



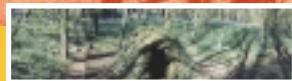
ARTYFACTS
SUMMER 2003



KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

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FACTS

Welcome to the new format for **Riverbank Arts Centre** programme and **Artyfacts newsletter**. This publication aims to promote and highlight the range of arts and cultural events, (both in Riverbank Arts Centre and countywide, through the library network and community facilities), programmes and opportunities supported by Kildare County Council. It is hoped that the publication will act as a resource – bringing together individuals and groups working with or having an interest in the arts.



Front cover Installation, Killinthomas Wood, Rathangan, Colleen Lambe, 2002

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All information is correct at the time of going to press



Bealtaine Arts Festival

Bealtaine Arts Trail – photographic exhibitions, bog oak sculptures and the work of local artists exhibited around the town. Local musicians provide a **Music Trail** in rock, funky, jazz, traditional and roots. Working with the **Special Olympics** and schools to produce **banners** for both events.

Poster competition –look out for our new poster created by a second level student.

Events

Wednesday: 30th April

Passages of Time Crooked Sixpence A delightful hour of movement, storytelling and sketches presented in a light hearted way. Newbridge Day Care Centre.

Thursday 1st May

Baby Doll Project A well produced, well performed innovative new drama piece from a new voice, in Riverbank. Bealtaine is delighted to welcome **Clongorey Community** in its first event of Bealtaine with the best of music and storytelling artists include Murray & Begley

Friday 2nd May

Scoil Mhuire, Junior School **Ballymany** celebrates Bealtaine **Opening Ceremony** the spectacular parade and street entertainment brought to you by ARTASTIC and the younger community from schools on the theme **Love and Adventure**. **Comedy Zone** with Kevin McAleer in Riverbank- always a good laugh. **Singer Song Writer Competition** to enter contact mushroomking100@hotmail.com



Kevin McAleer

Sat 3rd May

Holistic Workshop Parish Centre

Soccer 5 aside Tournament Red Lane

Children's event Riverbank TBC

Eat on the Street George's St

Storytelling gig TBC

KYS Film and **Gerry Fish and the Mudbug Club**-Riverbank. A film made by the young people of Kildare Youth Services followed by a concert

Sun 4th May

Arts walk around Newbridge followed by **Sunday Miscellany Brunch** with **May Leonard** and members of **Herbert Lodge String Quartet**.

Picnic on the Strand, sponsored by Newbridge Credit Union

Classical Guitar Recital with **Simon Dinnigan**, Church of Ireland-a major guitarist of the 21st century

The Bealtaine Dance Eagles Tribute Band, Atlantis, with The Bealtaine Singers, back by popular demand.

Bealtaine Youth Festival-workshops, soccer, Trash Fash competition, films and the Bands @ Riverbank

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The annual **Bealtaine Arts Festival** takes place in Newbridge over the May Bank Holiday period

GORDON BENNETT CELEBRATIONS

The Gordon Bennett Company Ltd. has been established to co-ordinate the centenary festival of the 1903 Gordon Bennett race. The race took place on a route covering Kilcullen, Athy, Castledermot, Monasterevin and Kildare Town as well as parts of Counties Laois and Carlow and was the first international motor race of its kind in Ireland.

The festival will take place on the May bank holiday weekend 2003, and will be focused on three main sprint events and a vintage car festival in Athy. A tourist trail is also being developed to mark the route and develop associated attractions/events. A series of activities and events will take place to coincide with the festival.

Further information on the festival can be found at www.gordonbennett.ie.

FESTIVALS

"By 2012, Kildare will

Creative Writing Workshops Submission Call

Kildare 2012, An Economic, Social and Cultural Plan for County Kildare was launched in 2002. A specific action plan within the strategy is to build a sense of identity and belonging within the county: a vision for 'A Sense of Place'.

