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FRIDAY 4 NOV

EVENING

BALLYCROY

19:00 FESTIVAL OPENING

- Drinks Reception
- Music by cellist Patrick Dexter
- Stargazing (weather permitting)

Ballycroy Visitor Centre (VC)
at Wild Nephin National Park

MORNING

SATURDAY 5 NOV

AFTERNOON

EVENING

SUNDAY 6 NOV

AFTERNOON

EVENING

Mayo Dark Sky Festival

4 – 6 NOV 2022



MULRANNY

10:00 TALK

Pervasive Impacts of
Artificial Light
Kevin Gaston
Mulranny Arts Centre

10:00 Seashore Safari @ Mulranny Beach

11:30 TALK

Rowing the Atlantic: The night skies
Karen Weekes
Mulranny Arts Centre

14:00 TALK

Marine Life – Blinded by the Light
Éanna ní Lamhna
Mulranny Arts Centre

NEWPORT

11:00 TALK

First Steps in Astronomy
Derek Dempsey

Hotel Newport

11:30
Planetarium
Show

12:00 Q&A with Newport Astronomy Club & KTec Telescopes

Hotel Newport

12:30
Planetarium
Show

14:30 TALK

China in Space
Brian Harvey
Hotel Newport

15:30
Planetarium
Show

16:00 TALK

James Webb Space
Telescope - first light to new planets
Mark McCaughrean

Hotel Newport

20:00 GALA DINNER

(Drinks Reception 19:30)

GN Mulranny Park Hotel

10:30 TALK

The potential for ecological
restoration in Mayo Dark Sky Park
Colin Guilfoyle
Mulranny Arts Centre

11:00 TALK

Next Steps in Astronomy
Brendan Owens

Hotel Newport

11:30
Planetarium
Show

12:00 Q&A with Brendan Owens and KTec Telescopes

Hotel Newport

12:30
Planetarium
Show

14:30 TALK

Seeing into the Darkness -
Black Holes & the Event Horizon Telescope
Prof Sera Markoff
Hotel Newport

15:30
Planetarium
Show

16:00 TALK

'Catholic' Cosmologies?
Br. Guy Consolmagno

Hotel Newport

13:30 PUPPET WORKSHOP

with Miracle Puppets
followed by PUPPET SHOW (15:00)
Mulranny Arts Centre

OUR TOP TIPS!



ALL DAY - EXHIBITIONS by:

- ★ Chasseurs de Nuits **CANCELLED**
(including Photo Nightscape Awards)
- ★ Josh Mathews & Aisling McGuire

Ballycroy
Visitor Centre

14:00 GUIDED WALK

with Michael
Chambers
meet at VC

- Please note that talk times in different venues can overlap and that it is not possible to get to EVERY event in the festival
- Take the time to read the programme (both here and online) and choose events that you will most enjoy – a Two Day Ticket offers best value & flexibility
- Make sure to give yourself enough time to travel between venues:
★ Newport → Mulranny 20 mins ★ Mulranny → Ballycroy 20 mins
- Be sure to take advantage of our FREE SHUTTLE BUS service
- Don't hesitate to ask for advice – and ENJOY YOURSELF!

18:00 CLOSING EVENT

Lantern Walk to St Patrick's Church,
followed by music with Dathanna
St. Patrick's Church

Events in Detail...



www.mayodarkskyfestival.ie

PERFORMANCES

Festival Opening Event with cellist Patrick Dexter

Ballycroy Visitor Centre **€2**
(registration fee)

Fri 4 Nov 7pm

Puppet Show with Miracle Puppets

Mulranny Arts Centre **FREE**
Sun 6 Nov..... 3pm

Closing performance by Dathanna

St Patricks Church Newport **FREE**
(free for festival ticket holders, others €5)

Sun 6 Nov..... 6pm

WALKS/STARGAZING...

Walks & Stargazing events: **FREE**

Stargazing at Ballycroy Visitor Centre (weather permitting!)
Fri 4 Nov..... 8:30pm

Guided Walks at Ballycroy VC
Sat 5 & Sun 6 Nov 2pm

Seashore Safari in Mulranny
(meet at Mulranny Beach)
Sat 6 Nov..... 10am

Lantern Walk to St. Patrick's Church
for closing event with Dathanna
Sun 6 Nov..... 6pm

GALA DINNER

GN Mulranny Park Hotel **€40**

Enjoy a celebratory 3 course dinner,
with great food, good company and
some special entertainment!

Sat 5 Nov..... 8pm
(drinks reception 7:30pm)



free Shuttle!

TALKS

NEWPORT **price per talk: €7.50***
(*or buy a ONE DAY or TWO DAY pass)

Derek Dempsey:
'First Steps in Astronomy'
Sat 5 Nov 11am

Brian Harvey:
'China in Space'
Sat 5 Nov 2:30pm

Prof Mark McCaughrean:
'James Webb – from First Light to new
planets'
Sat 5 Nov 4pm

Brendan Owens:
'Next Steps in Astronomy'
Sun 6 Nov 11am

Prof Sera Markoff:
'Event Horizon Telescope'
Sun 6 Nov 2:30pm

Br. Guy Consolmagno SJ:
'Catholic Cosmologies?'
Sun 6 Nov 4pm

MULRANNY **price per talk: €7.50***
(*or buy a ONE DAY or TWO DAY pass)

Kevin Gaston:
'The Pervasive Impact of Light Pollution'
Sat 5 Nov 10am

Karen Weekes:
'Rowing the Atlantic – the Night Skies'
Sat 5 Nov 11:30am

Éanna ní Lamhna:
'Marine Life – blinded by the Light'
Sat 5 Nov 2pm

Colin Guilfoyle:
'Eco-restoration in Mayo Dark Sky Park'
Sun 6 Nov 10:30am

Rebecca Senior:
'Who Owns the Moon?'
Sun 6 Nov 11:30am

WORKSHOPS

NEWPORT

Telescope Q&As (following 11am talks)
Sat 5 Nov 12 noon
Sun 6 Nov 12 noon

Planetarium Shows: **FREE**
Sat 5 Nov 11:30am
Sat 5 Nov 12:30pm
Sat 5 Nov 3pm
Sun 6 Nov 11:30am
Sun 6 Nov 12:30pm
Sun 6 Nov 3pm

MULRANNY

Seashore Safari in Mulranny . **FREE**
Sat 5 Nov 10am
Silk Puppet Workshop **€10**
Sun 6 Nov 1:30pm

BALLYCROY

Photography Workshop w Josh
Matthews & Aisling McGuire **€10**
Sat 5 Nov 12 noon

EXHIBITIONS/STANDS

Exhibitions/Trade stands: **FREE**

NEWPORT:

KTEC Telescopes
Newport Lighting Plan

BALLYCROY VISITOR CENTRE:

Photo Exhibition throughout the
weekend with photographs by
Josh Matthews and Aisling
McGuire

+ lots of free events!



PRICES

**CHILDREN (under 16) GO FREE
TO MOST DAYTIME EVENTS!**

TWO DAY PASS **€30**

SATURDAY/SUNDAY PASS (ie ONE DAY PASS) **€20**

GALA DINNER **€40**

WORKSHOPS (astrophotography/puppet making) **€10**

INDIVIDUAL TALKS (pay at the door) **€7.50**

BUY YOUR TICKETS at: www.MAYODARKSKYFESTIVAL.IE