

Galway City & County Arts e-Newsletter : May 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 months newsletter is alight with great arts activities. We hope you can all come and support the myriad of events taking place in the glorious month of May. Congratulations to everyone involved in making it all happen.

The City and County can boast of really 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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To include an item please send your info to: artsoffice@galwaycoco.ie or before the 22nd May for inclusion on the June 2008 edition.

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FUNDING

County Council: Individual Artist Bursaries

2008 Artist Bursary Awards; 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, .

Tel: 091 746865 or email: bcunningham@galwaycoco.ie. Application forms are also available on Galway County Council's website www.galway.ie/en/Services/ArtsOffice

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, .

Artist in the Community Scheme 2008 Twice yearly, the Arts Council offers grant 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@createireland.ie For a copy of forms in Irish, telephone 01-4736600 also log onto www.createireland.ie

Council: Arts Grants for Councils Annual Scheme Arts Grants for Organisations will be launched on May 6th, 2008. Under this scheme funding is available for professional, community and amateur organisations engaged in contemporary creative activity. The scheme is competitive and available only for not-for profit organisations. The application form and guidelines will be available to download on www.galwaycity.ie, or by post on application to Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway, telephone 091 536 546 email jharrold@galwaycity.ie Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday June 12th, 2008.

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.

Young Ensembles Scheme

Closing date: 23/05/2008

Maximum awarded: €20000

Art area: Architecture,Circus,Dance,Festivals and events,Film,Literature (English language),Literature (Irish language),Local arts,Multi-disciplinary arts,Music,Opera,Production,companies,Public art,Resource organisations,Spectacle,Street art,Theatre,Traditional arts,Venues,Visual arts,Young people children and the arts

Audience type: All

Collaborative application possible? Yes

Contact: Mathilde Veldt

Position: Assistant, Young People Children & Education

Telephone: 01 618 02 50

Email: mathilde.veldt@artscouncil.ie

The Young Ensembles Scheme is one of a number of funding opportunities offered by the Arts Council to support and develop the arts in . It is a pilot scheme that derives from the Arts Council's commitment, as expressed in Partnership for the Arts, to 'create better opportunities for young people to experience the arts' and 'to implement a new programme to support youth ensembles and national youth arts resource organisations'.

The primary purpose of this award is to support young ensembles in developing their artistic practice in an out-of-schools context. It prioritises initiatives that demonstrate clear artistic vision in the specific artform(s) represented, coupled with a process that values young people's participation, creativity and critical engagement with the arts.

In the context of this scheme, a young ensemble refers to a group of young people who work collaboratively, usually over an extended period, to create art. This fund focuses on groups whose general membership is older than 12 and younger than 23, and on the resource organisations that support them. A wide range of artforms will be considered eligible - please see below for a list of potential groups that may apply as ensembles for the purposes of this scheme.

Applications may be made to develop specific strands of an existing ensemble's work, or to explore new initiatives. In the case of a new ensemble being proposed through this scheme, initiatives must build on existing groundwork and should demonstrate long-term aims. Proposed projects or initiatives must take place wholly or substantially in 2008.

OPPORTUNITIES

Awards-Recognising Excellence in the Arts in in 2007

Sculptures specially commissioned from renowned artist John Behan will be presented to outstanding achievers in creativity throughout the county. The gala celebration will be held in the Connemara Coast Hotel, Na Forbacha, on Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm

Galway County Council will also present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Connemara Artist Margaret Irwin West

If you would like to attend this is event, please contact the arts office before 8th May at 091 746860 or email artsoffice@galwaycoco.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 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

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 . 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

NOLLAIG No. 1 Will you be a star this Christmas?

It's Springtime. The leaves are starting to open on the trees after the long dark winter months. The flowers are pushing their way up through the earth to bask in the warming sun, and the majestic chorus of singing birds echoes throughout the land. The next winter, which is sure to eventually follow, is far from anyone's thoughts. Or is it...

One word - CHRISTMAS

We're not talking about Santa Claus, or whether snowmen should now be known as snowpeople. We're not even talking about last minute shopping. No, this Christmas, it's all about the music charts and the coveted Christmas No. 1.... It's the most cherished No. 1 any singer can achieve. It's the No. 1 everyone talks about, and it's the No. 1 that gets played off the airwaves during each festive season.

And this year a new challenger will rise to fight for that No. 1 glory.

TG4's new talent show '**Nollaig No. 1**' is searching for a new singing sensation. The winner of the series will launch a single, coupled with a music video and challenge for the top slot this Christmas. Over 13 shows, thousands of young and old hopefuls will put themselves on the line and under public scrutiny to enter the music record books.

Bands, singers & groups will go toe to toe and before the 3 wise judges to become the Chosen One. And a new era of Irish pop will be born.

Have you got the voice that will rule the airwaves this December? If so, we want to meet you! It may only be springtime, but if you want your chance to be top of the charts this Christmas, apply now for **Nollaig No. 1**! Log on to www.tg4.ie to fill out the application form or call

01512 71 72 17, leave your details and we will be in touch! If you're in , the number to call is 0901-1014053. All calls cost 25 cents.

Its My Show is back for a brand new series!

Your first big break as a TV Presenter on RTÉ Young Peoples Programmes could start here and we'd love to hear from you.

It's My Show is the fun filled game show for 10 to 13 year olds who think they have what it takes to be the next big thing in TV presenting. You can see how last year's ***Its My Show*** winner Simon O'Driscoll got on when he co-hosted ***ICE*** for a day with Sinead Kennedy on <http://www.rte.ie/tv/theden/itsmyshow/>.

Contestants will have to demonstrate their television presenting skills while facing a number of challenges including writing their own scripts, working with difficult animals or even presenting while walking on a treadmill! All this and much more will have to be overcome with style, calm and confidence as the contestants try to showcase their presenting skills in front of a live studio audience!

