

Welcome to the Spring edition of Artyfacts. This seasons programme includes a feast of arts events in libraries around the county including an Art Appreciation Lecture Series for adults and Storytelling and The Magic of Dance workshops for children. Details of forthcoming events such as the Laban Guild Dance Summer School and an Arts in Education conference are also outlined. Meanwhile, the annual Féile Bríde programme promises to provide for both the creative and the spiritual.

LITERATURE

Creative Writing workshops
Josie Devine, a primary school teacher from Newbridge, produced the text on the cover of this edition of Artyfacts. Josie was a participant in the highly successful creative writing workshops facilitated by travel writer Mary Russell in various libraries in September / October 2002. The Library and Arts Service will host another series of creative writing workshops in the autumn.

Cecil Day Lewis Poetry and Short Story Competition
The Cecil Day Lewis Awards Ceremony will take place in Athy Library on Thursday 10th April at 8pm. Winners will be notified by post in advance of the award ceremony. A list of winners will be published on www.kildare.ie/arts/index.asp and in local press.

ARTS IN EDUCATION

Kildare County Council Arts Service in partnership with the Arts Council, Riverbank Arts Centre and the Kildare Education Centre will host a conference examining approaches and issues relating to Arts in Education in Autumn 2003.

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 before Monday 31st March 2003.

Alternatively, details and application forms may be downloaded from www.kildare.ie/arts/index.asp

RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

Highlights of the programme at Riverbank this season include an exhibition of the work of Victor Sloan, and paintings and poetry by Deirdre Carr. Theatre performances include Playboy of the Western World by Big Telly Company and KYT Youth Fashion and Design Show.

For further details of the programme contact:
Riverbank, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.
Ph: Booking office: 045-448333 E - Mail: boxoffice@riverbank.ie

Ph: Arts Centre Manager: 045-448319 Visual Arts: 045-448314 Artsquad: 045-448312



Robert Mizzi

ARTS IN LIBRARIES - ART HISTORY LECTURE SERIES



Following the success of last years programme, Kildare Library and Arts Service presents a series of lectures on art appreciation, which are of general interest to all, but particularly of interest to Leaving Certificate Art students.

Maebh O'Regan, Ph D., lecturer in art history in the National College of Art and Design, presents a series of lectures examining European painting across the centuries, with diverse subjects from the role of the studio in the artist's work, 17th Century genre painting (particularly the work of Vermeer and Rembrandt) to The Romantic Movement.

Meanwhile, Catriona Fallon, Visual Arts Programmer in Riverbank Arts Centre, examines Contemporary Irish Art.



Celbridge Library
Mon 27th January
Mon 3rd February
Mon 10th February
Mon 17th February

Contemporary Irish Art
The role of the studio in the artist's work
17th Century genre painting - Vermeer, Rembrandt
The Romantic Era

Athy Library
Tues 4th February
Tues 11th February
Tues 18th February
Tues 25th February

Contemporary Irish Art
The role of the studio in the artist's work
17th Century genre painting - Vermeer, Rembrandt
The Romantic Era

Naas Library
Thurs 13th February
Thurs 20th February
Thurs 27th February
Thurs 4th March

The role of the studio in the artist's work
17th Century genre painting - Vermeer, Rembrandt
The Romantic Era
Contemporary Irish Art

Newbridge Library
Tues 21st January
Tues 28th January
Tues 4th February
Tues 11th February

The role of the studio in the artist's work
17th Century genre painting - Vermeer, Rembrandt
The Romantic Era
Contemporary Irish Art

Maynooth Library
Thurs 23rd January
Thurs 30th January
Thurs 6th February
Thurs 13th February

The role of the studio in the artist's work
17th Century genre painting - Vermeer, Rembrandt
The Romantic Era
Contemporary Irish Art

Leixlip (contact the arts service @ 045 448318 for venue)
Mon 17th February
Mon 24th February
Mon 3rd March
Mon 10th March

Contemporary Irish Art
The role of the studio in the artist's work
17th Century genre painting - Vermeer, Rembrandt
The Romantic Era

All lectures commence at 8pm sharp

ARTS IN LIBRARIES - WORLD BOOK DAY

Children are invited to celebrate World Book Day (Shakespeares' birthday) and Anti-Racism Day with interactive storytelling and dance workshops in their local library, examining different cultures.

