

Galway City & County Arts e-Newsletter June 2008

Welcome to the Galway City & County Arts e-Newsletter!

Galway City & County Arts e-newsletter contains information about current and forthcoming exhibitions, arts events and arts opportunities in and for all of Galway.

This month's newsletter is stuffed with great arts activities. We hope you can all come and support the myriad of events taking place in June. Well done, to everyone involved in making it all happen.

The City and County can boast of really superb arts activity: we may not have been able to include absolutely everything taking place in Galway right now. If you have been left out please make yourselves known to us and we will include you in future newsletters.

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Galway City and County Councils - working together to support the Arts
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FUNDING

Galway City Council: Arts Grants to Organisations

The grants are for organisations working on professional, amateur and community based contemporary arts projects taking place in Galway City in 2008. Applicants must be not-for-profit organisations. Further details, advice and assistance from the City Arts Office.

Closing date for applications is June 12th. Full details and application form are available on www.galwaycity.ie or by calling to City Hall, College Road, Galway, or by ringing 091 536 546 or emailing jharrold@galwaycity.ie

Galway County Council: Individual Artist Bursaries 2008 Artist Bursary Awards;
Galway County Council The Arts Office invites applications for the 2008 Artist Bursary

Awards. This fund provides funding to individual artists. Galway County Council will offer bursaries in respect of the professional development of individual artists practising in any of the artistic disciplines (Film, Literature, Music, Visual Arts etc). Application forms are available from the Arts Office, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway. Tel: 091 746865 or email: bcunningham@galwaycoco.ie Application forms are also available on Galway County Council's website www.galway.ie Fully completed application forms for all of the above schemes/ grants must be returned not later than 5p.m. Wednesday 25th June 2008 to the Arts Office, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway.

Artist in the Community Scheme 2008 Twice yearly, the Arts Council offers grants to enable artists and communities of place or interest to work together on projects. The scheme covers all art forms. The Artist in the Community Scheme is managed by **Create**, the national development agency for collaborative arts, providing services for arts development and collaborative arts practice in Ireland. The aim of the scheme is to encourage intense collaboration between communities of place and/or interest and artists, culminating in an artwork or a project in which the members of the community group and the artists work together in order to realise an artistic project or an event. It is essential that meaningful consultation take place between the artist and the community group, so that both parties are involved in deciding on the nature of the project. Group ownership of the art should be maintained at every stage.

There are two phases to the scheme:

Phase One, Research & Development, is open to artists who wish to research and develop a project in a community context. Maximum time frame is 3 months. The maximum amount awarded in Phase One is €1,000.

Phase Two, Project Realisation, is open to communities of interest or place (or their representative organisations), planning a project of between 6 weeks and 5 months with a maximum award of €5000, and those who are planning a project of between 6 months and 9 months with a maximum award of €10, 000.

There are two deadlines for this scheme; 5pm Friday 1st February 2008 & 5pm Friday 27th June 2008

For further information, applications forms or to book an advisory session, contact Katherine Atkinson, Project Support & Professional Development, 01-4736600 or email support@create-ireland.ie For a copy of forms in Irish, telephone 01-4736600 also log onto www.create-ireland.ie

Bursary Award Arts Council

Closing date: 26/06/2008

Maximum awarded: €15000

Art area: All

Audience type: All

Collaborative application possible? Yes

Telephone: 01 618 02 00 Email: awards@artscouncil.ie

The primary purpose of this award is to support professional artists in developing their arts practice. Specifically, it can be used to 'buy time' and provide artists with the space, equipment, facilities and freedom to concentrate on their practice, particularly through releasing them from other commitments. While the emphasis is on time and space for research, thinking and development of the applicant's art practice, the scheme also allows for costs associated with the production and or dissemination of work.

OPPORTUNITIES

www.creativecareers.ie

CreativeCareers.ie recently launched as Ireland's only Job & Opportunities website for the Arts, Cultural & Creative sector. It covers a diverse range of areas including Film, Visual Art, Design, Literature, Journalism, Fashion, Heritage, Music, Dance, Radio, New Media, Television, Theatre. It also provides a list of professional education courses at third level. We are currently looking for people working in any of these areas to offer sound and practical advice for our Career Advice section. Listings of Artist Opportunities are free and job listings are free until June 1st (€50 thereafter)

For more information please log onto www.creativecareers.ie

Oughterard Community Arts Projects

The Oughterard Youth Circus is being established, following on from coaching from the Galway Circus Project, which led up to a performance at the Oughterard Youth Arts Festival. We are open to new members joining, and adults volunteering to help!

An intergenerational storytelling and drama project involving children from Tullykyne National School and older people from the area will be taking place over the next few months.

If you have ideas for community arts around the Oughterard area, please contact Clann Resource Centre on 091 557633 or clannres@eircom.net

PORTUMNA ARTS GROUP meet on first Thursday of every month at 9pm in Na Calai- all welcome

Mykidstime.ie

List your events for children and families for free on www.mykidstime.ie If you are running events or shows for children or families in Galway City & County, you can list them for free on www.mykidstime.ie There is a "List With Us" link on the home page of the website or email info@mykidstime.ie

Do you run or would you like to provide classes for children in art, craft, film, dance or other artistic/creative areas? Mykidstime.ie is planning autumn classes for children and are seeking people to run them outside of school, particularly in rural areas around Galway. If you are interested, please contact Michelle on 085 710 4993 or send an email to info@mykidstime.ie If you would like an existing class or activity to be listed for free on www.mykidstime.ie there is a "List With Us" link on the home page of the website or email info@mykidstime.ie

FESTIVALS

The Galway Sessions

Celebrating Ireland and Scotland's shared musical heritage, from June 15th to 22nd Galway Sessions presents inter alia Eddi Reader with Noelie McDonnell, Kinlochard & Tulla Céili Bands, Juliet Turner, Dick Gaughan with Seán Tyrrell and John Faulkner, Dordán and Rachel Hair, Julie

Fowlis and Róisín Elsafty, the Girls of Letterfrack, Tommy Keane, Jacqueline McCarty & Arthur Jones, Feargal Scahill, Fonnadóirí Singers Club, The Alan Kelly Ban with Kris Driver.

Mick Crehan, Festival Director writes: It has been a long held belief of mine that the language, culture and heritage of Scotland and Ireland is not a separated and related culture but a culture common to both. The dialectic changes in linguistic and musical expression are as fluid as they are subtle when moving from Kerry to Donegal as from Ireland to Scotland. It is lamentable that that the Gaels have been divided into the complicated political, religious and social history of our islands, but in these more enlightened and exciting times the opportunity to reconnect through our shared heritage exists as never before.

It is with great joy that we welcome musicians and singers from the Hebrides, the Orkneys, the Highlands, the Lowlands, Glasgow and Edinburgh to Galway to share centre stage with local musicians.

