

TOWERS AND TALES



CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2023

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WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome you to Lismore Castle for Towers and Tales, and if you have been here before, welcome back! The festival is one of our highlights of the castle year and one we all look forward to. Our dream and that of the organisers and fellow founders is to give young audiences experiences with books, reading, storytelling and drawing that will stay with them for years to come. And we are very proud that our home plays host to such an event, especially one that is free for everyone to come and enjoy.

This year we are excited to welcome another ambitious artistic programme that we are sure will inspire, and do remember to keep an eye out for surprises around every corner.

We would like to thank all the wonderful Towers and Tales authors and illustrators as well as our volunteers, helpers, sponsors, collaborators, committee members and of course the Festival Creative Team. We are also incredibly grateful to you for choosing to visit Lismore and helping us create such a memorable day. Thank you for coming!

If social media is your thing please share your memories, using #TowersandTales2023 but most of all we hope you all have a fantastic and inspired day in Lismore.

William and Laura Burlington

Is there anything better than meeting one of your favourite authors or illustrators in the most magical of places? We are always so thrilled to turn our minds to programming the Towers and Tales Children's Book Festival each year and we can't wait for you to visit Lismore Castle and town this April. Now in its 9th year, the magic of Towers and Tales once again floods the Castle Courtyard, Gardens, Stable Yard, Banqueting Hall, Gallery and special places around Lismore Town.

Whether you've been to the festival every year or you're thinking of your first visit, there is something for everyone at Towers and Tales: storytime for tots, draw-along events where you become the artist, a tail-making workshop (not real tails!), a circus in the courtyard, a giant snail, a garden story trail and oodles of doodles and storytelling with some of the most wonderful children's writers and illustrators. As you flit and float with excitement from event to workshop, to book signing, to circus disco, you can take a breather at the Foodie Stable Yard and enjoy some music from The Songbirds Stage.

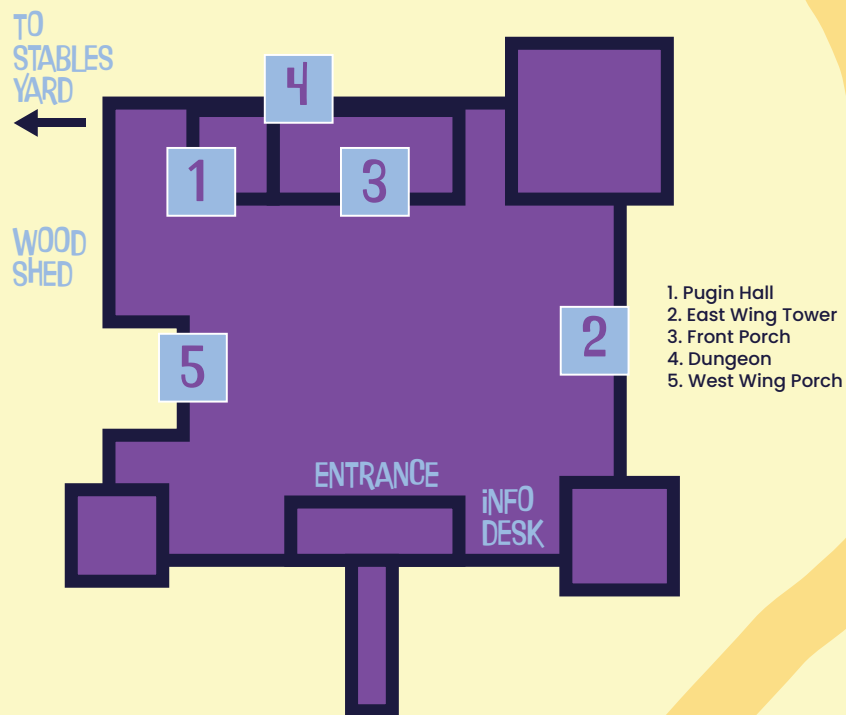
Pop into The Vault Café downtown to see the Festival Exhibition which showcases the magnificent work of illustrators Olivia Golden and Jennifer Farley. Olivia and Jennifer will also host their hugely celebrated Sketch and Stroll workshops for the Festival Hub where you get to wander through the immense gardens of the castle (through the secret door) with the artists.

