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RÉAMHRÁ INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the ninth year of the Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival. An initiative of Donegal County Council's Cultural Services Department, the Festival seeks to provide a colourful and exciting context for enjoyment of the arts in all their manifestations in the south of the county.

Among the highlights of this year's event are the Festival's **Carnival Parade** which this year celebrates **International Year of Astronomy** and also heralds the start of the **World Space Week Ireland** programme of events. In this regard we are indebted, in particular to Mr. Robert Hill at the Northern Ireland Space Office and also to Dr. Tom Mason at the Armagh Planetarium and Prof. Micheal Redfern at the Centre for Astronomy, NUI Galway, for their invaluable advice and assistance.

Theatre features strongly on the Programme with the **Balor Rep** producing two shows for the Festival – Brian Friel's classic, **Lovers**, and the hugely popular country musical, **Stand By Your Man: The Story of Tammy Wynette** - while the Donegal Drama Circle take up residence at Leghowney Hall in an eagerly anticipated production of Sean O'Casey's famous tragic-comedy, **The Shadow of a Gunman**. ajtc Touring Theatre from Guilford, UK, visit Donegal for the first time with their very successful stage adaptation of Bruce Chatwin's classic Borders novel, **On The Black Hill** and there's travelling theatre of a different kind when **Fergus Cleary** takes to the road with the **SITT** rural bus service from Glencolmcille to Killybegs, Portnoo to Donegal Town, and all points between!

In addition, the Festival is particularly delighted to host two performances of the newly formed **NortWest Opera** company's production of **Hansel and Gretel** at the Balor Arts Centre on October 2 and 3.


Festival audiences can look forward to the best of Donegal music with hot new traditional band **Dalltach** at Glencolmcille, Inishowen's **Henry Girls** at Ballyshannon, **Liam Deery** launching a new CD in Ballybofey and the much-travelled musicians of the **Donegal Chamber Orchestra** performing the Festival Opening Concert at The Abbey Centre on September 29.

The innovative **Modal Citizens** collective are producing two shows with the Festival in Bundoran, featuring the combined talents of the **Rare Groove Orchestra**, **Mirenda Rosenberg**, **Onya O'Doherty** and the **Modal Citizens Jazz Quintet**.

The Festival's enviable literary programme has been curated by **Denise Blake** and it takes place at the Sand House Hotel Rossnowlagh. Poets featured will include **Ted and Annie Deppe**, **Kevin Higgins** and **Susan Millar Du Mars**.

The visual arts enjoy a strong presence in this year's programme with Dathú le Chéile featuring new work by **Deborah J. Stockdale**, **Margaret Cunningham** and **Ana Stromberg** at Glencolmcille, **Martin Mujyanama's** Rwandan Survivor Stories at Ardara, **Kieran D. Murray's** wonderful photographic studies of Irish holy wells at Mountcharles, **Kevin Lowery's** coastal explorations at Bundoran and exhibitions by **Garvan Gallagher**, **Christy Keeney**, **Guy Barriscale**, and **Mary Feeney** in Carrick and Ardara, as part of the re-emergent **Buntús** visual art initiative.

Tá súil againn, mar sin, go mbainfidh pobal uilig Dhún na nGall Theas mór-thaitneamh as Féile an Fhómhair seo. Lena linn, beidh réimse leathan d'amarhclannaíocht den gcéad scoth, carnabhal sráide is damhsa ann ó gcompántais áitiúla agus ón dtaobh amuigh. Beidh ard chaidheán cheoil traidisiúnta agus comhaimsireach ann fósta comh maith le clár imeachtaí ealaíne do dhaoine óga agus clár thaispeántaisí fosta a- achán chuid de ag titim amach fán dtaobh tíre álainn seo idir Chuan Dhún na nGall agus Sléibhte na gCruacha Gorma



*See The Gombeens in 'Donkey Feathers'
at Constellations Carnival Parade.*

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Carnabhal Ceol

FESTIVAL OPENING CONCERT

The Donegal Chamber Orchestra

Special Guest Evan McGarrigle, Piano

**TUESDAY** SEPTEMBER 29

The Abbey Arts Centre,

Ballyshannon 8.00pm FREE

The Donegal Chamber Orchestra was founded in 2006 by Spanish cellist **Víctor Yélamo** (Artistic Director) and Hungarian violinist **Orsolya Szabó** both of whom work with the **County Donegal VEC Music Education Partnership**. The DCO features classical string players from across County Donegal and is dedicated to helping students and amateur musicians achieve the highest level of excellence in performance.

This summer, the Orchestra took part in their first international orchestral exchange when they travelled to the medieval city of Pistoia, Tuscany, where they joined forces with the local Maberliner Orchestra for three concerts. In August the Italian

musicians made the return visit to Donegal and the combined orchestras played concerts in Letterkenny and Donegal Town to very large and appreciative audiences.

This will be the third year that the Donegal Chamber Orchestra have opened the Festival programme and we are delighted to welcome them back to The Abbey Arts Centre once again. For tonight's performance, the Orchestra has chosen works by **Antonio Vivaldi** (Sinfonia in G, Alla Rustica, RV 151), **Per Brant** (Sinfonia for String Orchestra) and **Edward Elgar** (Serenade for Strings, Op. 20).

