

Galway City & County e-Newsletter April 2008

Welcome to the Galway City & County 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 .

This months newsletter is buzzing with great arts activities. We hope you can all come and support the myriad of events taking place in April. Congratulations to everyone involved in making it all happen.

The City and County can boast of really great arts activity: we may not have been able to include absolutely everything taking place in 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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Maureen Kenny RIP

Galway City and County Arts Offices would like to pay tribute to the great Maureen Kenny who passed away recently.

Mrs Kenny was a valued member of the Galway Community. A major inspiration and guiding light for all who knew her, Mrs Kenny will be fondly remembered by us all.

Kenny's was the first Gallery in the west of Ireland, Mrs Kenny gave so many Writers and Artists opportunities when none were to be had, we owe her so much and are indebted to her for her vision and her support.

We will miss Mrs Kenny greatly and we extend our condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

Marilyn Gaughan & James Harrold

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Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, Séamus Brennan T.D. has unveiled details of the comprehensive Arts and Culture Plan 2008. The plan includes additional funding of €40m for arts and cultural capital projects nationwide, the announcement of a National Cultural Day and extended opening hours at National Institutions. For full details please see the department website:

www.arts-sport-tourism.gov.ie

ARTS COUNCIL SEEKS ASSISTANT: ARTISTS' SUPPORTS

Assistant: Artists' Supports (0.5 Role). Closing date for applications: 07 April 2008. The objective of this role will be to provide clerical support to the Artists' Supports Team, with a view to optimising service delivery in line with Partnership for the Arts. This temporary post is offered as career leave cover for a period up until end of February 2010. It is offered on a Temporary Specific Purpose Contract. The role is half time (0.5) and equivalent to 2.5 days per week. The appointment will be made at the equivalent of the Civil Service Clerical Officer Grade. Clerical Officer Salary Scale: Point 1: €22,058 (excluding pension) - LSI 2: €37,656 (including pension)

Further information: www.artscouncil.ie/en/jobs.aspx

Macnas is looking for an Artistic Director:

Macnas are in the process of recruiting an Artistic Director.

We are looking for an individual with an exciting artistic vision and a thorough understanding of contemporary theatre and participatory practice who can lead and inspire this unique company.

Application forms, and all relevant information regarding this position are available in confidence: from www.macnas.com or telephone: 091 561462

Slógadh Eachtaí; The 3rd Aughty Gathering, Woodford, April 19th 2008

The Slógadh Eachtaí will take place on the 19th April 2008 in the East Galway village of Woodford, *Craig na Muilte Iarainn* ('the village of the Iron Mills'), and include keynote addresses and group sessions that will cover familiar and less explored aspects of the history and heritage of the Sliabh Aughty Uplands.

The purpose is to celebrate the uniqueness of Slógadh Eachtaí - the followers or people of Aughty - and make connections between people and places around Sliabh Aughty.

Archaeologist and Hillwalker Tamas Peter Váry will be our first speaker in the morning.

Tamas came to in 2004 and fell in love with the Irish language and heritage. He went to Rathcarn (*Ráth Chorráin or Ráth Cairn*), to learn Irish and has a great interest in Irish Mythology and Celtic Studies. Tamas has walked Woodford and knows the highways and byways. His talk will explore the history and mythology of the Sliabh Aughties.

Our next speaker is Anita Donaghy. Anita is a graduate of Queen's University Belfast. She works for Birdwatch and her special brief is the conservation of the Corncrake and other endangered bird species. She will talk on the different birds found in the Slieve Aughty range: Hen Harrier, Quail, Bittern, Snipe, Pheasant, Woodcock, Pigeon and even the Cormorant that comes up from the river Shannon Callows. The musician Michael Fahy will be hosting A Celebration of Sliabh Aughty Music in the afternoon.

Slógadh Eachtaí is a group of local people drawn from community groups who have gotten together to represent the different facets of community life in Woodford.

Registration: 10.00 A.M. First Speaker: 10.30 A.M.

Contact: Maura Stewart, Slógadh Eachtaí at slogadheachtai@gmail.com Web: <http://www.aughty.org>

Encouraging Diversity in Volunteering

Wednesday April 16th 10.00am - 4.00pm Ballybane Enterprise Centre, Ballybane, Fee: €100

Would you like to have volunteers from a wider variety of background in your organisation? Would you like to benefit from 's increasing diversity, and the new skills and experience that brings? Would you like to ensure that your organisation welcomes volunteers from all backgrounds and celebrates difference?

If so, you should register for "Encouraging Diversity in Volunteering" a new one-day course being provided by Galway Volunteer Centre for non-profit organisations working in and County.

This one day course is aimed at anyone who is responsible for managing or sourcing volunteers. It is useful for any organisation that is interested in tapping into the new approaches and fresh perspectives brought by people from cultural, educational and social backgrounds.

By the end of the day you will be able to: Understand how diversity in volunteers can strengthen your organisation Evaluate your own organisations approach to volunteer involvement. Develop strategies and methods for encouraging a more diverse volunteer profile.

Organisations on the day will be able to share their experiences of working with volunteers and learn from each other. The trainer for the day will be Zsuzsanna Varga, Training Service Manager with Volunteering Ireland, who has international volunteer management training experience. You can also download the form at www.volunteergalway.ie

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FESTIVALS

Celtic Media Festival Galway 2008 16 - 18 April www.celticmediafestival.co.uk

The festival that is big enough to showcase the best and small enough to meet the people you need to meet...

The Celtic Media Festivals aim is to promote the languages and cultures of the Celtic countries on screen and in broadcasting. Its primary activity is organising the Celtic Media Festival. The Celtic Media Festival is supported by broadcast, film, cultural and economic development organisations throughout the Celtic countries.

The Festival is an annual three-day celebration of broadcasting, film talent and excellence from , , , and .

