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# Introduction

Minister of State with responsibility for  
Office of Public Works, Kieran O'Donnell TD



We are delighted to partner with Other Voices and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage again this year for the return of the incredibly popular Anam – Songs for Hearts and Minds. The heritage sites in our care are not just full of historic stories – they also engage with contemporary culture. Parke's Castle, Portumna Castle and Gardens, Ormond Castle and Pearse Museum – St Enda's Park all welcome visitors from near and far for guided tours as well as for exciting exhibitions, concerts, and other cultural events.

As part of our engagement with local communities, we have a Schools Free Scheme. This means all primary and second-level pupils can explore our fascinating sites, free of charge. We also offer free admission to fee-paying sites for children under 12 and for those with disabilities and their accompanying carers.

We hope you enjoy this opportunity to be part of an intimate audience in beautiful and historic surroundings. These unique live performances are an opportunity for us to raise further awareness of what our heritage sites have to offer.

# Introduction

Rosemary Collier, Head of Heritage and Capital Works Delivery,  
The Office of Public Works



On behalf of the Office of Public Works (OPW), it gives me great pleasure to introduce you to this reprisal of Anam – Songs for Hearts and Minds at National Monuments and National Historic Properties in our care.

Produced in partnership by Other Voices, the Office of Public Works and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Anam – Songs for Hearts and Minds bring you intimate performances from some of Ireland's most iconic heritage sites.

Following on from last year's exceptional performances, this collaborative project brings together another dynamic and diverse group of Irish and international talent, performing in a host of remarkable and significant historic landmarks.

Across four episodes, 'Anam - Songs for Hearts & Minds' will take viewers on a memorable musical journey across the country, blending the magic of live performances with the beauty of four sites under our care.

Parke's Castle and Portumna Castle are both examples of restored seventeenth-century castles within striking settings. Parke's Castle sits on the shores of Lough Gill in Co. Leitrim, made famous in WB Yeats's poem 'The Lake of Innisfree'. Portumna Castle and Gardens, located on the edge of Lough Derg, Co. Galway, offers sensational views. The charming formal gardens create an enchanting sense of the original seventeenth-century setting.

As the finest example of an Elizabethan manor house in Ireland, Ormond Castle is from an even earlier era. The magnificent Great Hall, which stretches almost the whole length of the building, is decorated with some of the finest stucco plasterwork in the country. It is the perfect place to appreciate artistic ingenuity and talent.

Pearse Museum – St Enda's Park is where the leader of the 1916 Rising, Patrick Pearse, lived and operated his pioneering Irish-speaking school from 1910 to 1916. The staff and pupils of this school are famous for their creativity and resourcefulness, performing epic plays al fresco and composing original music and poetry.

Each of these diverse sites has a legacy of celebrating artistry and performance. How fitting it is to host contemporary artists within these historic halls and celebrate the future of music in Ireland and our iconic heritage sites alike.

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Ormond Castle, credit: Dylan Vaughan



Ormond Castle, credit: Dylan Vaughan



Ormond Castle - Moody Skies, credit: Fáilte Ireland



Ormond Castle, credit: Dylan Vaughan



Ormond Castle, credit: Dylan Vaughan

# Ormond Castle

CARRICK-ON-SUIR, CO. TIPPERARY

Joined on to an earlier medieval riverside castle, Ormond Castle Carrick-on-Suir is the finest example of an Elizabethan manor house in Ireland. Thomas, 10th Earl of Ormond, built it in 1565 in honour of his distant cousin Queen Elizabeth.

The magnificent great hall, which stretches almost the whole length of the building is decorated with some of the finest stucco plasterwork in the country. The plasterwork features portraits of Queen Elizabeth and her brother Edward VI and many motifs and emblems associated with the Tudor monarchy.

Audio-visuals and technological installations bring this castle's intriguing history to life.

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Uly, photography credit: David Willis



Muireann Bradley, photography credit unknown



Adrienne Lenker, photography credit: Germaine Dunes



Live Performance\*, 20th April  
Ormond Castle  
Tipperary

\*Due to scheduling conflicts,  
Adrienne Lenker's performance in  
Ormond Castle will be recorded  
without an audience.

