

Coole Park
Winter Programme
2006

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CULTURAL AND HERITAGE PROGRAMME 2006

OCTOBER

HERITAGE

Wednesday 18th October, 8:00pm – 9:00pm

'The Fertile Rock and Coole Park'. A series of Six lectures on the extraordinarily rich heritage of the Burren and Coole Park. This series is a collaboration between the Burren Life Project and the NPWS. Further information: 091 631804 / 087 2925487. Wednesdays at 8pm.



Lecture One. Illustrated lecture by Elaine O'Riordan, Project Manager 'People and Nature' The Galway County Biodiversity Project and Elaine Keegan, Biodiversity Officer, Clare County Council. Admission free, all are welcome on a first come first served basis.

HERITAGE

Wednesday 25th October, 8:00pm – 9:00pm

'The Fertile Rock and Coole Park'.

Lecture Two. *Farming for Conservation in the Burren.* Illustrated lecture by Dr Brendan Dunford, Director Burren Life Project and founder of Burren Beo.

TRADITIONAL ARTS / FAMILY EVENTS

Saturday 28th October, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

The Cooley-Collins Festival: Puppet Theatre and Musical Storytelling

2:00pm - 3:00pm Spring Onion Puppet Theatre present ***Androcles and the Lion***, a panoramic spectacular of music and peril. Androcles, a kind hearted African boy, goes to the aid of an injured Lion, only for both to be captured by the evil Slyrenious, animal catcher. What fate awaits poor Androcles?



True Magic, National Gallery of Ireland. Suitable for children aged 6+ and adults.

2:00pm - 2:45pm Musical Stories from around the world, with storyteller and multi-instrumentalist Toby Kinsella. Suitable for children 4-8 with parents.

3:30pm - 4:30pm Music and stories from Brazil, with Toby Kinsella. Join Toby in this special interactive show with Brazilian percussion instruments and hear his story from the Amazon, 'Kibungo' or 'Last Chance Dance'. Toby Kinsella has visited Brazil and in his own words has 'a special grá for this amazing country, its music and people'. A special event for the Brazilian community – all are welcome.

Organised by the Cooley-Collins Festival in partnership with The Friends of Coole. Funded by The Arts Council.

TRADITIONAL ARTS

Sunday 29th October, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

The Cooley-Collins Festival: Lecture on Musical Heritage

From Aughty to Ellis: Exploring the music of South East Galway among its diaspora in North America. Illustrated lecture with recordings presented by Tim Collins M.A., and Fulbright scholar, highly acclaimed musician and concertina tutor.

Organised by The Cooley-Collins Festival in partnership with The Friends of Coole.

NOVEMBER

HERITAGE

Wednesday 1st November, 8:00pm – 9:00pm

'The Fertile Rock and Coole Park'

Lecture Three. *Migrant Birds in the Wetlands of the Coole Park and Burren regions.* Illustrated lecture by Dr John Murphy, BirdWatch Ireland.

FAMILY EVENT / PUPPET THEATRE

Saturday 4th November, 2:30pm Puppet Show

Branar presents *Na Síoga agus An Gréasaí / The Elves and the Shoemaker*, by Marc Mac Lochlann and directed by Miquel Barceló. The Show is 45 minutes and suitable for ages 4-10.

Come and see this wonderful story through the eyes of Sé and Sí, the two elves who come to help the old, poor shoemaker. Live music and the magical puppets make this a wonderful production. Cuireann Branar i láthair *Na Síoga agus an Gréasaí*, le Marc Mac Lochlainn agus Stiúithóir Miquel Barceló. Insítear an leagan nua seo den scéal trí shúile Sé agus Sí, beirt sióg a thagann i gcabhair ar an nGréasaí atá i bponc.



HERITAGE / ARCHITECTURE

Wednesday 8th November, 8:00pm – 9:00pm

'The Fertile Rock and Coole Park'.

Lecture Four. *Vernacular Architecture in the Burren.* Illustrated lecture by Fidelma Mullane M.A., Geographer and specialist consultant in vernacular architecture.

VISUAL ARTS / HERITAGE

Monday 13th November, 8:00pm – 9:30pm

Nature and Art Workshop. Art Workshop for adults with artist, Gordon d'Arcy based on the birds and animals of Coole. How well do you know your birds and animals? Come along to a nature art workshop with Gordon d'Arcy. Please bring own sketch materials.

HERITAGE / ARCHAEOLOGY

Wednesday 15th November, 8:00pm – 9:00pm

'The Fertile Rock and Coole Park'.

Lecture Five. *Sacred Places of the Burren.* Illustrated lecture by Olive Carey and Clodagh Lynch on the holy places of the Burren and the study undertaken for the Clare Ecclesiastical Survey. Olive has a degree in Archaeology and History and Clodagh has a degree in Classical Civilisation.

