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showcases over 50 artists in over 20 venues throughout four days.

Cafes, restaurants, hotels, bars, coffee shops and music venues across Portstewart, Portrush and Portballintrae will be lit up with gigs from the finest performers across Northern Ireland. You can follow music trails in intimate venues throughout the three resorts with a different live performance taking place every hour.

Atlantic Sessions will celebrate our incredible music scene, musical heritage, hospitality, all with the backdrop of stunning coastal scenery. We will feature a series of new collaborations and curated premieres exclusively for Atlantic Sessions, NI Music Prize 2017 winner and nominees, and audiences will have an opportunity to witness our finest singer-songwriters partner together in intimate environments. The festival coincides with Causeway Coast and Glens Restaurant Week, so there has never been a better time to visit.

This year we are delighted to be working in partnership with Bushmills Irish Whiskey and Tourism Ireland for the first time, and welcoming back our Charity Partner, Help Musicians UK.

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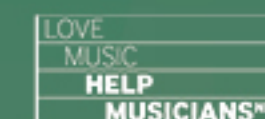
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OPENING WELCOME EVENT

Thursday 16 November
7pm – 8pm: **Admission Free**
(complimentary refreshments provided)
Flowerfield Arts Centre

*"I'm going to meet my maker/
A firm believer/ Of spirit in music/
There's a prayer in a song"*

BBC's Ralph McLean will host an opening celebration to kick off Atlantic Sessions 2017. We'll start our festival by remembering Henry McCullough, the instinctive and intuitive guitarist and proper rock and roll legend. He walked the walk from Woodstock to Wings, was proud of his North Coast roots, and passionate about helping fellow musicians in any way he could. Our opening will also feature solo performances, contributions from Causeway Coast and Glens Council, and a chance to find out more about the work of our Charity Partner, Help Musicians UK.

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THURSDAY FREE GIG GUIDE

5pm	EDELE McMAHON	Yacht Club
7pm	OPENING TRIBUTE WITH RALPH MCLEAN	Flowerfield
9pm	CAUSEWAY TRAD	Springhill Bar
10pm	BOWANA	Quay's Bar
10.30pm	THE GROOVEROBBERS	Portstewart Arms

PORTS + Prima Quartet

Supported by ROE and Sam Wickens

Thursday 16 November
8.30pm : Tickets £6
The Anchor Complex



Ports will perform a very special show accompanied by the Prima Quartet, bringing lush strings to their already big sound.

Ports released their debut album "The Devil Is A Songbird" in 2016 to critical acclaim and the music has taken them as far as the US, Canada and Australia. MTV have used two of their tracks in "Teen Wolf" and "Awkward" while their track "The Few and Far Between" was used for the NI Tourism Discover Northern Ireland TV advertising campaign. Prima Quartet were founded in 2012 in Dublin, Ireland. In the summer of 2012 the Quartet commissioned Manchester based composer Michael Doherty to write a continuous set mix featuring the music of Radiohead, the Cinematic Orchestra, Muse and Neil Hannan. No strangers to performing with PORTS, this will be a show not to be missed!

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Gareth Dunlop Rory Nellis Joshua Burnside

Followed by DJ Joe Lindsay

Friday 17 November
7.30pm : Tickets £10
The Atlantic Bar



THREE OF OUR FINEST SONGWRITERS IN ONE NIGHT

JOSHUA BURNSIDE

NI Music Prize 2017 Award Winner
JOSHUA BURNSIDE was born in Ireland, but cites the music of Colombia, Eastern Europe and North America as the greatest influences on his unique sound. He has racked up over 3 million plays on Spotify and 100,000 views on Youtube with the album being heralded a triumph by critics. Stumbling beats, found sounds, vocoders, Cumbian rhythms, electric guitar loops, devils, lightning and dark matter are just a handful of the various flavours to expect.

