

Galway City & County Arts e-Newsletter January 2010

Welcome and Happy New Year to each and every one of you. The Galway City & County Arts e-newsletter contains information about current and forthcoming exhibitions, arts events and arts opportunities in and for all of Galway. We hope you can all come and support the myriad of events taking place in January. 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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Funding Opportunities

ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Deis

Closing date: Ongoing

Maximum awarded: €50,000

Art area: Traditional arts

Audience type: All

Collaborative application possible? Yes

Contact: Niamh McCabe

Position: Traditional Arts Officer

Telephone: 01 6180282/6197807

Email: traditionalarts@artscouncil.ie

Travel & training award

Closing date: Ongoing

Maximum awarded: €12,000

Art area: All

Audience type: Individual artist, Organisation

Collaborative application possible? Yes

Telephone: 01 618 02 00

Email: travelandtraining@artscouncil.ie

Visual artists in prisons scheme

Closing date: Ongoing

Maximum awarded: €2,400

Art area: Visual arts

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? Yes

External agency: Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

External agency web address: <http://www.justice.ie/>

Contact: Veronica Hoen

Position: Coordinator, Visual Artists in Prisons Scheme

Telephone: + 353 21 482 16 19

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Bursaries

Architecture bursary award

Closing date: 21/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €15,000

Art area: Architecture

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? No

Arts participation bursary (arts & health)

Closing date: 21/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €10,000

Art area: Arts participation

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? No

Dance bursary award

Closing date: 21/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €10,000

Art area: Dance

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? No

Film bursary award

Closing date: 21/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €15,000

Art area: Film

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? No

Literature bursary award

Closing date: 21/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €15,000

Art area: Literature (English language), Literature (Irish language)

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? No

Music bursary award

Closing date: 21/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €15,000

Art area: Music

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? Yes

Theatre bursary award

Closing date: 21/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €15,000

Art area: Theatre

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? No

Traditional arts bursary award

Closing date: 21/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €15,000

Art area: Traditional arts

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? No

Visual arts bursary award

Closing date: 21/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €15,000

Art area: Visual arts

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? No

YPCE bursary award

Closing date: 21/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €10,000

Art area: Young people children and the arts

Audience type: Individual artist

Collaborative application possible? No

For further information on any of the above bursaries:

Telephone: 01 61 80 200

Email: awards@artscouncil.ie

Website: www.artscouncil.ie

Skidmore jazz studentship

Closing date: 28/01/2010

Maximum awarded: €2500

Art area: Music

Audience type: All

Collaborative application possible? No

External agency: The Arts Council of Northern Ireland

External agency web address: <http://www.artscouncil-ni.org>

Telephone: +44 28 9038 5200

Email: info@artscouncil-ni.org

Competitions

Draw me a right!

The European Commission has launched a poster competition to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The aim of the competition is raise awareness among young people of their rights. The competition is open to young people aged 10 to 18. Children and teenagers wishing to take part in the competition are asked to design a poster (in A2 format) illustrating one of the rights enshrined in the Convention. The entries will be judged first at national level and prizes will be awarded to the three best teams in each age category during ceremonies to be held in their home country at the beginning of April 2010. The winners of the first prize in the national competitions will compete in a second round at European level. The three top teams in each age group will be invited to visit Brussels from 8 to 10 May 2010, for a memorable weekend and a tour of the European institutions, as well as to attend a European award ceremony. The best entries will be posted to the websites of the Commission's representations in the Member States and to the Europa portal. They may also be used for future European campaigns. The poster and submission form must be signed, sealed and delivered to the premises of the

national coordinator "EuropaYouth" no later than Friday 19 March 2010. For further information visit the competition website at:

http://www.europayouth.eu/index_ie_en.htm

Conferences

Creating Conversations

The Department of Arts Education & Physical Education at Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick wishes to convene a gathering of arts educators, stakeholders, policymakers, artists, arts education/resource agencies, researchers etc. as a response to the publication of the Points of Alignment report

http://www.artscouncil.ie/Publications/Arts_education_en_08.pdf. This event will

take place on January 29th & 30th 2010 in Limerick, and is entitled Creating Conversations. Conversations have always taken place in the arts and education, but they have often been disparate, scattered, fragmented, and isolated. Too often the conversations have focused on what we are, or indeed are not. Often the conversations have never managed to get beyond the meet and greet stage. Sometimes we can't even figure out which room the conversations belong in.