Stream via  
[othervoices.ie](https://othervoices.ie)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May / 8pm

## Uly

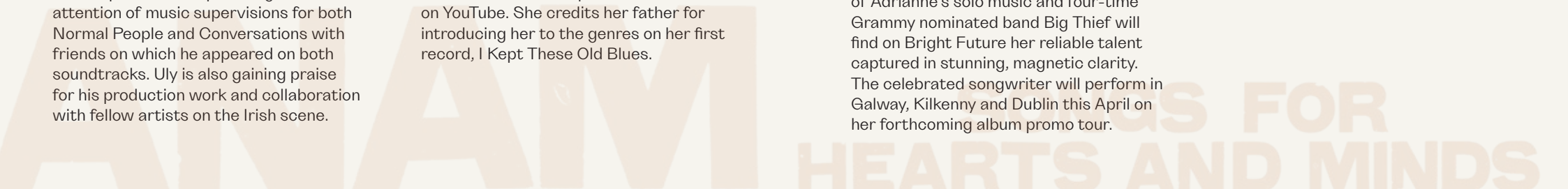
Dublin-based multi-instrumentalist and songwriter Rafino Murphy has been a rising star on the Irish scene in recent years. Deeply influenced by pop, soul, jazz, nostalgic production value and doing-it-yourself - Murphy's work under his 'Uly' moniker is highly personal, exploratory and largely revolves around identity and self all against a backdrop of comforting, immersive and captivating harmony. His unique soundscapes caught the attention of music supervisors for both Normal People and Conversations with friends on which he appeared on both soundtracks. Uly is also gaining praise for his production work and collaboration with fellow artists on the Irish scene.

## Muireann Bradley

The teen musical sensation grew up steeped in country and blues music, just outside the town of Ballybofey in Co. Donegal. Delving into ragtime, folk blues and roots, the finger picking guitar player and singer appeared on Jools' Annual Hootenanny on 31 December 2023. Following her appearance on the show, her album I Kept These Old Blues entered the top ten of the UK Albums Download Chart and she has racked up millions of views on YouTube. She credits her father for introducing her to the genres on her first record, I Kept These Old Blues.

## Adrienne Lenker (Big Thief)

The lead vocalist, guitarist and principal songwriter of Brooklyn-based indie-folk outfit Big Thief is also renowned for her established solo project, having released 2020 album songs & instrumentals to widespread acclaim. The Indiana native's new solo album Bright Future arrives on 22 March on 4AD, featuring the blistering single 'Sadness As A Gift'. Admirers of Adrienne's solo music and four-time Grammy nominated band Big Thief will find on Bright Future her reliable talent captured in stunning, magnetic clarity. The celebrated songwriter will perform in Galway, Kilkenny and Dublin this April on her forthcoming album promo tour.







Portumna Castle and Gardens,  
credit: Fáilte Ireland



Portumna Castle and Gardens,  
credit: Fáilte Ireland



Portumna Castle & Gardens, credit: Brian Morrison

# Portumna Castle

PORTUMNA, CO. GALWAY

Built by the fourth earl of Clanricarde, Portumna Castle was the de Burgo family power base for centuries.




The castle is a unique example of the transitional Irish architecture of the early 1600s. Its bold design combines elements of medieval and Renaissance style that complement each other perfectly.

A major fire in 1826 left the castle a roofless shell, but the state began to bring it back from ruin in the 1960s. Restoration work continues to this day.

The dramatic walk up to the building includes charming formal gardens, which create an enchanting sense of the original seventeenth-century setting. The walled kitchen garden is particularly memorable.

The castle enjoys a sensational view of Lough Derg. The ground floor is open to the public and houses an exhibition that brings the story of the castle and the de Burgo family to life. It is right beside the River Shannon and Portumna Forest Park, which makes it a great choice for a delightful day out.

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EFÉ, photography credit unknown



Moncrieff, photography credit unknown



Oisín Leech, photography credit unknown



Live Performance, 21st April  
Portumna Castle  
Galway

Stream via  
[othervoices.ie](https://othervoices.ie)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May / 8pm

## EFÉ

Dublin artist EFÉ (Anita Ikharo) first made waves with the release of her debut EP 'What Should We Do This Summer?' four years ago. Her music is a slice of bedroom pop mingled with alt and indie edges, embracing shimmering synth pads and funky, modulated guitar tones with guitar noise and lyrically bold statements. EFÉ recently performed at Borderline Festival in the Workman's Club Cellar in February, cementing her 'One to Watch' status. EFÉ returned after a year off with a move away from DIY pop to a defiant rock sound on 'Truth Truth', evoking Rachel Chinouriri and SPIDER.

