

Dance continued

The National Grant Scheme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People invites applications for **The Go for Life National Grant Scheme**. Proposals can include training opportunities, information seminars/workshops, purchase of equipment/ resource materials, participation events and activity programmes involving older people.

Application forms available from **Age and Opportunity, Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9. Tel: 01-8057784**
E-mail: goforlife@mie.ie

Music



Spring Ais

A series of lunchtime concerts, in association with **Mary Conliffe** with pianist **Hazel Etherington, Kildare County Orchestra** and **Liffey Valley Orchestra** will take place in Council Chambers, St. Mary's, Naas from 1pm-2pm on Thursday 24th January, Thursday 28th February and Thursday 4th April. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Red Hot Music Club

Gigs @ the Red House Hotel
Thursday February 7th Dervish
Thursday March 7th Red Hot Special – of particular interest to young people
For information contact: **Doreen Phelan @ 087-2602640**

County Percussion Band

A world music percussion group have been established in association with the Red Hot Music Club and the Arts Office of Kildare County Council. The festival percussion band, under the direction of **Eddie O'Neill**, will have their first appearance at the Bealtaine Festival in Newbridge. Contact Arts Office for details

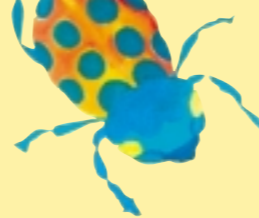
Music Outreach Programme

The Arts Office of Kildare County Council, in partnership with The Herbert Lodge Arts Centre and the IRMA Trust are providing a subsidised Music Outreach Programme in primary schools throughout Kildare which commenced in September 2001. The programme ranges from the study of composition, violin, cello, recorder, voice, to percussion and music appreciation. The lessons are tailored to the needs of individual schools and include class group, small group or individual lessons. Schools participating in the Music Outreach Programme are: St. Joseph's Boys National School; Scoil Choca Naofa, Kilcock; Scoil Ui Dhalaigh, Leixlip; San Carlo Junior School, Leixlip; Clocha Rince, Edenderry; Scoil Bhríde, Kill; Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Clane; Broadford National School; Scoil Bhríde, Lackagh; Caragh National School; Prosperous National School; Rathmore National School, Naas; Scoil Bhríde, Athgarvan; Newtown School, Enfield; Scoil Bhríde, Kilcullen; Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Athy and Ballyroe National School, Athy. Contact Arts Office for details



Photo: Pupils from Scoil Ui Dhalaigh, Leixlip, learning Suzuki method violin under the tuition of Dorothy Conaghan

Visual Arts



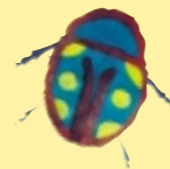
Glimpse/Spleachádh is a series of 32 fifty-second films by Finis Productions on current Irish artists. The series will feature a diverse group of artists, who work across the artforms, representing each county in Ireland. The Arts Office, Kildare County Council, supported the filming of Kildare artist **Eoin O'Toole**, which took place in the inspiring surroundings of his home, The Liffey Arts Research Centre at Victoria Mill, Naas. 'I work with the elements, I love connecting with hidden depth and beauty, I wish my work to function socially, to stimulate wonder and enchantment, my inspiration comes from studies of Celtic mythology'. Spleachádh describe Eoin as a 'creator of a space in which things happen'. The film will be aired on TG4 in February and will also be posted on www.spleachadh.com

Lexington Sister Commission

In 1984 Lexington, Kentucky in USA invited County Kildare to enter into a twinning arrangement so as to participate in a sister city programme for the establishment of greater friendship and understanding between people of the United States and Kildare. Kildare County Council set up a county twinning committee to promote cultural, educational, social, economic and professional links in co-operation with other people in Lexington. The Arts Office of Kildare County Council, in association with the County Development Board invites entries to the **2002 Sister Cities International Young Artist competition**. The purpose of the competition is to encourage youth from all parts of the world to express, through original artwork, their concept of the sister cities mission through the competitions yearly theme. The theme for the competition is – **'No Borders, No Fences ...Just Friends'**. The winner will be presented with an art pack worth €350 at an award ceremony in Riverbank in February. The winning entry will then be submitted to represent Kildare along with the Lexington, Kentucky entry, in the international competition.

Application forms and conditions available from **Kildare County Arts Officer**. Closing dates for entries **Friday 8th February 2002**.

Drama



Crooked House Theatre Company

Crooked House Theatre Company presents **Sucking Stones**: three new plays inspired by the works of Samuel Beckett @ Riverbank Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th February. Sucking Stones is the second installment in their series of anti-sentimental plays, the first having been presented as **Numb: plays without feeling** in October 2001.



