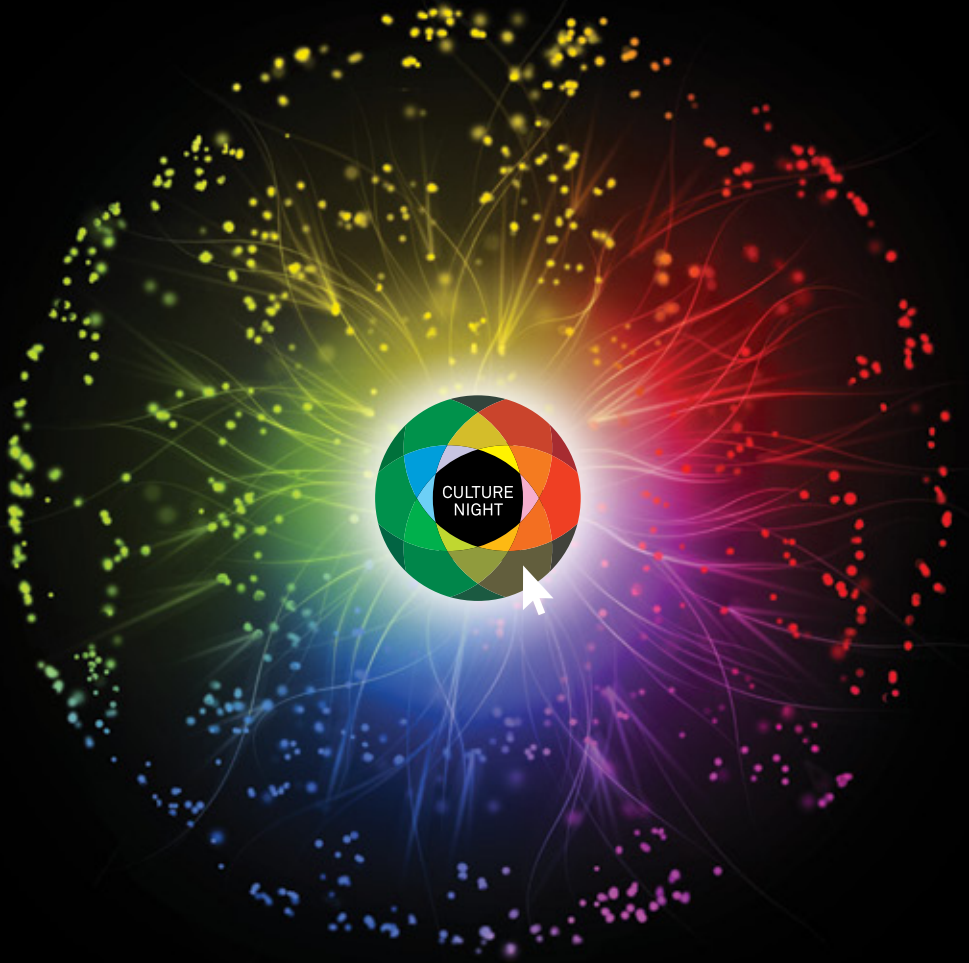


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DONEGAL 2020

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DONEGAL,
Friday 18th September,
6pm - 10pm

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Culture Night 2020

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Donegal County Council Cultural Services is proud to present their 12th annual programme of events for Culture Night, the all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts. This exceptional night of cultural festivities takes place once per year as part of a national celebration of arts, heritage and culture. Culture Night has grown steadily since its inception in 2006 with inspiring commitment from local authorities, cultural organisations and community collaborations throughout the country.

Despite the significant challenges presented by Covid 19, we have been able to create a programme that, although smaller in size than previous years and significantly reimagined, once again celebrates our unique local cultural identity. All events are, as always, completely free of charge.

We invite people of all ages to take time out to explore the richness and joy of Irish culture and heritage. This year's programme will be presented in both physical and online events allowing for people at home and abroad to connect with Donegal culture. Full listings for venues and online links are available throughout this programme and online at www.culturenight.ie

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, events on the Culture Night programme are subject to change/cancellation. We are committed to the health and safety of our participants and audience, and appreciate your understanding of this matter. We would ask that all visitors to Culture Night live events please observe and abide by the Covid 19 protocols and guidelines that have been put in place by our participating venues, in the interests of public safety at this critical time.

