

CurrentLee Arts Festival Wednesday, 10th April Cork Opera House
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'I love the idea of CurrentLee Arts Festival. It really has something for everyone and has a sense of community at its heart'

Shane Casey, Actor

CurrentLee Arts Festival is an interactive event at Cork Opera House on the 10th of April, 2024. Overlooking the River Lee, the festival celebrates this unique city by bringing people in and of Cork together. In collaboration with Cork-based artists, we invite you to create and explore through an immersive journey within the Opera House.

Incorporating a number of events throughout the day CurrentLee Arts Festival concludes with a main evening event and utilises a variety of spaces at Cork Opera House in a celebration of Cork's past, present, and future.

The programme includes **Leeside Promenade**, a showcase of music, dance, and improve comedy in a celebration of Cork's arts scene. **Conversations with Strangers**, the closing event, is a one-off, unique across-the-table event where everyone is welcome to engage in informal and open dialogue facilitated and guided by curious and socially intriguing questions. Directed but flexible, the questions cover a range of topics and ideas, intended to lead to thought provoking yet casual and fun, conversations as strangers get to know each other.

"It's a pleasure to welcome UCC's Arts Management and Creative Producing MA students back to Cork Opera House this year and we are very much looking forward to working with them on the CurrentLee Arts Festival," said Cork Opera House CEO Eibhlín Gleeson.

"Cork Opera House is delighted to play it's part in helping this cohort of incredible arts producers emerge into the industry, CurrentLee is full of fresh and innovative programming an ideal platform for these new producers. We look forward to hosting this festival and its audience at Cork Opera House."

CurrentLee Arts Festival is produced by a new collective of Cork-based creatives composed of students from the MA in Arts Management & Creative Producing, University College Cork from around the world. Through fusing our individual passions and backgrounds, we are exploring the arts by producing a one-day festival at Cork Opera House.

The festival producers look forward to exploring the arts with their audiences at this one-day festival. They takes as their inspiration the symbolism of the Lee, the current dynamism of the City, and the magic of the Cork Opera House as a theatre for all.

Tickets are on sale from the 15th of March from www.corkoperahouse.ie or direct from the box office on (021) 427 0022.

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An outline of CurrentLee Arts Festival is available [here](#).

Notes to Editors:

This festival is in collaboration with UCC/Cork Opera House and the MA in Arts Management and Creative Producing

UCC's MA in Arts Management & Creative Producing represents the expanding programme of its School of Film, Music and Theatre and acknowledges the creative and critical role of the arts manager and producer in facilitating social engagement and enabling artists to bring great art to their audiences. Developed as part of a new partnership between UCC and Cork Opera House and inaugurated in 2019, the programme offers students with the opportunity of gaining meaningful practical experience in the professional environment of the theatre, mentorship with industry professionals, arts placements, and academic learning in a suite of modules taught by lecturers at UCC's Department of Theatre, Cork University Business School, and guest practitioners.