Think you're up for the challenge? Then send us a **one-minute video** that shows off your presenting skills. It can be anything you like - talk about a recent holiday, show us how to make your favourite sandwich, tell a joke or interview a friend. You can use a webcam or a video recorder. Make sure the sound is clear and look straight at the camera - a shot that shows your head and shoulders not your whole body would be best. This year *It's My Show* has gone interactive, you can upload your clips on to the programmes website **www.rte.ie/itsmyshow** remember to fill in the online release and application forms or you can download the application form and Simply email your one minute clip to:

itsmyshow@mindthegapfilms.com

Or post your tape or DVD to

Or post your tape or DVD to

It's My Show,

6 Wilton Place,

Dublin 2

Don't forget to include all your details on the attached Application Form. Remember to ask a parent or guardian for permission to enter and also provide *their* name and contact number(s) by filling out the Release Form which is attached.

Closing date for entries is Tuesday May 27th 2008. There will be a workshop for successful applicants in on the 7th & 8th June 2008 - so you need to ensure you can be available to attend.

Recordings will take place on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 18th and 19th of September 2008 in RTÉ Dublin studios. Good Luck! *See website for full terms and conditions*

Venture Advancement Summer Seminar Season 2008

New Approaches to Organisational Growth and Effectiveness

Seminar 1

Title: Social Enterprise

Many look to social enterprise as a method to build equity and shared ownership, to develop new forms of community cohesion and reduce dependence on grants and donations. This seminar will look at current trends in social enterprise, explore models that work and suggest steps for those wishing to get started.

Speaker: Micheal Pyner, CEO Shoreditch Trust,

Location: Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Co.Galway.

Date: Tuesday May 20th (10:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Micheal Pyner is the Chief Executive of Shoreditch Trust, a lecturer in Urban Regeneration, Fellow of the Royal Society and a National Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor.

Seminar 2

Title: Organisational Branding

This seminar will look at how effective branding can act as a powerful guide for organisational growth.

Speaker 1: Diana Ruano, Daryl Upsall Consulting,

Speaker 2: Gillian Buckley, C.E.O., W.D.C.

Location: Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Co.Galway.

Date: Tuesday May 27th (10:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Diana Ruano has worked on new branding and market positioning and capital campaigns for Spanish cultural institutions.

Gillian Buckley is the Chief Executive of the Western Development Commission (WDC). Gillian will discuss the creation and development of the lookwest.ie brand.

For further information and to register for the above seminars

WEB www.ventureadvancement.ie

EMAIL seminars@ventureadvancement.ie

TELEPHONE- 091-560492

FEE €95 per seminar (€80 per seminar if booked before 12th May)

FESTIVALS

FLEADH NA GCÚACH THE CUCKOO FLEADH

Kinvara 2 - 5 May, 2008

A hugely enjoyable and successful traditional music and community-based arts festival, now in its 15th year, showcasing the best in traditional music in the streets, parks, piers and public venues of one of county Galways most atmospheric towns.

Musicians participating include Derek Hickey, Dan Brouder, Jackie Daly, Donal OConnor, John Faulkner, John Rynne, Paul Bradley, Eilish OConnor, Máire OKeefe, Varena Cummins, Stillwaters Blues, Eamon Croke, Joey OSullivan, Orna Gilchrist, Marion McCarthy, Johnny Giles, Jacqueline McCarthy, Siobhán Peoples, Shane Mulvey, Murty Ryan, Padraic OReilly, Alan Byrne, Maurice Egan, Andrew MacNamara, Mark Donnellan, Jim Corry, Paul OShaughnessy, Dermmy Diamond, Tara Bingham, Ragged n Rough, Ronan OFlaherty, Conor McCague, Mick McCauge, Darren Farrell, Eoin Morrissey, Johnny Greene, Lorraine OBrien, Maeve Kears, Garry Shannon, Ernestine Healy, Patricia Dooley, Sinéad Heagney, Stephen Madden, Leon Agnew, Claire Keville, Breda Keville, Jack Talty, Áine Bird, Liam Ryan, Áine McGrath, Francis Droney, Jim Carrigan, Paul Gunning, Alan Wallace, Paul Corbett, Peter Parson, Peer Reid, John Martin & Boucherie, Moonshine, Chad Dughi, Kate OShaughnessy, Siobhán Breathnach, Jim Grant, Billy Carr, Mike Naughton, Jerome Farrell, Mike Connor, Séan Slattery and the Connections, Rob Stein, Elsa

McTaggart, Michael Connor and Alan Wallace, to name but a few!

For full details and to download a brochure please check out www.kinvara.com

FÉILE CHOMORTHA JOE ÉINIÚ

JOE HEANEY COMMEMORATIVE FESTIVAL

Carna 2 - 4 May, 2008

An annual weekend of song, instrumental music, sean nós dancing, workshops, childrens singing, talks, lectures, competitions, céilí and set dancing. For information please call Micheál Ó Cuaig, 095 33599 / 0872569651

INISHBOFIN ARTS FESTIVAL 2008

Inishbofin, 9 - 11 May, 2008

Opening by special guest, the popular radio personality Garreth OCallaghan

Friday 9th May - Eddy

Saturday 10th May - The Hothouse Flowers

Sunday 11th May - Niall Toner Band with Street performance by Stagecraft and workshops in Dance, Film Making and Crafts

Other highlights include:

Emma O' Sullivan will be continuing her hugely popular Sean nós dancing workshops for kids and adults alike throughout the weekend.

Michael Gibbons will hold his annual archaeological walk. This year his walk will encompass Knock hill and the south of the .

Renowned Bofin film-maker **Kieran Concannon** will be hosting a film workshop for 14-year olds plus, simply titled **"An introduction to film and documentary making"**. Places on this workshop will be limited, so those wishing to participate should reserve by calling 095 45861.

Stagecraft, the acclaimed street theatre and circus company, will be providing light entertainment throughout the festival whilst also accommodating kids with various fun stops and shows.

