





Buaichphointí Phan Cheilteach Festival Highlights









Oscailt Oifigiúil na Féile

Official Opening of the Pan Celtic

Festival 2025

Le Chéile Informal Gathering

7pm | Grounds of Carlow College & Visual



Fáilte & Ceolchoirm Welcome & Opening Concert

7.30pm | George Bernard Shaw Theatre @ Visual | Ticéid / Tickets €10

The Celts have come! Céad míle fáilte go Ceatharlach! Enjoy a taste of Celtic music, song and dance from the six Celtic nations. Tickets limited and available on a first come first served basis from www.visualcarlow.ie

The concert will be live-streamed to the overflow audience in Visual area, and online: www.facebook.com/pancelticfestival

Seisiún na Féile Trad Session Trail '25



The Opening Session of Pan Celtic '25 will feature local and visiting musicians and singers. Finger food. Fáilte isteach.

Ceol Beo Live Music around town

9pm | Tully's Bar, Tullow Street, and other local pubs

Live music around town kicks off the Pan Celtic '25 Fringe programme.



Pan Celtic Souvenir T-shirts will be available in navv and in sizes: S/M/L/XL/XXL

CRANNCHUR NA FÉILE

COLLECTION



WIN 2 NIGHTS B&B & 1 DINNER at one of The Talbot Collection of Hotels for just €5!

The Pan Celtic '25 Fundraising Raffle has a grand prize of 2 nights B&B for 2 people with dinner on 1 night at one of the 4-Star luxurious hotels of the Talbot Collection, located at Wexford, Cork, Dublin, Carlow and Tipperary.

Draw will take place during Pan Celtic '25, with the prize valid for 24 months.

Lóistín / Accommodation at Pan Celtic Festival 2025:

Useful links:

www.carlowtourism.com/carlow-accommodation www.discoverireland.ie/accommodation?county=carlow



10am | Daily Walking Tour of Carlow



Scéallaíocht Family Storytelling

11am | Carlow Library, Tullow Street

Opening session with Aideen McBride & Katell Kloareg.



Ceol Am Lóin Lunchtime Concert

1pm | St. Mary's Church (Haymarket) | Donation

Enjoy a lunchtime concert with folk singer/ songwriter **John Spillane**. Special guests: **Éire Ní Fhaoláin & Chulainn Ó Faoláin**, Pan Celtic '25 national song contest runners up.

Mic Oscailte Open Mic '25 @ Club D'Art

2.30-5pm | Club D'Art, Pembroke, R93 VX44

Drop in (and out!) to the first of three afternoons of music, song, verse and more.

Comórtais Amhránaíochta Traidisiúnta (Grúpaí & Aonair)

3pm | GB Shaw Theatre @ VISUAL

Traditional Celtic Singing Competitions (Groups & Solos) with entries from the participating six nations. Streamed live:

www.facebook.com/ pancelticfestival



Ceol Beo Live Music @ The Exchange (daily)



3pm | The Exchange, Potato Market

Programme of live afternoon entertainment featuring local and visiting bands and groups.
Daily @ The Exchange.



IndeCeltic & enCÓRe le Chéile

6pm | St. Mary's Church (Haymarket)

Carlow's enCÓRe female vocal group and Indeceltic duo Anna Tanvir & Maninder Singh share the bill for an amazing evening of music and song.

Scéalta na gCeilt

Celtic Stories @ Lamberts

7pm | Lambert's Coffee House, Dublin St

An hour of stories with storytellers Joe Brennan & Aideen McBride.



Seisiún Amhránaíochta

Pan Celtic Singing Session

7.30pm | The Irishman's Bar, (College St)

Local and visiting singers share songs with special guests **John Spillane** and **Jerry O'Reilly & Rose Davies** of Dublin's Góilín Singers Club.

😾 Áine Gallagher – 'For the Love of Milseáin'

8.30pm | **The Good Room, Scraggs** | **€5** (towards St. Clare's Food Kitchen)

The bilingual comedy that guarantees to tickle the Irish out of you!! Award-winning comedian and Ireland's 'Queen of the Offbeat' Áine Gallagher, is on a mission to prove that

speaking Irish can be both accessible and hilarious. Following an incredible year in 2024, Áine is back using her quirky and deadpan style as her secret weapon as she navigates Irish language learning, mistake-making, dating and mug-cake-baking to create a wholly unique comedy experience. This comedy experience is bilingual and guarantees to reignite your grá for Irish and unlock your cúpla focal, even if you don't know a word.



9pm | Seven Oaks Ballroom | Free

Festival Club Night with musicians, singers and dancers from the visiting nations.





Siúlóidí Ceatharlach Daily Walking Tours of Carlow

10am | TÚS/Meeting Point: Festival Office, Potato Market



Walking Tour of Carlow guided by The Carlow

Historical & Archaeological Society.



12pm (open to public) | Cathedral of the Assumption

Rachel Uí Fhaoláin will lead a singing workshop followed by a public performance. Enjoy exploring songs connecting the Irish & Welsh diaspora in an intimate choral setting, with Clann Uí Fhaoláin's unique and special focus on the joy of singing together. Choirs and individuals are all welcome to get involved in this special treat of cultural exchange through language and song.