Creating Conversations is an attempt to connect the conversations, question the practices, explore the ideologies and influence the policies and practices of the future. It is an effort by the staff of the department to publicly engage with and address the principles and practices within the arts and education through presentations, discussions and workshops. This engagement as a part of the community of arts and education is at the heart of the future direction of the department. For enquires and to register please email

creatingconversations@mic.ul.ie or contact Zeta Penny on at 061-204924.

Closing date for registration is 16th January.

Courses

Dance

Laban Guild Dance Leader Course

The Laban Guild is internationally renowned for its expertise in community dance training. Due to ongoing demand for professional development opportunities the next course will commence May 2010 at NUI Maynooth, Co. Kildare. This course may be of interest to dance artists, community arts facilitators or teachers.

This 150 hour part time course is designed to help you adapt your professional skills to teaching dance and will teach you how to lead creative dance sessions in a variety of contexts.

It will give you a practical grounding in three modules comprising of:

- Laban Fundamentals of Movement
- Teaching Skills, Anatomy and the preparation of Creative Dance Sessions
- Ideas for Dance and Dance Making

The course will:

- Offer you a framework for leading creative dance sessions
- Provide a practical understanding of Laban's Analysis of Movement on which you can found your work
- Help you develop practical dance skills and improve your personal performance
- Provide experience of various teaching styles and strategies
- Promote a commitment to inclusion- Dance is For Everyone

The Laban Guild Dance Leaders Course will enhance the work of dance artists, school teachers, freelance dance and drama teachers, social or care workers, community arts workers and physiotherapists.

Practical Information Day: 20 March 2010. You'll have an opportunity to sample the practical work and decide whether this is the course for you. We will explain the format and demands of the course and answer all your questions.

For further information on this course please contact:
Nicola Dunne, Kildare County Council Arts Service, Tel: 045 448312 or
Email: nmdunne@kildarecoco.ie or visit: www.kildare.ie/artsservice

Creative Writing

CREATIVE WRITING CLASSES & POETRY WORKSHOPS STARTING SOON

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology presents Creative Writing for Beginners with Susan Millar DuMars

The course takes place one evening per week (Wednesday) for 8 weeks from 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. It commences on **Wednesday, Feb 10th**, 2010. Advance booking is essential. Places cost €120.00. During the eight weeks Susan Millar DuMars will give support, instruction and feedback to students who are interested in writing either fiction (short stories, novels) or poetry. For further details or to book a place contact **GMIT, Dublin Road, Galway. Telephone 091 742145** or see www.gmit.ie

Poetry workshops with Kevin Higgins at Galway Arts Centre

Galway Arts Centre is offering aspiring poets a choice of two poetry workshops, both facilitated by poet Kevin Higgins.

Each workshop will run for ten weeks, commencing **the week of January 18th**. They will take place on **Tuesday evenings**, 7-8.30pm (**first class January 19th**) and on **Thursday afternoons**, 2-4pm (**first class January 21st**). The Tuesday evening workshop is open to both **complete beginners** as well as those who've been writing for some time. The Thursday afternoon workshop is an **Advanced Poetry Workshop**, suitable for those who've participated in poetry workshops before or had poems published in magazines. The cost to participants is €110, with an €100 concession rate.

Places must be paid for in advance. To reserve a place contact Victoria at reception at **Galway Arts Centre, 47 Dominick Street, phone 091 565886 or email victoria@galwayartscentre.ie**

Daytime Creative Writing Classes with Susan Millar Du Mars at Galway Arts Centre

Galway Arts Centre presents a daytime class for all those beginner and continuing creative writing students out there, facilitated by Susan Millar DuMars. The 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. The class runs for ten weeks and takes place on **Monday afternoons, 2-3.30pm**, commencing on **Monday January 18th**.

