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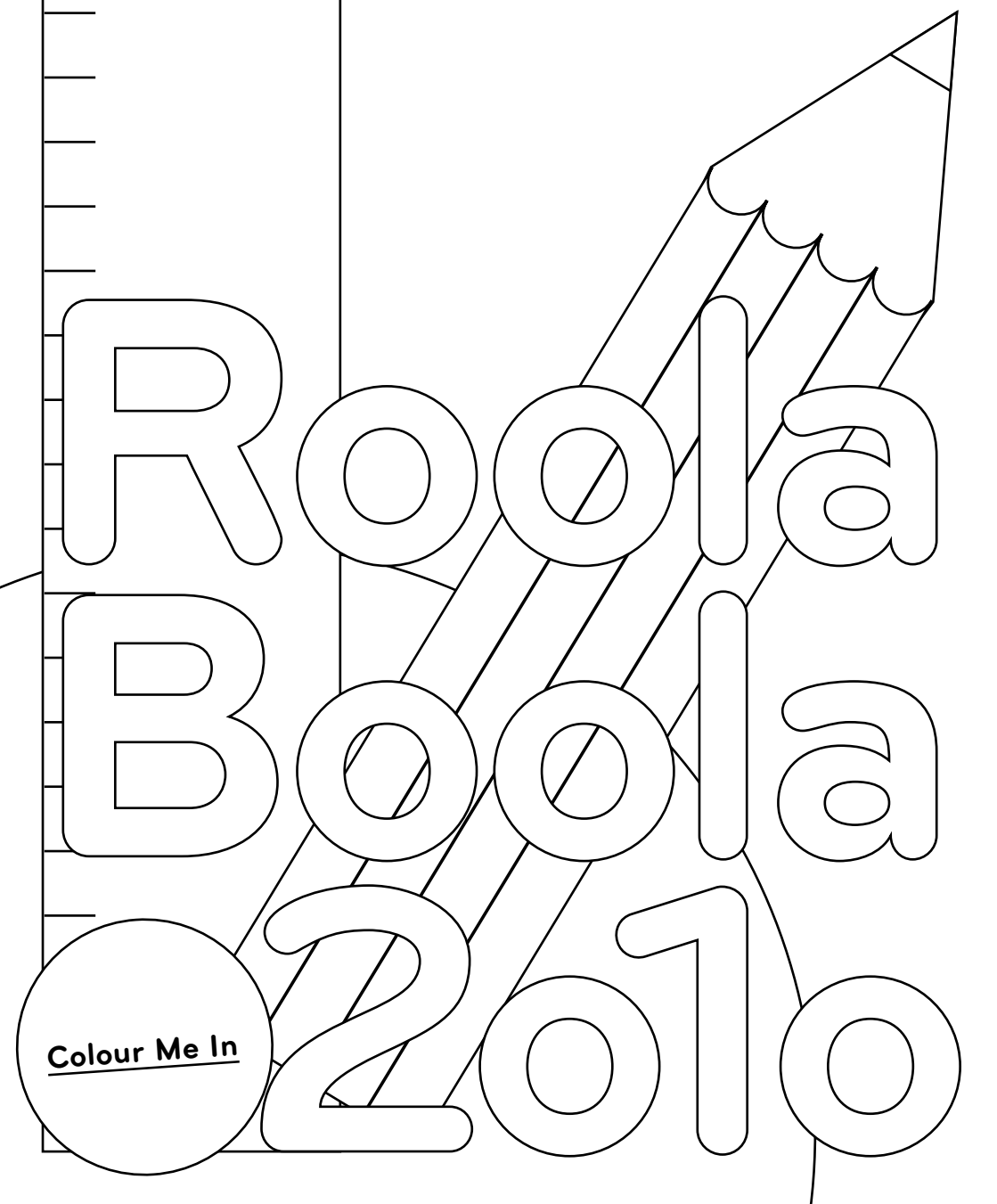
Children's Arts Festival  
The Linenhall Arts Centre  
Castlebar, Co. Mayo

Roooola

Booola

2010

Colour Me In



## **BOOKING:**

RoolaBoola Box Office opens on Tuesday 21st September at 10.00am. Tickets may be purchased by calling to the Box Office in person or you can phone our dedicated **Box Office number 094 9028886**.

Family tickets admitting four for any one show are available for only €25. Special rates are also available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets may be paid for by cash, credit card, or cheque, (cheques should be made payable to The Linenhall Arts Centre).

Booked tickets will be held for one week from the date of reservation. Tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded. RoolaBoola Box Office will be happy to assist with any enquiries.