## Moncrieff

The winner of last year's RTÉ Choice Music Irish Song of the Year award for 'Warm', Waterford-born artist Moncrieff recently embarked on a sellout European headline winter tour. After his debut single was played by Sir Elton John in his radio show, he kickstarted the latest chapter in 2022 when his single 'Warm' went to the top 10 on Irish radio, clocking millions of streams/views along the way. The Irish pop singer-songwriter has been busy in the studio, finishing off the new EP Self-Care, a collection of nine new songs. Moncrieff also announced his debut album is ready, having recently been recorded between Grouse Lodge (Westmeath) and London. Catch his biggest Dublin headline show yet at the 3 Olympia Theatre on May 7th.

## Oisín Leech

Navan-based songwriter and musician Oisín Leech has become known for his deft artistry and captivating vocals throughout his varied and accomplished career. As one half of revered duo The Lost Brothers, Leech has toured extensively performing at Glastonbury, SXSW, the BBC Electric Proms, Other Voices and beyond. Outside of The Lost Brothers, Leech has collaborated with Howe Gelb, Dónal Lunny, and Paul Muldoon. Alongside his musical output, the Meath native hosts his Caravan Radio show on RTÉ Radio 1. In his hometown, his Joey Procida's Folk Club night has welcomed the likes of Steve Gunn, Lisa O'Neill, Andy Irvine and Willy Mason. In late 2023, Leech released his debut solo single 'October Sun' - produced by acclaimed Brooklyn based artist Steve Gunn in a schoolhouse near Malin Head.

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# Pearse Museum and St. Enda's Park

RATHFARNHAM, DUBLIN 16

The Pearse Museum in St Enda's Park is where the leader of the 1916 Rising, Patrick Pearse, lived and operated his pioneering Irish-speaking school from 1910 to 1916.

Set in nearly 20 hectares of attractive parkland in Rathfarnham, Dublin, the museum tells the story of Patrick Pearse and his brother Willie, both of whom were executed for their part in the 1916 Rising. Here you can peruse a fascinating exhibition on Pearse's life and wander through the historic rooms where he, his family and his students once lived and worked.

The romantic landscape surrounding the museum contains a wild river valley, forested areas and some enchanting eighteenth- and nineteenth-century follies.

If you are interested in the park's varied wildlife, you will find information about it in a dedicated room in the courtyard - where you'll also find the Schoolroom Café.



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Sarah Crean, photography credit unknown



Travis and Elzzz, photography credit unknown



Piaras Ó Lorcáin, photography credit unknown



Live Performance, 7th May  
Pearse Museum  
Dublin

Stream via  
[othervoices.ie](https://othervoices.ie)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May / 8pm

## Sarah Crean

The Dublin singer-songwriter and producer is influenced by the likes of Japanese Breakfast and Men I Trust, but don't presume her indie/alternative tones can be compared to any other. Crean's ethereal vocals and piercingly honest, poetic statements are what led her track '2:00am' to go viral on TikTok, garnering millions of views after being shared by a local Chicago channel TheBun91.3. Signing to AWAL and releasing her compelling Death by Laundry EP in August 2023, her potential is endless. Hearing Sarah's voice live is a riveting experience that we can't wait to host.

## Travis and Elzzz

The Irish drill rap duo Travis & Elzzz have followed up their success with the Full Circle mixtape at number 2 last year with a number 1 for their new album Doghouse on the Irish album charts. Being the first Irish rap album to ever get this #1 in history. The two are showing Ireland what it means to be black and Irish and showing the world that Ireland can compete on the main stages too.

## Piaras Ó Lorcáin

The 20-year-old trad singer is also a young South Armagh beef farmer, having featured on RTÉ farming series Saol na Feirme back in 2023. Piaras Ó Lorcáin hails from about a mile outside of Crossmaglen, on land his family has farmed for 400 years. Piaras has been involved in music for around 15 years, performing on the guitar and bouzouki. The multi-talented musician brings his own style and energy to beloved sean-nós songs and local tunes, which he learns while doing his farm work.

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Parke's Castle, credit: Government of Ireland National Monuments Service Photographic Unit



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# Parke's Castle

FIVEMILEBOURNE, CO. LEITRIM.

