

TOWERS AND TALES

LISMORE STORY FESTIVAL

APRIL 23RD 2016



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SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2016

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OPEN YOUR IMAGINATION AND STEP INTO A STORYBOOK!

Welcome back to Towers and Tales, the Lismore Story Festival, now in its second year. We are proud to bring a wonderful new line up of Irish and international guests to Lismore, and excited to add a special schools programme. Our dream is to give young audiences experiences with books, reading, storytelling and drawing that will stay with them for years to come.

So come along - there'll be oodles of doodles and rhymes for the very young, alien adventures, gothic castles, sweet treats, drawing and storytelling, and surprises around every corner. Soak up the atmosphere as stories take over the town, take part in some of the many free events, create a masterpiece at the Inspiration Station, get a book prescription from the Book Doctor and Meet The Family at a very special illustration exhibition.

We believe that stories should be for everyone, every day, so every young visitor who buys a ticket will be given a book to take home and treasure.

So, find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, get your tickets early and, most importantly be with us on April 23rd for a very special day!

Niamh Sharkey *Elaina Ryan*

Niamh Sharkey and Elaina Ryan
Co-programmers

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PROGRAMME 2016



VENUE: LIBRARY, WEST STREET
TIME: 10AM, AGE: BABIES & TODDLERS
TICKETS: €5, CARERS FREE

BOOK BABIES WITH NIAMH SHARKEY & SARAH WEBB

Come along for a special interactive morning of fun, stories and play with author Sarah Webb and author and illustrator Niamh Sharkey. You and your little ones can join in the giant Baby-Doodle, listen to rhymes and stories from Sarah's book, 'Sally Go Round The Stars' and Niamh's Hugglewug books. You never know, there might even be a guest appearance by The Ravenous Beast!



VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE, PUGIN HALL
TIME: 11 AM, AGE: 5+
TICKETS: €5

THE GRUFFALO'S GANG WITH ALEX SCHEFFLER

Don't miss the opportunity to see Axel Scheffler, illustrator and co-creator of the children's favourite storybook, The Gruffalo. He'll draw a selection of characters from his books, read stories, talk about his work and answer questions. There may even be the chance to get a book signed and meet the man himself!



VENUE: HERITAGE CENTRE, MAIN ST
TIME 11 AM, AGE: 8+
TICKETS: €5

ALIEN ADVENTURES! WITH CHRIS & ANDREW JUDGE

You've accidentally led an alien army to Earth - and they're ready to conquer it. It's up to you and some unexpected new characters to save the planet. Who and what will you draw to help save the day?

This fun and interactive live drawing event is based on Chris & Andrew's book, Create your own Alien Adventure - the book where it's up to you to draw in elements to complete the story.

PROGRAMME 2016



VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE
TIME: 11 AM. AGE 13+
TICKETS: €10

WRITING MASTERCLASS WITH DAVE RUDDEN

Join critically-acclaimed debut children's writer Dave Rudden as he leads you through the world of Knights of the Borrowed Dark - a story of bravery, magic, murder, and clockwork. Dave will break down the mechanics of writing, showing aspiring authors how to get from that crucial first sentence to creating fascinating characters and terrifying villains. From magic systems to malevolent monsters, this event is a must for budding writers.



VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE,
THE BOOK EMPORIUM
TIME 11 AM, AGE: 5+
TICKETS: €5

NÍ BANPHRIONSA MÉ! LE PATRICIA FORDE

Fun bi-lingual event with Patricia Forde, author of over 15 children's books. Bí linn ag scoil síogaí na bhfiacail nó cuir aithne ar Lísín - an t-aon fhoghláí mara i Scoil na bPáistí Deasa! Discover why a boy had to become a bear and get top tips on writing your own stories. Spraoi agus spórt le scéalta i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla. Bí ann!



VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE,
ART GALLERY
TIME: 11 AM & 3PM (APPROX 90 MINS)
AGES: 9+ / 13+
TICKETS: €10

ANIMATE YOUR TOWN WITH NORTON VIRGIEN

2016 marks the 25th year of Lismore as a designated 'Heritage Town' and Brown Bag Films director Norton Virgien returns to the festival to look for ideas and stories in Lismore's fantastic history. This hands-on workshop is a must for anyone interested in animation to work with the award-winning director of Rugrats, DocMstuffins & Henry Huggelmonster.

