



Community Arts Festival Celebrates Local Artists, Diversity and Inclusion in Dublin's North East Inner City

The Five Lamps Arts Festival is a local arts festival with an international flair. The event, now in its 17th year, combines both rich local history and tradition, with the vibrant cultures of new communities living in the area. More than 200 artists from 30 nationalities will unite across 30 events in 15 different venues. Visitors to the festival can expect everything from local history walking tours and trad sessions to circus acts and contemporary dance workshops, along with exhibitions, theatre, and family-friendly events, over 30 events, 15 different venues, and 30 nationalities united to celebrate culture, history, and inclusivity.

With a vibrant spotlight on LGBTQI+ artists, the Festival is packed with a range of exciting shows, workshops, live performances, tours, and insightful talks for all ages. This year, the 17th edition of the **Five Lamps Arts Festival** is making a splash with a *Water* theme, and for the first time crosses the River Liffey to host events in South Dublin, expanding the local community's horizons with a rainbow of art forms on display.

From the banks of the Royal Canal to the banks of the Grand Canal, North East to SouthSide Dublin, the **Five Lamps Arts Festival** will take place at multiple venues, to light up the city with art, music and In the lead up to the Festival, Dublin's best traditional music at the **Ceol na Cathrach's (Music of the City)** a series of 4 gigs, running March 20th-April 10th, ending with **Ghig Mhór (The Big Gig)** on April 15th, at St. Columba's Church. On March 23rd music fans went on a **Train to Sligo** in a songwriting workshop, led by renowned songwriter Luan Parle.

Highlights

From April 11th, Yves Lorhan, professional Brazilian dancer, will lead two workshops exclusive for men: **Men in Move** and **Opening the Mind to Dance**, to enable free movement through body language and dance. On April 12th **Fire Station Artists' Studios** will open its doors from 12pm for the public to explore unique spaces and chat with resident artists. As the sun sets, **BIG LOVE** will rock the night away at Windmill Lane Studios from 7pm. On April 13th a **Japanese Culture Workshop** kicks off the weekend with songs, storytelling, and Origami craft at Charleville Mall Library, from 2pm. Then, Sunday night with **QOW TRIO's** soulful, swingin' tunes at Windmill Lane Studios, from 6pm.

Starting April 15th, **The One Many** is a week-long immersive workshop at The Dean Studios blending physical theatre, storytelling, and writing, led by Queer Palestinian Theatre Maker, Amir Abualrob, and actor and poet, Sorcha Fox. **SongTales sa Spéir** (Song Tales), at the Sean O'Casey Theatre, is a concert for children with music and singalong songs. **'Inspiration and Legacy - A Retrospective'** exhibit at the Central Bank of Ireland until April 26th shows a retrospective of eight brilliant artists from the North Inner City.

HYPERACTIVE is a dynamic dance performance bursting with wild street energy on stage at The PumpHouse on April 16th (Tuesday). On the big screen, at the Odeon Cinema, three local productions. On the 17th of April, a Double Bill session with the Short Films **'Oscillation'**, directed by Adam O'Reilly and **'In the Vicinity of the Sun'**, by John Scott. On 19th April (Friday), **'Making Dust'**, a film by Fiona Halling. **'What to Do on a Rainy Day'** is Play for all ages, featuring storytelling, puppets, and playtime at Charleville Mall Library, April 13th, 10am. **Philo**, the play by acclaimed playwright Peter Sheridan, is back at the Festival, showing the author's experience growing up in Dublin's North Inner City. Wrapping up the Festival on April 20th (Saturday), **Mud Island** is set to welcome families for a lineup of Live Music, Circus acts, engaging Children's Workshops - like **"Ta Tum Tum!"**, an immersive samba drums experience - and the **Quirk Market**, a vibrant space where the LGBTQIA+ community celebrate, trade, and showcase their creations.



Tickets for the festival are available online at [Eventbrite](#). More information about the Festival, including program with free events and participating artists at the official website www.fivelampsarts.ie

About the Five Lamps Arts Festival:

The **Five Lamps Arts Festival** is a community-based, regulated Charity arts festival located in Dublin's disadvantaged, demographically diverse North East Inner City. The organisation aims to provide a range of affordable, accessible art experiences, encourage participation and celebrate interculturalism and diversity. The Festival is a family-friendly event that welcomes all ages and cultures, to celebrate diversity and inclusion through arts. By supporting local artists and performers, we're strengthening the fabric of our neighbourhoods and creating a more vibrant, safe and engaged community.

The Five Lamps Arts Festival is a registered charity. The festival is funded through a variety of grants from the North East Inner City, The Arts Council, Dublin City Council, Dublin Port Company and others.

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