Peadar De Búrca performs his hilarious and acclaimed one man show, **"What men need"** and there are exhibitions by artists **Joanne Hynes** and **Anne Morgan amongst others**. For further details contact: **Peadar King /Simon Murray Inishbofin Development Company at 095-45861 log onto www.inishbofin.com for full details of this great festival**

GALWAY EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL, MAY 16 - 18, 2008- Sensuous - A Multisensory Musical Experience

Galway Early Music is delighted to announce that the thirteenth Galway Early Music Festival will take place in May 16-18, 2008. This year the programme of events reflects the sensuous aspect of music, which has always appealed to more senses than just hearing. Sight - music by candle light, in a church or castle, rich apparel...Smell - church incense, a feast cooking, the countryside or a tavern...Taste - musicians at a feast, bawdy songs over a tankard of ale. The Galway Early Music Festival, May 16-18, presents a festival full of the sounds, sights, smells and tastes of medieval, renaissance and baroque music in the medieval centre of .

Highlights include the young and audacious Canadian ensemble I Furiosi (presented in association with Music for Galway) with a programme Addicted to Love unleashing the gay and the not-so-gay Baroque: carnal love, forbidden love, unrequited love and pure, unbridled lust - some people just don't ever get enough of a good thing (featuring works by Handel, Geminiani, Dowland and others). The concert will be followed by the first Irish Classical club! At the other extreme, The Orlando Consort and Cois Cladaigh sing the soaring polyphonic 15th century Caput mass, glorious free-spirited plainchant and a modern composition with medieval motifs, Scattered Rhymes. Javier Sainz presents a masterful performance of Scottish music of the 16th century played on two harps: the gut strung renaissance harp played in the Scottish lowlands and the silver & brass strung harp played the highlands. And a wonderful variety show of high and low a new young Irish based ensemble Morisca with some guests from afar will present music. Songs, dances and mood music - just what the guests of the castle will need to aid digestion of real medieval treats, prepared for the feast, following the performance, by historic cuisine specialist Anna O'Donnell! And there is more!

This year Galway Early Music Festival is proud to have Irish launches of two new CDs - Javier Sainz Silva Caledonia and Tarik O'Regan's Scattered Rhymes recorded by the Orlando Consort. Tarik O'Regan will be at the concert and the launch. Both events will take place after the performances in the festival's official club Busker Brownes, .

Tickets to all events, while available at each venue before the performance, will be on sale in Opus 2 from April 28 and can also be booked online at www.galwayearlymusic.com.

For more information and a complete up to date programme see www.galwayearlymusic.com.
e-mail:

FLEADH CHEOIL NA GAILLIMHE Letterfrack 18 - 20 May

Featuring concerts, competitions, dancing competitions and céilídh

CONAMARA BOG WEEK 2008 Letterfrack 23 May - 2 June

The annual celebration of environment and landscape in Letterfrack through a ten day multi-layered festival celebration with walkabouts, traditional music (with the Kane sisters, Mick Kinsella, Dessie O'Halloran, Mary Staunton, Tola Custy and friends), music and dance workshops, exhibitions and schools programmes.

Contact Leo Hallissey, Conamara Environmental Educational and Cultural Centre. Letterfrack, C. Galway - 095 41044, lfrack@eircom.net

YOUTH ARTS

The Oughterard Youth Circus

The Oughterard Youth Circus seeks adult volunteers to help run the youth circus. We meet on Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 5pm. Volunteers are also needed for youth drama and music groups in Oughterard. Please contact Kerry Elyn on 091 557633 or kerryclann@eircom.net.

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

Launch of two exciting projects under the work of The Traveller Inter-Agency Group Officially launched by Cllr , 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 , 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. The resulting film tells their story of life in Loughrea. 'Our Town' is showing at County Buildings until the 2nd May.

Maeve Joyce, Manager of the Galway Film Centre said it was a wonderful project allowing participants to work together as a team and to express themselves on film. 'The Galway Film Centre works continuously with groups throughout the region giving them the skills to tell their stories and we're delighted to see 'Our Town' screened here today, it's a great day for the participants and their families'. *Faces*, a Visual Arts Youth Residency in Portumna aimed to bring young people together to exchange and celebrate each other's culture. Artist Tommy Casby worked with the young people to produce a powerful body of visual work. The work was exhibited in Portumna in the newly established Youth Cafe, as part of Terryglass arts festival and is currently on display in Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, thus bringing it to a wider audience. Artist Tommy Casby was congratulated for his vision and work on the project. The exhibition also continues until May 2nd.

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.

VISUAL ARTS

Arts Centre

At 1.30pm on Wednesday 7th May GAC will open the Burning Bright exhibition in Gallery 1. This exhibition is a showcase of work made over the past 8 weeks in Nursing Homes and Day Care Centres in and City. It will be opened by the Mayor of County Galway, .

8th May - 31st May GAC proudly presents two solo shows by Paula Henihan and Felicity Clear. These exhibitions will both open at 6pm on Thursday 8th May in Galway Arts Centre. The two exhibitions, both very different in their approach and subject matter, both address man's interaction with the land and how these interactions or manipulations are having a detrimental effect on both the landscape and our lives.

Contact Maeve at 091 565886

A brand new monthly event, 'Live @ No. 8' will commence on Wednesday 30th April at 8pm in Bar Number 8, Dockgate, .

G126 gallery Presents:

Sacred and Profane

Work From 9 Emerging San Francisco Artists; Alike Cooper, Lisa Rybovich Cralle, Jeremy Ehling, Cameron Hasslebusch, Chris Lux, Jennifer Marshall, Laura Plageman, Rob Sato, Hank Willis Thomas

G126, Est,

Gallery hours: Thursday - Saturday, 12 - 5 pm

Exhibition runs until May 24th

G126 gallery presents:

May 29th - 31st

Head or Tail Asian new media artists from Project 304,

Nawapol, Santipab Inkong namg, Nontawa, Suchada Sirithanawuddhi, Nitipong Thinthubthai, Jakrawal, Sathit Satarasart, Suthirat Supaparinya, Patomporn Tesprateep, Olarn Netrangsri, Chulayarnnon Siriphol, Olarn Netrangsri, Shane Bunnak, Kraisaak Chunahawan.

