

Comhairle Ceantair an Iúir, Mhúrn agus an Dúin  
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

# Clár Samhraidh na nEalaíon agus Cultúir Arts and Culture Summer Programme

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**AWARD WINNING  
BELFAST SINGER  
SONGWRITER  
KAZ HAWKINS**

**MARY DORAN AND  
DAVID JOHNSTON**

**ROCK SCHOOL**

Ag freastal ar an Dúin  
agus Ard Mhacha Theas  
Serving Down  
and South Armagh



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Mark Murnin  
Cathaoirleach

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Seo chugaibh eagrán an tsamhraidh de chlár Ealaíne, Cultúir agus Iarsmalainne i gComhairle Ceantair an Iúir, Mhúrn agus an Dúin. Tá beo-léirithe, ranganna, ceardlanna, taispeántais agus imeachtaí speisialta fud fad an cheantair idir Bealtaine agus Lúnasa, Séasúr Samhraidh an Chaisleáin Nua san áireamh.

Tá súil agam go mbaifidh sibh sult as an chlár seo, atá lán d’imeachtaí siamsúla don teaghlach ar fad i rith na míonna samhraidh. Taispeánann an clár seo tiomantas na Comhairle le cinntiú go bhfuilimid a tabhairt deiseanna go chách atá ina gcónaí, ag obair nó ar chuairt sa cheantar dul in ngleic le cúrsaí ealaíne agus cultúir.

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Arts, Culture and Museum programme for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. This brochure contains live performances, classes, workshops, talks, exhibitions and special events across the district from May – August, including the Newcastle Summer Season.

It is packed full of entertainment events for the entire family over the summer months. It highlights the Council’s commitment to ensuring that we offer all who live, work and visit the district as many opportunities as possible to engage with arts and culture.



# Down Arts Centre

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We have designed our programme to be as easy to use as possible. Please see the keys which explain the sections and the guidance icons which may apply to the event within the programme.

Down Arts Centre  
2 – 6 Irish Street  
Downpatrick BT30 6BP

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[www.downartscentre.com](http://www.downartscentre.com)



## Booking

**TO BOOK CALL:**  
**028 4461 0747**

Throughout the programme we have placed coloured rectangles directing you towards the box office telephone number. Alternatively you can visit our website for more information.

Guidance

Suggested Age Range

Suggested Minimum Age

Strong Language  
Very Strong Language  
Sexual Content

FREE Event

7–10yrs

18+

16+





## Leeds Meets Lecale!

2 choirs meet 'Where the Mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea ...'

An evening of wonderful songs featuring Good in Parts community choir from Moortown, Leeds and Downpatrick-based Voices of Lecale.

Admission by donation (suggested minimum £5) at the door in aid of Glebe House (Harmony Community Trust).

**DATE:**  
Saturday 4 May

**TIME:**  
7.30pm

**PRICE:**  
£5

**VENUE:**  
Shimna Integrated  
College, Newcastle

## I Am Maura

It's 2005. Maura is trying to find a boyfriend. Only she's surrounded by girls and is starting to think she might actually prefer them. I Am Maura is a light hearted look at the life changing decisions we all face in our teenage years and how we're woefully ill-equipped to deal with them.

Commedia of Errors present this brand-new hilariously heartfelt look at young love, written and performed by Clare McMahon, A Play for Ireland writer, whose debut play Shakespeare's Women sold out the Lyric Belfast before touring NI and whose acting credits include the West End, MAC and the BBC's Woman in White. I Am Maura is directed by Benjamin Gould whose adaptation That Scottish Play! in 2018 became his second sell-out show at The Lyric Belfast and who directed smash-hit Women Troubles which visited DAC last year.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 11 May

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available  
from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£12 / £10 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Commedia of Errors





## Trouble Songs

Performance

Based on Stuart Bailie's book, this sell out show from Belfast comes to life with songs, visuals and readings. Trouble Songs is about music and stories from contemporary Belfast. This performance weaves together memory, comedy and hard-hitting prose. A music and storytelling show in-the-round between 2 musicians and an author - Stuart Bailie, Joby Fox and Ursula Burns.

'Trouble Songs - Music and Conflict in Northern Ireland' sets the scene for the musical journey. Gripping stories and first-hand interviews with Christy Moore, The Undertones, Stiff Little Fingers and a number of international acts who visited the region when only a few bands would. The show journeys through a conflict of identity and turmoil into peace using music and stories.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 18 May

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£12 / £10 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

## Belfast GIRLS

Belfast GIRLS, the online sensation, comes live to the stage once again!

Written by and starring the creator of Belfast GIRLS – Michael Mulcahy!

Featuring all the Belfast GIRLS favourite characters Big Bernie Greene, Michelle, Shankill Joe and Ma as well as introducing brand new characters. Packed with songs from the Belfast GIRLS page, this comedy play will have you dancing in the aisles.

Also starring the hilarious Christina Nelson from I'll Tell My Ma and directed by Alan McKee (Handbag Positive)

**HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT.....** book your tickets today!

**DATE:**  
Friday 31 May

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£17.50 / £15 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Joseph Rea Productions



## Kaz Hawkins

Award winning Belfast singer songwriter Kaz Hawkins, has successfully re-launched as a solo artist and continues touring as a duo with special guest Sam York (Tom Jones, Ed Sheeran, Jessie J, Michael Ball & Alfie Boe) on piano and as her support act.

My Life And I is an intimate and personal show about Kaz's life in song aiming to highlight mental health issues such as abuse, drug addiction, domestic violence and more. It's an emotional roller coaster of a show which sold out in 2018 to audiences across the UK/Ireland & Europe. Kaz is an artist that truly connects with her audience on a personal level. She is Northern Ireland's very own soul superstar on a one woman mission to use her music to break stigma in mental health!

**DATE:**  
Friday 7 June

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£14 / £12 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

## Witches!

June 2019 sees the annual world conference of witches to be attended this year by the greatest, grandest witch of all. What's more it's to be held in Downpatrick and the really bad news is that these witches are set on rounding up all the children in the area and turning them into chickens! Yes, chickens!! And that's not a good thing so come along and join us in defeating their evil plans and saving our children. The good news is they are probably the weirdest, most useless witches you are ever likely to meet so it should be easy to outwit them, shouldn't it. Join us and find out for yourselves!

**DATE:**  
Saturday 8 June &  
Sunday 9 June

**TIME:**  
Saturday at 7.30pm  
Sunday at 3pm

**PRICE:**  
Price: £7 / £5

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Dramability





## The REAL Housewives of Norn Iron

Performance

You've met the real housewives of New York, Atlanta and Cheshire – now let's meet the REAL housewives of Norn Iron!

Housewives from every walk of life are flung together in this unique Norn Iron comedy. You thought you seen drama in The REAL Housewives? Imagine a West Belfast milly rubbing shoulders with a BT9-er? A wee Derry Irish language fanatic drinking gin and slim-line tonics with a mid-Ulster Slimmers World hallion! You ain't seen sparks fly until you've seen The REAL Housewives of Norn Iron!

A REAL rip-roaring comedy packed with characters that you'll know and love brought to you by the most successful comedy team in Norn Iron.

