

Booking information

Tickets available from:

**Nenagh Arts Centre (NAC),
Banba Square, Nenagh, E45 NX26**

via: www.spleodar.ie or by phone on: **067 34400**

Terms & conditions

Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult to all events. Parents/guardians will be advised at the time of booking if they are required to remain with their children during the workshops. No refunds, except in the event of a cancellation by the festival.

Disabled Access

Please tell us when booking if you have any special requirements and we will do our very best to facilitate you. Wheelchair spaces are available in the theatre and must be allocated at the time of booking.

Venues

All events are held at Nenagh Arts Centre unless advised otherwise.

Welcome to Spleodar 2024 - celebrating 25 spooktacular years!

Isn't it scary how time flies? Can you believe it? We're celebrating our 25th annual Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival brought to you by Nenagh Arts Centre.

We have a busy five days of creativity ahead of us at Nenagh Arts Centre and on the streets of Nenagh. Spleodar 2024 features a selection of fun, stimulating and exciting workshops, performances and spectacles over the Halloween mid-term.

Try out some drumming, dance, and art workshops; compete in a Battle of the Bands; create a beautifully crafted mandala; be transported to other worlds through spooky stories, terrifying theatre and spine-chilling sounds and songs.

But don't forget, Spleodar isn't confined just to five days over Halloween. Throughout September, Giordana Giacche worked with local school children to create masks based on Irish myths and legends (more details, page 14). Also in recent weeks, Nenagh Youth Theatre members have been hard at work with their director Calvin Magee on a deliciously spine-chilling radio play (more details, page 13), and also joined forces with Melissa Ryan to create the Museum in a Box stories and masks (see page 14).

You'll be mesmerised by the creativity of both groups during the festival and at the parade on Thursday 31 October!

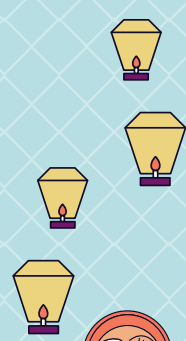
So gather your friends and family (there's safety in numbers!), put on your mask or get your face painted, and take part in our eerie Treasure Haunt and our vibrant arts parade, all culminating in our annual free large-scale fireworks display.

Spleodar simply couldn't happen without the support from our funders The Arts Council, Tipperary County Council, Fáilte Ireland and Nenagh Arts Centre. We are reliant on the support of so many others: a special thank you also to St Joseph's CBS, Nenagh Municipal District, OPW and Nenagh Tourist Office. But most, importantly, we are grateful to all of you, our participants, artists and audiences without whom the festival would not survive.

So, come out and join us to celebrate this 25th festive coming together of minds, spirits, and Halloween-spooking creativity as Nenagh comes alive. Especially after dark...