*'Rumbling, brooding,
powerful, magnetic'*
The Irish Times



GARETH DUNLOP

Gareth Dunlop has spent the last few years traveling between the sister cities of Belfast and Nashville (TN). The poetic vulnerability in his songs and distinctive, soulful voice has led to Gareth's music being featured in a wide array of television shows including Bones, House, Lucifer, Switched at Birth, One Tree Hill, and NASHVILLE. Over the years Gareth has toured in the UK and US opening for a diverse group of artists including Van Morrison, The Stereophonics, James Morrison and more. Gareth's debut album 'No.79' was released on August 11th this year.

*"Gareth drew me
into his experience...
he's the real deal."*

John Oates (Hall & Oates)



RORY NELLIS

Rory Nellis has been writing and performing for over 15 years in many different bands, most notably with Belfast alt-pop outfit Seven Summits. This will be the north coast launch of Rory's second album, There Are Enough Songs In The World. Rory's songs stem from musings on life, death, relationships and, occasionally, politics.

*"Owing somewhat to
Nick Drake via Nick
Cave, Nellis' blend of
heady folk and singer-
songwriter charisma is
often dark, witty and
always captivating."*

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Friday

FREE GIG GUIDE

2pm	EILIDH PATTERSON	Roughan's
3pm	VERSECHORUSVERSE	Koko
4pm	JOHN-PAUL MCCORLEY	Yacht Club
6pm	TBA	Portstewart Arms
7pm	SIMON MURPHY	Babushka
8.30pm	McGRORYS	Harry's Shack
9pm	UNA CLARKIN	Bayview Hotel
10.30pm	HUNKPAPA	Quay's Bar

Iain Archer

Saturday 18 November
4pm : Tickets £6
Sunset gig at the Arcadia



Grammy Nominee and double Ivor Novello Award Winner, Iain's goal is to write and produce songs that are lasting, undefined by their era.

Co-writing three hit singles from James Bay's debut album including the multiple platinum 'Hold Back The River' saw Iain receive an Ivor for PRS's 2016 Most Performed Work. 'Lightning Bolt' and 'Taste It' are just two of the songs co-written, produced and mixed by Iain on Jake Bugg's debut album, with co-write 'Two Fingers' receiving an Ivor Novello nomination. Iain received his first Ivor co-writing Snow Patrol's breakthrough album Final Straw, including the Number 1 hit single 'Run'.

Recent work has included highly acclaimed respected artists like Liam Gallagher, Lisa Hannigan, Frank Turner, Steve Mason, but Iain's work can also be heard in brand new artists currently breaking on Radio 1 playlist such as Fletcher Jackson who's 'Live A Lie' is produced and co-written by Iain.

**Tourism Ireland &
Champion Sound Music present**

Ryan Vail Arcadia Laser Show

Saturday 18 November
6pm: Free standing outside
Arcadia, Portrush



Champion Sound Music artist Ryan Vail brings his full A/V show to Portrush and will light up the Arcadia both inside and out, it features custom built LED lighting and 3D Video Mapping to create a full audio visual experience that will be a treat for the senses. Ryan blends the worlds of electronica, folk and classical, always experimenting combining classical instruments with unique methods of recording and composition.

His 2016 debut album "For Every Silence" was album of the week for The Irish Times and Huw Stephens on Radio One. Ryan Vail has had radio play or performed live Sessions with BBC Introducing, Other Voices, Annie Mac, Tom Ravenscroft, Across The Line, Tom Robinson, Phillip Taggart and Zane Lowe.



Brand New Friend The Holy Innocents The Emerald Armada

Followed by BBC Radio 1's Phil Taggart

Saturday 18 November
7.30pm : £8
Kiwi's Brew Bar



BRAND NEW FRIEND

"They're making a lot of noise in Belfast, a lot of my friends are talking about them...there's a lot of vibes coming out of Northern Ireland about these guys right now!" -

Phil Taggart, BBC Radio1

Fronted by siblings Taylor and Lauren Johnson, the band released their debut EP in summer 2016 led by the 2 minute instant classic American Wives, and immediately found themselves the talk of Belfast. Tipped by the Irish Mirror to be one of THE bands to look out for in the coming year, Brand New Friend have been playing incendiary shows across Ireland, including Electric Picnic, Independence and Radio One's One Big Weekend.