Written and produced by Leesa Harker, creator of 'Maggie Muff' and writer of "50 Shades of Red, White and Blue", "Dirty Dancin in le Shebeen", 'Maggie's Feg Run" and "Maggie – Yer Ma!" – and Directed by Andrea Montgomery – in other words, you're guaranteed a geg!

**DATE:**  
Friday 14 June

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£18 / £16 concession

**VENUE:**  
The Great Hall,  
Downshire Estate

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Red Brick Road  
Productions

**TO BOOK CALL:**

**028 4461 0747**



## Singing Sweet Lullabies

'Singing Sweet Lullabies - Songs and Arias for Babies with Spark Opera'

Welcome your little ones to the magical world of song! Relax and enjoy as Spark Opera introduce your little ones to the power of the voice with a fun filled workshop of musical story telling.

Surrounded by toys with large cushions, your child can play and laugh with our young opera singers in a friendly, sensory environment tailored to them.

A gentle hour of lullabies and nursery rhymes, this is the perfect way to start the day!

**DATE:**  
Saturday 15 June

**TIME:**  
11am, 12pm, 1pm

**PRICE:**  
£10 (includes:  
1 adult & up to  
3 children under  
the age of 7 years)

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Spark Opera

## Killymuck

Killymuck, written by Kat Woods (Wasted, Belfast Boy, Mule), starring Aoife Lennon (Mule, Edinburgh Festival, Clapham Omnibus and tour) offers an insight into how growing up on a council estate affects the present and informs the future.

Killymuck is a fictitious housing estate built on a paupers' graveyard in 1970s Ireland. Inspired by real events from Woods' upbringing, this black comedy sees Niamh navigate the trials and tribulations of being from the benefit system.

A powerful one-woman play that explores the political cause and effect of what being born with less means.

**DATE:**  
Friday 21 June

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available  
from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£12 / £10 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre



Performance



## ☆ Poems on a Sunday Afternoon

Performance

As always writers, readers and singers are invited to join us at Down Arts Centre in celebrating the written word in all its forms. Offering a friendly space to read, it is hoped that as before, those gathered will join in by sharing a piece of their own work (poem, story, song) or perhaps a favourite.

In our featured space, we are delighted to present a showcase of writing from selected members of Queen's Writers' Group.

**DATE:**

Sunday 12 May

**TIME:**

2.30pm – 4.30pm

**PRICE:**

**FREE**

**VENUE:**

Down Arts Centre

**PRESENTED BY:**

Castle Ward Arts and  
Crafts and Down Arts  
Centre

**TO BOOK CALL:**

**028 4461 0747**





## .....Downtime Summer Fest

Visit Downpatrick and explore all we have to offer at DownTime, a Summer Festival of Arts, Music, Racing and Heritage. From the 13th to the 16th of June there will be something for everyone as Downpatrick hosts events, performances, workshops and living history activities for all that come to town.

Over 4 days we'll have live music, street art, theatre, children's puppet theatre, children's arts workshops, living history with the Magnus Viking, Downpatrick Artisan Market and 2 days of Festival Racing at Downpatrick Racecourse.

Stay, enjoy and relax and get some DownTime.  
For further information contact:  
Down Arts Centre Box Office on **028 4461 0747**





## Aspects of Calligraphy

Calligraphy is not just beautiful writing, but another way to express your art through words. Traditionally using a pen and ink comes to mind but with this exhibition we hope that eyes can see another world of lettering. Words can be applied to any surface giving enjoyment and excitement. The journey started with Cuan Scribes an affiliated group of CLAS, at certificate level progressing through the Clas levels of Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced, and hopefully attaining Fellowship. Most now do it for pleasure and hope to demonstrate the wide range of techniques that they use.

**DATE:**  
Friday 10 May –  
Saturday 1 June

**TIME:**  
During Centre  
opening hours

**PRICE:**  
**FREE**

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**ARTIST:**  
Jacquie Brachi with the Cuan Scribes



## Starburst Stampedes

A recent series of action racing paintings by Leo Casement. Depicting horses racing, aspects on the flay, hurdles and starbursts. Action paintings portraying the special dynamism and connection between horse and rider.

**DATE:**  
Friday 7 June –  
Saturday 29 June

**TIME:**  
During Centre  
opening hours

**PRICE:**  
**FREE**

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**ARTIST:**  
Leo Casement



## Annual Schools Exhibition

This exhibition highlights the excellent standard reached by secondary school art students year after year. So come along and see what the students manage to achieve this year. Students from St Patrick's Grammar, Down High, St Mary's High School, St Malachy's High School, St Colman's High School, SERC and Shimna College have all been past participants.

**DATE:**  
Friday 5 July –  
Saturday 17 August

**TIME:**  
During Centre  
opening hours

**PRICE:**  
**FREE**

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**ARTIST:**  
Various



## Painting

This painting course is aimed at both beginners and those who have some experience of oil or acrylic painting. Instruction will be given in the chosen medium and the sessions will cover essentials such as basic equipment and materials, getting started, choosing subject matter, composition, colour, perspective, still life and landscape. A list of materials needed is available on the website ([www.downartscentre.com](http://www.downartscentre.com)) in 'downloads'.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 30 April for 5 weeks  
Thursday 2 May for 5 weeks

**TIME:**  
7pm – 9pm

**PRICE:**  
£35 / £30 concession

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Martin McParland



## Pottery

Experienced potter, Helen Faulkner will help lead you through this exciting tactile medium. Helen will be teaching coiling and slabbing and an introduction to decorative techniques.

**DATE:**  
Wednesday 24 April  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**  
10:30am – 12:30am

**PRICE:**  
£40 / £35 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Helen Faulkner



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**PRICE:**  
£40 / £35 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Martin McParland





Workshops & Classes

## Pottery

Helen Faulkner will give an introduction to a range of pottery techniques including hand-building techniques such as slab building and coiling as well as throwing on a potter's wheel. Clay, glazes and firing included.

**DATE:**  
Wednesday 24 April  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**  
7pm – 9pm

**PRICE:**  
£40 / £35 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Helen Faulkner

## I have a story in me

You've heard it a thousand times, maybe even said it yourself... "I have this great idea for a children's book..." But that's as far as it gets! Life gets in the way and the story never gets told, and if you don't tell your story, who is going to? No one – that's who! So why not let published author / artist Kieron Black help you get your story from daydream to thumbnail sketch to workable plot, all fleshed out with crazy characters, impossible scenarios and fantastic landscapes in a workshop that really tells a story.

**DATE:**  
Wednesday 1 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**  
1:30pm – 3:30pm

**PRICE:**  
£35 / £30 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Kieron Black

## Creative Writing Workshop

These workshop-based classes are designed to support those who wish to explore and develop their writing skills. They will cover topics such as writers' tools and sources, character and plot, as well as looking at a variety of styles including short stories, scriptwriting and poetry. Opportunities to experiment with different types of writing will be provided to enable participants to find and enhance their own writer's voice. Whether for fun or with a view to publication, this course aims to find ways to unlock imagination and to develop a greater awareness of craft.

**DATE:**  
Wednesday 1 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**  
7pm – 9pm

**PRICE:**  
£35 / £30 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Dr Catherine Kelly

**TO BOOK CALL:**  
**028 4461 0747**



## Singers' Circle

Singing out for Spring!