OFFLINE EVENTS

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The Heritage Council



Donegal County Museum

High Road, Letterkenny

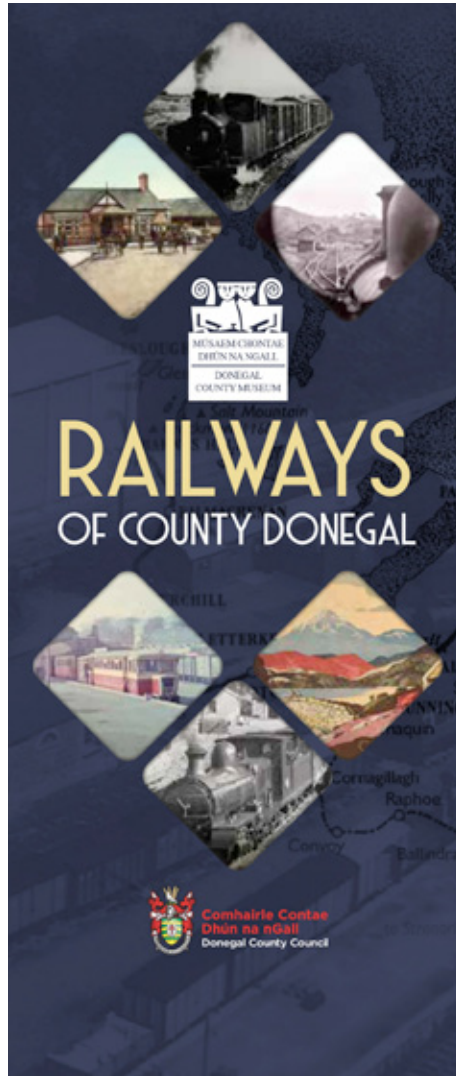
Time: 6pm - 10pm (Pre-booking Essential)

T: 074 91 24613 | **W:** www.donegalcoco.ie/culture/countymuseum

'Railways of County Donegal'

All Aboard to explore the history of the **Railways of County Donegal**. Discover more about the Londonderry & Lough Swilly (L&LSR), County Donegal Railways (CDR) & The Great Northern Railway (GNR). This exhibition features the photographs of A M Davies, who travelled the lines around County Donegal during the 1950's and 1960's.

Numbers will be strictly limited in line with current Government Guidelines. Booking is essential. T: 074 91 24613.



Regional Cultural Centre

Port Road, Letterkenny

Time: 6pm - 10pm (Pre-booking Essential)

T: 074 91 29186 | **W:** www.regionalculturalcentre.com

Plastic: Can't Live With It Can't Live Without It RCC Gallery 1 6pm - 10pm

Plastic has great power, and with great power comes great responsibility. It has changed our daily lives and our environment more than any other material. The unsustainability of our relationship with plastic is well documented, but to stop using plastic is not an option. Its use has revolutionised industrial design, and more essentially, modern medicine relies on plastic so heavily that even the most basic medical procedures would be unimaginable without it.

This exhibition features over 20 Irish and international contemporary artists and was produced with the support of **Science Foundation Ireland**. It is the Science Gallery at **Trinity College Dublin's** first national touring exhibition.

The exhibition will be unique to each location with the addition of two new artworks commissioned for each of the five venues. The artworks are co-created with the community to include input from the local community about plastic and will reflect their cultural history, place and the relationship between its people and their environment. Musical artist **Ed Devane** will create art pieces for Donegal.



Liz Doyle: Exhibition of New Work RCC Gallery 2 6pm - 10pm

Liz Doyle is a contemporary painter and printmaker based in County Donegal. Texture and surface play a big part in Doyle's work, where vivid colours and shapes form land masses, vessels and landscapes. Processes such as pouring and the taking of 'prints' by lifting areas of wet paint from one work and transferring it to another result in vibrant colours and rich surfaces.

