



Welcome to the 2022 Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival, or should I say welcome back to the in-person Spleodar festival.

Even though we had 2 online festivals since 2019, it's just not the same. We are so excited to be greeting you in person this year.

This year we are taking inspiration from The Railway Children by Seamus Heaney, where we celebrate the limitless imagination of children. So join our many workshops, films and spectacle events over the 5 day festival.

Booking Information

Tel: 067 34400

Box Office at Nenagh Arts Centre www.spleodar.ie

No booking fees for this year's festival.

Patrons are advised that tickets must be paid at
the time of booking.

All workshops take place in Nenagh Arts Centre

Terms & Conditions For Booking

No refunds, except in the event of a cancellation by the festival. Places are limited, the festival can not exceed these limits, so book early to avoid disappointment

The Railway Children by Seamus Heaney

When we climbed the slopes of the cutting We were eye-level with the white cups Of the telegraph poles and the sizzling wires.

Like lovely freehand they curved for miles East and miles west beyond us, sagging Under their burden of swallows.

We were small and thought we knew nothing Worth knowing. We thought words travelled the wires In the shiny pouches of raindrops,

Each one seeded full with the light Of the sky, the gleam of the lines, and ourselves So infinitesimally scaled

We could stream through the eye of a needle.



THURSDAY.

2 PM

Available online from 2pm for the duration of the festival

How to Develop Your Original Character

Join Artist in Residence Shola Monica for this free online drawing workshop. Shola will guide you through the principles on how to draw an original character and how to use shapes and words to give personality to your original character.

FREE - Ages: 8-12 Duration: 25 mins Online



4 PM



Science of Sweets

During this hands-on workshop, children will work in groups exploring the Science of Sweets. The children will carry out a variety of different experiments including Mysterious M&Ms, Candy Chromatography and Skittle Rainbows, plus lots more sugary surprises...

€5.00 - Ages 10-12 Duration: 35mins

Location: Nenagh Arts Centre





FRIDAY.

Willow Lantern Workshop

Come and take part in a willow lantern making workshop with artist Caoimhe Dunn and learn techniques she also uses to create large scale lanterns, puppets and props for outdoor spectacles, parades and processions!

After creating their own unique design bending and shaping the willow – participants will cover the lantern in wet strength tissue and add lights to complete their lantern.

Bring a friend or create yourself!

€5.00 for up to 4 people - Ages 9-12 Duration: 1 hour 30 mins Location: Nenagh Arts Centre

4.30 PM



COME TAKE PART IN THE PARADE ON SATURDAY 29TH



Parent & Child Spider Costume Workshop

What better way to re-use old tights with holes in the toes, than to upcycle them into spooky spider legs for Halloween?!

In this workshop, we will teach you how to transform second-hand t-shirts and tights into the perfect trick-or-treat Spider costume using newspaper and string. All clothing and materials will be provided.

€5.00 with a parent or guardian - Ages 5-7 Duration: 45 mins Location: Nenagh Arts Centre

SATURDAY.



WITH YOUR CREATIONS!

Family Willow Lantern Workshop

Come and take part in a willow lantern making workshop with artist Caoimhe Dunn and learn techniques she also uses to create large scale lanterns, puppets and props for outdoor spectacles, parades and processions!

In this workshop, participants will create their own willow lantern using a material that is so versatile and has been used throughout our history to create all sorts of objects. A unique experience for a family group!

€5.00 - Family of up to 4 people Duration: 1 hour 30mins Location: Nenagh Arts Centre



Upcycled Skull T-Shirt Workshop

Come and take part in a willow What's scarier than throwing your old t-shirts in the bin?? Upcycling them into spooky cutout costumes of course!

In this workshop, we will be cutting skull faces into old tees using a template and teaching you a technique called t-shirt weaving.

€5.00 - Ages 8-12 Duration: 40 mins Location: Nenagh Arts Centre

12.30 PM

SATURDAY.

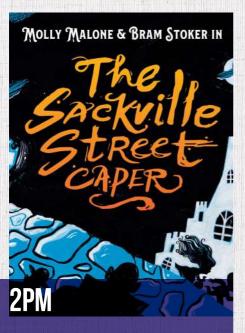


Storytelling with Alan Nolan

Alan Nolan author and illustrator Fintan's Fifteen, Conor's Caveman and the Sam Hannigan series, and illustrator of the popular Gordon's Game books written by Gordon D'Arcy and Paul Howard reads from his new historical novel, Molly Malone and Bram Stoker in The Sackville Street Caper.

