

Hallo,

so mal einfach zwischendrin haben wir von Gaeltacht eine Zusammenstellung versucht:

Wo spielt die Musik in 2023?

Es ist leider so: wenig Konstanz in den Quellen. Jedes Jahr sind es andere. Und Zeit zum Überprüfen haben wir auch nicht. Natürlich gehörten diese Termine allesamt in eine (sortierbare) Zeit-Datenbank. Doch wer mag das tun, wer hat die Zeit? Wir auch nicht.

Aber einen Großteil von Veranstaltungen decken wir hoffentlich ab.

Gut und schade zugleich: Konzerte, auch kleinere Touren wie die von Christy Moore sind nicht dabei, sie hätten mehr Rechercheaufwand gekostet. Aber es erspart Euch auch die Enttäuschung: seine Konzerte sind eigentlich alle ausgebucht...

Beides ist schade.

Und wer uns demnächst einmal helfen will, so was viel besser (z.B. in einer Excel-Liste oder gar Datenbank zu erfassen: gerne! Einfach melden! Oder gleich bei uns bewerben – siehe Webseite: www.gaeltacht.de

Nun viel Glück beim Finden!

Achtung: drei Quellen! Alle fangen jeweils neu im Mai 2023 an...

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MAY 2023

1–31 May: [Bealtaine](#), across Ireland

2–7 May: [GAIA Musikfestival](#), Thun and Berne, Switzerland

3–6 May: [Arts and Minds Festival](#), Maynooth University, Co. Kildare

4–7 May: [Fiddle Fair](#), Baltimore, Cork
5–7 May: [Long Play](#), Brooklyn, New York
5–7 May: [Féile Joe Éinniú](#)
7–14 May: [Kronberg Academy: Chamber Music Connects the World](#), Kronberg, Germany
10–13 May: [The Great Escape](#), Brighton, UK
11–12 May: [Festival Makers Conference](#), Galway
12–28 May: [Norfolk & Norwich Festival](#)
18–22 May: [Dublin Dance Festival](#)
18–22 May: [West Wicklow Chamber Music Festival](#)
18–24 May: [Songlines Encounters Festival](#), Kings Place, London
18 May–18 June: [Dresden Music Festival](#), Dresden
19–22 May: [Féile Róise Rua](#), Arranmore
19–22 May: [Knockengoroch Festival](#), Galloway, South West Scotland
19–29 May: [International Literature Festival](#)
20 May: [World Fiddle Day](#), Scartaglin, Co. Kerry
21 May–28 Aug: [Glyndebourne Festival](#)
21 May: [Nasc Folk & Traditional Music Festival](#), Marlay Park, Dublin
22–23 May: [Marvellous Island](#), Plage de Vaires-Torcy, Paris
25–27 May: [Brighton Music Conference](#)
25 May–8 June: [Bergen International Festival](#)
25–29 May: [Fastnet Film Festival](#), Schull, Co. Cork
26–27 May: [Galway Early Music Festival](#)
26–29 May: [Bearded Theory's Spring Gathering](#), Derbyshire, UK
26–29 May: [Orkney Folk Festival](#)
27–29 May: [Doncaster Folk Festival](#)
27–29 May: [Life Festival](#), Westmeath
28–29 May: [East Durham Irish Festival](#), New York
28 May–6 June: [Fleadh Nua](#), Ennis, Co. Clare
31 May–6 June: [Blackwater Valley Opera Festival](#), Lismore, Co. Waterford

JUNE 2023

1–5 June: [Mountshannon Arts Festival](#)
1–5 June: [Letterkenny Trad Week](#)
1–12 June: [Ruaille Buaille Lucan Children's Music Festival](#)
1 June–3 Aug: [Longborough Festival Opera](#), Gloucestershire
2–4 June: [Free House Fest](#), Áras na nGael, Galway
2–4 June: [Primavera Pro](#), Barcelona
2–5 June: [Women's Work Festival](#), Belfast
2–18 June: [Van Cliburn International Piano Competition](#), Fort Worth, Texas
3–4 June: [Forbidden Fruit Festival](#), Dublin
3–4 June: [Roscommon Chamber Music Festival](#)
3–6 June: [K-FEST](#), Killorglin, Co. Kerry
5 June: [Roots Picnic](#), Philadelphia
5 June–4 August: [Waltham Forest Cello Fest](#), London
7–12 June: [Carlow Arts Festival](#)
7–12 June: [Dublin International Chamber Music Festival](#)
9–11 June: [Limerick Sings](#)
9–11 June: [Westport Folk and Bluegrass Festival](#), Co. Mayo
9–12 June: [Minnesota Irish Music Weekend](#)
9–19 June: [Leipzig Bachfest](#), Germany
9–17 June: [Leeds Lieder Festival](#)
10–12 June: [The Revival of Live](#), Lucan
10–12 June: [Doolin Folk Festival](#), Clare
10–12 June: [Borris Festival of Writing and Ideas](#), Carlow
10–12 June: [Tempelhof Sounds](#), Berlin

10–12 June: [Waterford International Organ Festival](#)
10–12 June: [Beyond the Pale](#)
10–12 June: [Skerries Trad Music Weekend](#)
11 June: [Cruinniú na nÓg](#)
13–26 June: [Belsonic](#), Ormeau Park, Belfast
15–19 June: [London Contemporary Music Festival: The Big Sad](#)
16–19 June: [Lismore Immrama Festival of Travel Writing](#), Lismore, Co. Waterford
15–18 June: [Isle of Wight Festival](#)
15–18 June: [Dalkey Book Festival](#)
15–19 June: [Galway Folk Festival](#)
15–24 June: [Northern Aldborough Festival](#)
15–25 June: [La Prima Estate Festival](#), Lido di Camaiore, Italy
15–26 June: [Cork Midsummer Festival](#)
16–17 June: [Louth Contemporary Music Society – Folks’ Music](#), Dundalk, Co. Louth
16–18 June: [Body & Soul](#), Ballinlough Castle, Clonmellon, Co. Westmeath
16–19 June: [NYAH Comhaltas Music Festival](#), Cavan
16–20 June: [Pipeworks Festival: Pipeworks from the Organ Loft 2.0](#)
17–19 June: [Gospel Rising Music Festival](#)
17–19 June: [Black Deer Festival](#), Kent
18 June: [Fiesta del Sol](#), Carrickmacross
18–19 June: [Smithfield Fleadh](#), Dublin
19–20 June: [Tradition Now](#), Dublin
19–26 June: [Spannungen Festival](#), Germany
20 June–1 July: [Blas – International Summer School of Irish Traditional Music and Dance](#), Limerick
22–26 June: [Glastonbury Festival](#)
23–26 June: [Leigh Folk Festival](#), Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
23–26 June: [Walled City Music Festival](#)
23–26 June: [Hinterland](#), Kells, Co. Meath
24 June: [Macroom Music Fest](#), Co. Cork
24 June–3 July: [West Cork Chamber Music Festival](#)
25 June–7 July: [Istanbul Jazz Festival](#)
29 June–28 July: [Lucca Summer Festival](#), Lucca, Tuscany, Italy
30 June–2 July: [An Chúirt Chruitireachta – International Festival for Irish Harp](#)
30 June–2 July: [Stendhal Festival](#), Limavady
30 June–9 July: [Festival International de Jazz](#), Montreal
[BBC Cardiff Singer of the World](#)

JULY 2023

24 June–3 July: [West Cork Chamber Music Festival](#)
30 June–2 July: [An Chúirt Chruitireachta – International Festival for Irish Harp](#)
30 June–2 July: [Stendhal Festival](#), Limavady
1–2 July: [When Next We Meet](#), Raheen House, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
1–3 July: [Longitude](#), Dublin
1–9 July: [Cairde Sligo Arts Festival](#)
1–10 July: [Clonmel Junction Arts Festival](#)
1–18 July: [Manchester International Festival](#)
2–10 July: [Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy](#), Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare
3–10 July: [Castleknock Music Festival](#)
5–10 July: [Galway Film Fleadh](#)
6–7 July: [Audio Shoot – International Music Video and Film Festival](#), Murphy’s Barn, Wexford
6–8 July: [NOS Alive](#), Lisbon Portugal
7–9 July: [Otherside Festival](#), Rock Farm, Slane, Co. Meath
7–10 July: [Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod](#), Wales
7–10 July: [Kinsale Arts Weekend](#), Online
7–14 July: [West Cork Literary Festival](#), Bantry, Cork