Special Guest for tonight's Opening Concert will be local Donegal Town pianist, **Evan McGarrigle**.

Sister Concepta Murphy, will introduce the artists and the music to be performed on the night.

Photo: John Soffe.



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THEATRE, CARNIVAL DRÁMAÍOCHT, CARNABHAL

DONEGAL DRAMA CIRCLE

The Shadow of a Gunman

by Sean O'Casey

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2Leghowney Hall **Leghowney**

8.30pm €10/€8

The first play in Sean O'Casey's classic Dublin Trilogy, *The Shadow of a Gunman* was first performed on The Abbey Theatre stage in 1923. Set in a Dublin tenement during the War of Independence, a quiet-spoken poet drifter plays along with rumours his IRA affiliations when his acquired notoriety attracts the attentions of a beautiful young woman. It's a dangerous strategy, however, when the city is full of soldiers searching for insurgents.

The play is classic O'Casey, combining brilliant dialogue, high comedy and great tragedy in equal measure. The highly experienced cast assembled by director **Amanda Crawford** and producer /designer **Art Kavanagh**, brings the best of O'Casey's qualities to the fore, ensuring a night of unrivalled enjoyment for festival audiences.

The production features **Christian Carbin, Conor Friery, Karen McCrudden, Catherine Martin, Cathal Mulhern, Sean McLoone, Seamus McHugh, Alan Kelly** and **Kevin Carey**. Set design is by **Martin Crawford** with costumes by **Georgina Hamilton**.

BALOR REP

Stand By Your Man

The Tammy Wynette Story

by Mark St. Germain

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

The Abbey Arts Centre **Ballyshannon**

8.30pm €15/€10



The play bristles with comic one-liners and the music is irresistible. MTV.com

*Tammy Wynette sings of womanizing men, broken marriages and illicit loves on *Stand By Your Man*. Her voice is powerful and heartbreaking on every song. [The Austin Chronicle](#).*

Premiered at Nashville's famed Ryman Auditorium - the original home of The Grand Ole Opry - *Stand By Your Man* was a sell-out success when it opened in September 2001. Telling the lifestory of one of the all-time greats of Country music, the play includes live performances of Tammy Wynette's best-loved songs including the classic D-I-V-O-R-C-E, I Saw the Light and the showstopper that is *Stand By Your Man*.

In this first Irish production of the show, the Balor Rep's **Cathleen Bradley Doherty** is a natural in the role of Tammy and she delivers a stunning vocal that one would be hard-pressed to distinguish from the original.

Directed by **Kieran Quinn** and backed by a full six piece live band, the cast includes **Ronan Carr** as George Jones, **Caroline Bell** as Tammy's mother, **Seamus Curran** as her manager Billy Sherell, **Damien Duffy** as Burt Reynolds, **Lisa Finn** as Dolly Parton and **Andrew McNulty** as George Richie, Tammy's last husband.

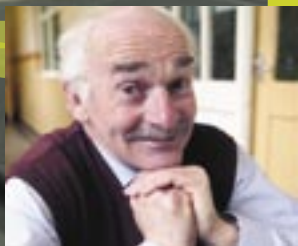
TRUS AR AN mBUS

Fergus Cleary

Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival is delighted to strike up a unique partnership with rural bus service company **Seirbhís Iompair Tuaithe Teo (SITT)** which will see musician, storyteller, comedian and former Donegal Person of The Year **Fergus Cleary** regaling passengers on the routes around South & South West Donegal with stories, songs and anecdotes, in his own inimitable style.

Seirbhís Iompair Tuaithe Teo is a Community Rural Transport Company managed by a voluntary Board of Management, based in Kilcar and serving the community in South West Donegal. The aim of the service is to advance social inclusion by providing affordable transport for people who live in towns and rural areas where there is no alternative public service.

Climb aboard at any point along the following routes and join in the fun. Passengers who hold a Free Travel Pass can use their passes to travel free.



THURSDAY DÉ DEARDAOIN 1 OCTOBER 1Ú DEIREADH FÓMHAIR

Portnoo	9.30am
Kilclooney	9.40am
Ardara	9.50am
Bruckless	10.20am
Donegal Town	11.00am

FRIDAY DÉ HAoine 2 OCTOBER 2Ú DEIREADH FÓMHAIR

Malin Beag	9.55am
Malin Mór	10.00am
Caiseal, Gleann Choilm Cille	10.05am
Mín an Aoire, Meenaneery	10.15am
An Charraig, Carrick	10.25am
Cashlins Crossroads	10.30am
Cill Chartha, Kilcar	10.35am
Na Cealla Beaga, Killybegs	10.50am



To Book your Seat
Tel. SITT on 074 9738913

REACH FOR THE STARS AT CARNIVAL BALLYSHANNON

Constellations Carnival Parade

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

College Street Castle Street
The Port **Ballyshannon** 7.30pm

The night skies over Donegal are among the least light-polluted in Europe and are a stargazer's joy. For the past few years, Carnival Ballyshannon has celebrated the darkening nights at the beginning of October with a spectacular illuminated Carnival Parade through the streets of the town.