PROGRAMME



VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE, PUGIN HALL
TIME: 1PM. AGE: 7+
TICKETS: €5

MEET CLAUDE WITH ALEX T. SMITH

Claude is a dog.
Claude is a small dog.
Claude is a small, plump dog.
Claude is a small, plump dog who wears a beret and a lovely jumper...

Join World Book Day illustrator Alex T. Smith as he introduces the custard-pie-throwing dog, Claude, and his smelly sidekick, Sir Bobblysock. Learn Top Secret illustrator tips, including how to draw Claude himself, and get Olympic-ready with his newest book, Claude: Going for Gold!



VENUE: HERITAGE CENTRE, MAIN ST
TIME: 1PM. AGE: 12+.
TICKETS: €5

THE WORDSMITH WITH PATRICIA FORDE

In a place called Ark, in a time after the Melting, Letta is the wordsmith's apprentice. Art is banned, music is banned and the language of Ark is List; a list of 500 words... How many words do you need to survive?

This gripping story is magnificent and Forde's brilliant storytelling performance will have us all on the edge of our seats!



VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE, COURTYARD
TIME: 2PM, AGE: FAMILY
FREE EVENT, NO BOOKING NECESSARY

MONSTER DOODLE NIAMH SHARKEY

Grab an oil pastel in your favourite colour and help former Laureate na nŉg and award winning picture-book maker Niamh Sharkey create a whole new universe of scary monsters! For families who love books, art and fun!

PROGRAMME



VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE, STABLE YARD
TIME: 3PM. AGE: ALL
TICKETS: €5.

BUILD A GOTHIC CASTLE CHRIS & ANDREW JUDGE

Bring the whole family along to join picture book creator Chris Judge & architect Andrew Judge in creating a mini, cardboard version of Lismore Castle!



VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE, PUGIN HALL
TIME: 3PM, AGE: 8+
TICKETS: €5

OUT OF THE DARKNESS DAVE RUDDEN

Lost travellers seeking safety from the monster-haunted night can find shelter in the mysterious and atmospheric Pugin Hall, where storyteller and author of Knights Of The Borrowed Dark Dave Rudden will spin tales of terror and bravery until it's once again safe to go outside...



VENUE: CASTLE, COURTYARD
TIME: 4PM, AGE: 8+
TICKETS: €5

DUNGEON DOODLE NIAMH SHARKEY

Who's afraid of the dark? Not when you're creating your own glow-in-the-dark monsters with Niamh Sharkey, illustrator and author of The Ravenous Beast and Henry Hugglemonster. Places are limited so BOOK EARLY!



VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE, CHOCOLATE SHOP
TIME: 4PM, AGE: 9+
TICKETS: €10, INCLUDING CAKE!

CUPCAKES & CHAT IN THE CHOCOLATE SHOP SARAH WEBB

An intimate afternoon tea event for mothers and daughters where Sarah will talk about being a writer and read from her latest novel Aurora and the Popcorn Dolphin. Places are limited, but the cakes won't be - BOOK EARLY!

AT A GLANCE

	BABIES, TODDLERS, 5 YRS & UNDER	5+	8+
FRIDAY 22ND 10 AM - 4 PM		SCHOOLS PROGRAMME	SCHOOLS PROGRAMME
6.30PM			
SATURDAY 23RD			
10AM	BOOK BABIES (2)		NÍ BANPHRIONSA MÉ (1)
11AM		THE GRUFFALO'S GANG (1)	ALIEN ADVENTURES (3)
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1 PM			MEET CLAUDE (1)
2PM	MONSTER DOODLE (1)	MONSTER DOODLE (1)	MONSTER DOODLE (1)
3PM		BUILD A GOTHIC CASTLE (1)	OUT OF DARKNESS (1)
4PM			DUNGEON DOODLE (1)
5PM			
ALL DAY	FREE EVENTS	FREE EVENTS	FREE EVENTS

VENUES

(1) Lismore Castle; (2) Library; (3) Heritage Centre; (4) Summerhouse Cafe; (5) Red Hall

