

Coole Park Winter Programme 2008

OCTOBER

DRAMA / CRAFTS / CHILDREN'S EVENT

Saturday 25th October 2008, 1.30pm – 4.30pm ***

The Cooley Collins Festival. Drama, Pottery and Painting Workshops with Caroline McDaid The Drama workshop (1 hour) is intended to give an introduction to drama for children from 7 years upwards. This will be followed by a pottery and painting workshop (2 hours). The same group will be partaking in both classes. Caroline McDaid is qualified in Art and Design and has worked as an Arts Officer in the Kinvara and Clarinbridge areas in the past decade. Caroline has run the "Kinvara Community Drama Group" for the last 10 years. They have produced several plays including Roald Dahls "Fantastic Mr. Fox". They have also participated in local festivals including "The multi-cultural Arts Festival" in Gort in 2007. Caroline has also worked with the "NoName club" in Gort with teenagers participating in the "National NoName Cabaret Competition" in 2007 where they won five best overall prizes for performances in the Blackbox Theatre in Galway. **Organised by Cooley-Collins Festival in partnership with Friends of Coole. Pre-booking required**

NOVEMBER

HERITAGE / ARCHITECTURAL SERIES

Saturday 1st November 2008, 2.00pm

Gort Architectural Wayfinding Trail presentation followed by Architectural Wayfinding Walk in Gort. This Architectural Walking Trail Tours focuses on the architectural history Gort. It is one of six architectural trails for the main towns in East Galway: Athenry, Tuam, Loughrea, Portumna, Ballinasloe, and Gort. The tour is a self-guided one and comprises a brochure with illustrated map, and an audio narrative by Dr. Peter Harbison. Audio files and illustrated maps and photos of the Gort Architectural Wayfinding Trail and each of the sites featured will be played in the Audio Visual room at Coole Park Visitor Centre. The audio and presentation will be followed by a guided walk of the Architectural Wayfinding Trail in Gort weather permitting.

Organised in partnership with Galway East Tourism. Please contact Coole Park Visitor Centre for details.

HERITAGE / GENEALOGY SERIES

Monday 3rd November 2008, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

***Tracing Your Ancestors: An Introduction.* Lectures by Bríd Higgins.**

Brid has worked in genealogy / local history and heritage for several years.

This series of lectures is aimed at the beginner in family history research.

Lecture 1: Understanding Administrative Divisions & an overview of the main sources.

This lecture looks at the Administrative Divisions that most primary sources were based on e.g. Townlands, Parishes (civil and religious), Baronies, District Electoral Divisions, Poor Law Unions and Counties.

STORYTELLING SERIES

Thursday 6th November 2008, 8:00pm – 9.00pm

Galway Stories by Clare Murphy

Local storyteller Clare Muireann Murphy spins stories from Galway county in this session of stories for adults. A uniquely devised blend of old Galway stories, from the myths and folktales that make up the lay of the land to the more contemporary urban legends. This original gathering of tales, researched and developed by Clare will give you a new perspective on Galway. Come enjoy an evening of tales of love, adventure, betrayal and loss set amidst the lovely green hills and beautiful coastline of Co Galway. Not suitable for children under 11 years.

DANCE / CHILDREN'S EVENT

Sunday 9th November 2008, 12:00pm – 4.30pm

Children's Dance Workshops with Tanya McCrory

Tanya McCrory, professional contemporary dancer and choreographer is the Dancer in Residence with Galway County and City Councils. Tanya and her accompanying tutor Genevive will present two workshops each of one hour duration – contemporary dance and hip hop dance with children.

HERITAGE / GENEALOGY SERIES

Monday 10th November 2008, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Tracing Your Ancestors: An Introduction.

By **Brid Higgins**

Lecture 2: *Researching primary sources - part 1.*

Census Returns, Church and Civil Records, Fires of 1922

MUSIC SERIES

Thursday 13th November 2008, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Saltus: Galway Early Music Medieval Ensemble

Jacopo Bisgani, bagpipes & recorder; Sylvia Crawford, fiddle & harp; Fred Johnston, guitar; Natalie Surina, harp; Maura Ó Cróinín, recorder, pipe & tabor, percussion; Lise Carroll, dance. Saltus gives a lively concert of tunes played on renaissance bagpipe, fiddle, recorder and pipe, and percussion. As a special treat, Saltus also includes the harp music of early Ireland played on a reproduction of the Trinity (or 'Brian Boru') harp, strung with silver and brass. Maybe you will all join in for a dance or two!

MUSIC SERIES

Saturday 15th November 2008, 8:00pm – 9.00pm

Rosa María Robinsion in concert with guest appearance by Redmond O'Toole.

Rosa María Robinsion was born in Mexico City. She has participated at the most important international guitar festivals at Mexico. The Programme: Fancy (John Dowland); Introduction et Variations Sur l'Air:

Marlborough (Fernando Sor), Prelude no. 2 and Study no. 4 (Heitor Villalobos); Aranci in fior (Castelnuovo Tedesco); Sonata (Manuel M. Ponce); Zapateado (R. Sainz de la Maza); Duo with special guest Redmond O'Toole. **Organised in**

partnership with Classical Links.