This year, Parade artistic directors **LUXe** from Inishowen, have developed a special stars and constellations-themed spectacle to celebrate **International Year of Astronomy 2009** and in conjunction with astronomy professionals from Armagh Planetarium, the Carnival Parade will be the launch event of **World Space Week Ireland** which runs from October 3 - 11.

To celebrate, Ballyshannon's Main Street and river banks will be dressed with astronomical imagery in the form of lantern work, kinetic sculpture, performance, projections and fire drawing.

This year's Parade will include work and performances from **LUXe**, **The Workhouse Studios** Sligo, **Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Company**, **Inishowen Carnival Group**, **The Gombeens**, **The Fanzini Brothers**, **Killybegs Community Carnival** and **Youth Samba Band**, Ballyshannon's **Parthalon Street Band**, Belfast's **Streetwise**, **No Frontiers Dance Company**, **Aileen McCann Dance Company**, **Black Powder Monkey** pyrotechnics and the **Réalta Fire Performers**. Over 200 children will take part in this year's **Schools**

Carnival Workshops programme, which will be delivered through Armagh Planetarium's Outreach and Education programme and facilitated by artists from LUXe and The Workhouse Studios (see also Page 18). It is part-funded by Discover Science and Engineering Ireland.

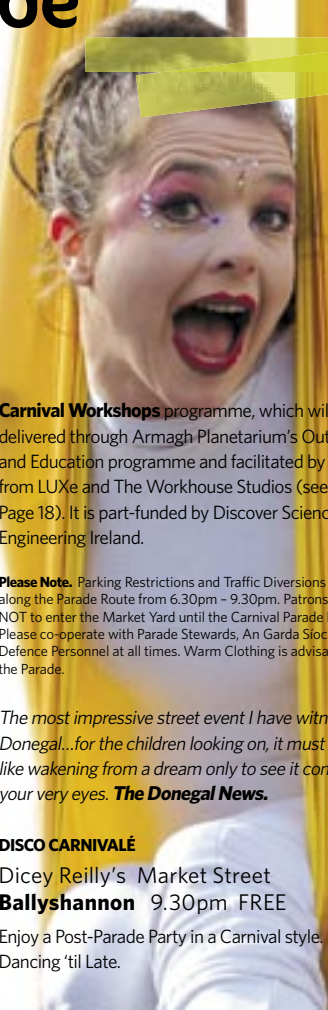
Please Note. Parking Restrictions and Traffic Diversions will be in place along the Parade Route from 6.30pm - 9.30pm. Patrons are requested NOT to enter the Market Yard until the Carnival Parade has concluded. Please co-operate with Parade Stewards, An Garda Síochána and Civil Defence Personnel at all times. Warm Clothing is advisable. Enjoy the Parade.

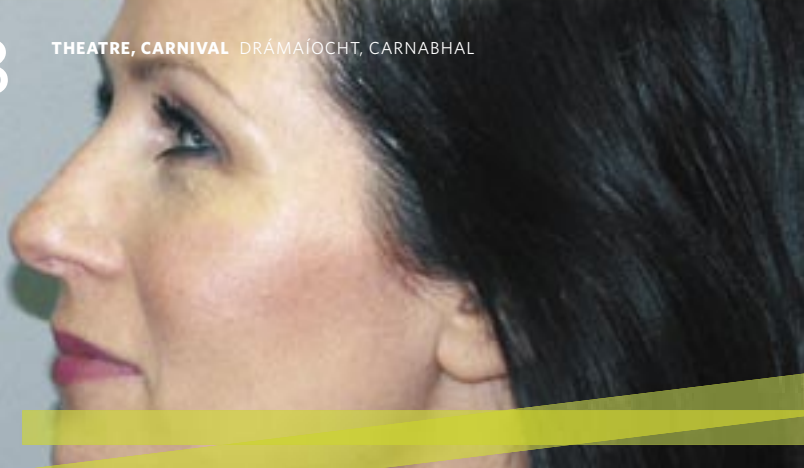
*The most impressive street event I have witnessed in Donegal...for the children looking on, it must have been like waking from a dream only to see it continue before your very eyes. **The Donegal News.***

DISCO CARNIVALÉ

Dacey Reilly's Market Street
Ballyshannon 9.30pm FREE

Enjoy a Post-Parade Party in a Carnival style.
Dancing 'til Late.





BALOR REP

Lovers

Winners : Losers

by **Brian Friel**

DÉ SATHARN **SATURDAY**
OCTOBER 3

Halla An Pharóiste **Cill Chartha**
Parish Hall **Kilcar** 8.30pm €10/€8

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

The Heritage Centre **Ardara**
8.30pm €10/€8

Two short, complementary plays, **Winners** and **Losers**, are contained in **Lovers**.

In **Winners**, the lovers are Mag and Joe, a young couple preparing for their wedding and their final exams. Both have been expelled from school as Mag is pregnant. They promise each other total happiness and have their whole lives together to look forward to.

In the second play, **Losers**, Hanna and Andy are older but their passion is no less real. However, they struggle maintain it as Hanna's mother and the ever present next-door neighbour do their best to sabotage the relationship.

