

Visual Arts

Celbridge Library

Thursday 6th June ~ Friday 21st June
Celbridge Camera Club Exhibition

Naas Library

Monday 8th April ~ Saturday 4th May
ESB Environmental Photographic Exhibition.
Saturday 25th May ~ Friday 31st May
Children's Art Exhibition, Carly Shirrefs

Tuesday 7th May ~ Thursday 18th May
VTOS Art Exhibition, mixed media
Tuesday 25th June ~ Saturday 29th June
Rebekah Jackson: mixed media exhibition

Athy Library

Saturday 11th May ~ Saturday 25th May
Arts in Schools exhibition
This is an exhibition of children's art and creative writing from local schools.
Thursday 6th June ~ Friday 21st June
VTOS exhibition

Leixlip Library

Building has commenced on the new library complex in Confey, Leixlip. The state of the art building will include spacious adult, young adult and children libraries, dedicated study spaces, IT learning facilities and coffee dock. It is envisaged that the building will accommodate musicians in residence having incorporated three rehearsal rooms and storage space for instruments in the plans. The building also boasts a multi purpose space that will accommodate arts performances and exhibitions.



Music

Kildare Children Tzipoura Music Festival

Kildare County Council in association with the Herbert Lodge Arts Centre will host the Kildare Children Tzipoura Music Festival on Saturday 25th May 2002, at Goffs, Kill, Co. Kildare. The Tzipoura festival will celebrate the work of the music outreach programme that is taking place in 17 primary schools across the county. Two concerts will be held on 25th May, at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. The concerts will include performances by children who are participating in the outreach programme in chamber, percussion, woodwind, traditional and choral groups. **Audience tickets cost €10 each and are available from the Arts Office.**



Broadford School

Kildare County Orchestra

A collaborative concert with the Kildare County Orchestra and the Kildare County Council choir will take place in St. David's Church, Naas, on the Sunday 26th May at 8.00pm. The Kildare County Council choir was established in 2001 and comprises of members and staff of the local authority. Highlights of the evening will include the Hallelujah Chorus. **Tickets costs €10 and are available from the Arts Office.**

Lunchtime Concert

A lunchtime concert will take place in Council Chambers, St. Mary's, Naas on Thursday, May 16th from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. The concert will feature a performance by Newbridge based mezzo soprano, **Mary Dunne**, accompanied by **Majella Cahill**. The programme for the concert includes **Thomas Moore Melodies**. Admission is free and all are welcome. **For details contact the arts office.**

Evening Concert

An evening concert will take place in Celbridge Library on Monday 20th May at 8 p.m. The concert features the contemporary classical sound of Ear. This ensemble of musicians create an unique atmosphere and sound. Check them out on the web at: www.may.ie/academic/music/concert/ear.html
Booking is essential. Please contact Celbridge Library on 01 - 6272207

Drama

Training for actors in contemporary technique

A Crooked House Training initiative supported by Kildare County Council's Arts Office and Riverbank Arts Centre

Venue: Riverbank Arts Centre, Main Street, Newbridge, County Kildare.

Dates: April to June 2002

Fee: €25 per workshop.

Booking: Contact:
Crooked House Theatre Company, Ltd.,
Riverbank Arts Centre,
Newbridge,
County Kildare.
Tel: 045 448309
Fax: 045 432490
Email: crookedhouse@eircom.net
Website: www.crookedhouse.ie

Trainers:	Sunday 12th May	Jason Byrne	1.00pm-6.00pm
	Sunday 26th May	Peter Hussey	1.00pm-6.00pm
	Saturday 15th June	Annie Ryan	12.00pm-6.00pm
	Sunday 16th June	Annie Ryan	12.00pm-6.00pm
	Extra dates may be added subject to demand.		

Sunday 12th May
1.00pm-6.00pm Jason Byrne Artistic Director, Loose Canon Theatre Company

Theatre of Poverty
Jason Byrne and Loose Canon have spent the last two years in intensive application of the work of Grotowski, Stanislavski and Meyerhold, culminating most recently in their version of *Macbeth* during last October's Theatre Festival. The ongoing vocal and physical training of the company is informed by the writings of these and other theorists. These two workshops will be spent exploring some of those physical and vocal characteristics. Participants should wear loose and comfortable clothing.