The heartiest of welcomes goes to the charismatic Lord Provost (Mayor) of Stirling, Fergus Woodsd, who leads a mighty band from the Trossachs, land of Rob Roy McGregor, armed with accordion, fiddle and pipes. A special welcome also to musicians travelling from places as diverse as Hamburg and Bolivia.

Enjoy and rejoice but beware...Scotsmen over the Border!

Full details at www.galwaysessions.com

Saoire an Sraide Soltice Street Festival Galway Community Arts

Community Celebration on the weekend of the 21st/ 22nd of June incorporating the areas of High St., Middle St, Mainguard St. Market St. Bridge St, Cross St., Quay St. Kirwan's Lane, Druids Lane, and Spanish Arch.

We are called Galway Community Arts and our [aims are](#)

Host a festival that is community based, and involves anyone that would like to participate

Utilise the local artists living and operating in the city.

Give anyone and everyone an opportunity to be apart of our gathering and to express themselves

Gather people together to celebrate the natural diversity in the city and see the dynamic of interest groups operating within the city

To stage events that give free entertainment to the public.

Events: local groups and entertainers of all sorts will take to the streets to combine their talents creating a vibrant and high- spirited atmosphere in the area for the day. Below is an outline of events.

Saturday 21st June: A small procession of people moving from church lane to the Spanish arch. A free parade with a druidic/ Celtic theme. This will be informal and will begin at 8 pm.

Sunday 22nd June: Proposed entertainment will include a wide range of live music on stage at the meeting point of cross Street, High St, Middle St. and Quay St. There will be three other main areas for musical and theatre performance. There will be dancers, street theatre, clowns, jugglers, people dressed up, mime and as much more as you would like.

These people will be moving around creating an exciting environment for anyone about. There will be a designated area for various demonstrations, exhibitions and information from local interest groups that would like to be involved.

There will be special emphasis on kids' entertainment, face painters, comedy, storytelling and a small parade. On the day the public, especially children, are invited to dress- up for the event and be included in the festivities and parade. The day will include as many acts, groups and entertainment that can be accumulated in the area and we are open to all ideas for the event.

The intended time of the event has it officially starting at 3pm and finishing at 7pm

There is to be a street festival in Galway City on the weekend of the 21st/ 22nd of June. We would like to bring as many people together onto the streets as physically possible.

We hope to show the diversity of activities people spend their time doing in this city. There will be parades, street entertainment of all sorts, information stalls and exhibitions from local interest groups and anything else you would like to add. **We invite artists, musicians, singers, dancers, writers, and performers of all kinds and everybody else to take part in the event. There will be an area for various interest groups, clubs, and co-operatives to give information on what they are doing.** Also if you are staging any events in and around this time we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in being involved or have any suggestions or questions please call William @ 0872876391

YOUTH ARTS

Oughterard Youth Circus: Spraoí, the Oughterard Youth Circus, has recently purchased fancy new equipment and is continuing to meet to learn and practise circus skills such as juggling, diabolo, devil sticks, and more. Youth: want to learn and perform circus skills? Adults: want to help kids grow and develop through circus? Contact us! We'll launch Spraoí in Oughterard at 4pm on Thursday, 5th June; we'll also be performing at a big top with the Galway Circus Project in Galway City on 22nd June. Please come out and support us; ring Clann for more details on 091 557633.

Oughterard Summer Camps:

Dance summer camps will take place (for girls only) in the VEC on Camp Street (behind the vets). The week of 11th August through 15th August will be for 13-16 year old girls, while 18th August through 22nd August will be for 10-13 year old girls. 10 am to 3pm. Learn bellydancing, jazz dance, line dancing, salsa, and hip-hop! Book your place ASAP! €65 per week; concession rate available. Ring Kerry E'lyn on 557633 or email kerryclann@eircom.net or just drop in to Clann on Main Street (across from the bank).

Summer camps will take place from 7-11 July and 14-18 July, from 10am to 2:30pm, in the Boys' School in Oughterard. These cost 40 euro per week. Contact Treasa on 552504 or 087 201 3844.

Oughterard Youth Arts Festival: We're looking for people to develop the festival for next year! Have you ideas for OYAF 2009? Want to work alongside youth and adults to create a fabulous Youth Arts Festival for Oughterard? Get in touch!

[Kerry Evelyn Larkin](#), Development Worker Clann Resource Centre Main Street, Oughterard, Co. Galway tel: (091) 557633 mob: 087 684 2865 fax: (091) 557634 email: kerryclann@eircom.net

Launch of two exciting projects under the work of The Traveller Inter-Agency Group

Officially launched by Cllr Sean Canney, Mayor of County Galway

On Monday 28th April two new exciting projects under the auspices of 'The Traveller Inter-Agency Group' were officially launched by Cllr Sean Canney, Mayor of County Galway, in Aras An Chontae, Galway County Council, Prospect Hill. 'Faces', the result of a Visual Arts Youth Residency in Portumna, and 'Our Town', a film made by young people from Loughrea, were both made with the support of the Arts & Housing Sections of Galway County Council.

These sections of Galway County Council came together to establish art & Traveller integration projects in Portumna and Loughrea. This is part of their joint thinking and practical approaches to working under the 'Traveller Interagency Group'.

The Galway Film Centre was commissioned to develop a film project with young people in Loughrea and Artist Tommy Casby was appointed to facilitate a *visual arts* youth project in Portumna as a result of an open competition. The Film project, entitled 'Our Town' aimed to give participants basic film training and hands-on experience in writing, directing, camera, sound and editing. Martin McGagh and Nuala Broderick from the Galway Film Centre worked with the youth group who wrote and shot a short film during the project. This learning-through-doing gave practical access to film and video-making skills.

Galway County Council gratefully acknowledges the support and work of Na Calai, Portumna, and Youth Work Ireland, Loughrea in the implementation of these projects. These initiatives were supported by The Arts Council, Galway County Council and The Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform

For more information, or to obtain a copy of the film or catalogue, please contact the Arts Office on 091 746860 or email artsoffice@galwaycoco.ie

Galway Youth Theatre Schools Tour 2008

Galway Youth Theatre (GYT) and County Galway Arts office are making a concerted effort to bring GYT's high quality theatre to young people from rural communities in County Galway. This will enable young people from Galway County to experience the kind of work that GYT do, while also allowing them to experience a theatrical presentation of high quality. For GYT it allows us to engage with new communities and express what it is we do. GYT would hope to find new members from these communities that may be interested in becoming a member of GYT.

Over the last few weeks GYT have presented a full-scale production of 'Chartroom by Enda Walsh to twelve second level schools. The production played to almost 1500 young people, helping GYT to maximise the young audience it reaches. From May 12th the production toured to the following schools. Dunmore Community School, Holy Rosary Mountbellew, St Killians New Inn, Coláiste Iognaid, Gort Community School, St Paul's Oughterard, Presentation Athenry, Ballyhoo Parish Hall, Carna Community School, Scoil Salerno and Tuam Community school.