8–16 July: [Cheltenham Music Festival](#)
9–16 June: [Hertfordshire Festival of Music](#)
9–24 July: [Eragail Arts Festival](#), Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
10–16 July: [South Sligo Summer School](#), Tubercurry, Co. Sligo
10–16 July: [Catskills Irish Arts Week](#)
10–18 July: [40th Irish Composition Summer School](#), Irish Institute of Music and Song, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin
11–15 July: [Ceol na Coille School of Irish Traditional Music](#), Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
11–24 July: [Galway International Arts Festival](#)
13–17 July: [Halifax Jazz Festival, Canada](#)
14–16 July: [Soma Festival](#), Castlewellan, Co. Down
14–16 July: [Dublin HandelFest](#)
14 July–9 Sept: [BBC Proms](#)
15–16 July: [IMMA Summer Party](#)
15–17 July: [Forever Young Festival](#), Dublin
15–17 July: [Tomorrowland](#) (Weekend One), Belgium
15–24 July: [Islington Festival of Music and Art](#)
16–23 July: [Joe Mooney Summer School](#), Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim
18–22 July: [Mad Week: Music and Dance Week](#), Bethesda, Maryland
18–31 July: [Verbier Festival](#), Verbier, Switzerland
18 July–26 August: [Salzburg Festival](#), Germany
21–24 July: [Bluedot](#), Cheshire, UK
21–24 July: [Standon Calling](#), Hertfordshire
21–24 July: [Ballybunion Arts Festival](#)
21–24 July: [Somerset Folk Harp Festival](#)
22–24 July: [Forest Fest](#), Emo, Co. Laois
22–24 July: [Truck Festival](#), Oxfordshire, England
22–24 July: [Rolling Loud](#), Miami
22–24 July: [Tomorrowland](#) (Weekend Two), Belgium
23–24 July: [The Sondheim Festival](#), Kilkenny
23–29 July: [Belfast TradFest & Summer School](#)
23–29 July: [Scoil na gCláirseach – Festival of Early Irish Harp](#), Kilkenny
23 July–20 August: [Dartington Music Summer School and Festival](#)
24 July: [Higher Ground with Patti Smith](#), London Palladium
24–30 July: [ConCorda Chamber Music Course for Strings](#), Newtown School, Waterford
25–30 July: [Sligo Jazz Project International Summer School](#)
25–31 July: [Scoil Acla](#)
25 July–25 August: [Bayreuth Festival](#), Germany
26–28 July: [Great Irish Arts Week](#), Frankfort, New York
27 July: [Folk on the Tyne](#), Sage Gateshead
27–29 July: [Live on the Harbour](#), Dún Laoghaire
27–30 July: [Boyne Music Festival](#), Drogheda
28–31 July: [Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music Festival](#), Co. Donegal
28–31 July: [WOMAD](#), Charlton Park, Wiltshire
28–31 July: [Kirkos 10th Anniverary Festival](#), Dublin
28–31 July: [Lollapalooza](#), Grant Park, Chicago
28–31 July: [Cambridge Folk Festival](#)
28–31 July: [Camp Bestival](#), Dorset, UK
28–31 July: [Kendall Calling](#), Lowther Deer Park, The Lake District
29–31 July: [All Together Now](#), Curraghmore, Waterford
29–31 July: [Spraoi International Street Arts Festival](#), Waterford
29 July–5 Aug: [Sidmouth Folk Festival](#), Devon, England
30–31 July: [Loosefest](#), Town Moor, Newcastle, UK
30 July–7 Aug: [Jazz em Agosto, Lisbon](#)
31 July–7 Aug: [Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann](#), Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

AUGUST 2023

2–21 August: [Tread Softly](#), Sligo
4–6 Aug: [Rhythms on the Rio](#), Del Norte, Colorado
4–6 Aug: [Hideaway Festival](#), The Crix, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford
4–8 Aug: [Dublin Irish Festival](#), Ohio
5–7 August: [Howth Roots and Blues Festival](#)
5–9 Aug: [Feakle Festival](#)
6–30 Aug: [The Edinburgh Festival Fringe](#)
7–29 Aug: [Edinburgh International Festival](#)
9–13 Aug: [Summer Sing!](#), Cork
10–20 Aug: [Kilkenny Arts Festival](#)
11–13 Aug: [Flow Festival](#), Helsinki
11–14 Aug: [New Ross Guitar Festival](#)
12–31 Aug: [Open House Festival](#), Bangor
13–15 Aug: [Wild Roots](#), Sligo
13–16 Aug: [Milwaukee Irish Fest](#), Wisconsin
14–15 Aug: [Yurt City](#), Tullamore
17–21 Aug: [Chamber Music on Valentia](#), Co. Kerry
18–21 August: [Camp Bestival Shropshire](#), Shropshire, UK
18–21 Aug: [Green Man Festival](#), Brecon Beacons
19–21 Aug: [FolkEast Festival](#), Glemham Hall, Suffolk
20–27 Aug: [Clandeboyne Festival](#), Bangor
19–21 Aug: [PODIUM Esslingen](#), Germany
19–21 Aug: [Another Love Story](#), Killyon Manor, Meath
22 Aug–11 Sept: [Dún Laoghaire Folk Festival](#)
23–27 Aug: [Masters of Tradition](#), Bantry, Co. Cork
24–26 Aug: [Pop-Kultur](#), Berlin
24–27 Aug: [Tønder Festival](#), Denmark
25 Aug–17 Sept: [Beethovenfest Bonn](#), Germany
25 Aug–8 Sept: [Leeds Opera Festival](#)
26–29 Aug: [Shambala](#), Northamptonshire
26–28 August: [Victorious Festival](#), Southsea, UK
27–28 Aug: [Emerge Music Festival](#), Boucher Road Playing Fields, Belfast
27–30 Aug: [Shrewsbury Folk Festival](#)
27 Aug–4 Sept: [Burning Man](#), Black Rock Desert, Nevada
28–30 Aug: [Cornwall Folk Festival](#)
28 Aug–28 Sept: [Musikfest Berlin](#)
30 Aug–1 Sept: [Glenarm Festival of Voice](#), Co. Antrim

SEPTEMBER 2023

22 Aug–11 Sept: [Dún Laoghaire Folk Festival](#)
25 Aug–17 Sept: [Beethovenfest Bonn](#), Germany
25 Aug–8 Sept: [Leeds Opera Festival](#)
2–4 Sept: [Electric Picnic](#)
2–4 Sept: [Sundown](#), Norfolk Showground, Norwich
2–4 Sept: [Mosely Folk and Arts Festival](#), Mosely Park, Birmingham
2–4 Sept: [Harvest Time Rhythm & Blues Festival](#), Monaghan Town
2–11 Sept: [Tsinandali Festival](#), Georgia
7–10 Sept: [Sounds from a Safe Harbour](#)
7–11 Sept: [Gaudeamus Festival](#), Utrecht
8–10 Sept: [Kennedy Summer School](#), New Ross, Co. Wexford
8–19 Sept: [London Podcast Festival](#)
9–11 Sept: [Music in Monkstown](#), Dublin
9–11 Sept: [Westport Festival of Chamber Music](#), Westport, Co. Mayo
9–18 Sept: [Clonakilty International Guitar Festival](#), Cork

10 Sept: [Moonrise Festival](#), Carrickmacross
10–25 Sept: [Dublin Fringe Festival](#), Dublin
15–18 Sept: [Cashel Arts Festival](#)
15–25 Sept: [Clifden Arts Festival](#)
16–17 Sept: [Vantastival](#), Drogheda
16–18 Sept: [Fall Right Into Place](#), Claregalway Castle
17–18 Sept: [Fuinneamh Music and Arts Festival](#), Bellurgan Park, Co. Louth
17 Sept–1 Oct: [North Wales International Music Festival](#), St Asaph
21–24 Sept: [Reeperbahn Festival](#), Hamburg
21–25 Sept: [Limerick Jazz Festival](#)
21–25 Sept: [New Ross Piano Festival](#)
22–25 Sept: [Drimoleague Singing Festival](#), West Cork
22–25 Sept: [Southdowns Music Festival, Bognor Regis](#)
23 Sept: [Culture Night](#), Nationwide
23–25 Sept: [Féile John Dwyer](#), Waterford
23–25 Sept: [Sligo Baroque Music Festival](#)
24–25 Sept: [Night & Day Music Festival](#), Clonalis House, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon
24–25 Sept: [Hidden Notes](#), Stroud, Gloucestershire
29 Sept–1 Oct: [Ohana Festival](#), Dana Point, California
29 Sept–2 Oct: [Cork Folk Festival](#)
29 Sept–16 Oct: [Dublin Theatre Festival](#)
30 Sept–2 Oct: [Derby Folk Festival](#)

