



CLOMEL JUNCTION

ARTS 20  
FESTIVAL 20

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Early Events Brochure





# The BOATMEN of CLONMEL

Inspired by the poetry and short stories of CJ Boland (author of 'The Two Travellers' and 'The Wreck of the Gwendoline'), 'The Boatmen of Clonmel' project is a centrepiece of the 2020 Festival creating an imaginative link with our Clonmel heritage, as it brings to life the stories and people of the boatman culture.

'The Boatmen of Clonmel' is a play with music which will take place at The Boatmen Venue in Denis Burke Park, a geodesic dome which will also feature a nightly range of folk and trad music. Directed by Liam Halligan with music arranged by Dónal Clancy, it will introduce characters drawn with wit and fond good humour.

Nightly from 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July. Book on Eventbrite

The Boatmen Art Trail will exhibit artists' responses to river and boat related archival material from the Tipperary Museum of Hidden Histories collection. Exhibited along the Suir at a range of locations, the art trail will enhance the Suir Blueway and encourage people to fall in love with the river again.

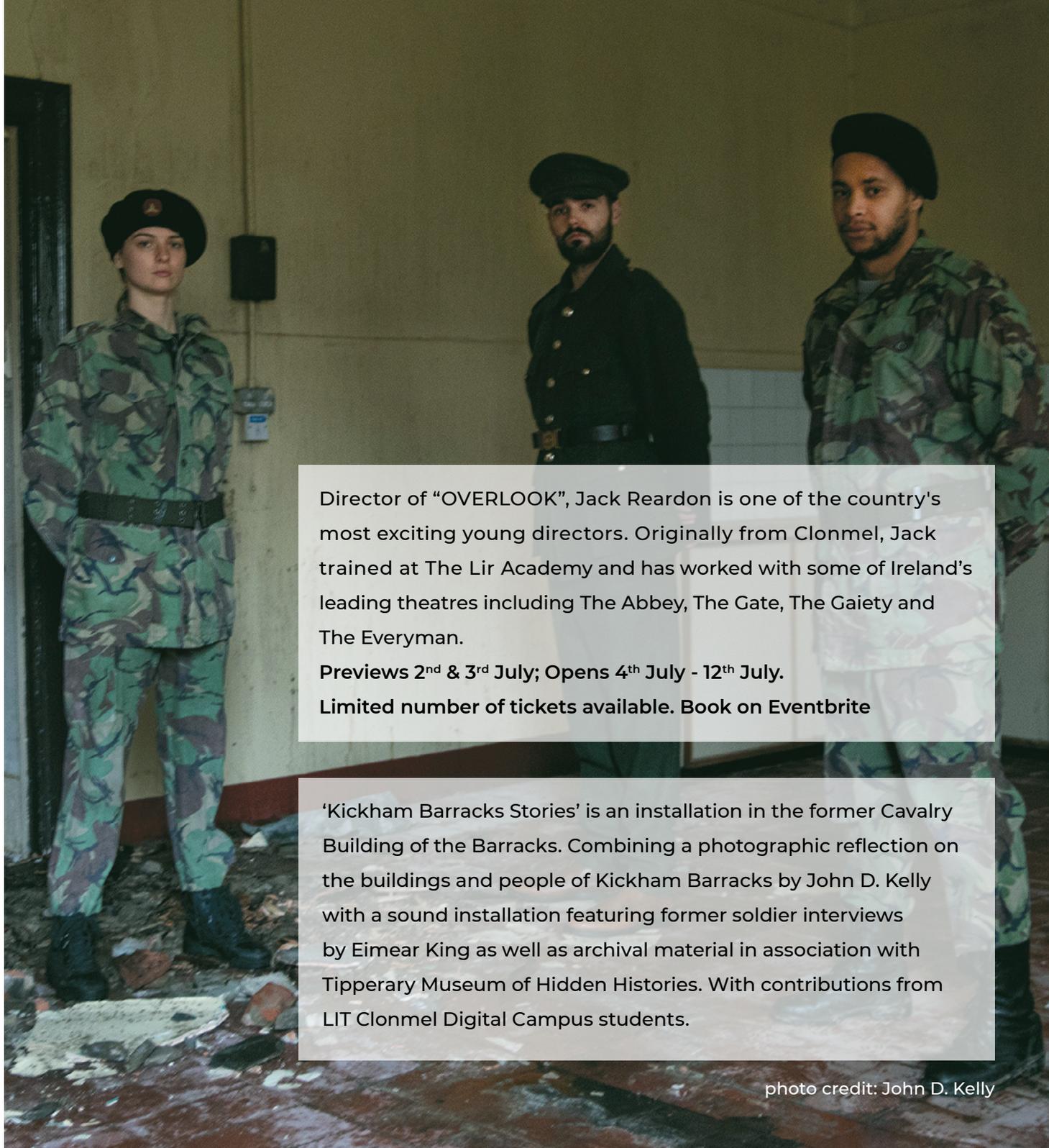


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# OVER LOOK

a military story

“OVERLOOK - A Military Story” is a unique theatrical experience, giving audiences an authentic look inside army life. Set in the atmospheric former Officers’ Mess at Clonmel’s Kickham Barracks, the audience will be taken on a journey though the world of a group of young soldiers as they prepare for military life. Devised with input from by former members of the Defence Forces, this immersive piece of theatre will look at what it takes to be a member of Óglaigh na hÉireann.



Director of “OVERLOOK”, Jack Reardon is one of the country's most exciting young directors. Originally from Clonmel, Jack trained at The Lir Academy and has worked with some of Ireland's leading theatres including The Abbey, The Gate, The Gaiety and The Everyman.

**Previews 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July; Opens 4<sup>th</sup> July - 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Limited number of tickets available. Book on Eventbrite**

‘Kickham Barracks Stories’ is an installation in the former Cavalry Building of the Barracks. Combining a photographic reflection on the buildings and people of Kickham Barracks by John D. Kelly with a sound installation featuring former soldier interviews by Eimear King as well as archival material in association with Tipperary Museum of Hidden Histories. With contributions from LIT Clonmel Digital Campus students.