Our amazing friends and partners at Waterford Libraries will be bringing the festival authors and illustrators to young audiences all over the county on Friday 28th April, and one school will be the lucky recipient of a library of books as part of our Bookbag programme. School events and book-gifting are crucial to the identity of Towers and Tales: they allow us to ensure that we reach audiences that might not get to visit us in Lismore, or to pick up a book at Eason, the festival bookseller. We are hugely grateful for any donations to our Bookbag programme and you can support this as you purchase your tickets, or through the festival website.

Some events are ticketed and some need registration, and you can book these at www.towersandtalesfestival.ie. We also have a whole bunch of free events throughout the Festival Hub where you can be curious, be inspired and celebrate the wonderful world of books. So join us in this magical playground of imagination, where writing, drawing and storytelling sit at the heart of the adventure.

Elaina Ryan, Niamh Sharkey and Aisling Fitzgerald (Creative Team)

LIMORE CASTLE FESTIVAL MAP



FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

EXHIBITION

Beasts and Books

Friday 28th April–Friday 12th May 2023 The Vault Café

We are honoured to share new artworks from illustrators Jennifer Farley and Olivia Golden.

Enter the imaginative realms of classic literature: Jennifer Farley's whimsical artworks explore some of the most beloved characters and iconic locations from timeless literary works.

Ireland has a rich history of seeking out strength and magic in the creatures that surround us for stories that both enthrall and entertain. Olivia Golden's artworks celebrate those qualities with simple and striking textural compositions.

Olivia Golden is an illustrator from Mayo, based in Cork city. She has illustrated over 30 books for children of all ages featuring dragons, snails, mermen and even time a spot of travel. Titles include *Scéalta le hInsint don Ghealach* (written by Caoimhe Nic Lochlainn) and *Cillian ag Comhairreamh* (written by Siobhain Grogan). She has a particular interest in all things Irish, the language, the people, the places and folklore. Texture and light combined with simple compositions, strong colour and contrast constitute the heart of Olivia's visual style. Her work has been exhibited both nationally and internationally. Check out more of her work at www.oliviagolden.com

Jennifer Farley is an author, award-winning illustrator and designer from Dublin. Jennifer specialises in illustration for children's books and maps. Her artwork is bright, colourful and sometimes, a little bit humorous.

Jennifer's books include *Scouts's Best Day Ever*, *Island of Adventures*, *Shooting For The Stars* written by Norah Patten (winner of An Post Irish Children's Book Of The Year Award 2019).



SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2022

KATHI BURKE | ILLUSTRATOR

Kathi Burke is an award-winning illustrator from Co. Waterford. Her work revolves around the things she loves – food, home, jokes, colours and tradition. As a book illustrator, she has produced non-fiction titles across subjects such as female role models (I Look Up To..., Penguin Random House) ancient civilizations (Find Tom in Time, Nosy Crow) Irish heroes (Little Library, Gill Books), Evolution (What The Dinosaurs Saw, Bloomsbury) and how things work (Wheels, Pan Macmillan).

RECENT WORK:

Little Library Series, for age 6+
Michael Collins: The People's Peacemaker (Gill Books, 2022)
Mary Robinson: A Voice For Fairness (Gill Books, 2021)
Tom Crea: The Brave Explorer (Gill Books, 2020)
Countess Markievicz: The Rebel Countess (Gill Books, 2020)
Brian Boru: The Warrior King (Gill Books, 2019)
Granuaile: The Pirate Queen (Gill Books 2019)

'Opedia' Trilogy, for age 8+
Foclóirpedia (Gill Books, 2017)
Historopedia (Gill Books, 2016)
Irelandopedia (Gill Books, 2015)

RECENT AWARDS:

JCI Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the Year, 2018 Contribution to Children, World Peace, and/or Human Rights
Irish Book Award, 2015 RTÉ Radio 1's Listener's Choice Award
Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year Award, 2016 Judges' Special Award for Irelandopedia
Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year Award, 2016 Ellis Dillon Award (First Children's Book) for Irelandopedia
Irish Design Institute Toast of the Town Award

EVENTS

Under The Sea Draw-along

11.30 a.m. | Lismore Library | €5 | for age 3+

Imagine what it would be like to live under the sea – surrounded by fabulous fish, colourful coral and maybe a crab or two. Young artists will work together to create a stunning underwater scene on a giant-scale piece of paper using high-quality art materials. The result will be an explosion of colour!