## **BEST BEHAVIOUR:**

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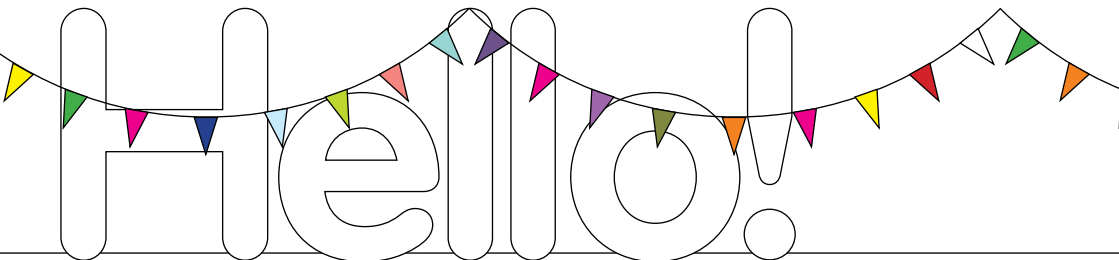
If you are late for a performance or workshop you will be allowed in only if there is a suitable interval – otherwise you will disturb everyone else in the hall.

**No food or drink** is allowed into performances or workshops – it's very distracting for those around you and can be very messy.

**Make sure** the performance or workshop you are attending is suitable for your age – if it's not, you will not really enjoy it and it's not fair to the others taking part.

**Be sure to wear** loose comfortable old clothes for your workshops – you'll probably be getting into a right old mess!

People with disabilities are very welcome to the Linenhall and we suggest that you contact us by phone prior to your visit so that we can make it as hassle-free as possible.



## WELCOME!

The nights are getting longer, the stars are shining more brightly, there's definitely something stirring in the air. Yes, it's RoolaBoola time again. We are back with a bang, complete with bells and whistles and loads of razzmatazz. We have shows to delight, workshops to engage, fun and laughter for all and this year our workshops are cheaper than ever. For instance, we are bringing a Gamelan, a brilliant collection of musical instruments that all work together - it's so amazing we are not sure how to describe it - but the main thing is you get a chance to play it. Originally from Java on the other side of the world, our one is coming from Dublin. And that's just one of the wonderful things in store. So, all you have to do is go through the brochure and pick out what you would like to attend. You could also do some drawing and colouring if you are tempted. When you've got your list together ring the Box Office and we will do all the rest. And remember these tickets don't just get you to the shows and workshops; these tickets are secret passes to a magical world of creativity that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

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## REQUIRE ACCOMMODATION?

RoolaBoola and Lough Lannagh Village are teaming up to provide fantastic accommodation and ticket deals for families. Prices start at €104 for one night / one show for a family of four. For more information see [www.thelinenhall.com](http://www.thelinenhall.com) and [www.loughlannagh.ie](http://www.loughlannagh.ie). Booking open from Tuesday 21st September 10am to Friday 15th October 5.00pm.

**Box Office:**  
**094 9028886**



This beautiful and engaging blend of comedy, puppetry and inspiring storytelling tells the story of a French shepherd who sets out with his dog to plant a forest and transform a barren wasteland. Hear the wind, feel the rain, smell the lavender in this multi-sensory theatrical adaptation of Jean Giono's environmentally aware classic. As much a touching tale as it is a hilarious puppet show, **The Man Who Planted Trees** shows us the difference one man (and his dog!) can make to the world.



**PUPPET STATE  
THEATRE COMPANY**  
**(Scotland)**

“It is very, very rare to find something that appeals as effortlessly to children and adults as this magical show.”

**The Scotsman**

“Laughs, heartbreak, war, regeneration, scented breezes, sparkling wit and the best dog puppet ever. Perfect for children and grown-ups. Terrific.”

**The Guardian**

**Linenhall Arts Centre, Theatre**  
**Maximum Capacity: 144**  
**Duration: 55mins approx**  
**Age: 7yrs+ and families**  
**Tickets: €8**

**Performances**

**Friday 22nd Oct 8pm**  
**Saturday 23rd Oct 12pm**  
**Saturday 23rd Oct 3pm**

**NOTE!**

Why not catch a reading in our Stories Room free of charge before this show? See page 14. Booking essential. You might also like our Gamelan workshop for Families (with children aged 6+). See page 16 for details. Booking essential.

# The man who planted trees



**Which Root to  
the Apple?**

Follow the amazing and brave journeys from three of hugely popular children's author Eric Carle's most beloved stories, brought to life on stage using spectacular black light puppetry by Nova Scotia's Mermaid Theatre. Children will delight in watching the Very Hungry Caterpillar's journey to become a beautiful butterfly; the antics of Little Cloud as it transforms into an airplane, a sheep, and more; and the Mixed-Up Chameleon, bored with its life, becoming a little bit of every animal it sees at the zoo! Prepare to be amazed.

**MERMAID THEATRE  
OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
(Canada)

"Everything about this show was fabulous and it truly was a theatre experience for children."  
Caitlin Giles, Chicago Now.

"This incredible show...  
so beautiful..."  
Ángel Sánchez Borges,  
Milenio (Mexico).

