Limerick Festival Guide 2019

Over 100 Great Festivals & Big Gigs!

Limerick.ie
THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO LIMERICK
Limerick’s personality is captured most creatively by the diverse festival and big gig scene, active throughout the city and county.

We have listed here fantastic opportunities presented by the strong local voices of our musicians, artists, designers, makers, cultural organisations and communities who have programmed festivals and events with a rich vibrancy that greatly contributes to Limerick’s burgeoning reputation as an exciting and dynamic place of celebration.

Great adventures await those who come and visit!

Details correct at time of print. Events are subject to change.
**TOP PICK**

1. **Smokie**
   - Date: 1 Mar
   - Venue: University Concert Hall

2. **Limerick Choral Festival**
   - Date: 1-3 Mar
   - Venue: Throughout Limerick City

3. **GamerFest Limerick**
   - Date: 2 & 3 Mar
   - Venue: Thomond Park Stadium

4. **STEPS Engineers Week**
   - Date: 2-8 Mar
   - Venue: Throughout Limerick

5. **The Game**
   - Date: 6 Mar
   - Venue: Live at the Big Top

---

**FEBRUARY**

- **22-24 Feb**
  - **Limerick Literary Festival**
    - Throughout Limerick City

- **22-3 Mar**
  - **West Limerick Drama Festival**
    - Knockaderry, Newcastle West

---

**MARCH**

- **1 Mar**
  - **Smokie**
    - University Concert Hall

- **1-3 Mar**
  - **Limerick Choral Festival**
    - Throughout Limerick City

- **2 & 3 Mar**
  - **GamerFest Limerick**
    - Thomond Park Stadium

- **2-8 Mar**
  - **STEPS Engineers Week**
    - Throughout Limerick

- **6 Mar**
  - **The Game**
    - Live at the Big Top
**March**

- **8 Mar**
  - **Mario Rosenstock**
    - Great National South Court Hotel

- **8-10 Mar**
  - **David O’Doherty**
    - Dolans

- **9-16 Mar**
  - **Limerick Festival of Kindness**
    - Throughout Limerick City

- **11-24 Mar**
  - **Festival of Local Beers**
    - Throughout Limerick City

- **16 Mar**
  - **Des Bishop**
    - University Concert Hall

- **16-18 Mar**
  - **Limerick St. Patrick’s Festival**
    - Throughout Limerick

- **16 Mar**
  - **St. Patrick’s Festival Fireworks Extravaganza**
    - Limerick City

---

**Ireland’s Largest Regional St. Patrick’s Day Parade!**

**Free Family Fun**

**Ireland’s ONLY International Band Championship!**
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>17 Mar</td>
<td>Limerick St. Patrick’s Day Parade</td>
<td>Limerick City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 Mar</td>
<td>49th Limerick International Band Championship</td>
<td>Limerick City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22 Mar</td>
<td>Therapy?</td>
<td>Dolans</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23 Mar</td>
<td>Limerick International Tattoo Convention</td>
<td>Great National South Court Hotel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23-21 Mar Jun</td>
<td>St. Mary’s Cathedral Festival</td>
<td>St. Mary’s Cathedral &amp; St. Michael’s Church, Pery Square</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25-30 Mar</td>
<td>Fresh Film Festival</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30-7 Mar Apr</td>
<td>Musicale</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1-30 Apr</td>
<td>Limerick Soviet 100</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1-30 Apr</td>
<td>Limerick Writers’ Festival</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3-6 Apr</td>
<td>Limerick Fringe</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4-7 Apr</td>
<td>HearSay International Audio Arts Festival</td>
<td>Kilfinane</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Apr</td>
<td>Wild Youth</td>
<td>Dolans</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8-14 Apr</td>
<td>Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Apr</td>
<td>Gavin James</td>
<td>Live at the Big Top</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Event</td>
<td>Location</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>---------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 Apr</td>
<td>Hudson Taylor Unplugged</td>
<td>Lime Tree Theatre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16-27 Apr</td>
<td>Gúna Nua Theatre Company presents Bread Not Profits</td>
<td>Limerick Soviet 100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Cleeve's Factory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 Apr</td>
<td>Aslan</td>
<td>Live at the Big Top</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21 Apr</td>
<td>Siege of Limerick - Earrach</td>
<td>Dolans</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 &amp; 27 Apr</td>
<td>Christy Moore</td>
<td>University Concert Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 Apr</td>
<td>Limerick Rugby Fest</td>
<td>Old Crescent RFC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1-31 May</td>
<td>Bealtaine Festival</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2-6 May</td>
<td>Fleadh by the Feale</td>
<td>Abbeyfeale</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3-6 May</td>
<td>Riverfest Limerick</td>
<td>Limerick City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 May</td>
<td>The Stunning</td>
<td>Live at the Big Top</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 May</td>
<td>Street Feast</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 May</td>
<td>Regeneron Great Limerick Run</td>
<td>Limerick City</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
All Saints and Singers
Castleconnell