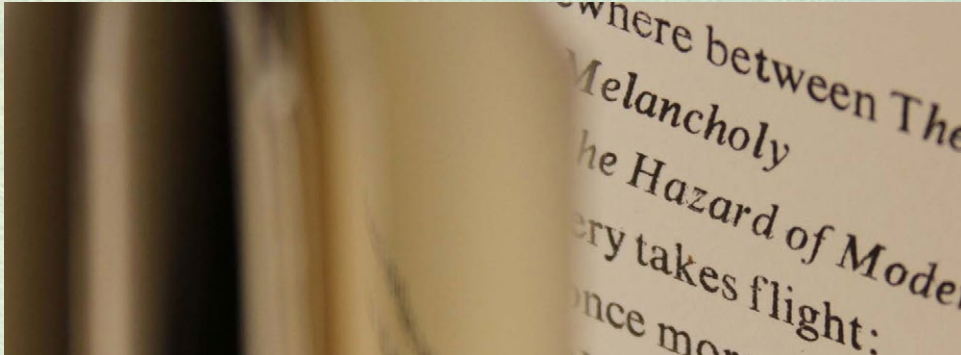
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9+	12+	YOUNG ADULTS	ADULTS
SCHOOLS PROGRAMME	SCHOOLS PROGRAMME		
		AXELSCHEFFLER (5) & EXHIBITION LAUNCH (4)	
ANIMATE YOUR TOWN (1)		WRITING MASTERCLASS (1)	
	THE WORDSMITH (3)		PANEL DISCUSSION (5)
MONSTER DOODLE (1)	MONSTER DOODLE (1)	MONSTER DOODLE (1)	
		ANIMATE YOUR TOWN 2 (1)	
CUPCAKES & CHAT (1)			ILLUSTRATION W/S (5)
FREE EVENTS	FREE EVENTS	FREE EVENTS	FREE EVENTS

BOOKING INFORMATION

Telephone: 058 54975 Online: www.towersandtales.ie
All events are approx 50 minutes unless otherwise stated.

ALL DAY EVENTS



THE BOOK EMPORIUM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND, WATERFORD COUNTY LIBRARY & EASON

The West Wing corner of the castle is home to a wonderful array of book-acquiring opportunities

BOOK GIFTING Towers and Tales was born out of a vision that all children in Ireland should be gifted a book, an initiative that is successfully being delivered in over thirty countries worldwide, but not yet in Ireland. Thanks to Children's Books Ireland, all young visitors attending ticketed events will receive a book as a gift. Present your ticket on the day in the Book Emporium and choose your free book.

BOOK SWAP Bring a book (make sure it's in good condition) to swap with other festival-goers in the mobile library. The library team will be on hand to facilitate and will be offering free library membership all day.

BOOK BUYING Eason Dungarvan will have a well stocked bookstall full of old favourites, latest releases and copies of books by all our festival artists.

CBI BOOK DOCTOR Are you a young reader? Looking for a new series to delve into? Feeling uninspired by your bookshelves at home? Do you need a prescription for a new read? Then pop along to the Book Doctor's special Lismore clinic!

VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE, THE BOOK EMPORIUM

TIME: 11AM- 5PM. **AGE:** ALL

FREE, DROP-IN EVENTS

ALL DAY EVENTS



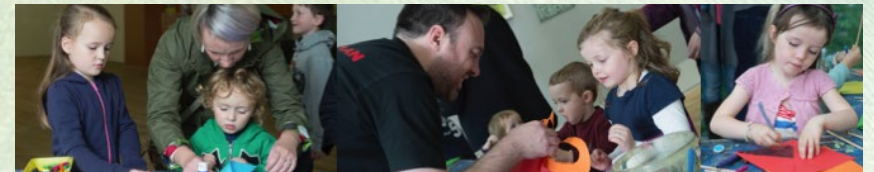
THE INSPIRATION STATION

Write and draw your own stories with help from our facilitators and festival artists. Led by members of Illustrators Ireland, the Inspiration Station will be a hub of creativity with free notebooks and pencils courtesy of Eason Dungarvan and lots of free ideas!

VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE, COURTYARD

TIME: 11AM- 5PM. **AGE:** ALL

FREE EVENT, DROP-IN STATION, NO BOOKING REQUIRED



GLUCKSMAN COMIC BOOK-MAKING WORKSHOP

Led by experienced art facilitators, this family workshop invites participants to create their own comic book story as they track an art detective's journey through modern art history. Stopping off in René Magritte's dreams, David Hockney's swimming pool and Edward Hopper's café, participants will design their own detective and answer questions about artworks they find along the way.