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The Celtic Media Festival has a full time central office based in :

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Cúirt International Festival of Literature Announces Exciting Programme of Events

The 23rd Cúirt International Festival of Literature which takes place from April 22-27 is set to

hold its most ambitious programme of events to date.

Since its inception 23 years ago, Cuirt has developed into the premier Literary Festival in the country and in April 2008 will showcase a rich cross section of contemporary writing from household names to cult classics to new talent. The 23rd Cúirt International Festival of Literature will open on Tuesday April 22 with readings from Jennifer Johnston and Sebastian Barry, two of 's finest writers. The theme of the 2008 Cúirt Programme is *Eyewitnesses to History* and audiences will be in for a treat as writers who have observed history in motion in a range of countries including , , , , and are set to attend the festival.

Páraic Breathnach, Managing Director of Galway Arts Centre said : "We invite everyone to experience the magic of literature which truly comes to life throughout the week of Cuirt as highly accomplished national and international authors participate in book readings, discussions and debates"

Down through the years Nobel Prize winners, Poets Laureate and major novelists have all performed at Cúirt and the 2008 Festival continues to attract international and Irish renowned writers.

Arkady Babchenko who wrote the highly acclaimed *One Soldiers War* which won 's Best Debut of the Year Prize last year will discuss life in war torn . Tony Langouranis, a former US Soldier who wrote *Fear Up Harsh: An Army Interrogator's Dark Journey Through Iraq* will give first hand account of the torture and abuse of Iraqi Prisoners by members of the US Military. Breyten Breytenbach, award winning poet and writer and one of the best known campaigners against the Apartheid Government in will give a valuable insight into life in . A must for those interested in American Politics is Samantha Power, American journalist and writer, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and a former senior advisor to US Democratic Party Presidential Barack Obama.

Sports enthusiasts should definitely attend Keith Duggan's, Irish Times Columnist and Sportswriter, reading from his book "*House of Pain: Through the Rooms of Mayo Football* which tells the fascinating story of Mayo's quest for an All Ireland title. The presence of Ronan Bennett whose latest novel *Zugzwang* has been shortlisted for the 2008 Irish Novel of the Year and Rachael Cusk whose novel *Arlington Park* was shortlisted for the 2007 Orange Prize for fiction are sure not to disappoint.

Cúirt continues to support local writers and is delighted to announce the presence of Mike McCormack, former winner of the New York Times Book of the Year, William Henry, historian, archaeologist and author, Liam O' Muirthile, and esteemed Gaelic Footballer Seán Óg de Paor. A first for the Festival is the Cúirt Literary tour which will trace the history of literature in , a city which has been home to some of the nations most influential Literary Figures. Writers will be brought to life in dramatic re-creations incorporating song and music which will celebrate the literary legacy of amongst others Ó Conaire, Ó Direáin, Ó Flaitherta, Ó hEithir, Lady Gregory, Yeats, Mary Sheridan, William S Blunt, Frank Harris and Walter Macken.

Cúirt has long been an excellent platform for poets and poetry enthusiasts should not miss, Donald Hall, a highly acclaimed writer who is the 14th US Poet Laureate and recipient of two Guggenheim Fellowships. Piotr Sommer, one of Poland's most respected poets is sure to impress audiences while Brian Turner, John McAuliffe, Vivienne Plumb, Moya Cannon, Lucy English, David Harsent are but a few of the poets taking part in the festival. Asne Seierstad who previously wrote the No 1 Bestseller *The Bookseller of Kabul* will take part in a public interview with Seamus Martin where she will discuss her latest book *The Angel of Grozny* which portrays

the difficulties facing life in post war .

This year's festival has expanded to include a designated programme of readings for young people. All events will take place in 's Theatre and the programme is specifically aimed at primary school children and young adults. Well known writers of young people's books including Annie West, Re Ó Laignleis, Anna Heussaff, Malachy Doyle and David Donohue will participate in Cúirt. There is also an extensive Irish language Programme which features amongst others Manchan Magan, Darach Ó Scolaí, Dairena Ní Chinnéide and Seosamh Ó Guairm

Throughout the week of the Festival, Galway Arts Centre in conjunction with Decadent Theatre and Galway Youth Theatre will present two plays *Via Dolorosa* by David Hare and *This Means War* by Max Hafler respectively. Exhibitions, book launches, readings, visual arts and debates make Cúirt an occasion not to miss. Tickets for all events can be purchased from the Town Hall Theatre

(Tel: 091 569777). For the full festival programme see www.galwayartscentre.ie

For further information and images contact: Eimear O'Brien, Press Officer, 23rd Cúirt International Festival of Literature Tel: 091 565886/ 086 8900364 Email: presscuint@gmail.com

VISUAL ARTS

Council

On Thursday 3rd April Galway County Council, in association with Galway Arts Centre and the National Gallery of Ireland will present a lecture for leaving certificate students based in . The lecture will take place at 9am in the Bank of Ireland Theatre, NUI Galway. Further details: maeve@galwayartscentre.ie / 091 565886

Arts Centre

Galway Arts Centre presents "Title: Unknown", a solo exhibition by Andrew Kearney. The exhibition will be opened by Mike Fitzpatrick, director / curator of Limerick City Gallery of Art and curator of the 2006 Irish pavillion at the Venice Biennale, at 6pm on Thursday 10th April in Galway Arts Centre, , . For this exhibit, Andrew Kearney has created an installation that examines the sense of distortion one experiences in a world under surveillance. Issues of personal history, identity and sexuality are examined through the metamorphosed object: enormous, beautifully lacquered security camera pans the room; aerosol cans are made of bone china, one of the photographs is of a giant conifer turns out on closer inspection to be a cell phone mast. A native of Limerick, currently lives and works in London. Kearney frequently exhibits his work in Europe, , and the . He is currently working on a three-year research program untitled 'Spaces Buildings Make' funded by the AHRC in .