Feel your energy take off as the sun returns and come sing with us! New voices are welcome and no previous experience is required. A wide range of songs are taught by ear with an emphasis on harmony. There is also an opportunity to join the Voices of Lecale community choir ([www.freewebs.com/voicesoflecale](http://www.freewebs.com/voicesoflecale)) and take part in performances.

**DATE:**  
Wednesday 1 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**  
7.30pm – 9.30pm

**PRICE:**  
£25 / £22 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Laura Plummer  
([www.lauraplummer.com](http://www.lauraplummer.com))



## The Thursday Singers

Bursting into song!

This is a very informal afternoon class for singers of all types from the complete beginner to the more experienced singer. We sing songs from across the genres and decades including pop, folk and world music.

*'If you can walk you can dance,  
if you can talk you can sing!'*

**TUTOR:** LAURA PLUMMER NVN  
([www.lauraplummer.com](http://www.lauraplummer.com))

**DATE:**  
Thursday 2 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**  
2pm – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£25 / £22 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Laura Plummer  
([www.lauraplummer.com](http://www.lauraplummer.com))



## Hand Knitted Socks

Learn how to make beautiful, folk style socks. During this course you will explore the construction of socks and will learn how to create coloured folk patterns in the round working from simple charts and how to shape and knit a heel, gussets and toes. There will be original 'mini' sock patterns to work from as you learn and an original sock pattern to take away and finish at home.

This workshop is ideal for the intermediate knitter as you will need to be able to knit confidently.

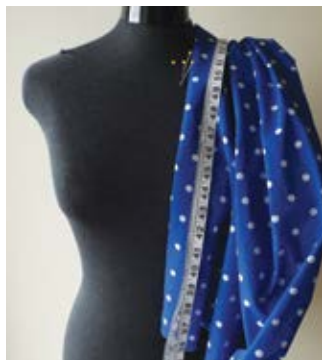
**DATE:**  
Thursday 2 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**  
7pm – 9pm

**PRICE:**  
£37.50 / £32 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Lucinda Guy



Workshops & Classes

## Beginners Dressmaking

This course is aimed at those who have never learnt any dressmaking skills and those who need help in using a sewing machine. You will be taught how to read a pattern and understand what all the symbols mean. Your tutor will provide all of the patterns and you will experiment with different garments in order to gain the confidence to be able to make your own clothes.

**DATE:**  
Thursday 2 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**  
10:30pm – 1pm

**PRICE:**  
£37.50 / £32 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Naomi Whan

## Ossia Guitar

In a relaxed and informal setting, all students will gain valuable playing experience whilst having fun. A perfect option for all beginner guitarists seeking a fun-based learning programme. All aspects of guitar playing will be touched upon, from basic rhythms to fundamental finger style.

**DATE:**  
Thursday 2 May  
for 8 weeks

**TIME:**  
6:30pm – 7:30pm (Beginners)  
  
7:30pm – 8:30pm (Improvers)

**PRICE:**  
£32 / £28 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Paul McMordie

## Intermediate Dressmaking

This class is aimed at those who are familiar with using their own sewing machine and can therefore thread it up and wind a bobbin. All patterns will be provided and different techniques will be taught, how to do buttonholes, insert zips and use stretchy fabrics. Please bring along your own sewing machine.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 7 May  
for 6 week

**TIME:**  
6:30pm – 9pm

**PRICE:**  
£37.50 / £32 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Naomi Whan

**TO BOOK CALL:**  
**028 4461 0747**



## Silver Jewellery

Each participant will be taught traditional jewellery making techniques such as piercing, soldering, rolling, annealing and filing. If you have attended previous workshops this is a great opportunity to build on the skills that you have already gained.

Copper sheet provided.  
Sterling silver to be purchased by each participant.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 7 May  
for 8 weeks

**TIME:**  
10am – 1pm

**PRICE:**  
£85 / £80 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Diane Lyness



## Draw and Paint

A class to assist and encourage the absolute beginner as well as those already more familiar with drawing and painting. Beginning with the basics of drawing you will learn techniques to form the basis of your painting. Moving on to mixing colours and working towards a finished piece. Materials to bring to the first session: HB pencil, rubber, sharpener and sketchbook. Advice will be given then on any other materials and paint needed for the rest of the course.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 7 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**  
7pm – 9pm

**PRICE:**  
£40 / £35 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Vincent McDonnell



## Tai Chi for All

This class involves fluid and slow body and mind exercises to develop mindfulness and movement skills. You will learn a short form of Chen Style Tai Chi and an energy-based practice, called QiQong, that will contribute to develop your body balance, coordination, strength, and awareness over your energetic field. This class is suited to adults of all ages that are interested in body-mind practices to develop a greater sense of well-being and fitness.

**DATE:**  
Friday 10 May for 6 weeks  
(No class 31 May)

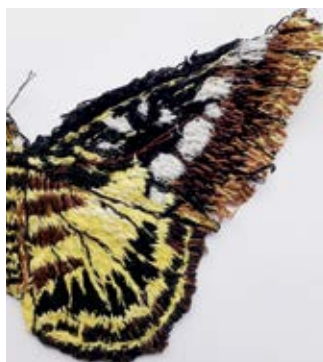
**TIME:**  
10.30am – 11.30am  
& 12 noon – 1pm

**PRICE:**  
£25 / £20 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Paula Guzzanti





## Sewing Club

During these 6 weeks students will be taught about free machine embroidery and will also stitch designs on to various types of fabrics such as water-soluble fabric. Applique will also be explored.

Once students have made up some embroidered motifs they can apply to tea towels, cushions, bags etc. If you have some of your own individual sewing project ideas please discuss with the tutor, Naomi at the first class and she will be on hand to help you develop and achieve your sewing wishes. This class suits all levels of ability and teaches you lots of new skills in a fun and relaxed environment.

**DATE:**

Friday 10 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**

10:30am – 1pm

**PRICE:**

£35 / £30 concession

**VENUE:**

Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**

Naomi Whan

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**DATE:**

Monday 13 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**

10am – 12noon

**PRICE:**

£40 / £35 concession

**VENUE:**

Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**

Vincent McDonnell

## Wire Work Class

This Class will cover a variety of techniques to build your skills and confidence with wire work, allowing you to create beautiful jewellery and gifts. Learn how to use wire, gemstones, beads and beach finds to create gemstone trees, pendants, bracelets, earrings, Tree of Life sun-catchers and pendants.

You will be introduced to the tools, materials and techniques you will need including; the different wires that can be used, the effective use of jewellery making tools, gemstone shapes and their properties, how to wrap different shaped beads and stones including cabochons and beach finds, how to create coils and wire shapes, how to texture wire, and how to use chain and findings.