The cost to participants is 110 Euro with a 100 Euro concession price. Booking is essential as places are limited. For booking please contact **Galway Arts Centre, 47 Dominick Street. Phone 091 565886 or email victoria@galwayartscentre.ie**

**Galway Technical Institute presents
Creative Writing Beginners & Intermediate**

Creative Writing for Beginners with Kevin Higgins takes place one evening per week (Monday) from 7-9.30pm (8 weeks). It commences on **Monday, 18th January, 2010**. Advance booking is essential. Places cost €120. Kevin Higgins will provide writing exercises for, and give gentle critical feedback to, those interested in trying their hand at writing poems, stories or memoir.

Intermediate Creative Writing with Susan Millar DuMars takes place one evening per week (Tuesday) from 7-9.30pm (8 weeks). It commences on **Tuesday, 19th January, 2010**. Advance booking is essential. Places cost €120. This class is suitable for those who've participated in creative writing classes before or begun to have work published in magazines. Flexible exercises and work-shopping of assignments, together with the study of the works of published writers, will help each class member to find their own writing voice.

To book a place in either class contact **GTI, Father Griffin Road, Galway Telephone 091-581342, e-mail adulthoodinfo@cgvec.ie or see <http://www.gti.ie/>**

Creative Writing - Fiction course with writer Celeste Augé

This January, Galway Arts Centre is offering a fiction workshop, facilitated by writer Celeste Augé who was short listed for a Hennessy Literary Award in 2009.

Taking inspiration from contemporary writing, participants will do in-class writing exercises along with assignments on their own time. These will be shared during the workshop in a supportive environment meant to challenge and inspire.

The workshop will take place on Monday evenings, 7-8.30pm for ten weeks starting January 18th, and is open to both beginners as well as more experienced writers. The cost to participants is €110, with a €100 concession rate.

Places are limited, so early booking is advised. Places must be paid for in advance. To book, please contact Galway Arts Centre, 47 Dominick Street, phone 091-565 886 or email victoria@galwayartscentre.ie.

Events

CoisCéim Dance Theatre celebrates 15 years of award-winning productions with a New Year tour of **As You Are** by Muirne Bloomer and **Faun** by David Bolger.

Both shows run nightly at the venues and dates listed below. Coinciding with the tour, CoisCéim are offering dance workshops free of charge to groups of 15+ who are coming to the show. Below is information about the show and the workshops.

Show lasts 1 hour 40 minutes approximately, including interval.

TOWN HALL THEATRE, GALWAY : TUE 26 JAN @ 8 PM : Tickets €18/15 concession
Booking 091-569777 : www.tht@galwaycity.ie

DANCE WORKSHOPS

An enjoyable dance workshop, in which participants can try simple warm-up exercises and dance sequences from the show which are easy to learn and fun to do. Each workshop is led by a professional dancer with CoisCéim Dance Theatre. Workshops can be pitched toward any age group ranging from 14 – 100 years! No prior experience is necessary.

Workshops can take place on Wed 25 in the afternoon / evening or the morning of Thurs 26 Jan and are free of charge to groups of 15 or more who have purchased tickets to see the show at the Town Hall Theatre.

Required: well lit, heated space with wooden floor ideally and a 13 amp socket. Water to be available for participants. CoisCéim will bring music system.

FURTHER INFORMATION & BOOKINGS FOR WORKSHOPS:
PHILIPPA DONNELLAN : TEL 01-8780558 : PHILIPPA@COISCEIM.COM

FANTASIES AND FAIRYTALES

- The music of Robert Schumann

22 - 24 Jan 2010 Town Hall Theatre, Galway

Galway Ensemble-in-Residence, ConTempo Quartet, (Romania/Ireland);

Eduard Stan, piano (Romania/Germany);

Rodion Pogossoff, baritone (Russia);

Johannes Peitz, clarinet (Germany).