This event will involve kneeling on the floor and using oil pastels which can make for some grubby hands and knees. Baby wipes will be provided but we advise young artists not to wear their Sunday best!

Design a cover with Kathi Burke

3 p.m. | The Vault Café | €10 | for age 7+

Have you ever wondered where writers get their ideas? Or how book covers are designed? Join Irelandopedia co-creator Kathi Burke for a masterclass in story creation and book design. Get inspired by the world around you, work together to make up a brand new story, and help Kathi to design a unique and original book cover which will be emailed to all our young artists after the event.



SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2022

JOSEPH COELHO | AUTHOR

Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho is an award-winning performance poet, playwright and children's author based in Kent. He aims to inspire young people through stories and characters they can recognise and explores themes including fear, courage, diversity, gratitude, empathy and loss. In addition to exploring emotional landscapes, Coelho is inspired by magic, the ancient world and often draws on his own experiences transforming them into something universal that can be shared. Throughout his career he has highlighted the power of poetry and reading, championing and campaigning for local libraries and spotlights new voices and diversity throughout his work.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Courage Out Loud: Volume 3: 25 Poems of Power – Poetry to Perform (with Daniel Gray-Barnett) (Wide Eyed Editions, 2022) for age 6-10
Smile Out Loud: Volume 2: 25 Happy Poems – Poetry to Perform (with Daniel Gray-Barnett) (Wide Eyed Editions, 2022) for age 5-10
Poems Aloud: Volume 1: An anthology of poems to read out loud (with Daniel Gray-Barnett) (Wide Eyed Editions, 2022) for age 5-10
Creeping Beauty: Fairy Tales Gone Bad (with Freya Hartas) (Walker, 2022) for age 9-12
My Beautiful Voice (with Ms. Allison Colpoys) (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2022) for age 4-7
Luna Loves Dance (with Fiona Lumbers) (Andersen Press, 2022) for age 3-6
Luna Loves Art (with Fiona Lumbers) (Andersen Press, 2021) for age 2-5

EVENTS

Poetry Prompts

10.30 a.m. | Pugin Hall | €5 | for age 9+

'Poetry Prompts' is Joseph Coelho's flagship project as the prestigious Waterstones Children's Laureate in the UK. It's an epic celebration of the power of poetry in all its forms. Joseph's Poetry Prompts will give young writers endless ideas for ways to find inspiration to write

a poem, and will give a special insight into where writers get their ideas. Whether you're already a confident writer or you're scared to put pen to paper in case you get it wrong, this event will show you that absolutely everyone can be a poet.

Please note this same event will be presented at Lismore Heritage Centre

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2 p.m. | Lismore Heritage Centre | €5 | for age 9+

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AOIFE DOOLEY | AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Aoife Dooley is an award-winning illustrator, author and comedian. She is also a graphic designer and public speaker. In 2019 she published her first children's book, 123 Ireland!, which won the Specsavers Children's Book of the Year (Junior) Award at the An Post Irish Book Awards. A second board book for very young children, ABC Ireland! Was published in 2022.

Frankie's World is Aoife's first graphic novel, based on her real-life experiences of autism after having been diagnosed as an adult in 2018. It has been hugely successful, and was shortlisted for the Specsavers Children's Book of the Year (Senior) Award at the An Post Irish Book Awards. The sequel, Finding My Voice, will be published in April 2023.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Frankie's World #2: Finding My Voice (Scholastic, 2023) for age 9-10

Frankie's World #1: Frankie's World (Scholastic, 2022) for age 9-10

ABC Ireland! (Little Island, 2022) for age 1-3

123 Ireland! (Little Island, 2019) for age 1-3

RECENT AWARDS:

Specsavers Children's Book of the Year (Junior) Award at the An Post Irish Book Awards, 2019 (123 Ireland!)

Shortlisted: Specsavers Children's Book of the Year (Senior) Award at the An Post Irish Book Awards 2022 (Frankie's World #1: Frankie's World)

EVENTS

Meet Frankie! with Aoife Dooley

12.30 p.m. | Pugin Hall | €5 | for age 8-12

Aoife Dooley is an award-winning illustrator and author and is the creator of Frankie's World, a graphic novel based on Aoife's real-life experiences of autism, and its sequel, Finding My Voice (April 2023). In this interactive event you'll hear about the inspiration for Frankie, create your own characters and even do some drawing.