OCTOBER 2023

3–6 Oct: [Ireland Music Week](#), Dublin
4–9 Oct: [Féile Chois Fharráige](#), Conamara, Co. na Gaillimhe
5 Oct–6 Nov: [Belfast International Arts Festival](#)
6–9 Oct: [Éigse Michael Hartnett](#), Limerick
6–9 Oct: [London Piano Festival](#)
6–9 Oct: [Marsden Jazz Festival](#), Yorkshire
7–9 Oct: [Féile Liam O'Flynn](#), Naas and Kill Village, Co. Kildare
7–9 Oct: [Wales' Interceltic Festival](#)
10–16 Oct: [Tipperary Dance International Festival](#)
13–15 Oct: [Manchester Folk Festival / English Folk Expo](#)
13–16 Oct: [East Cork Early Music Festival](#)
14–23 Oct: [Baboró International Arts Festival for Children](#), Galway
14–23 Oct: [Bloomsbury Festival](#), London
14–29 Oct: [Oxford Lieder](#), Oxford
15 Oct: [Live at Leeds](#)
15–24 Oct: [Imagine Arts Festival](#), Waterford
16 Oct: [Lá na Cruite / Harp Day](#)
19–23 Oct: [City of Derry International Choir Festival](#)
19–23 Oct: [ADE](#), Amsterdam
19–23 Oct: [Womex](#), Porto, Portugal
21–22 Oct: [Big Bang Festival](#), Lisbon
22 Oct–6 Nov: [Wexford Spiegeltent Festival](#)
24 Oct–5 Nov: [Wexford Festival Opera](#)
26–30 Oct: [SoundFestival](#), Scotland
26–31 Oct: [Westival](#), Westport, Co. Mayo
27–30 Oct: [Creative Connexions Ireland](#), Sitges, Barcelona
27–31 Oct: [Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival](#), Tipperary
27–31 Oct: [Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival](#), Castleisland, Co. Kerry
27–31 Oct: [Guinness Cork Jazz Festival](#)
28–29 Oct: [Big Bang Festival](#), Antwerp, Belgium
28–31 Oct: [Púca Halloween Festival](#)

29 Oct: [Dublin Digital Radio: Alternating Current](#), The Complex, Dublin
29 Oct: [Frank Maher Classical Music Awards](#), Dublin

NOVEMBER 2023

2–4 Nov: [Iceland Airwaves](#)
2–5 Nov: [Fiddle Hell](#), Westford, MA
2–6 Nov: [Oireachtas na Samhna](#)
3–5 Nov: [Other Voices Cardigan](#)
3–6 Nov: [Jazzfest Berlin](#)
5 Nov: [TradTalk](#), UCC, Cork
6–7 Nov: [Big Bang Festival](#), Brussels, Belgium
8–15 Nov: [Dublin Book Festival](#)
10–19 Nov: [EFG London Jazz Festival](#)
10–20 Nov: [Cork International Film Festival](#)
10–20 Nov: [Sound of Belfast](#)
11–13 Nov: [West Wicklow Chamber Music Festival Winter Weekend](#)
11–13 Nov: [Louder Than Words](#)
11–15 Nov: [Ennis Trad Fest](#)
11 Nov–15 Dec: [IMRAM: Féile Litríochta Gaeilge](#)
12–20 Nov: [Outburst Queer Arts Festival](#), Belfast
13–14 Nov: [Big Bang Festival](#), Ghent, Belgium
14–21 Nov: [Pitchfork Music Festival](#), Paris
17 Nov: [RTÉ Radio 1 Folk Awards](#), Vicar Street, Dublin
17–20 Nov: [Songs from an Open Road: A Celebration of Music That Moves](#), Galway City
17–20 Nov: [William Kennedy Piping Festival](#), Armagh
18–19 Nov: [Big Bang Festival](#), Tallinn, Estonia
18–19 Nov: [Big Bang Festival](#), Lille, France
18–20 Nov: [Spilt Milk Festival](#), Sligo
18–20 Nov: [Éigse Joe Steve](#), Cois Fharráige, Conamara
18–27 Nov: [Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival](#)
19 Nov–23 Dec: [Winterval Waterford](#)
24–27 Nov: [Birmingham TradFest](#)
24–27 Nov: [Quiet Lights](#), Cork
25–27 Nov: [The Fidelio Trio Winter Chamber Music Festival](#), Dublin
25–27 Nov: [Ardee Baroque Festival](#), Ardee, Co. Louth
26 Nov: [TRNSMT Marks the Spot](#), Glasgow

DECEMBER 2023

2–4 Dec: [Other Voices](#), Dingle
2–4 Dec: [Éigse Dhiarmuid Uí Shúilleabháin](#), Muscraí, Co. Cork
4 Dec: [MG Alba Scots Trad Music Awards](#), Aberdeen Music Hall
4–5 Dec: [Big Bang Festival](#), Rouen, France
27 Dec–1 Jan: [Scoil Gheimhridh Ghaoth Dobhair](#), Donegal

JANUARY 2024

6–15 Jan: [First Fortnight](#), Ireland
7–29 Jan: [Out to Lunch](#), Belfast
10–15 Jan: [Dublin Bowie Festival](#)
13–17 Jan: [APAP](#), New York
18–21 Jan: [Eurosonic Noorderslag](#), Groningen
19 Jan–5 Feb: [Celtic Connections](#), Glasgow
20–22 Jan: [Music for Galway Midwinter Festival](#), Galway
21–29 Jan: [Dublin Lunar New Year](#)
22–26 Jan: [Your Roots Are Showing – Ireland's Folk Conference](#), Monaghan Town
25–29 Jan: [Temple Bar TradFest](#), Dublin

27–29 Jan: [Scoil Gheimhridh Chumann Merriman](#), Galway

27–29 Jan: [Hedge School Doolin](#)

29 Jan–5 Feb: [Imbolc International Music Festival](#)

FEBRUARY 2024

2–5 Feb: [John Mc Fadden Festival: Féile Sheáin Mhic Pháidín](#), Newport, Co. Mayo

3–5 Feb: [Éigse na Brídeoige](#), Uíbh Ráthach, Co. Kerry

3–5 Feb: [Féile na Tána](#), Co. Louth

3–6 Feb: [Tionól Nioclás Tóibín](#), An Rinn, Co. Waterford

6 Feb: [Grammy Awards](#)

10–12 Feb: [Concertina Cruinniú](#), Miltown Malbay Co. Clare

10–17 Feb: [University of Leeds Contemporary Music Festival](#)

11 Feb: [Irish Association of Youth Orchestras Festival](#)

13–19 Feb: [Newpark Festival](#), Dublin

15–19 Feb: [Scoil Ceoil an Earraigh](#), Baile an Fheirtéaraigh, Co. Kerry

16–18 Feb: [Mother Tongues](#), Dublin

26 Feb: [Liverpool Philharmonic – Music Industry Careers Day](#), Liverpool

22–26 Feb: [Eastbound Dublin](#)

23 Feb–4 March: [Dublin International Film Festival](#)

24–26 Feb: [Belfast TradFest Winter Weekend](#)

25 Feb: [Chester February Folk Day](#), Chester

26 Feb–5 Mar: [Ortús Chamber Music Festival](#), Cork

MARCH 2024

2–5 March: [TedFest](#), Inis Mór, Aran Islands

2–11 March: [Brilliant Corners: A Festival of Jazz in Belfast](#)

3–5 March: [Ennis Bookclub Festival](#), Ennis

3–5 March: [North Texas Irish Festival](#), Dallas, Texas

6–20 March: [Manchester Irish Festival](#)

7–10 March: [Fingal International Festival of Voices](#)

8–12 March: [Finding a Voice](#), Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