Friday 8pm

Fantasy Pieces, Op. 73 for clarinet and piano

Songs: *Die Lwenbraut, Der Nussbaum*

Fairy Tales, Op. 132 for clarinet, viola and piano

Piano Quartet, Op. 47

Saturday 2pm

Morning Songs, Op. 133

Dichterliebe, Op. 48 Songs cycle

Fantasy Pieces, Op. 111

Saturday 8pm

Adagio and Allegro, Op. 70 for cello and piano

Fairy Tale Pictures, Op. 113 for viola and piano

Four Fantasy Pieces, Op. 88 for violin, cello and piano

String Quartet no. 3 in A major, Op. 41 no. 3

Sunday 3pm

Forest Scenes, Op. 82

Songs: *Widmung, An den Mond, Du bist wie eine Blume, Eine Liederreihe Stille*

Liebe, Aus den stlichen Rosen, Der Hidalgo

Piano Quintet, Op. 44

Evening Tickets: €20, members/concessions: €16, student: €6.

Saturday 2pm recital: €10, members/concessions: €6.

Festival Ticket: €55, members/concessions: €45.

Booking through Town Hall Theatre 091 569777 or www.tht.ie

For further information contact:

Anna Lardi Fogarty, Music for Galway, c/o GMIT, Cluain Mhuire, Monivea Road,

Galway. Phone: 00353 (0)91 705962 Email: info@musicforgalway.ie

Over The Edge Celebrates Seventh Birthday with Reading by David Wheatley sponsored by Poetry Ireland.

The first 'Over The Edge: Open Reading' of 2010 takes place in **Galway City Library** on **Thursday, January 21st**, 6.30-8.00pm. The Featured Readers are **Lisa Allen, Paul Conway & David Wheatley**. This is a very special occasion as it is now exactly seven years since **Over The Edge** was born in Galway City Library in January 2003. The reading is sponsored by Poetry Ireland.

Lisa Allen is from Navan, but writes poetry anyway. Lisa studied English and Philosophy at University College, Dublin, and has also dabbled in drama. She has participated in poetry workshops with Kevin Higgins at Galway Arts Centre. Lisa was short-listed for the "Over the Edge New Writer of the Year" in 2009 and is a finalist in the 2010 Cúirt Poetry Slam.

Paul Conway is a native of Dublin City. He moved to Galway in 2005, and, like a lot of people, was very fortunate to get stuck there. He works as a freelance video game artist, and in 2008 decided to try his hand at creative writing. He has attended classes with both Kevin Higgins and Susan Millar DuMars at the Galway Technical Institute. He was short-listed in the 2009 Over The Edge New Writer of the Year Competition.

David Wheatley was born in Dublin in 1970 and now lives in Hull. He is the author of three collections with Gallery Press: *Thirst* (1997), *Misery Hill* (2000), and *Mocker* (2006), and has edited the poems of James Clarence Mangan for Gallery and of Samuel Beckett for Faber and Faber. He edited *Metre* magazine for many years with Justin Quinn.

As usual there will be an open-mic after the featured readers have finished. New readers are always most welcome. The MC for the evening will be Susan Millar DuMars. For further details phone 087-6431748.

Over The Edge acknowledges the ongoing generous financial support of Galway City Council & The Arts Council.

<http://overtheedgeliteraryevents.blogspot.com>

Exhibitions

Exhibition by Damien McGinley
Exhibition Title: *The Street Parade*
Opening 8th January 2010 for 1 month
Town Hall Theatre Gallery

Donegal Artist Damien McGinley brings his mixed media exhibition '*The Street Parade*' to Galway for the month of January. Damien has exhibited across Europe. His paintings are strongly informed by a sense of place, relating to both rural and urban settings. The exhibition consists of over 20 canvases, using various media-oils, spray paints and collages.