



Welcome to the 7th annual Rathmullan Film Festival!

Well, what's the story? We are delighted and so excited for Rathmullan Film Festival to be back for its 7th year with a jam packed and, shall we say, *heroic* or even *legendary* weekend planned.

Since 2018 we have continued to grow as a participatory festival located in the heart of Rathmullan, Co. Donegal.

Join us from 15-18 February and celebrate the mid-term break with a weekend full of exciting events, creative workshops, great films and most importantly, FUN!

Book your tickets online: rathmullan.ie/filmfest

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Special Effects Makeup Workshop (10-15Yr)

10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. | €5 Learn the secret to magical and monstrous makeovers with Anna Czajak (Anna's Cheeky Faces).

Screenprinting Workshop (6-9Yr)

10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. | €5

Join Rathullan's new screenprint studio, the Print Barn Folk, to handcraft, screenprint and make your own festival t-shirt & tote bag to take home.

Reel Donegal

2-4pm | SVP Centre | Free

Take a trip down memory lane and enjoy local history with short films by Arthur Lynch and local filmmakers.

Gala Night: Local Legends Oscar Party

6-7:30pm | Ray Community Centre | Adult €5, Child €3, Family €15

Join us for our very exciting Oscars awards ceremony. Don your most fabulous super hero costume and celebrate our local heroes with a series of films made by pupils in St. Joseph's N.S., St. Garvan's N.S. and the local community. Tea, coffee and sweet treats for all.

FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY

Be the Star Workshop (9+)

10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. | €5 A fun craft workshop where you will learn how to make a 3D paper star from recycled materials with Moira McHugh (Perfectly Thrifted Interiors).

Filmmaking Workshop (6-9Yr)

10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. | €5 Unlock the magic of filmmaking with John D Ruddy who will help you turn your ideas into cinematic adventures.

Nothing Compares

4-6pm | Mary Macs Bar | FREE

Watch Kathryn Ferguson's beautiful tribute to the late Sinéad O'Connor. The documentary focuses on a six-year period (1987-1993) and reflects on the legacy of this fearless trailblazer (2022, 100min, 15A).

Kids Soccer Blitz

6-7pm | Flagpole Field | FREE

Rathmullan Celtic FC's soccer extravaganza packed with laughter, teamwork, and the thrill of scoring goals! No pre-booking needed and the event is weather-dependent.

Blending Wines Demystified with Janette Devlin

7.30pm | An Bonnán Buí | €30

Indulge your senses at an evening of cinematic magic and exquisite flavors, where the documentary film *Sour Grapes* (J. Rothwell & R. Atlas, 2016, 91min, 15A) is paired with a blended wine experience with local wine expert Janette Devlin.

The film looks at wine fraudster Rudy Kurniawan who conned investors out of millions of dollars.

Frida Fridays Movie Quiz Night 7pm | An Stad | €5

Quizzes to test the most seasoned film buffs with prizes for the winners. The Fridas (Carol Wilson and Sinead Gallagher) will be hosting an evening of film music with the guest appearance of pianist Niall Carruthers. A drinks and food menu will be available.

SATURDAY 17 FFBRUARY

Flipbook Animation (6-9Yr)

10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. | €5 Dive into the art of storytelling frame by frame with John D. Ruddy and create your own flipbook animated film.

Stunt Acting Workshop (10-15Yr)

10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. | €5 Unleash your inner action hero and master the art of thrilling stunts with Eddie Mohan and Roisin Patton Mohan. Roll, jump, and punch and bring your on-screen daring feats to life!

Smartphone Filmmaking Workshop (Adults)

10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. | €5 Do you have a good story to tell? Learn how to turn your smartphone into a documentary tool at this hands-on workshop with Póca Productions.

Kickboxing Class

12:30-1:30pm | **St. Joseph's N.S.** | **€7** An afternoon of family fun not to be missed. Join Mayhem Martial Arts as they offer an hour of kickboxing lessons for kids (5+) and adults.

Inspire: Shorts Programme & Discussion

11am-5.30pm | Rathmullan House | Free

Step into the world of filmmaking at our inspiring industry event which includes:

Masterclasses

- Setting up The Bothy with David Stevens
- TV Production with Paul Crompton
- Animation with Carrie Bonner & John McDaid (Dog Ears)

Screenings - Watch a curated programme of short films made by film students from Loreto Letterkenny, Atlantic Technological University and Cinematic Arts University of Ulster. The programme

reflects the wealth of talent in the northwest and features films from various genres covering a wide range of subjects.

Panel Discussion - Join panel discussions where student filmmakers and industry guests will share experiences, discuss trends, and offer invaluable advice for Northwest creatives.

Networking lunch included. Prebooking is essential. The event is sponsored by Screen Ireland.

Polar Plunge

2pm | Rathmullan Pier

Get freezin' for a reason at the Rathmullan Polar Plunge in aid of Special Olympics Ireland.

Sounds of Heritage

7-9.30pm | Rathmullan Presbyterian Church | €10

Celebrate Donegal's rich storytelling and music traditions with the premiere of 'What's the Story' short films, screening of *Fiddler on the Road* (1972, 40min, G) and live music by

Carol Wilson, Sinead Gallagher and local guest musicians.

The documentary film follows John Doherty's travels and explores the Doherty family's place in the musical traditions of the countryside.

The event is sponsored by Northern Ireland Screen.



SUNDAY 18 FFBRUARY

Film Treasure Hunt

12-2pm | Beachcomber Beergarden | FREE

Embark on a cinematic adventure with our Film Treasure Hunt around the village! Grab a map, follow the trail of movie magic and discover unexpected corners and local history. Pre-booking is required (1 ticket per group).

Colmcille - An Naomh Dána

2-3pm | Rathmullan Presbyterian Church | €5

Screening of documentary film Colmcille - An Naomh Dána (A. Gallimore, 2021, 59min, G), about one of Ireland and Scotland's most important saints, St Columba. The screening will be introduced by members of the Colmcille Gospel Choir

Closing Event: North x Northwest

4-6:30pm | Ray Community Centre | FREE

Wrap up the festival with a screening of short films celebrating the filmmaking scene in the north and northwest, followed by a panel discussion featuring Pierce Boyce (Abu Media) and filmmakers who will talk about film production in Donegal and cross-border collaborations.

The event is sponsored by the National Talent Academy Film & TV, an initiative of Screen Ireland, managed by Ardán.



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Thank you all for the generosi<mark>ty, support &</mark> for enabling us to offer an engaging, affordable & inclus<mark>ive film festival experience. We would like to thank all in the community for the great support.</mark>