Spleodar

Halloween Arts Festival Nenagh



**Tuesday
29th October**

10.30am
Teddy in the Spooky Wood
Under 6s

12pm
The Whittaker's Ghost
5-10yrs

5pm
Zomba!
Halloween Zumba
5+yrs

All day
Phantom Groove Box
All ages

All day
Museum in a Box
All ages



**Wednesday
30th October**

Between 11am & 1pm
Drop-in Art Workshop
4-7yrs

Between 12pm & 2.30pm
Mandala Workshop
All ages

Between 12pm & 2pm
Ice Sculpture
All ages

Between 12pm & 4pm
Drop-in Stone Carving Workshop
All ages

2.30pm
Drumming Workshop
All ages

4.30pm
Parade Choreography
All ages

All day
Phantom Groove Box
All ages

All day
Museum in a Box
All ages



**Thursday
31st October**

10am or 11.30am
Broomstick Workshop
4-7yrs

2.30pm
Halloween-themed Games Workshop
8-12yrs

Between 2pm & 5pm
Face Painting
5+yrs

5pm
Announcement of Best-Dressed Window

5.30pm
Dress Rehearsal for the Parade
All Ages

6.30pm
Halloween Parade

7pm
Fireworks

All day
Phantom Groove Box
All ages

All day
Museum in a Box
All ages



**Friday
1st November**

11am
Storytelling with Helena Byrne
Under 6s

12.15pm
Halloween-themed Family Gameshow
6+yrs

2pm
Spooky Circuits Workshop
8-10yrs

All day
Phantom Groove Box
All ages

All day
Museum in a Box
All ages



**Saturday
2nd November**

10am
Dance Workshop
5-7yrs

11.30am
Dance Workshop
8-12yrs

Between 2pm & 5pm
Treasure Haunt
5+yrs

7pm
Battle of the Bands
All ages

All day
Phantom Groove Box
All ages

All day
Museum in a Box
All ages



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10.30am

**Barking Dog presents
*Teddy in the Spooky Wood***

Sammy Ragdoll and her best friend Eddy the Teddy are walking through the woods. She warns Eddy to stick to the path. But Eddy is easily distracted and has a tendency to wander off. Soon he is lost and letting his imagination run away with him. The only one likely to be scared is Eddy the Teddy.

Using many elements of theatre, mime, puppetry and songs to join in with, *Teddy in the Spooky Wood* is a perfect introduction to live entertainment for children who've never been to a show before, and a welcome return for Eddy the Teddy's young fans.

€5
Ages: Under 6s
Duration: 50 mins



12pm

**Barking Dog presents
*The Whittaker's Ghost***

Specially adapted for children aged 5-10 years old and their families from a story by "G.B.S." (widely believed to be George Bernard Shaw), *The Whittaker's Ghost* is a perfect treat for Halloween.

In the story Anna Ducane and her sisters visit their friend in town where they all stay with her friend's uncle for the summer. All is fine while the weather is good but as the season ends the good times fade too. The old man tells them not to go outside as a storm approaches. They should have listened...

€5
Ages: 5-10
Duration: 55 mins

5pm

Zomba! Halloween Zumba

Join Christine Nevin for free Halloween Zumba at Nenagh Arts Centre.

Jump, dance and shake your body to spooky Halloween music and Zumba tunes.

Don't forget to wear your costume.
Come if you dare...

FREE
Ages: 5+
Duration: 1 hour





Between 11am and 1pm

Drop-in Art Workshop

Get inspired to create a spooky decoration for your home at these sustainable art workshops with Emma Cleary.

Making use of predominantly recycled, reused or repurposed materials, these 15-minute drop-in workshops will show participants how to use and reduce waste in the home in a scarily fun way.

€2

Ages: Ages: 4-7

Duration: 15-minute sessions between 11am and 1pm

(last session 12:45 pm)

All materials provided



Between 12pm and 2.30pm

Mandala Workshop

Join Mayumi Nakabayashi, a Japanese land artist living in Ireland since 1999, to create a community nature mandala using natural materials to make geometric patterns using flowers, leaves, twigs and more.

Learn how to work with natural materials and perspectives, sustainable ways to forage and the geometries found in nature.

FREE

Suitable for all ages

Location: Nenagh Castle grounds

(outside location so come dressed for the weather)



Between 12pm and 2pm

Ice Sculpture

Where imagination meets ice... watch in awe as David Walsh transforms a metre high block of ice into an ice sculpture to captivate your imagination.

Learning the traditional art of ice sculpting from a Japanese sculptor while working in Chicago, David furthered his education under top sculptors Steve Rose and Mark Dukas.

Working with hand-held tools, David will create a sculpture in ice to bewitch you. Come join us for a chilling adventure...

FREE

Suitable for all ages

Location: Plaza outside Nenagh Arts Centre

(outside location so come dressed for the weather)

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Between 12pm and 4pm

Drop-in Stone Carving Workshop

During this outdoor workshop, families of all ages are invited to create a small piece of stone work.

Master stonemason Philip Quinn will introduce you to the traditional Irish tools used while stone carving and explain the different techniques to create grooves and lines in your stone piece. Enjoy this fun and engaging experience with one of Ireland's expert stonemasons.

FREE

Suitable for all ages

Location: Plaza outside Nenagh Arts Centre

(outside location so come dressed for the weather)



2.30pm

Drumming Workshop

Urs Wenk of Drum Dance Ireland brings this high-energy and accessible workshop for everyone to enjoy.

Drums, when played together regardless of age, ability and previous experience, have a very powerful effect on all of us, bringing happiness and joy.

