

# Cushendun Big Arts Weekend

## 4-6 May 2024

I am proud to welcome you to our 11th Big Arts Weekend. This event has grown from strength to strength year after year, becoming a cornerstone of our community's calendar.

The Big Arts Weekend promises something for everyone, from art exhibitions and lively dance performances in the woods to thought-provoking discussions, soul-stirring music, and poetry readings. Our family fun day will ensure that even the youngest members of our community are entertained. I extend my thanks to our team for their hard work and dedication in making this weekend possible. I encourage you to visit our website, scan the QR code, and book your tickets early, as these events are sure to fill up fast. Let's come together to celebrate the beauty and diversity of the arts in Cushendun.

William Colvin, Chairperson. Old Church Centre.

3 days of music, drama,  
art and poetry for all  
the family in one of the  
most beautiful villages  
in the Glens of Antrim.



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# ALL WEEKEND EXHIBITIONS



## Local artists - exhibition at Glenmona House

The annual exhibition of paintings by local Glens artists returns to Glenmona House for the Big Arts Weekend. Browse a wonderful variety of local pieces from the Painting for Pleasure group. £2 admission.

## c21 Coastal Reminiscence Project

The Creative Coast sound installation, created by sound artist Fionnuala Fagan-Thiébot showcases the community's newly composed spoken word poetry, using authentic field recordings of locations from around The Glens area. This work compliments the local art competition, a community landscape exhibition curated by project participant, Bridget Scally-Millar.

## Crochet & Knitting Drop In Event

Join us in Glenmona House crafting 'granny squares' to honour the tradition of knitting and crocheting in the Glens. All materials provided or BYO if you wish. All levels of experience welcome.



## Silk Banner Display

These silk banners will be on display throughout the weekend in various locations and are a culmination of a decorative banner art project carried out earlier in the year.

## 'Johann the Goat' - Art Competition

Belfast-born artist Deborah Brown created this tribute to Cushendun's beloved goat after Foot and Mouth cullings. We are running a competition across various age groups to celebrate this fabulous landmark, Entries will be on display in The Old Church Centre and judging takes place on Monday.

# Sat 4 May

ALL DAY @ GLENMONA

LOCAL ARTISTS EXHIBITION, c21 Exhibition and Pop-up Tea Rooms

**10am: Walking Tour** - Exploring the Myths, Legends, and Medieval Period in the Glens of Antrim with Turais Chois Abhann Doinne.

**11am: Play In A Day for Adults** - St. Ciaran's PS.

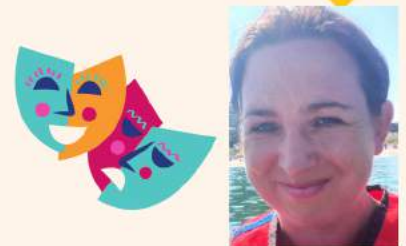
**11am: Play In A Day for Children** - St. Ciaran's PS.

**10.30am: Hidden Message Workshop** from Jim Allen in association with the National Trust. Glenmona House. Aged 14-21yrs.

**11am: The John Hewitt Society Presents** - Dr Frank Ferguson of Ulster University and Chair of the John Hewitt Society will speak on the topic Ulster Scots and the Glens of Antrim.

**3pm: Share A Poem** in the charming setting of Randal's.

**8pm: 'Murder She Got Wrote Off'** - Murder is her business, and business is good! The Cabot Covers have arrived in Cushendun! An actual episode of Murder She Wrote performed live on stage. With the audience and cast playing along. £15pp.





# Sun 5 May

ALL DAY @ GLENMONA  
LOCAL ARTISTS EXHIBITION, c21 Exhibition and  
Pop-up Tea Rooms

**10am: Baby Disco** in The Old Church Centre. Fancy Dress (if you wish).

**11am & 11:30am: A Walk in the Woods with Dance Encounters.** Join Philip Johnston for a walk through Cregagh Wood and encounter two short dance performances en route.

**11am: Naturally North Coast Market** - Glenmona.

**2pm: Music Production Taster Workshop** with Decibel Alchemy (aged 12yrs+)

**2pm - 4pm: Family Fun Day.** There is something for everyone with children's entertainment, Makeando craft workshops, Carnival Promotions Bubble Bike, Face Painting, Balloon Modelling, Bouncy Castles, Games On The Lawn, and more!

**1pm-3pm: Ballymena Ukulele Group** outside Glenmona House.

**3pm - 4pm: Open Mic Event** - outside Glenmona House.

**11am onwards:** Glens Red Squirrel & RSPB Information Stands.

**8pm: Rowan Leslie Trio.** Old Church Centre - £15pp.



# Mon 6 May

ALL DAY @ GLENMONA  
LOCAL ARTISTS EXHIBITION, c21 Exhibition

**11am - 4pm: Pop Up Tearooms** in the *Old Church Centre*.

**11am - 4pm: Johann the Goat** - an exhibition of all entries to the competition with judging at 3pm.

**1pm Go Fly Your Kite** - Glenmona House followed by **Sandcastle Competition** on the beach.

**7pm: The Creative Coast** live performance is directed by Stephen Kelly, with performances by Bridget Scally-Millar, David Carr, Carole O'Hara, Brian O'Kelly, Mary Rose Black and Glenn Simpson, video design by Katy English, videography by Matt Faris, choreography by Philip Johnston and sound design by Fionnuala Fagan-Thiébot. There will be an informal audience story-telling circle to follow, facilitated by Liz Weir. **Free Event.**





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