**DATE:**

Monday 13 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**

7pm – 9pm

**PRICE:**

£40 / £35 concession

**VENUE:**

Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**

Lindy McMahon





## Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a gentle flowing exercise which aims to enhance the bodies intrinsic energy system. The main benefits are relaxation and physical and mental balance. As well as this Tai Chi works on strengthening the core and is a cardiovascular exercise. At its core Tai Chi promotes physical and mental well-being through focusing the practitioner on the individual moves and creating a sense of truly being in the moment. As the nature of the movement is slow and gentle Tai Chi is suitable for all regardless of age or ability.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 14 May  
for 6 weeks

**TIME:**  
13.30pm – 14:30pm

**PRICE:**  
£25 / £20 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Petesy Burns

## Linocut Workshop

An introduction to lino printing, you will become familiar with the tools and materials needed to create your own lino prints. We will begin with basic cutting techniques to give you a better understanding of the process, before moving onto an image or design to carve into the lino. Once the lino is inked up you can create multiple prints from the same carved lino. This process is extremely versatile not only for the reproduction aspects but the surface in which you print onto is not limited to paper. You will also have the opportunity to experiment with different colours and papers to evolve your prints further. Students are advised to bring at least one design or image to work from.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 4 May

**TIME:**  
10am – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£45 / £40 concession  
(materials and lunch included)

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Kiera Arnold



## Ceramic Box Making

Helen will show you how to hand build with leather hard clay to make a lidded ceramic box. Handbuilding and decorative techniques such as relief work and slip decoration will be covered. Suitable for beginners and those with some ceramic knowledge.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 11 May

**TIME:**  
10:30am – 3pm

**PRICE:**  
£40 / £35 concession  
(materials and lunch  
included)

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Helen Faulkner

## Woven Willow Hare

In this exciting workshop you will create a basic willow hare using random weave techniques. In this willow sculpture workshop Clive Lyttle from Welig Heritage Crafts will guide you through the creation of your piece. All tools and materials are provided. No previous experience necessary.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 18 May

**TIME:**  
10am – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£45 / £40 concession  
(materials and lunch  
included)

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Clive Lyttle

**TO BOOK CALL:**

**028 4461 0747**



## 3D Embroidered Butterfly

Is your embroidery a little flat?

Why not try our 3D embroidered butterfly one day workshop. Learn all the techniques you need to design and create your own embroidery sculpture. Including basic stump-work techniques; you'll learn manipulation of wire, long and short for basic silk shading and finishing stitches. Your butterfly can be easily adapted to be an attractive brooch or become part of a larger embroidery.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 25 May

**TIME:**  
10am – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£45 / £40 concession  
(materials and lunch included)

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Emma Whitehead



## Swedish Twined Knitting

Learn the ancient Swedish knitting technique that produces a beautiful, warm and durable fabric ideal for mittens and socks. During the workshop you will learn the basics of twined knitting as well as a decorative twined cast on and distinctive twined raised stitch patterns. There will be original patterns to work from as you learn and take away and finish at home.

This workshop is ideal for the intermediate knitter who is happy knitting in the round with 5 needles.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 1 June

**TIME:**  
10am – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£45 / £40 concession  
(materials and lunch included)

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Lucinda Guy



## Slip Casting Workshop

Create and decorate your own functional, bone china milk bottle with local designer/ maker Rebecca Killen. You will explore the slip casting technique and plan and decorate your own design as well as experiment with printing onto clay.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 8 June

**TIME:**  
10am – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£45 / £40 concession  
(materials and lunch included)

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Rebecca Killen





## Garden Robins

One Day Workshops

In this workshop we will be making two cheeky little Robins. One of which will perch on lovely rust effect, metal crook stake (provided) and the other will be made to go on the ground looking up at the other. These little robins will be made in garden wire which will be rusted once made. There will also be an introduction into working with wire, the types of wire available, tools and simple patinas that can be experimented with just using two ingredients from the kitchen cupboard.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 15 June

**TIME:**  
10am – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£45 / £40 concession  
(materials and lunch  
included)

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Joy Gray

**TO BOOK CALL:**

**028 4461 0747**

# AUGUST CRAFT MONTH

WITH NAOMI WHAN  
Down Arts Centre



## ADULT WORKSHOPS



### Sewing Machine Basics

A workshop specifically made for those who are completely new to sewing, or who would like a refresher course on modern machines. You will learn how to thread a machine, wind the bobbin and how to sew basic stitches. We will talk about stitch width, length and tension. Participants should bring along a sewing machine (in good working order) with a spare needle. If you don't have a sewing machine, enquire at time of booking and one may be available to use.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 3 August

**TIME:**  
9.30am – 12.30pm

**PRICE:**  
£30



### Silk Painting for Beginners

This workshop is an ideal introduction for people who are new to silk painting or who feel they would benefit from revisiting the basics. Learn about the different materials involved before creating your very own silk painted card. A handout will cover everything taught and will enable you to go away with the confidence to carry on painting. All materials included.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 3 August

**TIME:**  
1.15pm – 3.45pm

**PRICE:**  
£25



### Crochet Granny Squares

Using beautiful yarn, and with a hook and patterns provided too, come and learn how to crochet in a relaxed and friendly environment. In this workshop you will learn how to hold your hook and yarn, how to crochet chain stitches and how to form the basic stitches needed to crochet a granny square. This class gives you the opportunity to explore several different techniques with lots of inspiration for finished items. So why not come and enjoy learning with others and go home with a stash of squares and inspiration?

**DATE:**  
Saturday 10 August

**TIME:**  
9.30am – 1.30pm

**PRICE:**  
£35



# AUGUST CRAFT MONTH – ADULT WORKSHOPS



## Glass Painting

Glass painting is a lovely craft workshop to do! You will learn to play with light and form to explore the versatility of the translucent paint. Everyone will each paint a beautiful glass plate. All the materials you will need are provided, including paints, design ideas, and the plate itself. However if you have a particular glass piece you would like to use feel free to bring it along with you on the day.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 10 August

**TIME:**  
2.30pm – 4.30pm

**PRICE:**  
£25



## Learn how to Sew Curtains

Curtains can be very expensive to order, so why not learn how to make them yourself? You will learn how to make pencil pleat, fully lined curtains. You will see how to measure the window correctly, square off the fabric, add the lining and attach the header tape, as well as lots of tips and tricks. You will make a sample curtain in this class to take away with you. All techniques will be detailed in hand-outs with step by step instructions for you to refer back to with the aim that you will be able to make your first pair of curtains at home with confidence! Please bring along a sewing machine with spare needle. If you don't have a machine please enquire at time of booking and one may be available. All other materials will be supplied.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 17 August

**TIME:**  
10am – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£40



## Creative Feltmaking

Discover the joys of 'painting' with merino wool. Learn about the tools, materials and techniques required for wet felting. We'll start with a demo to help you decide what you want to make. There will be a large range of colours of wool for you to choose from and the design is up to you however if you are unsure there will be some samples for inspiration to help you out! Needle felting will also be taught as it is a great way to embellish and add detail to your design. Previously workshop participants have made felted pictures and brooches. All materials included.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 24 August

**TIME:**  
9.30am – 1pm

**PRICE:**  
£35

**TO BOOK CALL:**  
**028 4461 0747**



## Jewellery Making

This workshop is aimed at those who want to create bespoke pieces of jewellery. Participants will be able to create their very own beaded jewellery pieces including choice of necklaces, bracelets and earrings. You will be shown how to make stunning jewellery pieces using specialist tools and wire. Perhaps you want to make jewellery pieces for an upcoming wedding or special occasion or for a gift for friends and family? You don't need to have any previous experience as you will get plenty of creative help and inspiration from the tutor and the workshop will suit children as well as adults. All children must be accompanied by an adult. All materials, tools and instructions included.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 24 August