Numbers will be strictly limited in line with current Government Guidelines. Booking is essential. T: 074 9129168.

An Grianán Theatre

Port Road, Letterkenny

Time: 7pm (Pre-booking Essential)

T: 074 91 20777 | **W:** www.angrianan.com



The Morrigan

For Culture Night 2020, An Grianán Theatre presents **The Morrigan**, a highly energetic physical show with slapstick comedy suitable for all the family, written and performed by **Louise Conaghan**.

The Ancient Irish Gods and Goddesses have been roused from their slumber!

This clown...ahem...goddess must find a way back to the Otherworld but before she does, she wants to know what on earth has been happening, since she last walked it.

Numbers will be strictly limited in line with current Government Guidelines.

Booking is essential.

You can book by phone on 074 91 20777 from Monday 14th September at 10am.

The Central Library

Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny

Time: 5pm - 7.30pm (Pre-booking Essential)

T: 074 91 24950 | **W:** www.donegallibrary.ie

Central Library and Europe Direct Information Centre presents a programme of history and Heritage for Culture Night.



Behind the scenes in the Library

6.00pm-7.30pm

Staff at the Central Library Letterkenny have spent the last 30 years gathering every article, book and author associated with Donegal into one library, we call this the **Donegal Studies Collection**. During this short tour, you will learn about the resources we have available for you to trace your Donegal ancestors or research the history of the county. See a snapshot of Donegal as it was, from **Mícheál Ó'Cléirigh** and the four Masters to poteen making in Inishowen. The lives of **Isacc Butt** to **Daniel O'Donnell** and the changing landscape of the county from the first ordnance survey maps of 1835 through to the new A5.

This tour will run every 20 minutes with a maximum of 5 people.



The Jessica Harkin Family Magic Show

Show 1: 5.00pm - 5.30pm

Show 2: 6.00pm - 6.30pm

Show 3: 7.00pm - 7.30pm

Jessica Harkin is an award winning professional magician from Donegal. Prepare to be amazed by Jessica's illusions and sleight of hand in a show that promises to get your Culture Night off to a magical start.

This show will last 30 minutes with a maximum of 8 people per show. So please join us for an evening of Donegal craic and magic.

Strictly Booking only, no drop-ins please. Social distancing and masks will be worn at all times. T: 074 91 24950.

Wild Days Out

Drumboe Woods, Stranorlar

Time: 6pm - 7pm (Pre-booking Essential)

W: www.wilddaysout.com

A Guided Walk: In the Company of Trees

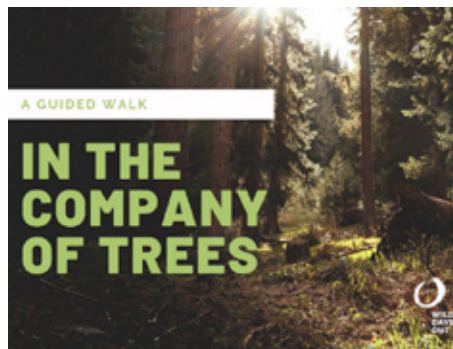
Leah Fairman of **Wild Days Out** is a walking guide and proponent of spending mindful time outdoors to increase our wellbeing.

This Culture night, she invites you to rediscover your tree roots in the beautiful Drumboe Woods in Stranorlar. Permeating cultures, religions, folklore, industry, and our day-to-day lives, trees are one of our most important natural resources and an important window on who we are as a people.

The increasing divide between society and the natural world means many of us are forgetting the stories of trees and how they connect and support us in our living environment. Using simple mindful walking techniques this walk will lead us on a journey to reconnect with and rediscover the stories of the trees that share our world.