9 May
Deirdre O’Kane
University Concert Hall

10 May
Blindboy Podcast Live
Dolans

24 May
Paul Young
University Concert Hall

Africa Day
Throughout Limerick City

25 May
Madness
Live At The Docklands

31 May
Fleadh Cheoil Luimnigh
Athea

31 - 3 Jun

Limerick’s May Bank Holiday Weekend Festival!

Amazing Aquabatics • River Shannon Zipline • Kayaking • Riverfestival Village • Fashion Friday • BBQ • Big Gigs • Spectacular Fireworks and much more!
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Jun</td>
<td>Jenny Greene &amp; The RTE Concert Orchestra</td>
<td>Live At The Docklands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1-9 Jun</td>
<td>Polska Éire Festival</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1-31 Jun</td>
<td>Limerick Ceramic Artists Exhibition</td>
<td>Belltable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6-9 Jun</td>
<td>Limerick Sings International Choral Festival</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7-16 Jun</td>
<td>Très Court International Film Festival</td>
<td>Belltable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 Jun</td>
<td>Dermot &amp; Dave Live</td>
<td>University Concert Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 Jun</td>
<td>Crinniú na nóg</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 Jun</td>
<td>Thomond Swim</td>
<td>St. Michael's Rowing Club</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Jun</td>
<td>Limerick Garden Festival</td>
<td>Milk Market</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21 Jun</td>
<td>Lough Gur Summer Solstice Festival</td>
<td>Lough Gur</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22 Jun</td>
<td>Kupala Night</td>
<td>Arthur’s Quay Park</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**JUNE**

- **22-30 Jun**
  - **BeSPOKE - Limerick’s Cycling Festival**
    - Throughout Limerick

- **24-5 Jun Jul**
  - **Blas International Summer School of Traditional Music & Dance**
    - University of Limerick

- **28-30 Jun**
  - **Spirit of the City - Limerick**
    - Arthur’s Quay Park

- **28-7 Jun Jul**
  - **Dromcollogher Festival**
    - Dromcollogher

**JULY**

- **1-13 Jul**
  - **Welcome to the Neighbourhood - Askeaton Contemporary Arts**
    - Askeaton