**TIME:**  
2pm – 4.30pm

**PRICE:**  
£28 (adults)  
£10 (children) Age 8 – 16 years



## Pebble Art

Pebble Art is a very popular crafting activity to do and the results are amazing! It is so much fun from painting the pebble to using pebbles to produce various images...there's no end to being creative. The tutor will have lots of ideas and inspiration to help you enjoy a relaxed and fun morning and you will leave with a beautiful framed pebble art picture to hang on your wall or give as a gift. Price includes all materials, tools and instructions.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 31 August

**TIME:**  
10am – 12 noon

**PRICE:**  
£25



## Hand Embroidery

Embroidery is the art of decorating fabric with threads using a variety of stitches in various colours. Each participant will create a sampler of embroidery stitches and will receive hand-outs as a reminder of how to sew the stitches. You will learn how to embroider chain, blanket, feather, french knots and couching plus lots more. Embroidery hoops and all materials and threads will be provided. You'll look at how to source inspiration for your own designs, and how to transfer those designs onto your chosen fabrics, before you know it you'll be stitching your cares away, embroidering new life into everything from cushion covers, pillowcases to shopping bags and clothing. This workshop is suitable for beginners or for those looking to refresh their skills.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 31 August

**TIME:**  
1pm – 3pm

**PRICE:**  
£25





## Rock School

Kids and Teens

Whether you're an absolute beginner or a more advanced player, Ossia Music Rock School offers you the opportunity to learn and improve your skills on guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, and vocals, from professional musicians and teachers in a friendly and creative curriculum-based environment.

**DATE:**  
Thursday 2 May  
for 8 week

**TIME:**  
4pm – 6pm

**PRICE:**  
£60

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Ossia Music School

**GUIDANCE:**

11 –  
15yrs

## Dance

This class is a chance to try different styles of dance, it will explore jazz, contemporary and musical theatre technique and will include fun and challenging routines each week. The class will also explore how music works in partnership with movement to tell a story, so it is a good opportunity to be creative. It is suitable for people with a range of experience.

**DATE:**  
Thursday 2 May –  
Thursday 30 May  
(5 weeks)

**TIME:**  
7.30pm – 8.30pm

**PRICE:**  
£25

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Jennifer Rooney

**GUIDANCE:**

11+  
yrs

**TO BOOK CALL:**

**028 4461 0747**





## Kids Pottery classes

Join Austyn Finnegan to create sculptural forms, animal pots, explore texture and impressing in clay, make relief tiles and coil or pinch pots.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 11 May  
for 8 weeks

**PRICE:**  
£35 (4 – 6 years)  
£40 (7 – 11years)

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Austyn Finnegan

**GUIDANCE:**  
4 – 6yrs from 11am – 12pm

7 – 11yrs from 12.30pm – 2pm

## Illustration

Drawing is great fun, drawing well is even better. And everyone can do it – all that is needed sometimes is an encouraging word or a nudge (smudge!) in the right direction. Get guidance in the techniques of pencil, pen and ink, watercolour, acrylic, even felt-tips or crayons if you like – anything to get that idea out of your head and on to the page. Join autho/artist/illustrator Kieron Black for this fun workshop aimed directly at the younger artist and get that creativity unleashed!

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 7 May  
for 8 weeks

**TIME:**  
4pm – 6pm

**PRICE:**  
£55

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Kieron Black

**GUIDANCE:**  
9 – 11yrs





## Fashion Club

Kids and Teens

This after school club is for creative young people interested in learning to design and make clothing. Students will follow and adapt commercial patterns and during the five weeks a summer dresses with pockets will be the selected pattern to focus on. They will also gain confidence in how to set up sewing machine, pin, cut out fabric plus lots more very useful sewing tips! All materials are included and experience is not necessary! However please bring along own sewing machine. If you don't have one please ask at time of booking and one may be available.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 7 May  
for 5 weeks

**TIME:**  
4pm – 6pm

**PRICE:**  
£40

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Naomi Whan

**GUIDANCE:**

9 –  
16yrs

**TO BOOK CALL:**

**028 4461 0747**



## Patterned Notebooks

This workshop will see kids learning repeat pattern printmaking techniques to create the cover of a handmade notebook that uses a basic Japanese stitch binding.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 11 May

**TIME:**  
1pm – 3pm

**PRICE:**  
£8

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Lisa Murray

**GUIDANCE:**  
7–11yrs

## Block Printed Cards for Father's Day

Make a delightful card with envelope for father's day using block printmaking techniques and collage.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 8 June

**TIME:**  
1pm – 3pm

**PRICE:**  
£8

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Lisa Murray

**GUIDANCE:**  
7–11yrs



# SUMMER SCHOOLS



## Illustration

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**DATE:**

Monday 1 July –  
Friday 5 July

**TIME:**

10am – 12noon

**PRICE:**

£50

**VENUE:**

Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**

Kieron Black

**GUIDANCE:**

9 –  
11yrs



TO BOOK CALL:

028 4461 0747



## Young Designers Design and make: A T-Shirt

Come along and design and make your own unique T-Shirt. Choose from your favourite cartoon characters or images of your favourite sports/hobbies. All materials will be provided however your child may wish to bring along a snack and drink to enjoy during our break time.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 20 July

**TIME:**  
10am – 11.30pm

**PRICE:**  
£15

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Naomi Whan

**GUIDANCE:**

5 – 10yrs

## Young Designers Design and make: A Pebble Art Picture

Pebble Art is a very popular crafting activity to do as the results are amazing! It is so much fun from painting the pebble to using pebbles to produce various images...there's no end to being creative. Your child will have lots of fun arranging their pebbles and various other natural materials into a lovely design. Each pebble picture is unique and the children will have lots of own ideas but if not the tutor will help develop your child's ideas into a beautiful framed pebble art picture. Your child may wish to bring along a snack to enjoy during our break time. Price includes all materials, tools and instructions.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 20 July

**TIME:**  
12 noon – 1.30pm

**PRICE:**  
£15

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Naomi Whan

**GUIDANCE:**

5 – 10yrs

## Young Designers Design and make: Handmade Felt

This wet felting workshop will allow you to get wet and woolly to create a masterpiece to take home. Children will learn how to build up layers to create a background and then design a picture to go on the surface. Girls might want to make a landscape scene or perhaps some beautiful butterflies and the boys maybe want to make some snails or even scary snakes! These workshops will involve water, soap and getting your hands wet! Your child may wish to bring along a snack to enjoy during our break time. All materials will be supplied.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 20 July

**TIME:**  
2pm – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£15

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Naomi Whan

**GUIDANCE:**

6 – 12yrs





## Minecraft

Minecraft is a sandbox video game that allows players to work individually or as part of a team to build their own worlds. We like to think of it like a digital version of Lego.

### WORKSHOP OUTLINE

#### Minecraft Team Challenge

Participants work in teams to complete a variety of build challenges during our Minecraft Workshop. These challenges will be customised to suit different, subjects and can also change in difficulty depending on the experience the participants have using Minecraft.