9 March: [RTÉ Choice Music Prize](#), Dublin

10–19 March: [SXSW](#), Austin, Texas

10–12 March: [Newcastle Piping Festival](#), Newcastle

11–12 March: [Féile Housing](#), Galway

15–19 March: [Borealis](#), Bergen, Norway

15–29 March: [St. Patrick's Festival](#), Kilkenny

15–19 March: [Kilkenny TradFest](#), Kilkenny

16–19 March: [St. Patrick's Festival](#), Dublin

17–19 March: [Niel Gow Festival](#), Perthshire, Scotland

18–25 March: [Tomorrowland Winter](#), France

21 March: [Early Music Day](#)

24–26 March: [Limerick Early Music Festival](#)

24–27 March: [Inishowen International Folk Song & Ballad Seminar](#)

30 March–2 April: [Big Ears Festival](#), Knoxville, Tennessee

APRIL 2024

1–3 April: [The Big Bang Festival](#), Dublin

1–10 April: [Baden-Baden Easter Festival](#), Berlin

6–9 April: [Counterflows](#), Glasgow

6–10 April: [National Folk Festival](#), Canberra, Australia

7–10 April: [Ballincolliq Winter Music Festival](#)

7–10 April: [Clifden Trad Fest](#), Co. Galway

8–10 April: [Tullamore TradFest](#)

12–15 April: [Music Current – Contemporary Music Festival](#), Dublin

12–15 April: [Cruinniú na bhFlúit](#)
13–16 April: [Fiddle Hell](#), Online
13–16 April: [Consairtín – National Concertina Convention](#), Ennis, Co. Clare
14–16 April: [Baltimore Irish Trad Fest](#), USA
14–16 April/21–23 April: [Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival](#), California
15–18 April: [Féile Ceoil Bhaile na nGall](#)
18–23 April: [Cúirt International Festival of Literature](#), Galway
20–23 April: [New Music Dublin](#)
20–28 April: [Limerick Opera Festival](#)
21–23 April: [Granard Booktown Festival](#), Co. Longford
21–24 April: [The Bridge Festival](#), Glasgow
22–23 April: [Worldwide Music Conference](#), Online
23–24 April: [Kilfenora Trad Festival](#)
23–25 April: [Eye on the Edge](#), Galway 2020 Online
24–29 April: [RIAM ChamberFest](#)
26–30 April: [Cork International Choral Festival](#)
27–30 April: [Jazzahead!](#), Bremen, Germany
27–30 April: [Shetland Folk Festival](#)
27 April–1 May: [City of Derry Jazz and Big Band Festival](#)
27 April–1 May: [Birr Festival of Music](#)
27 April–1 May: [Féile na Bealtaine](#), Daingean Uí Chúis, Co. Kerry
27 April–7 May: [Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival](#), Belfast
28–30 April: [Girvan Traditional Folk Festival](#)
28–30 April: [Bray Jazz Festival](#)
28–30 April: [Féile Oriel](#), Monaghan
28 April–1 May: [Ballydehob Jazz Festival](#)
28 April–1 May: [Kilkenny Roots Festival](#)
28 April–1 May: [Féile Chois Cuain](#), Louisburgh, Co. Mayo
28 April–6 May: [Galway Theatre Festival](#)
29–30 April: [Drogheda Arts Festival](#)
29–30 April: [Tectonics Glasgow](#)
30 April–1 May: [Claremorris Folk Festival](#), Co. Mayo

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The best Irish summer festivals in 2023: a handy guide to over 60 events around the country

Denn nachfolgend gibt's nur den reinen Text davon ...

From Dalkey Book Festival and All Together Now, to Electric Picnic and Clifden Arts Festival, there is no shortage of entertainment across the country this summer

Will this be our first “normal” summer since 2019? Summertime cultural festivals are a particular pleasure of the Irish summer, whether experiencing stellar Irish or international work in the delicious intimacy of a festival, or enjoying smaller festivals that reflect and draw on local pleasures or specific interests.

With last year's trepidation a memory, there's a sense of hope and pent-up expectation and expansion.

Here's details of some of what festival programmers have in the works for this year – big and small, long-established and fresh on the block, niche and come-all-ye, from hooley to high-brow.

MAY

Bealtaine Festival – May 1-31: The month-long nationwide celebration of arts and creativity as we age is up and running, with hundreds of events, in-person and online, in almost every county, ranging from The Golden Flood of Memory (story of memories through movement, collaboration between Limerick residents and choreographer Katy Hewison), to singers Tom Dunne and Jerry Fish and musician Alan O'Connor on The Songs that Shaped Us; and from Unshrinking Violets: 50 years of Lesbian activism to Standing on the Shoulders of Giants, celebrating links between writers of different generations (Niamh Mulvey and Joseph O'Connor talking with Henrietta McKervey). Plus Bealtaine's flagship Dawn Chorus in Waterford's Dunmore East, LGBTQ+ celebrations, and circus workshops in Galway.
bealtaine.ie

STAMP Festival of Creativity – May 19-21: Benchspace, Cork Craft & Design, Sample-Studios and Shandon Art Studios host over 50 art, design and craft events, exhibitions, workshops, demonstrations, screenings and markets, at Cork's Counting House.
stampcork.ie

Made in Darndale – May 26-28: North Dublin Summer Arts Festival returns for a second year, with music, dance, story, song, circus and performance in a joyous cross-community celebration. Featuring The Jerry Fish Electric Sideshow, CoisCéim Dance Theatre, Courtney's Daredevil Circus, Sharyn Ward, Mark Flynn at The Bell Square and The Darndale Park Big Top, Darndale, Dublin 17. All events free, and for all ages,

but some are ticketed because of capacity.
creativeplacesdarndale.ie

Blackwater Valley Opera Festival – May 29-Jun 5: Verdi's *Macbeth*, a political thriller full of intrigues, murders, and passion (and unforgettable arias), at Lismore Castle, Waterford, is the star of Ireland's summer opera festival. With 21 events and 103 international and Irish artists at 12 venues in Lismore, Youghal, Dungarvan and Fermoy (including quirky Dromore Yard, a semi-restored 19th century farmyard on the banks of the River Blackwater). Concerts and recitals and feature tenor Ian Bostridge; cellist Nadège Rochat; Irish Baroque Orchestra with Peter Whelan and mezzo-soprano Paula Murrihy. Plus festival recital series around the area, four free open-air recitals in Lismore, Youghal, Dungarvan and Fermoy, formal opera or picnics.
blackwatervalleyopera.ie

Dublin Dance Festival – May 16-28: Irish and international artists pose questions and celebrate dance's transformative power. Three large-scale performances at the Abbey: Trajal Harrell/Schauspielhaus Zürich Dance Ensemble; Oona Doherty's new show *Navy Blue*; and Emanuel Gat Dance Company's *LOVETRAIN2020* "musical" to Tears for Fears hits. At Project, there's a new immersive installation from DDF artist-in-residence Luke Murphy, shows from Compagnie Catherine Gaudet and Marco D'Agostin, a Pan Pan world premiere. Plus Emma Martin's ceremonial performance/installation with dancer Mufutau Yusuf (Junior) at the Complex, a new interactive and inclusive dance piece for children by Marc Brew at the Ark, free performances at Wood Quay Amphitheatre and Liz Roche's digital dance installations.
dublindancefestival.ie

West Wicklow Chamber Music Festival – May 17-21: Performances at Russborough House and St Mary's Church Blessington, by saxophonist Jess Gillam and her ensemble, violinist Patrick Rafter, Navarra Quartet, Apollo 5 vocal ensemble, cellist Jamal Aliyev, plus rising stars Amy Gillen and Frasier Hickland. Events for younger audiences include Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals* with pianists Soo-jung Ann and Fiachra Garvey (festival founder) with Irish Chamber Orchestra.
westwicklowfestival.com

International Literature Festival Dublin – May 19-28: Literary celebration at Merrion Square Park, with over 180 events (including tons for families and children, plus a Fringe programme), national and international authors and unconventional literary experiences. Among a vast programme are actor and gourmand Stanley Tucci, *Schitt's Creek* screenwriter Monica Heisey, novelist, essayist, and short-story writer Mary Gaitskill, a conversations strand including Karl Geary and Elaine Feeney, Niamh Mulvey and Joseph O'Connor. The prestigious Dublin Literary Award winner is announced on May 25.
ifldublin.com dublinliteraryaward.ie

Live at the Marquee – May 27-Jun 29: Series of gigs at Ballintemple, Cork, including Joanne McNally and Vogue Williams, two days of The Frames, Bingo Loco XXL, Tommy Tiernan, Bell X1, Christy Moore, Olly Murs, The Waterboys, and Sonny Fodera headlining a one-day line-up on June 24. aikenpromotions.com

Listowel Writers' Week – May 31-Jun 4: Packed programme in the convivial Kerry town, curated by Stephen Connolly, including Paul Brady in conversation with Paul Muldoon, young novelists Tess Gunty (US National Book Award for Fiction winner), Megan Nolan and Michael Magee, workshops with Stephen Sexton and Wendy Erskine. There's also Richard Ford and Joseph O'Connor; Claire Kilroy and Lucy Caldwell; Fergus Cronin and Nithy Kasa; Eimear Ryan and Rebecca Perry, lunch poems, workshops.