Outreach and Community

a. Workshops for Schools

Crooked House offers a wide range of workshops specially tailored for both secondary and primary schools, including Storytelling for Theatre, Macbeth Masterclass, Design for Theatre, Maskmaking, and Shakespeare Masterclass.

b. Public Workshops Acting the Eejit

An introduction to games, improvisation and acting. This weekly course would suit anyone who wants to have fun, find out about drama, or use some of the techniques with groups. It is especially for adults who have no background in drama and who are of any age or ability. Beginning Tuesday 19th February and running for ten weekly sessions to Tuesday 30th April, the course will be hosted by experienced Crooked House actors. Course fee is €102.00, a minimum of 10 people registered to run course.

Training for Actors

Beginning on Sunday 3rd February, this course is open to those who wish to advance their acting skills. It will occur one Sunday per month from 1pm-6pm and run until June. Guest facilitators from the professional theatre sector will be involved, as will Crooked House's directors. This programme is funded by Kildare County Council Arts Office.

Scriptwriting Forum

Every second Tuesday from 5th February. 8pm-10pm. Admission free. Open to all those who would like to begin or develop their writing for the stage.

Crooked House offers a wide range of workshops for community, youth and special needs groups. These can be organised with the company to occur whenever the client wishes

For further information on events and programmes contact: **Peter Hussey, Artistic Director, Crooked House Theatre Company @ Riverbank. Phone: 045-448490** or consult the Crooked House website @ www.crookedhouse.ie

Arts Act Grants



Applications are invited for the Arts Act Grants 2002 from:

- Arts Education/ training projects
- Bursary awards for individual Kildare based artists for the development of their work.
- Assistance to groups/ organisations/schools towards the cost of events and programmes which stimulate public interest in and improve arts practice in the county.
- Assistance towards the costs of art materials and equipment required for the realisation of arts projects

Application forms available from the Arts Office. Closing date: **March 22nd 2002**.

Libraries and Arts Plan

Would you like to have a say in planning Kildare Libraries and Arts Services in the next five years? Here's how! Kildare Libraries and Arts Service proposes to publish a Five-Year Development Plan (2002-2006) in 2002. Written submissions/proposals are invited from individuals and groups relating to the following services: Public Libraries, Local Studies Services, Genealogy, Archives and Art Service. Submissions should be made by **Friday 1st February to: Noel Drumgoole, Kildare County Library, Riverbank, Newbridge. Tel: 045-431486/431109. Email: ndrumgoole@kildarecoco.ie**

River Bank

Riverbank has a host of activities lined up for the Spring season. Highlights include **Silkin Thomas Players Production of 'Angels in America'**, **Kevin Mc Aleer, The Fureys** and exhibitions of the sculpture of **Fr. Flanagan** and a collaboration with the IMMA.



Photo: Prosperous Drama Group at Riverbank Community Open Day

For details contact:
Riverbank, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.
Phone: **045-434880**
Email: artscentre@riverbank.ie
Web: www.riverbank.ie



Artifacts

SPRING 2002



Welcome

Welcome to the Spring edition of Artyfacts. The season is launched by a feast of arts events in libraries around the county, followed by the annual **Féile Bhríde**. The festival, (now celebrating its tenth year) entitled 'Oscail do Chroí' features readings by actor and playwright **Donal O'Kelly** and a performance of **Roddy Doyle's** play **Guess Who's Coming For The Dinner**. The events are complimentary to the Spring programme of events for Riverbank Arts Centre. If you would like to be more information on any of our programmes or would like to be included on our arts database or Artyfacts mailing list please contact:

