



Kilkenny County Council Arts Office E-bulletin 5th February 2016

Dear All,

Welcome to the fortnightly e-bulletin from Kilkenny County Council's Arts Office. Each bulletin is packed with the latest information on Kilkenny Arts Office activities, county events as well as news and opportunities for arts practitioners from around the country.

This service will be provided fortnightly. To include an item in the next e-bulletin please send a brief outline of your advert with relevant contact details, including any websites or pages with links to julie.mcguirk@kilkennycoco.ie before **18th February**. The next e-bulletin will be on the **19th February**.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our information, we strongly advise readers to verify all details to their own satisfaction.

Regards,

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Arts Office

Short Story Creative Writing Weekend



As part of our on-going commitment to Kilkenny writers, Kilkenny County Council Arts Office & Library Services would like to announce a **'Short Story Creative Writing Weekend'** with Dr. Hilary Lennon.

Following Dr. Hilary Lennon's very successful short story workshops earlier this year in Triskel Arts Centre, Cork, and for the 'Adults in Continuing Education' Centre, Kilkenny Arts Office and Library Services are delighted to welcome Hilary Lennon back to Kilkenny to undertake an intensive Short Story Writing Weekend on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th February, 2016.

Suitable for the beginner as well as the more experienced writer, this workshop provides a fun and friendly introduction to writing. Participants are given the opportunity to explore their own creative imaginations. The focus of the class includes:

- Workshop triggering ideas to help become comfortable in expressing yourself creatively.
- In-class exercises to explore your own writing style.
- Class writings supported by lively group discussion.
- Participants examining some very short examples from literature, to help develop an awareness of various literary techniques.

Overall, this workshop serves as a stimulating and informative way to learn about how to explore your creative imagination and bring out your own voice as a writer. Encouragement, advice, feedback, on-going tips, and group support all form part of this class. Opportunity to develop and improve your own written work will also be provided. Throughout the weekend, participants will also receive handouts and discussion on the following writing elements:

Getting Started; Observation; Character; Setting; Dialogue; Pacing; Plot; Similes; Metaphors; Style.

Details of the 'Short Story Creative Writing Weekend' are as follows:

Location: Butler House, Patrick's Street, Kilkenny
Date & Time: Saturday 27th February: 10am-5pm (with break for lunch)
Sunday 28th February: 10am-5pm (with break for lunch)



Image: Dr. Hilary Lennon

This workshop is taught by Dr. Hilary Lennon, School of English, University College Cork. Hilary is a very experienced teacher of creative writing courses and has taught numerous writing workshops for Triskel Arts Centre, and for University College Cork. Several of her beginner participants in 2013, 2014 and 2015's creative writing workshops made their very successful reading debut at the *Cork World Book Festival* each year, reading stories that were worked on in her classes, and her participants have also been very successful in winning writing competitions and in getting published, which included three of her beginner participants last winter getting published in book-form after succeeding in the RTE 'short-short story' competition.

In this workshop, Hilary will lead a series of four 3-hour workshops over the course of the Saturday and Sunday, on writing short stories, and will be encouraging and guiding participants' own writings through class exercises, feedback, and group discussion.

Deadline for Bookings

**There is a fee of €100 (conc. €70) for your place on the course.
Places are limited to 12 participants so please book early to avoid disappointment.**

To secure a place on the above courses please contact the Arts Office on 056 7794547 or email: Julie.mcguirk@kilkennycoco.ie

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

MARCH

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Street by 22nd February, Receive tokens then
shop and swap on 8th March!

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Tyrone Guthrie Bursary 2016



Kilkenny County Council Arts Office call for applications for its Tyrone Guthrie Bursary 2016!

Kilkenny County Councils Arts Office in partnership with the Tyrone Guthrie Centre is now offering its annual residency opportunity for a practitioner in any art form currently based in Kilkenny to spend two weeks at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre artists' workplace, Annaghmakerrig, Co Monaghan.