Comic Book Workshop with Aoife Dooley

4.30 p.m. | The Vault Café | €10 | for age 9-12

Bam! Pow! Have you ever wanted to create your own comics? Join Finding My Voice creator Aoife Dooley for a hands-on workshop that will guide you through everything you need to know to make excellent illustrated adventures. Perfect for fans of Bunny vs Monkey, Dog Man and Aoife's own award-winning book, Frankie's World. All materials will be provided.



SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2022

MUIREANN NÍ CHÍOBHÁIN | AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Muireann Ní Chíobháin is an author, storyteller and performer. You might also see her bouncing about your TV sometimes on RTÉjr and TG4. When she's not inventing or telling stories, she's doodling or playing with her young sons, cooking or swimming in the sea – not at the same time of course! She has published 4 books to date – Scúnc agus Smúirín (Futa Fata), GIY's Know-it-ALLmanac (GIY), The Eoinín series (Futa Fata) and Murphy's Law (The O'Brien Press).

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Murphy's Law (with Paul Nugent) (The O'Brien Press, 2022) for age 0-4

Eoinín ag dul a Chodladh (Futa Fata, 2022) for age 0-4

Eoinín agus a Chairde (Futa Fata, 2022) for age 0-4

RECENT AWARDS/ NOMINATIONS:

Nominated for KPMG Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year Award, 2020 (Scúnc agus Smúirín)

EVENTS

Tots storytime with Eoinín

10 a.m. | Lismore Library | €5 | for age 0-5

It's never too early to start sharing stories, and at Tots Storytime we have plenty of them. From crawlers to toddlers and beyond, we welcome all little readers to come and meet Muireann Ní Chíobháin for storytime with Eoinín, the little lamb at the heart of her series of board books. This event will be bilingual (Gaeilge/English) and can be enjoyed by all whether you are líofa sa Ghaeilge or don't speak a word!

Book Bop with Muireann

2.30 p.m. | Pugin Hall | €5 | for age 4-8

Calling all young picturebook-lovers: bígí linn! Join author, screenwriter and performer Muireann Ní Chíobháin for a very special Towers and Tales Festival Book Bop. There'll be silly poems, games, readings from Muireann's books and maybe even a bit of a boogie. The perfect event for young readers who like their books with a large helping of fun!



SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2022

ROBIN STEVENS | AUTHOR

Robin Stevens is the bestselling and award-winning author of the Murder Most Unladylike Mysteries series and the Ministry of Unladylike Activity. Born in California, she grew up in Oxford, England, and now lives there with her family.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

The Ministry of Unladylike Activity (Puffin, 2022) for age 8+
Murder Most Unladylike Series (Puffin, 2014–2019) for age 8+

RECENT AWARDS/NOMINATIONS:

Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week 2019 (Top Marks for Murder)

The Ministry of Unladylike Activity (Puffin, 2022)
Blackwell's Children's Book of the Year 2022
One of Waterstones' Best Children's Books of 2022
One of the Daily Mail's choice of 2022's children's books
One of the Irish Times' children's books of 2022
One of the Guardian's best children's books of 2022

EVENTS

The Ministry of Unladylike Activity 12 p.m. | Lismore Heritage Centre | €5 | for age 8+

Waterstones Children's Book Prize winner Robin Stevens talks about her inspirations for her Murder Most Unladylike series and introduces you to her newest book, The Ministry of Unladylike Activity. You'll get to find out which of her detectives you're most like, and even help to create your own mystery story! Don't miss the opportunity to become a super-sleuth with the queen of murder mysteries.

Please note this same event will be presented in Pugin Hall

The Ministry of Unladylike Activity 4 p.m. | Pugin Hall | €5 | for age 8+

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ED VERE | AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Ed Vere is an award-winning and New York Times bestselling writer & illustrator of picturebooks. Ed also co-created the award winning 'Power of Pictures' education programme with CLPE which encourages visual literacy in primary school education. Ed is the artist in residence at The Born Free Foundation. He is writing and illustrating a book about how we can best allow wild animals to thrive in the wild and the conservation work Born Free undertakes.

