanpollardcarew@gmail.com Three ceilis music, Johnny Reidy, Abbey and Striolan Ceili Bands. Set dancing workshops directed by Pat Murphy. New set demonstration. |
| Féile Féile Cheoil 13 – 14, Lixnaw | Contact. Bridie Stack T. 086 164 2373 • E. lixnawcwe@gmail.com W. www.kerrycomhaltas.com The annual Féile Cheoil will incorporate step dancing, music, singing & Comhrá Gaeilge competitions as well as a celebrity concert. All events will be held in the Ceolann Cultural Centre, Lixnaw. |
| Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí 18 – 21, Tralee | Contact. Eileen Daly, Secretary T. 087 4645497 • E. eil.b.daly@gmail.com W. www.kerrycomhaltas.ie Tralee will host Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí 2017. This is the second year in a row that the Irish Traditional music festival will be held in the County Town. The Fleadh will incorporate music, song, dance and Comhrá Gaeilge competitions as well as free Ceili and open air music in The Square. There will be traditional music sessions in the pubs over the weekend and branches from Trí Lá CCE, Slabh Mish CCE, Lixnaw CCE and Naomh Breandán CCE have come together to host this Fleadh. |
| World Fiddle Day Scartaglin 20, Heritage Centre Scartaglin | Contact. P.J. Teahan T. 087 8516695 • E. patrickteahan05@eircom.net W. www.worldfiddledayscartaglin.ie A unique festival in the lovely village setting of Scartaglin in the heart of Slabh Luachra. Lectures, fiddle recitals, art and memorabilia and International Fiddle concert. |
| Listowel Writers' Week 31 – 4 June, Listowel | Contact. Máire Logue T. 068 21074 • E. info@writersweek.ie W. www.writersweek.ie For 45 years this internationally acclaimed literary festival has been successfully devoted to bringing together writers and audiences at unique and innovative events. The enthusiasm for literature is fostered in the renowned atmosphere of friendliness and professionalism. Attracting the giants of the literary world who recognise Listowel as being 'the mother of all festivals – great literature, great organisation and great fun' |

JUNE / MEITHEAMH

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| K-Fest Music & The Arts 2 – 5, Killorglin | Contact. Penny Dahl T. 087 1093882 • E. marketing@kfest.ie W. www.kfest.ie Celebrating emerging artists and musicians, the festival features 150 visual artists, dozens of bands, theatre, film, poetry and family activities. |
| Kilgarvan Traditional Music Festival 3-5, Kilgarvan | Contact. Eileen Healy-Rae T. 087 9975419 • E. eileenhealyrae@gmail.com Festival of music, song, dance workshops and music sessions. |
| Con Curtin Music Festival 23-25, Brosna | Contact. Mairead Corridan T. 087 9529576 • E. m.corridan@castleslandcc.com Traditional Irish music festival honouring the late, great fiddler Con Curtin in Brosna, County Kerry. Concert, ceilí, workshops and pub trail. Music all weekend! |

JULY / IÚIL

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| Ballyheigue Summer Festival 3 – 9, Ballyheigue | Contact. Mick Harkin E. info@ballyheigue.ie • W. www.ballyheigue.ie Ballyheigue Summer Festival is a family orientated festival with an emphasis on arts, crafts, music, and community participation. Events include Puppet shows, fun on the beach, craft fair, pig racing, art competition and exhibition as well as the grand parade which contains floats designed and created by the local schools, clubs and businesses. |
| Sneem Family Festival 19 – 23, Killarney | Contact. Jane O'Sullivan T. 087 7865053 • E. sneemfamilyfestival@gmail.com W. www.sneemfamilyfestival.com Enjoy five days of fabulous fun for all the family in the beautiful surroundings of colourful Sneem village with arts events within the programme. |

JULY / IÚIL

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| Féile Lughnasa 28 – 31, Cloughane Brandon | Contact. Caitríona Ní Churráin T. 066 71 38137 • E. eolas@cft.ie • W. www.cft.ie Féile Lughnasa is a Celtic harvest festival that dates back 2,000 years. Revived in 1995, the Festival features music, children's activities, stage dramas as well as many local traditions, including sheep shearing, a blessing of the boats at Brandon Pier, and a pilgrimage to the summit of Mount Brandon. |
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AUGUST / LÚNASA