Irish History Live
Irish History Live tells a tale of 12th Century Crusaders and their enemies. The show will present how each culture was both different and similar, using their costume, armour, weapons, beliefs and leaders as the subjects. Children will dress as Richard the Lion Hearted and Saladin the Turk (and the ladies in their lives) and learn about their way of life. The show promises to have blood and guts and lots of fun !!

Two shows per day, Mornings: 11.00am - 12.15pm, Afternoons: 3.30 - 4.45pm
Morning bookings open to school groups only. Suitable for 7-12yrs

Athy Library
Tues. 4th March

Naas Library
Wed. 5th March

Newbridge Library
Thurs 6th March

Celbridge Library
Fri. 7th March

Maynooth Library
Tues. 11th March

Leixlip Library
Wed. 12th March
(contact the arts service
@ 045 448318 for venue)



The Magic of Dance

The Magic of Dance with Cathy O'Kennedy of Fluxusdance Company, Kildare County Council's Dancer in Residence. The Magic of Dance is a modern dance experience for children. Children and artists will, as part of the World Book Day, make dances together, dance with one another and learn about the art of dance. The company will also perform for the children choosing from a repertoire of works that are a creative mix of dance and storytelling.

The experience is suitable for children aged from three to twelve years. Parents are welcome to stay and watch and to participate if they wish.

Athy Library
Thurs. 13th Mar
11.00am - 12.15pm

Naas Library
Thurs. 13th Mar
2.30pm - 4.00pm

Celbridge Library
Fri. 14th Mar
11.00am - 12.15pm

Maynooth Library
Fri. 14th Mar
2.30 - 4.00pm.

Bookings for arts programmes in libraries should be directed to individual libraries unless otherwise stated. All arts activities in libraries are free of charge.

Celbridge Library
Athy Library
Naas Library
Newbridge Library
Maynooth Library
Leixlip Library

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ph: 0507-31144
ph: 045-879111
ph: 045- 436453
ph: 01- 6285530
ph: 045-448318

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athylib@eircom.net
naaslib@eircom.net
newbridgelib@eircom.net
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(until further notice)



DANCE

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 from Monday 4th 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 participation on the course

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

DRAMA

Crooked House Theatre Company
Kildare Youth Theatre to take part in Shell International Connections 2003
Kildare Youth Theatre at Crooked House has been selected to participate in the Shell International Connections Festival of Youth Theatres organised by the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain. Ten youth theatres are selected from the 150 plus across the British Isles to perform one version each of ten specially commissioned plays in the Royal National Theatre in London in July. Kildare Youth Theatre is one of only 7 youth theatres from the Republic taking part in the festival this year.

Step into Spring with KYD

January sees the launch of the innovative Kildare Youth Dance Project. In association with Fluxus Dance Company, Crooked House launched a new development for teenagers and young adults in January, a development of its highly successful youth theatre provision (dance and movement are integral parts of theatre performance).

Kildare Youth Dance Project began in early January and continues until June, culminating in a public performance in Riverbank. The group will have the option of taking part in a two week, residential summer school. In the summer, Kildare Youth Dance will take part in the Irish Youth Dance festival in Dun Laoghaire. There will be a mixture of dance styles taught and the focus will be on training for composition with a layered, progressive approach to performance. Participants do not need to have any prior dance or theatre experience. While this type of dance training is hugely beneficial to would-be actors for stage or film, it is also invaluable for personal, social and physical development for teenagers and young adults.

The workshops are for two age groups: one for 12 to 15 year olds (meeting from 7.00 pm to 8.15 pm) and one for 16 to 21 year olds (meeting from 8.15pm to 9.30 pm). The workshops take place every Wednesday evening in Newbridge. Fees for the Youth Dance Project from January to June are €90 (or €5 per session).

Crooked House Spring Performances

Not Waving: two absurdist plays

Our Lady of the Flowers by Peter Hussey and Voices in The Rubble by Darren Donohue.