Galway Youth Theatre & Galway County Council Schools Tour; Andrew Flynn from Galway Youth Theatre stated that " We chose Enda Walsh's 'Chartroom' as a play for presentation because it is a play that challenges young people and I believe speaks to young people without being patronising or preachy. Most importantly it examines issues that greatly effect and impact on young people today, issues like, self-harm, suicide, bullying and eating dis-orders are sensitive subjects and are all too often avoided. Here is a play that tackles these issues, discusses them and does so from the viewpoint of teenagers. This play is tragic and comic, tender and cruel but most of all it is brave. The production will be followed by a short workshop facilitated by directors". Andrew Flynn and Niall Cleary. 'Chatroom' will also be presented as part of a Galway Youth Theatre Triple Bill of plays for the 2008 Galway Arts Festival.

For more information please contact GYT at 091 565886

VISUAL ARTS

Kenny Gallery

The official opening of 'HOARD' An exhibition of new sculpture by COLM BRENNAN & by LEO HIGGINS continues at The Kenny Gallery, High St, Middle St., Galway until 5th June
The exhibition features bronze sculpture from these two distinguished artists and foundrymen: All artists make journeys, and for the greater part of their working lives, these two have made their journeys in tandem. If Brennan seemed directly figurative and humanistic at the start, and if Higgins seemed largely abstracted, edging away from the expressionistic to the coolly contained fields of Minimalism, their journeys have seen them approach to within hailing distance of each other. Brennan rapidly found ways of taking the figurative, using archaeology, local history, mythology and geology as his seedbed, and plugging it into a seemingly abstract, modernist idiom. Higgins, in turn, gradually began to take his modernist idioms, and plug them back into a humanistic, elliptically figurative element that occasionally flowered into full-blown figuration. The urban and the rural had found an assured resolution. Text: BRIAN McAVERA
www.thekennygallery.ie

Stitchy Press and Mantua Project present The One Inch Badge Art Show. For more details look up www.myspace/badgeartshow <<http://www.myspace/badgeartshow>> or contact badgeartshow@gmail.com

G 126 Presents

'Closer to Paradise'

An exhibition by Moxie artists:
Hannah Doyle and Michael Murphy
June 5th - July 5th
Opening reception: Thursday June 5th, 7pm

'Closer to Paradise' features new installation work by Hannah Doyle and Michael Murphy. Both are members of Moxie Dublin, an art collective that was founded in 2006 that serves as a platform for emerging artists.

Michael Murphy's work is characterized by a transformation of everyday Materials into sculptural works through a laborious process of fabrication. Moxie co-founder Hannah Doyle creates fantasy worlds in miniature, combining multi-layered islands of vibrant colour with children's toys and grandma's kitsch.

Hannah Doyle and Michael Murphy have worked together on a number of Collaborative installations including 'Open Systems', as part of a group show in the Green on Red Gallery, Dublin, and 'Better on the shelf than in the wrong cupboard', for The Lab, Dublin

G126 is the only democratically run artist-led gallery in the west of Ireland. A not-for-profit organization, G126 offers an alternative to museums and commercial galleries.

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Galway City Museum running until 22nd June 2008

Lost Intentions (2): The Ludwig Variations

An exhibition by **Micky Donnelly Galway City Museum** is pleased to host the second part of **Lost Intentions**, an on-going project by Micky Donnelly. First started in Galway in February 2007, this body of work uses an accumulation of imagery to build up fragmentary narratives based on historical figures and artefacts from the world of cultural influence.

Blissfully aware of the possibilities of historical revisionism and the archival role of the museum, Donnelly has decided to base this exhibition on the extended visit of Ludwig Wittgenstein, the Austrian philosopher, to Connemara in 1948.

Using Wittgenstein's visit as both a smokescreen and an armature around which to build a show, Donnelly will present a finely tuned, idiosyncratic investigation into the gaps between looking, perceiving and picturing, or, as Wittgenstein might have said, between "seeing and seeing as..." The show will incorporate various hybrid elements of painting, drawing, photographs, sculpture and text.

THE GREAT WESTERN SLEEPER is an exhibition of photographs that follows the path of the old Galway-Clifden railway line. The exhibition will show at the GALWAY CITY MUSEUM from 16th May - 28th June. Locals are aware of the fast winding roads running parallel to the sleeping land that once bore the tracks of the railway, but these images will bring these secrets of Connemara to a wider audience, conjuring up images of steam trains flying through the mass expanses of scenic landscape. It sits alongside growing local discussion about the benefit of re-opening parts of the line as walkways to promote tourism and brings back into the public consciousness the debate of how the line, or lack of, affected the economic history of the west of Ireland. Though whatever the result, these beautiful colour images makes the defunct line once again important to the Irish Landscape and its heritage.

Galway Arts Centre presents Linda Quinlan

I've seen your bravery and I will follow you there, 2007 DVD still, 2-channel DVD projection
Courtesy of the artist

Linda Quinlan Like Horses and Fog
June 6 - July 5, 2008
Preview Wednesday, June 5 at 6pm

<http://www.galwayartscentre.ie> <http://www.lindaquinlan.com>

The artist installs her videos among paintings, drawings, and sculptures, forming an ensemble of exquisite and precisely calibrated contingency. A Nigerian necklace of Bakelite beads hangs from a long brass pole that leans precariously against the wall on a small patch of rabbit fur (*I Don't Think They'll Ever Catch Us*); two panels, delicately painted with motifs of twisting ribbons and radiating circles that may refer to the molecular or to the cosmic, are hinged to the wall and to each other, making their position in the world as tenuous as their compositions (*Things Surround Us*); a watercolour discovered in an Australian thrift store shows a flowering cactus and perches uncertainly on a sharply angled M-shaped bracket (*I Can Hardly Sit Still*). This watercolour became the jumping-off point for the work of five other artists, from Ireland

and the U.K., invited by Quinlan to contribute to the project. Even the catalogue of her recent exhibition at the Crawford Gallery in Cork-with fictional interviews, inconclusive correspondence, and enigmatic found photographs-may be construed as an integral component of her investigation into the aporias of knowledge and the caesuras in the narratives we use to understand the world.

Linda Quinlan's exhibition is accompanied the first major publication on the her work, featuring an essay by Sally O'Reilly, a short story by Cathal Coughlan, and texts by the artist. Many works have been created specifically for this publication, including contributions from Anna Barham (UK), David Joyce (IRL), Lorna McIntyre (UK), Giles Round (UK), and Lee Welch (IRL). This publication has been generously funded by Allied Irish Bank.

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Reference Materials Periodicals: V.A.I. News Sheet, Printmaking Today, Printmaking Quarterly, Circa, Friez

Books: We have a wide range of technical printmaking reference books & general fine art books/catalogues. Cost: Free to members within office hours. May be taken out on short-term loan.