"By 2012, Kildare will be a county where all traditions are celebrated and happily co-exist. All residents will feel a sense of identity with, and belonging to, their community and county where sporting, arts and cultural activities flourish".

The Library and Arts Service of Kildare County Council will host a series of creative writing workshops in libraries across Kildare in October 2003, to explore the theme 'A Sense of Place'.

The workshops take place in association with the Ernest Shackleton Autumn School, a recently established school in Athy, South Kildare.

Submissions are invited from professional writers who would be interested in facilitating creative writing workshops for adults and/ or children and/ or who would be interested in producing prose or poetry on the themes.

The Kildare 2012 plan is available on the web:

www.kildare.ie/kcdb/kildare-2012-strategy/index.asp , or in Kildare libraries.

Submissions to and further details available from Kildare County Arts Service. Closing date for submissions is Friday 27th June 2003.

Cecil Day Lewis Short Story and Poetry Awards

The Cecil Day Lewis Awards Ceremony will take place in Athy Library on Thursday 10th April at 8.00pm.

The Athy Town Council Cultural Committee initiated the awards, to celebrate the association of Cecil Day Lewis with South Kildare. The awards in poetry, short story and the one-act play are sponsored by Athy Town Council, in association with Kildare Library and Arts Service and will be presented by Councillor Mark Dalton, Cathaoirleach of Athy Town Council.

Cecil Day-Lewis (1904-1972) was the son of a Church of Ireland Minister, then living in Ballinturbert House, Athy, Co. Kildare. The family was moved to England when he was one year old, but returned to Ireland for holidays. Cecil Day Lewis was educated in Wadham College, Oxford. It was during his time at Oxford that he became part of a group of left wing poets, of whom Auden was the acknowledged leader, and with whom he edited Oxford Poetry in 1927. He was professor of Poetry at Oxford from 1951–1956, a post that he enjoyed immensely. A talented and humorous man, he wrote *An Italian Visit* in 1953, (parodies on poets ranging from Hardy to Dylan Thomas). His autobiography was published in 1960 and in 1966, he was created Poet Laureate.

Cecil Day Lewis sat on committees, judged awards and his enthusiasm embraced children's stories for radio and he wrote a number of children's' books including the popular 'Poetry for You'. It is most appropriate therefore that this tradition is nurtured through these awards.

Winners in this year's competition will be notified by post in advance of the award ceremony. A list of winners will be published on www.kildare.ie/arts and in local press.



ARTS IN EDUCATION

Arts in Education Conference

Kildare County Council Arts Service in partnership with the Arts Council, Riverbank Arts Centre, and the Kildare Education Centre will host an Arts in Education conference on October 10th – 11th 2003. The theme of the conference is partnership and will examine the role of local authority, arts organisations and artists as supports for the delivery of arts education in schools.

To coincide with the conference, the Kildare County Arts Service will produce a publication with essays on aspects of arts in education. This publication will include a directory of arts educators in all art disciplines, which will act as a resource for teachers.

If you or your organisation are

- interested in facilitating artists in schools programmes in any artform area
- living in the wider Kildare area and would like to be included in the directory please register interest with the Kildare County Arts Service.

Alternatively, details and application forms may be downloaded from www.kildare.ie/opportunities

Can't Lose Cant !

Unheard Voices is an intercultural publishing initiative to develop books created with young people experiencing disadvantage, discrimination or isolation. Kids' Own Publishing Partnership are working alongside a number of different organisations to develop projects that will result in a range of vibrant publications.





Can't Lose Cant ! is the title of one of three books being published by Traveller and settled children with Kids' Own Publishing Partnership under the umbrella of the Unheard Voices project. This particular title is being developed as a partnership between St. Conleth's Senior School and Ballymany Primary School, Newbridge, with the Visiting Teacher for Travellers in Kildare, Kildare Library Service, and Kids' Own Publishing Partnership.