Opening night sees award presentations of the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year, the Pigott Poetry Prize and the John B Keane Lifetime Achievement Award. writersweek.ie

Africa Day – May 21: Day of music, dance and entertainment at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham (11am-6pm, free and non-ticketed). It's a diverse celebration of African cultures and Ireland's growing links with the continent, with almost 40 performers, artists and African cultural organisations taking part. Including live music by Celaviedmai, Discovery Gospel Choir, Rhythm Africana, Kiruu, SBEZ, Troy Okay and Monte DJ; cultural village of African culture, art, industry and craft; dance and spoken word areas featuring performances by Tobi Balogun, No Whahala Crew, The Zoryanna, Iggy Kelly and the Congolese Community in Ireland; and children's entertainment. africaday.ie

JUNE

Forbidden Fruit – Jun 3-4: Signalling the start of the summer music festival season on the June bank holiday weekend, the 11th edition sees two days of music and art in the grounds of Dublin's Royal Hospital, Kilmainham. Acts include Central Cee, Rina Sawayama, Rachel Chinouriri, Annie Mac, Ben Böhmer, Eric Prydz, slowthai, Honey Dijon, Eliza Rose, ROMY. forbiddenfruit.ie

K-FEST – Jun 2-5: The 10th visual and performing arts festival in Killorglin, Co Kerry, featuring emerging artists. Over 60 events including workshops, music events, craft markets, pop-up galleries, art installations and exhibitions, in disused buildings, empty shop-fronts and non-traditional arts spaces. www.kfest.ie

Cat Laughs – Jun 2-4: Kilkenny city's long-running comedy festival has a new twist this year with artistic director Angela Squire and festival veteran Naoise Nunn introducing Nine Lives, a series of mixed bills, each with nine comics in 90 minutes, pairing the return of top Irish comedians with standups from England, Scotland and Wales who've never played in Ireland before. thecatlaughs.com

Carlow Arts Festival – Jun 7-11: Kicking off the summer's arts festivals with music, circus, dance, theatre, visual arts, street art across town and at Festival HQ in Carlow College grounds. Including Irish premieres of three European works blurring artforms: From Belgium, Dag Taeldeman's and Andrew Van Ostade's BodyBodyBodyBody journeys to the edge of trance, rooted in folk traditions of the Italian tarantella. In MOS, Greece's Ioanna Paraskevopoulou and Georgios Kotsifakis appropriate everyday objects to live-score scenes from zombie horrors, nature docs and classic Westerns. Sorry, But I Feel Slightly Disidentified... by Benjamin Kahn (France/Belgium) explores race, gender and status. Plus family events including interactive Wires, Strings & Other Thing, and the Carnival of Collective Joy on the streets, co-created with local children for Cruinniú na nÓg on June 10. carlowartsfestival.com

Dublin International Chamber Music Festival (formerly Great Music in Irish Houses) – Jun 7-12: Irish and international artists perform chamber music in interesting and unique spaces, including free performances and a concert for children. Olivier Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time in Kilmainham Gaol alongside four newly commissioned solo works for violin, cello, clarinet and piano (composed by Cenk Ergün,

Amanda Feery, Gráinne Mulvey and Jonathan Nangle, and performed by Finghin Collins, Carol McGonnell, Mia Cooper and Marc Coppey). South African cellist Abel Selaocoe's festival debut with the Bantu Ensemble at the Printworks, Dublin Castle. Irish pianists Máire Carroll, Thérèse Fahy, Ruth McGinley, Veronica McSwiney and Fionnuala Moynihan perform works written and nominated by women in Townhall in the Windmill Quarter. Ian Wilson's new Voces amissae (Lost Voices) at Dublin Castle's Castle Hall, performed by Dutch singer Nora Fischer and the Ficino Ensemble. Plus core repertoire of the chamber music canon by musicians including Philippe Cassard, Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective and Quatour Ébène in venues from Killruddery and Castletown to the Botanic Gardens.

dicmf.com

Tradition Now – Jun 10-11: Two-day festival of traditional Irish music and folk, with concerts on National Concert Hall's stages, including Dublin folk act a Lazarus soul, and Reflecting Migrations (with Irish Traditional Music Archive) celebrating the living tradition, with Steve Cooney, Nava, Moxie, Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin, John Blake, Brían MacGloinn, Jesse Smith, Kseniya Rusnak, Esosa Ighodoro. Other performances include Hack-Poets Guild, Landless, Maija Sofia, Aoife Ní Bhríain with Catrin Finch, and Méabh Ní Bheaglaoich.

nch.ie

Cruinniú na nÓg – Jun 10: Creative Ireland's national day of creativity for children and young people. Over 600 free events and activities all over Ireland, from prehistoric pottery classes in Leitrim to Slime Labs in Longford, and from rap concerts at Cork's Elizabeth Fort to photography tours in Dublin.

cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie

UCD Festival, Celebrate and Be Inspired – Jun 10: University showcase with 130-plus free public events, with live performance masterclasses, interactive science displays, creative workshops and family-friendly activities. Including talks by authors Roddy Doyle, Lisa McInerney, Emilie Pine, Elaine Feeney, Nicole Flattery; and a Delta Blues Project music workshop.

festival.ucd.ie

Bloomsday Festival – Jun 12-18: The festival takes place across Dublin city, celebrating Ulysses and Joyce, organised by the James Joyce Centre, boasts a multitude of events, including the Hibsén concert, an evening of music, literature and song based on his short story collection Dubliners, and several theatre pieces, from Cois Céim's Go to Blazes based on a Ulysses episode, to Yes! Reflections of Molly Bloom a solo show performed by Aedín Moloney, to Falling Through the Universe, a play by Declan Gorman. Plus tons of walking tours, exhibitions, children's events, music, lectures. bloomsdayfestival.ie

Galway Folk Festival will showcase folk, roots and traditional music

Galway Folk Festival – Jun 13-18: The second edition, showcasing folk, roots and traditional music from Ireland and beyond, on four stages in Monroe's Live, at outdoor pop-up gigs and in Seapoint Ballroom, plus family events and a local food market. Line-up includes Steve Earle, The Sharon Shannon Trio, Kíla, Niamh Regan, Steve Earle, Inhaler, Teenage Fanclub, The Whileaways, Ispíní na hÉireann.

galwayfolkfestival.ie

Cork Midsummer Festival – Jun 14-25: Director Lorraine Maye promises a playful festival with the city as stage, where Millennium Hall becomes a beach for Sun & Sea's opera performance watched from above, the Marina Market Warehouse is a meeting point for collisions of artforms and audiences, and John Redmond St is transformed with oceans of multicoloured foam by artist Stephanie Lüning. Other highlights

include aerial flight Freefalling from Georgina Miller, directed by Lynne Parker; an installation holding space for play, co-created with Traveller children and adults and artists Eszter Némethi and Claire Murphy; live performance of Ode to Joy, through the perspective of deaf culture. There's a focus on street performance, community creativity and emerging artists, plus tons of new work, from Circus Factory Cork, BrokenCrow theatre, drag act Candy Warhol, choreographer/performer Andrea Williams, emerging theatremakers Loom, Aaron O'Neill.
corkmidsummer.com/

Elif Shafak and David McWilliams at the Dalkey Book Festival

Dalkey Book Festival – Jun 15-18: Stellar line-up of 100 writers and thinkers from across the world descending on the historic seaside town, 30 minutes south of Dublin city. Hollywood arrives in the form of Tom Hanks; the 78 events also encompass authors Masha Gessen, David Brooks, Richard Ford, Ruby Wax, Sebastian Barry, physicist Brian Cox, historian Peter Frankopan, musician The Edge, journalist Helen Lewis, economist Linda Yueh, the Atlantic editor Jeffrey Goldberg, architect Orla O'Kane, and comedians including Dylan Moran, Deirdre O'Kane, Kevin Gildea and Ian MacPherson. www.dalkeybookfestival.org