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PUBLIC ART

Galway City Council is delighted to announce the appointment of Public Arts Officer for Galway City Council. You can contact Megs Morley, Public Arts Officer, at Galway City Council Arts Office, City Hall, College Road, Galway +353 91 536588 megs.morley@galwaycity.ie Megs Morley is a leading practitioner and former winner of the Claremorris Open. An exhibition of work by Megs Morley will open in the Dublin City Council visual culture centre, The Lab, on June 12th. For details please contact Shena Barrett at 01 222 5455. The Lab is situated in Foley St., Dublin 1

Galway City Council Arts Office is delighted to announce that its Public Arts Office has commissioned Macnas and Galway Film Centre jointly to deliver a Public Art project in partnership with the vibrant Bohermore community under the Government's Per Cent for Art Scheme. Details from Megs Morley at 091 536 588.

Megs Morley writes of an exciting conference in Tuam, Co. Galway with significant Public Art interest:

Hello all,

The following is a press release for the up and coming NASC conference being held in **Tuam, Co. Galway on June 5th 2008**. In particular the presentations by General Public Agency and Alfonso Martinez may be of interest to you. General Public Agency were formed in 2003 by independent curator Clare Cumberlige and architect Lucy Musgrave please see www.generalpublicagency.com <<http://www.generalpublicagency.com/>> to find out more about their practice and portfolio. For information on Alfonso Martinez see below. For further information or to register, please call Mary Hughes, Galway County Council at: (091) 746860 see conference brochure below as attached.

The remaking of the image of Metropolitan Bilbao is a remarkable story of renewal propelled by a series of emblematic projects such as the Bilbao Guggenheim Museum, which has placed the city in the mainstream of international art world and turned it into a world-class destination. The Frank Gehry building has been hailed as a masterpiece of contemporary architecture and has come to represent the regeneration of the entire city. The ultimate objective of this revitalisation project is to situate Metropolitan Bilbao at an international competitive level, recuperating its past wealth, thanks to the restructuring of its industrial basis and its transformation it in a modern service metropolis. This achievement will place the metropolitan area in an optimum position to confront the 21st century.

Graduating as an engineer in 1979, Alfonso Martinez Cearra is Vice-Chairman of the British-Spanish Chamber of Commerce in Bilbao and a Board Member of The Federation for Enterprise Knowledge Development (EKD), and The SPIN-Spain (Software Process Improvement Network). AMC represents Bilbao Metropol-30 in the Bilbao Convention Bureau (BiCB) and in the Association for Benchmarking Implementation (AiB) as Member of the Board, as well as in Uniport Bilbao. He is an active member of The Internet Society, The System Dynamics Society, The World Future Society, Club Financiero de Bilbao, The International Network for Urban Development and The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN@large). He is a permanent professor in the cities' strategic development academic program organized

by Bilbao Metropoli-30.

Galway County Council is delighted to announce the appointment of Public Arts Officer for Galway County Council. You can contact Mary Phelan, Public Art Officer at Galway County Council, Aras An Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway. 091 756880 or email mphelan@galwaycoco.ie

DANCE

Galway Dance Residency 2008: Workshops Presented by Tanya McCrory, Galway Dancer in Residence

Dancer in Residence Tanya McCrory has just completed a series of workshops; we are delighted to have Tanya back on board and as the schools work continues. Watch this space for more exciting details on the new programme, which will include guest workshops, new schools programme and performances! More info email artsoffice@galwaycoco.ie

The Word is Moving Project (A Dance Library) Tuam & Galway City

The Galway Dance Residency in association with head librarian Pat MacMahon and Tuam librarian Emer Donoghue are delighted to announce the launch of Over 70 dance books and dvds now available for all to enjoy in their local libraries. Come discover the beautiful history of ballet, hip hop, jazz, contact improvisation, dance therapy, traditional Irish dance, contemporary dance, ballroom, jive and more. This lovely collection ranges from biographies, to essays, educational manuals, and dance theory, as well as dance photography, instructional videos and dvds of some of the finest dance performances recorded. This collection will be housed in both the Galway City library Augustine Street and the Tuam library Main Street. We will celebrate this wonderful new resource in a launch with a guest speaker and a dance video montage.

Tuam Dance classes-schools outreach programme

(Baz) Barry Burke, Break-dancer extraordinaire and Tanya McCrory, Dancer in residence will teach break dance and choreography workshops this March in Tuam at the Mercy Primary School and the Archbishop McHale College. We're delighted to have Baz guest teaching on the residency this year. Baz is a self-taught dancer and choreographer whose work has appeared in numerous film and television programmes around the world. The workshop will culminate in a choreographed piece to be [performed in May in the play](#) 'A Tribute to Chairs' These classes are part of our schools programme and therefore limited to the participating schools only.

Galway Dance Co-op invites you to join in an open & friendly dance space. This is a place where you can be authentic self...be playful.... Move freely...roll around...the evening commences with 7pm with 20 minutes of gentle music during which time you can stretch or relax. This is followed by 90 minutes of dancing. The tempo of the music builds gradually, reaching a peak and brings you back to a place of stillness.

Time; 7-9 approx.; every Wednesday

Venue; St Nicholas School (next to Town Hall Theatre)

Cost; 5 euro drop in

More info; 086 6319004 or 087 2556763

Contact Dance Practise Group

The Contact Dance Practise Group are a number of people who meet to practise contact

Improvisation exercises and to 'jam' with each other. We organise regular workshops with professional contact improvisation teachers to expand our experience. These workshops are open to everyone. During our practise group we also invite in teachers of various disciplines to teach us skills which are useful within contact dance, e.g.: acrobalance, rolling. The classes take place for two hours every two weeks and are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

[Contact: Alison McGeown, 0857341944 alisonmcg10@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonmcg10@hotmail.com)

Contact Improvisation weekend June 7th and 8th

Contact Improvisation is a creative dance form, created from improvising with the possibilities of contact between two or more bodies. In these workshops we will work with technical elements: weight, counterbalance, imbalance, inertia, rolling... and the subtleties: conscience, listening, fluidity, surprise, creativity...Completed with different dance and movement exploration exercises, creations, improvisations, and creative body work.

June 7th and 8th

SATURDAY 10am-1pm & 2:30pm -5:30pm SUNDAY 10am -1 pm Galway Rowing Club Cost: 60euro for 3 sessions / 25euro per session (Concessions Available)

YOU CAN JOIN ONE, TWO OR THE THREE SESIONS

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION: Alison McGeown 085 7341944 Alisonmcg10@hotmail.com

Creativity classes at Spirit Centre, Nuns Island Wednesdays @ 8pm

Based on the inspirational book 'The Artists Way' and the personal experience of the facilitator, these fun, dynamic classes are for people who want to overcome creative blocks in a safe playful way, where the class is based on process over product. every week a new medium of art is explored, painting, drawing, collage movement, and explorational drama. Basic materials provided.