Pre-booking is essential as tickets are limited due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Booking via
www.eventbrite.ie/e/culture-night-in-the-company-of-trees



Artlink Fort Dunree

Linsfort, Buncrana, F93 C424

Time: 7pm - 9pm (Pre-booking Essential)

E: info@artlink.ie

Signs of Biodiversity

A celebration of creativity and biodiversity at **Amach Anseo Community Garden** at The Potting Shed

- Including seed and plant swap
- Climate Clamour Choir
- Unveiling of the refurbished garden area and hand crafted signage
- Moving image projection

Attendance is strictly limited please contact info@artlink.ie



ONLINE EVENTS

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

6PM - 10PM



Online Event

Biodiversity in your Back Garden: Five New Films from Donegal Gardens

View From 6pm

Donegal County Council YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/wwwdonegalcocoie

For Culture Night, **Donegal County Council's Culture Division** presents a series of short videos of ways in which you can care for the nature on your doorstep or the biodiversity in your back garden. Our response to the biodiversity emergency declared by the Irish government in May 2019 requires a culture change in our attitudes. That culture change can lead to increased appreciation and enjoyment of our wildlife, family and community engagement with nature and learning more about the biodiversity in your back garden.

Building on the success of the 'Gardening for Biodiversity' booklet commissioned by **Local Authority Heritage Officers**, the short films draw upon the expertise of ecologists, zoologists, gardeners and heritage professionals to share their advice on making your gardens, green spaces or towns more wildlife friendly, planting native trees and flowers, fostering habitats for our fauna and supporting our bees in the important work that they do in terms of pollination.

Featured local gardens and experts include **Liz and Ralph Sheppard** on their farm at

Carnowen House, Raphoe; **Elizabeth Temple** at Salthill Gardens, Mountcharles; **George McDermot**, Buncrana Town Gardener; **Joanne Butler** at OURganic, Gort a' Choire and **Angus Kennedy** of Nature North West, Ramelton.

These films have been funded by Donegal County Council and The Heritage Council, as part of the implementation of the Donegal Heritage Plan and for Culture Night. For more information, please see www.polinators.ie and www.biodiversityireland.ie.



An Chomhairle Oideachais
The Heritage Council

Online Event

Little John Nee: Songs and Stories from Radio Tullyglen

View From 6pm

Donegal County Council YouTube:
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Little John Nee drops a leaky big bucket down into the deep well of his Donegal songs and stories drawing them up into the moonlight that spills into Radio Tullyglen on Culture Night via the virtual long acre that is you tube!

A favourite story from The Derry Boat, a song from Tea Dance, a trip to a jazz farm and a slow tango for a socially distanced pandemic dance. As well as creating this event for our programme, we are delighted that Little John is also our county Ambassador for 2020. He had this to say about his role.

"I am happy for this opportunity to do what I love doing; celebrating Donegal artists and the beautiful odd way we go about things in this beautiful odd place".

www.littlejohnnee.com

Online Event

Where I'm From - A Transatlantic Youth Writers Project

View From 6pm

Donegal County Council YouTube:
www.youtube.com/user/wwwdonegalcocoie



This summer Donegal County Council Cultural Services worked with Chicago based **Young Chicago Authors (YCA)** to create a transatlantic youth writers workshop. 12 young people from **Donegal Youth Service** and the **KidsOwn** young writers group joined a cohort of 12 young people from the YCA summer artistic internship program.

They came together over Zoom for a workshop hosted by YCA artistic director and teaching artist **Kevin Coval** in an exchange session which incorporated a poetry writing prompt centered on themes of identity and home. The recording of this facilitated discussion about youth culture of Chicago and Donegal and their creative share out has been made into a short film to be screened on Culture Night.

www.youngchicagoauthors.org
www.kidsown.ie
www.donegalyouthservice.ie

Treehouse Presents

View From 6pm

Donegal County Council YouTube:
www.youtube.com/user/wwwdonegalcocoie



Treehouse, the production entity formed by noted South Donegal musicians **Keith Mannion** (slowplacelikehome) and **Patsy O'Kane**, have created a series of filmed performances by four artists from the North West – **Mirenda Rosenberg** and **Alan Finan** from Donegal, and **Aoife Boyle (Reevah)** and **Connor McGowan (Ego The Jackal)** from Derry – especially for the forthcoming Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival.

Here's a wee taster of what you can expect, over four nights of the festival!