TRADITIONAL ARTS / MUSIC

Saturday 18th November, 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Adding a Link to the Chain. Illustrated Talk by Kathleen Loughnane, harpist and member of Dordán. Kathleen explores the roots of Irish traditional music illustrating her talk with samples of music collected in the 18th century, from musicians who had learned their tunes orally.

HERITAGE

Sunday 19th November, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Discover the Winter Wonders of the Woods of Coole. A guided walk exploring the winter wonders of the woodlands of Coole with Dr Sasha Bosbeer, a forest ecologist specialising in conservation and restoration of native woodlands. Suitable for adults and older children. Please bring suitable walking boots and rained gear. Duration 2 hours. Meet at Coole Park Visitor Centre.

Wednesday 22nd November, 8:00pm – 9:00pm

'The Fertile Rock and Coole Park'.

Lecture Six. *The National Parks and Wildlife Service in the Burren National Park.* Illustrated lecture by Emma Glanville, Conservation Ranger for the Burren National Park.



MUSIC

Saturday 25th November 8:00pm – 9:00pm



A.M.E.N. - Nóirín Ní Riain's latest project, is an innovative and highly unique family sound. A.M.E.N. - described as 'the true music of the spirit' comprises of internationally acclaimed spiritual singer, Nóirín Ní Riain and her two sons, Eoin and Mícheál. Their repertoire is a collage of personal songs primarily spiritual but also secular.

HERITAGE

Wednesday 29th November, 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Squirrels in Ireland: Protecting the red squirrel from the alien grey.

Illustrated lecture by Dr. Colin Lawton, lecturer in Dept. of Zoology, NUIG. Colin has been researching Irish squirrels since 1995, investigating both the impacts and control of grey squirrels and the conservation of red squirrels. He will review the current status of the two squirrels in Ireland, investigate the extent of the problems the grey squirrel is causing and discuss the work being conducted to rectify the problem and conserve the native mammal species.

DECEMBER

FILM / SCANNÁN

Saturday 2nd December 8:00pm - 9:30pm

Special Screening of ***Mise Éire***. Epic history of the 1916 period from contemporary film sources. Stair an éirí amach ó fhoinsí comhaimseartha. Stiúrthóir/Director: George Morrison. Ceol: Seán Ó Riada. Le caoinchead Gael-Linn. By kind permission of Gael-Linn. Admission free, all are welcome on a first come, first served basis.

MUSIC

Wednesday 6th December, 7:30pm

Student Concert: Coole Music - Cello, Melodeon, Violin/Viola.

Clare Sawtell, cello; Mary O' Sullivan, melodeon; Katharina Baker violin/viola.

Saturday 9th December, 4:30pm and 6.30pm

Student Concerts: Coole Music.

For details please contact Coole Music at 086 3467246



Sunday 10th December, 4:30pm and 6:30pm

Student Concerts: Coole Music.

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PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARTS AND HERITAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMME WINTER 2006:

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2006

All primary schools in County Galway and schools in North Clare have been invited to participate in the education programme in Coole Park. The details of the 2006 programme are:

VISITOR CENTRE ACTIVITIES

- Guided Tour of New Exhibition with Hilda MacLochlainn
- Screening of a selection of FIONN Science Project DVD's
- Audio Visual on Lady Gregory

NATURE RESERVE ACTIVITIES

Preparatory talk in visitor centre followed by field trips in Coole Nature Reserve with 1 of 3 leaders: Gordon D'Arcy, Dr. Colin Lawton or Elaine O'Riordan.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME / DRAMA

Tuesday 17th October, 2:00pm

The **Beckett** Production presented by Galway Youth Theatre in Gort Community School. This production, a series of Beckett's works presented in one show, was commissioned by Poetry Ireland and is being toured to schools in County Galway by Galway County Council and programmed by Galway Youth Theatre.



BABORÓ ON TOUR

Baboró presents its tenth festival this year with their stated mission: *'To explore with children the wonder of their world through the magic of creative expression'*. As part of Baboró 2006, the festival returns to Coole Park with an enchanting show for young children.

Wednesday 18th October

Banyan Theatre of Northern Ireland present three performances of ***The Emperors New Clothes*** for local schools. Suitable for 4 to 7 yrs.

Two swindlers come into town pretending to be master tailors. The vain Emperor summons



them to fashion him a set of clothes the like of which had never been seen before. This familiar timeless tale is presented in a fresh and clever style using a variety of puppets and objects. It is topped off with jazz music and loads of humour. **Organised by Babor in partnership with The Friends of Coole & the NPWS. Funded by the NPWS.**

CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

Friday 27th October, 10:30 am – 11:30 am and 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Poetry Workshops. Celebrating the art of reading and writing poetry with Terry McDonagh, Poet and Dramatist. Two workshops for children aged 9-12 in Coole Park and in Gort Library.