Sunday 26th May
1.00pm-6.00pm Peter Hussey Artistic Director, Crooked House Theatre Company

Anti-Sentiment
Peter Hussey and Crooked House have devoted the past 18 months towards work which is inspired by the work and writings of the British dramatist Edward Bond, culminating recently in their cycle of anti-sentimental plays, *Numb and Sucking Stones*. This workshop will be spent exploring imagination and logic in performance. Participants should be familiar with *Macbeth*, Act Two Scene Three (lines 40 to 145) and Act Three Scene Two (either *Macbeth's* or *Lady Macbeth's* lines in particular). It is not necessary to have the lines learned.

Saturday 15th June
12.00pm-6.00pm
Sunday 16th June
12.00pm-6.00pm Annie Ryan Artistic Director, The Corn Exchange
Extra dates may be added subject to demand.

Modern Commedia
Annie Ryan and The Corn Exchange have uniquely developed the Renaissance commedia dell'arte into a contemporary, dynamic and focused style of performance driven by her experience of working in improv in Chicago. Over the last five years their vision has been successfully applied to *The Seagull*, *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Baby Jane*, and has also included the hugely successful series of *Car Shows*. These workshops will be improv-based leading to a working outline (using costumes and make-up) of the characters and situations found in commedia.

The Drama League of Ireland

The Drama League of Ireland have announced details of their 37th Summer School entitled

Our World - The Stage, which takes place at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, from 10th-17th August.

The summer school offers training courses for amateur drama practitioners. This years courses include	Plays and Players	facilitated by Helen Norton
Forming the Performance	American Stage - Great Playwrights of the 20th Century	facilitated by Blue Raincoat Theatre Company
Irish Theatre	Construct and Perform	facilitated by Brian Brady
From Chorus to Spotlight	Animate the Play	facilitated by Complicite
		facilitated by MACNAS
		facilitated by Noel Mc Donagh
		facilitated by Maurice Dunphy

Further details are available from the Drama League of Ireland, Carmichael House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. Tel: 01 8749084 E-mail: dli@eircom.net Web: www.dli.ie



The Kildare Community Network recently re-launched the www.kildare.ie website, which is the most comprehensive on-line information resource in the county. The site is a community-based portal, bringing together community, local government and business information and services. The new look and feel for the site includes six subportals: Arts, Business, Community, Education, Heritage and Tourism. The current Artyfacts newsletter and other arts events are available on the website.

If you would like to be included in the database of artists contact the arts office or Kevin Kelly, Manager, Kildare Community Network, St. Mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare
Tel: 045 873849 Fax: 045 873818 E-mail: info@kildare.ie Website: www.kildare.ie

Riverbank Arts Centre

Highlights of the summer programme at Riverbank are Beeznee production of *Cash and Delivery*, a Taiko Drumming performance by *Mugeyenko* and an exhibition of paintings by *Tony O'Malley* from the George Mc Clelland collection.

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

Arts Council Plan 2002-2006

Sile de Valera TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands recently launched the publication of the Arts Plan 2002-2006, and announced that on her recommendation it had been endorsed by Government.

The third Arts Plan contains six overall objectives aimed at promoting the sustainability of the arts in Ireland. They are:

- Make an arts career a realistic ambition for excellent and innovative artists
- Broaden and enrich participation in the arts
- Raise standards in arts leadership and management
- Broaden and enhance audiences for the arts
- Extend the international impact and success of Irish arts and artists
- Work with others to help bring the arts closer to local communities

Copies of the plan are available from the Arts Council, 70 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.
Tel: 01 6180200 Web: www.artscouncil.ie

Dance

Fluxdance

Kildare based dance company Fluxdance and Michael Foley Dance, New York will continue their long-term collaboration during a residency in June and July at the University of Washington, in Seattle. Both companies will present works created separately and together including *Giselle: the presence of the past*, commissioned by Riverbank, September 2001. The performances will take place at the Velocity Space in Seattle.



The Magic of the Dance

The Magic of Dance is a dance making workshop and performance for children. The magic is inspired by the imagination of the children and in the process of unlocking imagination through the body. Through movement invention, *The Magic of Dance* conjures up a creative mix of dances and storytelling, explores the origins of dance and uses music, props and magical textures to create a dance experience unique to each group of participants. Teaching artists for the Magic of Dance are *Lucy Dundon*, *Jennifer Fleenor* and *Cathy O'Kennedy*. It was devised, choreographed and directed by Cathy O'Kennedy in her capacity as Dance Artist in Residence for Kildare County Council. Children are invited to share in the magic as part of the children's summer festival in libraries.

