

# Winter Cultural and Heritage Programme

## Visitor Centre ~ Coole Park

### The Winter Cultural and Heritage Programme 2007 at the Visitor Centre, Coole Park, Gort, continues over the coming days

On **Friday 23rd November, 8pm – 9pm** there is a change to the event advertised. Instead of the Dvorak Evening Concert by Coole String Quartet there will be a concert entitled “*The four Bs*” by *ConTempo String Quartet* members Andreea Banciu on viola & Adrian Mantu on cello. This duet from Contempo will play “*The four Bs*”: Bach J.S. – Suite in C Major for cello solo (Prelude, Sarabande & Gigue), Bruni G. – Duet for viola & cello, Brevet J.B. – Sonata for cello & viola and Beethoven L.v. – Duo for Cello and Viola (*‘With Two Eyeglasses’*).

On **Saturday 24th November, 3pm – 5pm** there will be a launch of the booklet “*Birdwatching in Galway*” by Cllr. Sean Canny, Mayor of the County of Galway at 3.00pm and this will be followed by a lecture entitled “*A Life in the Wild*” by Éamon de Buitléar. The booklet details several sites in the County and City where a variety of birds can be observed at various times of the year. The publication is an action of Galway County Heritage Plan 2004-2008 and has been developed in partnership with Galway County Heritage Forum, Birdwatch Galway, Galway County Council and Galway City Council. Éamon de Buitléar is Ireland’s best-known wildlife filmmaker. He is author of several books, both for children and adults, including *Ireland’s Wild Countryside* and his recent memoir *A Life in the Wild*. Booking essential due to limited space.

On **Sunday 25th November 2pm – 3pm** Branar Theatre presents An Chéad Chéim Puppet Show for the children. Branar operates solely through the Irish language and focuses on the use of theatre and drama as learning tools. *Is scéal é seo faoi bheirt bhuachaill, Myles agus Dano. Tá duine acu nua sa bhaile agus maireann sé ina shamhlaíocht agus trína chuid pictiúir agus scéalta. Baineann an leaid eile leas níos mó as a dhoirn ná a intinn. Nuair a chasann an bheirt ar a chéile, osclaítear fuinneog na samhlaíochta mar mhodh marthanais. Beirt bhuachaill an-eagsúil... nó an bhfuil siad? (5bl suas).* Branar tells the story of two boys Myles and Dano. Myles and his mother have just moved to the new town. Myles brings with him his amazing imagination, which allow him to breathe life into ordinary household implements and create imaginative stories. But when Dano and Myles meet it set into play a series of events that only Myles imagination can help him stop. The play unearths the vivid imagination of a one young boy and how the other is never allowed to imagine. The performers use unusual puppetry and music in this clever production. (Suitable for children aged 5 years + and adults). Pre-booking required.

The fourth and last in the heritage lecture series ‘*Trees Talking*’: *Working With Wood*’ takes place on **Monday 26th November, 8pm – 9pm**. This talk is on *Hurley Making* by John Torpey, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare. John will discuss the history and art of hurley making. John has been making hurleys commercially since 1981. An accomplished hurler and trainer, he has been making hurleys for many years before that. He inherited the tradition from the previous generation of his family.