RECENT WORK:

The Artist (Puffin, 2023) for age 3–5
How to be a Lion (Puffin, 2018) for age 3–5
Grumpy Frog (Puffin, 2017) for age 0–5

RECENT AWARDS:

Oscars Book Prize – 2019 for How to be a Lion

EVENTS

What can I draw for you? 11.30 a.m. | Lismore Castle Gallery | €10 | for age 6+

Are you a budding illustrator? Join author and Illustrator Ed Vere for a fun interactive drawing workshop. Learn some secret tips on how Ed creates his award-winning picturebook characters; The Artist, Mr Big, Max the Brave and Grumpy Frog. Then Ed will draw for you!

The World of Ed Vere

4 p.m. | Lismore Heritage Centre | €5 | for age 4–7

Don't miss the opportunity to meet award winning author and illustrator Ed Vere in action. Come and meet his new character The Artist who goes on an epic adventure to share her art, and in doing so learns that it doesn't matter if you colour outside the lines, art is full of heart... and maybe you are an artist too! Ed will take the audience on a journey through some of his best known picture books and you will get to doodle along too!



SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2022

PADDY DONNELLY | AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Paddy Donnelly is an Irish picturebook author & illustrator living in Belgium. He has illustrated many children's books, including Fox & Son Tailers, The Vanishing Lake, Dodos Are Not Extinct, Here Be Dragons, Wolves in Helicopters and Hom. Nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal and The World Illustration Awards in 2022, Paddy's work has achieved international acclaim as his debut author illustrated picture book The Vanishing Lake won the gold medal in the Independent Publisher Book Awards 2021. His most recent author illustrated picture book Fox & Son Tailers was shortlisted for the An Post Irish Book Awards in 2022. Paddy grew up on the beautiful north coast of Ireland, surrounded by mythical stories of giants, magical creatures and shape-shifting animals. All of this prompted his love for nature, animals, the sea and storytelling. He wishes Pluto was still a planet.



RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

An Slipéar Gloine (with Fearghas Mac Lochlainn) (Futa Fata, 2023) for age 6-9
Dodos Are Not Extinct (The O'Brien Press, 2023) for age 5-8
Fox & Son Tailers (The O'Brien Press, 2022) for age 5-8
Wolves In Helicopters (with Sarah Tagholm) (Anderson, 2022) for age 5-8
The Vanishing Lake (The O'Brien Press, 2022) for age 0-4
Míip agus Blíipín (with Máire Zepf) (Futa Fata, 2022) for age 3-7

RECENT AWARDS/NOMINATIONS:

Shortlisted: KPMG Children's Books Ireland Award 2023 (An Slipéar Gloine)
Winner: Gradam Réics Carló 2022 (An Slipéar Gloine)
Shortlisted: An Post Irish Book Awards 2022 (Fox & Son Tailers)
Nominated: Kate Greenaway Medal 2022 (Hom)
Shortlisted: World Illustration Awards 2022 (The Vanishing Lake)
Winner: White Raven Book Award (Míip)
Winner: Gold Medal IPPY Award 2021 (The Vanishing Lake)
Winner: Literary Association of Ireland Biennial Children's Book Awards (Míip)
Shortlisted: KPMG Children's Books Ireland Award 2021 (Míip)
Shortlisted: KPMG Children's Books Ireland Award 2020 (Scúnc agus Smúirín)

EVENTS

Picturebooks with Paddy Donnelly

10 a.m. | Lismore Heritage Centre | €5 | for age 4+

Join Paddy Donnelly for a whistlestop tour through the amazing worlds of his picturebooks, from Fox & Son Tailers to Here Be Dragons and beyond! With readings, a tail challenge and a few top drawing tips from the expert, this is bound to be a treat for picturebook fans.

Fox & Son Tailers tail-making workshop

1.30 p.m. | The Vault Café | €10 | for age 4-7

Welcome to the world of Paddy Donnelly's imagination, where animals have no tails and need to visit Rory and his dad at Fox & Son Tailers to choose their own. Fox knows exactly which tail is right for any occasion, but Rory is bursting with new ideas for wild and wonderful tails of all shapes, sizes and colours. Could you create an amazing tail? Choose from a treasure trove of art materials as Paddy Donnelly leads this tail-making extravaganza!