The aim of the Residency is to assist and encourage both established and emerging practitioners, in giving them an opportunity to work intensively on a 'project' alongside others in a very unique environment.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is no later than **4pm on Monday 22nd February 2016.**

Applications will only be accepted in hard copies, no online submissions.

For further details and application forms regarding all of the above please contact: Julie McGuirk, Arts Office, Kilkenny County Council, No 5 Dean Street, Kilkenny.
T: 056 779 4547 E: julie.mcguirk@kilkennycoco.ie

Application forms can also be downloaded here. [Tyrone Guthrie 2016.doc \(size 109.6 KB\)](#)

Kilkenny Clinic Mentoring Programme For Artists 2016



Kilkenny County Council Arts Officer Mary Butler is pleased to invite applications from eligible artists for the Kilkenny Clinic Mentoring Programme. This is part of Kilkenny's ArtLinks programme 2016. This hugely successful programme, provides an opportunity for artists to meet face-to-face with a specialist mentor who has expertise in their artform to discuss and develop their artistic practice. This Clinic Mentoring Programme is open to qualifying Kilkenny artists who are registered members of ArtLinks only. Artists interested in applying for programme support should download an application form from:

[Art Links Mentoring 2016.doc \(size 1.6 MB\)](#)

The closing date for receipt of Clinic Mentoring applications is:

Friday 12th February, 2016 at 12 noon

ABOUT THE MENTORING PROGRAMME

Clinic mentoring sessions cover a range of topics specific to an individual artist's needs. The sessions provide the artist with the opportunity to discuss such areas as:

- ♣ Planning and developing their artistic practice and professional development path
- ♣ Working in context with the wider artistic community
- ♣ Marketing their artistic practice and maximising online awareness
- ♣ Commercialising their creativity

The mentoring service offers the following benefits to the artist:

- ♣ Expert guidance
- ♣ Objective, independent advice
- ♣ Relevant and practical support
- ♣ Confidential assistance on sensitive issues
- ♣ A sound board to help in making decisions

Mentoring is provided by a selected panel of experts comprising all artforms. Mentoring support will be offered to successful artists from Mid May to Mid July 2016.

WHAT THE ARTISTS SAY:

'I just wanted to say a huge thank you for setting up my mentoring session. My mentor was totally focused, sensitive and so generous with her time and action plans. I needed this experience so badly and it has firmly anchored me back on track again. She was totally the right person for me to see and I am so grateful to her and to Artlinks for providing me with the opportunity to have this terrific experience.'

Christabel Atkins, Visual Artist

ABOUT ARTLINKS

Established in 2007 ArtLinks provides supports for artists across all disciplines living in the South East to assist them develop their practice for the future. The programme provides mentoring, bursaries, networking and professional development opportunities for professional and emerging artists across the partner region.

Artists must be a member of Artlinks to be eligible for any of our supports, so registration is essential. Membership is free and is open to both Professional and Emerging Artists who are resident within the four Local Authority County Councils of; Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and

Wexford. Register online at www.artlinks.ie

For further information contact:

Julie McGuirk on (056) 7794547 or email at julie.mcguirk@kilkennycoco.ie

Call for Applications - Arts Act Grant 2016

Arts Act Grants 2016

Any organisation or individual based in the Kilkenny administrative area involved in activities, which promote, develop the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts is eligible to apply for the Arts Act Grant.

Categories

1. Groups and Organisations promoting arts

- Kilkenny County Council will consider applications from organisations involved in the promotion of the arts in Kilkenny.

2. Individual Artists all Art forms

- Kilkenny County Council will consider applications from practising artists living in Kilkenny to enable them to pursue their practice and to develop within their chosen discipline, including professional development and project awards

An application for a grant may be made under one of the above categories only. Groups and individuals can only make one application for an Arts Act Grants annually.

