

2K18 GUIDE



K*FEST

KILLORGLIN, CO. KERRY
1 - 4 JUNE 2K18



WELCOME TO K-FEST 2K18

Our volunteer committee has been working tirelessly for months to give K-FEST a whole new flavour for 2018: Spine-tingling performance art. Chart-topping bands like LE BOOM and Fangclub. An intimate evening with Irish playwright and six-time Academy Award-nominee Jim Sheridan. A raucous poetry brothel, death-defying knife dance — even an intergalactic journey. And that's only a taste.

None of this would be possible without the tremendous support we get from Killorglin's businesses, organisations, and individuals who donate their money, time, services, buildings, and venues — the result of which is a festival that is both cutting edge and accessible, electrifying and stirring, risqué and reverent. This is our gift to you. Take a stroll, have a seat, grab a mic, have a say, or just bear witness. K-FEST is all yours.

Penny Dahl

Penny Dahl, Chairperson 2K18



WHO IS K-FEST?

Below is a look at K-FEST's Department Heads, each in charge of a festival strand or key element, and the subcommittee members who support them. This dedicated team of volunteers devotes several months each year to making K-FEST the cultural phenomenon it is.



Tim Clifford, Vice Chair + Music Director



Neil Browne, Arts Director



Conor Browne, Word + Film



Joanne Murphy, K-Kids



Mike Dowd, Community



Steven Mills, Street



Rose O'Sullivan, Treasurer



Katie Graham, Logistics



Ruth McCarthy, Insurance

K-FEST SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: ART: Tricia O'Connor, Rochelle Lucey. MUSIC: Doug Victor, Chris Byrne, Donal Moroney, Darren O'Riordan. WORD: Joe Brennan, Declan Evans. K-KIDS: Katherine Moran, Nina Finn-Kelcey, Kiara Carolan. STREET: Mike McCaffrey, Karl Falvey. LOGISTICS: Vita Jakelyte. SOCIAL MEDIA: Jen O'Connor. PHOTOGRAPHY: David Hegarty.

Several others also devote their time and energy during the months leading up to and during K-FEST.



SPONSORS 2K18



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The list above reflects only our largest sponsors. K-FEST has countless supporters — businesses, organisations, and individuals who give to the festival, whether through fundraising, attendance at our pub quiz, vouchers for draws, or services in-kind. Pubs and restaurants serve as nighttime music venues, as well as patrons. Building owners offer their spaces and even accompanying amenities, and numerous volunteers offer their time. See the **K-FEST Sponsors, Donors + Patrons** leaflet for a detailed list.

THE PORTRAIT OF KILLORGLIN 2018

Each year, the K-FEST committee recognises two individuals for being vital and vibrant parts of the inner-workings of Killorglin. By pairing them with handpicked local photographers, the portraiture photographs reflect the expression and personality within our town. For K-FEST 2K18, we recognise Mike Dowd, former K-FEST Chair, whose photograph was taken by Emer Looney, as well as Anna Sheehan, who was photographed by Stephen O'Donoghue.





2K18 Artist: Saerlaih Molloy

SCREAMING POPE PRIZE



SCREAMING POPE PRIZE 2K18 One of Ireland's most unique arts awards, exclusively organised as part of K-FEST, the Screaming Pope Prize is given to one individual each year for a single outstanding work of visual art. The ceremony will take place the Sunday of K-FEST in one of our favourite galleries, **The Woolshed**. A wine reception for artists will be held with music and entertainment, followed by the awards ceremony, during which four finalists and one winner will be announced.



Since 2013, K-FEST has been using unoccupied spaces in Killorglin, transforming vacant retail outlets, deserted buildings, and even domestic homes into curated bespoke pop-up galleries. To date, K-FEST has housed over 600 visual artists and approximately 3,000 original works of art across all disciplines. The re-appropriation of 12 vacant buildings by 100 visual artists is itself a staggering work of socially engaged art.

But don't take our word for it. See for yourself...