€5.00 - Ages 6+ Duration: 35mins

Location: Nenagh Arts Centre



How To draw The Deadliest Dubliner of All Dracula

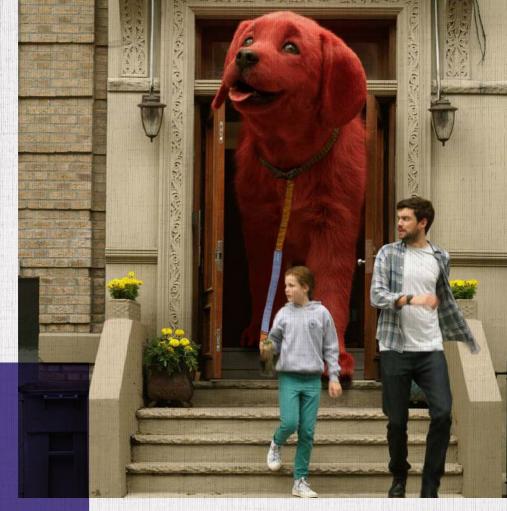
with Alan Nolan

Join author and illustrator Alan Nolan as he brings you on a whirlwind trip around Ireland's lost landmarks and creepiest crypts – as featured in his new children's historical novel, Molly Malone and Bram Stoker in The Sackville Street Caper and learn how to draw the deadliest Dubliner of all ... Dracula!

€5.00 - Ages: 8-12 Duration: 40 mins

Location: Nenagh Arts Centre

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1PM

Clifford The Big Red Dog (PG) - Sensory Friendly Screening



When middle-schooler Emily Elizabeth (Darby Camp) meets a magical animal rescuer (John Cleese) who gifts her a little, red puppy, she never anticipated waking up to find a giant ten-foot hound in her small New York City apartment. While her single mom (Sienna Guillory) is away for business, Emily and her fun but impulsive uncle Casey (Jack Whitehall) set out on an adventure that will keep you on the edge-of-your-seat as our heroes take a bite out of the Big Apple. Based on the beloved Scholastic book character, Clifford will teach the world how to love big!

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€5.00 / Family of 4 €15.00 Duration: 1 hour 36mins Location: Nenagh Arts Centre

SATURDAY.

5.30

PM



Spleodar Halloween Parade

Join our parade of drummers and lantern carriers as we manoeuvre through the streets of Nenagh with our chief Mummer gathering people as we go like a Pied Piper, culminating outside Nenagh Gaol for a spectacle performance of Firestorm.

Gather at Friar Street Carpark from 5.15pm in costume, bring a lantern and an adult.

FREE All Ages Starting point: Friars Street Car Park



Firestorm

Three of Ireland's most skilled fire performers present ROGU's most popular production for all ages, FIRESTORM. A family show that isn't just for children but has something for everyone. This spectacularly entertaining fire show has been enjoyed by families around the world from Ireland to Taiwan.

With inspiration from classic science fiction cult movie scenes and the desire to break the mould of the "classic" fire show formula. The performers bring the audience on a reality bending journey that goes from spectacular to poetic to ridiculous and back again.

Free All Ages Duration: 35 mins Location: Nenagh Gaol

The performers bring the audience on a reality bending journey

6PM



FROM 11AM

Virtual Ghosts

Welcome prisoner to Nenagh Gaol, prepare to be stamped, indexed, and briefed. You are no longer free, you are just a number. While you're here meet the other prisoners, they all have a story to tell, some will tickle you others may terrify. Make yourself comfortable, you'll be here a while...

Join us in the Virtual Reality studio for ghost stories with a difference, a totally immersive experience. Using cutting-edge technology and hardware to create computer-simulated environments you will be fully absorbed in a realistic 3D world.

Are you brave enough...

€5.00 Ages: 8+ Bookings every 30min Duration: 15 mins

Location: Nenagh Arts Centre

SUNDAY.



VR Ghosts - Behind The Scenes

For a week in August members of Nenagh Youth Theatre gathered at Nenagh Arts Centre with their facilitators, a writer, soundscape musician and a VR videographer to create a series of ghost stories inspired by Nenagh Gaol to present at this year's festival. This project, made possible by the support of the Arts Council of Ireland and Tipperary County Council, enables our young members to work with some of the industry's best creative practitioners. We hope you enjoy the results as much as they enjoyed making it.