Will we find out what is making Edvard Munch's character scream?

VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE, COURTYARD

TIME: 11AM- 5PM, **AGE:** ALL

FREE EVENT

DROP-IN SESSIONS, NO ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED

ALL DAY EVENTS



MEET THE FAMILY

An Exhibition of original illustration artwork curated by the Illustrationcupboard Gallery & Illustrators Ireland

We invited our festival artists and members of Illustrators Ireland to create a series of portraits celebrating the many characters, real and imagined, associated with Lismore Castle & town. From Sir Walter Raleigh to the present day butler Denis Nevin, the result is a wonderful, gilt-edged eclectic collection of original artworks which will enthrall young and old alike.

The Lismore Story Exhibition Competition: Draw Your Own Family Member: To complement this exhibition we invite our visitors to create a Lismore Resident of their own. This competition is open to everyone under 16, and all artworks must be done in the Summerhouse Café on the day of the festival. Materials will be supplied. At the end of the day we will select our three favourite artworks and hand out some not-so-imaginary glittering prizes to the lucky winners!

VENUE: THE SUMMERHOUSE CAFE, MAIN ST
TIME: 11AM- 5PM. AGE: ALL
FREE EVENT

ALL DAY EVENTS



POP-UP READINGS

Find the stories around the castle courtyard – in tower rooms and tents, hallways and huts, there's a pop-up reading for everyone to enjoy! Watch out for the BFG, grab a selfie with The Gruffalo, and try to find Willie Wonka and his Chocolate Fountain! Relax and take some time out for nursery rhymes and songs with your little ones in The Quiet Club and don't forget to drop in to The Granny Grotto where some very special Grannies will be reading from very special books - Bring your own granny and join in the fun!

VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE
TIME: 11AM- 5PM, AGE: ALL
FREE EVENTS DROP-IN SESSIONS, NO ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED



CAFÉ CULTURE

Enjoy an array of market food stalls at the WOODSHED CAFÉ including Lolo's Crepes, Mochuda Hot Dogs, wood-fired pizzas, great coffee, delicious cakes and lots more.

Visit The Chocolate Shop & decorate your own cake pops with the Chocolate Fairy, but keep an eye on the Witches in case they put a spell on your hot chocolate!

VENUE: LISMORE CASTLE (COURTYARD)
TIME: ALL DAY

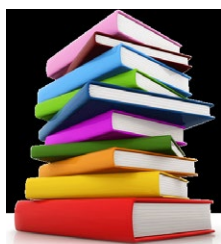
ADULT EVENTS



DATE: **FRIDAY 22ND**
VENUE: RED HALL, EAST ST
TIME: 6.30PM
TICKETS: €10

AXEL SCHEFFLER IN CONVERSATION WITH MARGARET ANN SUGGS

Axel Scheffler is best known for the children's books he has illustrated through his partnership with author, Julia Donaldson. Together they created *The Gruffalo*, which has sold over 5 million copies, in almost 50 countries throughout the world. He lives in London. Axel will be in conversation with illustrator and Promotions Officer for Illustrators Ireland, Margaret Ann Suggs. [Please note this event is on Friday 22nd!]



VENUE: RED HALL, EAST ST
TIME: 1PM (APPROX 90 MINS)
AGE: ADULTS
TICKETS: €10

MAKING YOUR CHILDREN'S BOOK SPECIAL - PROFESSIONALS PANEL

Find out everything you ever wanted to know about making your children's book the best it can be and succeeding in a market that has never been more vibrant. Suitable for writers and illustrators of all levels, published and unpublished. Chaired by Elaina Ryan, Director of Children's Books Ireland. Panel: Peter Donnelly, illustrator; Gráinne Clear, Publishing Manager and Art Director at Little Island Books and Sarah Webb, author, festival curator, reviewer and former bookseller.