Each year, the nature of our artists' work informs the feeling of the festival. In 2018, along with some familiar faces, we have a whole new wave of visual artists who specialise in performing arts and audio-visual work, thoughtfully curated to bring life into Killorglin's deserted buildings, amid other disciplines like paint, print, sculpture, illustration, and photography.

ARTIST TALKS @ An Sean Scoil



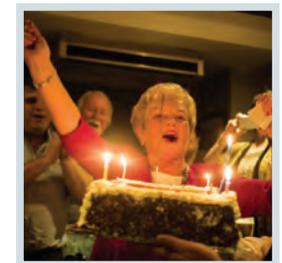
On Saturday of K-FEST, **Visual Artists Ireland** and **Kerry County Council** will host **Marcus Cope**, who will lead open artist talks, as well as a Peer Sharing Event (for four Kerry artists and four non-Kerry artists). On Sunday, he will give one-on-one mentoring sessions with current and previous participants of the **Screaming Pope Prize** (€10). A painter and co-founder and curator of the Marmite Prize for Painting, Cope holds solo shows all over London and abroad. He also serves as a visiting lecturer at many art institutions.



Printmaking workshops hosted by **Limerick Printmakers** return to K-FEST — Foam Plate Printing with Textured Monoprint for children and Drypoint Printmaking with Chine Collé for adults (€5 each).



K-FEST is the **ONLY** emerging arts festival that **actively visits art colleges and handpicks talented art students**, giving young artists the opportunity to exhibit in a professional setting — many for the first time.



This year, our **Made in Kerry** Art Gallery is dedicated to the memory of the charismatic and much-adored Phila Browne, a woman we will remember as part of the very fabric of Killorglin.

FRIDAY

The BarN



Ceschi @ 8:00 pm
Genre-crossing rapper, singer, and acoustic guitarist



Waldorf & Cannon @ 9:00 pm
Alternative duo featuring stirring harmonies and catchy hooks

Kingston's



FoxTales @ 10:00 pm
Acoustic duo playing blues, jazz, country, and traditional Irish

SATURDAY

ISK



Prism Ensemble @ 8:00 pm
Playing lesser known pieces from Mahler, Beethoven, plus Dvorak

O'Shea's



BREAKOUT @ 9:00 pm
2K17 finalists Kenny Tynan and LTGTR play. Competition @ 11pm

Kingston's



Ceschi @ 9:30 pm
Genre-crossing rapper, singer, and acoustic guitarist

The BarN



Emily7 @ 10:00 pm
Alternative rock band with attitude

Francie Sheahan's



One Horse Pony @ 10:00 pm
Blues, blues and more blues

Kingston's



Junior Brother @ 10:15 pm
Experimental folk singer/songwriter

Sol y Sombra



Katie Laffan @ 10:30 pm
Foot-tappin, head-noddin, funk-infused pop

The BarN



Waldorf & Cannon @ 10:45 pm
Alternative duo featuring stirring harmonies and catchy hooks

Kingston's



ROE @ 11:15 pm
Young, multi-instrumentalist synth-pop extraordinaire

The BarN



New Valley Wolves @ 12:00 am
Dirty blues rock played loud

Kingston's



Cinema @ 12:15 am
Electronic pop soundscapes

The BarN



Fangclub @ 1:00 am
Grunge rock — one of the best live bands touring right now

SUNDAY

O'Shea's



Cian Shiels @ 9:45 pm
DJ/producer

The BarN



Alien She @ 10:00 pm
Expressive, shoegaze, experimental, and agitated punk

Kingston's



Bayonets @ 10:00 pm
Alternative rock, indie, blues, and folk singer/songwriter

Sol y Sombra



The Ocelots @ 10:15 pm
Wexford twins bring a forceful blend of rich harmonies

Kingston's



Eve Belle @ 10:45 pm
Lyrically focused singer/songwriter from Donegal

O'Shea's



Bongo Steve @ 11:00 pm
Fusing orchestral percussion with his renowned DJ sets

The BarN



Vulpynes @ 11:00 pm
Low-end riffs, melodic hooks, snarling vocals, visceral rhythm