Opening reception: Thursday May 29th, 7pm

G126, Est,

Gallery hours: Thursday - Saturday, 12 - 5 pm

SHOW INFO: Curators Gridthiya Gaweewong and Michael Shoawanasai are pioneers of a new and vibrant contemporary art scene in , both with their artist-led space Project 304, and BEFF - Bangkok Experimental Film Festival - which has successfully run biannually since 1996.

Brigit's Garden, Roscahill, Co. Galway; Call for Submissions

As part of our on-going summer programme we are hosting our first Contemporary Arts Sculpture in the Gardens Exhibition from 5th July to 31st August 2008, running in parallel with the Galway Arts Festival (14th to 27th July). Our intention is to develop Sculpture in the Gardens into an annual arts event that will attract a high calibre of artists and present sculpture to a wide audience from and abroad.

Brigit's Garden offers a magnificent setting for an outdoor sculpture exhibition, and we expect the 2008 exhibition to be seen by at least 8,000 people.

We are now seeking submissions, and invite artists to create/submit site specific works that respond to the natural and architectural landscape of the garden as well as its inherent themes.

The adjudicators for the exhibition will be Clíodhna Cussen, one of the founders of 'Sculpture in Context' at the Botanic Gardens in , and Megs Morley, Public Art Officer for Galway City Council. There will be two awards of €500, one for a Work of Distinction awarded by the adjudicators, and a second Public Award for the sculpture most popular with visitors.

For descriptions and photographs of the gardens see www.brigitsgarden.ie

CATEGORIES; Site-specific works will be accepted in a range of materials and forms, including environmental sculpture, light installation, performance and sound.

SITE VISIT; A site visit for artists has been scheduled for 2pm on Sunday 27th April at Brigit's Garden. The site visit will give artists the opportunity to identify possible spaces in which to locate their work.

SELECTION PANEL The selection panel will comprise Ceara Conway (Exhibition Co-ordinator/Curator), Jenny Beale (Manager of Brigit's Garden) and an independent artist.

For more information and copy of brief please contact:

Exhibition Co-ordinator: **Ceara Conway**, Brigits Garden, Roscahill, Co. , Phone: +353(0)91 550905, Fax: +353 (0)91 550491, Mob. 087 6934038 Exhibition email: outsideinsight@gmail.com www.brigitsgarden.ie

29th May - 22nd June 2008

Lost Intentions (2): The Ludwig Variations

An exhibition by **Micky Donnelly**

is honoured to host the second part of **Lost Intentions**, an

on-going project by Micky Donnelly. First started in 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 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.

Artist Ruth Le Gear wins prize at ev+A

Tear drops in wonderscape -mixed media installation by Ruth Le Gear at the Limerick City Gallery of Art John Hunt Residency Award (in association with the Tyrone Guthrie

Centre) was awarded to Ruth Le Gear by the curator Hou Hanru. The exhibition will run for 11 weeks, until Sunday 25th May 2008 and the catalogue will be launched on May 16th in the gallery. Please see www.eva.ie for more details.

Lorg Printmakers

Digital/New Media Equipment Available to Rent at Lorg Printmakers

Projector with Daylight Bulb Model: Epson EMP -62+ Projector 2000 ANSI Lumens, SVGA, (Accessories include Mac Adapter) Cost: Members Rate: €10 per day / €45 up to 1 week / €100 up to 5 weeks.

Digital Stills Camera Model: Canon EOS 400D 18 - 55 KIT 10.1MPix DSLR Cost: Members Rate: €7.50 per day / €30 per week.

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

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The Official Website Launch of WWW.MART.IE

Performances by Hector Castrillejo & Courtney Halsted

Installations by Ciara Scanlan, Matthew Nevin, Neasa OGrady

Videos from Various MART Artists – including the premier of various pieces of work.

Come and View a great collection of work and enjoy some snacks and drink!

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 equally delighted to announce the appointment of Public Arts Officer for Galway County Council. You can contact , 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; 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

Monday May 12th

Master Class in Contemporary Dance with Scottish Dance Theatre!

Galway Dance Residency and

Are delighted to host Scottish Dance Theatre on their

Defined tour. This class will challenge and explore contemporary dance technique and composition, and is a wonderful opportunity to learn how the movements and ideas behind a professional work are made. "I left the Scottish Dance Theatre training day with new ideas, feeling empowered, lucky, energised, sweaty, heartened, alive, joyful and open to possibility" former participant. This class is for appropriate for dancers 14 years and up with at least 2 years dance experience. The First 20 people to buy tickets for this show may sign up for the workshop for free!

Tickets and Sign Up Sheet available at the Town Hall Theatre

Class will be held at the located at 25 Briarhill Business Park.

Class will commence at 6:00 p.m. please arrive 10 minutes early.

Masterclass May 24th and 25th

Weekend Contact Improvisation Dance Workshop with guest artist Steve Batts in Beautiful Kinvara!

Steve Batts is Co-artistic Director of Echo Echo Dance Company based in . Steve has been dancing and teaching Contact since the early 1980s, and considers Contact "one of the most consistent joys in his life." Steve describes contact as "an open dance/movement form, accessible to everyone in which participants explore movement through supporting the weight of another person, rolling, falling, leaning, sliding and suspending. All levels welcome

This is a dance weekend not to be missed! Kinvara Community Hall

11-00- 1-00 and 2-30-5-30 Sat

11-00-1-00 and 2-30-530 Sunday

€25 for the whole day or €35 for two whole days!

Reduced Residency Fee

To book a place contact Tanya at galwaydanceresidency@yahoo.ie

Booking mandatory as spaces limited

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.