Lovers was first presented to great acclaim at The Gate Theatre, Dublin in 1967 with a cast that included Niall Tóibín, Fionnuala Flanagan, Eamonn Morrissey and the late Anna Manahan.

This excellent new Balor Rep production, directed by **Kieran Quinn**, features **Cathleen Bradley Doherty, Kieran Griffeth, Jack Quinn** and **Mary Laverty**.



NORTHWEST OPERA

Hansel and Gretel

By Engelbert Humperdinck**Directed by Billy Patterson****FRIDAY - SATURDAY** OCTOBER 2 - 3Balor Arts Centre **Ballybofey** 8.30pm

€18/€12 conc. €6 children Booking 074 9131840



The music for this much loved comic opera was written by German composer Engelbert Humperdinck, the idea for which was proposed to him by his sister who had written a series of songs for her own children, based on the Grimm Brother's classic fairytale, Hansel and Gretel. As such, the performance is packed with well-known childrens' nursery rhymes, ensuring that audiences instantly warm to the melodies throughout.

In this special Festival production at The Balor Arts Centre, the professional soloists of the newly-founded NorthWest Opera, are joined by the **Terri Lafferty School of Irish Dancing** and by the award-winning **Omagh College Choir**, under the direction of Choirmaster **Gerard Bradley**, to bring this favourite childrens' comic tale to life.

The **Hansel and Gretel Orchestra** is led by **Peter Doherty** and the professional singers include **Barbara Sauter**, **Roland Albrechts** and **Elisabeth Jehle** from Germany with **Anne Jennings** from Letterkenny.

The production is directed by **Billy Patterson** who has directed Letterkenny Musical Society's recent productions at An Grianán Theatre including this year's *Pirates of Penzance* and 2008's hugely successful, *The Mikado*.

AJTC THEATRE COMPANY
(UK) PRESENT

On The Black Hill

By Charles Way

Based on the bestselling
novel by Bruce Chatwin.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Balor Arts Centre **Ballybofey**

8.30pm €15



On The Black Hill, Bruce Chatwin's award winning story of twin brothers Benjamin and Lewis Jones growing up on a farm on the border of England and Wales, harks back to style and tradition Thomas Hardy and DH Lawrence.

Charles Way's beautiful new adaptation captures the harsh realities and humour of farming life at the time of The Great War and the unique struggle of the twins, who have one identity but look at life in very different ways. Their remarkable lives span almost the whole of the 20th century and throw an extraordinary light on the values of our changing times, through war and peace. Bound together and yet driven apart by nature, they struggle to find meaning and purpose in their existence which, finally, is dominated by one question: Who will inherit their farm when they pass on?

ajtc are an innovative touring company based in Guilford. This is the company's third tour of On The Black Hill, such has been the hugely positive audience response to the production to-date. Directed by **Geoff Bullen**, it features **Iain Armstrong** and **Mick Jasper** with live musical accompaniment by **Harriet Bennett** (cello).

Totally alive, On The Black Hill is a spellbinding portrayal of the unbreakable link between nature and the human spirit. **Los Angeles Times.**



TRADCEOL DEN SCOTH Ó DHÚN naGALL

Dalltach

DÉ DEARDAOIN

1Ú DEIREADH FÓMHAIR

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

An Clachán The Folk Village

Gleann Choilm Cille 8.30pm €10/€6

Dalltach is a newly formed four-piece traditional band from Inishowen who have made an immediate impact on concert-goers. Dalltach, which is Irish for Dazzling, features four of the country's leading traditional players. Virtuoso performers in their own right, they push the boundaries on their chosen instruments whilst maintaining a level of collective musicianship which is staggering.

Comprising **Tom Byrne** (button accordion and harmonica), **Matt McGranaghan** (fiddle), **Michael Carey** (whistle) and **Michael Gallanagh** (guitar and vocals), the band deliver a programme ranging from beautiful melodies and songs to high energy sets which went down a storm at the recent Ballyshanon Folk and Traditional Music Festival.

Dalltach also topped the bill at last year's Shetland Accordion and Fiddle Festival where Nicol McLaren the Chairman of The National Association of Accordion and Fiddle Clubs enthused "*in all of the 21 years of the National Festival, Dalltach were the only band ever to get standing ovations at all of their Concerts*"

dalltach



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MUSIC CEOL



THE MODAL
CITIZENS PRESENT

Mirenda Rosenberg

with The Rare
Groove Orchestra

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

The Chasin Bull **Bundoran**
10.00pm - Late **FREE**

An engaging, energetic woman with a huge personality and a voice to match. American singer **Mirenda Rosenberg's** charismatic, full-on, performance creates an instant connection with an audience. Her debut CD, *Apply In Person*, was released in October of last year and has garnered much local and regional radio airplay.

The **Rare Groove Orchestra** features a brass section, vocals, guitars, bass, hammond organ, drums and percussion. Taking inspiration from various artists and genres, this enigmatic ensemble delivers an intoxicating blend of jazz, funk, soul, blues, reggae and hip-hop. Rare Groove musicians have performed with an impressive array of artists and bands including Chuck Berry, Riverdance, Paul Brady, Primal Scream, Republic of Loose, The Drifters, Georgia, The Dead Flags and Henry McCullough.