HERITAGE / GENEALOGY SERIES

Monday 17th November 2008, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Tracing Your Ancestors: An Introduction. By **Brid Higgins**

Lecture 3: *Researching primary sources - part 2.*

Land Records (Tithe Applotments, Griffith's Valuation and). Oral History / Folklore. Newspapers.

DRAMA SERIES

Thursday 20th November 2008, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Electric Bridget presents: *Waiting for Elvis*

A play performed by well known Galway performers Eileen Gibbons and Helen Gregg (Electric Bridget). In *Waiting For Elvis* Lisa Marie lives her life happily sitting on a park bench waiting for Elvis. Elizabeth, curious, naïve and unrelentingly determined, comes along one day and penetrates the bubble that is Lisa Marie's life. Nothing will ever be the same again. *Waiting for Elvis* is a story of blind faith, of obsession and of trust lost and found; but mostly, of enduring friendship. (Written by Eileen Gibbons).

HERITAGE SERIES

Friday 21st November 2008, 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Viewing of BEO Projects from Local Primary Schools

'BEO: Our School a living Heritage' an exciting educational initiative designed to encourage schools to create important historical and heritage digital archives that greatly benefits their local communities. Pupils used the latest digital technology to record audio podcasts with older people, undertook film documentaries on local heritage and produced online thematic slideshows. The results are available on DVDs. It creates an important source of digital archives particularly of interviews with people in times gone by. To celebrate Science and Technology Week an audio visual display of the BEO Projects from primary schools in south east Galway will be available for viewing.

Organised in partnership with Galway County Council and the Digital Enterprise Research Institute, NUIG. Please contact Coole Park Visitor Centre for details.

HERITAGE / GENEALOGY SERIES

Monday 24th November 2008, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Tracing Your Ancestors: An Introduction. By **Brid Higgins**

Lecture 4: *The Repositories and Internet Research.*

Local Libraries, The National Library, The National Archives, etc. Researching online.

HERITAGE / POETRY SERIES

Thursday 27th November 2008, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

'An Accident at the gates of Coole.' by Michael O'Loughlin

In May 1921, Margaret Gregory was the sole survivor of an IRA ambush near Coole Park, in which three people died. This traumatic incident has received little attention in works devoted to Yeats or Lady Gregory, but it looms large in local folk memory. In addition, it can be linked to other incidents which directly inspired Yeats' great poem 'Nineteen Hundred And Nineteen' and ultimately, it may well have been a crucial factor in the fate of Coole Park itself. Michael O'Loughlin will discuss this event and its repercussions, drawing on Yeats' poems and local newspaper reports of the time.

DRAMA / CHILDRENS EVENT

Sunday 30th November 2008, 2.00pm – 3.00pm ***

Your Man's Puppets presents: *The Legend of Lowry Lynch*

Your Man's Puppets is an innovative puppet theatre company. They engage children and adults alike with original material and fresh interpretations of myths and legends. The Legend of Lowry Lynch is a show about friendship, differences, bullying and hair. On the day Lowry Lynch became King something strange happened. To hide his Secret, Lowry decrees hair shall be cut just once in the year. All the Barbers fled the country, all but one, a young boy called Seamus... Suitable for Children from 6 years up. **Please Book in advance to avoid disappointment**

DECEMBER

DRAMA SERIES

Thursday 4th December 2008, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Readings by the Gombeens Theatre Troupe.

The Gombeens are currently undertaking a residency with Galway County Council where they are conducting a series of interviews within the multicultural town of Gort and also in the Gaeltacht area of Connemara. In Gort their focus is on the Brazilian community. The readings by the Gombeens are based on the stories that they collected.

MUSIC SERIES

Coole Music was founded in September 2005 and has today around 170 students learning the violin, viola, cello, piano, guitar, recorder, flute, clarinet, electric bass, vocal training, melodeon, singing in the Coole Kidz choir or playing in the Coole Junior Strings. They also have group classes for young children like FIDDLE FUN or PLAYFUL PERCUSSION and for the smallest even TODDLERS TUNES. In 2007 Coole Music was extended to Coole Music & Arts and now includes Dance, Juggling and Puppetry. www.coole-music.com. Once again Coole Park is delighted to play host to the Student Concerts.

Monday 8th December 2008, 7.30pm

Student Concert: Coole Music

Details: Contact Coole Music at **086 3467245**

Tuesday 9th December 2008, 7.30pm

Student Concert: Coole Music

Details: Contact Coole Music at **086 3467245**

Wednesday 10th December 2008, 7.30pm

Student Concert: Coole Music

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For further events you can download the programme events (word version) at <http://www.coolepark.ie/events/index.php>.

Programme available from Coole Park: info@coolepark.ie or **091 631804**