Sea Sessions Bundoran – Jun 16-18: The south Donegal surf and music festival's first wave of acts on the main beach in the town centre includes headliners Kasabian, Becky Hill and the Coronas. The big beach party also features Cian Ducrot, Girls of the Internet, Grooverider, Katie Phelan, King Kong Company, MC Fokus, Odhran Murphy, Ryan Mack and Zion Train.
seasessions.com

Dalkey Book Festival

Galway Ukulele Festival – Jun 16-18: Fourth year of the festival will have more than 300 ukulele players, with performances by Ukulele Simon, League of Ukulele Gentlemen, Zoe Bestel, Roisin Erskine, The Sneaky Tequilas, and the Galway Ukers at An Taibhdhearc. They'll showcase a diverse range of ukulele musical styles, from traditional Irish music to contemporary pop and rock. Plus workshops, Street Flash mob, golden uke competition, ukulele ceilidh.
galwayukefest.com

Body & Soul – Jun 16-18: A creatively curated celebration of the summer solstice at Ballinlough Castle Estate, Co Westmeath. The independent festival describes itself as a mix of wild party and restorative retreat, and this year includes electronic supergroup Moderat, Indigenous funk 7-piece BCUC, The Blaze, Fever Ray, Alison Goldfrapp, The Blessed Madonna, Kojaque, Denise Chaila, Kneecap, Gemma Dunleavy, The Murder Capital, DJs Gilles Peterson and Shanti Celeste, Aoife Nessa Francis and Sorcha Richardson, plus talks, podcasts and comedians. The theme of community features throughout founder and director Avril Stanley's weekend, from the Masquerade Ball to the closing ceremony Pagan Rave, and also spotlighting creative communities from across Ireland through performances, workshops, talks and panels.
bodyandsoul.ie

Beyond the Pale – Jun 16-18: Following its first year, the music and arts festival plans three days of music, art and food in the surrounds of Glendalough Estate, Co Wicklow. Headlining the eclectic bill are Hot Chip, Grace Jones, Thundercat, Jon Hopkins and Leffield, with 400+ artists and performers including a large arts line-up of installations, performance giants, circus, cabaret, contemporary art and pop art, comedy, family events, food talks, wellness, theatrical, storytelling and interactive performance.
itsbeyondthepale.ie

Borris House Festival of Writing and Ideas – Jun 16-18: Gathering in the grounds of Borris House, Co Carlow, with novelists Bernadine Evaristo, Ian McEwan, Dawn O’Porter, Ben McIntyre, Deborah Levy, Elaine Feeney, Katherine Rundell, Michael Ondaatje, Monica Ali, historians William Dalrymple and Manchán Magan, poet Simon Armitage, musicians Adam Clayton, Bill Whelan, Liam Ó Maonlaí and Dónal Lunny, plus film-makers, journalists, activists, comedians.
festivalofwritingandideas.com

Hinterland – Jun 22-25: An eclectic mix of literature, politics, sport, lifestyle and children’s fiction in Kells, Co Meath, and again incorporating the two-day Hindsight history festival, looking back at the Decade of Centenaries. Guests include Roger McGough, Liz Nugent, Richard Ford, Edel Coffey, John Boyne, Joseph O’Connor, Bill Whelan, Cristín Leach.
hinterland.ie

Night and Day – June 24-25: The second summer festival in Lough Key Forest Park, Co Roscommon, has a lineup including Mercury Rev, Hot House Flowers, Pillow Queens, Gruff Rhys, David Keenan, Wallis Bird and Emma Langford. There will also be lots of family fun, as well as the existing activities of the forest park, from ziplines to kayaking.
nightandday.ie

West Cork Chamber Music Festival – Jun 23-Jul 2: One of Europe’s premiere chamber music festivals, with world-class musicians in the beautiful West Cork town of Bantry. Highlights include The Biber Mystery Sonatas (postponed from 2022) performed by Ensemble Vintage Koln with newly commissioned poems by Ruth Padel. Also: Armida Quartet, Pacifica Quartet, Ragazze Quartet, Ardeo Quartet, Ensemble Diderot, Alina Ibragimova, Nurit Stark, Mairéad Hickey, Viviane Hagner, Caroline Melzer and Trio Gaspard.
westcorkmusic.ie

Malahide Castle summer concerts – Jun 14-30: A series of gigs at Malahide Castle and Gardens, Co Dublin, including Depeche Mode, Paolo Nutini, Blur, Sam Fender, Florence + The Machine, Sting and Hozier.
mcd.ie

Folks’ Music – Jun 16-17: Louth Contemporary Music Society’s annual summer festival in Dundalk, Co Louth, with music to suit lots of different folks. Including Irish traditional musicians; Chamber Choir Ireland; four saxophone players from Spain; two string quartets, from London (Explore Ensemble) and Dublin (Esposito Quartet); composers from Italy, Canada, the United States, England and Ireland; new work by two American LCMS regulars, Linda Catlin Smith and Cassandra Miller; folk incantation How to Fold the Wind by Caroline Shaw; and more. louthcms.org

JULY

Cairde Festival in Sligo: The Seas Above coastal spectacle by Donegal-based Luxe

Cairde Sligo Arts Festival – Jul 1-9: Taking over the venues, streets and public spaces of Sligo, including The Seas Above coastal spectacle by Donegal-based LUXE at dusk and dawn; The Hare, new theatre by Bob Kelly and Clare Monnelly; Les Lumières, a preview of Twisted Lane’s immersive work-in-progress set in a mature forest; The Lonesome Boatman, a new family circus show by Colm O’Grady; two-day Cairde in the Park with music, local food, Tumble Circus and Síolta Circus. A diverse music line-up including LOAH, Plúirín na mBan, Myles Manley, Bog Bodies, Nepalese Trio Kanta Dab Dab; talks and readings featuring Una Mannion, Eoghan Daltún, Dani Gill, and more. cairdefestival.com

Clonmel Junction Arts Festival – Jul 1-9: The multidisciplinary Tipperary festival premieres Hucklebuck, an immersive homage to showbands directed by Jack Reardon; co-produces Found by Aideen Wylde, with Broken Crow Ensemble/Everyman Theatre; and hosts a range of new work in the Festival Dome including Fishamble's King. Plus Piano Sessions in STAC Chapel, a Roger Doyle commission, Divine Voices for dance, soprano and piano by John Scott/Irish Modern Dance Theatre, and performances by Aileen Cahill with Andreea Banciu, Vale and composer-performer Eamon O'Malley. Rounded out with talks, workshops, aerial dance from Fidget Feet, an exhibition trail and a nightly music trail.
junctionfestival.com

Willie Clancy Summer School – Jul 1-9: Traditional Irish music, song and dance event in Miltown Malbay, Co Clare, marks 51 years, with instrument and dance classes, lectures, workshops, recitals and céilithe all week. scoilsamhraidhwillieclancy.com

Festival goers listen to Adultrrock at the Red Bull Woodlands arena at Longitude.

Longitude – Jul 1-2: The line-up for the music festival in Marlay Park, Dublin, includes Calvin Harris, Travis Scott, MK, Anne-Marie, Belters Only, Lil Uzi Vert, Metro Boomin, Joel Corry, Flo, Jazzy.
longitude.ie

Irish Youth Dance Festival – Jul 1-2: Youth dance companies and international guests including the National Youth Dance Company, Scotland, plus dance residencies, symposium, at Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin. dublinyouthdance.com

Iveagh Gardens festivals – Jul 6-30: Two festivals, of music and comedy, in marquees in the grounds of the Iveagh Gardens, Dublin. Live @ the Iveagh Gardens, July 6-23, has gigs by Janelle Monáe, Damien Dempsey, KALEO, The Waterboys, Father John Misty, Two Door Cinema Club, Bell X1 and Imelda May. Followed by the Paddy Power Comedy Festival, July 27-30, with multiple mixed bills of comics each night.
aikenpromotions.com

West Cork Literary Festival – Jul 7-14: Workshops, readings, professional development, events for children and young people in Bantry, with line-up including Graham Norton, India Knight, Donal Ryan, Darina Allen, Rory O'Connell, Catherine Ryan Howard, John Banville, Megan Nolan, Raymond Antrobus, Disha Bose, Adam and David King, Clara Kumagai, Sally Hayden and Alice Zeniter.
westcorkmusic.ie/literary-festival