#### Design and Animate your Minecraft Character

This can be a bit boring when everyone on your team looks the same. We can also run a design your own character workshop that allows the participants to design their own character that they can play as during the game. They can also print off and create a real life 3D model of the character

We can also help you bring your character to life with our own animation app. So you can show off your creativity to the world. With our animation app you can create animated cartoon characters using frame-to-frame animation.

#### DATE:

Monday 22 July –  
Friday 26 July

#### TIME:

10am – 4pm

#### PRICE:

£65

#### VENUE:

Down Arts Centre

#### TUTOR:

Ossia School  
of Music

#### GUIDANCE:

8 –  
12yrs



## Specialist Performing Arts Week for 12-18 year olds

Choose ONE Specialist Area  
from **ACTING/ DANCE/ THEATRE**

Take part in a series of specialist workshops linked by a contemporary and relevant theme and have the opportunity of sharing your work at the end of the week. Suitable for everyone; including beginners and those considering a career in the performing arts or theatre design.

**ACTING** – Explore a range of techniques and styles from method acting to contemporary physical theatre.

**DANCE** – Develop dance techniques and skills in a range of styles including musical theatre. Focus on skills required to perform to an audience with confidence and compete in today's dance industry.

**THEATRE DESIGN** – Investigate a variety of stage design styles, create a mood board and a model box, develop scene painting skills and create a stage set.

#### DATE:

Monday 29 July –  
Friday 2 August

#### TIME:

10am – 4pm

#### PRICE:

£65

#### VENUE:

Down Arts Centre

#### TUTOR:

Jenny Long,  
Jenna Finnegan  
& Mark Revels

#### GUIDANCE:

12+  
yrs



## Intermediate Summer School

### 'Be Supercalifragilistic Expialidocious' this summer at the Down Arts Centre!

Join us for a fun filled week of acting, dancing, singing and art! Make new friends, build self-confidence and develop new skills! This year we will be creating a performance based on scenes from the legendary hit, 'Mary Poppins'. The week will culminate in a sharing of work for parents and friends.

**DATE:**  
Monday 5 August –  
Friday 9 August

**TIME:**  
10am – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£65

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Jenny Long,  
Jenna Finnegan  
& Mark Revels

**GUIDANCE:**

7 –  
11yrs



## Arts Summer School

Picasso self portrait art workshops, where the kids can explore the magic of self expression and exploration of colour and form, whilst being tactile with a range of varying materials.

The end result of the workshop will be a low relief, free standing and colourful self portrait of all the participants.

**DATE:**  
Monday 12 –  
Friday 16 August

**TIME:**  
10am – 12 noon

**PRICE:**  
£40

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Mark Revels

**GUIDANCE:**

4 –  
6yrs



## Rock School

A week of mayhem, noise and chaos is what you might expect if you come to Rock School. But by the end it you will have made some new friends and found some old ones, learnt some new songs, maybe even rediscovered some old ones, and above all you will definitely have played one of the best gigs of your life.

**DATE:**  
Monday 19 August –  
Friday 23 August

**TIME:**  
10am – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
£65 concession

**VENUE:**  
Down Arts Centre

**TUTOR:**  
Ossia Music Tutors

**GUIDANCE:**

11 –  
18yrs



# SUMMER NIGHTS & SUMMER DAYS



## Wedding Fever

The ever-popular Belvoir Players make a welcome return to Newcastle for their now legendary Summer Theatre tour with 'Wedding Fever', a rip-roaring Sam Cree comedy.

Wedding fever is gripping the Galbraith household. Myra, daughter of football fanatic, Alec, is due to marry canny countryman Dennis Hall. His farmer parents come to town to meet their prospective in-laws and, as if this was not enough, American relations descend on the household. To add further confusion, railway worker Alec is involved in a strike, son Davy has been in an accident and nosey neighbour Emily Beattie constantly gets in everyone's way.

Expect the usual Sam Cree magic from start to end.

**DATE:**  
Friday 5 July

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£12 / £10 concession

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Community Cinema

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Belvoir Players

## The Legend of Luke Kelly

On 30th January 1984 it was said that the whole of Ireland grieved the death of Dubliner Luke Kelly. He left an indelible mark as being the greatest folk artist of the 20th Century and is regarded as one of Ireland's cultural treasures.

When Dublin singer/ songwriter/ multi-instrumentalist Chris Kavanagh performs, his talent captures the depth and passion of the great man he is so heavily influenced by. Over the past 16 years he has amazed audiences with sell-out performances.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 6 July

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£16 / £14 concession

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Community Cinema

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Aine Hanratty Entertainments

Summer Nights

**TO BOOK CALL:**  
**028 4461 0747**





## Dolly's Jukebox Band

The greatest hits of Dolly Parton with country classics old & new – celebrating all things Dolly and more! Come and join Dolly and friends for a night to remember including the most popular floor fillers, toe-tappers and sing-a-long tunes from country, rock & pop!!

For further information on our show including videos, press releases, photos etc. [www.facebook.com/DollysJukeboxBand](http://www.facebook.com/DollysJukeboxBand)

**DATE:**  
Friday 19 July

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£15 / £12 concession

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Community Cinema



## The Illegals with Niamh Kavanagh

Oldshore Productions presents THE ILLEGALS with Niamh Kavanagh Eagles and Fleetwood Mac '25' Tour

Twenty-five years ago the Eagles came back with their magical Hell Freezes Over world tour and Fleetwood Mac reformed their most successful line-up.

To celebrate, The Illegals are putting a new show for these two ground-shaking music events from the world's two most iconic rock bands

Led by Niamh Kavanagh, she of the mesmerizing voice and mischievous spirit, The Illegals will take you on a journey for three hours of soulful harmonies, exciting riffs, blistering guitars and unforgettable songs.

The best of two legendary bands in one night? It's almost too good to be true.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 20 July

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£17.50 / £15 concession

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Community Cinema

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Oldshore Productions



## Letting Go or Losing It

Nuala McKeever's hilarious stand-up show comes to Newcastle!

If you're gliding gracefully towards the second half of your life, maybe this isn't the show for you. But if you want reassurance that you're not the only one struggling with all the things life throws at you, step right up!

Weight gain, menopause, bereavement and becoming invisible – just some of the joys that await the woman of a certain age! What to do? Lie down and take it (at least that makes your stomach look flatter) or stand up and laugh?

Nuala McKeever gives both a go in her hilarious new show as she transforms the awful into the awfully funny, by way of her trademark wit and compassion.

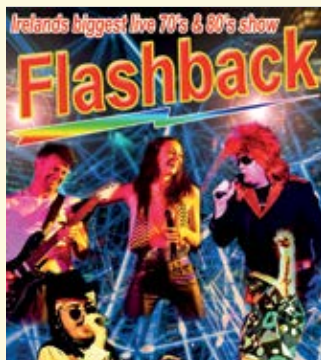
**DATE:**  
Friday 26 July

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£15 / £13 concession

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Community Cinema





## The 70's/80's Rewind Show with Johnny Hero

### Flashback – The Ultimate musical journey

Flashback is a fabulous, feel-good celebration of the music of the 70s and 80s, featuring a nine-piece totally live band belting out the biggest hits of the golden years. The show includes songs by Donna Summer, Bay City Rollers, Sweet, Cockney Rebel, Stevie Wonder, Erasure, Madonna, Wham, Cher, Bon Jovi, Queen, Whitney, Boy George and many more.