Sol y Sombra



Emma Langford @ 11:15 pm
A blend of Irish lilt with folk and jazz

Kingston's



JyellowL @ 11:45 pm
Crowd-pleasing intelligent hip-hop

The BarN



Vernon Jane @ 12:00 am
Powerful jazz punk sounds

Sol y Sombra



Shookrah @ 12:15 am
Between neo-soul and the emerging schools of R&B/soul

O'Shea's



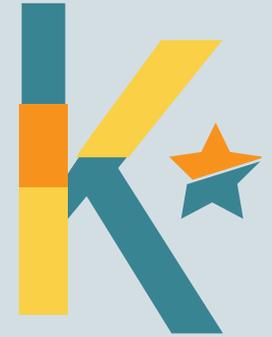
Jonno Brian @ 1:00 am
One of Ireland's foremost DJ/Producers

Sol y Sombra



LE BOOM @ 1:15 am
Explosive electro-indie-house-pop duo

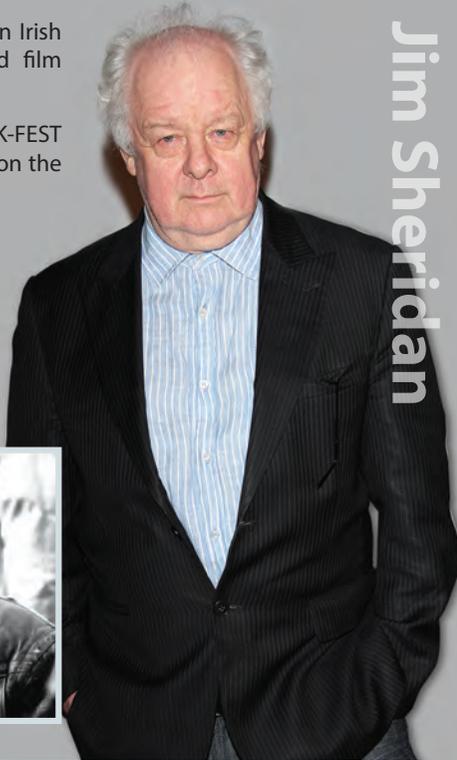
Plenty more great trad and cover bands at bars throughout town.



K-FEST is proud to present **Jim Sheridan**, an Irish playwright, screenwriter, film director, and film producer.

Sheridan will lead a Q&A session at the K-FEST opening night screening of one of his films on the Friday of the festival.

In the few years from 1989 to 1993, Sheridan made three acclaimed films set in Ireland — including *My Left Foot*, *The Field*, and *In the Name of the Father* — that between them received 13 Academy Award nominations. Sheridan has personally received six Academy Award nominations.



Jim Sheridan



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Feature Events:



BREAKOUT DJ Competition
Five compete — 1 wins



Dis-Miss Exploring female writers erased from history



Prism Ensemble Poetic music from the old world



Busking Competition An exciting music showdown



Air Band Create your own music from thin air



Screaming Pope Prize V awards ceremony

THE POETRY OF ROCK 'N' ROLL 
 @ **Francie Sheahan's**

Following the wildly successful 50 Shades of K, Poetry of Drink, and The Craic House, from last year's festival, the K-FEST crew introduces **The Poetry of Rock 'n' Roll** in 2K18, where brave volunteers will help celebrate the marriage between verse and vice.



POETRY BROTHEL @ **Soly Sombra** 

An immersive literary cabaret nightclub experience, the **Poetry Brothel** is where musicians, burlesque dancers, body painters, drag queens, magicians, aerial acrobats, and tarot card readers mingle and perform — and where poetry takes the centre stage. An interactive experience set for Saturday night, poets will even be available to read poems to visitors one-on-one. Keep your eyes open for members of the Poetry Brothel giving spontaneous performances throughout the weekend.