11th - 15th February Tickets: €14 / €10 (KYT members €7)

Debut 2003: KYT Scene Studies

Saturday 8th March 8.00 pm Tickets: €10 / €7.50

Youth Fashion and Design Show

18th March 8.00 pm Tickets: €10 / €7.50



Kildare Youth Theatre Irish Premieres:

Totally Over You by Mark Ravenhill and Purple by Jon Fosse

31st March - 3rd April 8.00 pm Tickets: €10 / €7.50

See Riverbank Arts Centre Programme for details

Crooked House Outreach and Community Projects

Crooked House Theatre Company offers a range of outreach facilities

- Drama in The Classroom: techniques for teachers
- Crooked Mice: children's drama workshops
- Crooked Sixpence: drama for the over 50s
- Workshops for Schools and Community Groups
- Apprenticeship Scheme: workshoping with the company
- Kildare Youth Dance Project

For further information and a leaflet please call Crooked House at: Riverbank Arts Centre on 045 448309 or visit the website at www.crookedhouse.ie

FÉILE BRÍDE 2003 - PATHS TO PEACEMAKING

Sat January 25th

10.30 am Registration for Afri conference Paths to Peacemaking
Reflections on war and peace, looking behind and beyond
St Joseph's Academy Admission two days €35, Saturday only €25 Concessions €25, €20
Booking by January 23rd 01 8827581

9.00 pm Céiling for Peace - Music by De Jimbe
Lumville House, The Curragh. Admission €10

Sunday January 26th

9.00 am Eucharistic Celebration at St Brigid's Well
10.30 am Afri Conference continues - Paths to Peacemaking "Now is the time".
Note special Sunday rate €20 and €15
1.00pm Lighting of the Flame of Peace.

Monday, January 27th

10.15 am - 12.00 noon 'Brigid - Peacemaker'
Facilitators: Brendan Kindregan, Mary Minehan, CSO
Kildare Education Centre

8.00 pm "Tribal Drumming" for Celebration & Peace
Drums provided - beginners welcome
Facilitator: John Bowler
St. Brigid's Primary School
Booking essential 045 521575

Tuesday, January 28th

7.30 pm Celebrating Community Life in Kildare
Hosted by Kildare Community Services
CYMS Hall

Wednesday, January 29th

8.00 pm "Brigid's Hearth" Bringing the sacred into the mundane and helping the environment
with friendly house cleaning products made with essential oils. Stories, circle dance and the
crafting of a traditional 'Bridog'.
Facilitators: Gina Mc Garry, Terri Hennessy
CYMS New Hall

Thursday January 30th

8.00 pm Beauty: The radiance of the eternal: Annual Celtic Lecture
Speaker John O'Donoghue
Hosted by Kildare Education Centre.
Booking essential 045 530200

Friday, January 31st - Brigid's Eve

7.20 pm Brigid's Eve Ritual
Gather in Japanese Gardens car park (Bring an unlit candle in a jar or lantern)

Saturday, February 1st - La Fheile Bhríde - Imbolc

12.00 noon "Brigid's Footsteps"
The annual, outdoor La Fheile Bhríde event.
Bring your wellies and a friend and gather at the Heritage Centre, The Square.

4.00 pm Official unveiling of lifesize sculpture of St. Brigid by artist Annette Mc Cormack
at St. Brigid's Well

Sunday February 2nd

12.00 noon 'Eat for the Earth' Sunday brunch at Kristianas, Price €12
Booking essential 087 2330787

Enquiries to: Solas Bhríde Tel: 045 522890, Fax 045 522212
E mail solasbhríde@eircom.net



St. Brigid by Annette Mc Cormack

VISUAL ARTS



Deirdre Shanley
Sweet Meadow
Carborundum print

Leinster Printmaking Studios
The Leinster Printmaking Studio 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.

Kildare County Council is delighted to announce the allocation of grant aid to support the
Leinster Printmaking Studio in terms of its artistic development.

For further details about the Leinster Printmakers Studios contact: Margaret Becker ph: 045 - 868168

Public Art Commission

A recent addition to the Public Art collection in Kildare is a bust of
Edward Fitzgerald by Kildare based artist Annette Mc Cormack. The
bronze bust, which is 1.5 times life size, stands on a six-foot granite
plinth located in the front apex of the Square in Kildare town, directly
adjacent to where Fitzgerald lived. The commission was part of a
series of initiatives to mark the 1798 Rebellion Commemoration.



