

Encore Productions Residency Round up December 2022

As we look toward Christmas, we look back upon another busy year in Residence at An Táin Arts Centre. A fine production of Midsummer Night's Dream behind us and exciting collaborations with Artist Orlaith Cullinane, film maker Dara McCluskey and Composer Eoin Hannaway, we close the year with a 6 week film skill course with Emmet Kelly of Burning House Productions. Over the course of these workshops our actors were introduced to camera skills using professional kit and getting the most out of their own mobile phones by mastering the arts of frame and focus, pan and zoom. The group also worked with lighting rigs and boom mics. The final session brought all these skills together as they shot and acted in a short film to put their new found skills into practice. It is hoped that these skills will be employed in our residency work next year.

On 30th November we held a well-attended Poetry Night 'Winter Words' where poems written by the group were read by local actors Maeve and Jack Montgomery, Paudie Breen and Karen Shields. Music was provided by Folk Musician in Residence Brendan McCreanor and films made during lockdown By Steven Larkin with actors from Quintessence Theatre Company were also shown. The night raised 500 euros for the Irish Soup Kitchens who work to help people experiencing homelessness.

Encore Productions will be back for another year as Theatre Company in residence in 2023. Keep an eye out here and in the local media for news of our workshops and events.

We would like to wish all at An Táin Arts Centre and our community of artists and audiences a very merry Christmas and a happy and creative new year!