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Artyfacts

S U M M E R 2 0 0 2

So the battle began
The sounds were like rain coming
out of the sky
The smells were like
a tree on fire
The colours were red,
green and black
At last the machine
was captured
The books had won the battle

By Scoil Mhuire, Leixlip



If you open my nuns handbag
and look this is what you'll find
a prayer book, pink perfume called miracle,
a purse full with money
a mobile phone with a tone
a telephone bill and some pills
an envelope, a pen, a book of stamps
chewing gum that smells like toothpaste
she carries me and my sister
in her bag, on a keyring
and she better watch out
or the bin man will get it

Ang Herbert
Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Naas

I hear dogs barking
and cars beeping
Oh, here comes Mr. Carroll
He has a Dublin jersey

Sean Doyle
Rathangan Boys School



The loaves and the fish
and the twelve apostles
there, all on the cross
the High Cross of Moone

The High Cross of Moone
Is a great thing for me
So, don't delay
just go and see

David Mc Govern
St. Patrick's Boys School, Athy

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Welcome

Welcome to the Summer edition of Artyfacts. An impressive range of festivals take place in the county each year supported by Kildare County Council. This edition includes details of three established festivals. Libraries around the county will be a hive of activity during the month of July with the popular children's summer arts festival in libraries. Also included are details of arts in schools programmes, dance, training in the field of drama, literary publications and more!

Arts in Schools

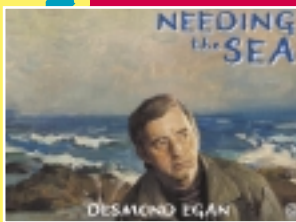


Four primary schools around the county participated in an artists in schools research programme for the spring school term. The research focused on critical relationships in the establishment of artist in schools programmes. The residency allowed pupils and teachers to share in theme based arts projects in both visual arts and creative writing.

The participating visual artists were **Genevieve King**, textile artist, Maynooth; **Linda Marshall**, painter, Naas; **Margaret Becker**, print maker, Clane and **Monica De Bath**, textile artist, Rathangan, while the participating writers were **Desmond Egan**, Newbridge; **Mae Leonard**, Naas and **Anne Egan**, Clane. Schools involved were **St. Patrick's Boys School**, Athy; **Scoil an Linbh Iosa**, Ballycane, Naas; **Boys School, Rathangan** and **Scoil Mhuire**, Green Lane, Leixlip. An exhibition of children's work will be displayed in Celbridge, Naas, Newbridge and Athy libraries from May 22nd to 12th June. A publication featuring examples of children's work produced during the programme, with guidelines for artist in schools programmes will be published later on this year.

The Saint, The Stone and The Vikings features writings and illustrations by children from San Carlo Senior School, Leixlip based on the theme of Vikings and their connections with Leixlip and Confehy. The writings were produced with the assistance of class teachers and **Writer in Residence Ann Egan**. Kildare Library and Arts Service recently published Ann's first novel, Brigit of Kildare. Ann was a recent winner in the 75 Years of Radio National Poetry Competition and has won first prizes at Listowel Writers Week. The Arts Office of Kildare County Council supported the programme. The book will be launched on Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm in the school and will be available for sale from the school.

Literature



Desmond Egan

Fresh from a tour of America and Italy, **Desmond Egan**, the internationally renowned poet will launch a CD of his poetry in Riverbank Arts Centre on Tuesday 4th June at 8pm. The CD **Needing the Sea** contains a selection of poems published over the past thirty years. Desmond who lives in Newbridge, is the author of fifteen collections of poetry and one of prose. He is the recipient of numerous literary awards.

Festschrift

A **festschrift** celebrating the life and work of great sculptor **James Mc Kenna** (1934-2000) will also be launched on the evening. The book features tributes by fifty friends and colleagues including Ronnie Drew, Pat Murphy, Brian Bourke and international guests Giuseppe Sarpillo and Hans Palsson. The editor of the book is Desmond Egan.

Both the CD and book will be available for sale from leading bookshops and the Arts Office.

Earnest Shackleton Writers Festival

The Arts Office of Kildare County Council will run a series of creative writing workshops in libraries countywide in October, in association with the **Earnest Shackleton Autumn school**. The Arts Office invites submissions from professional writers whose work is based on the theme of **travel, exploration** or **endurance** who would be interested in facilitating creative writing workshops and/ or who would be interested in producing prose or poetry on the themes. Closing date for submissions is 28th June 2002.