Otherside Music & Arts Festival – Jul 7-9: Promising three hedonistic days of music, dance, art, wellness, food, and connection on Rock Farm, nestled in an expansive valley in Slane, Co Meath. The line-up includes Bombay Bicycle Club, CMAT, Maverick Sabre, Indigo De Souza, SBTRKT, Confidence Man, Maya Jane Coles, Fatima Yamaha. othersidefestival.ie

Earagail Arts Festival, Donegal, includes two free night-time, outdoor events in Bunrana and Arranmore Island

Earagail Arts Festival – Jul 8-23: Immersive and participatory experiences in circus, music, spoken word, theatre, across Donegal, from the western islands of the Gaeltacht to the eastern lowlands. Line-up includes two free night-time, outdoor events in Bunrana and Arranmore Island with landscape spectacle group, Luxe; five days of Home with The Henry Girls; Choice Music Prize winner Anna Mieke; two Wild Atlantic Weekends of circus and street theatre, in Raphoe and Gweedore; concerts at An Grianán Letterkenny including Flook, Na Casaidigh, Usher's Island with Lisa O'Neill, and a tribute to Donegal

musical family the Campbells.
eaf.ie

Galway Film Fleadh – Jul 11-16: The 35th edition of the International film festival, at the Town Hall Theatre and Pálás Cinema. Hundreds of events showcasing emerging and renowned filmmakers, Irish film talent and world cinema, award-winning documentaries and Irish and international short films, in screenings, Q&As, interviews, panel discussions.
galwayfilmfleadh.com

Quarter – Jul 14-16: DIY music and arts Quarter Block Party in Cork City returns, but without the block to party on. Concerts across Cork City by Elaine Howley, Junk Drawer, Maija Sofia. twitter.com/QtrBlockParty

Continuous Patterns – Jul 14-15: Mini-festival of two evenings of music, art, food and fun in the grounds of IMMA, Dublin.
www.imma.ie

Galway International Arts Festival – Jul 17-30: The full line-up is announced on May 16, but initial plans include a revival of Enda Walsh's *Bedbound*, starring Colm Meaney and Brenda Meaney, directed by Marc Atkinson Borrull. *Gravity & Other Myths* return to the festival with an ambitious new acrobatic/physical theatre show, *The Pulse*, where 30 acrobats and 40 choir-singers create a towering human structure of muscle, bone and voice that unites and divides. *The Pulse* will be at a new festival theatre, the biggest indoor temporary venue GIAF has created, at University of Galway's Kingfisher. Gigs at the Big Top include Kettama, Pavement, Bell X1, Fat Freddy's Drop, Kaiser Chiefs, The Saw Doctors and the Coronas. Plus more theatre, opera, circus, visual arts, plus First Thought Talks. giaf.ie

Forest Fest – Jul 21-23: Three days of music, arts, entertainment, street food, camping and glamping at Emo Village, Co Laois. With more than 90 acts lined up, including headliners James, The Proclaimers, Ash, Peter Hook & The Light, Suede, Bell X1, Paul Brady, Gabrielle, Suzanne Vega and Sharon Shannon. The festival will also feature the new Forest Fleadh and a children arts and entertainment programme from Port' Art Collective.
forestfest.ie

When Next We Meet – Jul 22-23: Lisa Hannigan, Talos, Daithí, Niamh Regan, Tipperary's Kyoto Love Hotel and Smythy at the music weekend in Clonmel's Raheen House Hotel.
whennextwemeet.ie

Belfast TradFest – Jul 23-29: Traditional music, song and dance bringing together both Irish and Ulster-Scots musical traditions, including a summer-school, concerts, talks, lectures, sessions, céilís.
belfasttradfest.com

Sult Festival – Jul 7-8: Two-day festival in Gweedore, Co Donegal, with acts including Dean Lewis, Lyra, Ash, Jenny Greene and Reevah. Camping is available. sultfeile.ie

AUGUST

Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival – Aug 4-12: One of Ireland's longest-running community arts festivals (part of Birr Festivals Collective of five festivals) features national and international visual arts, theatre, music, street theatre, workshops, exhibitions and community events, including Vintage Sunday Parade, Vintage Market, fireworks in the town's historic venues.
birrvintageweek.com

Spraoui International Street Arts Festival – Aug 4-6: On the road (literally) for 30 years, Waterford's free summer street party hosts hundreds of local, national and international artists and musicians performing 200 shows: street theatre, music, contemporary circus, comedy and spectacle. Over 20,000 expected for Sunday's festival parade in the city's medieval streets, followed by fireworks.
spraoi.com

Indiependence Music & Arts Festival – Aug 4-6: Multiple stages on a tree-lined 52-acre site in Mitchelstown, Co Cork near the Galtee mountains, headlined by Anne-Marie, Two Door Cinema Club and The Coronas, joined by Annie Mac, Belters Only, Inhaler, Jax Jones, Jenny Greene, We Are Scientists, Erica-Cody, All Tvins, Caitly Baser, Joesef, Cian Ducrot and Editors.
indiependencefestival.com

All Together Now – Aug 4-6: The fourth chapter has 18 stages of music, art, theatre, spoken word, comedy, food and hidden gems in the grounds of Curraghmore Estate, Co Waterford. The initial line-up includes Iggy Pop, Jamie xx, Caribou, Loyle Carner, Villagers, Jessie Ware, Sugababes, Lankum, Max Richter & RTÉ Concert Orchestra, Billy Bragg, TV Girl, Saint Sister, The Scratch.
alltogethernow.ie

Kilkenny Arts Festival – Aug 10-20: Director Olga Barry's programme for the festival's 50th anniversary promises unique collaborations. The line-up so far includes Asylum Productions/Once Off Productions' new site-specific theatre in The Local; and John Scott Dance Company premiering Migration Sonata, bringing diverse communities together through movement and song. The Hubert Butler Lecture celebrates festival connections with poet Seamus Heaney; Martin Hayes co-curates global music dialogues in Marble City Sessions; and a Butler Gallery exhibition focuses on the art of sport. The Secret Garden Music Series brings exceptional artists to Kilkenny's streets and gardens in free, open-air pop-up concerts, while Encounters treats single audience members to intimate performances.
kilkennyarts.ie

Waterford Walls – Aug 11-20: Ninth year of the international street art festival hosting artists from all over the world creating large-scale spectacular murals around Waterford city, and expanding into the county and new locations. Central hub at the Forum in the Glen for individual and family activities including live art, workshops, walking tours and music. wallsproject.ie

Chamber Music on Valentia – Aug 17-20: The 10th festival, in stunning locations in the landscape and seascape of Valentia island, Co Kerry, curated by pianist Mary Dullea. Featuring the first instalment of Bach's Brandenburg Concerti, Fidelio Trio's innovative Pop Archive, four days of concerts, workshops and opportunities to work with international musicians. chambermusiconvalentia.com

Another Love Story – Aug 18-20: Irish and international artists grace the intimate festival stages in the grounds of 18th-century Killyon Manor, Co Meath, for a weekend of music, art, conversation and food, along with James Holden, Sofia Kourtesis, Martin Hayes, Theon Cross, Rachael Lavelle with Glasshouse

Ensemble, Charlie Bones, Moving Still, JFDR, Lisa Hannigan.
anotherlovestory.ie

Masters of Tradition – Aug 23-27: Musicians across the spectrum of Irish traditional music perform in Bantry, West Cork, curated by fiddle player Martin Hayes.
westcorkmusic.ie

Desmond O'Halloran Music Weekend – Aug 24-26: Celebrating the Inishbofin maestro with concerts, workshops, arts events and free traditional and folk music trails across the Connemara island venues and landscapes.
inishbofin.com

EVA International visual arts festival, Limerick:

EVA International – Aug 31-Oct 29: Biennial of contemporary art across Limerick city, featuring new commissions and existing works from internationally acclaimed artists, a guest programme curated by Sebastian Cichocki, new work from six Ireland-based artists, a new commission by artist Bea McMahon, and Never Look Back, revisiting EVA's 45+ year history. Opening weekend introduces performances by artists Sharon Phelan, bela and Antonina Nowacka. eva.ie

SEPTEMBER

Electric Picnic – Sept 1-3: A rock'n'roll circus: large-scale gathering of music, art, theatre, comedy, food and holistic health in the grounds and woods of Stradbally Hall, Co Laois. Headliners include Billie Eilish, Lewis Capaldi, The Killers, Fred Again.., Niall Horan, Steve Lacy, Idles, Tom Odell, Rick Astley, Amyl & The Sniffers.
electricpicnic.ie