FESTIVAL TIMETABLE

SATURDAY	AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR	EVENT NAME	TYPE OF EVENT	LOCATION
10 a.m.	Muireann Ní Chíobháin	Tots storytime with Eoinín	Event	Lismore Library
10 a.m.	Paddy Donnelly	Picturebooks	Event	Lismore Heritage Centre
10.30 a.m.	Joseph Coelho	Poetry Prompts	Event	Pugin Hall
11.30 a.m.	Kathi Burke	Under the sea Draw-along	Event	Lismore Library
11.30 a.m.	Ed Vere	What can I draw for you?	Workshop	Castle Gallery
12 p.m.	Robin Stevens	The Ministry of Unladylike Activity	Event	Lismore Heritage Centre
12.30 p.m.	Aoife Dooley	Meet Frankie!	Event	Pugin Hall
1.30 p.m.	Paddy Donnelly	Fox & Son Tailers Tail-making	Workshop	The Vault Cafe
2 p.m.	Joseph Coelho	Poetry Prompts	Event	Lismore Heritage Centre
2.30 p.m.	Muireann Ní Chíobháin	Book bop	Event	Pugin Hall
3 p.m.	Kathi Burke	Design a Cover	Workshop	The Vault Cafe
4 p.m.	Ed Vere	The World of Ed Vere	Event	Lismore Heritage Centre
4p.m.	Robin Stevens	The Ministry of Unladylike Activity	Event	Pugin Hall
4.30 p.m.	Aoife Dooley	Comic Book Workshop	Workshop	The Vault Cafe

FESTIVAL HUB

SATURDAY	EVENT NAME	HOST	LOCATION
All day	BOOK SWAP	Waterford City & County Library Services	Courtyard (Tent)
All day	INSPIRATION STATION	Lismore Castle Arts	Gallery Lawn
All day	EASON BOOKSHOP	Eason	Mary Feenys Yard (Tent)
All day	<i>The Artist Wall</i> by Ed Vere	Towers & Tales	Mary Feenys Yard (Wood shed)
All day	KNOCK FOR A STORY	Towers & Tales	Front porch
All day	STORY TRAIL <i>A Field Guide to Leafplings</i>	Towers & Tales	Castle Gardens
All day	The Songbirds Stage	Towers & Tales	Stable Yard
All day	Foodie Stable Yard	Towers & Tales	Stable Yard
All day	CHILDVISION CAMP	Childvision	Courtyard East Wing Tower
12.30 p.m. - 2 p.m. 3 p.m.	A Snail's Tale	Caoimhe Dunn & Dominic Palmer	Castle Courtyard & Gardens
10 a.m. 12 p.m. 3 p.m.	The First Ever Drawing!	The Glucksman	Courtyard (Tent)
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Children's Book Ireland BOOK CLINIC	Children's Books Ireland	Courtyard (Tent)
11 a.m. 2 p.m.	Down in the Deep Dark Cave	The Glucksman	Courtyard (Tent)
1 p.m. 3.30 p.m.	CAPTAIN CORMAC & Circus Disco	Cork Circus Factory	Centre Courtyard Lawn
12 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 3 p.m.	Sketch & Stroll	Jennifer Farley & Olivia Golden	Lismore Gardens
1.30 p.m.	Stories, Songs & Silliness	Pádraig Wallace	Lismore Library
3 p.m.	Stories, Songs & Silliness	Pádraig Wallace	Lismore Library
11 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.	Dungeon Doodle	Lismore Castle Arts	Lismore Castle Dungeon

FESTIVAL HUB

The festival hub is the heart of Towers and Tales. Join us here for doodling, knock on the Castle door for a story, create characters with the team from Glucksman Gallery or get a reading prescription from your favourite Children's Books Ireland Book Doctors.

TICKETED EVENTS

DUNGEON DOODLE

Who dares to enter Lismore Castle's dark and eerie dungeon? Join the Lismore Castle Arts Team to draw your own glow in the dark monsters, ghouls and ghosts on the walls of the castle's creepiest place.