[For more information contact Miriam on 086 2229543](tel:0862229543)

FILM

Galway Film Centre is running a series of animation & film camps for young people aged 10 to 17. Camps will run for 5 days with dates in June, July and August. For more information or a brochure call 091 77074 education@galwayfilmcentre.ie

[Tel 091 770748](tel:091770748), [website www.galwayfilmcentre.ie](http://www.galwayfilmcentre.ie)

The Galway Film Centre in association with Galway City & County Councils and the Arts Council are pleased to launch ID Projects 2008.

The Galway Film Centre, under it's ID Projects Scheme, has been working with community groups to develop technical, practical and personal skills, in the area of documentary making since 2000.

The ID Projects aim to document a broad range of issues and subjects in society today by empowering groups to tell their own stories. This is done by giving participants basic foundation training and hands-on experience in the areas of writing, directing, camera, sound and editing. The groups then tell their own stories based on the common theme of identity.

We are very pleased to announce ID Projects participating groups 2008. The Galway Film centre

wishes to congratulate Earwig! Arts Group (Tuam), Witty Wiseguys (Brothers of Charity, Carraroe), the Ballybane Gals (Galway City) and Sean agus Nua Eagsulacht (Galway City) who will take part in this very exciting and rewarding scheme.

We would like to thank the large number of city and county groups who applied for a place under the ID Projects 2008 programme and we look forward to seeing them again in 2009.

NUI Galway Film Graduate Receives Award from Spike Lee

Thursday, 22 May, 2008: A young Irish filmmaker and graduate of NUI Galway's Huston School of Film & Digital Media is among the winners of the first Babelgum Online Film Festival. The winners were announced by Spike Lee at a ceremony during the Cannes Film Festival. The Babelgum Online Film Festival is the first of its kind, and provides a unique distribution opportunity for the newest filmmaking talent. Brian Deane, originally from Cork, was awarded the Babelgum Social/Environment Award for *Without Words*. It is his first film and deals with an issue that is very important to him. Along with winners from six other categories, Brian received a cheque for €20,000. Over a thousand entries from 86 countries were uploaded for this, the first Babelgum Online Film Festival. Votes of Babelgum decided the nominee shortlist, which was judged by the festival jury, led by renowned director Spike Lee. The other jurors consist of film experts from across the globe, including the directors of established film festivals. Commenting on Brian's win, Rod Stoneman, Director of the Huston School of Film & Digital Media, NUI Galway, said, "*Without Words* is a marvellous example of an imaginative film based on an issue from Public Advocacy. With its memorable symmetrical form it focuses on the tragedy of non-communication between two friends." Founded in 2003, the Huston School of Film & Digital Media offers a range of one-year postgraduate courses in Film Studies; Screenwriting; Production and Direction; Arts Policy and Practice; Public Advocacy and Activism; and Digital Media. In autumn of 2008, the first undergraduate course offered through the CAO system will come on stream, the BA with Film Studies.

THEATRE

Drama classes/workshop at the Westside Community Centre

Drama classes/workshop at the Westside Community Centre, Thursdays 7:30pm to 9 pm.

It includes, Theatre Games, Improvisation, movement and scene work.

The classes are set up to provide a space and a time for people to come together, learn and develop theatre skills, be creative, explore ways of making theatre and perform.

(Facilitated by, Terry Dineen) Call or e-mail for more details...085 7387614 or e mail timeandspacetheatre@gmail.com

PORTUMNA YOUTH THEATRE PYT is now starting its second term with facilitator Catherine Simon in Portumna Town Hall every Wednesday. Two groups of young people take part. If you are in secondary school and interested in being involved, please contact noelle@cyberclub.iol.ie or call 087 293 1055

ARTS AND HEALTH

Arts Ability Abú

A partnership arts project between Galway County Council & the Brothers of Charity Services Galway was launched at the Conference Room, Brothers of Charity Services Galway Woodlands Centre, Renmore. Arts Ability Abu is the celebration of a host of exciting and wonderful projects

taking place throughout the city and county of Galway in the brothers of charity services. A publication of Arts Ability Abu! is now available from either the arts office or the Brothers of Charity Services Galway at 091 721439

For more information please contact; Arts Office, Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway, email; artsoffice@galwaycoco.ie or phone 091 746860

The Burning Bright project now enters its fourth year. Galway County Council, Galway City Council, Galway Arts Centre and Age Action West collaborate on an innovative arts programme for nursing home residents in Galway. A series of visual arts residencies are run in nursing home throughout County Galway. Art workshops are facilitated by professional artists, introducing participants to a wide selection of materials and techniques, encouraging experimentation. Each session in the total of fifteen county-wide projects is tailored to the needs and expectations of the individuals involved, allowing them to develop and explore their creativity at their own pace, whilst celebrating the creativity of one of the many happily creative communities of County Galway.

The project commences in nursing homes and day care centres throughout the

For more information please contact; Arts Office, Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway, email; artsoffice@galwaycoco.ie or phone 091 746860 OR

Maeve Mulrennan, Visual Arts Officer, Galway Arts Centre. 091 565886 or email info@galwayartscentre.ie <<mailto:info@galwayartscentre.ie>>

LITERATURE

Writer in Residence: Michael O'Loughlin

Galway Writer in Residence Michael O'Loughlin is extending his activities into the county. email: mtoloughlin@gmail.com

Michael works with the writers' group in Ballybane Library in Galway City at 11 every Friday. All aspiring writers are welcome to come and join the group.

Michael O'Loughlin, Ballybane Resource Centre, Ballybane, Galway. Or email to the above address.

Michael O'Loughlin is available for consultation or advice on any matter regarding writing or publication at this address.

Galway City of Strangers, a collection of writing about Galway, edited by Michael O'Loughlin is now available from all good bookshops. The collection features reflections on the city by Galway's returned exiles and recent arrivals.

Michael O'Loughlin will give a reading from his recent work at 3.00pm on Saturday June 7th in the Galway City Museum, Spanish Arch, and Galway. The reading is presented by North Beach Poetry. Admission is free. Details from 091 536 546

LAUNCH OF CRANNÓG SUMMER ISSUE

The launch of Crannóg number 18, the summer 2008 issue of Galway's literary magazine will take place in the Crane Bar, Sea Road on Friday 13th June at 6.30. MC for the night will be Tony O'Dwyer. All are welcome to a night of poetry, story and music. Crannóg will be on sale on the night for a mere €5.00 and will also be available in most Bookshops. For further details see

www.crannogmagazine.com

Pete Mullineaux with Salmon Publishing Launch of first full poetry collection, Pete Mullineaux with Salmon Publishing - 'A Father's Day' - will be in City Museum, Saturday, June 14th at 1pm. Launch by Ger Hanberry, all welcome

WORDSONTHESTREET

Announce

The New Issue of WOW! Magazine

Issue 8 now online.

At: www.wordsontheweb.net

Poems by: David Trame... Mark O'Flynn ... Quincy Lehr ... Stephen Farren ...