- **5-14 Jul**
  - **Limerick Pride Festival**
    - Throughout Limerick

- **11-14 Jul**
  - **Broadford Summer Festival**
    - Broadford

- **13 Jul**
  - **Pig ‘n’ Porter**
    - Old Crescent RFC
### July

**15-21 Jul**
- **Ballinvreena Annual Flower, Vegetable & Cake Show**
  - Ballinvreena

**18-27 Jul**
- **Angela’s Ashes, The Musical**
  - Lime Tree Theatre

**19 Jul**
- **Stanzas - A Weekend of Words**
  - Ormston House

**20 Jul**
- **Bell X1**
  - Live at King John’s Castle

**21 Jul**
- **Newcastle West Agricultural Show**
  - Newcastle West

**26-28 Jul**
- **Celtic Horizon Open 2019 - World Association of Marching Show Bands**
  - Throughout Limerick City
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2-5 Aug</td>
<td>Elemental</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2-5 Aug</td>
<td>B-Fest Ballingarry</td>
<td>Ballingarry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8-15 Aug</td>
<td>Fusion Dance Festival</td>
<td>Millennium Theatre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 Aug</td>
<td>Ballylanders Pattern Festival</td>
<td>Ballylanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16-18 Aug</td>
<td>Castletown Country Music Festival</td>
<td>Castletown</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17 Aug</td>
<td>Cappamore Agricultural Show</td>
<td>Cappamore</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17-25 Aug</td>
<td>National Heritage Week</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22-25 Aug</td>
<td>Knockaderry Village Fayre</td>
<td>Knockaderry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23-25 Aug</td>
<td>Bring your Limericks to Limerick</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24 Aug</td>
<td>Daniel O’Donnell</td>
<td>University Concert Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24 &amp; 25 Aug</td>
<td>Mungrat Music Festival</td>
<td>Mungret</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25 Aug</td>
<td>The Limerick Show</td>
<td>Limerick Racecourse</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**SEPTEMBER**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Venue/Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1-30 Sep</td>
<td>Pigtown Limerick Culture &amp; Food Series</td>
<td>Limerick</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Sep</td>
<td>Gilbert O’Sullivan</td>
<td>Limerick</td>
<td>Lime Tree Theatre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11-15 Sep</td>
<td>Hospital Arts and Culture Festival</td>
<td>Limerick</td>
<td>Hospital</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13 &amp; 14 Sep</td>
<td>Tommy Tiernan</td>
<td>Limerick</td>
<td>University Concert Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 Sep</td>
<td>Culture Night</td>
<td>Limerick</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 Sep</td>
<td>Living Statue Festival</td>
<td>Limerick City</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26-29 Sep</td>
<td>Limerick Jazz Festival</td>
<td>Limerick City</td>
<td>Throughout Limerick City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27-29 Sep</td>
<td>The Paddy Dakar</td>
<td>Doon</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**TOP PICK**

**26 OCT**

Limerick October Bank Holiday Weekend

---

**3-5 Oct**

Éigse Michael Hartnett
Newcastle West

---

**3-6 Oct**

Make a Move Hip Hop Festival
Throughout Limerick City

---

**3-13 Oct**

i.ny
Throughout Limerick City

---

**6-19 Oct**

Bualadh Bos Children’s Festival
Lime Tree Theatre

---

**11-13 Oct**

Joyce Brothers Music Festival
Kilfinane

---

**18-20 Oct**

Open House Limerick
Throughout Limerick City

---

**18-20 Oct**

Garry McMahon Traditional Singing Weekend
Abbeyfeale

---

**22-28 Oct**

Richard Harris International Film Festival
Throughout Limerick City

---

**24-26 Oct**

Samhain – Limerick’s Halloween Festival
Throughout Limerick City

---

**25-27 Oct**

Bruff Bluegrass Festival
Bruff

---

**25-27 Oct**

29th Annual Festival of One Act Drama
Friars’ Gate Theatre

---

**25-28 Oct**

Lough Gur Halloween Festival
Lough Gur
**OCTOBER**

- **25-31 Oct**
  - **Limerick October Bank Holiday Weekend**
    - Throughout Limerick

- **26 Oct**
  - **Mary Black**
    - Lime Tree Theatre

- **27 Oct**
  - **Castleconnell Fright Fest featuring the Scary Trail**
    - Castleconnell
  - **Siege of Limerick Samhain**
    - Dolans

**NOVEMBER**

- **6-27 Nov**
  - **Soulscapes**
    - Friars Gate Theatre

- **9-17 Nov**
  - **Limerick Festival of Science**
    - Throughout Limerick City

- **17 Nov**
  - **Light Up Limerick Christmas Lights Ceremony**
    - Limerick City

- **29 Nov**
  - **Ardal O’ Hanlon**
    - University Concert Hall

---

**Spooktacular fun for all the family!**
Limerick is set to sparkle over Christmas!

With a fabulous array of seasonal activities, family fun events, live music, food and craft fairs, magical Santas, shopping, exciting sporting action and lots of festive cheer there will be something for everyone to enjoy this Christmas!
**FEBRUARY pg 3-4**
- What Next Dance Festival
- The Fureys
- Ross O’Carroll Kelly’s Postcards from the Ledge
- Keith Barry
- INPUT - LIT Music Festival
- Nathan Carter
- Pat Shortt
- Limerick Literary Festival
- West Limerick Drama Festival

