

Comhairle Contae
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Fingal County
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**10-12
17-19**
July
2026

FREE

Sounds of Summer

*Fingal
Festival
in a Van*



**UKERISTIC CONGRESS • LUKE CLERKIN • ASHA ARI
TEMPER-MENTAL MISSELAYNEOUS • FLYNN JOHNSON
JUSTINE NANTALE & MICHAEL CHANDA • BRASILIDADES TRIO
SOPHIE MEEHAN • DR. JOHN NUKEKPOR • GODFRED ASARE
SARAH LOUISE FINNEGAN • CLAUDIO & MATILDE • THERESA MCKENNA**

Clár Éire Iddánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



Sounds of Summer

Fingal Festival in a Van

Sounds of Summer returns for its third year to Fingal this July. Festival in a Van in partnership with Fingal County Council are delighted to present a vibrant touring programme of live music and performance bringing artists directly into communities across Fingal. This event takes place over six days in July and is free, so get out in the open air and join in this celebration of spirit and creativity.

The van will be on the go, visiting all corners of Fingal from Swords to Blanchardstown. People are encouraged to bring a picnic blanket and some sunglasses to join in the local festivities. This year there will be fabulous live performances by artists such as Temper-mental Misselayneous and Flynn Johnson (Blanchardstown and Tyrrelstown), Rhythm Africana and Brasilidades Trio (Portmarnock) and much more. Tour stop locations include Skerries, Blanchardstown, Portmarnock, Balbriggan, Oldtown, Swords and many other local estates and communities.

Oldtown are delighted to host Festival in a Van this year, inviting residents, young and old, to come out and celebrate their community. Rivermeade will also be celebrating 50 years as an amazing community, with a day of family fun for all. In Rivervalley, the Rivervalley / Swords Neurodiversity Network will be present, inviting everyone to connect with them as they celebrate diversity and inclusion within the community. Making their debut performance in Rush, the participants of Skerries Music Generation will join Festival in a Van, showcasing their talent and bringing Foróige's week-long music summer

programme to a close. Foróige Tyrrelstown's young DJs will also be showcasing their newly developed skills live on the day!

The festival kicks off outside the newly refurbished Skerries Library on Friday, 10th July at 1 pm!

Taking place Friday 10th July – Sunday 12th July, and Friday 17th July – Sunday 19th July.



For full locations and details, SCAN THE QR CODE or please see the website:

festivalinavan.com/soundsofsummer

Funded by Fingal County Council and Creative Ireland and presented by Festival in a Van in partnership with Creative Fingal and Fingal Community Development & Inclusion Division.

Since 2020 Festival in a Van has democratised access to the arts by delivering high-quality inclusive performances around Ireland. A trad session in the town square, a classical concert on the green, Shakespeare at schools, craic at care homes, and poets proclaiming in parks... Festival in a Van tours nationwide, bringing the magic of live performance to the parts and places other venues cannot reach.

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Tour Dates 2026

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026

- 13.00 – Floraville Park adjacent to Skerries Library

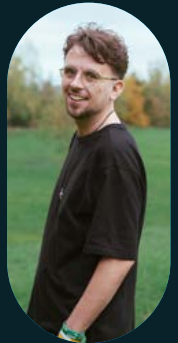
FEATURED ACTS:

Ukeristic Congress & Luke Clerkin

- (Closed Event)
Foróige, Rush Multipurpose & Youth Facility, Rush

FEATURED ACTS:

Asha Ari & Luke Clerkin



SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026

- 12.00 – Rath Dara Community College, Blanchardstown
- 15:00 – Tyrrelstown Community Centre

FEATURED ACTS:

Temper-mental Misselayneous and Flynn Johnson



SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026

- 12:00 – Skylark Estate, Portmarnock
- (Closed Event)
Balseskin Reception Centre, Swords

FEATURED ACTS:

Rhythm Africana and Brasilidades Trio



FRIDAY 17 JULY 2026

- (Closed Event)
Prosper Fingal, Swords

FEATURED ACTS:

Seán O'Meara and Sophie Meehan

- (Closed Event)
Cairde, Balbriggan

FEATURED ACTS:

Dr. John Nutekpor and Godfred Asare



SATURDAY 18 JULY 2026

- (Closed Event)
Autism Group, Rivervalley Community Centre, Swords

FEATURED ACTS:

Sarah Louise Finnegan and Claudio & Matilde

- 15:00 – Taylor Hill Estate, Balbriggan

FEATURED ACTS:

Theresa McKenna and Claudio & Matilde



SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026

- 12:00 – Clonmethan Green, Oldtown
- 15:00 – Rivermeade Estate, North Fingal

FEATURED ACTS:

Claudio & Matilde and Temper-mental Misselayneous



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About the Performers



UKERISTIC CONGRESS

Ukeristic Congress bring high-energy, feel-good vibes with their infectious ukulele-driven sound and crowd-pleasing repertoire. Blending humour, harmony and unexpected twists on familiar songs, their performances are lively, interactive and full of fun. Expect singalongs, smiles and a joyful atmosphere from start to finish.



LUKE CLERKIN

Luke Clerkin is a two-time Sports and Cultural Council songwriting winner from Tallaght who has performed at major festivals including Electric Picnic, Body & Soul and the Edinburgh Fringe. He has headlined venues across Ireland and toured internationally, with sold-out shows in London and Germany. His music has received widespread airplay and media support, and his debut album *Orpheus* (2025) was met with critical acclaim.



ASHA ARI

Asha Ari is a Dublin-based singer-songwriter of Ghanaian and Irish descent, blending Pop, Soul, and R&B into a distinctive, emotionally rich sound. She has performed at major venues and events including the National Concert Hall, Whelan's, the Irish Embassy in London, Trafalgar Square, and All Together Now, where she lit up The Jameson Circle Stage. Her releases include the EP *Freedom* and acclaimed singles such as *God's Hands*, *What Am I*, and *Stuck in This Feeling*, noted for their genre fusion and emotional depth. Drawing on her bi-racial background, Asha explores themes of identity, self-love, and mental health, and has also appeared on RTÉ's *Songs of Ireland*, reimagining *Raglan Road*.



TEMPER-MENTAL MISSELAYNEOUS

Temper-Mental MissElayneous (Elayne Harrington) is a standout performer in Ireland's hip-hop and poetry scene, blending punk energy with sharp, complex lyricism. Performing as part of a duo with turntablist DJ FunkTom, their anarcho-punk hip-hop sound fuses rap, scratching, beatbox and bodhrán. The result is a bold, provocative and high-energy live experience.



FLYNN JOHNSON

From the heart of Blanchardstown, Flynn Johnson emerges as a commanding presence in Irish Hip-Hop, weaving narratives that capture the raw essence of Dublin life. His journey from a precocious youth to a formidable voice in Irish music is marked by raw, unfiltered storytelling. Praised for his "philosophical rhymes and introspective storytelling" (Dope Hip Hop), he continues to tackle challenging themes with finesse, standing as a compelling storyteller and reshaping modern-day Ireland's narrative.



JUSTINE NANTALE & MICHAEL CHANDA - RHYTHM AFRICANA

Justine Nantale (Uganda) and Michael Chanda (Zambia) are performers with *Rhythm Africana*, bringing vibrant African music, rhythm and dance to the stage. Combining vocals, percussion and audience interaction, their performances are energetic, uplifting and rooted in rich cultural traditions.



BRASILIDADES TRIO FEATURING LUISA ANNIBALI, WILLIAM ALEXANDRE & GAUDIE OTERO

Luisa Annibali is one of the leading lights in the newest generation of jazz musicians on the Dublin jazz scene. Having moved from Rome to Dublin in 2016, she has quickly established herself in the scene with her boundless enthusiasm and vocal prowess. Performing in Ireland, Italy and Brazil, with her original project she blends music from her native Italy with Brazilian tinges and contemporary jazz making ample room for her distinctive voice to shine through.