Further details: maeve@galwayartscentre.ie / 091 565886

The Town Hall Theatre Gallery looks forward to two very different exhibitions in April. From the 1st to the 21st, Tuija Varjoranta with her oil painting exhibition ""

On the 22nd April as part of the Cuirt International Festival of Literature, the Town Hall Gallery is thrilled to host renowned photographer Joe Geohagan with 'the eye of the beholder'.

Exhibition runs until the 30th April.

(Tow Hall Theatre, Court , Wood quay, - 091 569777)

News from the Lorg Printmakers

Lorg are pleased to announce new opening hours which we hope members will find more workable. The workshop will now be open from Tuesday to Saturday inclusive from 11am to 6pm. The workshop will also stay open until 9pm on Thursdays. We hope to see you all at the workshop over the coming months. Lorg is welcoming new members now. Lorg Printmakers 091 471250 www.lorgprintmakers.ie www.myspace.com/lorgprint

Lorg Members Exhibition Lorg Printmakers are hosting a members exhibition at the Liosban workshop (Unit 2 Kilkerrin Park, Liosban, ,). The exhibition will officially open with a wine reception at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd April. All welcome. The exhibition will remain until May 20th. The exhibition is available for viewing during office hours Tuesday to Saturday, 11 - 6.

Lorg; DIGITAL PRINTMAKING BEGINNERS (INCLUDING PHOTOSHOP BASIC & DIGITAL PRINTING ON EPSON 9800 45 INCH) Tutor: Jennie Hutton. Dates: April 3rd and 4th. Time: 2pm - 5pm. Requirements: Students must bring images that they wish to work from (photographs, drawings, cuttings.) All other materials will be provided. Cost: Members: €70, Non-members: €100 (includes associate membership.) *Places are limited so early booking is advised.*

CHILDRENS INTRODUCTION TO PRINTMAKING Tutor: Lynne O'Loughlan. Date: April 12th & 13th. Time: 10am - 1pm. Requirements: Students must bring a photograph that they would like to work from. Protective clothing and drawing materials must also be brought by students. All other materials will be provided. Cost: €80. *Places are limited so early booking is advised.*

ADULTS INTRODUCTION TO PRINTMAKING (RELIEF & INTAGLIO) Tutor: Peter Kelehan. Date: 2nd, 3rd, 4th April. Time: 10am - 4pm. Requirements: Students must bring images that they wish to work from (photographs, drawings, cuttings.) Protective clothing and drawing materials must also be brought by students. All other materials will be provided. Cost: Members €110, Non-members €140 (includes associate membership.). *Places are limited so early booking is advised.*

INTAGLIO BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE (DRYPOINT, CARBORUNDUM & ETCHING) Tutor: Lynne O'Loughlan. Date: April 12th & 13th. Time: 2pm - 5pm. Requirements: Students must bring a photograph that they would like to work from. Protective clothing and drawing materials must also be brought by students. All other materials will be provided. Cost: Members €80, Non-members €110 (includes associate membership.) *Places are limited so early booking is advised.* lorgprintmakers@gmail.com

DIGITAL VIDEO & EDITING BEGINNERS Tutor: Jennifer Hutton. Date: 10th, 11th April. Time: 10am - 2pm. Cost: Members €80, Non-members €110 (includes associate membership.) *Places are limited so early booking is advised.* lorgprintmakers@gmail.com

REFRESHER INTAGLIO WORKSHOP (This practical workshop will provide technical support and skill sharing for those working in with any of the Intaglio methods) Tutor: Peter Kelehan. Dates: 16th, 17th, 18th April. Time: 10am - 4pm. Requirements: Participants must have some previous experience in Intaglio Printmaking. This workshop is best for those who are working on some ideas but feel that onsite technical support would increase their confidence with the next stage of their practice. All materials are included in the costing. Cost: €100 for members, €130 for non-members (includes associate membership.) *Places are limited so early booking is advised.*

SCREEN BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE Tutors: Martin Shannon & Denise McDonagh. Date: 12th, 13th, 26th & 27th April. Time: 12th, 26th: 10am – 5pm, 13th, 27th: 1pm – 6pm.

Requirements: Students must bring images that they wish to work from (photographs, drawings, cuttings.) Protective clothing and drawing materials must also be brought by students. All other materials will be provided. Cost: Members €270, Non-members €300 (includes associate membership.) *Places are limited so early booking is advised.*

BEGINNERS PHOTOGRAPHY Tutor: Jennifer Hutton. Dates: April 3rd and 4th. Time: 10-1. Requirements: Students should bring their own cameras if possible. Lorg has one camera available for renting. Cost: Members: €60, Non-members: €90 (includes associate membership.) *Places are limited so early booking is advised.*

Safer Etching Methods Workshops, Print Appreciation Workshop, Photo Etching Workshop and an Art Therapy Group will also be announced shortly.

Further info on any of the above is available from lorgprintmakers@gmail.com or 091471250 or www.myspace.com/lorgprint / www.bebo.com/lorgprintmakers.

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Now seeking submissions from Artists to become apart of a new innovative website.

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Send your up-to-date C.V and sample works for selection. First round ends March 31st

All Artists welcome to apply. [Stephanie Reilly_info@irisharthouse.ie](mailto:Stephanie.Reilly@irisharthouse.ie) 086 3298401

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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

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, . 091 756880 or email mphelan@galwaycoco.ie

DANCE

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

Dancer in Residence Tanya McCrory has just completed a series of workshops with schools in the County. Watch this space for more exciting details on the new programme, which will include guest workshops, new schools programme and performances

Tuam Dance classes-schools outreach programme

(Baz) Barry Burke, Break-dancer extraordinaire and Tanya McCrory, Dancer in residence are teaching break dance and choreography workshops in Tuam at the and the . We're delighted to have Baz guest teaching on the residency this year. Baz is a self taught dancer and choreographer who's work has appeared in numerous film and television programmes around the world. The workshop will culminate in a choreographed piece to be performed in April in the

play 'A Tribute to Chairs'. These classes are part of our schools programme and therefore limited to the participating schools only.