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| Cahersiveen Festival of Music and the Arts 4 – 6 | Contact. Hugh Horgan T. 087 2931685 • E. cahersiveenmusicfestival@gmail.com W. www.celticmusicfestival.com Family Fun Festival. Street entertainment, live street music nightly on main stage, busking competitions. Entertainment to suit everyone. |
| Sean McCarthy Weekend Festival 4 – 7, Finuge | Contact. Peggie O'Connell T. 087 9049371 • E. info@finugeweekend.com W. www.finugeweekend.com A concert on the Friday night. Children Art, Ballad Competition. Cross Road dancing each night. Story Telling Competition and finally the Rambling House. Music, song, dancing & story telling. To finish – a BBQ! |
| Dan Paddy Andy Festival 4 – 7, Lyreacrompane | Contact. Kay O'Leary T. 068 48353 • E. danpaddyandy@lyreacrompane.com W. www.lyreacrompane.com Ireland's real rural festival. A mighty weekend of music, dancing, ceilí, dog show, bog walk with turf cutting by sleam. |
| Puck Fair 10 – 12, Killorglin | Contact. Christine Healy T. 087 9128266 • E. info@puckfair.ie W. www.puckfair.ie A goat will be crowned king: visit the arts and crafts fair, participate in free workshops, visit Pauline Bewick's exhibition. |
| Charlie Chaplin Comedy Film Festival 24 – 27, Waterville | Contact. Anne Condon T. 066 9478819 • E. chaplinfilmfestival@gmail.com W. www.chaplinfilmfestival.com Comedy. Classical Charlie Chaplin Films, Film Competition, Street Performances, Circus Acts, Photo Gallery, Film, Circus and Art Workshops. |

SEPTEMBER / MEÁN FÓMHAIR

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| Dingle Tradfest 8 – 10 | Contact. Deirdre Granville T. 086 8504551 • E. dingletradfest@gmail.com W. www.dingletradfest.ie The well-established Dingle Tradfest 2017 runs from September 8th -10th and will host a series of concerts, free session trail and workshops and feature the country's finest traditional musicians, singers and dancers. Dingle will certainly be the place to be in September. For more details check out www.dingletradfest.ie. Fálitimid roimh Gaeilge le linn an fhéile agus beidh cuid mhaith dár n-imeachtaí ar siúl go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge nó go dtéanaghaig. Bigli Linn!! |
| Culture Night Kerry 22, Countywide | Contact. Kerry County Arts Office T. 066 7183541 • E. arts@kerryccoc.ie W. www.culturekerry.com On Culture Night, key artistic and cultural organizations around Kerry extend their opening hours until late in the evening to provide the public with increased access to the various collections, workshops and other events. |

OCTOBER / DEIREADH FÓMHAIR

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| Kerry Film Festival tbc, Killarney | Contact. Philip Doyle T. 066 71 29934 • E. info@kerryfilmfestival.com W. www.kerryfilmfestival.com A pioneering countywide festival. KFF presents a curated shorts and features programme plus a unique series of film music events. |
| Patrick O'Keefe Traditional Festival 27 – 30, Castlesland | Contact. P.J. Teahan T. 087 273 1441 • E. jgreidy@eircom.net W. www.patrickokeeffe.net Traditional Irish music festival in Castlesland based on the late fiddle player Patrick O'Keefe's 'Slabh Luachra' style of playing. |

NOVEMBER / SAMHAIN

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| National Circus Festival of Ireland 9 – 12, Tralee | Contact. Con Horgan T. 087 997 8146 • E. info@circusfestival.ie W. www.circusfestival.ie The festival is Ireland's largest annual circus festival. It is one of the most exciting, emerging festivals in Ireland. The festival has lit up Tralee every November in an explosion of theatre, clown, aerial, fun, laughter, skill and absurdity. |
| Sneem International Folklore & Storytelling Festival 10 – 12, Sneem | Contact. Rosie Crouch T. 086 152 2346 E. info@sneemstorytellingfestival.com W. www.sneemstorytellingfestival.com Storytelling concerts, lectures, walks, pub trails, workshops for adults and children set in the beautiful village of Sneem. |
| Torc Set Dancing Weekend 17 – 19, Killarney | Contact. Joan Pollard Carew T. 086 8718819 • E. joanpollardcarew@gmail.com Three ceilis music, Johnny Reidy, Abbey and Striolan ceili bands. Set dancing workshops directed by Timmy Wolfe. Music sessions after ceilis. |

DECEMBER / MÍ NA NOLLAIG

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| Wren Day Celebration 26, An Daingean / Dingle | Contact. Gerard Kennedy T. 066 94 77108 • E. enquiries@moorings.ie W. www.portmagee.ie Street parade led by a piper with blazing turf torches marking the end of the 'Old' Year and the start of the 'New'. |
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