Linenhall Arts Centre, Theatre  
Maximum Capacity: 98  
Duration: 60 mins approx  
Age: 3-8yrs and families  
Tickets: €8

**Performances**  
Sunday 24th Oct 12.30pm  
Sunday 24th Oct 3pm

**NOTE!**  
Why not catch a reading in our Stories Room free of charge before or after this show? See page 14. Booking essential. You might also like our Gallery Tour and Workshop for 5-6 year olds. See page 17 for details. Booking essential

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# The Very Hungry Caterpillar

and other Eric Carle Favourites

Where is the  
Caterpillar?



Times are hard! Jack has been a great disappointment to his mother. Now he's about to become the Giant's dinner! The Giant's wife hasn't got it easy either, coping with a demanding and bad-tempered husband. But between hens with golden eggs, magic tablecloths and giants that dance only on a Wednesday, this play suggests even giants can come good, bad-tempered bullies can get their comeuppance and lazy boys can become heroes. Barnstorm's quirky, witty and hugely entertaining take on Jack and the Beanstalk delivers a unique brand of visually exciting, high-energy performance, served up with music, dance, puppetry and lashings of fun.

**BARNSTORM THEATRE  
Company (Ireland)**

"Physically boisterous... beautifully crafted..." **Derek West**, Irish Theatre Magazine.

Linenhall Arts Centre, Theatre  
Maximum Capacity: 98  
Duration: 45 mins approx  
**Age: 4-7yrs and families**  
Tickets: €8

**Performances**

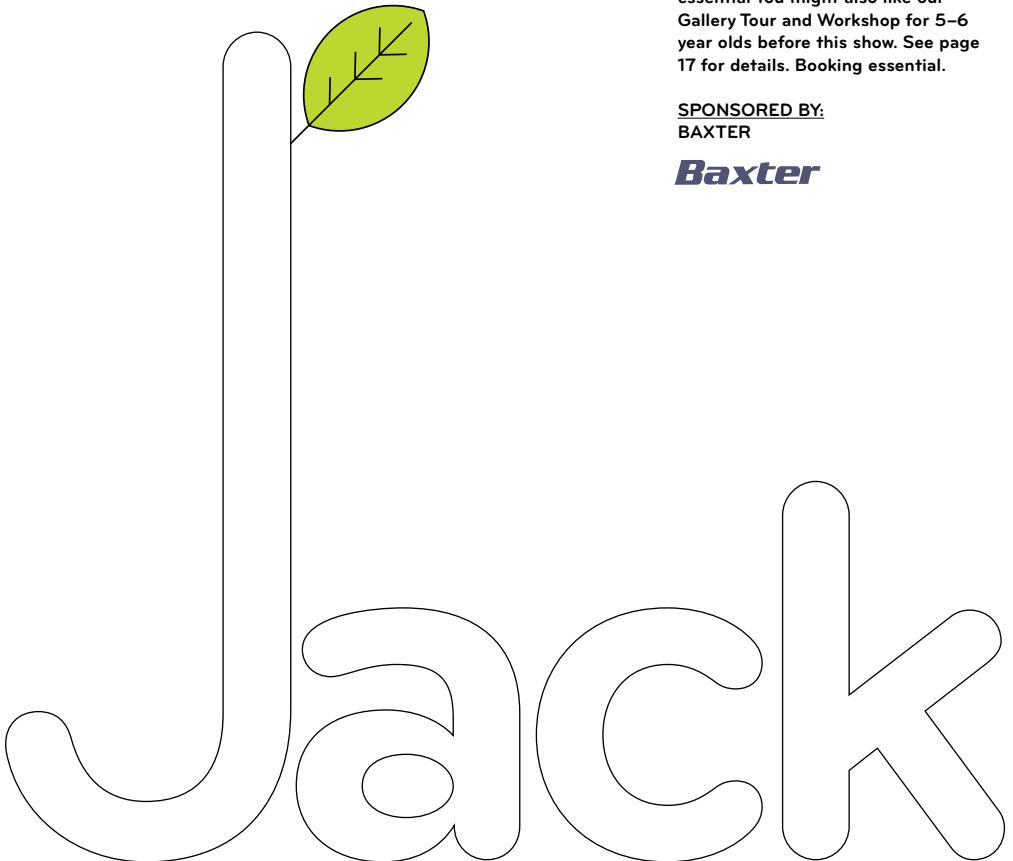
Monday 25th Oct 2pm  
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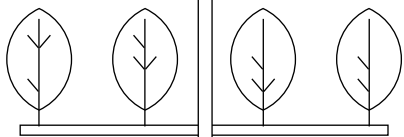
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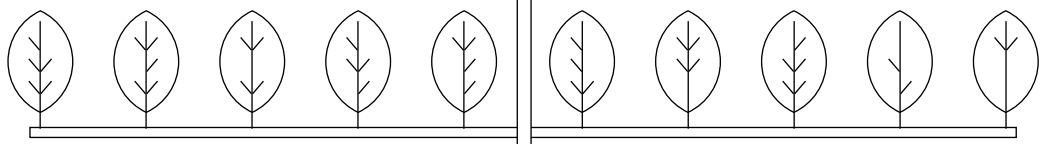
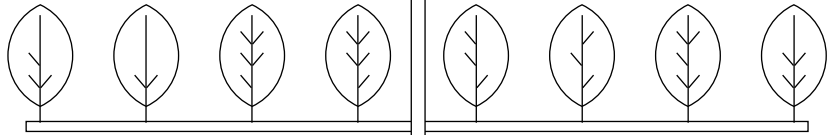
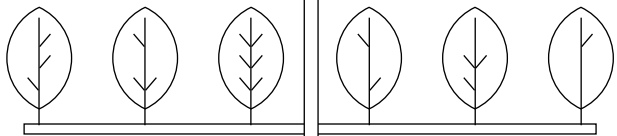
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Which 2 leaves are the same?



