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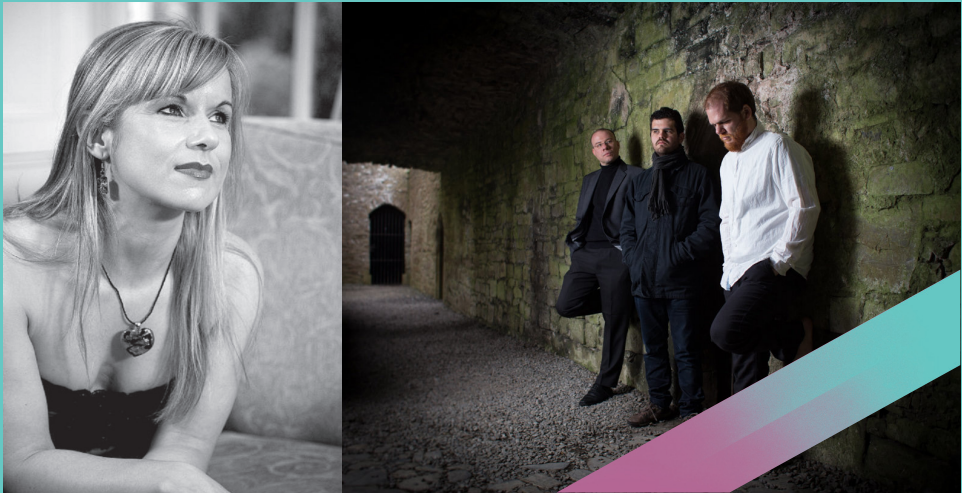
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As part of the all-of-Government Creative Ireland Programme, local authorities around the country will host their own free family friendly Cruinniú na Cásca initiatives in their own counties.

A New Day to get together and celebrate us. Cruinniú na Cásca, a Creative Ireland initiative presented by Wicklow County Council, is a free public event which will take place in venues across the county. Russborough House and Kilruddery House will celebrate culture and creativity through a rich variety of family workshops, including music, readings, surprises and more. Everybody welcome!

## Cruinniú na Cásca,

### Bray, Co Wicklow



#### Bray Jazz present

Bray Jazz Festival will celebrate 'Creative Ireland (Cruinniú na Cásca)' with a free-to-attend evening of contemporary Irish jazz at The Well (formerly St. Paul's Church) at Main St, Bray, on Easter Monday, 17th April, at 7.45pm til late.

The concert will feature two of the leading groups in contemporary Irish jazz, while also tipping it's cap to this year's global celebration of the centenary of jazz. The evening's programme will feature "Stella Sings Ella," a collaboration between leading Irish jazz singer **Stella Bass** and internationally-acclaimed guitarist **Hugh Buckley**. Their presentation celebrates the 2017 centenary of the First Lady of Song, Ella Fitzgerald, and reprises the late career collaborations with famed guitarist Joe Pass that won Grammy Awards and widespread acclaim. This double-bill will also feature CEO

**Experiment**, a highly polished piano trio who epitomize the international nature of Ireland's contemporary jazz community. The trio includes musicians who have come to Ireland from Peru, Venezuela and Hungary respectively, and will be joined for this performance by Ireland's leading jazz saxophonist, **Michael Buckley**. CEO **Experiment's** critically acclaimed debut album earned a four-star rating from The Irish Times, last year. Reservations to this concert are by e-mailing [brayjazz@gmail.com](mailto:brayjazz@gmail.com). Please include 'Creative Ireland – Bray' in the subject line of your mail. Tickets and admission will be on a first come, first served basis.

# Easter

17<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
*Cruinniú na Cásca*

# Monday

*Free Events for all the Family*



## Russborough House, Blessington, Co Wicklow

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### Rabbit and Bear with Author Julian Gough

At 12.00pm and 3.00pm – Family event for everyone aged 6 and over. Duration: 45 mins. Event in Workshop Room.

Join Rabbit and Bear series author **Julian Gough** for a reading from and workshop about his laugh-out-loud stories of friendship and wisdom as bear and rabbit annoy and help each other in equal measure, whether building snowmen or viewing the world from the tallest trees. Stories of friendship, wisdom, and how to be REALLY NOISY – so lots to explore and discover in the company of this great storyteller and this adventurous duo. ‘The sort of stories that make you want to send your children to bed early, so you can read it to them.’ Neil Gaiman

**Julian Gough** is the author of several novels, a children’s book, some BBC radio plays, and the narrative at the end of the wonderful computer game, Minecraft. His first children’s books, illustrated by the award-winning Jim Field, have been described by Eoin Colfer as ‘instant modern classics’.