**MARCH pg 5-8**
- Smokie
- Limerick Choral Festival
- GameFest Limerick
- STEPS Engineers Week
- The Game
- Mario Rosenstock
- Limerick Festival of Kindness
- Festival of Local Beers
- Des Bishop
- Limerick St. Patrick’s Festival
- Des Bishop
- Limerick Festival of Kindness
- Festival of Local Beers
- Des Bishop
- Limerick St. Patrick’s Festival
- St. Patrick’s Festival Fireworks Extravaganza
- Limerick St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- 49th Limerick International Band Championship
- Therapy?
- Limerick International Tattoo Convention
- St. Mary’s Cathedral Festival
- Fresh Film Festival
- Musicale

**APRIL pg 9-10**
- Limerick Soviet 100
- Limerick Writers’ Festival
- Limerick Fringe
- HearSay International Audio Arts Festival
- Wild Youth
- Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival

**MAY pg 11-13**
- Bealtaine Festival
- Fleadh by the Feale
- Riverfest Limerick
- The Stunning
- Street Feast
- Regeneron Great Limerick Run
- All Saints and Singers
- Deirdre O’Kane
- Blindboy Podcast Live
- Paul Young
- Africa Day
- Madness
- Fleadh Cheoil Luimnigh

**JUNE pg 14-16**
- Jenny Greene & The RTÉ Concert Orchestra
- Polska Éire Festival
- Limerick Ceramic Artists Exhibition
- Limerick Sings International Choral Festival
- Trés Court International Film Festival
- Dermot and Dave Live
- Crinniú na nÓg
- Thomond Swim
- Limerick Garden Festival
- Lough Gur Summer Solstice Festival
- Kupala Night
- BeSPOKED - Limerick’s Cycling Festival
- Blas International Summer School of Traditional Music & Dance
- Spirit of the City - Limerick
- Dromcollogher Festival

**JULY pg 17-19**
- Welcome to the Neighbourhood - Askeaton Contemporary Arts
- Limerick Pride Festival
- Broadford Summer Festival
- Pig n’ Porter
- Ballinvrea Annual Flower, Vegetable & Cake Show
- Angela’s Ashes, The Musical
- Stanzas – A Weekend of Words
- Bell X1
- Newcastle West Agricultural Show
- Celtic Horizon Open 2019 - World Association of Marching Show Bands

**AUGUST pg 20-21**
- Elemental
- B-Fest Ballingarry
- Fusion Dance Festival
- Ballylanders Pattern Festival
- Castletown Country Music Festival
- Cappamore Agricultural Show
- National Heritage Week
- Knockaderry Village Fayre
- Bring your Limericks to Limerick
- Daniel O’Donnell
- Mungrist Music Festival
- The Limerick Show

**SEPTEMBER pg 22-23**
- Pigtown Limerick Culture & Food Series
- Gilbert O’Sullivan
- Hospital Arts and Culture Festival
- Tommy Tiernan
- Culture Night
- Living Statue Festival
- Limerick Jazz Festival
- The Paddy Dakar

**OCTOBER pg 24-26**
- Ígise Michael Hartnett
- Make A Move Hip Hop Festival
- Lny
- Bualadh Bos Children’s Festival
- Joyce Brothers Music Festival
- Open House
- Garry McMahon Traditional Singing Weekend
- Richard Harris International Film Festival
- Samhain – Limerick’s Halloween Festival
- Bruff Bluegrass Festival
- 29th Annual Festival of One Act Drama
- Lough Gur Halloween Festival
- Limerick October Bank Holiday Weekend
- Mary Black
- Castleconnell Fright Fest featuring the Scary Trail
- Siege of Limerick - Samhain

**NOVEMBER pg 27**
- Soulscapes
- Limerick Festival of Science
- Light Up Limerick Christmas Lights Ceremony
- Ardal O’Hanlon

**DECEMBER pg 28**
- Christmas in Limerick
- Limerick Christmas Racing Festival
Festival Organisers!

Submit your festival details via My Limerick on Limerick.ie for FREE promotion in our online and printed publications.

Full details of ALL events on Limerick.ie!