Be amazed as night draws in and a magical world of dragons, castles and fire leaps into magical life in the grounds of the Rural Training Centre! Artist Tom Meskell is back with another imaginative and magical night-time experience for all the family, accompanied by the percussive accompaniment of Batafada Samba Band. Let sleeping dragons lie...

**Directions to Rural Training Centre:** The Rural Training Centre is just off Humbert Way in Castlebar. Take the turn between the Westport Road Roundabout and the Travellers Halting Site and continue to the end. The Rural Training Centre is beside the Pitch and Putt.

**TOM MESKELL  
AND HSE RURAL  
TRAINING CENTRE,  
Castlebar (Ireland)**

Rural Training Centre,  
Castlebar  
Capacity: Open  
Duration: 60 mins approx  
**Age: Families of all ages**  
Tickets: Free

**Performances**  
Saturday 23rd Oct 7.30pm

**SPONSORED BY:**  
ROWLANDS PHARMACY,  
MAIN STREET



**What is the  
dragon  
dreaming  
about?**



# Sleeping Dragons

Combining painting, sculpture, drawing and animation, Cascade is a beautiful, tumbling, energetic series of visual artworks by Vanessa Daws. Vanessa is a visual artist who works intuitively, where one work triggers and shapes the idea for the next. Not only does the word 'cascade' describe this way of working, it also refers to the ongoing fascination water has for the artist, as inspiration and source of energy. Exhibited widely in Ireland and London, Vanessa's artwork has always been accessible to all ages. Cascade promises to be no exception.

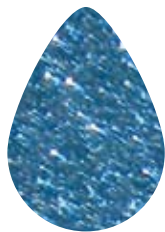


Linenhall Gallery  
Friday 1st –  
Saturday 30th October  
10.00am-5.00pm weekdays  
11.00am-5.30pm weekends  
**Families of all ages**  
Tickets: Free

**Note**

The gallery will not be accessible at the following times:  
Sunday 24th October  
10.30am-11.00am and  
1.00pm-1.30pm  
Monday 25th October  
11.30am-12.00pm and  
2.30pm-3.00pm

Why not check out the fun  
Gallery Tours and Workshops  
over the weekend. See page  
16-19 for more information.  
Booking essential.



# Cascade

Visual Art Exhibition: Vanessa Daws

Ponyo is a very special fish who escapes from her sorcerer father's underwater home and is found by Sosuke, a young boy who lives on the top of a cliff in a small seaside village. Ponyo's love for Sosuke makes her want to become human, but her wish carries all sorts of risks, especially for the residents of Sosuke's home town. Little Sosuke will have to prove his mettle if Ponyo is to live happily ever after. This visually stunning fairytale inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale 'The Little Mermaid' is the latest animated masterpiece from director Hayao Miyazaki and the very wonderful Studio Ghibli (Howl's Moving Castle, Spirited Away).

**FILM SCREENING  
HAYAO MIYAZAKI**

"Spectacular, mysterious and magical...delightful and charming eccentricity." **Ben Child, The Guardian**