Portumna Pen Pushers- a peer-led writers group meet alternate Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm. Writers of prose and poetry welcome. Copies of work are shared, read by the writer, read by another group member and feedback is offered. For further details contact noelle@cyberclub.iol.ie or call 087 293 1055

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Askaboutwriting.net is a news and resource site for writers of all abilities everywhere. It updates on Saturdays. A free update notice is emailed on Mondays. The site was chosen as one of its 101 Best Websites for Writers by Writers' Digest. www.askaboutwriting.net
<<http://www.askaboutwriting.net>

MUSIC

ConTempo: Galway Ensemble-in-Residence

ConTempo CHAMBER MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2008

7 -16 July Kylemore Abbey Galway

Don't miss your chance to be involved in THE music course of the summer!

The ConTempo Summer School is a week-long course for string players with the members of the world-famous ConTempo String Quartet - from Monday 7 to Saturday 12 July 2008.

Guest Director Paul Ezergailis, leader of the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra and member of Academy of St. Martin in the Fields. He is famous for his good humour, energy and ability to inspire brilliance. Paul, working with Adrian, Andrea, Bogdan and Ingrid of ConTempo, will take you in rehearsals, workshops and masterclasses. Also, try your hand at bell ringing in a Handbell Workshop with Niamh O'Kelly from Westport -it's a wonderful discipline in sight-reading and great fun!

This is intensive training for any string musician. Music is chosen to challenge and ensembles created according to your interests and abilities, with everyone taking part in two or three different groups. You are expected to have a wonderful time, make good friends and grow

deeper appreciation for your instrument and the gift you have.

To apply: applications are accepted from musicians with Grade 5 or higher. The course style and content will suit all serious musicians. Minimum age 12 years. Reduction applies for two or more family members. Further information available from www.galwayensemble.ie or telephone Galway 091 586706 or 087 2308860

Course Fee: €500 - covers tuition, meals, music, scores and entertainment. [Galway Ensemble-in-Residence, Galway's ConTempo Quartet, 55 Corrib Village, Newcastle, Galway Tel +353 \(091\) 586706 Fax +353 \(091\) 586706/586707 www.galwayensemble.ie](http://www.galwayensemble.ie)

Summer School for Strings in Connemara

Director Oonagh Keogh MA AGSM

Ceol na Mara is taking place between the 21st and 25th July in Letterfrack in the Connemara West Centre. (Home to the Letterfrack Furniture College, a partnership between Galway - Mayo Institute of Technology and Connemara West). It a non- residential course designed to give young string players the opportunity to meet and play chamber music with other young musicians under the expert guidance of our tutors, while staying locally with a parent or guardian. This tuition, with the benefits of family time in the scenic beauty of Connemara, will give the perfect balance to make it an enjoyable experience for all.

The chamber music course will cater for students of intermediate to advanced standard (grade 3 upward) and will involve coaching in many forms and styles of chamber music. The programme will include coaching in Irish traditional music, music appreciation, and supervised rehearsal time for the groups. The course will culminate in a performance by the students and the tutors in the 'Teach Ceoil' in Tully (near Letterfrack).

A detailed schedule will be forwarded to enrolled students at a later date.

Tutors

Dr. Geraldine O'Grady - violin (D.Mus, FRIAM ,1er Prix Conservatoire de Paris) Long established as Ireland's leading solo violinist, Geraldine has been a musical ambassador for Ireland all over the world for many years.

Sheila O'Grady - violin (Dip. Mozarteum, Salzburg) Sheila studied with Jaroslav Vaneček and Jean Fournier and during her career has performed many times as soloist with orchestra.

Odhrán Ó Casaide - classical & traditional violin (GRNCM, PG Dip RNCM, M.A.) Odhran is a Lecturer at the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama where he teaches violin and runs the Irish Traditional Music programme.

Oonagh Keogh - violin (MA AGSM) Oonagh studied in Paris and London, graduating from the Guildhall School of Music.

Annette Cleary - cello (BA, KA, MM California) Annette Cleary studied with Paul Tortellier, Elenore Schoenfeld and Andre Navarra in Germany and the U.S. and was the winner of International competitions during her time there.

Letterfrack is situated 1 hour from Galway City. It is beneath the Diamond Mountain, next door to the Connemara National Park and leads into the Renvyle Peninsula.

Kylemore Abbey is 5 minutes down the road, Scuba Dive West is a short drive away and there

are numerous unspoilt beaches and lakes nearby. The villages of Tully, and Tully Cross, are a 5-10 minute drive away, Leenane is 15 minutes and the town of Clifden is 20 minutes away by car giving many options for places to stay and places to visit.

There are a variety of accommodations available from self-catering cottages to B&Bs, hotels and hostels. More information about Letterfrack and the surrounding area, accommodation and directions can be found at

www.goconnemara.com/connemara_letterfrack.htm www.connemara.ie/accommodation
www.connemaraaccommodation.com <<http://www.connemaraaccommodation.com>>
www.westirelandholidays.com/galway/county.htm
www.galwaytourist.com/towns/letterfrack <<http://www.galwaytourist.com/towns/letterfrack>>
Early booking of accommodation is advised, as this is a popular destination in the summer!
Additional info, call Oonagh Keogh on 086 2668428 or email - oonaghkeogh@gmail.com

DUSTY BANJOS - WHAT'S ON

“HAMBURG SESSION” IN GALWAY Saturday, June 21st in the Crane, 7pm. Welcoming friends from Hamburg. Germany.

Musician looking for a studio space

Musician looking for a studio space, for recording, rehearsing and teaching. Within Galway City or surrounding area. Could be in a garage for example? Or part of complex but would need to be quiet. [Contact Tom on 085 158 4173.](mailto:tom@tom1584173.com)

Our Warmest Congratulation to Presentation College Headford

The School were winners of both awards at the National Chamber Choir Compositions Workshops & Gala Performance in the National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin on Thursday 24th April. It is most unusual that both awards would go to the same school in the same year so it is quite an achievement by all concerned. Congratulations to Principle James Whyte for his vision with the Music Programme and to the Staff in the Music Department, in particular Mairead Berrill.