Professional Contemporary Dance Class In

Tanya McCrory will begin teaching a weekly professional Contemporary Dance Class. This class will draw on a contemporary dance vocabulary as well as yoga, ballet, and release techniques. The aim of this class is to create the space for the experienced dancer to explore and develop their ideas of movement and composition

*Class is open to professional dancers and visiting artists with a minimum of five years contemporary or ballet training, to join please email Tanya at galwaydanceresidency@yahoo.ie

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 build gradually, reaching a peak and brings you back to a place of stillness. Galway Dance Co-op is supported by the Galway Dance Residency.

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. Galway Dance Practice Group is supported by the Galway Dance Residency.

Contact: Alison McGeown, 0857341944, alisonmcg10@hotmail.com

Get Fit and Dance at

Adult ballet and jazz classes, beginners and intermediate levels, at Corrib Dance Academy Studios, Briarhill, to register call Leighton on 091 739132

Tango Argentina dance classes are taking place weekly on Mondays in the Rowing Club, at 8:30pm and in An Caladh Mór, An Spidéal, on Tuesdays at 8pm.

Fiona Maguire, native of Kildare and Daniel Montenegro, of Buenos Aires, have returned to inject their own unique style into the countries emerging new tango scene having spent the past two years dancing professionally in Argentina. Beginners are welcome but all levels are catered for and the classes in An Spidéal are bilingual (English/Gaeilge). The Tango couple are also available for performances at events and functions. [For more information contact 087 7736720](tel:0877736720) or see www.tangosensation.com

Creativity classes at Spirit Centre, 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

FILM

Course at Galway Film Centre; Our weekend and evening film courses for adults if you would like to receive a brochure or want to be added to our mailing list, send your contact details to education@galwayfilmcentre.ie Tel 091 770748, website www.galwayfilmcentre.ie

Galway Film Centre's ID Films

Do you belong to a community, social or voluntary group in or County, with a unique voice which encapsulates your community, tradition, lifestyle, views and culture?

ID Projects offer groups an exciting opportunity to make their own documentary on identity and deliver their own voice and message with the help of a professional film-maker.

Galway Film Centre in association with An Chomhairle Ealaion/the Arts Council, Galway City Council and Galway County Council would like to offer you this unique opportunity to participate in ID Projects at no cost to your group.

The deadline for applications is 28th April 2008. There will be some open meetings held in the county to outline the scheme in more detail.

If you would like further information contact Nuala in the Galway Film Centre, 091 770748 or projects@galwayfilmcentre.ie

THEATRE

PORTUMNA YOUTH THEATRE PYT is now starting its second term with facilitator Catherine Simon in 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

As part of our continuing Professional Practice Galway City & County Councils in partnership with the Arts Council are delighted to present; From Inspiration to Realisation' - Little John Nee- Theatre Residency Galway Theatre Residency programme 2007 -2008: A series of workshops, panels and talks for independent theatre practitioners throughout the City and County of Galway.

This residency has been devised specifically with the intention of facilitating, informing and encouraging groups of independent theatre practitioners in the and County areas. It is directed at groups and individuals who continue to show commitment to and consistency in creating works that aspire to excellence. *'Our work often falls short of its potential due to a lack of expertise in certain areas. Companies and individuals frequently working with small budgets are forced to double up and take on jobs they have no training or expertise in thus often leaving them feeling intimidated and overwhelmed. Many artists are intimidated by administrative procedures, this excludes them from funding and something like tax returns can*

be frightening.' **Little John Nee**

We have selected keynote speakers who have made enormous contributions to theatre development in , comprising of a series of workshops, panel discussions and talks covering current theatre policy and practice.

Participants are encouraged to use this resource to further any project they might wish to begin or any project they are currently working on.

Where: Town Hall Theatre Studio
When: Saturday April 26th at 2pm
Who: Little John Nee and Dathi Ramsey
Title: “why don’t you get a real job”

Places are Limited and booking is essential

For further information please contact the Arts Office **Email:** artsoffice@galwaycoco.ie **Phone:** 091 746875

Gombeens Theatre Troupe in association with Galway Youth theatre present This means war (A re-telling of Aristophanes Lysistrata) by Max Hafler as part of the Cuirt International Literature Festival. This is the culmination of three months of training, devising and rehearsing. A dynamic, choral and comic experience is promised. Men are welcome!

Watch out also for the Gombeens on the Cuirt Literary Tour!!!

-Gombeens are commencing the early stages of their summer co-production with Blue Tea-Pot Theatre Company. A playful examination of who are the fools.

ARTS AND HEALTH

Arts Ability Abú

A partnership arts project between 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 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

Burning Bright

The burning bright project now enters its fourth year. Galway County Council, Galway Arts Centre and Age Action West collaborate on an innovative arts programme for nursing home residents in . A series of visual arts residencies are run in nursing home throughout . 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 .

This is a multi-location project, taking place in Inis Mor, Carraroe, Carna, , University College

Hospital Galway, Ballinasloe, Loughrea, Athenry, Clifden, Tuam and Portumna

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

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Galway Youth Theatre In association with Gombeens Theatre Troupe Presents 'This Means War' by Max Hafler a retelling of LYSISTRATA by Aristophanes

Let them shiver to the bone

Cos they're gonna be alone

In Bed!

In this great comic fable of community action, a group of women go on sex strike to stop a war which has dragged on for years. But they don't stop at that. They take over government buildings and hold their ground. As the men get more frustrated, and the war grinds to a halt, the women too are challenged by the society, and the strength of their own desires!

Galway Youth Theatre perform this raucous political satire, directed by Gombeens Miquel Barcelo and Jonathan Gunning, updated in this new version by Max Hafler, set in a country near you. Directed by Jonathan Gunning and Miquel Barcelo Costumes by Breathnach

The Production will run at Nuns Island Studio from, Monday 21st April to Sunday 27th April at 8.30pm

For booking call Townhall Box Office 091569777

LITERATURE

Writer in Residence: Michael OLoughlin

Galway City Writer in Residence Michael OLoughlin, is extending his activities into the county.