"Spellbinding." **Roger Ebert, Chicago Sunday Times**

"Vibrant, surreal and enchanting." **David Jenkins, Time Out London**

**Linenhall Arts Centre,  
Theatre**

**Maximum Capacity: 144**

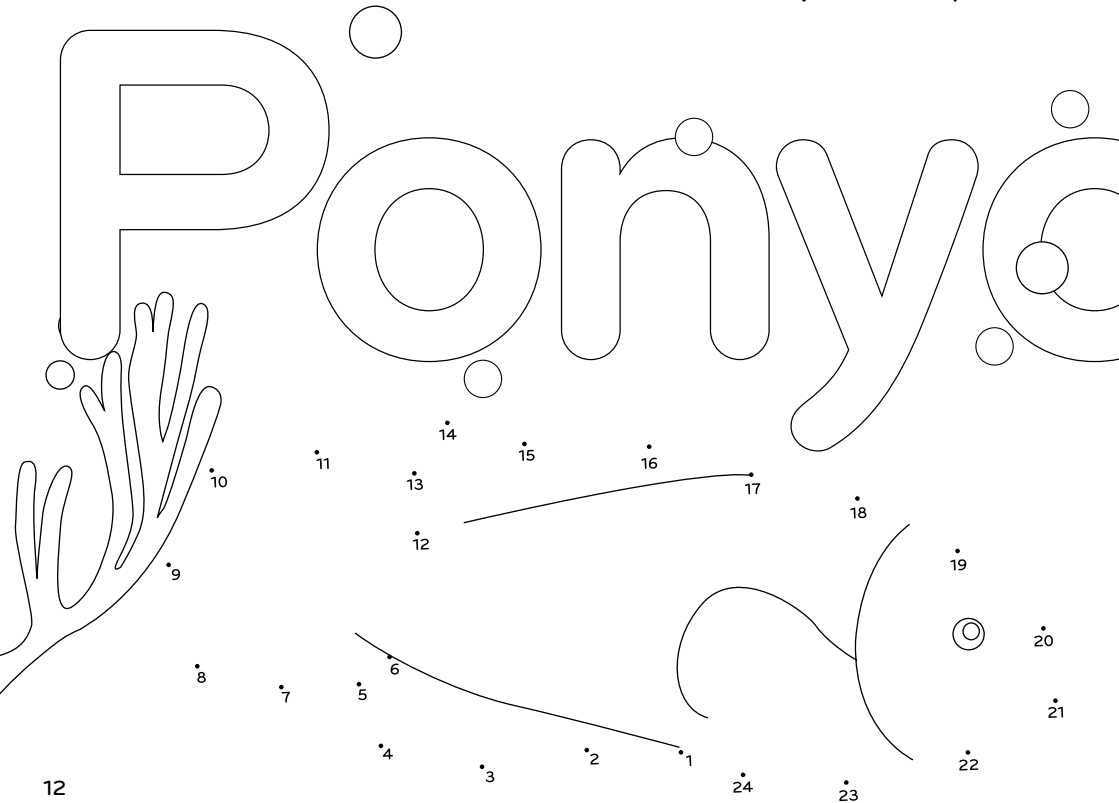
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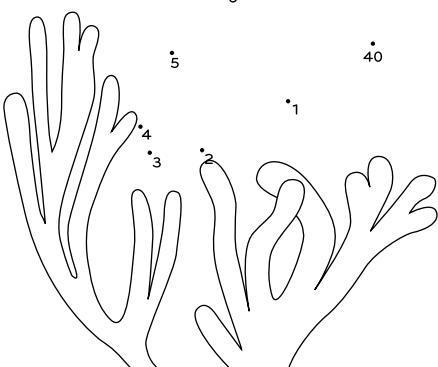
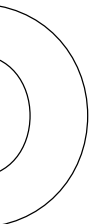
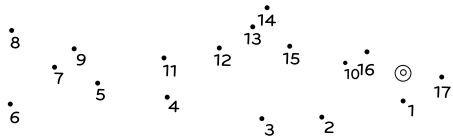
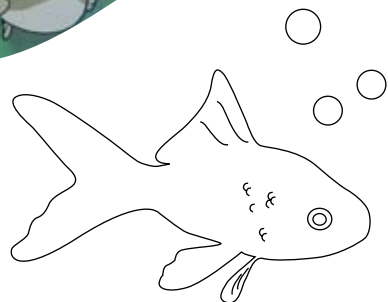
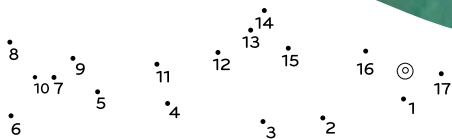
**Age: Families with children  
aged 5yrs+**

**Tickets: €5**

**Screening**

**Monday 25th Oct 7.30pm**





# RoolaBoola Stories Room

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**THE COBWEB**  
**GRÉASÁN AN**  
**DAMHAIN ALLA**



Take a break from the excitement of it all and chill out. With lots of books for you to choose from, you can take a flight of the imagination into the worlds of stories especially created for your age group.

Over the RoolaBoola weekend we have also invited a variety of guest to read their favourite children's story to an intimate audience in the RoolaBoola Stories Room. These events are free, but tickets must be booked in advance.

**RoolaBoola  
Stories Room  
(Tourist Office  
in Linenhall)  
Capacity: 30  
Duration: Varied  
(max 25 minutes)**

## **SATURDAY 23RD**

**11.30am:**

John Breen -  
Artistic Director  
Team Theatre  
ROOM ON A BROOM  
Julia Donaldson  
5-8yrs

**2.30pm:**

Gaynor Seville -  
Public Arts Officer,  
Mayo County Council  
BABY BRAINS  
by Simon James, &  
CRAZY HAIR  
by Neil Gaiman  
3-6yrs

## **SUNDAY 24TH**

**12.00pm:**

Eamon Smith - Chairman,  
Linenhall Arts Centre  
HORRID HENRY  
Francesca Simon  
4 up

**4.00pm:**

Seán O Cionfhaola  
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SCEALTA ÉAGSÚLA  
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## **MONDAY 25TH**

**1.30pm:**

Marie Farrell - Director,  
Linenhall Arts Centre  
ALFIE GETS IN FIRST &  
OTHER STORIES  
Shirley Hughes  
3 up

**3.30pm:**

Ken Armstrong - Writer  
STORIES FROM DICING WITH  
STORYTELLING WORKSHOP  
By Ken Armstrong and  
participants from Dicing with  
Storytelling Workshop  
6-9yrs

# Drop-in Activities

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## CARNIVAL MASKS

Create a fantastical mask using all sorts of exciting materials such as feathers, pipe cleaners and coloured paper, and masquerade as a character, animal, bird or fish of your choice. Not only will you have your mask for RoolaBoola, but you'll be all set up for Halloween!