For further details please contact the Arts Office

Mary Arrigan

Mary Arrigan, who hails from Newbridge, is author and illustrator of a colourful range of children's books in English and Irish. She will read from her books and discuss her illustrations (some of which will be on display) in libraries countywide as part of the children's summer festival.



Festivals



Bealtaine

Bealtaine Festival

Exhibitions

Warmth and Welcome Banners: Specially commissioned by Bealtaine with the theme of Warmth and Welcome, these banners were produced by children in Newbridge schools and will be on display on Newbridge Main Street

Preacher in Stone: Riverbank Arts Centre. A major exhibition of the work of Fr. Henry Flanagan illustrating his particular talent for carving in both stone and wood.

Collaborative Visual Arts Exhibition: Newbridge Library. An alternative visual arts exhibition of young artists displaying Celtic design, abstract styles and sculptures.

21st century Celt: Yap Food Company, Moorefield. Solo exhibition of paintings by local artist Leona Ni Oireachtaigh. A fusion of the old with the new - Leona's paintings depict traditional Celtic art images in a modern way through the use of abstraction and vibrant colours.

Bealtaine Café Exhibitions: Newbridge and its surrounding areas have a wealth of artists. We are delighted that many of them are exhibiting in our local restaurants and coffee shops. See local papers for more specific details.

Wednesday 1st May

12.00pm~1.00pm	May Leonard Crooked Sixpence This company work with retired and older members of our community. Proceeds to the Irish Heart Foundation.	Patrician National School Poetry Workshop Riverbank.	€5
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Thursday 2nd May

1.20pm~2.20pm	Lunchtime Concert	Riverbank Newbridge School of Music	€6.00
8.00pm	Tommy Makem	Riverbank	€16/13
9.00pm	Glen Hansard at the Red Hot	Red House	€10

Friday 3rd May

12.00pm	Scoil Mhuire Junior School The pupils of second class, Scoil Mhuire junior perform snippets of drama, drumming, story telling and song singing.		
3.00pm~4.00pm	Christy Moore Newbridge has a lively voluntary sector and Bealtaine with Christy is delighted to be able to say thanks for all the work. By invitation.		

8.00pm~10.00pm

	Opening Ceremony The meeting between the giant sun and the powerful rain exploding into the great rainbow of the world, showering all with it's wonderful colours. Bealtaine is proud to present Artastic, Ardangheasa, local artists, the schools and community groups in a vibrant multi-coloured celebration of this year's theme of "Warmth and Welcome" on our Main St. Watch out for the world premiere of the Taikoo Band from Kildare - Thunder Drums		
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10.00pm	Session with Johnny Moynihan	Railway Bar	€8
10.00pm	Nyjinskys Revisited	Cellar's Night Club	€8
10.00pm	Sean Norman Ceili	Rockingham	€7
10.00pm~11.30pm	Comedy Zone	Riverbank	€10

Saturday 4th May

8.20am	Bog Road Walk	Meet at Newbridge Library	
10.00am~4.00pm	Holistic Workshops Sample holistic therapies such as Reiki or Aurosoma and many more.	Parish Centre	
2.00pm~3.00pm	Crooked Mice Crooked Mice perform end of season pieces - Roahl Dahl, Shakespeare, Campton and some devised pieces by the children	Riverbank,	€2
2.00pm~5.00pm	Eat on the Street	George's St	
3.00pm~5.00pm	Tratnona Gaelach	Railway Lounge, Eyre St.	
8.00pm~10.00pm	Literary Evening	Railway Lounge, Eyre St.	
10.00pm~12.00am	Kila	Riverbank	€12

Sunday 5th May

2.00pm~5pm	Newbridge Credit Union Family Picnic	The Strand	
4.00pm~6.00pm	Bealtaine Strolling Players	Pubs	
6.00pm~7.00pm	Classical evening with Ciaran Nagle and Major to Minor	Protestant Church	€6
9.00pm	Elvis and DJ Miley Wickham	The Keadeen Hotel	€12

Monday 6th May

12.00pm~6.00pm	Youth Festival: Bands, PhotoJournalism Film Competition, Trash Fash, Creative workshop, Henna Tattoo's etc. Tony Bird's Pottery masterclass, Riverbank and Town Hall.		
9.30 pm	Cathu & Friends Wrap Up Gig	Hangman's Milltown	

For further details contact Terry Moore Tel: 045 448 312

Leixlip Festival

Friday 31st May

A walk with Conor O'Brien Starting point: Leixlip Castle Gates

7.30pm
An evening of free entertainment on the Guinness Gig Rig with **Luv Bug** supported by **Marty Fay and the Banditos**, Main Street carpark