[Application form Arts ACT Grants 2016.doc \(size 545.3 KB\)](#)

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is no later than **4pm on Monday 22nd February**

For further details and application forms regarding the Arts Act Grant please contact:

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Art Links Bursaries 2016 Call for Applications



SUPPORTING ARTISTS AND THEIR PRACTICE IN THE SOUTH EAST

Kilkenny County Council in partnership with the ArtLinks partners in Carlow, Waterford and Wexford is pleased to announce that they are currently accepting applications for the ArtLinks Bursary Awards 2016.

ArtLinks is a partnership of the four Local Authority Arts Offices in Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford . It is supported by the Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon.

ArtLinks provides professional development opportunities and supports for established and emerging artists who are resident in the four partner local authority areas in the South East region.

Artists must be a member of ArtLinks to avail of these supports. Membership is free and is open to both Professional and Emerging Artists who are resident within the four partner Local Authorities. If you are not already a member log on to <http://www.artlinks.ie> to register for membership today and the application forms and guidelines are available to download from this website also.

Bursaries are available in the following areas

- Emerging Artist Award (for those commencing a career in the arts sector)
- Professional Development Award (for professional artists)
- Collaborative Award (for collaborative projects between ArtLinks members)

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 12th February 2016 at 12noon.

Kilkenny Events

The Three Tenors



The trio Ray O'Hare, Dominic McGorian and Derek Moloney (The Three Tenors) bring a “very warm atmosphere to their concert” and encourage their audience to join in with them. Their concert will take place in the Watergate Theatre on Friday the 5th of February at 8pm. Performance will include songs by Frank Sinatra, Leonard Cohen, Elvis and Pavarotti among others. Tickets cost €22.50 and it promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Menopause: The Musical



Starring X Factor sensation Mary Byrne, Sue Collins (The Nualas), Eurovision winner Niamh Kavanagh and Linda Nolan (The Nolans), Menopause: The Musical has entertained and inspired women across the world since 2001. See this hilarious show at the Watergate Theatre on the 8th of February at 8pm. Cost of tickets is 28 euro.

Jason Byrne. 20 Years A Clown



TV3 celebrates 20 years of stand up comedy with this hilarious new show, *20 years a clown*. On February 11th, at the Set Theatre, see Jason Byrne's new show that is being described as "20 times better than brilliant". There is no support act – Jason Byrne on stage at 8pm. Strictly over 16s only.

Film Screening: The Rocky Horror Picture Show



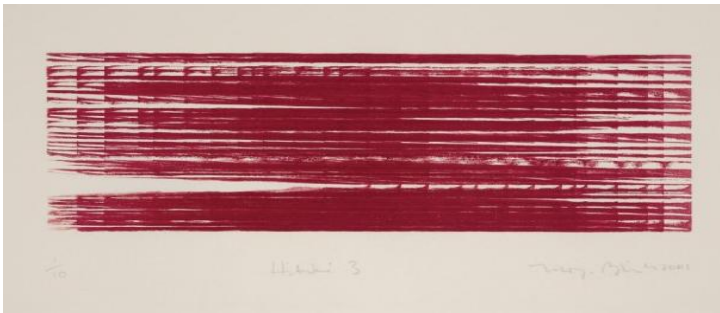
Film screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" will be shown in the Watergate Theatre on Sunday the 14th of February at 8pm. "For the screamish on Valentine's night!" Tickets cost €10/7.

Concert: Derek Ryan



Sunday 7th February - Newpark Hotel, Castlecomer Road - 8pm. Derek Ryan's name is relatively new on the Irish country music scene, although the 28-year-old is a seasoned performer. After spending much of his late teens and early twenties in successful boy band D-Side, he decided to follow his dream of becoming a country singer- songwriter, a dream that he has made a reality in recent months. He is now touring all over the country with his band, and has even performed on RTÉ's Late Late Show. See more at: twitter.com/derekryanmusic

Selected Works from the Butler Gallery Collection



Featuring works from the Butler Gallery collection and also works by Moya Bligh, a recent gift from the Bligh and Sato families. Free and open daily from 10am-1pm, 2pm-4.30pm. Exhibition running until February 21, 2016.