THE EMERALD ARMADA

The Emerald Armada have proven to be one of the most exciting live acts to come out of N.Ireland. With their EP... "Hearty Laughs & Warmer Hearts" they have shown a real progression in songwriting maturity, with wonderfully crafted songs. Combine this with endless Touring the Armada are hungry, committed and will leave you feeling alive.

"They are wonderful live, all soaring harmonies and cheeky banter"

Whatstheruckus Magazine, London



THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Following the success of their critically acclaimed debut, 2013's Letter to Lone Ridge, The Holy Innocents founder, songwriter and frontman Eamonn McNamee knew that he had to get on the road to track his spiritual roots. The result is Fortune, an album loaded with the yearning, quiet regret of Orbison, the open vistas of Springsteen, Hank (of course) even a glimpse of the Everly's and finished with a slap of Lou Reed-infused aggressive energy. It's a bit rock and roll, it's a bit country.

"A wonderful homegrown amalgam of rootsy country, rock and country rock"

Americana UK



Phil Taggart

Saturday 18 November
11pm – 1am : admisson free
 Atlantic Lounge

Phil Taggart is one of the youngest faces tearing up the night time on BBC Radio 1. Phil also fronts up all the new music vids on Vevo from DSCVR to 'Lift' to 'Ones to Watch' to writing and producing his own content for the company. Along with this Phil has his own show on Channel 4, 'Best Before' which is on its way back for another series later on in the year.

Having cut his teeth behind the decks of Northern Ireland's best nightspots, he has now moved onto the rest of the UK. Whether it be dropping club sets at Koko or XOYO in London, Ibiza Rocks support slots to Skrillex, Dizzee Rascal and Slaves or taking in sets at Wireless, Field Day, Kendal Calling, Reading and Leeds and all the rest. His vibrant and versatile sets are packed full of energy and have made him a hit wherever he travels to play.

Saturday

FREE GIG GUIDE

11am	SARA CROCKETT	The Paper Fig
12pm	TONI WHITTEN	Mine & Hers
1pm	EAMONN MCNAMEE	The Three Kings
2pm	JUNIOR JOHNSTON	Warke's
3pm	GERRY NORMAN	Koko
4pm	ANTHONY TONER	Yacht Club
6pm	RYAN VAIL LASER SHOW	Arcadia (outside only)
8pm	CUP O JOE	Portstewart Arms
9pm	AMANDA ST JOHN	Me & Mrs Jones
9pm	ANTHONY MCQUILLAN	Cromore Halt
9pm	RUNABAY	Quay's Bar
9.30pm	JOSHUA BURNSIDE (SOLO)	Harry's Shack
9.30pm	SON OF THE HOUND	Springhill Bar
10pm	WOOD BURNING SAVAGES	Anchor Bar

Sunday Brunch with Ralph McLean

Featuring Stevie Scullion,
Mandy Bingham and Paddy Nash

Sunday 19 November
12pm: £8 (Includes light bunch)
Flowerfield Arts Centre



"It's a real privilege for me to curate this year's Sunday Brunch in the Flowerfield. I've been involved with the Atlantic Sessions since it started and every year I'm always hugely impressed by the sheer scope of musical talent to grace the festival programme. This year I'm welcoming three of our very finest musical troubadours to the stage.

First up is **Stevie Scullion**. As Malojian Stevie has been making sublime sounds for years now but his latest album *Let Your Weirdness Guide You Home* is arguably his first proper psychedelic masterpiece.