Saturday 1st June

12.00~6.00pm
5.00pm
7.30pm
Street Entertainment. Turning Leixlip's Main Street into a carnival of fun & games **Entertainment provided by Leixlip Theatre Group** with the Guinness Theatrical Pub Crawl in the Leixlip House Hotel, Ozone, Springfield Hotel, The Salmon Leap Inn
Free entertainment with the Tina Turner Tribute Show supported by The Seratones

Sunday 2nd June

11.00am
1.00pm~6.00pm
7.30pm
Focus on the Village. Seamus Kelly's new book brought to life. Take a guided tour with the author starting at the Leixlip House Hotel
Street Entertainment including mime artists and an enactment of the American Civil War
An evening of free entertainment with BAGATELLE supported by Christy Moore Tribute. Followed by Fireworks display

Monday 3rd June

2.30pm
5.00pm
Guinness Theatrical Pub Crawl - with the Leixlip Theatre Group providing the entertainment. Starting at Springfield, Salmon Leap Inn, Leixlip House Hotel, & Ozone

For further details on festival events contact the festival office. Tel: 01 624 3085
Festival Weekend Tel: (086) 276 8310 E-Mail: festival@indigo.ie Web: www.leixlipfestival.com

Gerard Manley Hopkins Summer School

The international summer school celebrates the poet and his interests. This year, the 15th summer school represents writers from thirty countries from Afghanistan to Iceland and from Korea to the Congo. According to Robert Welch Robert Welch Editor of the Oxford Companion to Irish Literature, **it is the best literary festival in Ireland.**

Saturday 20th July

8.00pm Classical Concert Saturday: Moore Abbey

Sunday 21st July

Maynooth University Day: Tour, Lectures, Reception, Music, Banquet.

Tuesday, 23rd July

Irish Music Night with Cómhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann

Wednesday 24th July

8.00pm Readings in Riverbank Arts Centre

Exhibitions include Rossano Maniscalchi; Alice Hanratty; Mary Dorsey Wanless and Wilhelm Fockersperger. The festival also features films by Bob Quinn (Ireland) and Thomas Tidholm (Sweden). Lectures, international poetry readings and workshops will take place each day for the duration of the festival.

For further details contact The Secretary, Gerard Manley Hopkins International Summer School, Great Connell, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. Tel: 045 433613 Fax: 045 434648. Email: info@gerardmanleyhopkins.org Web: www.gerardmanleyhopkins.org

Arts in Libraries

Children's Summer Festival

Maynooth Library

Tuesday 9th July
11.00am~12.00pm
2.30~4.00pm
Musical tots for pre-schoolers and parents
Storytelling with Niall De Burca 7-12yrs

Wednesday 10th July

11.00am~11.30pm
11.45am~12.30pm
Author visit Mary Arrigan 4-6 yrs
Author visit Mary Arrigan 7-9 yrs

Thursday 11th July

11.00pm~12.30pm
2.30pm~4.00pm
Textile workshop with Genevieve King 7-9 yrs
Hat making workshop with Ann Marie Morrin 7-12yrs

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Author visit Mary Arrigan 10-12 yrs

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The Magic of Dance 3-6 yrs
The Magic of Dance 7-12 yrs

The Summer Reading Club will be running in Naas Library from 1st July to 31st August.

Newbridge Library

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Storytelling with Niall De Burca 6-12 yrs
Textile workshop with Genevieve King 7-12yrs

Friday 12th July

11.00am~12.00pm
2.30pm~4.00pm
Musical tots for pre-schoolers and parents
Music workshop with Edel Mc Donnell

Tuesday 16th July

11.00am~12.30pm
2.30pm~4.00pm
Hat making workshop with Anne Marie Morrin 4-6 yrs
Hat making workshop with Anne Marie Morrin 7-12 yrs

Saturday 13th July

11.00am~12.30pm
2.30~4.00pm
Arts workshop with Margaret Wouters 5-8 yrs
Arts workshop with Margaret Wouters 9-12yrs

Thursday 25th July

11.00am~12.30pm
2.30pm~4.00pm
The Magic of Dance 3-6 yrs
The Magic of Dance 7-12yrs
All arts activities in libraries are free of charge. Early booking for all activities is essential.

Contact details for libraries: Maynooth 01 6285530 Leixlip 01 6244240
Celbridge 01 6272207 Athy 0507 31144 Droichead Nua 045 436453 Naas 045 879111