Courses / Training / Jobs / Internships

DRAWING AS RESEARCH with Jewellery Designer Inga Reed



Wed 17 Feb, Wed 16 March 2016, 10.30am -12.30pm. Workshop fee €5, student €3. Workshop suitable for third level students, designers and people with an interest in drawing, craft & design. Workshop will take place at National Craft Gallery, Castle Yard, Kilkenny. Booking through 056 7796151 or email events@nationalcraftgallery.ie

Craft: Felt Making Workshop



Sunday 7th February - KOZO Studio & Gallery, Castlecomer Discovery Park, Castlecomer - 11am to 5pm, €70 - Introducing a traditional wet felting technique using pure Merino wool and silk fibres. Make your own unique felted picture and/or small bag, trailkilkenny.ie

“Animal Alchemy” at the National Craft Gallery



Transform different materials into wearable magical creatures of your own design in this family-friendly workshop. Children are invited to bring old animal toys to transform. **Family workshop: Sat 13 Feb 10.30am + 12 noon. Teen workshop: 2.30pm.**

Free. Booking required 056 7796151 or email events@nationalcraftgallery.ie

Art Classes With Julie Moorhouse at Blackwatch Studio



**Julie will be resuming her classes on
THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 7.30-9.30PM
8 WEEKS €110**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION / BOOKINGS

CALL: Vicki O'Donoghue 086 837 0205

EMAIL: blackwatchstudiokk@gmail.com

Colour, Light and Transparency at Black Watch Studio

Colour, Light and Transparency Hosted by Eamon Colman, Member of Aosdána

COMMENCING 1ST MARCH 2016 FOR 5 WEEKS 7PM -9PM

FOR BOOKINGS AND FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vicki O'Donoghue 086 837 0205

Email blackwatchstudiokk@gmail.com

Over a five-week period this series of two-hour workshops will focus on colour mixing, light and transparency. Using the same methods as the Old Master the layering of colour will be explored to create transparent and translucent tonal layers, building a depth of field using opposite colours from the colour wheel.

We will discuss how the eye 'reads' colour looking at colourist Josep Albers techniques and experiments. From the first pencil marks through to the finished painting this class will suit all abilities no matter what your chosen medium is;

Contemporary Portraiture in Encaustic, Youghal, Co.Cork



11, 12 and 13 March, 10am to 6pm | Cost: €300 for 3 days

Contemporary Portraiture in Encaustic
Youghal, Co.Cork

Painting in Encaustic workshop, this step by step instruction will show you how to approach a portrait or figure from the initial drawing to the final highlight. Working vertically on either canvas or panel, I will teach you how to use the hot palette to create luminous skin tones, how to accurately draw the head, how to interpret the light, halftone and shadow and how to paint the features. I will demonstrate the use of water based encaustic paint as one of the final steps in a portrait, creating very expressive passages and transitions.

E: artforlife@live.ie

For further information and to register: www.loramurphypaintings.com

Realist Painting the Figure in Oils, 2 Day Workshop, Block T, Dublin



21 and 28 February, 10am to 4pm | Cost: €125 for 1

session, €65 for 2 sessions

BLOCK T, Haymarket House, Smithfield Square, Dublin 7

BLOCK T Skillsets presents a 2-day Figure Painting course from Florence Academy of Art graduate and studio member Nicholas Robinson. Working with oils and with a life model in a single pose throughout the 2 days, participants of all levels of experience will benefit from expert advice that will hone your life drawing skills and develop your understanding of form. This is your chance to work with an experienced artist and educator in an intimate, atelier-style setting.