The aims of the project are

- To publish the world's first book in Cant – the old language of Travellers in Ireland
- To raise the status of Traveller culture amongst settled and Traveller participants
- To teach Cant to a new generation of children



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Artist Orla Kenny, and education consultant Mary Branley from Kids' Own together with Marion Browne, an expert in Cant, ran a series of workshops to teach children Cant and about Cant through hands-on art activities. This unique approach has resulted in children learning in new ways. The initiative encouraged literacy development through art and image-making within the writing process.



The Mayor of County Kildare, Councillor Jim Reilly will launch Can't Lose Cant! at Riverbank Arts Centre in April. The publication will also be presented at the annual joint conference of the Library Association of Ireland and Northern Ireland, by the president of IFLA, Botswana.

For further details about the initiative, contact Kildare Library Services Tel: 045-448322 / 3



Laban Summer School in Kildare

Kildare County Council Arts Service, through its three-year Dance Artist in Residence programme with Cathy O' Kennedy identified a need for training in Community Dance in the Kildare area. As a result, the Laban Guild Community Dance Leaders Course was established in 2002, in association with Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge. Twenty-two dancers, artists, actors, teachers and community workers attend the course.

Following on from the success of the Community Dance Leaders Course, Kildare County Council is pleased to announce that a Laban Guild Summer School will take place in NUI Maynooth Kildare from Tuesday 5th August to Saturday 9th August 2003.

A provisional programme for the Summer School includes practical workshops/classes in

- Contemporary Dance
- Dance in Education, with emphasis on the Dance Strand of the Physical Education Curriculum for primary schools.
- Youth Dance
- Integrated Dance work
- Choreography
- Dance in a Community Context
- Dance Technique

The programme is based on Laban principles i.e. a systematic analysis of movement in relation to dynamic use of the body in space. However, previous experience of Laban's work or other dance techniques, is not essential.

For further information or to register interest in the Summer School please contact the County Arts Service.

DANCE



Leinster Printmaking Studio

Leinster Printmaking Studios Have Moved

The Leinster Printmaking Studios was founded at the Presentation Convent in Clane in 1998. Since this time, the Studio has grown from one printing press and ten members to five presses and thirty-six members. The studio is unique in the Republic of Ireland in that it uses 'safe techniques'. It is an open studio with printmaking facilities available to beginners as well as professional artists. Members have undertaken residency programmes in primary and secondary schools and in a community context.

Leinster Printmaking Studios have now procured a larger studio in Marron Court in Clane. Kildare County Council supported this move, through a three-year grant aid commitment. The new development will include a printmaking studio with full facilities as well as a gallery facility. The Printmakers are currently renovating the facility to their specification.



Niamh Moran, a member of the Leinster Printmaking Studios will commence a three-week artist-in-residence programme at Riverbank in April, with an exhibition of work in Riverbank from May 12th-30th.

The Leinster Printmaking Studios operate A Friends Scheme, which enables subscribers to enjoy a number of privileges and discounts.

Full details available from The Company Secretary, The Leinster Printmaking Studios, Marron Court, Clane, Co. Kildare. Tel: 045 868168

VISUAL ARTS

Visual Art Exhibitions in Naas Library

- 1st - 5th April 'Down to Earth' Exhibition
A photographic exhibition recording the involvement of Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Ballycane pupils in becoming a Green School.
- 8th April - 6th May E.S.B. Exhibition
Travelling environmental photographic exhibition
- 7th - 9th May Memorabilia Exhibition
Display of memorabilia, documents & artefacts in relation to the Irish Police, 1916 & the War of Independence
- 19th - 24th May Exhibition of Paintings
A collection of oil & watercolours by local artists.
- 2nd - 29th June Special Olympics Art Exhibition



Special Olympics Host Town Art Exhibition Programme

As part of the events taking place around the county to celebrate the Special Olympics Games in Ireland, artists, schools and community groups from each of the Host Towns were invited to take part in an art exhibition under the theme of the games, Share The Feeling.