Special guest Johnny Hero from U105 radio joins the band onstage to sing some 70s classics and throw a few shapes. Grab your dancing shoes and legwarmers for an evening of fun and high energy music.

**DATE:**

Saturday 27 July

**TIME:**

8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**

£15 / £12 concession

**VENUE:**

Newcastle Community Cinema



## Plaza Suite

Hilarity abounds in Neil Simon's terrific comedy portrait of three very different couples occupying the same suite at the New York Plaza Hotel on three very different occasions.

Follow the antics of a suburban couple whose marriage is on the rocks, the exploits of a Hollywood bigwig who, after three marriages, is looking for fresh fields and a mother and father fighting about the best way to get their bride-to-be daughter out of the bathroom and down to the ballroom where their guests and her future husband are waiting...

Married bliss...or love in crisis?

Find out in this fantastic night of comedy courtesy of South Bank Playhouse.

**DATE:**

Friday 2 August

**TIME:**

8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**

£12 / £10 concession

**VENUE:**

Newcastle Community Cinema

**PRESENTED BY:**

South Bank Playhouse



## Cash Returns

The smash hit band 'Cash Returns' makes their way back to the stage this time with an exciting new show to mark the 50th anniversary of Johnny Cash's legendary San Quentin album.

The award winning JP Mac as the Man In Black along with June Carter and electric live band will bring the audiences back to 1969 when Cash blew away the inmates of San Quentin penitentiary and the rest of the world with one of the most famous and iconic live musical performances in front of TV cameras.

Experience for yourself the authentic sound they heard that special evening and listen to, 'A Boy Named Sue', 'Folsom Prison Blues', 'I Walk The Line', 'San Quentin' and a whole lot more.'

**DATE:**

Saturday 3 August

**TIME:**

8pm (bar available from 7pm)

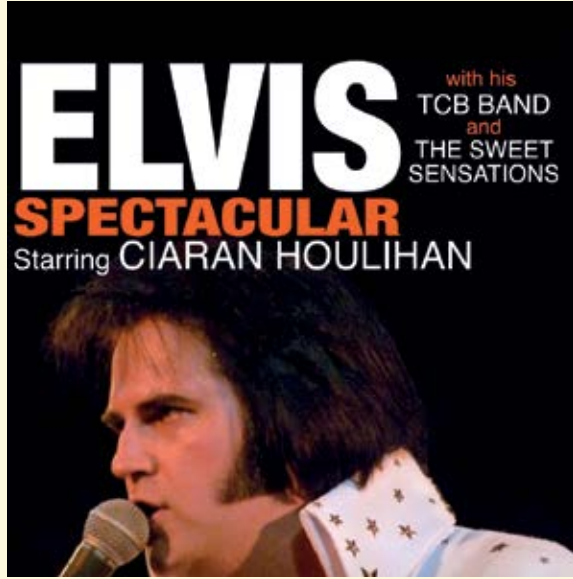
**PRICE:**

£17 / £15 concession

**VENUE:**

Newcastle Community Cinema





## Flash Harry

Flash Harry are Northern Ireland's most enduring tribute band, celebrating the music of super star Freddie Mercury and super group Queen, for over 25 years.

Flash Harry deliver a rock show that will have the audience rocking in their seats and singing along to anthems of one of the greatest bands in history; featuring classics like "Radio Ga Ga", "We Are the Champions", to "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Who Wants to Live Forever" and everything in between.

The five piece band have played everywhere from the USA to Dubai as well as major venues in the UK and Ireland and continue to sell out venues wherever they go, recreating the magic of Queen for audiences young and old.

For a true celebration of the music of Queen, Flash Harry are a band not to be missed.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 10 August

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£18.50

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Community Cinema

**PRESENTED BY:**  
David Hull Promotions

## The Elvis Spectacular Show

Ireland's premiere ELVIS show Starring CIARAN HOULIHAN WITH HIS TCB BAND AND THE SWEET SENSATIONS returns to Newcastle Community Cinema on 16th AND 17th August! That's right two nights!!! We had so many disappointed people last year who couldn't get tickets...

So dust off the BLUE SUEDE SHOES and the KISS ME QUICK hat and get to Newcastle this August. But be quick! The last time the guys played two nights THEY BOTH SOLD OUT! You've been warned!

THE ELVIS SPECTACULAR SHOW... NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CINEMA ... 16th & 17th AUGUST 2019

**DATE:**  
Friday 16 August and Saturday 17 August

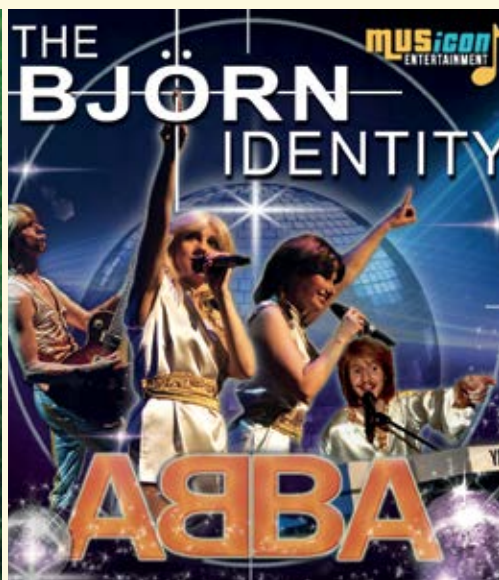
**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£17 / £15 concession

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Community Cinema

**PRESENTED BY:**  
TCB Productions





## A Night in November

Summer Nights

Can passion really change a man?

Kenneth McAllister, a clerk in the local welfare office, is a Belfast Protestant who has followed all the rules. He loved who he was supposed to love. He lived where he was expected to live. He fought who he was taught to fight. Until one night – a night in November – he did the most exciting, outrageous, crazy, mad thing he'd ever done.

'A Night in November' is the stunning multi-award winning play from Marie Jones, the writer of other hit shows such as 'Stones In His Pockets' and 'Christmas Eve Will Kill You'. This brand new 25th Anniversary production by Sodabread Theatre Company is directed by Matthew McIlhinney and stars Matthew Forsythe.

**DATE:**  
Friday 23 August

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£17 / £15 concession

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Community Cinema

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Soda Bread Theatre Company

## Bjorn Identity

The Björn Identity® exceed all expectations of ABBA tribute bands from their stunning replica costumes, vocal likeness and Abba style choreography, to a perfect copy of Benny's famous white Yamaha piano. Widely known for their love of audience participation, The Björn Identity® with their Swedish humour & professionalism are committed to re-creating the music of their tribute idols.

This show is an authentic and live 'ABBA in concert' experience unlike any previous comparisons. With all the glitz of the classic 70's era, featuring ALL of ABBA's greatest hits and much more!

**DATE:**  
Saturday 24 August

**TIME:**  
8pm (bar available from 7pm)

**PRICE:**  
£17 / £15 concession

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Community Cinema

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Musicon Entertainment



## Drumming on the Prom

Join local musician Aiden Milligan for the exciting, heart pumping class and learn how to play the West African Djembe Drums. This is a drop in session and free to all that would like to take part.