Then it's the turn of **Mandy Bingham** who is one of this country's finest songwriters and performers. This year she has marked the 50th anniversary of her famous songwriting father David McWilliams passing by recording a haunting version of his song *The Days Of Pearly Spencer*. Her new album is likewise a thing of rare beauty.

Finally I've asked Derry songwriter **Paddy Nash** to come along and share some songs from his powerful new album *Gate Fever* with us. Normally surrounded by his Happy Enchiladas band this new release allows Paddy to tell his beautifully crafted stories in a laid back acoustic style. Together Stevie, Mandy and Paddy should make for a very special brunch indeed. I hope you can join me for a little musical magic."

Ralph McLean





Neil Martin & Glenn Patterson

Sunday 19 November

5pm: admission free

(but register at atlanticsession.com to ensure ticket)

Flowerfield Arts Centre



For this unique performance, Neil Martin and Glenn Patterson will draw on their extensive individual repertoires - words and music on humour and love and loss and dismay and hope and wonderment.

Neil Martin is a composer and musician with an international reputation. A cellist and an uilleann piper, he has collaborated with many leading artists, from Liam O'Flynn, Bryn Terfel, Sam Shepard, Christy Moore, Stephen Rea, Jean Butler and Barry Douglas and his ground-breaking work with the West Ocean String Quartet has been lauded globally. **Glenn Patterson** is the author of thirteen novels. His first feature film, *Good Vibrations*, was winner of the script award 2012 Dinard Festival and received a BAFTA nomination 'best newcomer' 2014. Glenn has received the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature (1988), Betty Trask Award (1988), Lannan Foundation Literary Fellowship (2008/9) and was elected to Aosdána 2007.

Sunday

FREE GIG GUIDE

1pm	TEDDY CHARLES JNR	Ocho
2pm	LAUREN BIRD	Warke's
3pm	BRIGID O'NEILL	Bayview Hotel
3.30pm	EMER MAGUIRE	Roughan's
5pm	WANDERERS	Atlantic Hotel
6pm	STEPHEN MCCARTNEY	Harry's Shack
6.30pm	TOM MCSHANE	Babushka
8pm	GOLDIE FAWN	Portstewart Arms
9pm	AMY MONTGOMERY, MICHAEL MORMECHA	Anchor Bar
10pm	MATT MCGINN	Springhill Bar



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Atlantic Sessions is delighted to be working in partnership with Bird and Bramble on the final day of our festival. Bird and Bramble is a Belfast based music initiative that is dedicated to the promotion of creativity in local artists by providing live gig opportunities, artist collaborations and industry workshops. The brainchild of Stefanie Campbell and Amy Joyce, Bird and Bramble has been running live gigs in Northern Ireland for over 2 years.

