



A Boyle View

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Comedy, drama and literature at Boyle Arts Festival

Award winning comedian and actor, Ardal O'Hanlon performs in St. Joseph's Hall on Thursday, 29th July, ably supported by the playful musical comedy of Fred Cooke, doors open at 8 pm.

Fregoli Theatre Company, under the art direction of Boyle's Maria Tivnan, perform the theatrical debut of John Chamber's *The Gingerbread House* on Thursday, 22nd July in The Royal Hotel. Boyle Drama Group present *Anne Frank & Me*, directed by Frank O'Mahony, at 8 pm in St Joseph's Hall on Wednesday, 28th and John O'Dowd, another talented Boyle native, stages the *Head of Red O'Brien* in King House on Thursday, 29th.

This is the first year that the festival will host The Brass Shillelagh Drama Award. The competition was open to everyone and entrants submitted an original unpublished

one-act play with a maximum length of 15 minutes. The five finalists stage their plays in anticipation of scooping the inaugural award in St Joseph's Hall on Saturday, 31st July.

Friday, 23rd Dr Micheál Ó Siochrú will discuss Oliver Cromwell and his recent book *'God's Executioner: Oliver Cromwell and the Conquest of Ireland'* in King House at 6 pm. On Saturday, 24th Dr Áine Larkin delivers a lecture on the photographic motifs in Marcel Proust's novel *'À la Recherche du Temps Perdu'*. Renowned poet and author James Lawless will read from his new novel *The Avenue* on Sunday, 25th July with writing workshops to follow. Later the same day poet Paul Durcan will be reading from his new book entitled *'Life is a Dream: Forty years reading poems'* and from his previous two books. Mike Croghan gives an

interesting talk on the enigmatic landscape of Rathcroghan at 6 pm on Monday, 26th in King House and on Tuesday, Dr Maurice Manning delivers a lecture on the life and times of James Dillon. Local man Frank Tivnan discusses the intricate autograph manuscripts of the *Four Masters* on Wednesday, 27th at 6 pm and another Boyle native Barry Feely will hold a storytelling session later at 10 pm in Clarke's featuring great characters of wit and laughter.

The prominent author Joseph O'Connor (*Cowboys and Indians* (short-listed for the Whitbread Prize), *Desperadoes*, *The Salesman and Star of the Sea*) and newly published work, *Ghost Light* will be reading at 1 pm in King House on Thursday, 29th, and later at 6 pm Professor Diarmaid Ferriter, the author of biography *Judging Dev*, will discuss Eamon de Valera's

impact on Irish politics. Catherine O'Brien will speak about the preserved city of Pompeii at 1 pm in King House on Friday, 30th, while Jennifer Goff will discuss the talent of designer and architect Eileen Gray at the Eileen Gray Exhibition in Abbey Community College at 1 pm on Saturday, 31st.

Family events and workshops

There are lots of gorgeous children's events to look forward to at this year's Boyle Arts Festival, like Melissa Baker who is hosting sessions of twisted yarns and tall tales, one for younger and one for older audiences, from her magical gypsy caravan in the grounds of King House on Friday 23rd.

A lively re-enacting of the well loved fable *'Stone Soup'* in a hand-crafted puppet world takes place on Monday, 26th in St Joseph's Hall with a puppet making

workshop before and after the performance (6-10 years). On the same day at 3 pm in King House the beautiful, brightly coloured world inspired by the *Book of Kells* comes to life in the Oscar nominated children's movie *The Secret of Kells* (PG).

Boyle Arts Festival workshops have courses from one day to five days and for all ages from four to adult. As well as the ever-popular art, drama and puppet workshops, this year also offers a variety of musical workshops. On Saturday 24th July you can join Anúna for a singing workshop at the Church of Ireland between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm focusing on techniques to improve singers' skills and abilities, from 15 years to adults.

On Sunday 25th July and for the next three days, Edel Loftus is running a harp workshop for beginners to intermediate levels from

eight years to adult. From Monday 26th to Friday 30th workshops will be run in theory, piano, voice, string and wind instruments from six years to adult by Abbey Music. David Reynolds will be teaching flips and freezes, footwork and routines in a four-day breakdancing course for nine years upwards and for a more sedate Sunday afternoon pastime, Emily Bazeley offers a rare opportunity to create a picture containing an item of faerie clothing of your own design with flowers, leaves, feathers and seeds. Advance booking is recommended for all the workshops and you can find full details on the website www.boylearts.com and in the workshop booklet available from the Arts Festival Office.

Boyle Arts Festival acknowledges the financial support of the Arts Council and the RIDC in making this Festival possible.



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Cllr. Chris Brady is the new Mayor of Boyle, following last week's annual general meeting of Boyle Town Council.

Outgoing Mayor Jan Flanagan handed the mayoral chain to Cllr. Brady and Cllr. Keith Suffin was elected Vice Mayor.

At the meeting, tributes were paid to the outgoing Mayor for her courtesy and professionalism in conducting the business of Mayor. She thanked her fellow councillors, as well as expressing thanks to her family and friends and council officials for their support during her term as Mayor.

Incoming Mayor Cllr. Chris Brady was congratulated by his fellow council-

lors and was assured of their support and co-operation during his term as Mayor. Speaking at the AGM, Cllr. Brady pointed to his family's long involvement in local politics and the family's early connections with both Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil. He noted that the current economic climate is difficult and assured councillors that their voices will be heard and listened to.

Members of Boyle Town Council pictured with newly-elected Mayor Chris Brady at last week's AGM of the Council. Pic courtesy of realboyle.com.