Linenhall Foyer  
**Age 4yrs+**  
Saturday 23rd,  
10.00am-4.00pm  
Sunday 24th,  
10.30am-4.30pm  
Monday 25th,  
11.00am-5.00pm

Price: €1.00 per child

## CHALK CHALLENGE

The chalk boards in the Linenhall Corridor are so popular that we now use them all year round. But for RoolaBoola we'd be delighted if you could make some drawings about what you see and do during the festival.

Linenhall Community  
Arts Corridor  
**Age 2yrs+**  
Saturday 23rd,  
10.00am-4.00pm  
Sunday 24th,  
10.30am-4.30pm  
Monday 25th,  
11.00am-5.00pm  
FREE

## MINI DRAWINGS WALL

Enter the world of mini drawings. Take a Post-It and draw an image on this tiny canvas, (no writing, just drawing) then stick your work of art to one of our Mini Drawings Wall.

Linenhall Foyer  
**Age 4yrs+**  
Saturday 23rd,  
10.00am-4.00pm  
Sunday 24th,  
10.30am-4.30pm  
Monday 25th,  
11.00am-5.00pm  
FREE

## TERRIFIC TWOS

A paint-and-make playground for 2-year-olds to independently explore in an open-ended way with a parent, guardian or teenage sibling. Activities include painting, drawing, printing, sculpture and collage. Guardians can also pick up ideas for creative activities in the home. The workshop is facilitated by artist and teacher Lucy Hill.

Linenhall Community  
Arts Room

Duration 1 hour

Times / Ages

Sat 23rd,  
10.30am-11.30am, **2yrs**

Price €6.00

Capacity 10

(each child accompanied  
by one adult)

## STIR IT UP

Learn about the magic of colour with artist and teacher Lucy Hill. Find out what happens when you mix paint with materials like sand, flour, plaster, spices or shaving foam, then try them out on different surfaces such as plastic or foil, or even stone and felt. Wow.

Linenhall Community  
Arts Room

Duration 1 hour

Times / Ages Saturday 23rd,  
1.30pm-2.30pm, **3-4yrs**

Price €6.00 Capacity 12

## FAMILY GAMELAN WORKSHOP

Join musician, teacher and performer Niamh Tiernan for a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience some music-making using instruments from an Indonesian Gamelan ensemble. Niamh's very special collection of gongs, metallophones, wind and string instruments come all the way from Central Java and are just the thing for group music-making. No previous musical experience required, but wear your best socks – you'll be taking your shoes off!

St Patrick's Boys' School

Duration 1.5 hours

Times / Ages

Sat 23rd 10.00am-11.30am

Sat 23rd 1.00pm-2.30pm

**Families with children  
aged 6+**


Price €7.00 / €25.00

(for family group of 4)

Capacity 24 per workshop

**Note:** Each family group must contain at least one adult.





# Shops

## DICING WITH STORYTELLING

This story-making workshop with local writer Ken Armstrong will use story dice to show how stories can be made up about practically anything. Each workshop will result in a new original story, based on the throw of the dice and the outrageous combined imaginings of the participants. These stories will be read by Ken in the RoolaBoola Story Room on Monday at 3.30pm where workshop participants will be credited as co-authors and receive a copy of their story.

**St Patrick's Boys' School**

**Duration** - 1 hour

**Times / Ages**

Sat 23rd

11.30pm-12.30pm **(6-7yrs)**

Sat 23rd

1.00pm-2.00pm **(8-9yrs)**

**Price** €6.00

**Capacity** 8 per workshop

## CASCADE ART WORKSHOP

Join us for a tour of the fantastic Cascade visual art exhibition by artist Vanessa Daws. Then take part in a hands-on workshop where you will create your very own art piece using some of the ideas and techniques explored in the exhibition. See page 11 for more on the exhibition.

**Linenhall Gallery & Community Arts Room**

**Duration** - 1.5 hours

**Times / Ages**

Sunday 24th

10.30am-12.00pm, **5-6yrs**

Sunday 24th

1.00pm-2.30pm, **9yrs+**

Monday 25th

11.30am-1.00pm, **5-6yrs**

Monday 25th

2.30pm-4.00pm, **7-8yrs**

**Price** €7.00

**Capacity** 20 per workshop

## FAMILY DANCE

A chance for parent/grandparent/uncle/aunt and child to get together to explore creative movement and dance in a fun and relaxed atmosphere with dancer and dance teacher Catherine Donnelly. There will be games and other stimuli to guide you – feet first! – through the session. Get into the groove.