Professional Contemporary Dance Class in Galway City

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 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

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

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

THEATRE

Drama classes/workshop at the Westside Community Centre

Drama classes/workshop at the Westside Community Centre, Thursdays 7:30pm to 9 pm.
Begins 24.04.2008

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

As part of our continuing Professional Practice Galway City & County Councils in partnership with the Arts Council are delighted to present; From Inspiration to Realization' - Little John Nee- Theatre Residency

Galway Theatre Residency Programme 2008: A series of workshop 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 Galway City 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 Ireland, 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 24th May 2-5pm

Who: Donal O' Kelly & Trevor Knight

Trevor studied piano in Belfast with Harriet Officer. In 1980 he formed Auto da Fe with singer Gay Woods. They recorded 3 albums, *Tatitum*, *Five Singles* and *One Smoked Cod and Gazette*. He has performed and recorded with artists such as *Philip Lynott*, *Paul Brady*, *Luka Bloom*, *Mary Coughlan*, *Juliet Turner*, *Camille O'Sullivan* and *Leo O'Kelly*.

Donal O' Kelly is well known both as a playwright and as an actor. He has performed his own solo plays throughout the English-speaking world. O'Kelly's play *Catalpa* won a Scotsman Fringe First Prize at the 1996 Edinburgh Fringe Festival and the Critic's Prize at the Melbourne International Festival in 1997. He is a director of Calypso Productions, for whom he has written four plays and of the justice, peace and human rights organization, Afri. Donal is currently working on two new productions called *Running Beast* about the Earl of Tyrone and *Vive La 1798*, a spy story project.

Places are Limited and booking is essential

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

Phone: 091 746875

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

Burning Bright- our launch in the Galway Arts Centre, Wednesday 7th May at 1.30pm

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 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 county. You are invited to our launch in the Galway Arts Centre, Wednesday 7th May at 1.30pm

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

LITERATURE

Writer in Residence: Michael OLoughlin

Galway City Council announces the publication of Galway: City of Strangers, edited by Michael OLoughlin. The magnum opus of Michael OLoughlins residency to date this anthology features new writing about Galway from the citys newly arrived residents and our returned exiles. As a gallery of vignettes on todays city, and yesterdays town its is at once evocative, nostalgic, provocative and charming. It is available from city bookshops and at Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway for €10.00

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

WORDSONTHESTREET

Announce

The New Issue of WOW! Magazine

Issue 8 now online.

at: www.wordsontheweb.net

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

Poetry workshops with Kevin Higgins at Galway Arts Centre In May Galway Arts Centre is offering aspiring poets a choice of three poetry workshops, all facilitated by poet Kevin Higgins, whose best-selling first collection, 'The Boy With No Face', published by Salmon Poetry, was short-listed for the 2006 Strong Award for Best First Collection by an Irish poet. Kevin's second collection of poems, 'Time Gentlemen, Please', was published in March by Salmon Poetry and his poetry is discussed in the recently published *Cambridge Introduction to Modern Irish Poetry*.

Kevin is an experienced workshop facilitator and several of his students have gone on to

achieve publication success. One of his workshop participants at Galway Arts Centre recently won the prestigious Hennessy Award for New Irish Poetry, while another had her first full collection of poems published by one of Ireland's major poetry publishers.

Each workshop will run for six weeks, commencing **the week of May 19th**. They will take place on **Tuesday evenings**, 7-8.30pm (first class May 20th); **Wednesday afternoons**, 2-3.30pm (first class May 21st); and on **Thursday afternoons**, 2-3.30pm (first class May 22nd).

The Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon workshops are 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 €75, with a €65 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

The Western Writers' Centre- Ionad Scríbhneoirí Chaitlín Maide –

Three visiting American poets will read for the **Western Writers Centre at Galway City Museum** on Thursday, May 1st, at 1.05pm. Admission is €3.

Amber Coverdale Sumrall was born in California and has lived in Santa Cruz County since 1972. She has edited or co-edited thirteen anthologies including, *Storming Heaven's Gate: Spiritual Writings by Women*. She leads *Write to the Heart* workshops: journal, poetry, and editing, and writing retreats at The Hermitage in Big Sur, St. Francis Retreat in San Juan Bautista, Mission San Antonio in Jolon and in Ireland. For twenty years she has co-produced *In Celebration of the Muse*, an annual literary event featuring Santa Cruz women writers. Hummingbird Press published her second collection of poems, *Refuge*, in 2007. Her first book of poems, *Litany of Wings*, was published in 1998 and Garrison Keillor read one of the poems on The Writers Almanac. Kathleen Flowers is a bilingual educator in Santa Cruz, California. Her poems have been published in *Harvest from the Emerald Orchard*, *Good Times*, *The Anthology of Monterey Bay Poets 2004*, *Porter Gulch Review*, *The Matrix*, and *Moments in the Journey*. Her first poetry chapbook: *Call It Gladness* is the recipient of the 2008 *In Celebration of the Muse* chapbook award. Alanna Alter has been published in several Monterey Bay area literary journals and anthologies. She has read many times locally in Santa Cruz and in the Bay area. She is working on a manuscript for her first collection of poems.

Further details: 087.2178138/091.533594 westernwriters@eircom.net

Details and other information from the Centre at 091.533594 or westernwriters@eircom.net

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 <<mailto: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. Writers Digest chose the site as one of its 101 Best Websites for Writers. www.askaboutwriting.net

The Western Writers Centre - Ionad Scríbhneoirí Chaitlín Maide

Check out the website on www.twwc.ie Dairenas new collection of poetry. Dante in Kinvara with Richard Tillinghast . . . three US women on poetry tour death of poet Robert Greacen. Jean de la Fontaine at Strokestown (or not!). Forging a festival in Gort, Co. Galway (listen to our music links!).. .our contacts: KIOSQUE! - eating flowers. French slam Jack Yeats and pizzas . . .Mark Whelans new collection our new Board . . . worm-digging

All at www.twwc.ie The Western Writers Centre - Ionad Scríbhneoirí Chaitlín Maude 34 Nuns Island, Galway 091.533594 westernwriters@eircom.net Fred Johnston - Director, Marvella Maguire - Administrator

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Funded by Galway City and County Councils, Poetry Ireland, The Arts Council and Foras na Gaeilge

MUSIC

REDMOND OTOOLE AT ATHENRY CASTLE

Saturday May 3rd, 2008

Irish classical guitarist **Redmond OToole** will give a concert in **Athenry Castle, Athenry on Saturday next 3rd May at 8.00pm** as part of a nationwide tour. The concert programme will include music from his new album "Baroque", Antonio Vivaldi, J.S. Bach and Domenico Scarlatti, alongside pieces by Rodrigo, Brouwer, Albeniz, and Torroba.