**DATE:**  
Every Wednesday  
from 3 July to 28 August

**TIME:**  
2pm – 4pm

**PRICE:**  
**FREE**

**VENUE:**  
Meet on Newcastle Promenade opposite the Strand Bakery. In the event of rain meet in the Newcastle Centre, Central Promenade, Newcastle.



## Outdoor Sketching

Martin McParland introduces the art of outdoor sketching and each week will move to a different area on the Promenade. Bring along pencils, paper, a board to lean on and something to sit on. Come sketch the breath-taking sights of Newcastle for the Prom.

**DATE:**  
Every Thursday  
from 4 July to 29 August

**TIME:**  
10am – 12 noon

**PRICE:**  
**FREE**

**VENUE:**  
Meet at reception area in the Newcastle Centre.



## Paul Currie – Dansko Gida

One of the few street performers to emerge from Vorstrand in the Kaash Republic – a land with few streets! Which might explain why Dansko Gida is more off the wall than off the streets.

He has been on a quest to find, in his own words, “the tickle muscle of Europe.” Dansko is eager to convert the world to his unique style of street comedy and share with us the local customs of Vorstrand. Surreal comedy is a phrase often misused but, in the case of Dansko, it doesn’t even begin to sum him up.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 6 July

**TIME:**  
1pm & 2.30pm

**PRICE:**  
**FREE**

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Promenade





## The Sharp Dressed Men

The Sharp Dressed men are a dapper double act featuring the talents of two well turned out young men, Logy on Fire and Mr G Sharp. They will amaze and astound you while performing high skill object manipulation, gravity defying diabolo tricks, thunderous whip cracking, dangerous juggling and a fiery finale performed 10 foot off the ground! With plenty of audience participation and a unique style of comedy, these gents will help to raise the energy of any event. This show is family friendly and full of laughter and fun!

**DATE:**

Saturday 13 July

**TIME:**

1pm & 2.30pm

**PRICE:**

**FREE**

**VENUE:**

Newcastle Promenade



## Jim & Dr Nick

Two of Ireland's top street entertainers bring their unique talents together in this street circus show with a comic display of juggling, uni-cycling, fire juggling and ladder balancing. Jim and Dr Nick are the perfect double act to juggle fire on 8 foot unicycles. Full of laughs and stuffed with skills this act will be enjoyed by young and old alike.

**DATE:**

Saturday 20 July

**TIME:**

1pm & 2.30pm

**PRICE:**

**FREE**

**VENUE:**

Newcastle Promenade



## The Raven Sisters

The Raven Sisters will add some glitz and glamour to your event. Evocative of a bygone era, of sideshow circus and the silver screen, brought sharply into the 21st century by these dextrous damsels and their fancy footwork.

It's a high energy, non-stop cabaret of chaos, including hat manipulation, contemporary clowning and hula hooping, all choreographed to a fabulous soundtrack, sure to have you finger clicking and toe-tapping along.

**DATE:**

Saturday 27 July

**TIME:**

1pm & 2.30pm

**PRICE:**

**FREE**

**VENUE:**

Newcastle Promenade

**TO BOOK CALL:**

**028 4461 0747**



## Dr Nick

Dr Nick's solo street show is a brilliant mix of high energy uni-cycling, tantalisingly dangerous fire-juggling, awe-inspiring plate spinning, and masses of audience participation – all stuck together with Dr Nick's own brand of comedy glue.

**DATE:**  
Saturday 3 August

**TIME:**  
1pm & 2.30pm

**PRICE:**  
**FREE**

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Promenade



## Babcock & Bobbins

A very traditional circus show, which incorporates a mix of slapstick comedy and circus skills including fire juggling, giraffe unicycle, stilt walking, rola bola balancing and fire breathing.

There are plenty of opportunities for audience participation and it is an experience that the whole family can enjoy!

**DATE:**  
Saturday 10 August

**TIME:**  
1pm & 2.30pm

**PRICE:**  
**FREE**

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Promenade



## Fizz Wizz Pop

FizzWizzPop is the only Professional female Magician here in Northern Ireland. Nicola feels extremely fortunate to have performed Magic for thousands of children across the globe since 2008.

Combining her unique performance style and years of experience working with children, the FizzWizzPop Magic show is guaranteed to make you and your children laugh, smile and really enjoy what a magic show should be, an entertaining, engaging performance that brings people together through FizzWizzPop's love of magic!

**DATE:**  
Saturday 17 August

**TIME:**  
1pm & 2.30pm

**PRICE:**  
**FREE**

**VENUE:**  
Newcastle Promenade





## Mr H – Cart Galore

Enjoy the surreal antics of this silent clown as he grapples with everyday objects attempting to turn the world inside out and upside down. Mr H arrives without a care in the world, just a broom, a table, a chair, some playful comedy and spectacular acrobatics!

With references to masters of the silent film such as Chaplin and Sykes, Mr H brings a special feel for the innocent comic.

**DATE:**

Saturday 24 August

**TIME:**

1pm & 2.30pm

**PRICE:**

**FREE**

**VENUE:**

Newcastle Promenade

## The Great Mefiesto

Tired of trying to live up to his claim to be the strongest man in the world Mefiesto has emerged from his winter training camp none the fitter but with new and amazing feats to dazzle any audience. Unfortunately he still has the same old feet, which still give him pain in the cold weather.

The Great Mefiesto will baffle the crowds with tricks of balance, entertain the audience with feats of equilibristic manipulation and make them marvel at his daring attempt at physical dexterity! The show draws its inspiration from turn-of-the-century vaudeville.

**DATE:**

Saturday 31 August

**TIME:**

1pm & 2.30pm

**PRICE:**

**FREE**

**VENUE:**

Newcastle Promenade





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Concessions:

### Performance and Adult Classes/Workshops:

Concessionary tickets apply to children under 16, full time students, people over 60, those claiming unemployment benefit or registered disabled. Proof of status will be required.

## Special Assistance:

Down Arts Centre is wheelchair accessible with a lift to all levels of the building, low level access at the box office and allocated wheelchair spaces in the auditorium. Disabled patrons can avail of a complimentary ticket for an escort if they require one. Please notify staff of any special requirements they may have when purchasing tickets.

## Booking Information:

- Tickets for performances may be booked by telephone by phoning 028 4461 0747 and in person at Down Arts Centre.
- Tickets cannot be reserved without payment.
- Tickets will be held by the box office and available to pick up before or on the night of the event.
- Should you request posting, a £1 postage and administration fee will be applied.
- Tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded.
- Latecomers cannot be admitted
- All information is correct at time of print
- Down Arts Centre reserves the right to change or cancel events or refuse admission.



## Sunday Bands

### Baillies Mills Orchestra

Sunday 7 July, 3pm – 5pm

### Ballylone Concert Flute Band

Sunday 28 July, 3pm – 5pm

### St Mark's Silver Band

Sunday 18 August, 3pm – 5pm

### Warrenpoint Silver Band

Sunday 25 August, 3pm – 5pm

## PRICE:

**FREE**

## VENUE:

Newcastle Centre,  
Central Promenade

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