Tonight's show is presented by **The Modal Citizens** - a locally based song writing, recording and production collective of Marc Gegan, Allen Cooke and Kevin Lowery.

THE MODAL
CITIZENS PRESENT

Friday Night Jazz Club

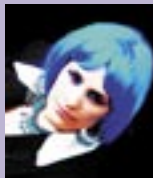
FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

Marlboro House Restaurant
Sea Road **Bundoran**
10.00pm €5



The Friday Night Jazz Club features some of the finest musicians in the North-West including Adrian Dunbar's sidemen - **Allen Cooke, Bernard Tohill** and **Patrick Ceregetti** - with Mirenda Rosenberg's

guitarist **Marc Geagan** and Dead Flags drummer **Kevin Lowery**, performing a wide range of Jazz genres from Bebop to Bossa Nova and beyond. It's an innovative environment that encourages young emerging artists and fresh new combinations of veteran players.



Guest vocalists are a regular feature and tonight the Club is delighted to welcome award winning singer songwriter **Onya O'Doherty**.

The Marlboro House Restaurant is renowned for its excellent range of cuisine and relaxed, inviting setting wherein you can avail of a special **Festival Jazz Club Dinner for 2 Deal** of just €50 (Bottle of Wine included). Happy Days. Reservations 071 9841471

EVE OF CARNIVAL CELEBRATION

The Henry Girls

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

Dacey Reilly's Market Street **Ballyshannon** 9.30pm €5

Fresh from a series of very well received performances at the Los Angeles Irish Film Festival - to which they were invited for their contributions to the new Aidan Quinn film, *A Shine of Rainbows* - Inishowen sisters The Henry Girls make a very welcome return to Ballyshannon for this special eve of Carnival show.

Last year, the McLaughlin sisters released their second CD, *Morning Rush*, and have since been extremely busy, both in their own right and as founder members of the very successful Inishowen Gospel Choir.

For tonight's performance The Henry Girls will be joined by a group of local singers who have participated in a short series of choral workshops with Lorna McLaughlin, band member and co-director of the Inishowen Gospel Choir.

A unique blend of country, traditional, jazz and roots. **Irish Music Magazine.**

CAIRDEAS NA BHFIDLEIRÍ

The 27th. Annual Donegal Fiddlers Gathering

FRIDAY - SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2 - 4

The Highlands Hotel **Glenties**

The Highlands Hotel, Glenties is the venue for the annual Donegal Fiddlers Gathering. Organised by **Carideas na bhFidleirí**, this event has become one of the highlights of the Irish traditional music calendar. The Gathering is a vibrant celebration of the Donegal style of fiddle playing and it includes a programme of informal sessions, a star-studded showcase concert of Donegal music and a programme of **Fiddle Masterclasses** in the Donegal style on **Saturday** and **Sunday** from **12 noon to 1.30pm** (Booking 071 9852144).

GALA CONCERT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

Highlands Hotel Ballroom 9.00pm

One of the main focal points of the weekend will be the Donegal Fiddlers concert on Saturday night. The true greats of Donegal fiddling will once again be celebrated and the concert will feature performances by many of the leading local players including **Jimmy** and **Peter Campbell** from Glenties, **Noel O'Gara** from Carrick, **John Byrne** from Teelin and **Martin McGinley** from Raphoe. This year's special guest is the great Roscommon fiddle player **John Carty**



Martin McGinley played with Sligo band Dervish on their first album and has played at festivals and concerts over Europe. He has hosted The Pure Drop series of traditional music programmes for RTE1 and is also a regular presenter on RTE and BBC Radio. Over the years Martin has picked up much of the distinctive repertoire of the older Donegal fiddlers. He has played regularly with the masters such as the late Danny O'Donnell, the late James Byrne and Vincent Campbell. Martin is currently editor of The Derry Journal.



John Carty, multi-instrumentalist and keen champion of the North Connacht tradition, was born in London where his Dad was a member of The Glenside Céilí Band in the 1960s. He moved to Boyle, Co. Roscommon in the mid. 1990s and quickly established himself as one of the leading musicians of the day, winning the TG4 Traditional Musician of the Year accolade in 2003. As well as performing and recording as a solo musician, John also plays with Patrick Street, is a founder member of At The Racket, has guested with The Chieftans and is a member of a much-in-demand trio with Matt Molloy and Arty McGlynn who were a headline act at this year's Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music Festival.

Tickets for Saturday night's concert will be available at The Highlands Hotel on the night of the performance. Tel. 074 9551111.

A photograph of Liam Deery, a man with a shaved head, wearing a blue tank top and black shorts, playing an acoustic guitar. He is sitting on a large rock in a grassy field with a beach and hills in the background under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

Liam Deery

13 Moons Album Launch

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

Balor Arts Centre **Ballybofey** 8.30pm €15/€12

Booking 074 9131840

Thirteen Moons is the title of the new album from well known Ballybofey guitar virtuoso, Liam Deery. Featuring 13 tracks composed over 13 months on the weeks either side of the Full Moon, it showcases Liam's talent and distinctive approach to guitar playing - each track highlighting his original and very unique sound.