Redmond OToole has been hailed as one of the most exciting and individual guitarists in Europe. He plays a specially designed 8-string guitar in the position of a cello that has enabled him to extend the capabilities of the guitar. After his initial studies in the College of Music in Dublin he became the first ever Irish guitarist to gain entry to the Academia Chigiana in Siena where he studied with Maestro Oscar Ghiglia, former assistant to Andres Segovia. He has given concerts throughout Europe and in Brazil, Mexico and the Caribbean. Redmond recently caught the attention of the Chieftains who invited him to play with the group at a number of events including the opening of last years Belfast Festival. In the coming summer he will perform with the Dutch soprano Charlotte Reidijk at the prestigious Bantry House Festival and several double concertos with Cora Venus Lunny and the Miro Chamber Orchestra.

The music on the new CD comes from the Baroque era, a time in which the guitar we know today did not exist. Redmond OToole has developed an entirely new technique and posture in order to play music on his 8-string guitar that was originally written for other instruments. On his new album he has taken things a step further by incorporating some innovations including a guitar duo where he played both parts and a new version of Vivaldis famous Lute concerto for which Cora Venus Lunny performed all of the accompanying violin parts.

Athenry Castle was built in 1249 by Meiller de Bermingham. The castle was restored about 3 years ago using the building techniques which would have been used when the castle was built. There are guided tours of the castle. The concert is promoted by Athenry Arts and Heritage Centre. Tickets for the concert at €15 are available at the Centre 091 844 661 and at the door from 7.30pm.

Redmond's new CD, which was launched at the National Concert Hall Dublin last week, will be

available at the concert, or from redmondotoole.com and downloadable on iTunes. For more details on Redmond OToole and his instrument see www.redmondotoole.com

Tour details on for this and other County Galway classical concerts on www.classicallinks.ie

MUSIC FOR GALWAY

The Music for Galway Season comes to an end with a concert in Association with the Galway Early Music Festival:

Friday 16 May, 8 pm

Meyrick Ballroom, Eyre Square

I Furiosi (Canada)

'Addicted to Love'

Music by Handel, Geminiani, Dowland and more...

Followed by Galway's first classical club Ba-rock!

Tickets €18/ €14 conc/ €7youth

From: www.galwayearlymusic.com or Opus 2, St. Augustine Street, Galway

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

ConTempo; Galway Ensemble-in-Residence

Galways Ensemble in Residence has programmed a number of recitals and concerts in Galway this month.

Thursday May 1st, at 1.00 pm Martin Ryan Institute, NUI Galway

The programme features music by Pautza and Radu Paladi, contemporary composers from Con Tempos native Romania. All are welcome; no booking is required.

Tuesday May 6th at 1.10pm, Kenny Gallery, High St., Galway

Continuing the celebration of Beethovens string quartets, Con Tempo will perform OP. 59, No. 2 (Rasumovsk). No booking, all welcome!

Wednesday May 14th at 11.00 am, Dunmore Community School, Dunmore, Co. Galway

Con Tempo will perform a free concert and music discussion for the students of Dunmore Community School. All are welcome to join the concert!

Straight after the Dunmore concert Con Tempo are heading to London to perform Elgars Piano Quintet with renowned UK pianist James Lisney. They will then join the BBCs Richard Baker for his Festival at Sea.

Details on Con Tempos busy life as Galways Ensemble in Residence are available from Ensemble Administrator, Sharon Mulry:

Galway Ensemble-in-Residence, Galways ConTempo Quartet, 55 Corrib Village, Newcastle, Galway Tel +353 (091) 586706 Fax +353 (091) 586706/586707 www.galwayensemble.ie

DUSTY BANJOS - WHATS ON

FIRST SATURDAY SESSIONS

“First Saturday” sessions with Mary and Sean take place in Arás na nGael, Dominick St, at 10pm on May 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. (QV)

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

COMING UP: CZECH IT OUT - DUSTYS ON TOUR!

Dustys are going to Prague 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.

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

‘SEAN AGUS NUA’ PRESENTS AN EVENING OF WORLD MUSIC, CRANE BAR, MAY 2ND

The Crane Bar is the venue for a major celebration of intercultural music by prominent locally based acts on Wednesday, May 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 Germany 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 Nós singer, Dr. Lillis Ó 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.

Musician looking for a studio space

Musician looking for a studio space, for recording, rehearsing and teaching. Within 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@headford.com).

Our Warmest Congratulation to Headford

The School were winners of both awards at the National Chamber Choir Compositions Workshops & Gala Performance in the National Gallery of Ireland, 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 OBrien and Lorcan Duffy Composition: *Check That Chicken*

Our warmest congratulations to the School and the excellent Music Programme being run there. The Composition workshops are supported by Galway County Council

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 Fri 2 May 8pm Tickets €18

ROXANNE A Tribute to The Police and Sting!

This great tribute to The Police delivers a Stinging set of all their great hits and will keep you entertained from start to finish. Hear them perform all the classic hits... Every Little Thing She Does is Magic, Roxanne, Message in a Bottle, Walkin' on the Moon, The Beds Too Big Without You, De do do do De da da da, Don't Stand So Close To Me, Invisible Sun, Spirit in a Material World, Wrapped Around Your Finger, Sting's

Fields of Gold... and many more!

Town Hall studio Tue 6 - Sat 10 May 8.30pm Tickets €10, Group rates (10+) €9

Rab Fulton DARK TALES

Acclaimed storyteller Rab Fulton performs spine-chilling tales from Ireland and Scotland. Directed by Clare Murphy. See www.myspace.com/rabswannockfulton for details.