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Community Arts

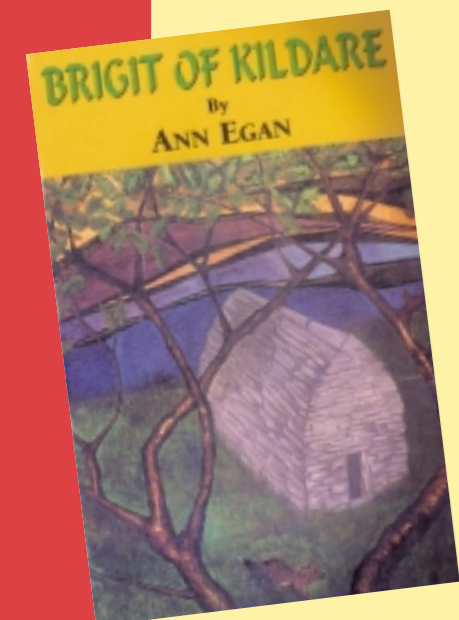
The image on the cover of this edition of Artyfacts was produced by a group of students from **Rathangan Post-Primary School**, in association with **Kildare Artsquad**. The photograph of the banner was taken by Myles Pollard, Transition Year student, Newbridge College. 29 primary and secondary schools from around the county participated in the Banner project. The banners adorned the main street of Newbridge to mark the community open day of Riverbank in September. This project is one, in a series of outreach programmes from Riverbank. Best wishes to Nuala Power, Brenda Brady, Oonagh O'Brien, Kate Connaughton, Caoimhe Mc Guckin, Rebekah Carroll, Michael Gannon, Claire Noons, Joanie Murphy, Karen Raymond and Donagh Harrington who have left Kildare Artsquad, after a years training in Riverbank and in the community. Welcome to new members of the team. For details of the Community Outreach Programme @ Riverbank contact: **Terry Moore, Artsquad Co-ordinator @ Riverbank Phone: 045-448312**

Literature

'**Brigit of Kildare**' a book by Ann Egan celebrates the life of the Brigit in poetry, prose and paint. Seamus Hoseney (RTE Radio One) comments that Ann 'weaves the various strands of this fabulous tale into a rich tapestry that enchants the ear and warms the heart'.

The book is on sale in libraries countywide. To mark **St. Brigid's Day**, Ann will read from her book in Naas Library on Tuesday 29th January, in Celbridge Library on Wednesday 30th January and Athy Library on Thurs 31st January from 8pm-10pm. She will be accompanied by harpist Teresa O'Donnell.

Admission is free and all are welcome.



Féile Bhríde Programme of events

Saturday January 26th

9am Walk of Welcome Assemble at Brigids welcoming hands, Parish Church
 10am Lighting of St. Brigid's Flame in Market Square
 10.30am Registration for Afri Conference 'Oscail do Chroí' Reflections on war and peace, asylum- seekers, refugees agus croí na fáilte.
 St. Joseph's Academy Booking (by Jan 22nd) 01-4968595
 9pm-12mid Afro Celt Ceili Music by De Jimbe Geraldine Rooms - Silken Thomas Admission €6

Sunday January 27th

9am Eucharistic Celebration at Brigid's Well
 10.15am Afri conference Continues Oscail do Chroí, St. Joseph's Academy
 8pm County Kildare Orchestra Concert, St. Brigid's Church, Curragh. Guest performance by Holy Family Choir €7. Booking 045-522890

Monday January 28th

10.30am-12noon Workshop 'Oscail do Chroí' Presenter: Sr. Mary Minehan and Brenda Kindergan. Education Centre €3
 7pm-9pm Integration Craft Night Geraldine Rooms. Music and light refreshments
 8pm-10pm Workshop 'Brigid's Healing' Her legends, herbs, songs and dance. Presenter: Gina McGarry. Supper Rooms CYMS. Admission €3

Tuesday January 29th

10.30am - 12noon Workshop, 'Weaving Brigid's Peace' with circle dance, stories and the crafting of a Brigid's cross. Presenter: Terri Hennessy. Supper Rooms CYMS Admission €3
 8pm Workshop 'Drumming for Celebration and Healing'. Presented by John Bawker. Hosted by Scoil Bhríde Naofa. Booking essential 045-521575. €5

Wednesday January 30th

10.30am - 12noon Workshop 'Release the artist within'. Presented by Lucina Russell. CYMS Supper Room €3.
 7.30pm Exploring Celtic Heritage. Professor Sean O Duinn. Education Centre, Kildare. Admission €5

Thursday January 31st Brigid's Eve

7.30pm 'Brigid's Eve ritual'. Gather at 7.20pm in Japanese Gardens. Bring an unlit candle in a lantern or jar.

Friday February 1st La Fhéile Bhríde 'Imbolc'

11.30pm Visit to St. Brigid's Cathedral
 2.15pm Pattern on Brigid's Pastures. The Curragh. Meet at Market Square for 2.30pm. Departure of bus. €5 (Wear your wellies)
 9pm Eat for the Earth. A gentle end to Feile Bride 2002. Supper by candlelight. Proceeds for Voice. Booking: 045-522890 €15

For more information contact Solas Bhríde: 045-522890
 Information on Afri Conference:
 Tel: 01-8827581 Fax: 01-8827576 E-mail: afri@iol.ie

Arts in Libraries Evening Lecture Series 2002

Kildare Library and Arts Service will host an evening art lecture series in early Spring. The Impressionism lecture series will compliment the opening of the Millennium wing of the National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin in January 2002 which celebrates Monet, Renoir and the Impressionist landscape. The Irish lectures are highly topical given the recent discovery of two gold Bronze Age torcs found in Co. Mayo.

