

Community / Muintir - Iniscealtra Festival of Arts '08

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The 12th annual Iniscealtra Festival of Arts promises to be the best yet , with something for everyone in the community. Set in the beautiful lakeside village of Mountshannon, the 2008 Festival features an exciting mix of music ,dance, film, art exhibitions, workshops demonstrations and classes. This years theme of “*Community / Muintir*” invites the whole community to become involved in the activities which run from May 23rd until June 2nd 2008.

Announcing the programme, Festival Director Nicola Henley said, “ *This year we have a fantastic variety of events; hot air balloon making, African drumming workshops, riverside sculptures and boat building. We also have the reopening of the old Village forge, and some wonderful pieces of art on loan from the Outsiders Collection at IMMA*”

The Festival will be opened by poet and broadcaster Theo Dorgan in the wonderful setting of St. Caimins Church of Ireland on Saturday May 24th. On the following night the church will echo to the world renowned classical guitarist John Feeley. The June Bank Holiday weekend will feature the lively trad band Beoga, and the foot stamping music of the North Strand Klezmer Band.

The visual arts are well catered for with exhibitions taking place in Mountshannon, Scariff and Raheen Day Care Centre. The wide range of workshops available in traditional music,sean-nos dancing, creative writing, boat building, hot air balloon making, and other crafts are sure to attract large numbers. Early booking is advised!

On Sunday June 1st , the Aistear in Mountshannon will come alive with a Green Fare hosted by members of CELT, the Irish Seed Savers, and the Alfa project. Metalwork, stone carving, wood and willow skills will mingle with African drumming, Salsa, Capoeira, Bellydancing and more. The evening will culminate with music and dance in the marquee.

Full details of the 2008 Iniscealtra Festival of Arts programme available on our website, www.iniscealtra-artsfestival.org

Call 087 268 6764 for further information.

Iniscealtra Festival of Arts, Mountshannon

The Mountshannon Arts Festival is an annual festival held at various locations in and around the beautiful lakeside village of Mountshannon in County Clare.

The festival has been going from strength to strength and is now in its eleventh year. Each year a theme is chosen which all of the varied events reflect, and this year the theme is **Community**.

Thanks to:

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