

PRESS RELEASE - 19th April 2021

Out of Orbit - A Once-Off Virtual Arts Festival

13-16 May 2021



OPAL PRODUCTIONS, A COLLECTIVE OF FEMALE PRODUCERS OPERATING VIRTUALLY, INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM AS THEY DRIFT OUT OF ORBIT... MAY 2021

Out of Orbit is a once-off virtual arts festival rooted in Cork city, and broadcast online around the world. It is produced by Opal Productions, a collective of twelve emerging female producers working together under the Masters in Arts Management and Creative Producing at the School of Film, Music and Theatre, University College Cork (Ireland). Featuring a comprehensive variety of artforms from music to fashion and storytelling to dance, this festival has been produced entirely online. As a virtual experience for both the creators and the audience, this unique scenario leads us to a one-of-a-kind programme running from the **13th May - 16th May 2021**. Out of Orbit welcomes audiences, both international and local, to sit back, relax, and embrace their time out of orbit. *We produce the content, you create the atmosphere.*



Opal Productions

Through twelve screens, the producers of Out of Orbit have created this festival with the aim of reconnecting audiences to the arts, artists and creative communities. Just like our audiences, we have made, unmade and remade our plans this past year. The festival has been programmed to affirm the idea that the arts are essential. Each event reflects the inspiration of our distinct backgrounds and personalities. Our aim is to provide artists and audiences the opportunity to express their resilience, celebrate creativity, harness change and be inspired by our journey **Out of Orbit**.

Across the weekend, Out of Orbit's programme provides a platform for both emerging and established artists. Wexford Folk/Indie duo **Basciville**, rising sustainable fashion designer **Bourkily Designs (Emily Bourke)**, Irish Traditional fusion band **Billow Wood**, International body music performer **Simone Mongelli**, and emerging writer **Sadhbh Kellett** who takes us on a mythological journey of exploring the pagan goddess Brigid personas, are just some of the artists who will be taking part.

Press Pack attached with relevant image/design content.

FREE EVENTS: Free events will be made available to access through our website: www.ucc.ie/outoforbit

BOX OFFICE EVENTS: Tickets will be available to purchase the **19th April** on the Out of Orbit Website: www.ucc.ie/outoforbit

DONATIONS: The producers of Out of Orbit Festival are also seeking support from the public for the realisation of their creative programme. Donations will support over 50 artists and arts workers to present work during a time of insecurity and widespread closure of the live arts sector and can be made through our website: www.ucc.ie/outoforbit

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