"The only visual of Fitzgerald available is a painting by Hamilton, who was
commissioned by most of the aristocracy of the day. The trend for portraiture at
the time was to portray the aristocracy effeminately. Through my research for
the project, I learned much about Fitzgerald, who was in fact a much stronger, more courageous
character than was portrayed in that painting. In my work I hoped to capture this, together with his
characteristic dark good looks and sweet and kind nature". Annette Mc Cormack

Kildare County Council look forward to formally unveiling the piece in late Spring.

MUSIC



An Taoiseach
Bertie Ahern
pictured with Lord
Edward's Own
Narraghmore Pipe
Band at a recent
band engagement
at Bodinstown,
Co Kildare.

Narraghmore Pipe Band Promoted
Congratulations to Lord Edward's Own
Narraghmore Pipe Band who have been
promoted to Grade 2 as a result of recent
meetings of the Irish Pipe Band Association -
National Advisory Council and the Royal
Scottish Pipe Band Association - Music Board.

The band had its best competitive season ever
in 2002, taking first place in the Scottish Championships, the Ulster Championships and
Malahide Championships. In addition to this, the band won the Irish Pipe Band Association
Champion Of Champions award and came third in the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association
Champion of Champions in Grade 3A. This is the highest level the band has ever competed
at and is a recognition of the dedication of the players and committee over many years. In
addition to its competitive engagements the band also has a busy national and international
schedule, most notably overseas trips include Expo 2000 in Hanover, Germany and New York
St. Patrick's Day Parade; Festival Interceltique de Lorient in Brittany.

Anyone interested in joining the band or registering for the limited number of places still
available in its piping and drumming beginners classes starting in January should contact the
band immediately.

For further information contact: Lord Edward's Own Narraghmore Pipe Band, Enterprise Centre,
Melitta Road, Kildare Ph: 045-521190 Fax: 045-521198 E mail: mdassociates@eircom.net

Music Outreach Programme

Following consultation with teachers countywide, Kildare County Council has decided to expand
the Music Outreach programme. The Arts Service has now developed a year-round programme
of Master Classes for schools who are unable to commit to weekly workshops with tutors.
Master Classes would take the format of day-long workshops in schools with a performance in
either Classical, Percussion, Traditional or Cajun music providing a holistic experience for
teachers and children.

For Further information contact the County Arts Service.

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	31 January, 20 June
Small arts festivals awards	14 February
Bursaries	21 February
Title-by-title scheme	21 February, 5 September
Banff residencies	28 February
Skidmore jazz award	28 February
PSI Fellowship, New Your	28 February
Residencies	7 March
Music publication and recording scheme	7 March
Joint purchase scheme in visual art	7 March, 5 September
International directing mentoring scheme	14 March
Bursary in contemporary visual arts curation	21 March
George Campbell award	21 March
Mary Farl Powers Award for printmakers	21 March
Professional development and Training award	11 April (for commissions taking place in 03)
Commissions	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	2 May
-strand one (formal and postgraduate courses).	9 May
Commencing in September/October 2003).	16 May
Publications assistance scheme in visual art	15 August
Lar Cassidy award	Contact Poetry Ireland
Projects (to take place in 2004)	Contact Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform
Writers-in-schools scheme	Contact Bord Scannán na hÉireann/Irish Film Board
Visual-artists-in-prison scheme	
Frameworks awards	

For details contact: The Arts Council, 70 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.
Ph: 01-6180200 E mail: info@artscouncil Web: www.artscouncil.ie

ARTS ACT GRANTS SCHEME 2003

Applications are invited for the Arts Act Grants Scheme 2003 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

Closing date for applications Friday March 14th 2003

Application forms and further information are available from
Kildare County Arts Service or on the web

Kildare County Council Arts Service Contact Details

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KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

ARTYFACTS

SPRING 2003

My twelve year old sat sulking
in the seat behind me.
My twelve year old sat sulking in
the seat behind me.
'Cheer up', I said. 'here', he
said. 'I want to go home'.
'We'll soon be there', he
said. 'I don't want to be there', he
said. 'I want to go back to London'.
For most of the journey
he had been miserable.
'But we're going home', I said.
'But we're going home', I said.
'It's your home', he retorted.