The winners were:

Individual Winner and Recipient of the Gerard Victory Commission 2008:

Peter Berrill Composition: *On the Road*

Special Prize for Group Composition 2008:

Shane O'Brien and Lorcan Duffy Composition: *Check That Chicken*

Our warmest congratulations to the School and the excellent Music Programme being run there. Galway County Council supports the Composition workshops

TOWN HALL THEATRE, GALWAY

This month there is a wide variety of events at the Town Hall Theatre and the Black Box, check it out at www.townhalltheatregalway.com Tickets may be booked by phone at 091 569777

STATION HOUSE THEATRE CLIFDEN-Monthly Update

June & July Shows -

Tailor and Ansty -

Saturday June 7th Tickets €15.00/ €12.00 Concessions for Senior's & Groups

Juliet Turner -

Saturday June 21st, Tickets €25.00

Brian Kennedy - *Back by popular demand!* -

Friday July 11th, Tickets €37.50

The Beauty Queen of Leenane -

Friday 18th July, Tickets €15.00 / €12.00 Senior's & Children

Luke Kelly Tribute -

Saturday July 19th, Tickets €20.00

Paddy Casey -

Friday July 25th, Tickets €30.00

tel: 09530303 Fax: 09521677 Email: info@stationhousetheatre.com

www.stationhousetheatre.com

MACNAS

It's that time of year again and Macnas are busy getting ready for the Macnas Festival Parade this 20th July. "Apocolopolis" will begin at Eyre Square at 10.30pm. If you would like to be involved in this year's Parade, there will be an open information evening in the Black Box at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd June. For more information, contact the Macnas workshop on 091 568896 or email the field@macnas.com <<mailto:field@macnas.com>>

Macnas have been invited to participate in Parade School in Baltimore, Maryland. Two representatives from Macnas will be heading over this month to facilitate workshops and to help teach people how a Macnas Parade is put together.

Macnas and Galway Film Centre are commencing work on a Per Cent for Art Scheme in Public Art, commissioned for Bohermore by Galway City Council. Details from Megs Morley, Galway City Council Public Art Officer, 091 536 588.

Macnas is delighted to announce that it has received €470,000 from the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism through AccessII Funding to go towards building a new home. Macnas have long been campaigning for funding to build a home for the entire company to be under one roof, and this funding is the first step towards this goal.

Macnas' outreach programme is an integral part of the Macnas ethos. This month, Macnas are facilitating workshops in Tuam as well as beginning outreach work in Ballybane and Ballinfoyle in preparation for The Festival Parade, "Apocolopolis".

Macnas is now on Bebo, Facebook and MySpace. To add Macnas as a friend the links are:

Bebo: www.bebo.com/MacnasG <<http://www.bebo.com/MacnasG>>

MySpace: <<http://www.myspace.com/macnasgalway>>

Facebook: <<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=546741457>>

And don't forget to check the Macnas website www.macnas.com <<http://www.macnas.com>> for regular updates.

Galway Circus Project-Monthly update Galway Community Circus - An Sorcas Beag

We also are nominated for the Better Ireland Award (AIB) so if you want to support us please text EYRESQ followed by C to 53099. Each text costs 60 cent (which goes to us) and all proceeds gathered from this funding will go to work on Outreach projects with minority communities. (Travellers, refugee group, Small Island projects) Thank you so much for supporting us.

In June it is this time of the year again, where we bring our Art to the streets and for the first time we will have street performances during the market on Saturday (St. Nicholas Church grounds) as well as the show on Sunday in the Millennium Park by our new members. (28/29 June)

After this we will take a break from Galway and tour Ireland with the Show Sorcas Quircas and the tent, visit festivals and community Groups around Ireland.... and in September (thinking far ahead) we will start the new sessions with new spaces for young aspiring circus artists (8+) In the new season we will also start a group for young people from 12 - 18 focusing on aerials and advanced skills.

We also secured funding for the first Irish youth circus meeting, which will take place in October in Galway with participants from Belfast, Cork, Killarney, Sligo and Berlin.

Galway Circus Project, c/o Galway City Partnership, 3 the Plaza, Headford Road
Galway tel: 091 762940 circusproject@eircom.net www.galwaycircusproject.com

Aras Eanna Monthly Update

Aras Eanna, Galway Arts Centre and Inishlacken Project presents **Inishlacken, A Place Apart**, an exhibition curated by Rosie McGuerran and Maeve Mulrennan. Official Launch by James Harrold, City of Galway Arts Officer at 8.00pm on Saturday June 7th. All welcome admission free!

The Inishlacken exhibition is the fruit of a series of summer residencies on Inishlacken, the iconic island off Roundstone and beloved landscape of Gerard Dillon, George Campbell and friends. Contemporary artists have visited the island under the strict eye of Rosie McGuerran, producing in turn an outstanding exhibition featuring the work of inter alia Margaret Irwin, Una Sealy, Dolores Lyne and Seán Ó Flaithearta.

Other events include;

'Craiceann' (Annual Bodhran Summer School) 23-25 June 2008 (www.craiceann.com)

'Inishlacken: A Place Apart' (The Inishlacken Project Showcase curated by Rosie McGurran) 7-31 June 2008

Bill Doyle Retrospective 1-31 July 2008

'Re-Telling Ralahine: 1831 County Clare - A Co-op Dream in Words & Music by Margaretta D'Arcy & John Arden 13 July 2008

'Gliondar' Irish Sacred Arts Summer School 21-25 July 2008 (www.gliondar.net)

Seán Ó Flaithearta (Exhibition of Paintings) 2-29 August 2008

Umha Aois (Bronze Age casting workshop) 29 August - 7 September 2008

Kate Lyons (Art Exhibition) September 2008

For further information contact: 099 75150 or araseanna@eircom.net

The exhibition is on view at Aras Eanna before touring to New York.

For more information please contact 099 75150

Galway Arts Centre-Classes

Galway Arts Centre runs a wide variety of classes throughout the year for children and adults. Our adult classes offer a diverse range of activities such as Acting, Ballet, Creative Writing, Photography and Painting. We have lots of fun [and creativity](#) for children with life drawing; painting, puppetry, drama and terrific twos class where mum and toddler can create together.

Welcome to Galway Arts Centre's summer programme of classes starting in May 2008 we hope you will find a course to suit you. Adult day and evening classes will start the week of Monday the 19th May and run for 6 weeks. Our Children's classes begin Saturday May 17th.

Booking for all classes is strongly advised, as places are limited. For booking please contact Victoria at reception at Galway Arts Centre phone 091-565886 or email victoria@galwayartscentre.ie <<mailto:victoria@galwayartscentre.ie>>

Evening Classes

Life Drawing (Beginners) with Sibéal Ní Chuimín

Mondays 7-8.30pm (6 weeks) €85/75 (9 places)

Beginners course in life drawing, developing observational skills and the principles of composition and proportion. Participants are asked to bring their own paper and drawing equipment.

Life Drawing (Advanced) with Sibéal Ní Chuimín

Tuesdays 7-8.30pm (6 weeks) €85/75 (9 places)

For those with drawing skills wishing to develop their use of drawing materials in sketching from a life model. Concentrating on line, perspective, form and tone using pencil, charcoal and graphite. Participants are asked to bring their own paper and drawing equipment.

Digital Photography (Beginners) with Tom Flanagan

Mondays 6.30-8.30pm (6 weeks) €90/€80 (6 places)

Wednesdays 6.30-8.30 (6 weeks) €90/€80 (6 places)

This hands-on workshop is designed to show participants how to use a digital camera properly. This course will give you the ability to competently use a digital camera. You will be encouraged to take photographs on an ongoing basis throughout the duration of the course and will be given assignments on a weekly basis to put theory into practice.