Enquiries/booking, please E: info@blockt.ie, T: +353 (0)1 535 1014

www.eventbrite.ie/e/block-t-skillsets-realist-painting-the-figure-in-oils-2-day-workshop-tickets-21133457741?aff=erelorgpanelorg | www.blockt.ie/

Calls for Submissions/Residencies

Call for Workshop Proposals - National Drawing Day



The National Craft Gallery invites proposals from artists, makers and designers for workshops to be developed for National Drawing Day 2016. This national celebration of drawing and creativity is coordinated by the National Gallery and takes place on Saturday 21 May 2016 in over 170 Museums, Galleries, Libraries and Cultural Centres across Ireland.

Proposals should take a creative approach to exploring line and drawing, reflecting the artist / makers own practice. We wish to encourage active participation by visitors of all ages and suggest that proposals consider this. National Drawing Day will coincide with the presentation of Liminal - Irish design at the threshold at the National Craft Gallery.

Workshops will take place outside within the Castle Yard area, from 12-4pm on Sat 21st May. Some access to power / water will be available and volunteer assistants will support the workshops. Successful proposals will be paid a workshop fee and materials will be supplied or reimbursed as appropriate.

Email your proposal to Susan Holland at susanholland@dccoi.ie by Fri 4th March, listing National Drawing Day in the subject line. Please include:

- Proposed workshop activity
- List of materials & expected cost
- Summary of previously educational facilitation
- Examples of recent work, small selection of images or weblinks

Call for Submissions for Exhibition at Limerick Printmakers



Deadline for online applications: 16 February, 5pm

Limerick Printmakers, Bridgeland House, 3 Johns Square, Limerick

Limerick Printmakers Curators Bursary Award recipient Ellen Egan is seeking submissions from artists across Ireland including recent graduates and current final year BA students for the upcoming exhibition 'Artist fed by Art[-ist]', showing in The Belltable, Limerick City from March 10th – 28th 2016. Artists are invited to respond to the myth of the starving artist, the struggles of survival jobs, juggling a double life and finding your path as an emerging artist in Ireland today.

Submissions are welcome in all mediums from visual arts, performance, dance, design, the written word etc, and there are no minimum or maximum dimensions to pieces considered for inclusion. In the interest of supporting artists, there is no submission fee for entering this open call. This exhibition is not funded under LP's regular funding programme. Visual artists, work can be available for sale (or not) but please factor in the 30% commission fee when pricing work for sale. All marketing expenses in relation to promoting the exhibition and its featured artists work as part of this exhibition will be borne by LP as part of the Curators Bursary Award. This includes social media, LP website, use of LP mailing lists, distribution of exhibition posters throughout Limerick city, and potential coverage in the local press.

For more information on the application process please email: lpcurator16@gmail.com

www.limerickprintmakers.com/

Call for Submissions for Perceptions 2016, Cork



Deadline: 19 February

Cork City Council Arts office, Crawford Art Gallery and CIT Crawford College of Art and Design are looking for submissions for the forthcoming exhibition Perceptions 2016: The Art of Citizenship. Perceptions 2016: The Art of Citizenship aims to broaden the range of voices, visions, perceptions and approaches to creativity that the public engages with in cultural venues. It aims to engage the public with valuable knowledge and perspectives that are frequently absent from the world of art. The project is based on the premise that, when we create spaces and opportunities to listen to a broad range of diverse intelligences, perspectives and voices, our knowledge, experience and understanding of the world is enriched.

We are now calling for submissions of work, from artists who are working in supported studio settings both in Ireland and internationally. We also invite expressions of interest from venues across Cork City who may like to showcase work. Artists and organisations presenting work will be involved in public engagement events, tours and workshops with the opportunity for schools, community groups, and members of the public to get involved.