For tonight's Launch event, Liam will be joined by many good Friends and Special Guests. A celebration of a Donegal talent not to be missed.

A woman with a red headband and a green and black plaid shirt is looking upwards with a thoughtful expression. She is surrounded by various puppets and costumes, including a large, ornate puppet with a white and black headpiece and a red headband. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on the woman and the puppets.

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story of our hero called Grace and her search for the hat in the most fantastical place...

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Fad a Mhaireann 45 nóiméid.

Oiriúnach do Pháistí 4 -11 blian d'aois.

CUIREANN NA FANZINI BROTHERS I LÁTHAIR

Cannonball Circus

DEARDAOIN - AOINE

DEIREADH FÓMHAIR

OCTOBER 1-2

Touring Primary Schools in South and South West Donegal.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

Methodist Hall **Pettigo**

€5 Children. Accompanying

Adults **FREE** 3.00pm

www.fanzini.com



Bailigí timpeall, bailigí timpeall uilig is bígí béaloscailteach nuair a fheiceann sibh na héachtanna do-chreidthe a bhfuil na deartháireacha seo as Iarthar Chiarraí sásta tabhairt faoi. An bhfuil siad amaideach nó chalma thar aon chreidiúint? An é an tairgead nó dúil nimhe sa dhainséar a spreagann iad?

Is cuma cé acu i ndáiríre mar go gcuireann siad seó iontach greannmhar is fíor craiceáilte i láthair d'óg is aosta.

Fad a Mhaireann, 50 nóiméid. Oiriúnach do Pháistí Uilig.

Ná déan aon aithris ar an craic seo sa bhaile!

CONSTELLATIONS CARNIVAL SCHOOLS WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Armagh Planetarium Stardome

THURSDAY - FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 24 - 25

Abbey Centre **Ballyshannon**

School Group Bookings 074 9724467

Planets Of The Universe 3D

THURSDAY - FRIDAY

OCTOBER 1 - 2

Abbey Centre **Ballyshannon**

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This year's Schools Carnival Workshop Programme takes on a very special theme in celebration of International Year of Astronomy 2009. Thanks to the Armagh Planetarium, the Northern Ireland Space Office and the Discover Science and Engineering initiative at NUI Galway, over 300 primary and second level students from Ballyshannon and the



surrounding countryside being introduced to the wonders of Astronomy - the Queen of Sciences - in the aftermath of which they will be encouraged make an artistic response to what they've seen and experienced. They will be guided in this by a team of professional artist facilitators and the participants will display or perform with their creations in the Constellations Carnival Parade through the streets of Ballyshannon on Saturday night, October 3

The hosting of the Armagh Planetarium's spectacular Star Dome at The Abbey Centre will be the key element of the Programme which will also include a special 3D film presentation, Planets of The Universe, by the Northern Ireland Space Office.



EXHIBITION

At The Holy Well

Kieran D. Murray

Man-made Images Photo Gallery **Mountcharles**

www.man-madeimages.eu

OPEN **TUESDAY - SATURDAY**

12.00noon - 6.00pm

A wonderful celebration by County Down photographer **Kieran D. Murray** of the tradition of the tending of sacred sites and Holy Wells in Ireland that dates back to pre-Christian times. Most of the sites and wells featured are from the South East and South West of the country and many possess an almost exclusively local or regional significance eg. St. Flannan in Clare, St. Gobnait in West Kerry and St. Moling in Kilkenny. Two Donegal sites are also featured - St. Colmcille's Well in Glencolmcille and St. Kieran's in Kilcar.

Since pre-Christian times, sacred wells have been an important feature of Celtic tradition. These waters were thought to have magical properties and that drinking or bathing in these waters could confer certain gifts such as wisdom or healing. My purpose in recording these wells is to bear witness and pay tribute to those souls whose faith brought them to these sites over many years. **Kieran D. Murray.**

At The Holy Well runs until **November 13** at Man-made Images - the only commercial gallery in Ireland, dedicated exclusively to the art of photography.



EXHIBITION

Coast

new work by
Kevin Lowery

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 14

Community Library **Bundoran**

Tuesday & Friday 10.30am - 5.30pm.

Wednesday & Thursday 1pm - 8pm.

Saturday 10.30am - 4pm.

OFFICIAL OPENING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30 7.00pm

Music by the **Modal Citizens**

Jazz Quintet. All Welcome.

A collection of new paintings by Ballyshannon artist **Kevin Lowery** based on the North West coastline with colour planes rhythmically arranged creating a harmonious balance between different forms.

While all the featured works maintain a connection to traditional landscape painting, in some the portrayal of nature is reduced to an almost abstract pattern of line and colour.

Kevin studied Fine Art at the National College of Art and Design from 2001 to 2004. He has exhibited nationally with two solo shows and numerous group exhibitions to date.