Email: thetreehousepresents@gmail.com
www.donegalbaybluestacks.ie

Donegal Travellers Project: #DiversityAware 'Donegal Says Black, Traveller, Roma Lives Matter'.

View From 6pm

Intercultural Donegal Facebook:
www.facebook.com/Intercultural-Donegal-440860003312806/



Donegal Travellers Project is an independent, locally based community development organisation working for and with the Traveller and Roma Community in Donegal. They are proud to showcase two short videos from the Building Intercultural Communities Project (funded through EU's Peace IV Programme). Tune in to find out more about the **DiversityAware** training programme and the **Black, Traveller & Roma Lives Matter** solidarity event which took place in the summer of 2020.

www.donegaltravellersproject.ie/diversity-aware/

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Mocking Bird Theatre: The Final Cut

View From 6pm

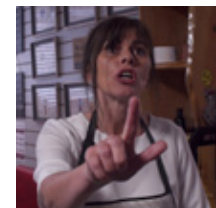
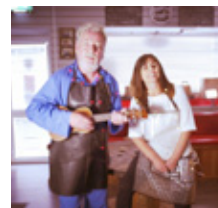
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Mockingbird Theatre presents a short (back and sideways) film about two barbers who reunite for one last haircut during the Lockdown Crisis - proving that we are never truly apart from the one we love.

Featuring **Anne Gallagher** and **Ronan Carr**.
 Written and directed by Ronan Carr

Mockingbird Theatre were formed three years ago to bring original and innovative plays to the northwest. Credits include "The Barber of Moville", "Emmet of Arabia" and "Waiting Tables for Godot".



Wild Swans: 'Forgotten Places' Online Exhibition

View From 6pm

www.facebook.com/regionalculturalcentre
www.regionalculturalcentre.com



During the initial 2020 lockdown, **Wild Swans** in conjunction with **Bbeyond**, invited artists to collaborate in the project 'Forgotten Places', a series of performances which took place in Girona, Spain and Fanad, Co. Donegal in August 2020. The project offers an introduction to performance art with 10 performances by Donegal and Spain based and Bbeyond artists.

'Forgotten Places' explores our sense of place and space and the artist's specific responses to site, place and memory of a space. It captures how we create out of primal spatial experiences and how we embody feelings and images.

Wild Swans was founded by artists **Denys Blacker**, Girona, Spain and **Bernadette Hopkins** Co. Donegal, Ireland as a performance art exchange project between Spain and Donegal, supported by Bbeyond Performance Art, Belfast.

www.regionalculturalcentre.com

Regional Cultural Centre: RCC Sessions

View From 10pm

www.facebook.com/regionalculturalcentre
www.regionalculturalcentre.com



Late night music broadcasters **Paul McDevitt** and **Jimmy Stafford** curate a selection of specially filmed live sets by a host of their local favourites.

Featuring **Maria McCormack**, **Jonathan Smeaton**, **Sheerbuzz**, **Mark Black** and **Without Willow**.

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www.regionalculturalcentre.com



Glebe Gallery: Tory Island Folk Art

View From 6pm

Glebe Gallery YouTube
www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfkJn16mcWk&feature=youtu.be



Derek Hill lived in Donegal from the mid 1950's until his death in 2000. His greatest contribution to Irish art was his relationship with the Tory Island painters. He encouraged his friends on Tory to become artists and championed their unique work.

This film explores the early history of Tory Island Folk art, beginning with Derek's first visits to the island and **James Dixon**, and looks at the incredible legacy the **Tory artists** continue to create.

Many of the artworks explored in this film are currently on exhibition in the Glebe Gallery, open daily (11am – 6.30pm) until November.

www.glebegallery.ie

Disturbance Presents Fierce Pit Bosses

View From 9pm

Disturbance Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/DisturbanceLetterkenny



Disturbance returns for our first show of 2020! And our first live stream at that. With all the struggles that live music in particular has had this past few months, it's time to take stock and appreciate the absolute wealth of musical talent on our doorstep.

For this stream we will have local alt punkers **Fierce Pit Bosses** for an unforgettable gig streamed direct to the comfort of your own home from the Disturbance Facebook page.