Sounds from a Safe Harbour Festival – Sept 7-10: Festival of music, dance, art and conversation, curated by Bryce and Aaron Dessner of The National, actor Cillian Murphy, playwright Enda Walsh and Mary Hickson. First headliners include Feist's Multitudes; European premiere of Bonny Light Horseman with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra; Wilco, supported by Anna Mieke; Ye Vagabonds Lighthouse Constellations, an evening of collaborations. Ticketed and free events in intimate venues across Cork City.
soundsfromasafeharbour.com

Music in Monkstown – Sept 8-10: Classical festival featuring some of the world's great musicians in Monkstown's parish church, Co Dublin: international violin and piano duo Maria and Nathalia Milstein, and the Piatti String Quartet, both performing with festival founder, clarinettist John Finucane; pianist Lance Coburn and Vox Amicum Brass plus; premiere of new commission for clarinet and piano by Shaun Davey, Irish traditional musician Aoife Ní Bhriain and friends, flautist Valentine Laporte (Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year) and post-concert jazz. musicinmonkstown.ie

Dublin Fringe Festival – Sept 9-24: Back at full tilt this year, a curated programme of aerial work, site-specific experiences in new-found locations and artists situating the individual in the streets of a rediscovered city. Promising new voices, new artforms and first-time makers across the city, from joining artists in a bathtub, to travelling the breadth and history of Phoenix Park, guided by new director David Francis Moore.
fringefest.com

New Ross Piano Festival – Sept 20-24: Niche festival curated by pianist Finghin Collins, hosting world-class pianists in the small Co Wexford town since 2006, for concerts, collaborations between artists across classical genres, and a day of jazz piano.

www.newrosspianofestival.com

Clifden Arts Festival – Sept 14-24: The longest-running community arts festival in Ireland, featuring literature, music and visual art, with the town and Connemara hinterland as a focus, plus creative writing, music, theatre and film workshops, performances in local schools, an arts trail and solo and group exhibitions. clifdenartsfestival.ie

Culture Night – Sept 22: All-island celebration of culture and creativity sees the Arts Council partnering with artists, local authorities, arts organisations to present thousands of free events and activities into the evening, in-person, online and broadcast.

culturenight.ie

Write by the Sea – Sept 22-24: Friendly and intimate literary festival in the fishing village of Kilmore Quay, Co Wexford, with lively talks, readings, interviews and workshops from a broad range of best-selling, established and emerging Irish and international writers. The programme will be announced in July.

writebythesea.ie

Dublin Festival of History – Sept 25-Oct 15: Irish and international historians talk and debate in free Dublin City Council festival shining a fresh perspective on history and its importance in our everyday lives. In the 23 city libraries and other venues, including the popular Big Weekend at Dublin Castle's Printworks. Talks are programmed as Gaeilge, in ISL and for those with accessibility requirements. Organised by Dublin city Libraries and Dublin City Council Culture Company.

dublinfestivalofhistory.ie

Dublin Theatre Festival – Sept 28-Oct 15: Showcasing world-class Irish and European theatre, across the city's theatre venues.

dublintheatrefestival.ie

Galway Cartoon Festival – Sept 29-Oct 6: When is a joke not a joke? When it's a jar. The Galway Cartoon Festival celebrates the impact of laughter – on minds, lives and governments – with local and international guests, laughter-filled exhibitions, talks, workshops, wild excursions, and live drawing events, from Richard Chapman and team. galwaycartoonfestival.ie

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- **Friday 19 May 2023 – Sunday 21 May 2023**



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[Féile Binn Éadair 2023 Iarla Ó Lionáird, Daoiri Farrell, and Bog Bodies](#)

Howth, Ireland

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- Saturday 20 May 2023**

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[Erased Tapes 2023 Rival Consoles, Peter Broderick, Crayon, Penguin Cafe, Anne Müller, Hatis Noit, Qasim Naqvi, and Kiasmos \(DJ Set\)](#)

[National Concert Hall](#), Dublin, Ireland

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- Friday 26 May 2023 – Sunday 28 May 2023**

- Outdoor**

[Life Festival - Weekend Camping 2023 Mall Grab, Patrick Topping, Amelie Lens, I Hate Models, Skin On Skin, Belters Only, Obskür, and Yasmin Gardezi](#)

[Belvedere House Gardens & Park](#), Mullingar, Ireland

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- Outdoor**

[Life Festival - Weekend Camping - Instalment Plan 2023](#) Mall Grab, Patrick Topping, Amelie Lens, I Hate Models, Skin On Skin, Belters Only, Obskür, and Yasmin Gardezi

[Belvedere House Gardens & Park](#), Mullingar, Ireland

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Saturday 27 May 2023

[Biggest 90s-00s Disco Festival 2023](#) Rednex, Five, East 17, Alice DJ, Ultrabeat, Liberty X, Mark McCabe, and Kelly Llorenna

[INEC Arena](#), Killarney, Ireland

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Outdoor

[Forbidden Fruit 2023](#) Folamour, Wesley Joseph, and Malaki

[Kilmanham Castle](#), Dublin, Ireland

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Friday 09 June 2023

[Doolin Folk Festival Early Bird 2023](#)

[Hotel Doolin](#), Clare, Ireland

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Friday 09 June 2023 – Sunday 11 June 2023

[Doolin Folk Festival 2023](#) Aoife O'Donovan, Pdraig Jack, and Sarah Buckley

Doolin, Ireland

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Friday 16 June 2023 – Sunday 18 June 2023

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[**Beyond the Pale Festival 2023** Hot Chip, Little Dragon, Flight Facilities, Thundercat, Jungle, Morcheeba, Jon Hopkins, and Grace Jones](#)

[Glendalough Estate](#), Wicklow, Ireland

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[**Body & Soul Festival 2023** Fever Ray, Beth Orton, Sorcha Richardson, Kormac, Kojaque, denise chaila, Gemma Dunleavy, and THUMPER \(IRE\)](#)

[Ballinlough Castle](#), Clonmellon, Ireland

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[**Sea Sessions 2023** Inhaler, The Coronas, 49th & Main, Girls of the Internet, Somebody's Child, Le Boom, The Mary Wallopers, and Moncrieff](#)

Bundoran, Ireland

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[**Body and Soul Festival 2023** Kurt Vile and Tinariwen](#)

[Ballinlough Castle](#), Clonmellon, Ireland

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□ □ **Friday 23 June 2023 – Saturday 24 June 2023**

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[**Biggest Disco 2023** Scooter, Giuseppe Ottaviani, Judge Jules, Talla 2XLC, and Boyzlife](#)

[Punchestown Racecourse](#), Naas, Ireland

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Saturday 24 June 2023 – Monday 26 June 2023



[**Night and Day Festival 2023** Mercury Rev, God Is an Astronaut, Anna Calvi, Gruff Rhys, Hothouse Flowers, Wallis Bird, Pale, and David Keenan](#)

[Lough Key Forest & Activity Park](#), Roscommon, Ireland

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Saturday 01 July 2023 – Sunday 02 July 2023

Outdoor

[**Longitude 2023** Calvin Harris, Travis Scott, Lil Uzi Vert, MK, and Joel Corry](#)

[Marlay Park](#), Rathfarnham, Ireland

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Friday 07 July 2023 – Sunday 09 July 2023

[**Otherside Campervan\(Must Hold Valid Weekend Festival Ticket\) 2023**](#)

[Rock Farm](#), Slane, Ireland

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[**Otherside 2023** Maverick Sabre, Confidence Man, Fatima Yamaha, Indigo De Souza, Tommy Lefroy, Paris Paloma, 49th & Main, and Somebody's Child](#)

[Rock Farm](#), Slane, Ireland

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Friday 14 July 2023 – Sunday 16 July 2023

[**Forever Young 2023** Soul II Soul and Thompson Twins' Tom Bailey](#)

[Palmerstown House Estate](#), Kildare, Ireland

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Friday 21 July 2023 – Sunday 23 July 2023



[Forest Fest 2023 The Proclaimers, James, Suede, Suzanne Vega, Ash, Gabrielle, The Undertones, and Big Country](#)

[Emo Village](#), Portlaoise, Ireland

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Wednesday 09 August 2023



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[Sacrosanct Dublin 2023 The Nosferatu](#)

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