VENUE: RED HALL, EAST ST
TIME: 3PM (APPROX 90 MINS)
AGE: ADULTS
TICKETS: €10

ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP - ALEX T. SMITH

Join bestselling author-illustrator Alex T. Smith as he chats about his career and gives advice to aspiring authors. He is best known for his *Claude* series which is sold in 16 languages worldwide and widely praised for its humour and quirky charm. *Claude* has also been optioned for TV. He's recently re-illustrated *The One Hundred and One Dalmatians* as well as *Eva Ibbotson* classics. Alex has been a World Book Day illustrator and been shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize.

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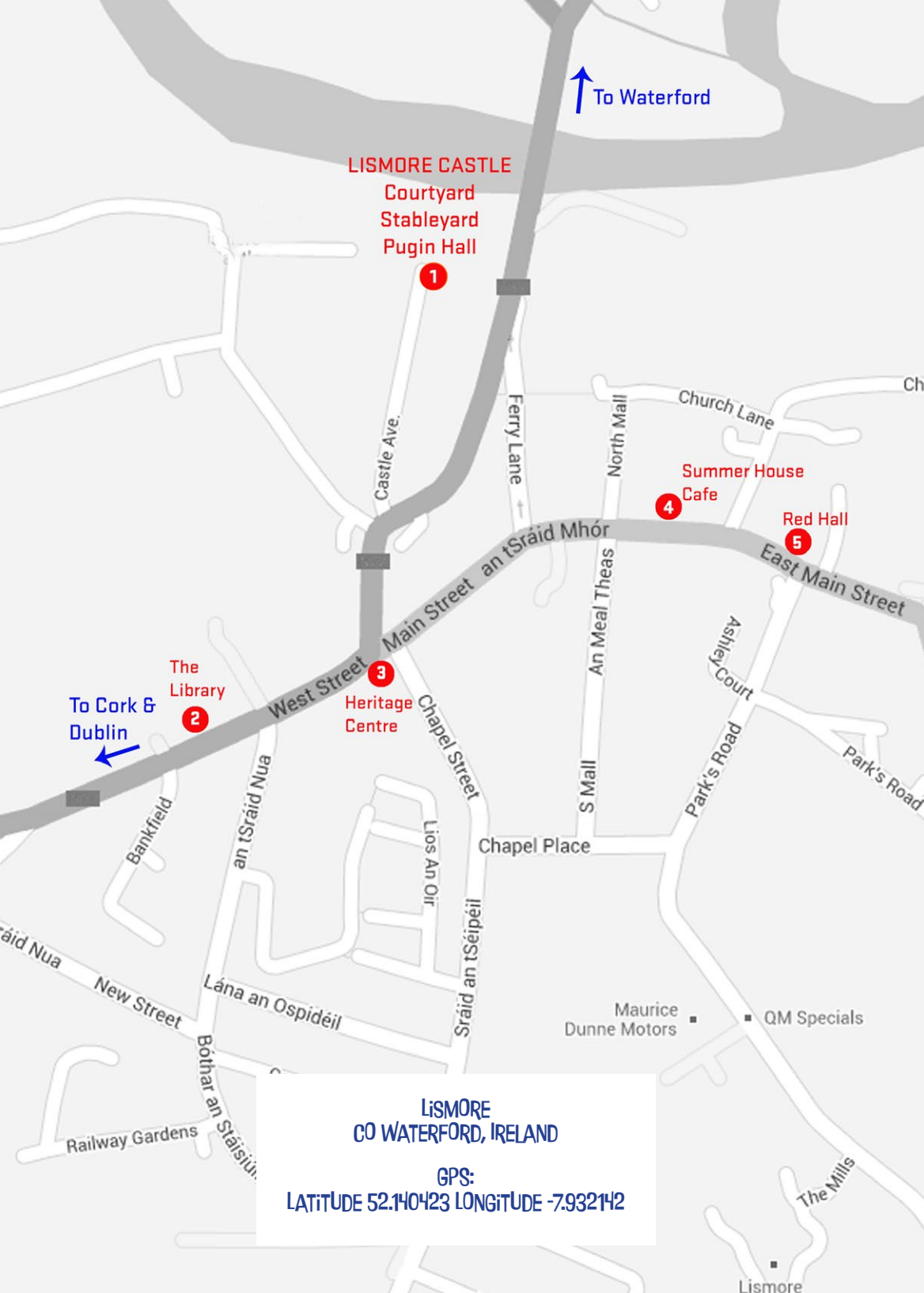
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