DOCUMENTARY PRESENTATION

Stories From Home

Survivor Family Tales from Rwanda

By **Martin Mujyanama**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

The Heritage Centre

Ardara 9.00pm **FREE**



Martin Mujyanama, Rwandan Genocide survivor, introduces *Stories From Home*, a digital photographic portrait of his own family and village life, before and after the Rwandan Genocide of 1994.

Martin came to Ireland 2006 and completed his Masters degree course in Human Rights at NUI Galway. Now living in Donegal, he gives an insight into the lives of the Rwandan survivors and uses his own family experience to demonstrate to all the futility and human tragedy that results from the advancing of dubious political objectives through violence.

Buntús

Buntús is an artist-led initiative that programmed visual arts events in Ardara and in SW Donegal between 1999 - 2005.

For this year's Festival Buntús has programmed 2 new events.

Wearing Purple

Garvan Gallagher

Various Public Premises, **Carrick**.
Open Business Hours.

A collection of photographic portraits of elderly people from the Carrick area, all of whom are well known to the artist. This exhibition was recently seen as part of the Reading The City programme at this year's EV+A event in Limerick City.

'The photographed include my secondary school principal, the lady who taught me accordion as an eleven year old boy, the postman who was simply called 'John The Post', my very first teacher and some neighbours that I have only recently come to know'. **Garvan Gallagher.**

New Works

Guy Barriscale
Mary Feeney
Christy Keeney

TUESDAY - SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3
The Heritage Centre **Ardara**
10.00am - 6.00pm **FREE**



Christy Keeney

Letterkenny based ceramic sculptor Christy Keeney held an ambitious and extremely successful solo exhibition this summer at The Glebe Gallery, Churchill, and his work can be found in collections around

the world including that of HRH Prince of Wales and the sculptor Sir Eduardo Paolozzi. He has exhibited recently at the RHA in Dublin, the Contemporary Ceramics Gallery in London and the Norton Gallery, Malaga, Spain.



Things we left beside a Yellow River

Guy Barriscale

All through a peaceful week in Aughnasheelin, County Leitrim,

Guy Barriscale documented the Yellow River that flows near his house. The resultant film, Things we left beside a Yellow River, is an allegory of a journey through life and a reminder of what we leave behind.

Guy Barriscale has worked in the arts for over twenty years, primarily in the theatre. He has designed sets and created props for many of Ireland's leading theatre companies.



Mary Feeney

Mary Feeney was born in Ardara and has lived in London, Australia and presently in Bangor, Co. Down. Much of Mary's

work is influenced by her childhood in Donegal, where she now spends a great deal of her time.

The landscape of Donegal forces one to be earthbound, as it unleashes the intense, harsh beauty of each season. The dramatic colour, light and weather of this part of Ireland dominate my visual memory and have made me the painter that I am. **Mary Feeney.**

DATHÚ LE CHÉILE

Deborah J. Stockdale Margaret Cunningham Ana Stromberg

An Gailearaí Caiseal
Gleann Choilm Cille

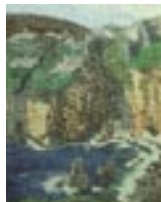
**4Ú MEÁN FÓMHAIR -
4Ú DEIREADH FÓMHAR**

MONDAY - SUNDAY

1.00PM - 7.00PM **FREE**

Eolas ar 087 0575813.

Grúpa tríúr ealaíontóir baininsneach is iad Dathú le Chéile, atá ag cur futhu thart fá ceannrta a' Ghleanna is a thógann ionspioráid ón nádúr is ón gcomhshaol drámatúil fán dtaobh sin tire.



Bíonn **Margaret Cunningham** agus **Deborah J. Stockdale** ag plé le fíodóireacht is le táipéisí agus is péintéir í **Ana Stromberg** a oibríonn le ollaí agus uiscedathanna.

Dathú le Chéile is three woman artists, all internationally known, who live and work in the Glencolmcille area. All are inspired by a love of natural life and landscapes, from the very large to the very small, and this collection of recent work reflects their current passion.



Ana Stromberg, whose work is in oils and watercolours, uses the colours of the land and the sky. She has exhibited and taught widely in both her native Sweden, and in Donegal.

Margaret Cunningham, a founder member of Tapeis Gael, works in tapestry weaving and embroidered felt. Her interests in landscapes, archaeology and music infuse her work.

Deborah J. Stockdale has worked in textile arts all her life. These current art quilts are part of her MicroCosmos series, inspired by microscopic



photography. They are painted and hand quilted, semi-abstract interpretations of plants, animals and minerals.

FESTIVAL LITERARY WEEKEND
INCL. POETRY SUNDAY

Ted Deppe
Susan Millar Du Mars
Kevin Higgins
Denise Blake
Annie Deppe
Imelda Maguire
Kathryn Daily
Bridget O'toole
Patricia Morris

SATURDAY - SUNDAY

OCTOBER 3 - 4

Sand House Hotel **Rosstownlough**

Saturday Workshops 2.30pm €25
 Booking Essential 087.6486079 denise@donegal.net
 Saturday Music & Open Mic 8.30pm €5
 Poetry Sunday 2.30pm €15/€12
 Special Weekend **All-Events Package €35.00**

This intimate literary event is based this year at the Sand House Hotel in Rosstownlough where we are extending the literary offerings to include a range of creative short story writing and poetry workshops. On Saturday night we have an open mic and music evening. And once again, we are delighted to host the successful Poetry Sunday afternoon with readings from local and visiting writers.