Most of the art co-ordinators in each Host Town are now busy working within their communities finalising plans for displays and exhibitions which will typically commence around 6th June. In Kilcullen for example, the arts team plan to use the shop fronts as exhibition spaces which will create a festive and welcoming atmosphere.

Crooked House Theatre Company

Crooked House Theatre Company, theatre company in residence at Riverbank Arts Centre continues to develop their Youth Theatre Programme with the Irish Premieres of *Totally Over You* by Mark Ravenhill and *Purple* by Jon Fosse. Other upcoming events include

- Young Singer Songwriter Night
- Youth Talent Competition
- Crooked Sixpence Performance
- Make-a-Day of it Workshops

Full details under drama listings in Riverbank programme



Crooked House Theatre Company provides the following Outreach and Community workshops and services from its base in Riverbank:

- Kildare Youth Theatre @ Crooked House
- Crooked Mice: children's drama workshops
- Crooked Sixpence: drama for the over 50's
- Workshops for Schools and Community Groups

Detailed brochures outlining Crooked House programmes are available in Riverbank or contact Crooked House Theatre Co. Ltd., Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge, Co. Kildare
Tel: 045 448309. Fax: 045 432490. Email: crookedhouse@eircom.net Web: www.crookedhouse.ie

Music Outreach Programme

Kildare County Council's Music Outreach Programme, in association with the Arts Council, Herbert Lodge Arts Centre and the IRMA Trust continues in 2003. As part of the programme, a number of primary schools county wide will participate in a Master Class Series, with one-off workshop/performances.

Holy Child N.S., Naas, Scoil Bhride Milltown, Churchtown N.S. Athy, Convent of Mercy Naas, Allenwood Boys N.S., St. Laurences N.S., Ballytore, St. Brigids N.S., Celbridge, Scoil Phadraig, Clane, Kildangan N.S., Monasterevin, Scoil Bhride Naofa, Kildare Town, St. Joseph's B.N.S. Kilcock and Scoil San Carlo Senior, Leixlip will participate in workshop/ performances by The Homestead Pickers, Percussion Instruments Around the World and Meet the Composers.



The Homestead Pickers

Providing the opportunity for children to perform publicly is another important strand of the Music Outreach programme. Many of the children participating in this initiative live in rural areas where opportunities to perform are minimal. To this end Kildare County Council is delighted to announced that the 2nd annual Tzipora Children's Music Festival will take place in Goffs, Kill, on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th May.

The concert on the 16th will feature schools participating in the National Children's Choir programme, with two concerts on Saturday 17th, showcasing the work of children in Choral work, Percussion, Strings and Woodwind.

A limited number of tickets are available from Kildare County Arts Service @ €10.00

Kildare County Orchestra

Kildare County Orchestra continue to develop their performance repertoire with two Mid-Summer Gala Concerts in both Athy and Naas on May 31st and June 1st. Venues to be announced.

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Kildare International School of Excellence for Young Musicians

The Kildare International School of Excellence for Young Musicians at Herbert Lodge Arts Centre, The Curragh will host a variety of concerts and events over the coming months.

Student Concerts: April 4th 8p.m. Moore Abbey, Monasterevin
 April 11th 7.30p.m. Herbert Lodge
 April 13th 12.noon Herbert Lodge

Summer Music

Course For Teachers: July 1st – 4th, Dunshane, Brannockstown, Naas.

*For details about the Kildare County Orchestra and Herbert Lodge Arts Centre contact:
 Berna Hayden, Tel: 045-481598*



Thunder Drums at the Special Olympics

Thunder Drums, Ireland's first TAIKO Drumming Band are based in Newbridge. Inspired and led by percussionist Eddie O'Neill, Thunder Drums has been invited to perform at the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics Games in Dublin, in June. Playing a central role in possibly the biggest event being staged in the country this year, with world-wide media coverage, is indeed a tremendous coup for the band. Kildare County Council is delighted to support the Thunder Drums in this endeavour.