Black Box Theatre Fri 2 May 10.30pm Tickets €17.50 in advance, €20 on the door

Rootical Sound System

Featuring very special guests in the form of the legendary reggae producer MANASSEH who will be joined on the night by two of roots reggae's finest vocalists - Jamaican reggae legend EARL 16 & UK roots artist DANNY RED memorable tunes, lots of great lyrics.

Town Hall Theatre Tues 6 May 8pm Tickets €12/€10 concession Top Hat Stage School THE WIZARD OF OZ

Town Hall Theatre Wed 7 May 8pm FREE ADMISSION

US MARCHING BANDS SPECIAL Mississippi State Symphonic Band

Town Hall Theatre Thurs 8 - Sat 10 May 8pm Tickets €20/€16 concession

FOR THREE PERFORMANCES ONLY! Fishamble presents

THE PRIDE OF PARNELL STREET by Sebastian Barry

Directed by Jim Culleton Cast Mary Murray and Karl Shiels

The Pride of Parnell Street is a moving account of a marriage and a time that has both passed. Janet and Joe chart the intimacies of their love and the rupturing of their relationship, as well as their enduring love affair with Dublin City itself. Recent Irish Times Irish Theatre Awards Nominee.

SPECIAL SCREENING FOR BEALTAINE FESTIVAL

Town Hall Theatre Sat 10 May 3.30pm Tickets €5/€3 concession

Galway Film Society GROW YOUR OWN Director: Richard Laxton / UK / 2007 / 95 minutes

Grow Your Own is a gentle sweet-smelling comedy, set on an allotment in the North of England. The story concerns a group of older enthusiasts who grow vegetables on a quiet plot of land. When three refugee families are given plots on the same allotment as part of their rehabilitation, the locals initially meet them with hostility and suspicion, but through shared experience they come to realise that they're not so different after all.

Black Box Theatre Sat 10 May Doors 8pm Tickets €25, Seated show

Iron & Wine

Town Hall Theatre Tues 13 May 8pm Tickets €18/€15 concession

Scottish Dance Theatre DEFINED

Scotland's national dance theatre company presents an evening of stunning and original works, created especially for the company by some of today's most exciting and innovative dance-makers. Real, relevant, engaging and ever evolving... this is SDT defined. DOG by Hofesh Shechter (31 mins) Honest and raw, witty and sophisticated, DOG is an exhilarating work created especially for SDT by rising star Shechter.

Town Hall Theatre Wed 14 & Thurs 15 May 8pm Tickets €16/€14 concession

The New Theatre The Tailor and Ansty by Eric Cross, adapted by P.J. O'Connor

Directed by Nuala Hayes Featuring Ronan Wilmot and Nuala Hayes

The Tailor and Ansty by Eric Cross was first published as a book in 1942 and banned shortly afterwards, on the grounds of alleged indecency and obscenity, highlighting once again the absurdity that was Irish censorship. The Tailor, Timothy Buckley, was a great storyteller and he and his wife Ansty used to hold court in their cottage near Gougane Barra in West Cork, welcoming all to their fireside. The Tailor never travelled further than Scotland, yet the breadth of the world could not contain the wealth of his humour and fantasy. His stories on marriages, inquests, matchmaking, wakes and their black cow were told to a nightly packed cottage.

Town Hall Theatre Thurs 15 May 10am & 11.45am

Tickets €12.50 Special rates of E10 per child for school groups (teachers free)Lambert Puppet Theatre CINDERELLA

The Lambert Puppet Theatre is now widely recognised as the Premier Puppet Theatre Company in Ireland and also internationally renowned for its many fine productions in theatres throughout America and Europe. This is a beautifully produced show with large puppets, colourful sets and exquisite lighting and is suitable for an age group up to ten years of age. Bosco will make a nostalgic appearance for the younger children.

Mabinog & Aiken Promotions Present Bovinity The Brand New Show From

Tommy Tiernan Black Box Theatre Thurs 15 - Sun 18 May Thurs 15, Fri 16 & Sun 18: Doors 8pm show 8.30pm Sat 17: Doors 7.30pm show 8pm Tickets €32

Town Hall Theatre Fri 16 May 11am Tickets €8/€4 concession School Groups €4 per child (teachers free)

Galway Early Music Festival Horns and Harps

A schools concert featuring Schools Concert featuring Irish Prehistoric Horns and The Western Harp Circle. For 4th - 6th classes. School Booking can be made by phone at 087 930 5506 or by e-mailing info@galwayearlymusic.com

Town Hall Theatre Fri 16 & Sat 17 May 8pm Tickets €25/€23 concession

MAD ABOUT THE MUSICALS 2008

Mad About The Musicals visits with a BRAND NEW 2008 show. This electric production of Musical Showstoppers was voted by many venues last year as one of the best one-night shows in the UK. From the poignant All I Ask Of You to the dramatic One Day More Mad About's talented ensemble conjure stunning, high quality vocal performances, which evoke the true spirit of the West End. So, sit back and enjoy two hours of unforgettable West End and Broadway favourites, top notch dancing, glitzy costumes and the stunning vocal talents of a West End cast - 'A Pure Slice Of Entertainment'. Hailed as 'OUTSTANDING!' by the Stage, 'THE BEST SHOW OF ITS KIND' by Encore Magazine (November 2007) and nominated 2008 'PRODUCER OF THE YEAR' this is one not to miss!

**Town Hall Theatre Tues 20 - Sat 24 May 8pm Tickets €17.50/€12.50 concession
Encore Theatre Company presents The return of Peter Kennedy's energy-charged musical comedy THE JOY OF LIVING**

This hilarious and musically charged musical, set within the confines of a private rest house for the terminally ill, is a celebration of courage and determination in the face of adversity.

Galway Hospice will benefit from funds raised by this production.

Town Hall studio Fri 23 May 8.30pm Tickets €20/€18 concession Johnny Duhan

Johnny Duhan's songs like The Voyage & Don't Give Up Till It's Over are sung all over the world in a variety of languages, thanks to the focus put on them by Christy Moore, The Dubliners, The Irish Tenors, Tommy Fleming and hosts of other Irish and international singers, but recently the songwriter has taken to the stage himself in a one-man show that has audiences hanging on his every word.