Saturday 29 March at 2pm Michael will host a Writers Workshop in the Canton Hall, Athenry,

On Tue 9 May, at 8PM Michael OLoughlin will give a talk in Woodford Library on the newly acquired collection of classics in the library, with readings from some authors.

At lunchtime on 11 April he will give a talk in the City Library, , on Jack Kerouac and Jack London.

On Friday April 11th Michael will read his favourite Polish poets as part of an evening Polish poetry organized by Over the Edge at s Wine Bar, opposite St. Nicholass Church, with the help of Galway-based Polish journalist Magalena Szulc. The evening is being supported by the Polish Embassy in . The reading will start at 8pm.

At 6 30 PM on 27 April, as part of the Cuirt Festival, there is the launch of Galway: City Of , a

collection of writings by immigrants in , edited by Michael O'Loughlin. This will be followed by a party in the Rowing Club featuring Cuba Libre! and other Galway-based bands. All welcome!

Michael will also be continuing his Writers Group in Ballybane Library, 11 every Friday morning, open to anyone interested in writing about their area and their lives.

SMOKE & SKIN (Lapwing Publications) by

Aoife Casby & Celeste Augé

In The Pins Bar, The Twelve Hotel, Barna @ approximately 9.00 p.m. on Tuesday April 1st

SMOKE & SKIN will be launched by Michael Gorman

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The New Issue of WOW! Magazine

Issue 8 now online.

at: www.wordsontheweb.net <<http://www.wordsontheweb.net>>

Poems by: David Trame... Mark OFlynn ... Lehr ... Stephen Farren

Poetry Reading & Open Mic in The Cupán Tae Café, Carraroe

With the support of Údarás na Gaeltachta Micheál Ó Cuaig & Trish Casey will perform their work in An Cupán Tae Café, Carraroe on Tuesday 8 April at 7.30 p.m.

A native of Cill Chiaráin, Micheál Ó Cuaig is currently singer in residence with the Centre of Irish Studies NUIG. He is a sean nós singer and is also the author of highly regarded collections of Irish poetry *Uchtóga* (1985) and *Clocha Reatha* (1986) which critics have applauded for their emotional delicacy and scrupulous use of language. His poetry will be featured during The Cúirt Festival 2008 in *Nead an Dreoilín*, a series of short films of poetry directed by James Kelly, which, using a combination of new and carefully selected archive footage, lyrically reflect the poems they accompany.

Trish Casey, from in Co. Cork, is a graduate of the Gaiety School of Acting. She won the performance prize in the RTE Rattlebag Slam at the Dublin Writers' Festival in 2003 and the Cúirt Grand Slam in 2004. As well as writing and performing, Trish works as a voice/performance coach, and has coached the last three winners of the Cúirt Grand Slam. Trish has performed her work across , as well as in , and the . Her poetry has been anthologised and amongst other publications her work has appeared in the Irish Times and a recent Leaving Certificate Geography textbook. She has just been appointed the first Poet-In-Residence at Ó Bhéal in (www.obheal.ie) and is currently working on her first full collection.

Do you write? Would you like to share your work with an audience? Bring your work with you and read it at the [Open Mic! Le tuilleadh eolais 087 6896519 carraroereadings@gmail.com](mailto:carraroereadings@gmail.com).

Supported by Údarás na Gaeltachta

2008 Cúirt Festival/Over The Edge showcase

The 2008 Cúirt Festival/Over The Edge Showcase reading will take place on Thursday, April 24th, 11am in the Town Hall Theatre, . The four featured authors this year are **Mary Mullen, Fergal McNally, Mary Madec & Megan Buckley**. This annual

showcase for new writing talent has now established itself as one of the most important platforms for new writers nationally.

Mary Mullen is an Alaskan-born writer who has lived in south for a decade. Her work has been published in *We Alaskans*, *Sunday Miscellany 2003-2004*, *The Stinging Fly*, *the Cork Literary Review*, *Galway Now*, *West47online*, *the Anchorage Daily News*, and the chapbook *The Whole Building Could Be On Fire*. She is working on a collection of personal history essays and short stories. Mary is a graduate of NUIG's MA in Writing programme. She is currently facilitating a memoir writing class at Galway Arts Centre. She was a Featured Reader at the January 2007 Over The Edge: Open Reading.

Fergal Mc Nally is originally from Navan. He enrolled at N.U.I.G in 2003 where he studied English, political science and sociology. In 2007 he graduated with a first from the university's M.A. in Writing programme. He has twice had poetry published in *ROPES* magazine. His one act play *Spilt Milk* won best production in the 2007 Muscailt Festival one act play series. His work was displayed during Cúirt last year as part of DOCUMENT, a collaborative project between writers and artists. He is currently working on his first novel. He was a Featured Reader at the May 2007 Over The Edge: Open Reading.

Mary Madec was born in . She started writing poetry about four years ago and since then has published in *Crannóg*, *West 47*, *The Cúirt Annual*, *the SHOp*, *The Sunday Tribune*, *WOW* and *Iota* among others. In Spring 2007 she was chosen for the Poetry Ireland Introductions; in July she was runner-up in the Raftery competition and chosen for the WINDOWS showcase and anthology. Last autumn she started up a community-writing project *Away with Words* for people with intellectual disabilities. Mary has just been short-listed for this years *Hennessy Literary Awards for New Irish Writing* in the Emerging Poetry category. She was a Featured Reader at the November 2005 Over The Edge: Open Reading.

