

What is Culture Night?

On Friday September 23rd 2011, locals and visitors across the island of Ireland will enjoy the unique experience of Culture Night, a free night of entertainment, discovery and adventure taking place in a record 30 towns, cities, counties and islands in Ireland. Museums, galleries, churches, historic houses, artists' studios and cultural centres will open their doors late into the evening welcoming people of all ages to taste and sample their cultural delights for free on the evening. Culture Night will take place in the following regions across the island of Ireland: Dublin, Belfast, Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Cloughjordan, Cork City, Cork County, Derry-Londonderry, Drogheda, Galway, An Ghaeltacht, Kerry, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Leitrim, Letterkenny, Limerick, Mayo, Navan, Offaly, South Tipperary, Strabane District, Waterford, Westmeath, Wexford and Wicklow.

This year Culture Night celebrates the launch of Carlow's own Cultural Quarter.

Carlow's Cultural Quarter stretches from the District Courthouse, down College Street to the Carlow Library.

Attractions within Carlow's Cultural Quarter include VISUAL & The GB Shaw Theatre, Éigse Carlow Arts Festival, Carlow Tourist information Office, Glór Ceatharlach Irish Language Development Agency, Carlow Library, District Courthouse, The Parish Centre, Carlow Cathedral, St. Patrick's College, and the new Carlow County Museum which will open to the public this Autumn.

To celebrate the launch of Carlow's Cultural Quarter, and as part of Culture Night taking place across the country, Carlow's Cultural Quarter attractions have come together to offer a trail of activities to provide information on the buildings and to invite and welcome the public into each building in turn.

Culture Night is an initiative co-ordinated by Temple Bar Cultural Trust and supported by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in partnership Carlow County Council, Carlow Town Council, VISUAL Centre for Contemporary Art, The GB Shaw Theatre, Carlow County Library, Carlow Tourism, Éigse, Carlow Cathedral and Parish, Glór Ceatharlach and St. Patrick's College, Carlow.

Culture Night Carlow



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- Venues:**
- VISUAL Centre for Contemporary Art
 - The GB Shaw Theatre
 - Carlow Town Council Chamber
 - Carlow Courthouse
 - Carlow Cathedral
 - Carlow Central Library
 - Tourist Information Office
 - Parish Centre
 - Oifig Glór Ceatharlach
 - St. Patrick's College



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2011

Carlow Event Schedule

All Day

Visual & The GB Shaw Theatre foyer
Information stalls from Cultural Quarter partners offering snapshots of Carlow Culture.

Afternoon

1pm - 2pm: Carlow Town Council Chamber
Launch of Carlow's Cultural Quarter - Civic Reception.

2.30 - 3.30pm: Carlow Courthouse
Tour of the District Courthouse.

4pm - 5pm: Carlow Cathedral
Tour of the Cathedral & 30 minute organ recital.

Evening

5pm - 7pm: Visual Centre for Contemporary Art
Children's arts & crafts open workshops & Public gallery tours.

5pm - 8.30pm: Carlow Central Library
**Photography & Painting Exhibitions by Joseph Molloy and John Byrne.
 The Pod Sessions.**

Tea & Trad. in the GB Shaw Room.
'The Life of a Sofa' performed by Carlow Little Theatre - This is a fast paced play, set to music, which shows the story of family life with the humble sofa as the centre piece. Your emotions will be captured from the beginning as you identify with the characters making their mark on the world and indeed on the sofa. This unique piece will have you both laughing and crying and leave you wanting more. A must see!

5pm - 8.30pm: Tourist Information Office
Carlow Tourism and County Museum late opening drop in & information & an exhibition of Carlow Books.



6pm: Tourist Information Office
Talk by author Jimmy O'Toole on the gentry families of Co. Carlow. Exhibition of Carlow books - discover the history and heritage of Carlow in a display of locally produced Carlow books covering various topics from its granite landscape to its great families. Features a talk by Mr. Jimmy O' Toole on the gentry families of Co. Carlow at the Tourist Information Office. Jimmy is author of Grange Past and Present, The Carlow Gentry, Carlow's 101 International Achievers and County Carlow - A Vision of Town and Country.

5pm - 8.30pm: Parish Centre
Late opening drop in & information.

5pm - 8.30pm: Glór Ceatharlach
Late opening drop in & information.

5pm - 8.30pm: St. Patrick's College
Late opening - Carlow collection exhibition.

6.30 - 7.15pm: GB Shaw Theatre Bar
The Abbey Theatre Literary Department. Bryan Delaney was Writer in Residence with Carlow Local Authorities Arts Office from 2006 - 2010 and was appointed The Abbey Theatre's New Playwrights Programme Manager in 2010. To complement Carmel Winter's *B for Baby*, Bryan returns to Carlow to talk about The Abbey Theatre's support for new writing.

8pm: The GB Shaw Theatre
Abbey Theatre's 'B for Baby' by Carmel Winters €18/€15

Winner of The Irish Times Theatre Awards Best New Play 2010, The Abbey Theatre's *B for Baby* by Carmel Winters comes to The GB Shaw Theatre for two nights only. *B for Baby* follows *B* and *D* in the care home where they are residents, and where Mrs C is a carer, on their special - 'very fecking special' - journey towards happiness. For more information contact The GB Shaw Theatre on 059-917 2400 or www.gbshawtheatre.ie

10:00pm The GB Shaw Theatre
Post show discussion with 'B for Baby' (and the Irish Film, 'Snap') writer Carmel Winters and the 'B for Baby' cast. An opportunity to learn more about this award winning show and ask questions of the creative team. For more information contact The GB Shaw Theatre on 059-917 2400 or www.gbshawtheatre.ie.