TAIKO drumming is a traditional Japanese art form that blends strength, stamina and power, with delicate touch and rhythmical control. With choreographed movements, and deep thunderous sound, TAIKO is the "beast" of all drumming sounds.



Update on Leixlip Library

Kildare County Council is currently building a new community library and arts centre for Leixlip on Captain's Hill. The new building will be 9,000 sq. feet and will provide the following:

- A broad ranging up to date stock in a variety of formats and an efficient request service.
- An electronic self-learning centre with access to the world wide web of information on the internet and software which will facilitate research and self education on a wide variety of themes.
- A multi-purpose community space for all, including local group meetings.
- A varied programme of educational and cultural events for adults, teenagers and children.
- A Local Studies collection and research area.
- A focused arts programme including performances, exhibitions, workshops and lectures for all age groups.
- A focused music programme which will form an essential part of the county's Music Outreach Programme. This will include sound-proofed music rooms with a variety of instruments and tuition.
- A well- trained and helpful staff.

In preparation for the new library in Leixlip, some re-organisation of the existing service in Newtown House will be necessary. The staff will continue to provide a library service at Newtown House and from Tuesday March 18th 2003 will operate the following times:
Monday-Friday, 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm.

The library staff will also begin work on a survey of people's needs in the town. The aim of this survey is to inform the delivery of all aspects of the library and arts service in the new building. This survey will be conducted during the months of March and April on a door to door basis. The Library Service look forward to meeting the people of Leixlip and hearing their views.

Kildare Library and Arts Plan 2003

The Library and Arts Service is currently writing a five-year development plan. The Plan will cover all elements of the library service, including the arts service, heritage, genealogy and local history.

Artist in Residence Programme in Rathangan Library

Preparations to open the new Library and Arts space in Rathangan are well advanced.



To celebrate this new development, Colleen Lambe, an artist from Kilcullen, has been awarded a thirteen-week artist in residence programme from Kildare County Council. Colleen is a recent graduate from Dublin Institute of Technology where sculpture was her main area of study. However, her interest in drawing and painting ensures that they remain important elements in her working methods.

Colleen will use the library facilities to create a body of environment based installation work, while at the same time interacting with the local community with an artist in schools programme.

Artists Statement

The approach to my work is to take a holistic approach when creating. My sculpture will always be "of the place" where it is located. It is important not to interfere with or to interrupt the landscape, but to manipulate the existing materials into a form, which incorporates the creative idea. Thus with the Rathangan project it is important to use the wonderful natural materials available (bog-clay) to construct the form that represents an issue very relevant to this rural town: the assimilation of County Kildare's small towns into the urban sprawl of Dublin City.



KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL DIRECTORY OF COMMUNITY GRANTS



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Arts Council Funding Opportunities 2003

Cnuais	On-going
Travel Awards	On-going
Professional Development and training awards	On-going
Loans from Arts Council's collection	On-going
Artist-in-the-community scheme	20 June
Title-by-title scheme	5 September
Joint purchase scheme in visual art	5 September
Commissions	11 April (for commissions taking place in 03) 28 November (for commissions in 04)
Exhibition assistance scheme in architecture	25 April
Publications assistance scheme in architecture	25 April
Dance publications assistance scheme	25 April
Exhibition assistance scheme in visual arts	25 April
Critical reflection award	25 April
Authors' royalty scheme	25 April
Professional development and training award	
-strand one (formal and postgraduate courses. Commencing in September/October 2003).	2 May
Publications assistance scheme in visual art	9 May
Lar Cassidy award	16 May
Projects (to take place in 2004)	15 August
Writers-in-schools scheme	Contact Poetry Ireland
Visual-artists-in-prison scheme	Contact Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform
Frameworks awards	Contact Bord Scannán na hÉireann /Irish Film Board

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