PORTRUSH TOWN CENTRE MAP



PORTRUSH VENUES

1 Portrush Yacht Club

7 Harbour Rd
Portrush BT56 8DF
T: 028 7082 3932

2 Kiwis Brew Bar

(Theatre, Venue & Cinema)
47 Main St, Portrush BT56 8BN
T: 07900 660965

3 Atlantic Bar

2 Atlantic Avenue BT56 8BW
T: 028 7082 2991

4 The Atlantic Hotel

73 Main Street
Portrush BT56 8BN
T: 028 7082 6100

5 Babushka

S Pier, Portrush BT56
T: 07787 502012

6 Koko

2 Castle Erin Road
Portrush BT56 8DH
T: 07866 247141

7 Quays Bar

63 Eglinton Street
Portrush BT56 8DZ
T: 028 7082 3889

8 Springhill Bar

15 Causeway Street
Portrush BT56 8AB
T: 028 7082 3361

9 The Arcadia

East Strand
Portrush BT56 8DZ
T: 07525 496968

10 Ocho

92-94 Main Street
Portrush BT56 8BN
T: 028 7082 4110

PORTBALLINTRAE VENUE

Bayview Hotel

2 Bayhead Rd
Portballintrae BT57 8RZ
T: 028 2073 4100

PORTSTEWART

TOWN CENTRE MAP



PORTSTEWART

VENUES

1 Cromore Halt

158 Station Road
Portstewart BT55 7PU
T: 028 7083 6888

2 Roughans Coffee Shop

16 The Promenade
Portstewart BT55 7AD
T: 028 7083 2723

3 Me and Mrs Jones

1-7 The Diamond
Portstewart BT55 7EA
T: 028 7083 4950

4 Portstewart Arms

2 Coleraine Road
Portstewart BT55 7JW
T: 028 7083 2046

5 Anchor Complex

The Promenade
Portstewart BT55 7AG
T: 028 7083 2003

6 The Three Kings

The Promenade
Portstewart

7 Warke's Deli

1 Carrig na Cule,
The Promenade Portstewart
BT55 7TD
T: 028 7083 3388

8 Harry's Shack

116 Strand Rd
Portstewart BT55 7PG
T: 028 7083 1783

9 The Paper Fig

3 Berne Rd BT55 7PA
T: 028 7083 6770

10 Flowerfield Arts Centre

Portstewart BT55 7HU
T: 028 7083 1400

11 Mine and Hers

91 The Promenade,
Portstewart BT55 7AG
T: 028 7083 4460

TOURIST INFORMATION

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RAIL SERVICES

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to Portrush changing at Coleraine.
From Dublin train services are
available to Belfast Great Victoria
Station, changing here for Portrush.
For information contact Translink
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translink.co.uk.

TRAVELLING BETWEEN PORTRUSH, PORTSTEWART AND PORTBALLINRAE

Translink operate a regular bus
service between the two towns until
11pm daily from The Promenade in
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There is also a limited service to
Portballinrae. For information
contact Translink (028) 9066 6630.

TAXIS

For local Taxi's visit or contact the
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T (028) 7034 4723.

DIRECTIONS FROM BELFAST

From the M2 take the exit to
Greencastle / Larne / Londonderry
At junction 1 exit toward Antrim /
Ballymena / Coleraine, A26
Follow signs to Coleraine and at the
Lodge Road roundabout follow signs
for Portrush or Portstewart.

FROM DUBLIN AND THE SOUTH

Join M1 following signs for Belfast
(signs for M1)
At Broadway Roundabout, take the
3rd exit onto A12/Westlink heading
to M2/M3
Exit toward Antrim/Ballymena/
Coleraine/A26 at M2
(signs for Larne/Londonderry)
Follow signs to Coleraine, from
Coleraine follow signs to Portrush.

FROM LONDONDERRY / DERRY AND THE WEST

Join the A2 and continue into
Limavady
From Limavady join the
A37 to Coleraine
From Coleraine take the
A29 into Portrush.

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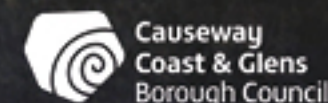
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Artists

Amanda St John • Amy Montgomery • Anthony McQuillan
Anthony Toner • Bowana • Grooverobbers • Causeway Trad
Iain Archer • Brand New Friend • Brigid O'Neill • Cup O Joe
Eamonn McNamee • Edele McMahon • Eilidh Patterson
Emer Maguire • Gareth Dunlop • Gerry Norman
Glenn Patterson • Goldie Fawn • Hunkpapa • Joe Lindsay
John-Paul McCorley • Joshua Burnside • Junior Johnston
Lauren Bird • Malojian • Mandy Bingham • Matt McGinn
McGrory's • Michael Mormecha • Neil Martin • Paddy Nash
Phil Taggart • PORTS • Prima Quartet • Ralph McLean
ROE • Rory Nellis • Runabay • Ryan Vail • Sam Wickens
Sara Crockett • Simon Murphy • Son of the Hound
Stephen McCartney • Teddy Charles Jnr
The Emerald Armada • The Holy Innocents • Tom McShane
Toni Whitten • Una Clarkin • VerseChorusVerse
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