The band will be playing a full set, giving some insight into the songs, letting us know what they've been doing to keep busy during the pandemic with so many less opportunities to play live, and we will also have some surprises along the way.

Wild Atlantic Women hosted by Brí Carr Music

View at 7pm

WAW Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/WildAtlanticWomenDonegal



Established in 2015 by **Brighdín Carr** of Brí Carr Music, the Wild Atlantic Women (WAW) Donegal, are an ever-growing network of talented well-known local female artists from all over the county, collaboratively creating waves through many genres and tastes. A special edition of Wild Atlantic Wednesdays with WAW will be screened on Culture Night from Brí's own hometown of Ramelton. This special edition will highlight some new material from new as yet unreleased albums from some of the WAW, including **Maria McCormack**, **Hannah Nic Phaidín** and **Brí Carr Music**... and of course a few surprises!

T: 086 400 6430
bricarrmusic@yahoo.com

On Cue Cultural & Performing Arts present MASK LIFE

View From 6pm

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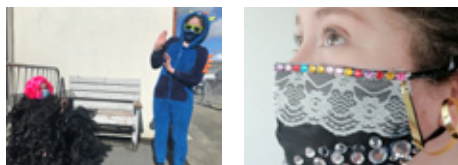


Over a period of 4 weeks the students at **On Cue** created masks and costumes that represent life in the 'new normal' to demonstrate a positive and artistic outlook on what has been and continues to be a very unsettling time.

Each costume will have a theme around the design such as 'Back to School', 'Prom Night', 'Christmas' and many other events that the young artists feel are special or of importance to them

This youth led project will be presented as a short film collage on Culture Night 2020.

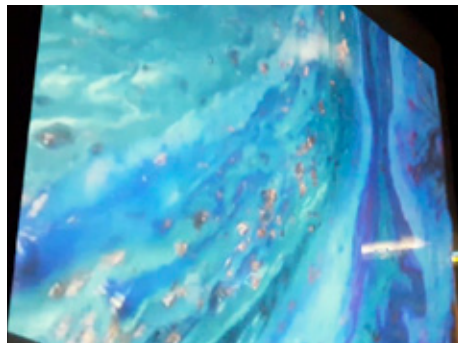
T: Nora Marie Kavanagh 086 199 5949



Short Film Works at Artworks Picture Framing

View From 8pm

www.facebook.com/regionalculturalcentre



A yearly treat. **Artworks Picture Framing** presents a selection of locally-made short film works. A variety of local independent filmmakers including **Daniel McGarrigle**, **Charlie Doherty**, **Steve McCollum**, **Ruth Keogh** and **Steven Crane**, amongst many others, will showcase some of their recent work.

Artworks Picture Framing, Letterkenny
T: 087 763 7686.



Jessica Peoples & ZoNa Dance

View From 6pm

ZoNa Dance YouTube

www.youtube.com/channel/UCCJxqWpTxLeIA4PEsEmmEGQ



Jessica Peoples and her company extend an invitation to watch a Showcase Performance by our Dance Ensemble 'From Within', this special NEW work will explore the moment within each person.

ZoNa Dance Company has established themselves as the premiere classical dance school in the Northwest for both children and adults; with renowned performances and internationally experienced instructors. Jessica Peoples not only drives the passion of ZoNa Dance with her vision of inspiring children and adults to love the art of dance but she also seeks to foster a curiosity and wonderment to explore classical dance movement in a safe and open environment.

T: 086 822 2189
E: zonadanceco@yahoo.ie
W: www.zonadanceco.com

Cathedral Quarter Present

View From 6pm

National Library Website
www.nli.ie



To mark the completion of the The Lawrence Collection Mural on the Gable End of No. 2 Church Lane, **Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter** invites you to spend some time this Culture Night exploring this incredible collection via **The National Library of Ireland**.

In 2020, the group commissioned Artist **Ciaran Dunlevy** to paint a Mural of the Iconic photograph of the Church Lane and St Eunan's Cathedral from the Lawrence Collection taken at the turn of the 20th century.

View the entire collection via the National Library website: www.nli.ie

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