Lón & Ceol @ Tully's with John Spillane:

12.30pm | Tully's Bar, **Tullow Street**

Enjoy your lunch break with one of Cork's finest folk singers John Spillane.





Banna Ceoil na nGardaí

The Garda Band in Concert

2pm | Potato Market, **Town Centre**

Open-air concert with the men and women of The Garda Band.







Oíche Bothántaíochta

Carlow Storytellers Pan Celtic Special

7pm | Carlow County Library, Tullow St

Céad míle fáilte to a Rambling Night with the Carlow Storytellers in the Library. Stories, recitations, yarns, poems and songs with a celtic twist.

Carmarthen **Symphonic Wind Band in Concert**

7.30pm | Seven Oaks **Hotel, Athy Road Donation €10**



The Carmarthan Symphonic Wind Band, Wales, kindly present a gala concert in aid of Carlow's Sacred Heart Hospital. This amazing band consists of 50 members ranging in age from early teens to early eighties, playing a range of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. The concert, in association with The Friends of the Hospital, will be special and for a very worthy cause. The programme will feature a playlist of classical pieces through to music from tv shows, film scores, military marches and popular music. Not to be missed!

Comórtas Idirnáisiúnta

Pan Celtic International Song Contest '25

7.30pm | GB Shaw Theatre @ Visual | €10

Newly composed songs and national winners representing the six celtic nations go head-to-head for international honours, the Pan Celtic Festival trophy and a cash prize of €1,500. Streamed live on: www.facebook.com/pancelticfestival





Streetfest on Tullow Street!

including the Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band

Comórtais Uirlise Instrumental Competitions 11.30am | Seven Oaks Hotel

Traditional musicians of the celtic nations compete for honours in the Harp, Fiddle & Duet.













12.30pm | St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen | Donation

Cór na nÓg is Ireland's leading children's choir. Directed by Carlow's own Mary Amond O'Brien, this lunchtime performance by Cór na nÓg, supported by the Carlow Community Choir, is a benefit concert for the amazing St. Clare's Hospitality Kitchen.



Paráid na Féile / Parade '25

2pm | Assembly in Carlow College Grounds

Street Parade of the Nations - national costumes. flags and banners galore. Followed by Streetfest on Tullow St with the Carmarthen Symphonic Band.





Comórtais Damhsa

Inter-Celtic Dance Competitions

3pm | Seven Oaks Hotel

Celtic dancers go toe-to-toe in the solo, group and newly invented celtic dances.



Ceolchoirm um Nóin Celtic Concert

5.30pm | Methodist Church (Athy Rd) Donation

An afternoon concert featuring Indeceltic. Exhilitaring music from the mixed cultural heritages of Anna Tanvir & Maninder Singh

creating a soul stirring experience in this amazing venue.



7pm | The Irishman's Lounge, College St

Join the group for a lively evening uku session.



Ceolchoirm na qCór Choral Concert

7.30pm | Cathedral of Assumption, College St

An uplifting evening of choral singing featuring choirs from the celtic nations.

The Kilfenora Céilí Band

8-11pm | The Woodford Dolmen Hotel, R93 N207 | €15

An opportunity to see, listen to and dance to the great Kilfenora Band. Tickets on Evenbrite: www.eventbrite.com/e/ the-kilfenora-ceili-band-tickets-1259305479589



showcase their talent.





Comórtais na gCór

Pan Celtic Choral Competitions '25

10.30am-4.30pm | St. Mary's Academy,
CBS, Station Road, R93 DD88

Choirs from the celtic nations compete in a range of Choral Competitions.



Comórtais Píobaireachta & Drumadóireachta

11am | Carlow College

Piping & Drumming competitions for solos & duets with South East Pipers.



Comórtas Buscála Pan Celtic Street Busking Comp

1-3pm | Tullow Street

Street entertainment, international judges and €800 in prize money. Musicians, singers, dancers & entertainers. Solo, groups & bands.



The Long Grazing Acre project

4pm | The Methodist Church, Haymarket | Donation

Master uilleann piper **Paddy Keenan** is joined by a host of Ireland's finest traditional musicians, as well as singers **Thomas**

McCarthy & Trish Reilly, proud members of the Travelling community.... not to be missed!



Breton Session

5.30pm | Teach Dolmain (upstairs), Tullow St.

Music, song and dance from Brittany led by the Dublin Balfolk Ensemble.



Duaiseanna na gCór

8pm | Seven Oaks Hotel

Choirs gather for the results of the Choral Competitions & Prizegiving.



Club na Féile Festival Club Night

hosted by Scotland

9pm | Seven Oaks Ballroom

With Scottish music, song and Céilidh dancing galore.



DÉ DOMHNAIGH, 27Ú AIBREÁN | 27th APRIL



Sunday Lunch @ Teach Dolmain

12-2pm | Teach Dolmain Courtyard, Tullow St.



Sunday Lunch and the final Pan Celtic session for 2025.

Críoch na Féile Closing Mic Session

2-4pm | Club D'Art, Pembroke, R93 VX44

For those still in town, the curtain comes down on Pan Celtic '25 with the final Open Mic of the festival.



The Parting Glass! Slán le Pan Cheilteach '25.







Eolas & ticéid / info & tickets

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