### Kíla

From 3.30pm to 5.30pm – For all the family. Event in Hippodrome.

Photo by Stéphanie Gallay

A foot stomping, ‘can’t help myself ....have to dance’ experience is promised for our closing event at Russborough. **Kíla** have been hailed as one of Ireland’s most innovative and exciting bands. The eight members, come from different musical backgrounds and share a passion to create great music with an ability to absorb influences from across

the globe. With its roots in traditional Irish, **Kíla** features a strong percussive style of singing and gorgeous melodies driven by a serious rhythms. **Kíla** have created their own distinctive style of world music, which has won over audiences around the world through their nine recordings to date and their spectacular live performances.

## Kilruddery House, Bray, Co Wicklow

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### Woofle

At 11.30am, 12.45pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm – Suitable for ages 4 - 10. Duration: 30 mins

In this thirty minute show, singer-songwriter **Dan Leith** brings us lots of furry fun with Woofle – a show about one Dan and his dog with lots of silly songs. From chasing bees and getting mucky, to taking a walk and having a bath, this quirky combination of video footage and live music gives an unusual view of the ups and downs of having a dog as your best friend.

Our childhood experiences with our pets last a lifetime. Woofle is an irresistible tribute to the fun, playful and often slobbery unconditional love pets bring to our lives. Zazoos included so join in!

### Trad Concert with Eithne Ní Chatháin and Maitiú Ó Casaide

From 4.00pm to 5.00pm – For all the family

Two members of the band Ré, **Eithne Ní Chatháin & Maitiú Ó Casaide** dovetail with delightful ease from years of playing together, the pipes, whistle, fiddle and Eithne’s vocals.

**Maitiú Ó Casaide**, a Dublin based piper from the esteemed Ó Casaide family, received TG4’s Young Musician of the Year Award 2015. Maitiú is also a member of Dublin vibrant trad group The Bonnymen.

**Eithne Ní Chatháin**, a highly celebrated traditional singer and fiddle player from Co. Kildare, is well sought after for her unique, mesmerizing vocals and fluid fiddle playing style. Under the alias Inni-K, Eithne is also forging new ground with her distinct style of indie-folk.

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### Owl Bat Owl Bat and Priscilla Gorilla with Marie Louise Fitzpatrick and Michael Emberly

At 10.00am and 12.00pm – For all the family

Join children’s authors **Marie Louise Fitzpatrick** and **Michael Emberly** for readings from their latest books.

**Owl Bat Bat Owl** by **Marie Louise Fitzpatrick** is a gentle book and funny with it, but at its heart it’s about developing empathy. The little owls are motivated by fear and prejudice. Accepting the bat family onto their branch requires compromise and generosity, and at first the owls cannot rise to the occasion. Priscilla loves gorillas and she wants to be one. She dances like them, eats like them,

and wears her gorilla costume 24–7! There are so many things to love about gorillas, but what Priscilla loves best is how they seem to always get their way. Expect a few surprises during this hour long workshop and be prepared to roll your sleeves up!

**Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick** is a Dublin born, award-winning author and illustrator. **Michael Emberley** is an author and illustrator. He grew up near Boston and now lives in Wicklow where he writes and illustrates children’s books.



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### Booka Brass

From 7.30pm to 9.30pm – Family event

After numerous sold-out headline shows and star-studded collaborations **Booka Brass** join us for a very special Wicklow Easter Sunday performance at Kilruddery. Fresh from a sold-out nationwide tour alongside collaborations and live performances with Irish music heavyweights including The Frames, Lisa Hannigan, Jape and James Vincent McMorrow,

**Booka Brass** are not your ordinary brass ensemble. Expect lots of dancing from Ireland’s only New Orleans style eight-piece brass band. They are, undoubtedly, a “have to see it to believe it” type of act.

‘If you can only take in one new act this festival season, make it **Booka Brass Band**’ – The Irish Independent

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## Glenmure, Co. Wicklow

### Shekina Sculpture Garden

Open 12.00pm - 5.00pm

‘Over the years visitors have found this garden a place of tranquillity and inspiration, some calling it a peace garden, others viewing it as a place for reflection and some for celebrations.

The garden is suitable art lovers and garden enthusiasts as well as for individuals or groups (5-20) who want to spend a reflective day in a beauty-filled setting. Picnics are welcomed.