**St Patrick's Boys' School**

**Duration** 1.5 hours

**Times / Ages**

Sunday 24th,  
10.30am-12.00pm,  
**(8-12yrs + adult)**

**Price** €8.00 per pair

**Capacity** 20

**Note:** This workshop is designed for adult and child pairs.

## PARENT AND TODDLER - FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

Enter a nurturing environment where parents and children can develop a love of music-making together. Take part in playful activities that will prepare your child for the development of accurate rhythmic and singing skills, and sensitivity to the expressive qualities in music - in an enjoyable and stimulating way through a carefully chosen repertoire of songs and rhymes. Music is for everyone

**St Patrick's Boys' School**

**Duration** 45 minutes

**Times / Ages**

Sunday 24th  
11.00am-11.45am  
**(3-4yrs and parent)**

Sunday 24th  
12.00pm-1.00pm

**(3-4yrs and parent)**

**Price** €8.00 per pair

**Capacity** 8 pairs  
per workshop

**Note:** This workshop is designed for adult and child pairs.

## FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

Did you know you have a singing voice? Well, Edel McDonnell is the expert who will help you find yours. She will also show you how to keep a beat as you learn some wonderful singing games, rhymes and movements. So, you've got melody and rhythm, that's really what music is made of, and now you get to make some music too.

**St Patrick's Boys' School**

**Duration** 1.5 hours

**Times / Ages**

Sunday 24th  
2.00pm-3.30pm, **5-6yrs**

**Price** €7.00

**Capacity** 12 per workshop

## CLEVER COLLAGE – GOING TO THE ZOO

Join Head Zookeeper (and artist) Claire Griffin to create the RoolaBoola Zoo. Perhaps you fancy making our Reptiles and Bats enclosure, or maybe the Big Cats and Killers section? We'll have all sorts of materials including papers and glue for you to create a zoo collage. Feeding time for the monkeys? Or maybe the elephants need a wash? It's up to you.

St Patrick's Boys' School  
Duration 1.5 hours  
Times / Ages  
Sunday 24th  
10.30am-12.00pm, **7-8yrs**  
Sunday 24th  
12.30pm-2.00pm, **5-6yrs**  
Price €7.00  
Capacity 12 per workshop

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## FAMILY SAMBA

A Samba workshop for all the family with Samba Supremo Peter Crann. Over the duration of the workshop you will work together to create groovy Samba rhythms, and by the end of the workshops you will be a veritable Samba Band! Family groupings of every sort welcome. No experience necessary.

St Patrick's Boys' School -  
Duration - 1.5 hours  
Times / Ages  
Mon 25th, 11.30am-1.00pm,  
**4+ and families**  
Mon 25th, 2.00pm-3.30pm,  
**4+ and families**  
Price €7.00 / €25.00  
(family group of 4)  
Capacity 30 per workshop

## MONSTROUS MOTION

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Construct your own impressive 3D pop-ups from all sorts of paper and card. Things that snap. Creatures that pop up. Fancy a go? Artist Cathy Hack will be on board to provide inspiration, and help you out with some of the trickier techniques involved.

St Patrick's Boys' School  
Duration 1.5 hours  
Times / Ages  
Mon 25th,  
11.00am-12.30pm, **9+**  
Mon 25th,  
1.30pm-3.00pm, **9+**  
Price €7.00  
Capacity 12 per workshop