a. The Impressionists facilitated by Maebh O'Regan

Lecture 1: Introduction to Impressionism. Who were the Impressionists? What made their style of painting so different?
 Lecture 2: The Secret Impressionists. Exploring the work of Frederick Bazille and Female Impressionists
 Lecture 3: Post-Impressionists - the way forward. Examining the turbulent relationship between Van Gogh and Gauguin.

b. Irish Art facilitated by Elizabeth Kelly

Lecture 1: Exploring Irelands Gold - Bronze Age Artefacts
 Lecture 2: The Golden Age of Art in Ireland - Metal Work
 Lecture 3: Other treasures from the Golden Age of Art

c. Mounting, Framing and Hanging an Art Exhibition facilitated by Catriona Fallon

All lectures will run from 8pm-10pm*

Lecture 1:

Impressionism
 Monday 28th January Celbridge Library
 Tuesday 29th January Newbridge Library
 Thursday 31st January Maynooth Library
Irish Art
 Monday 28th January Leixlip Library
 Tuesday 29th January Athy Library
 Thursday 31st January Naas Library

Lecture 2:

Impressionism
 Monday 4th February Celbridge Library
 Tuesday 5th February Newbridge Library
 Thursday 7th February Maynooth Library
Irish Art
 Monday 4th February Leixlip Library
 Tuesday 5th February Athy Library
 Thursday 7th February Naas Library

Lecture 3:

Impressionism
 Monday 11th February Celbridge Library
 Tuesday 12th February Newbridge Library
 Thursday 14th February Maynooth Library
Irish Art
 Monday 11th February Leixlip Library
 Tuesday 12th February Athy Library
 Thursday 14th February Naas Library

Lecture 4:

Hanging an Art Exhibition
 Monday 18th February Celbridge Library
 Tuesday 19th February Newbridge Library
 Thursday 21st February Maynooth Library
 Monday 25th February Leixlip Library
 Tuesday 26th February Athy Library
 Thursday 28th February Naas Library



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Music in Libraries

To set the scene for St. Patricks Day, music sessions with an Irish flavour will take place in libraries.

Traditional Irish Music

Monday 11th March Celbridge Library 8pm-10pm
 Tuesday 12th March Maynooth Library 8pm-10pm
 Thursday 14th March Newbridge Library 11am-1pm

Classical Evening

Wednesday 13th March Naas Library 8pm-10pm

Musical Tots

Education programme for pre-school children and their parents through the medium of music, commences in Celbridge library Friday 1st March. Booking essential.



World Book Day

Children are invited to celebrate Shakespeares' birthday with author and storytellers, visits in their local library

Friday 8th March	Newbridge Library	Niall De Burca	10am-11.30am
Friday 8th March	Naas Library	Niall De Burca	3.30pm-4.30pm
Tuesday 13th March	Leixlip Library	Siobhán Parkinson	11am-1pm
Tuesday 13th March	Maynooth Library	Siobhán Parkinson	2.30pm-4pm
Wednesday 14th March	Athy Library	Siobhán Parkinson	11am-1pm
Wednesday 14th March	Celbridge Library	Anita Hendy	11am-1pm

Booking essential

In addition, Voice workshop based on **Wizardry and Magic** will take place Naas Library 11am-12.30pm and Athy Library 3pm-4.30pm on Thursday 14th March

Contact individual libraries for details of their visual arts exhibitions

Contact details for Libraries

Athy	0507-31144	Leixlip	01-6244240
Celbridge	01-6272207	Maynooth	01-6285530
Droichead Nua	045-436453	Naas Library	045-879111

*** All arts activities in libraries are free of charge

Dance

The **Laban Guild Community Dance Leaders Course** is due to commence in Riverbank on Saturday 26th January. The course introduces Laban analysis, which can be applied to all dance styles and techniques. It is mainly practical and covers basic anatomy, teaching methods and dance making. In the long term the course will provide artists with dance teaching skills suitable for community or formal education. **Limited places are available on the course. Contact the Arts Office immediately for information.**

From 2nd to 8th April Riverbank Arts Centre will present '**Made in Kildare**' - a showcase of work devised by Cathy O'Kennedy over a period of 4 years in her capacity as **Dance Artist in Residence** for Kildare County Council. Performances will include revisits of '**Morphic Fields I and II**', '**Bride**' and a new piece '**The Button Project**'. The series will include performance/workshops for children. **Contact Arts Office for details**