Black/White Photography with Paul Fennell

Introduction to Photography

Tuesdays 6.45-8.45pm (6 weeks) €90/80 (6 places)

This workshop aims to cover the fundamentals of photography; camera use, aperture and shutter speed for effect. The course aims to enhance visual awareness and observational skills relating to photography. Participants must have their own film camera

Darkroom Practice with Paul Fennell

Wednesdays 6.45-8.45pm (6 weeks) €90/80 (6 places) Introducing Participants to film development and black and white printing Including multigrade contrast control and basic dodging and burning techniques. Participants must have their own film camera

Creative Writing Poetry (Beginners) with Kevin Higgins

Tuesdays 7-8.30pm (6 weeks) €70/60 (8 places)

Over ten weeks Kevin Higgins will lead participants through every aspect of poetry writing, from inspiration to editing to learning how to take constructive criticism. He will also help participants get their poems out into the world; the last two classes will be dedicated to How To Publish Your Poems and How to Read Your Poems in Public.

Acting with Pete Mullineaux

Wednesdays 7-8.30pm (6 weeks) €70/60 (15 places)

A performance class, which will bring out the actor in you! The focus will be on exploring self-potential through acting and other techniques. Participants will explore improvisation skills, a selection of play texts, breathing techniques, projection, voice work and gesture. The overall

aim is to have fun and build self-confidence while learning more about theatre.

Adult classes weekdays

Drawing into Paint (Beginners) with Maeve Curtis

Thursday 11-1pm (6 weeks) €85/75

This course introduces the fundamentals of drawing and painting by working both from everyday objects and from memory. Each participant is actively encouraged to develop critical and analytical skills within the group whilst sharing their own work and engaging with current exhibitions in Galway Arts Centre. The course will begin by exploring some of the formal issues of observational drawing from objects. These drawings will then be translated into paintings via tone and temperature and the use of colour using a variety of materials including pencil, charcoal, and acrylic paint.

Please note: the course fee does not include materials. For the first class, participants are asked to bring a sketchbook, pencils, rubbers and charcoal.

Drawing into paint 2 continuation with Maeve Curtis

Tuesdays 11-2pm (10 weeks) €205 (9 places)

Booked Out

Time for Art - A Class for adults with Ruby Wallis

Wednesday 11-12.45pm €70/60 (6 weeks) (6 places)

This class will be a relaxed introduction to some of ways in which we can grow to understand art practice today.

We will discuss the exhibitions that are current in the gallery combining this with building drawing and mark making skills.

During the term we will make a trip to The Irish Museum of Modern Art in Dublin. There will be a coffee/tea break at the end of each class.

No previous experience necessary.

Workshop Our Writing (Beg & continue) with Susan Millar Du Mars

Mondays 2-3.30pm (6 weeks) €70/60 (8 places)

This class is suitable for both beginning and continuing creative writing students, working in either poetry or fiction. Students will spend their week responding to writing exercises designed to inspire, rather than inhibit. In class, they will receive gentle feedback on their work from their classmates and from the teacher. They will then be expected to edit their pieces in time for the final class. Thus, students will gain experience in giving and responding to constructive criticism; and will, by the end of the course, have perhaps half a dozen polished pieces of writing finished. An ideal course for anyone who wants help moving from inspiration to finished product.

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Thursdays 2-3.30pm (6 weeks) €70/60 (8 places)

When is a poem complete? How does a poet find his or her poetic voice? How does a poet make the transition from writing individual poems to putting a first collection together? During the ten week advanced poetry class Kevin Higgins will attempt to answer all these questions, and more. This class is suitable for those who have done poetry workshops before, or for those who've already begun publishing poems in magazines.

Memoir Writing with Mary Mullen

Wednesdays 12-1.30pm (6 weeks) €70/60 (8 places)

Memoir Writing Class: There is only one you! Come learn how to get started on your own memoir. This course will explore the concept of memoir and your own memories from many angles. You will learn how to focus in on a few parts of your life that have been particularly meaningful to you and how to get a few gems of your own personal history down on paper. All ages cordially welcomed, all writing levels catered for in this workshop-based course.

Children's classes Weekdays

Terrific Twos Parent & Toddler Group with Sibéal Ní Chuimín

Mondays 12.30-2pm (6 weeks) €65/55 (6 places)

A paint and make playground for two year olds to explore with a parent or guardian. In a safe and creative environment participants are introduced to a wide variety of materials and basic skills while experiencing the pleasure of creating their own art work to take home, **and we clean up the mess!**

New Class

Skills & techniques for older children with Sibeal Ni Chuimín

Monday 4-5.30pm (6 weeks)€65/55 (6 places)

This workshop is aimed at 4th, 5th and 6th class students, designed to enable them to translate their ideas into drawings and drawings into 3D models and prints.

Afterschool Art class

Drawing from Life with Maeve Curtis

Tuesdays 3.30-5pm 5-10yrs (6 weeks) €65/55 (12 places)

This is an exciting venture for young artists who will learn to draw and paint from the human form - a realm usually preserved for older artists! Each week we will be using pencils, charcoal, brushes, collage and paints on paper to explore this medium. A key part to this course will be the group's active engagement in discussing both their own work and exploring the current exhibitions in Galway Arts Centre.

New Class

Portfolio Preparation with Ruby Wallis & Amantine Dahan

Friday 4.30-6pm 14 - 18 yrs €65/55 (6 weeks) (8 Places)

This workshop is aimed at building a body of art

Work as pre- portfolio preparation and support for group/leaving certificate preparation. This workshop is specifically for teenagers who are interested in developing their fine art skills. The young people will learn how to research and discuss their artistic ideas and A trip to GMIT Art college and library will be taken during the term.

Children's classes Saturdays

It may get messy sometimes so make sure to wear old clothes.

Art Start with Amantine Dahan and Ruby Wallis

Saturday 10.30 - 12.00 am 4-6yrs €90/80 (8weeks) (12 places)

Art Start - 'let's explore the gallery...' In this lively dynamic class we will interact with the gallery space, using it as an eye opener for inspiration. During this class we will be especially aware of building artistic confidence through games, conversations and stories. We will explore a wide variety of materials to learn about drawing and mark making, using charcoal, paint, pastels and pencils to build a final portfolio of work.

Art Start with Amantine Dahan and Ruby Wallis

Saturday 12.30 - 2.00pm 8-12yrs €90/80 (8 weeks) (12 places)

Let's explore three-dimensional spaces. During this class we will move through the gallery with a particular awareness of the way objects relate in space by looking at other artists working with sculpture. Instead of drawing on paper we will translate our ideas by building artworks, using materials such as cardboard, glue and Tape. This will be a fun way of changing the way we interpret artworks.

Art Start with Amantine Dahan and Ruby Wallis

Saturday 2.45 - 4.15pm 4-6yrs €90/80 (8 weeks) (12 places)

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