Town Hall Theatre Tues 27 May 8pm Tickets €25/€22.50 concession

Des Bishop TONGUES

In response to unprecedented public demand, Des is back (for one performance only!) with his live stand-up show Tongues. Don't miss!

Town Hall Studio Thurs 29 & Fri 30 May 8.30pm Tickets €12/€10 concession

Moving Still KRAPPS LAST TAPE

By Samuel Beckett Performed by Fergus Cronin

Frequently described as one of Beckett's most accessible works, Krapp's Last Tape offers an incredible insight into the human condition. On the occasion of his birthday, Krapp sits alone at a desk replaying extracts from his journals, which he has gathered on old reels. Sadness and extreme loneliness combine with extraordinary humour to offer an emotionally rich night of theatre. Directed by Art O'Briain (who previously directed Midnight Court at Town Hall Theatre 2006)

Town Hall Theatre Sun 25 May 8pm Tickets €22/€18 concession RTÉ Concert

Orchestra From beautiful baroque favourites including Pachelbel's Canon and Bach's Badinerie to sumptuous overtures of Berlioz and Verdi, this programme has something for everyone. The orchestra with principal conductor David Brophy will be joined by Michael Seaver (clarinet) and John Leonard (bassoon) for Richard Strauss' Duet Concertino.

Town Hall Theatre Wed 28 May 8pm FREE ADMISSION

US Marching Band Special Georgia Southern University Symphonic Band

Town Hall Theatre Fri 30 May 8pm Tickets €25/€22 concession

Ten42 Productions An evening with Liam Clancy

Since coming out of retirement in 2004 Liam Clancy has been delighting capacity audiences in theatres the length and breadth of Ireland, and enjoying the occasional festival appearance abroad. His greatest hits double CD The Essential Liam Clancy was the biggest selling folk album of 2006, inspiring Liam to return to the studio for the first time in over a decade in Autumn 07 to record a new album due for Spring 08 release. Liam's new show for 2008 will mix a selection of songs from the new CD with stories and poems he has gathered over his long and illustrious career as a performer. www.liamclancy.com

Town Hall Theatre Sat 31 May 8pm Tickets €18/€15 concession

CUBA CLASICO Featuring Quintet de Urfe

The Quintet de Urfé is one of only two ensembles who have played their unique repertoire of Cuban folk and classical music on the European stage. This Galway concert thus represents a rare opportunity to experience a wonderfully rich and atmospheric blend of Latin American folk and classical music. Don't miss! The Quintet de Urfé, founded in Havana in 1975, was set up to showcase to the world the works of the Urfé family and other Cuban composers of the 20th and 19th centuries.

Town Hall Theatre Sun 1& Mon 2 June GALWAY'S CELEBRATION OF AFRICA DAY

Galway African Film Festival

Two Days of Free Public Screenings of the best of African Cinema

For full details contact outreach@galwayowc.org brought to you by Galway Film Society, Huston School of Film & Digital Media and the Galway One World Centre. This project is funded by Irish Aid.

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

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STATION HOUSE THEATRE CLIFDEN-Monthly Update

Eleanor McEvoy

Saturday 10th, Doors Open 7.30pm, Tickets €20.00

Declan O' Rourke

Saturday 24th, Doors Open 7.30pm, Tickets €25.00

June Bank Holiday Clifden Jazz Festival

Café Orchestra

Friday May 30th, Doors Open 7.30pm, Tickets €20.00

Louis Stewart & John Moriarty Duo

Saturday May 31st, Doors Open 7.30pm, Tickets €25.00

Honor Heffernan

Sunday June 1st, Doors Open 7.30pm, Tickets €20.00

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

www.stationhousetheatre.com

MACNAS

Macnas are busy this May getting ready for the 2008 Macnas Festival Parade "Deadly". This year's Parade is a night time event and will start at 10pm on Sunday 20th July. Workshops in making and performing begin shortly in preparation for "Deadly". If you would like to get involved, please contact the Macnas workshop in Fisheries Field on 091 568896 or email thefield@macnas.com. Check out the Macnas website www.macnas.com to sign up for the Macnas newsletter and to get up to the minute news on all things Macnas!

Macnas will be running general performance workshops in May. To take part contact Performance Director on 091 561462 or email judith@macnas.com

Macnas host lots of work placements every year from all over Ireland, Europe and the world! At the moment, we have 1 student from Belgium, 1 from the Netherlands and have just said goodbye to Transition Year students from Ballinasloe. If you're interested in a work placement with Macnas, contact our workshop in Fisheries Field.

Galway Circus Project-Monthly update

We successfully have completed our exchange in Donegal with the Belfast Community Circus, where we participated in the Pan Celtic Festival Parade. We now got invited to a Celtic circus festival in Belfast in August with Circuses from Wales (No Fit State Circus) and Bristol as well as of course Belfast (BCC)

During the last meeting of Board and Directors it was also decided to change the name from Galway Circus Project to Galway Community Circus - An Sorcas Beag as the project times are

over and real life starts.

Presently we are starting to work for our end of the year show, which will take place on the 22. June (place and time to be announced). We also prepare for our first international Circus meeting in October with Circus Cabuwazi (Berlin) and possibly Circus Elleboog (Amsterdam) as well as BCC and new groups from Sligo, Killarney and Cork taking part.

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

3 - 10 Bealtaine: Taispeantas Cuilteanna

10 Bealtaine: "Walking the Road" Drama nua le Dermot Bolger; Lairai an Axis Theatre Ballymun

23 - 25 Bealtaine: Ealan ar Oileain. Sraith cainteanna le himeachta ags la dearc-ealane, dramaiochta agus ceoil.

Taispeantas le Sinead Ni Mhaonaigh.

Tuileadh eolais: 099-75150.

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

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 doging 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 (6weeks) €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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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.

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

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And that's all folks! Please stay in touch: email your comments and queries to the City and County Arts Offices: we love to hear from you.

All the best from and James Harrold