**FRI 22 OCT**

**20.00**

**The Man Who Planted Trees** ● Theatre - 7+ yrs

**SAT 23 OCT**

**10.00**

**Carnival Masks** ●

Drop-in - 4+ yrs

**Chalk Challenge** ●

Drop-in - 2+ yrs

**Mini drawing wall** ●

Drop-in - 4+ yrs

**Family Gamelan** ●

Workshop - 6+ yrs

**10.30**

**Terrific Twos** ●

Workshop - 2+ yrs

**11.30**

**John Breen** ●

Stories - 5-8 yrs

**Dicing w/Storytelling** ●

Workshop - 6-7 yrs

**12.00**

**The Man Who Planted Trees** ● Theatre - 7+ yrs

**Dicing w/Storytelling** ●

Workshop - 6-7 yrs

**13.00**

**Family Gamelan** ●

Workshop - 6+ yrs

**Dicing w/Storytelling** ●

Workshop - 8-9 yrs

**13.30**

**Stir it up** ●

Workshop - 3-4 yrs

**14.30**

**Gaynor Seville** ●

Stories - 3-6 yrs

**15.00**

**The Man Who Planted Trees** ● Theatre - 7+ yrs

**19.30**

**Sleeping Dragons**

Rural Training Centre

- all ages

**SUN 24 OCT**

**10.30**

**Carnival Masks** ●

Drop-in - 4+ yrs

**Chalk Challenge** ●

Drop-in - 2+ yrs

**Mini drawing wall** ●

Drop-in - 4+ yrs

**Cascade art** ●

Workshop - 5-6 yrs

**First steps in music** ●

Workshop - 3-4 yrs

**Clever Collage** ●

Workshop - 7-8 yrs

**Family Dance** ●

Workshop - 8-12 yrs

**12.00**

**Eamon Smith** ●

Stories - 4 up

**First steps in music** ●

Workshop - 3-4 yrs

**12.30**

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** ●

Theatre - 3-8 yrs

**Clever Collage** ●

Workshop - 5-6 yrs

**13.00**

**Cascade art** ●

Workshop - 9+ yrs

**14.00**

**First steps in music** ●

Workshop - 5-6 yrs

**15.00**

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** ●

Theatre - 3-8 yrs

**16.00**

**Seán O Cionfhaola** ●

Stories - 10-12 yrs

**MON 25 OCT**

**11.00**

**Carnival Masks** ●

Drop-in - 4+ yrs

**Chalk Challenge** ●

Drop-in - 2+ yrs

**Mini drawing wall** ●

Drop-in - 4+ yrs

**Monstrous Motion** ●

Workshop - 9+ yrs

**11.30**

**Cascade art** ●

Workshop - 5-6 yrs

**Family Samba** ●

Workshop - 4+ yrs

**13.30**

**Marie Farrell** ●

Stories - 3+ yrs

**Monstrous Motion** ●

Workshop - 9+ yrs

**14.00**

**Jack** ●

Theatre - 4-7 yrs

**Family Samba** ●

Workshop - 4+ yrs

**14.30**

**Cascade art** ●

Workshop - 7-8 yrs

**15.30**

**Ken Armstrong** ●

Stories - 6-9 yrs

**16.00**

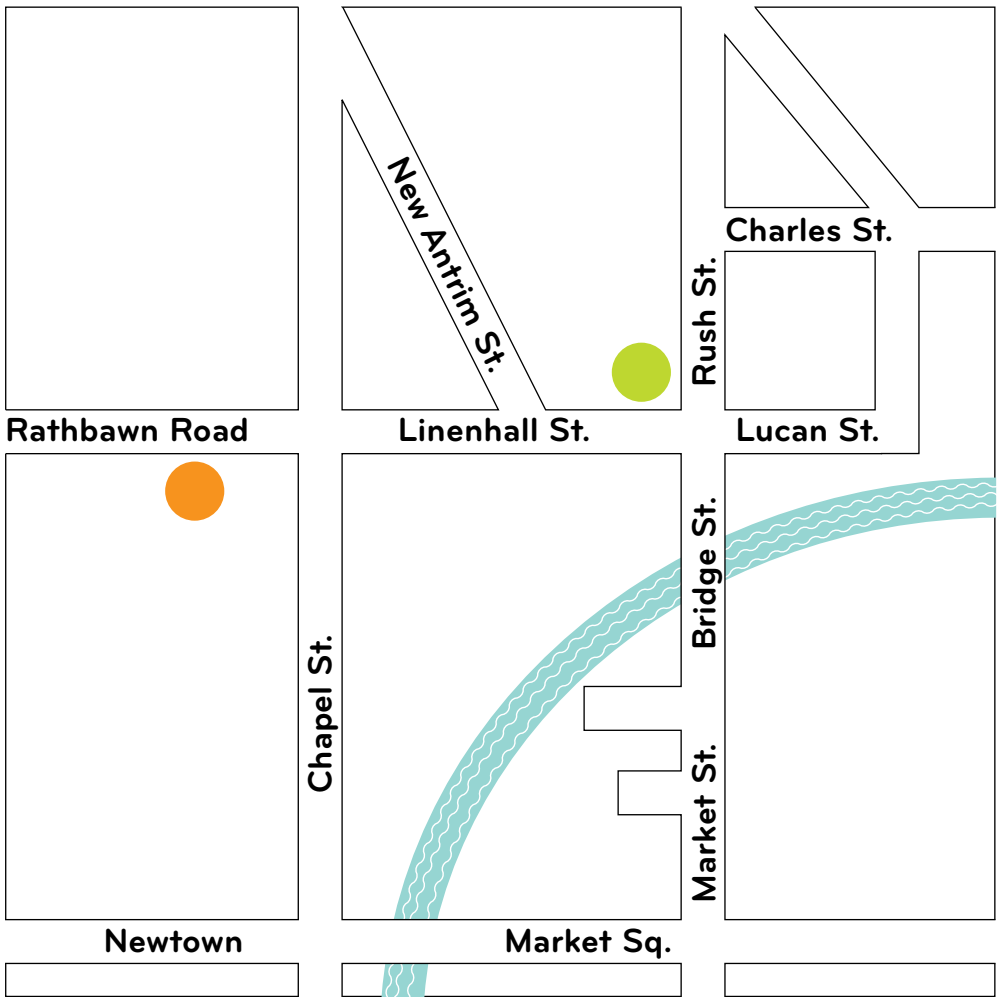
**Jack** ●

Theatre - 4-7 yrs

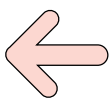
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**Ponyo** Film - 5+ yrs





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