E: info@perceptions2016.com

For further details on submitting work and details on the exhibition please go to www.perceptions2016.com

Awards / Bursaries / Schemes

Of Interest

Coastlines



7 February – 4 March | Opening: 7 February at 4pm. Courthouse Arts Centre, Main Street, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow. Celebrate the natural world with the exuberant paintwork of Catherine Ryan. Courthouse Arts Centre presents the launch of this exhibition by Wicklow Artist, Catherine Ryan. 'Coastlines' is celebration of the natural world, and painting itself. Reception on Sunday February 7 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. Admission is free. Exhibition runs until Friday, March 4 2016.

***Smitten* Launches On RTÉ Player**

Smitten, a Kilkenny set TV pilot, has been released on the RTÉ Player as part of the Storyland initiative for 2016.

Smitten is the first RTÉ commission that is both shot in and set in Kilkenny City. The show is a comedy drama set in present day Kilkenny about a fragmented group of old school friends awkwardly trying to find their feet in life. The 20 minute pilot episode tells the story of Bronagh, who discovers she's pregnant on the same day her ex-boyfriend Dave goes missing after a drunken night out. When none of his friends can find him, Bronagh reluctantly goes on a trek throughout the city to find out where he's gone.

Smitten is written and directed by **John Morton** and produced by **Ruth Carter** for Mycrofilms. It was shot in Kilkenny in November 2015 with a mostly local cast and crew. The actors involved are **Aoife Spratt, David Thompson, Jack O'Leary, Clare Monnelly, Amy Dunne, Leah Egan, Peter McGann** and **Gus McDonagh**. The show features a soundtrack from Kilkenny musicians David Sheenan (aka Vogelbat) and Kingston.

This is the first commission from the state broadcaster for local production company Mycrofilms. It was shot on location in Kilkenny over a one-week period in November 2015. Storyland serves as a pilot programme for new TV shows and gives opportunities to up and coming creative talent in TV.

David Crean, Executive Producer for RTÉ Television said "*RTÉ dramas such as Rebellion, Love/Hate, Amber and Charlie have become must-watch TV shows. Encouraging Ireland's pool of creative talent to become the hit-makers of tomorrow and to discover emerging creative entrepreneurs is vitally important to RTÉ and the TV industry on the island of Ireland. Storyland has continuously proven to be a great catalyst for actors, writers, directors and producers, to go on to establish careers in the TV and film industry. Now entering its sixth season, we are excited to bring the new season of Storyland to audiences in Ireland and around the world on RTÉ Player and RTÉ Player International.*"

For the sixth series of Storyland, RTÉ and Northern Ireland Screen commissioned five single dramas of up to twenty minutes duration. The five production companies awarded the commissions are Against the Grain Films, Mycrofilms, Out Left Productions, Six Mile Hill Productions and Two Hungry Fish Productions.

You can now watch *Smitten* exclusively on www.rte.ie/player/ie

Get Involved: Hear Our Voices

Hear Our Voices is an event taking place as part of International Womens Day (IWD) **on Tues lunchtime March 8th** .

Women living locally, originally from other countries are invited to share their hopes for IWD and meet others. Contributions may be your native language and can include songs, poems or words from your heart.

This is the third year for this event and this year the venue will be McDonagh Junction Shopping Centre, Kilkenny which will be a focus for Arts and other activities celebrating Women from 10 am onwards on March 8th.

To get involved contact Elinor Mountain (Hear Our Voices event) 086 8179459

elinormountain@gmail.com

Or Cara O'Doherty (event co-ordinator) iwdkilkenny@gmail.com

Watch out for more information on [iwdkilkenny](#) face-book page.

Studio Spaces Available, Freneystown, Co.Kilkenny

Blackwatch Studio is situated in Freneystown County Kilkenny, 7 km from Kilkenny City, in a rural location overlooking the Blackstairs Mountains. Two loft Studios are for rent on an hourly, weekly, monthly or long term basis.

Each studio benefits from natural light as well as fluorescent, has a sink with hot and cold supply. Use of Wi fi, shared toilet, study area and communal kitchen cum sitting room and a parking area.

For more information please email: blackwatchstudiokk@gmail.com