PEEP SHOW @ **Kingston's Bar** 

In order to wet your appetites before the main event, the Poetry Brothel will host a daytime Peep Show. So, if you're nervous about the evening that promises to unfold — and you should be — this event will ease you into a night of poetry and debauchery.

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DIS-MISS @ **Check schedule** 

The literary tea towel is an Irish phenomenon that can be found hanging in half the pubs of Dublin and all the tourist shops. The tea towel features images of 12 Irish writers who are supposedly our greatest ever, yet there is not a woman in sight.

In 1891, a commentator in the Daily Graphic asserted that **Irish literature was, just then, "practically in the hands of Irish women."** So what happened?

Where did the woman go? At this unique event, hear from the fantastic female voices lighting up the Irish literary scene. A Q&A will explore how the female voice was erased from Irish literary history, and the public will be invited to read aloud the works of the dismissed.

IRISH WRITERS		
 MARIA EDGEWORTH 1767-1849 <i>For the sake of the nation, the poorest Irish peasant from Malinbegh, Donegal.</i> From <i>Malinbegh, Donegal</i>	 AUGUSTA GREGORY 1862-1932 <i>All Ireland's best writers were women, and it was the women who kept the Irish language alive. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>	 JOHN SYNGE YEATS 1862-1932 <i>Yeats was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. He was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>
 KATE O'BRIEN 1879-1954 <i>She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>	 ELIZABETH BOWEN 1899-1973 <i>She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>	 MOLLY KEANE 1914-1995 <i>She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>
 MARY LAVIN 1897-1982 <i>She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>	 MAIVE BRENNAN 1919-2008 <i>She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>	 EDNA O'BRIEN 1922-2006 <i>She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>
 JENNIFER JOHNSTON 1933-2014 <i>She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>	 EAVAN BOLAND 1951- <i>She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>	 ANNE ENRIGHT 1950- <i>She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English. She was the first to publish Irish poetry in English.</i> From <i>The Irish Literary Revival</i>

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OBSESSION @ **Clifford's Tavern** 

An inward look at an Irish youth's strongest obsession. Join us to witness this one-man performance by playwright and award-winning spoken word artist, Lewis Kenny.



POETRY IN THE PARK @ **The King's Park** 

A family-friendly event that involves poetry readings by the beautiful River Laune. The poetry can be in any language, and everyone is welcome to share a poem or just to come along and listen.

SOUNDINGS @ **Grady's** 

The book that launched a thousand Leaving Cert meltdowns in making a comeback. In this event, audience members will get a chance to recite from the old, familiar favourites.



RAMBLING HOUSE @ **Francie Sheahan's** 

The ever-popular rambling house returns this year with stories, recitations, poetry, song, and music aplenty.

A GALACTIC EXPERIENCE

@ The Dáil

LITTLE STARS GALLERY

For this year's K-FEST, local children designed and crafted their very own colourful stars, which will be on display in The Dáil for all to see.

A GALAXY FAR AWAY...

K-Kids will immerse themselves in the Milky Way Galaxy, where they'll discover stars, constellations, planets, and more. An event meant for explorers, the space will have numerous hidden experiences and surprises behind every corner and curtain, as well as an arts and crafts workshop by **Izzy and Jules**.



GALACTIC TALKS

Steve Lynott of **Kerry Dark Sky Reserve** will tell the story of the galactic world, giving insight into the stars, constellations, and more.

IZZY AND JULES' MUSICAL GARDEN

After journeying through the galaxy, children return to the light of day in the form of a magical, musical garden. A tactile experience, featuring a creative mix of musical sounds, the children will make their own songs from the wild and wacky instruments on show. All that's required is a little bit of imagination.



BEST-DRESSED FAIRIES, ELVES, AND WIZARDS



@ The Fairy Walk

Boys and girls are invited to dress up Saturday and Sunday for a best-dressed fairy/elf/wizard contest. Prizes are sponsored by The Crystal Cave.