Saturday Creative Writing Workshops 2.30pm - 5pm
Creative Writing with **Annie Deppe** - For beginners or experienced writers.

Advanced Poetry with **Kevin Higgins** - For poets interested in critiquing their work

Short Story Writing with **Ted Deppe** - Writing a successful short story

Creative Writing for Juniors with **Susan Millar Du Mars**
 - A special workshop for 12 - 16 year olds.

Saturday Session Literary Gems 8.30pm €5.00

A relaxed evening with talented writers of the area reading in an Open Mic Literary Gems session, with music by singer songwriter **Patrica Morris** performing material from her excellent debut album, *Walk The Wire*.

Sunday 10.30am - 1.00pm

Short Story Writing with **Ted Deppe**.

Poetry Sunday 2.30pm - 5.30pm €15/€10

A very popular end of Festival event featuring a melody of readings from local and visiting writers including **Kathryn Daily, Imelda Maguire, Annie Deppe, Susan Millar Du Mars, Kevin Higgins, Ted Deppe** and more.

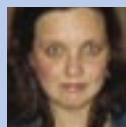
Publisher **John Throne**, author of *The Donegal Woman*, will also launch a new title from Drumkeen Press, *At Miss Mulligans*, by **Bridget O'Toole**.

Sand House Hotel Special Literary Weekend Rate

€69.00 per Person per Night B&B.

Reservations Tel. 071 9851777 e. info@sandhouse.ie

Please Ref: 'Blue Stacks Festival'.



Susan Millar Du Mars was born in Philadelphia. Big Pink Umbrella is her first full collection, while her second, *Dreams for Breakfast*, will be published next year by Salmon.

Ted Deppe is the author of a new book of poetry, *Orpheus on the Red Line*, which has just been issued by Pelo Press in the US. He is also the author of *Cape Clear: New and Selected Poems*.



Kevin Higgins is co-organiser of Over The Edge literary events. His collection of poems, *The Boy With No Face*, was short-listed for the 2006 Strong Award.

Denise Blake's first collection of poetry, *Take a Deep Breath*, was published by Summer Palace Press. She is a regular contributor to RTE Radio 1's very popular Sunday Miscellany show and has programmed this literary event for the Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival since 2007.



Annie Deppe is the author of *Sitting in the Sky*, a book of poems published by Summer Palace Press in 2003. A new collection entitled *The Wren's Cantata* is due out later this year.

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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29

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COAST Exhibition Opening	Community Library Bundoran	7.00pm	20
Donegal Chamber Orchestra	Abbey Arts Centre Ballyshannon	8.00pm	3

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Stand By Your Man	Abbey Centre Ballyshannon	8.30pm	5
Shadow Of A Gunman	Leghowney Hall Donegal	8.30pm	4
On The Black Hill	Balor Arts Centre Ballybofey	8.30pm	10
Rwandan Stories	Heritage Centre Ardara	9.00pm	20

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

Dalltach	Folk Village Glencolmcille	8.30pm	11
Shadow Of A Gunman	Leghowney Hall Donegal	8.30pm	4

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

NW Opera Hansel and Gretel	Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey	8.30pm	9
Shadow Of A Gunman	Leghowney Hall Donegal	8.30pm	4
Balor Rep Lovers	Halla na Pharóiste Cill Chartha	8.30pm	8
Donegal Fiddlers Gathering	Highlands Hotel Glienties (Informal)	9.00pm	14
The Henry Girls	Dacey Reilly's Ballyshannon	9.30pm	13
Friday Jazz Club	Marlboro House Bundoran	10.00pm	12

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

Creative Writing Workshops	Sand House Hotel Rosstownlough	2.30pm	23
Fanzinis Cannonball Circus	Methodist Hall Pettigo	3.00pm	17
Constellations Carnival Parade	Castle Street The Port Ballyshannon	7.30pm	7
NW Opera Hansel and Gretel	Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey	8.30pm	9
Balor Rep Lovers	Halla na Pharóiste Cill Chartha	8.30pm	8
Open Mic Readings	Sand House Hotel Rosstownlough	8.30pm	23
Donegal Fiddlers Gala Concert	Highlands Hotel Glienties	9.00pm	14
Disco Carnivale	Dacey Reilly's Ballyshannon	9.30pm	7
Mirenda Rosenberg Rare Groove	Chasin Bull Bundoran	10.00pm	12

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

Creative Writing Workshop	Sand House Hotel Rosstownlough	10.30pm	23
Donegal Fiddlers Gathering	Highlands Hotel Glienties (Informal)	2.00pm	14
Ted Deppe Kevin Higgins Denise Blake	Sand House Hotel Rosstownlough	2.30pm	23
Balor Rep Lovers	Heritage Centre Ardara	8.30pm	8
Liam Deery	Balor Arts Centre	8.30pm	15

**Donegal Bay and
Blue Stacks Festival**

Féile an Fhómhair

SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 4

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