

07-17 AUGUST 2025

KILKENNY ARTS FESTIVAL

LIGHT UP THE CASTLE, KAF24

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Dreams and discoveries in Ireland's medieval city

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Legendary artists, unique collaborations, unforgettable experiences...



Mari Samuelsen, KAF24

Since its foundation in 1974, Kilkenny Arts Festival has gathered many of the world's finest musicians, performers, writers and artists in Ireland's medieval city each August. For ten days, the city's historic churches, castle, courtyards, townhouses and gardens offer a magical setting for unique collaborations and intimate encounters between audiences and artists.

As we continue into our second half century, we look forward to welcoming you back to Ireland's Medieval City from 7 - 17 August for a rich, eclectic and exciting programme. Our wonderful city is constantly evolving, mapping new stories on to old stone, and this year's programme is a reflection of that - a celebration of place and possibility. This year's Festival will present music, dance, spoken word, visual art, opera, spectacle design and much more.

We welcome back **Rough Magic** and **Peter Hanly** for the premiere of a major new work. Some of Ireland's finest ensembles make a welcome return to Kilkenny, including Festival ensembles-in-residence the **Irish Chamber Orchestra** and **Chamber Choir Ireland**, alongside a stellar international music series.

All of Kilkenny is a stage this August as we premiere an exciting new promenade piece in the city centre. This year's Festival also features exciting new site-specific digital work, animating the city and inviting audiences to experience the familiar in a whole new light while the hugely popular **Secret Garden Music** brings exceptional artists to beautiful spaces in the streets and gardens around Kilkenny.

With many more incredibly exciting collaborations yet to be announced, Kilkenny will be centre-stage celebrating the best in arts and culture in Ireland this Summer

“The Kilkenny Arts Festival is of *place*. Not just because the distinctive medieval city makes imaginative use of its spaces, but because they're central to what it presents.”

Deirdre Falvey, The Irish Times



All of this is made possible by the support of our funders, dozens of local businesses, hundreds of passionate volunteers and thousands of loyal Festival goers.

With your help, the artistic adventures can continue.
Make it possible.

But we also need you. As a Festival Friend, your support is vital in helping us to bring the world's leading artists to our historic city, and securing Kilkenny's place as one of Europe's finest summer festivals. And, if you can, consider becoming a Special Friend, Best Friend or Patron, enabling us to aim even higher while giving you a range of extra benefits.

To join, just fill in the attached form, call the Festival Office on 056 7763663 or visit kilkennyarts.ie/support/friends to find out more.

BENEFITS	FRIEND €150	SPECIAL FRIEND €300	BEST FRIEND €500	PATRON €1,000
Invitation to official Festival launch & opening party	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement on Festival website & in brochure	✓	✓	✓	✓
Festival Club Membership	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dedicated Friends' newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓
Complimentary tickets *	2	4	6	10
Priority booking		✓	✓	✓
Ticket discount **		5%	10%	15%
No Booking Fees		✓	✓	✓
Complimentary Music Notes programme		✓	✓	✓
Dedicated booking service			✓	✓
Access to allocation of seats for sold-out shows ***				✓

TERMS & CONDITIONS

* From list of Festival highlight events

** Ticket discounts do not apply to special offers, workshops, children's shows or tickets purchased directly at events

*** Subject to availability

PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME

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PAYMENT DETAILS

Online

☐ www.kilkennyarts.ie/support/friends

Cheque

☐ Please make payable to **Kilkenny Arts Festival**

Credit Card

☐ Visa Debit ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

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PLEASE SIGN ME UP

I would like to join

Friend

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Special Friend

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Best Friend

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Patron

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Acknowledgement

☐ NO - I would like to remain anonymous

☐ YES - I wish my acknowledgement to read as follows:

“Kilkenny is one of Ireland’s most charming cathedral cities... and the Kilkenny Arts Festival one of the country’s most venerable. The 10-day event was packed with stellar names”

The Sunday Times

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