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# THE VISIONARIES SYMPOSIUM

Where does creative vision come from? What inspires our most innovative artists? How do they go about putting that vision into practice on a daily basis?

Legendary composer Roger Doyle, enigmatic visual artist Ailbhe Ní Bhriain, the inspirational Adrian Jackson of Cardboard Citizens and others talk about their work, their process and their vision.

With a series of talks by each artist in the morning session and a panel discussion in the afternoon, this is a unique opportunity to gain an insight into the creative mind of truly visionary artists.

The festival will also feature a chance to engage with the artwork of each artist through a series of concerts, exhibitions, documentary screenings, and a Legislative Theatre session.

**Artist Talks on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July (10am-12:30pm)**

**Visionaries Forum on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July (2pm-4:30pm)**

**Book one or both events on Eventbrite**

Clonmel Junction Arts Festival was founded in 2001 as a celebration of touring theatre and a platform for local music. Almost 20 years later, it is established as one of the most important and interesting multi-disciplinary arts festivals in the South East.

Taking place every year in early July, Junction celebrates its name by bringing together local and international artists; audiences and practitioners; rural and urban, while providing a showcase opportunity for the many artists, musicians, writers and performers who live and work around Clonmel.

The 20th edition of Clonmel Junction Arts Festival is organised around the theme of 2020:Visionaries. From the talented artists who will share the genius of their creativity at our Visionaries Symposium, through the exciting opportunity to engage with a site-specific immersive theatre production, OverLook – A Military Story at Kickham Barracks, to the celebration of our river and its past with The Boatmen of Clonmel events, we hope to delight, inspire and engage you as you see Clonmel again, anew or for the first time.

#2020Visionaries

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