11 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. | Lismore Castle Dungeon | €5 | for age 6+

SKETCH AND STROLL

Illustrators Olivia Golden and Jennifer Farley take you on a creative sketching journey around the magical Lismore Castle Gardens where you can discover the wonder of the petals, trees and grassy banks.

12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. | Lismore Castle Gardens | €5 | for age 6+

STORIES, SONGS & SILLINESS | PÁDRAIG WALLACE

Join musician and super fan of books Pádraig Wallace on a musical adventure with stories, songs and silliness. Compose your very own diddle or dum and hear stories of famous musicians and song birds from the world of picture books.

1.30 p.m. | Lismore Library | €5 (Carers free) | for age 0-4

3 p.m. | Lismore Library | €5 (Carers free) | for age 4-7

FREE EVENTS [ONLINE REGISTRATION]

BOOK CLINIC | CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND

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 Children's Books Ireland Book Clinic where the Book Doctors will be ready to offer the best advice for young readers. Children will leave with a Reading Passport, and a prescription for their next read to take to their local bookshop or library. The Book Clinic is free but online

registration is required - early booking is strongly advised. Please book one 15-minute slot per child.

12 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Castle Courtyard | Free Online Registration | All Ages

HOLLOW EARTH: ART, CAVES AND THE SUBTERRANEAN IMAGINARY | THE GLUCKSMAN

THE FIRST EVER DRAWING!

The earliest known artworks were drawn and painted on to the walls of caves more than 40,000 years ago!!! In this fun hands-on imaginative workshop we will be figuring out who made these drawings and what they looked like! Under the guidance of our talented facilitators, children will be using pencils, crayons and pastels to create large collaborative cave drawings.

10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. | Castle Courtyard | Free Online Registration | Age 5-8 years

DOWN IN THE DEEP DARK CAVE

There is something about the dark that triggers our imagination! In this fun illustration workshop, we will be creating our own imaginative world down in a deep dark cave where fairies, goblins, ghouls and other mysterious cave creatures go about their business! Participants will learn simple illustration techniques that will help them to create their own characters and stories.

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. | Castle Courtyard | Free Online Registration | Age 9-12 years

Hollow Earth: Art, Caves and The Subterranean Imaginary is a major thematic exhibition which brings together a wide range of responses to the image and idea of the cave. It includes painting, photography, sculpture, sound, installation and video, as well as archives and architectural models, stretching from 1960 to today, alongside works from the 18th and 19th centuries.

The exhibition runs at the Glucksman art museum in UCC from 7 April to 9 July 2023.

FREE ALL-DAY EVENTS

BOOK SWAP | WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES

Bring a book, pick a book! The library team will be on hand to help, and will be offering free library membership all day.

All Day Event | Castle Courtyard | Free

INSPIRATION STATION | LISMORE CASTLE ARTS

Create your own crazy creature and join in our giant drawing adventure. Led by the Lismore Castle Arts Team, this will be a hub of creativity.

All Day Event | Gallery Lawn | Free

STORY TRAIL | A FIELD GUIDE TO LEAFLINGS

"To see leaflings you need keen eyes, to hear them, sharp hearing and, most importantly, you need a mind that is still open to all the world's possibilities."

Welcome to the world of Leaflings, the secret guardians of the trees. Follow our inaugural story trail with A Field Guide to Leaflings created by Owen Churcher and Niamh Sharkey. On the story trail you will meet trees and leaflings from all over the world and learn how these tiny creatures protect trees, help manage their interactions, their cycles and tell their stories. Keep a special eye out for Flann, a pippin tree leafling along the way!

"A whimsical way to teach budding environmentalists about trees around the world." Kirkus Review

All Day Event | Castle Gardens | Free | All Ages

BOOK SHOP | EASON

Pick up a book from your favourite festival artist.

All Day Event | Mary Feeney's Yard

THE ARTIST WALL | ED VERE

Festival artists can be found at the doodle wall drawing during the day. Be inspired by Ed Vere's new picture book The Artist! Make your own mark and create your own characters on our giant doodle wall.

All Day Event | Woodshed | Free

KNOCK FOR A STORY

The most intimate event of the festival. Only 6 people at a time enter the front porch and enjoy readings throughout the day from festival artists and some special guests.