FREE

Suitable for all ages

Duration: 1 ½ hours



4.30pm

Parade Choreography

Copy the simple but fun moves choreographed by award-winning dance instructor Katrina Galvin.

Bringing her fabulous and infectious energy to Spleodar's parade again this year, Katrina will no doubt have everybody moonwalking while sharing a great time with her along the way.

FREE

Suitable for all ages

Duration: 1 ½ hours



10am or 11.30am

Broomstick Workshop

Not Quidditch lessons... but in this workshop with Emma Cleary you will be learning the art of making your own broomstick.

Participants will be repurposing, reusing and recycling materials to magic their own broomstick to fly away home!

€5

Ages: 4-7

Duration: 1 hour

(2 workshops available either 10am or 11.30am)

*All materials provided



2.30pm

Halloween-themed Games Workshop

Join Emma Cleary for more spooky-themed fun and games...

Use your illustration skills to make a Halloween-themed Chitter Chatter (the playground favourite classic paper game) as well as making your own racing spiders. Let the games begin!

€5

Ages: 8-12

Duration: 2 hours

*All materials provided



Between 2pm and 5pm

Face Painting

Join us for a fabulous face painting extravaganza! Let our talented artist transform your face into a work of art.

Skeletons or Witches, scary or fun, come transform with Nenagh Arts Centre - a design for everyone!

Don't miss out on this colourful and creative experience, and get your face painted ready for Halloween!

€2

Ages: 5+

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5pm

Announcement of Best-Dressed Window

Who will win this year? Watch as the streets come alive with hauntingly creative displays for our Halloween Window Dressing Competition! Let eerie scenes and spell-binding decorations in the windows of the local businesses inspire your Halloween spirit.



5.30pm

Dress Rehearsal for the Parade

Join Urs Wenk and Katrina Galvin from Drum Dance Ireland for a short dress rehearsal ahead of this evening's parade. Dust off your Halloween costume, fine tune your moves and shake it out!

FREE
Suitable for all ages
Duration: 30 mins



6.30pm

Halloween Parade and Fireworks

Get your costume ready! Step into the enchanting world of Halloween as our vibrant parade takes to the streets!

Come together to celebrate the spirit of the season with costumes, lights and music.

Manoeuvre through the streets with our chief Mummer, Baba-Yaga herself and her ghostly companions. Be amazed (and terrified!) by the frightening array of masks on display, gathering people as we go and culminating at the CBS school for our annual spectacle **FREE** firework show.

Let's ignite the night sky!



Parade leaves Nenagh Arts Centre at 6.30pm and processes to CBS School. **Fireworks at 7pm at CBS School sports field.**



For more information visit www.spleodar.ie or call 067 34400



Parade 6.30pm | Fireworks 7pm



Thursday October 31st

Please note there are only two viewing areas.

VIEWING AREA A is for wheelchair & buggy users with access from Summerhill only.

VIEWING AREA B access is from both Dublin Road & Summerhill.

Please move to these areas as instructed by a steward.

✓ DO'S

- Access at Dublin Road entrance for Viewing Area B only. Gate closes 6.50pm
- Access at Summerhill for Viewing Area A & B.
- Follow the stewards' instructions at all times
- 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 exits as instructed by the stewards.
- Enjoy the evening!

✗ DONT'S

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



Parade 6.30pm
Fireworks 7pm

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11am

Storytelling with Helena Byrne

Join Helena the Storyteller for this frighteningly fun morning of creepy ghost stories, grumpy monsters and tales of the mysterious fairy folk!

Little ones and grown-ups alike will be up on their feet to help tell these eerie tales and learn lots about how people celebrated Samhain long ago!

FREE
Ages: Under 6s
Duration: 45 mins



12.15pm

Halloween-themed Family Gameshow

Far more interactive than a quiz, join Helena Byrne for a fun-packed gameshow involving time-travel, treasure hunts and spooky challenges. Watch out for the creature from the Black Lagoon!

FREE
Ages: 6+
Duration: 1 hour



2pm

Spooky Circuits Workshop

Join us for a spooktacular adventure into the world of electrical circuits! In this hands-on workshop, young engineers will build a Haunted House and perhaps a ghost or two!