FAIRY TRAIL @ The Fairy Walk



Adorned with new fairy homes, handmade flowers, wind chimes, feathers, ribbons, and a very special memory tree dedicated to **Eileen O'Sullivan**, former member of the Killorglin Knitters Group. Kids can explore the intricacies of the magic trail, and get a chance to meet the resident fairies both days.



BOOK READINGS @ Library Place



Little ones are invited to come, sit, listen, and be enchanted by fascinating stories.

COMEDY FOR K-KIDS @ Library Place

A kids-only comedy show with **Bernard Casey** will involve a bit of interaction, games, and funny characters.



Bernard Casey



KIDS MARKET @ Library Place



This year, K-Kids will take some inspiration from the fabulous annual Vondelpark children's market in Amsterdam. Only children will be allowed to hold a market stall where they can buy, sell, and swap their old toys, games, and even homemade goodies. Young buskers welcomed.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

@ Library Place

LITTLE STARS YOGA



Bridget Moriarty returns with yoga for Killorglin's little stars both weekend days.



CALISTHENICS W/ TONY DIGBY



Performance of basic exercises, plus some gravity-defying acts... bring your camera.



Paid Event



Pre-Booking Required



Performance



Interactive/Hands-On

BUSKING COMPETITION @ Townwide 

Street buskers will play in various locations throughout Killorglin Saturday and Sunday, competing for cash prizes each day. Buskers will range from traditional Irish music to pop and everything in between.

**BELLYDANCING @ Multiple Locations** 

Suadela is a tribal bellydance troupe, whose repertoire consists of both improvised and choreographed performances. Check out their workshop and performances all weekend long.

**JUGGLING, BALANCE, KNIVES, DANGER @ Library Place** 

Let **Su DeNeem** bring you on a journey through the arts of juggling, object manipulation, and even the death-defying Rola Bola balance with knives.

DRUM DANCE IRELAND @ Multiple locations 

This high-energy drumming extravaganza will have crowds banging on drums or busting their best moves.

**MAGICIAN STEVENEVETS @ Library Place** 

Killorglin magician **Stevenevets** returns with his unique style of comedy and magic. Be prepared to join him and join in.

PLUS, PERFORMANCES BY THE KILLORGLIN PIPE BAND, IRWIN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE, AND MORE.



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FILM NIGHT W/ JIM SHERIDAN @ CYMS

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**SECRET CINEMA @ A secret location... Follow the clues**

The mysterious Secret Cine Club is back with another intriguing feature in Killorglin. Keep an eagle eye out for the clues both on social media and around the town.

**BYOB Cinema: The Room @ Check schedule**

Acclaimed as one of the worst films ever made, **The Room** follows a melodramatic love triangle and is full of unrelated and unresolved subplots. Great craic guaranteed.

More Reasons to Visit Killorglin

Puck Fair - August 10th, 11th & 12th

Biddy's Day - First Saturday of February

**Help Us Keep K-FEST Going: Fund it in 2019**

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For 2019, Fund it will continue to be one of the main sources of funding for K-FEST. As a non-profit organisation it is safe to say that without the contributions of all those via Fund it, K-FEST would not meet the standard it has set on the national cultural stage. Your generosity will help make K-FEST 2K19 bigger and better than ever. Money raised through Fund it will help us to cover many of the costs of the artists, musicians, and performers found in this programme. Watch for the campaign start next spring.





“A creative edge that’s palpable.”

— Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer, Kerry County Council

**“It’s a bit like one of John Cage’s Happenings
mixed with a Berlin loft party.”**

— The Rusangano Family, 2017 Winner of Album of the Year, Choice Music Awards

**“K-FEST is one of the most unique and
compelling festivals in Ireland.”**

— Kyle Mulholland, Pure M Magazine

**“K-FEST, for me, and many artists I know,
is a cornerstone in our artistic calendar.”**

— Daire Lynch, Artist and Screaming Pope Prize Judge (2016-2017)

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