Megan Buckley is a Doctoral Teaching Fellow in the English Department at NUI, , where she teaches seminars on nineteenth-century womens poetry. Her poems have been published in the US, the UK, and Ireland, in publications such as *The Ledge* (US), *The Pedestal* (US), *eclectica.org* (US); the *Dazzle and Attract* Project in Newcastle-on-Tyne, UK, in which one of her poems was projected onto the wall of a building (UK); *Crannóg*, *ROPES*, *TribeVibes*, and others. She collaborated with visual artists in *DOCUMENT*, 2005 and 2006, and she was shortlisted for the Over The Edge Writer of the Year Award in 2007. She was a Featured Reader at the November 2007 Over The Edge: Open Reading.

<http://www.galwayartscentre.ie/cuirt> <http://overtheedgeliteraryevents.blogspot.com>

Over The Edge acknowledges the ongoing support of the Cúirt international festival of literature, Galway City Library, s Wine Bar, Galway City Council & The Arts Council.

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

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

Creative Writing Classes at GTI

Creative Writing for Beginners with Kevin Higgins takes place one evening per week (Monday) from 7.00-9.30pm. (8 weeks) It commences on **Monday, 7th April, 2008**. Advance booking is essential. Places cost €110. 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 7.00-9.30pm. (8 weeks) It commences on **Tuesday, 8th April, 2008**. Advance booking is essential. Places cost €110. 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, Galway Telephone 091-581342 or go to www.gti.ie

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Music for concerts in April:

Tickets: €18 / members&conc. €14 / students €5

Available from Music for Galway 091 705962 or Opus II, ,

Further info: www.musicforgalway.ie

Wednesday 2 April

Aula Maxima NUI Galway 8pm

Robin Tritschler (Ireland) tenor

Gary Matthewman (UK) piano

Schubert Winterreise D911

Followed by a reception courtesy of Austrian Embassy

Tickets: €18 Members/Concessions:€14 Students €5

Monday 7 April

Aula Maxima NUI 8pm

Herbert Schuch () piano

Frédéric Chopin Scherzo No. 1 B minor, Op. 20

Frédéric Chopin Scherzo No. 2 B flat minor, Op. 31

Frédéric Chopin Scherzo No. 3 C sharp minor, Op. 39

Frédéric Chopin Scherzo No. 4 E major, Op. 54

Robert Schumann Nachtstücke Op.23

Heinz Holliger Elis - Drei Nachtstücke (3 night pieces)

Maurice Ravel Gaspard de la Nuit

Tickets: €18 Members/Concessions:€14 Students: €5

Tuesday 22 April

Aula Maxima NUI 8pm

Schubert Ensemble ()

Simon Blendis, violin – Douglas Paterson, viola

Jane Salmon, cello – William Howard, piano

Martin *Sequenza Notturna* (2003)

Brahms Piano Quartet No. 3

Fauré Piano Quartet No. 2

Tickets: €18 Members/Concessions:€14 Students: €5

Music for c/o GMIT Cluain Mhuire Monivea Rd Galway Phone/Fax: 00353 91 705962 email:
info@musicforgalway.ie www.musicforgalway.ie

DUSTY BANJOS - WHATS ON

“First Saturday” sessions with Mary and Sean take place in Arus na nGael, Dominick St, at 10pm. The next one is on April 5th – as always, all are welcome.

SEAN AGUS NUA; Brian is organising a series of gigs again this year to promote this great Galway CD. Dustys will be involved, so watch this space and the website for more info.

DUSTYS DOCUMENTARY Copies of the film are available; contact us.

COMING UP; CZECH IT OUT - DUSTYS ON TOUR!

Dustys are going to for 3 nights of tunes on May 9-11. All are welcome, (whether musicians or not); find out more on the website.

WEBSITE LAUNCH We're launching our website in the Crane bar on Monday, May 26th. So if you have anything you'd like included on the site (photos, bits of news, comments, etc), send it in asap.

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

'SEAN AGUS NUA' PRESENTS AN EVENING OF WORLD MUSIC, CRANE BAR, APRIL 2ND

The Crane Bar is the venue for a major celebration of Intercultural music by prominent locally-based acts on Wednesday, April 2nd. The evening is part of on-going work by the Sean Agus Nua project to celebrate cultural diversity in the city. Last year, the initiative both compiled and released the highly successful CD, 'Éagsúlacht', and organised two free open-air concerts that were held in Eyre Square and the courtyard of Galway City Museum.

Highly successful local act, The Rye, well-known for their high-octane fusion of Irish trad., blues and other influences, headline the event in the Crane Bar. They celebrate their return to Galway following a brief tour of by performing a rare semi-acoustic set.

Vesusound, fronted by highly-regarded Italian guitarist, Vincenzo Donnarumma, will perform an

acoustic blending of serenade and Latin Arabic Rumba.

Also featuring on the night are: the stunning female vocal troupe, Ladies of the South, performing their native South African Township Songs; widely-celebrated Irish Sean Nos singer, Dr. Lillis O'Laoire; Versatile Polish harmonica player, Maciek Zaworonek, accompanied by guitarist, Mark Sullivan, (both well-known for their membership of the Lazy Blues Band) playing music with a Polish folk influence; and, last but not least, highly-respected US artist and rising star, Nicoel Blue, performing her own blend of melodic and bluesy post-folk influences.

Tickets for the night are 8 euro, and will be available at the door.

TOWN HALL THEATRE,

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

Town Hall Theatre Wed 2 April 8pm Tickets €30

Finbar Wright A NIGHT WITH MR WRIGHT

Known as 's great romantic singer, Finbar Wright's artistry exquisitely traverses all musical genres. From spicy Spanish rhythms to Irish folks to American standards, and from country to classical, Finbar's magnificent voice continues to charm the masses worldwide.

Town Hall Theatre Thurs 3 - Sat 5 April 8pm Tickets €12.50/€10 concession

Compantis Lir THE YEAR OF THE HIKER by John B Keane

An absentee father sends shockwaves through his family by returning home after 20 years. While his family search for answers through their rage, the hiker remains heartbreakingly honest. Directed by Brid Conneely with an exceptional cast, this show is not to be missed.