All Day Event | Front porch | Free | 6+

CHILDIVISION CAMP

Come and join the Childvision team and learn a new way of experiencing the world. Take part in fun games where you can 'crack the code' using Braille, complete puzzles while in the total darkness of a blindfold and enjoy sensory stories that will ignite your imagination.

All Day Event | Castle Courtyard | Free Event | All Ages



A SNAIL'S TALE | CAOIMHE DUNN & DOMINIC PALMER

Taking inspiration from illustrations in medieval manuscripts, A Snail's Tale tells an unforgettable, entertaining story of imaginary creatures once only found in monkish doodles ...

Sir Babosa, a knight errant and dashing dare-do-well takes to the road to explore, do good and find love for his snailly steed, Mishelle, who is quite unique - truly one in a million - as she is the only left-handed snail in all the land. Travelling a slimy path with his trusty travel scribe and hand-drawn-selfie artist, Isabeau, he records his daring deeds, acts of gallantry, and fabulous interactions with passers-by.

In exchange for help on their quest Sir Babosa and Isabeau - who often find themselves very lost - may gift you with a portrait of Mishelle, and if you are very lucky, a lovely, luscious lettuce.

Developed with Simon Thompson, with the support of Spraoi, funded through the Arts Council Project Award and Artlinks Bursary, A Snail's Tale was conceived and is performed by Caoimhe Dunn and Dominic Palmer .

12.30 p.m., 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. | Castle Courtyard | Free Event | All Ages

CAPTAIN CORMAC | CORMAC MOHALLY & CORK CIRCUS FACTORY

Ready, Steady, Hup, it's time for some circus fun with the living legend Captain Cormac. A master at showing off, for as long as he can remember he's been flaunting his skills to anyone and everyone. A juggling aficionado, a lover of all things Circus, and an all round good guy, Captain Cormac is on a mission from the Circus Gods; to share with the world his amazing tricks, and his out and out passion for Circus, whether the world wants it or not. All you need to do is clap, cheer, and if you're lucky, help him achieve the greatest and most dangerous juggling trick in the universe.

1 p.m. & 3.30 p.m. | Castle Courtyard | Free | All Ages

CIRCUS DISCO | CORK CIRCUS FACTORY

We bring Juggling Balls, Clubs, Diablos, Flowerstick and Hula Hoops. We put on some uber cool disco music and encourage everyone to "try it out". Nobody is too old or too young to try, and the way that you use the equipment is the absolutely perfect and correct way to use it, just have fun and play.

1.30 p.m. & 4.00 p.m. | Castle Courtyard | Free | All Ages

Captain Cormac is a 30 minute circus juggling show for all ages followed by a "Circus Disco" for 40 minutes

THE SONGBIRDS STAGE | VARIOUS ARTISTS

Local singers and musicians takeover the Stable Yard at the Festival Hub, for acoustic sets of original music and covers throughout the day.

All Day Event | Stable Yard



SCHOOLS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMME

SCHOOL VISIT

Meeting an author or illustrator in person is the perfect way to enthuse and encourage young minds to explore the world of books. To make sure as many young people as possible experience the magic of Towers and Tales we have partnered with Waterford City and County Library Services to take our authors and illustrators into schools, libraries and venues across the county on Friday April 28th. In 2022 over 500 children met with an author or illustrator in their school and local library. 2023 will see even more schoolchildren get a taste of our programme.

BOOKBAG

Bookbag is a children's book-gifting initiative that aims to get books into the hands of as many primary school children as possible and is key to the ethos of Towers and Tales. This project was established by Niamh Sharkey, one of our Artistic Directors, during her time as Laureate na nÓg, and is a joint initiative of Brown Bag Films and Children's Books Ireland. This year, one lucky school will receive a library of books. For information on our schools and book-gifting programme you can contact nbaldwin@waterfordcouncil.ie



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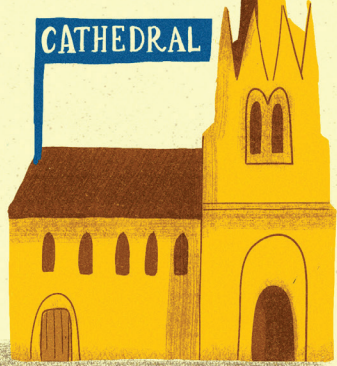
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