Craft your own eerie cardboard house, complete with spooky decorations. Learn about circuits and create a simple switch to turn off the lights and watch your haunted house come alive!

€5
Ages: 8-10
Duration: 2 hours





10am

Dance Workshop for 5-7 Year Olds

We are delighted to welcome Megan Maher from Musical Theatre Academy Nenagh back for a scarily-good workshop, consisting of a warm-up and stretch, fun dance routines and games. Dancing and singing since the age of five in Kids On Stage, Megan joined the Nenagh Choral Society in 2014, playing many leading roles. Just recently graduated from The College of Dance, Megan continues to teach at Musical Theatre Academy Nenagh. She cannot wait to see you all there!

€5

Ages: 5-7

Duration: 1 hour



11.30am

Dance Workshop for 8-12 Year Olds

Blending spooky fun with the art of dance, bring all your moves to Megan's dance workshop.

€5

Ages: 8-12

Duration: 1 hour

'Bring all your moves to Megan's dance workshops.'

Between 2pm and 5pm

Treasure Haunt

Embark on an exhilarating adventure during our thrilling Halloween Treasure Haunt! Join us as we transform the town into a mysterious playground of riddles and clues. Navigate through spooky locations, uncover hidden secrets and solve mind-bending puzzles to unlock the ultimate Halloween treasure.

Gather your friends and family for a quest filled with excitement, teamwork and a dash of Halloween magic. Get ready for a hauntingly fun experience like no other!

Activity sheet on page 15 / Map on back

FREE

Ages: 5+



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7pm

Battle of the Bands

We are delighted to partner with Music Generation Tipperary to bring you a celebration of our emerging Rock bands from across Tipperary.

We welcome you all to take part

Everyone's a winner in this battle as it promises to be a highly entertaining musical evening and a highlight of the festival for all the family. This is how to go out with a bang!

FREE
Family event
 (U12s must be accompanied by an adult)
 Duration: 3 hours



We welcome you all to take part in our showcase Battle of the Bands!

If you are under 18, are in a band, and would like your band to take part, please **apply via the QR code.**



Music Generation is a national initiative supported by the Department of Education, the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the Department of Social Protection and the National Music Education Partnership.



ALL DAY - EVERY DAY OF FESTIVAL

Halloween Soundscape: Phantom Groovebox

An experiment to create a truly otherworldly instrument has gone dreadfully wrong. This mysterious music machine has developed a life of its own and it's up to you to tame it. Will you make bone-rattling beats for a graveyard rave? Spooky soundscapes to haunt hallways to? We're simply dying to find out...

FREE
Suitable for all ages
 Duration: all day for the duration of the festival



Radio Play

Nenagh Youth Theatre Radio Play

The Horned Women, adapted by Nenagh Youth Theatre and directed by Calvin Magee, is a gripping retelling of a classic folk tale. In this eerie story, a wealthy woman must protect her family from a group of witches who invade her home.

Created with the young people of Nenagh, the play is available to listen to via the QR code at Nenagh Arts Centre or at a place and time of your choice.

**'Created with the
young people of Nenagh.'**



Listen to *The Horned Women* via the QR code
Remember the choice is yours...but there's no going back...

For more information visit www.spleodar.ie or call 067 34400

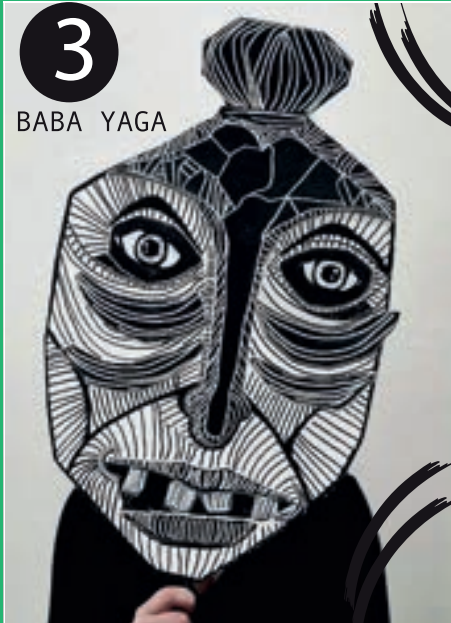
ALL DAY - EVERY DAY OF FESTIVAL

Museum in a Box

Working with director Calvin Magee and artistic director Melissa Ryan, Nenagh Youth Theatre members present the tale of Baba-Yaga, the greatest wicked witch of all! From Slavic folklore, a bony-legged witch Baba-Yaga has a son with good morals who marries a human girl. Beginning to despise her daughter-in-law, Baba-Yaga plots to kill her in some way...