WriterMichael John Byrne

SoundscapeDr Patrick McGlynn

VR VideographerPaul Cullen

Youth Theatre FacilitatorsAisling Christina Ryan
Jennifer Ryan Kelly

Youth Theatre Members
Alannah Peters
Alden Fitzmaurice
Brendan Ryan
Donnacha Gleeson
Ian Shanahan
Kaitlynn O' Grady
Kate Mulligan
Tom Hanrahan



Treasure Haunt

With guide in hand you will find, cryptic clues that may even rhyme, (sort of) Start at our building in Banba Square, And follow the hints with loads of flare. Don't forget to bring your family to lend A hand to solve the clues before it ends. And when you're done there will be treats So no tricks and certainly don't cheat.

FREE - Ages 6+ Location : Nenagh Arts Centre

SUNDAY.



12 PM - 3 PM

Facepainting

Love having your face painted?

Then pop along to the Arts Centre to have your face decorated with Halloween inspired designs.

€2.00 - Ages: 5+ Location: Nenagh Arts Centre

Have your face decorated with Halloween inspired designs!

2 PM



I'm all Ears

Whether you would like to transform into a rabbit, bear or fox, or a fantastic creature like a unicorn, monster, or alien, here is your chance!

Jennifer Ryan Kelly invites you to create your very own set of ears from a mixture of felt and sustainable material to magically transform into the creature of your choice

€5.00 - Ages 8-12 Duration: 45min Location: Nenagh Arts Centre



6 PM

A wondrous, charmed place called an Encanto.

Encanto (PG) - Sing-a-Long

Walt Disney Animation Studios' "Encanto" tells the tale of an extraordinary family, the Madrigals, who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia, in a magical house, in a vibrant town, in a wondrous, charmed place called an Encanto.

The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift from super strength to the power to heal—every child except one, Mirabel (voice of Stephanie Beatriz). But when she discovers that the magic surrounding the Encanto is in danger, Mirabel decides that she, the only ordinary Madrigal, might just be her exceptional family's last hope.

€5.00 / Family of 4 €15.00 Duration: 1 hour 42 mins Location: Nenagh Arts Centre

MONDAY.

Spleodar – Fireworks CBS Sportsfield

The Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival fireworks returns this year with a stunning spectacle of explosive colour. Come dressed up in your best costume to celebrate this All Hallows' Eve ritual.

YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

Your contribution makes it possible for us to host the fireworks each year, for what has now become an annual tradition, thank you for your support.

Tickets: €2 / Family of Four: €5

7 PM -7.15PM

A stunning spectacle of explosive colour.



MAP

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS ONLY VIEWING AREA A & B; PLEASE MOVE TO THESE AREAS AS INSTRUCTED BY A STEWARD.
VIEWING AREA A IS FOR WHEELCHAIR & BUGGY USERS WITH ACCESS FROM SUMMERHILL ONLY
VIEWING AREA B ACCESS IS FROM BOTH DUBLIN ROAD & SUMMERHILL



Do's

- Access at Dublin Road entrance for Viewing Area B only.
- Access at Summerhill for Viewing Area A & B.
- Follow the stewards' instructions to the viewing point.
- Remain inside the barrier area at all times.
- Children should be accompanied by a supervising adult at all times.
- Dress warmly it may be cold and damp.
- Once the fireworks are over move in an orderly manner to exists as instructed by the stewards.
- Enjoy the evening.

Don't's

- No firework or sparklers other than the licensed fireworks will be allowed in the grounds.
- Alcohol is not permitted inside the CBS grounds.
- No pets allowed.

Spleodar Lantern Project - Behind the Scenes

To further develop our connection with our community, artist Caoimhe Dunn has been working with local Men's Sheds, to create a series of unique giant willow lanterns that will light up our Halloween parade.

During the outreach workshops in August & September members of the Mens' Sheds have been creating simple willow lanterns with Caoimhe before undertaking a bigger project. Using these new skills along with their own they will add light to our parade with unique giant creations.

Come join the parade to see the illuminated Lanterns they have created!

This outreach project is made possible by the funding we receive from The Arts Council of Ireland & Tipperary County Council.





Thursday 27th October

2pm - Develop Your Original Character

4pm - Science of Sweets

Friday 28th October

4.30pm - Willow Lantern Workshop **5pm** - Spider Costume Workshop

Saturday 29th October

10am - Family Willow Lantern Workshop

11am - Upcycled Skull T-Shirt Workshop

12.30pm - Storytelling with Alan Nolan

1pm - Film: Clifford

2pm - Draw The Deadliest Dubliner

of All..... Dracula

5.30pm - Spleodar Halloween Parade

6pm - Firestorm

Sunday 30th October

11am - Virtual Ghosts

12-3pm - Treasure Haunt

12-3pm - Facepainting

2pm - I'm All Ears

6pm - Film: Encanto

Monday 31st October

7-7.15pm - Spleodar Fireworks CBS Sportsfield