Organised by The Friends of Coole in partnership with Galway County Library.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME- NATIONAL MUSEUM OF COUNTRY LIFE TURLOUGH PARK

Tuesday 21st November 10:30am-2:30pm

Staff from the Education and Outreach Department of the National Museum of Country Life, Turlough Park will travel to Coole Park to facilitate three workshops. Tom Doyle and Rebecca Dobson will facilitate workshops in 'Traditional Clothing' 'Weaving' and 'Investigating Objects'. Suitable for ages 7+

Organised by The Friends of Coole and NPWS in partnership with the National Museum of Country Life, Turlough Park

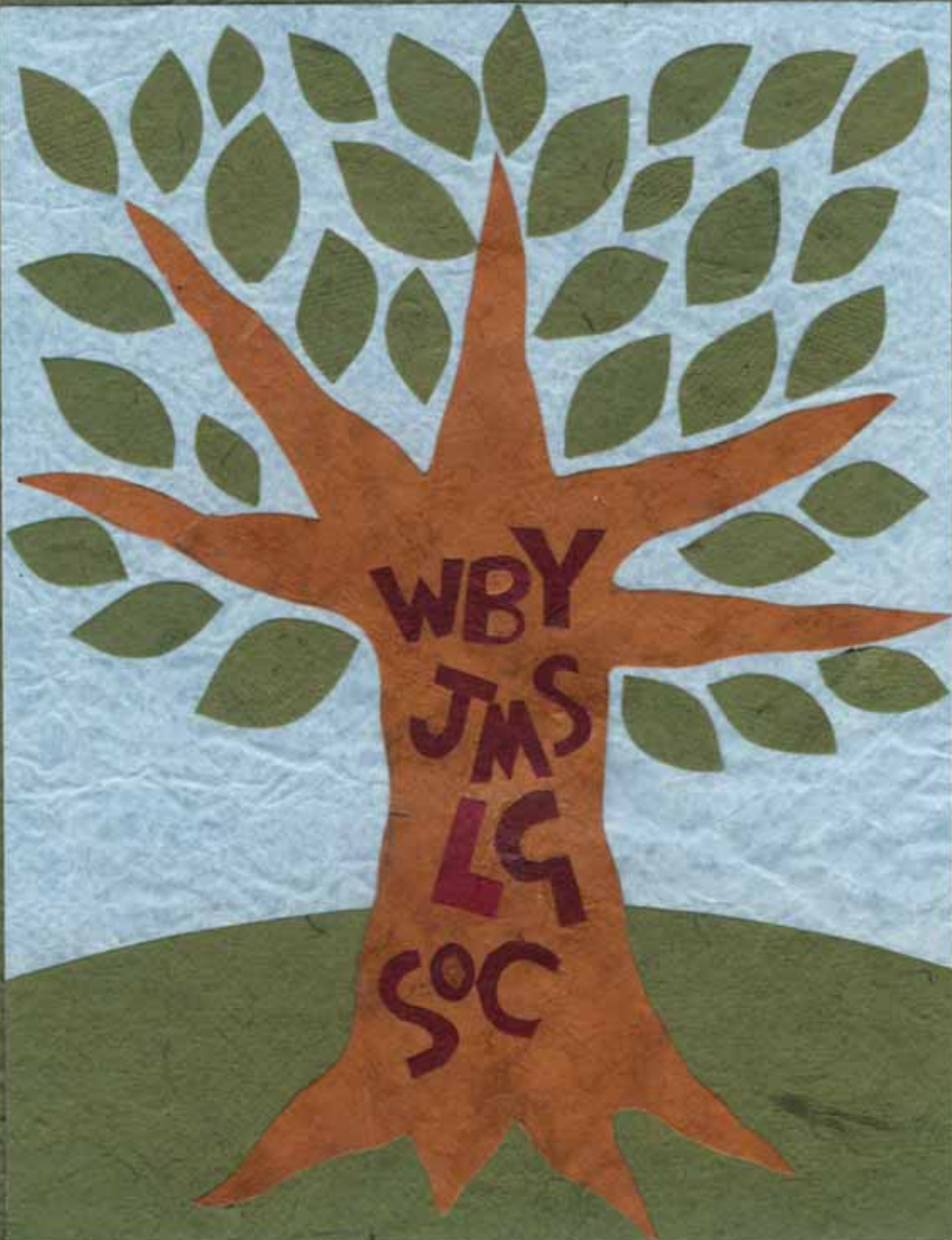


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On the great stem, smooth as parchment, of a copper beech whose branches sweep the ground...many a friend who stayed here has carved the letters of his name.

Lady Augusta Gregory