We invite you to interact with Museum in a Box, a virtual mini sound machine for all ages to explore. Come and listen to her story and try on the witch masks if you dare!

FREE
 Suitable for all ages
 Duration: all day for the duration of the festival



Workshops

Mask-Making Workshops with Schools

This September, Giordana Giache worked with local school children for four weeks to develop masks based on the Irish tradition of fiddle faces.

Making do with what is available and taking ideas from local traditions and ghost stories, the kids worked with recycling materials to create a wonderful array of masks. Prepare to be amazed at their creative work at the parade on 31st October!

'Prepare to be amazed at their creative work at the parade.'





**Beware, beware the Nenagh streets on this very eve.
For a ghostly warden is on the prowl with danger up his sleeve.
Solve the clues and make it quick as we race against the clock.
For if you don't, you'll soon find yourself under key and lock.**

Splendid!

Halloween Arts Festival Nenagh

1. For the first clue take yourself to the Courthouse gates. Trek along by the rails, you'll come upon three Olympic greets. Heroic men of days gone by, and all were known as gents.

Tell us now, without delay, what were their three events?

ANSWER

2. Now, continue your quest along this path to the Genealogy Centre.

If the big doors are open, you are welcome to enter.

Here you'll meet Nenagh Gaoil's one and only escapee. James Ryan Miner is his name, and he'll tell you where he hid his money.

ANSWER

3. Where to next, now let me see, which direction is it?

... Clue three is at the castle where two jesters await your visit.

ANSWER

4. So, it's onto Pearse Street, no time to lose. Left must be the direction you choose.

Here you'll see a blue door, above it is write a sign.

It says: L----- H----- in the year of 18--

ANSWER

5. Next to McQuaid's Music Shop warden a lonely piper does stand. The warden has already captured the rest of his merry band. Their only hope of rescue, you must listen with sharp ear.

The piper will play a number of notes, how many do you hear?

ANSWER

6. The cinema is our next stop to the town's outer reaches. Summerhill, once the site of the Battle of the Breeches. Here you'll see a soldier clinging tightly to his clothes.

What war was he supposed to fight? I'm sure the soldier knows.

ANSWER

7. Now double back on down the street, we need to go much faster. And stop when you come to the red lettering of the great Toymaster. I know it may be growing late and your eyes are getting bleary.

**But who is the hurling great that runs this place?
His name is Michael C-----.**

ANSWER

8. Wandering down Friar Street, you will see an abbeyy with Gothic features, where some have witnessed ghostly apparitions and unusual creatures. A hooded friar is standing there compiling the history of the town. But he cannot recall when the friary was burnt which is causing him to frown. He knows the letters represent numbers but he cannot solve this caper.

To help him out, please work it out and write it down on your piece of paper.

ANSWER

9. Weave your way about the town until you arrive at the next place I mention. Duck and dodge your way, until you find yourself, on a street called Kenyon.

**Now use your eyes, what do you see, between numbers 62 and 63?
Again, use your EYES, keep their positions. The shop is called...**

ANSWER

10. At last, we've reached the final clue. There's just one more riddle we must do. Make your way up Mitchell Street and at the top veer right. Be sure that you are still not out when day turns into night.

You may not have noticed but the warden has followed you all over the town. There's but one man to guide you back, just pass his mural, it's Mr...

ANSWER



You've braved the ghouls and tramped the streets. Now hurry back to claim your treats!

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Treasure Haunt Map

You are
here

Sploddy
Halloween
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● Nenagh Arts Centre

1. Courthouse
2. Genealogy Centre
3. Nenagh Castle
4. ???
5. McQuaid's Music Shop
6. Cinema
7. Toymaster
8. Abbey
9. ???
10. ???