Black Box Theatre Sat 5 April 8pm Tickets €25 José González

It is four years since Veneer, José González' first album, was released, followed by record breaking sales, European, North-American, Asian and South-American tours, a shower of awards and the song Heartbeats being featured in the Sony Bravia commercial. That particular song quickly made José González known outside of the indie circuit around the world, and most people that heard it wanted to know more. And there is more! Lots more!

Town Hall Theatre Sun 6 April 8pm Tickets €25 Conal Gallen

One of 's funniest and most popular comedians returns due to public demand!

Town Hall Theatre Mon 7 - Wed 9 April 8pm Tickets €25

Over The Rainbow The Eva Cassidy Story FOR THREE PERFORMANCES ONLY!

Featuring Faye Tozer from STEPS

Over The Rainbow is a compelling award-winning musical telling the life story of the late Eva

Cassidy. The show follows Eva's life from the age of 10 growing up in a musical family, to her first professional gig aged just 18, to her poignant and tragic death aged just 33.

Starring Faye Tozer (Steps), the show features stunning renditions of her music including a haunting interpretation of Somewhere Over The Rainbow. A genuine and heartfelt tribute to a true artist who was not interested in fame and fortune but wanted nothing more than to create beautiful music.

Town Hall Theatre Sun 13 - Sat 19 April 8pm Tickets Sunday 13 Preview night all seats €14. Monday €16/€14 Tuesday Patrons night all tickets €25 (incl. cheese & wine reception) Wed - Fri €16/€14, Saturday €18

Musical Society Hot Mikado

Hot Mikado is a musical comedy, based on Gilbert and Sullivan's The Mikado, adapted by David H. Bell (book and lyrics). This production by the Galway Musical Society (who are one of the leading musical societies in the country) will bring to the stage a production filled with the most joyous explosion of song and dance. The show is directed by the Power Twins (Brian and Sean), Musical Director is John Roe, Chorus Master Paddy Daly and Choreographer Mary McDonagh. A very talented team of actors, singers and dancers have been brought together to perform this wonderful show including 'You're A Star' winner Lucia Evans who plays the role of Katisha.

Town Hall Theatre Sun 20 April 8pm Tickets €20/E€18 concession

SONGBIRDS The Golden Age of Swing, Jazz and Blues!!

Presented by RTÉ's Kevin Hough With co-star Diva Ellen Mc Elroy

Music by David Wray and his renowned swing band

Doris Day, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Judy Garland, Aretha Franklin, Edith Piaf, Liza Minnelli, Sarah Vaughan all under one roof. Let us take you through the years as we explore the lives and careers of these amazing women. Hosted by RTÉ's legendary Kevin Hough reunited with his co-star, world-renowned Diva Ellen Mc Elroy. Hit songs include My funny Valentine, Lady is a Tramp, New York New York, I say a little prayer, My baby just cares for me, The world goes round, Over the Rainbow, Manhattan, Ev'ry time we say goodbye to name but a few.

Town Hall Theatre Mon 28 April 8pm Tickets €25/€22.50 concession

Smackee MEMORIES ARE MADE OF HITS!

Barry Walker's Smackee who have a huge nationwide fan base with their dynamic productions such as PHANTOM & THE MUSICALS and the award winning presentation of ABBA THE SHOW, are now back with a brand new production that brings together the music and the artistes that were at their most popular in the nostalgic era of the 50's and early 60's.

This is not a rock'n'roll show, but a presentation that wants to remind the audience of some of those wonderful stars that were providing the hit parade with some of the greatest and most popular hit recordings ever made.

Town Hall studio Mon 28 April - Sat 3 May 8.30pm Tickets Mon & Tue €10, Wed - Sat €16/€14 concession

Heart N Crown Conor McPherson's **THE GOOD THIEF**

After sell out runs in , Tralee and last year The Good Thief returns for one week only. Conor McPherson draws a portrait of a nameless thug (Callaghan O'Connell). Sent on a routine job, he finds himself caught between two crime bosses - and against his own intentions, becomes a fugitive for kidnapping and murder

Town Hall Theatre Tues 29 April - Thurs 1 May 8pm Tickets €20/€16 concession

City Theatre THE LOVE-HUNGRY FARMER Adapted and performed by Des Keogh

Directed by Charlotte Moore From Letters of a Love-Hungry Farmer by John B. Keane

THE LOVE-HUNGRY FARMER tells the story of John Bosco McLane, a bachelor who at 56 is, according to his own assessment, "past his best" and evidently still a virgin. McClane's amorous adventures range from the cartoonish to the pitiful. He has tales of being led on and humiliated, outraged and offended, duped and shamed. Even the strenuous efforts of matchmaker, Dicky Mick Dicky O'Connor fail him!

The 23rd April Cúirt International Festival of Literature 22-27 April 2008

In addition to the events featured here, there will also be a wide programme of daytime readings, events and book launches - for full details see Cúirt Programme or visit www.galwayartscentre.ie

Tues 22 April Town Hall Theatre 8.30pm, Tickets €12.50/€10

Sebastian Barry and Jennifer Johnston

Sebastian Barry's plays include Boss Grady's Boys (1988), The Steward of Christendom (1995) and his novels include A Long Long Way (2005), which was the Dublin: One City One Book Choice 2007, and was short listed for both the Man Booker and the Dublin International Impac Prize.

Jennifer Johnston is one of ' finest writers with an international reputation. Her works include fiction, drama and radio plays among which are The Captains and the Kings (1972), Shadows on our Skin (1977) Grace and Truth (2005) and Foolish Mortals (2007).

Wed 23 April Town Hall Theatre 8.30pm, Tickets €12.50/€10, Arkady Babchenko & Tony Lagouranis

Arkady Babchenko was drafted as an 18 year-old conscript to fight in the first Chechen War (1996-8). Widely translated and acclaimed, One Soldier's War (2006) won 's Best Debut of the Year Prize. He works now as a journalist for the principal opposition newspaper Novaya Gazeta.