William Alexandre Brazilian musician and dancer bringing the energy of samba to Dublin. Passionate about teaching, performing, and connecting people through rhythm, movement, and culture.



Gaudie Otero is a Brazilian 7-string guitarist based in Dublin, Ireland. Rooted in classical technique, his playing merges the rich rhythms of Choro and traditional Brazilian music with the improvisational spirit of jazz. His music moves fluidly between tradition and modernity, shaping a distinctive and expressive sound.



SEAN O'MEARA

Sean O'Meara is a musician, composer, and singer-songwriter from Limerick. In a short period of time, he has racked up an extensive musical bio. Sean went on his first tour at the age of 16 and has been a multi-genre touring musician and recording artist since. His background is rooted in rock, pop, classical and traditional Irish music.



SOPHIE MEEHAN

Big Cosmic Telephone is the musical project of Sophie Meehan, blending dreamy indie, folk and cosmic pop into a rich, atmospheric sound. Storytelling takes centre stage via Meehan's evocative lyrics and soprano vocals. She is joined by Richard Geraghty's glimmering, shimmering tones on lead guitar. Big Cosmic Telephone performances are both intimate and expansive, seeing them play to growing audiences at venues such as Culture Night, Vintage Room sessions and Ardgillan Castle. Expect a captivating set that drifts between the grounded and the otherworldly.



DR. JOHN NUTEKPOR

Dr. John Nutekpor is a musician, performer and cultural activist whose work celebrates the rich musical traditions of Africa while creating vibrant connections between communities through live performance. Blending music, rhythm, dance and storytelling, he brings an infectious energy to the stage, inviting audiences of all ages to participate, connect and celebrate together.

Originally from Ghana and now based in Ireland, John has performed and collaborated with artists and communities across Ireland and internationally. Passionate about cultural exchange, he uses music as a powerful way to bring people together, creating uplifting and engaging performances that are full of warmth, rhythm and audience interaction.

A recent recipient of the Fingal Arts Act Grant Scheme, John continues to develop exciting collaborative projects that celebrate diversity, creativity and community through music.



GODFRED ASARE

Godfred is a Ghanaian dancer, choreographer and performer whose vibrant performances blend African traditional dance, Afro-contemporary styles, music and movement. Having performed across Africa and Europe, he brings a wealth of international experience and infectious energy to every stage.

Now based in Ireland, Godfred regularly performs at festivals, schools and community events, sharing the rich rhythms and traditions of African culture through engaging, interactive performances. His work celebrates creativity, connection and cultural exchange, encouraging audiences of all ages to join in and experience the joy of music and dance together.

Expect powerful rhythms, dynamic movement and plenty of feel-good energy.



SARAH LOUISE FINNEGAN

Sarah Louise has always loved singing and performing. Having taken part in musical theatre productions, weddings, community events and charity fundraisers over the years, she is passionate about sharing music with others. Sarah is proud to be involved with the Swords Neurodiversity Network and is delighted to be performing as part of Festival in a Van.



CLAUDIO & MATILDE

Claudio's captivating style, infused with blues and Mediterranean melodies, meets Matilde's rich harmonies and intimate musical world, shaped by songs in five different languages. Together they create a warm, atmospheric live performance that is both soulful and deeply engaging.



THERESA MCKENNA

A singer-songwriter and pianist from Drogheda, Theresa has toured internationally with *Best of Ireland* and supported artists including Emma Langford, Síomha, and Brian Kennedy. Her latest single *Blue Eyes* earned her a place on BBC Introducing Northern Ireland's *Sound of 2026*, with BBC radio describing her as "someone you'd hear on Jools Holland's New Year's Hootenanny."



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