

CIRCUS



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CLOUGHJORDAN

NEWSLETTER

OUR NEWS & EVENTS

SUMMER 2024



END OF TERM CIRCUS SHOW: BEACH BARRAGE



Huge thanks to everyone who joined us on 10th June for our end of term circus show with Pete and Édaein. On a very short notice, 'Those Two Idiots' agreed to adjust their holiday plans and visit Cloughjordan instead of their planned beach trip.

Over 150 wonderful people came to watch antics of 'Those Two Idiots', so we were delighted to see such support once again.

The show wrapped up a tremendous year of Weekly Trainings in St. Kieran's Hall, and they next term will commence in September 2024. Stay tuned for details!



CRUINNIU NA NÓG | SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

On Saturday, 15 June 2024 we celebrated Cruinniú Na nÓg - a day of free creativity for young people across Ireland. We had a fun packed day of circus activities for all the family and a fantastic performance from Cloughjordan Circus Tutor, Peter Moran.



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FIRST STEPS OUTREACH

Jo, Pete and Molly have just completed a 6 week long session of circus skills with the Montessori class, with activities including games, plates, floor rope, balance beams and flower sticks. Each week, accompanied by 3 creche workers, the young performers were

encouraged to explore the various skills available in their own time, and clearly had a great time doing so week after week. They developed their balance, their confidence, their skills, their patience, working as a team, and most importantly, having fun doing so. We're looking forward to seeing how we can develop this aspect of our club further in the future.



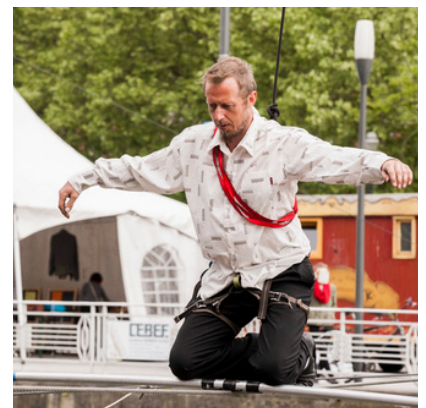
WIRE WALKING PRACTICE | WEDNESDAYS

You may have spotted a team of wire-walkers practicing on the Village Green on Wednesdays in May and June. While they are only 3 feet off the ground, they are still incredibly rewarding to develop balance and agility. And then, of course, learning tricks! We plan to run another session of wire-walking practice later in the year, and for those who are really interested, you can showcase your skills in our 'Wire and Light' performance piece in November.

WIRE WALKING CPD WITH BRUNO

On 27th April we were delighted to welcome Bruno Frenette from the European Centre of Funambulism to Cloughjordan. He ran a day of training for our resident wire-walking instructors - namely Jo, Molly, Pete, Richard and Marketa - to share even more tips and advice on instructing this skill. This was followed by an Open Day of wire-walking where 22 people came along to strut their stuff along a 16mm wide length of wire.

Our instructors will undergo further training later in the year so we can consistently maintain our high standards, and Bruno will help us design and develop the "Wire and Light" performance mentioned above. We are so lucky and grateful to be able to provide this weird and wonderful activity to this community of ours in North Tipperary. We look forward to seeing you on the Green.



SUMMER CAMP 2024 | FULLY BOOKED!

Our Summer Camp is fully booked out and we are looking forward to meeting all our camp members for a fun packed week of circus skills, games and activities!

If you would like to be put on a waitlist, please drop us an email and we will allocate spaces if and when they become available on a first-come first-served basis.



LANTERN MAKING CAMP | JULY 2024

Make a giant moving lantern puppet and walk it through the streets of CloughJordan!

We will have a week of creation to construct these models, and then some workshops to learn how to make them move realistically as they escort the audience to the performance area.

Dates: Monday – Thursday 15-18 July 2024

Times: 10:00 – 15:00 (with 1 hour break for lunch)

Ages: Teens

Cost: €20 to €40

Bookings: <https://cloughjordancircusclub.ie/product/lantern-puppets/>

DRAWING A CROWD

Some of our senior club members joined the outdoor celebration 'Drawing A Crowd' packed with arts, activities, and performances in Tipperary Town on 18th May.

Lightfoot, our majestic 8-foot-high puppet elephant was on the walkabout to meet people, and the Ackroyd Sisters, straight out of the Victorian era, joined the crowd armed with their cutting-edge contraption called a camera.

This event was a part of Creative Places Tipperary Town Project in collaboration with Tipperary County Council Arts Office and Promenade Ireland.



More photos from Cruinniú Na nÓg activities on 15th June!



STAY IN TOUCH!

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