Tony Lagouranis was born in . He is a former US Army soldier who has been stationed in . His first hand accounts of torture and abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US military members is recorded in his book Fear Up Harsh: An Army Interrogator's Dark Journey through Iraq (co-authored with Allen Mikaelian) (2007).

Thurs 24 April Town Hall Theatre 8.30pm, Tickets €12.50/€10, Asne Seierstad interviewed by Seamus Martin

Åsne Seierstad (pronounced Ossna Sairshta) is an award-winning journalist having worked as a foreign correspondent at the height of war in , and Kosovo and most recently . In she brought to life *The Bookseller of Kabul* (2002). Following a journey in secrecy and disguise, her latest book *The Angel of Grozny* (2008) is another extraordinary evocation of life in Post War , a traumatised society.

Seamus Martin has been a senior foreign correspondent in and among many other stations, and has interviewed leading international figures including Nelson Mandela upon his release from prison in 1990. His books are: *Duggan's Destiny*, a novel based on the last days of the life of Daniel O'Connell (1998) and *Good Times and Bad*, a memoir (2008).

Fri 25 April Town Hall Theatre 8.30pm, Tickets €12.50/€10

With Amnesty International, the Cúirt Forum asks: Can Capitalism save the Planet from Climate Change?

Where do the imaginative options for saving our planet from Climate Change lie? Proposing Capitalism as the answer forces us to confront the nature of our human activity and impulses, and the consequences.

Taking part are Paul Cunningham, Environment Correspondent for RTÉ News and Current Affairs, Priscilla Jana, South African Ambassador in Ireland since 2005, Bloodaxe Books editor, poet and author Neil Astley, Niamh Garvey, Policy Officer on Environmental Justice with Trócaire, and author Indra Sinha, Author of Man Booker Prize nominated *Animal's People* (2007).

Sat 26 April Town Hall Theatre 8.30pm, Tickets €12.50/€10

Donald Hall and Wendy Cope

The 14th U.S. Poet Laureate, Donald Hall has published fifteen books of poetry, winners of many awards including the Marshall/Nation Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Award, and the Lily Prize for Poetry. He has written extensively about life, living for 30 years in his mother and grandmother's house. Hall is a member of the of Arts and Letters.

Wendy Cope's first collection of poems, *Making for Kingsley Amis*, was published in 1986. Her award winning publications include *Serious Concerns* (1992) and *If I Don't Know* (2001), which was short-listed for the Whitbread Poetry Award. Cope is 'a classic English humorist'.

Sun 27 april Town Hall Theatre 8.30pm, Tickets €12.50/€10 Anne Kennedy Memorial Lecture

Breyten Breytenbach's personal experience provides an invaluable insight into the nature of .

He was one of the best-known campaigners against the apartheid government. Award winning poet, artist and writer, who mixes his life with imagination to provide platforms for readers to feel and understand, Breytenbach is Director of the Gorée Institute in Senegal, created to promote the building of a sustainable framework for Africa in the 21st century, in electoral reform, peace building, community development and cultural enrichment, and is the subject of this lecture.

Mon 21 - Sun 27 Studio 8pm Tickets €10/€8

Decadent Theatre and Arts Centre presents

Via Dolorosa by David Hare Starring Rod Goodall Directed by Andrew Flynn

Tickets may be booked by phone at 091 569777, online at www.townhalltheatregalway.com

All Tickets for the above may be booked by phone at 091 569777, online at www.townhalltheatregalway.com

STATION HOUSE THEATRE CLIFDEN-Monthly Update

Saturday 5th April

First Love by Samuel Beckett

Doors Open 7.30pm Tickets €15.00

Saturday 12th

The Kings of the Kilburn Highroad

Doors Open 8pm Tickets €15.00

Saturday 19th Doors

Krapps Last Tate by Samuel Beckett followed by

John Hustons movie of Joyce's The Dead

Open 7.30pm Tickets €15.00

Friday 25th & Saturday 26th T

he Country Boy by John Murphy

Doors Open 7.30pm Tickets €15.00

Tel: 09530303 Fax: 09521677 Email: www.stationhousetheatre.com

Circus Project-Monthly update

The Galway Circus Project hosted its first cross border exchange with the Belfast Community Circus in the Bluestack Centre in Donegal. 10 young people 2 tutors and 1 assistant from each City will come together, meet, train and learn together. Since the foundation of the Circus Project in 2002 this was one of the main aims to make this happen. The event is funded by the Arts Council.

Galway Circus Project, c/o Galway City Partnership, 3 the Plaza,

tel: 091 762940 www.galwaycircusproject.com

Eanna Monthly Update

Jennifer Harkness, a sculptor from , arrived in Áras Éanna in early February and will be staying until the 20th of April. Jennifer is a painter and scuptor. In her scupture Jennifer works a lot with found objects. Jennifer is also taking the opportunity to improve her weaving skills under the tuition of Máirtín Ó Conghaile, Áras Éannas resident weaver.

Ruby Wallis, a photographer, will stay for a short residency from the 20th until the end of April. This short residency is for Ruby to complete a photography /art project which she began in 2007.

Ray Yeates, the director of the Axis theatre in Ballymun, will come to Áras Éanna on the 5th and 6th of April to give a drama workshop. This will be the first step in re-establishing a drama group on Inis Oírr.

[For more information please contact 099 75150](tel:09975150)

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 rang of activities such as Acting, Ballet, Creative Writing, Photography and Painting. We have lots of fun an creativity for children with life drawing, painting, puppetry, drama and a terrific twos class where mum and toddler can create together.

[Booking for all classes is strongly advised, as places are limited. For booking please contact at reception at Galway Arts Centre phone 091-565886 or email \[victoria@galwayartscentre.ie\]\(mailto:victoria@galwayartscentre.ie\)](#)

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