Parke's Castle occupies a striking setting on the northern shores of Lough Gill in County Leitrim.

A restored castle of the early seventeenth century, it was once the home of English planter Robert Parke. There is evidence of an earlier structure on the site, a tower house once owned by Sir Brian O'Rourke, Lord of West Breifne. O'Rourke, whom one English governor described as 'the proudest man this day living on the earth', resisted crown rule and fled Ireland, but ended up in the hands of Queen Elizabeth's forces. He was thrown into the Tower of London, tried and finally hanged at Tyburn.

Tragedy struck in 1677, when two of Parke's children drowned on the lake. The castle then fell into disrepair. Only in the late twentieth century was it restored, using traditional Irish oak and craftsmanship.

Viewed at sunset, the castle cuts a stunning silhouette over the water.

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Mohammad Syfkhan, photography credit: Willie Stewart



Lemoncello, photography credit unknown



Martin Hayes, photography credit unknown



Kate Ellis, photography credit unknown



Live Performance, 8th May  
Parke's Castle  
Leitrim

Stream via  
[othervoices.ie](https://othervoices.ie)  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May / 8pm

## Mohammad Syfkhan

The 57-year-old father of five has brought his incredible musical skills to Ireland all the way from Syria. Mohammad Syfkhan originally trained as a surgical nurse but fled Syria after Islamic State killed one of his sons. Later settling in Leitrim, he is now creating vital cross-cultural bonds, and supported Lankum at the Cork Opera House in 2023. The Kurdish-Syrian musician released his debut album *I Am Kurdish* after arriving in the county as part of a refugee settlement scheme in 2016 with his wife, Huda, and daughter Noor. Anam will give Syfkhan a platform for his thrilling mix of electrified Kurdish, Arabic and Turkish traditional songs, covers and originals.

## Lemoncello

The Irish alternative folk duo have recently signed to iconic label Claddagh Records, sharing the news alongside their new single 'Harsh Truths'. Laura Quirke and Claire Kinsella will release their first album on a roster of incredible artists who are also credited with the recent trad/folk revival, such as Niamh Bury and ØXN. Lemoncello are known for charming their listeners into an enigmatic world of intimate observations and uncomfortable questions paired with their chemistry and charisma. The rare alchemy of the duo's voices together pairs with the warmth and grit of Kinsella's cello, underpinned by Quirke's cyclical, trance-like guitar playing.

## Martin Hayes with Kate Ellis

Martin Hayes is regarded as one of the most significant talents to emerge in the world of Irish traditional music. The performer's soulful interpretations of traditional Irish music has led him to tour and record with guitarist Dennis Cahill for over 20 years, and has played on stage with extraordinary musicians of every genre, including Phoebe Bridgers, Sting and Paul Simon. The Clare-born star was the first musician to win BBC Instrumentalist of the Year and the RTÉ Folk Instrumentalist of the Year. Outside of his solo work, Martin founded seminal Irish-American band The Gloaming. The fiddler was the recipient of six All-Ireland Championships before the age of 19 and spent his youth playing in his late father, P.Joe Hayes' Tulla Céilí Band.

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MayKay, photography credit Rich Gilligan

## MayKay

Mary-Kate Geraghty, known as 'MayKay', is a presenter, broadcaster and frontwoman of Fight Like Apes, with whom she has released numerous records and received several award nominations. The Dublin band, also featuring Jamie "Pockets" Fox, reached dizzy heights during their decade-long tenure on the Irish and UK indie scene. Fight Like Apes have recently reunited since their 2016 final performance to bring shows to London and Dublin to mark the 15th anniversary of their brilliant debut album Fight Like Apes and the Mystery of the Golden Medallion (2008), recorded in Seattle with John Goodmanson. Elsewhere, MayKay has established herself as a regular presenter on Other Voices as well as collaborating with artists such as Elaine Mai and Kormac.

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**Ormond Castle, Tipperary**  
Adrienne Lenker / Uly /  
Muireann Bradley

**Thur 16 May**  
**Portumna Castle, Galway**  
Moncrieff / Oisín Leech / EFÉ

**Thur 23 May**  
**Pearse Museum, Dublin**  
Travis & Elzzz / Sarah Crean /  
Piaras Ó Lorcáin

**Thur 30 May**  
**Parke's Castle, Leitrim**  
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