



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **2008** OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

October

Taispeántas Caorach Acaill (Achill Sheepshow) **Patten's, Derreens, Achill Island, Co. Mayo**

A sheep show with competitions such as 'Glamorous Gran', 'Hairiest Sheepman' and lot of fun for the children including face painting, art competition. There will be weaving and stalls with home grown & home made produce and competitions including best jams, best bread and best vegetable and floral arrangements. A great day all for all the family!
Michael Patten. **T:** 098 45172

3rd - 12th October **Westport Arts Festival** **Westport, Co. Mayo**

Westport Arts Festival has long since established itself on the West coast calendar as an exciting and diverse event. The festival is a locally-run event for the enjoyment of the thousands of tourists who visit the area annually.
T: 095 27375 **W:** www.westportartsfestival.com

4th & 5th October **The Helm Skate Festival** **Westport, Co. Mayo**

2-day Fishing Festival for common & other species of skate in the Clew Bay area. Prize fund of €6000.
T: 098 26194 **E:** thehelm@eircom.net

4th - 6th October **Galway Chess Congress** **Galway City** **W:** www.galwaychess.net

4th - 11th October **Traditional Basketmaking - A Journey Into The Past**

Inis Mór, Aran Islands, Co. Galway
Workshop in traditional Aran basketmaking, guided archaeological walks and plenty of time to relax.
Elizabeth Zollinger **T:** 099 61424 / 0041 1252 0918
E: info@irish-culture.ch **W:** www.irish-culture.ch

4th - 12th October

Ballinasloe October Fair & Festival **Ballinasloe Town Centre, CO. Galway**

A 9-day event to cater for equestrian lovers. Family entertainment, music & craic. There is something at this Fair & Festival to suit all tastes. Horse and pony events, showjumping, street stalls, fireworks, tug-o-war, street and vintage parade, music and children's events.

T: 090 964 3453 / 087 2071869 **W:** www.ballinasloe.com

9th - 12th October

Féile Frank McGann **Strokestown, Co. Roscommon**

A festival of traditional music, song & dance honouring the memory of a well-loved musician & character from Roscommon, Frank McGann. The festival's events include workshops in all the trad arts, underage competitions, recitals, concerts, a seminar, a Céilí and pub music / singling sessions all over town over the whole weekend from Friday to Sunday night. A musician friendly festival!

T: 086 8151119 **E:** info@feilefrankmcgann.com
W: www.feilefrankmcgann.com

10th - 12th October

Clarinbridge Arts Festival **Clarinbridge, Co. Galway**

The Clarinbridge Arts Festival will have special emphasis on English folk music in 2008 with legendary English folk singers. Full details of programme will be on the website by mid-2008.
T: 086 8351230 / 091 **W:** www.clarinbridgeartsfestival.ie

13th - 19th October

Baboró International Arts Festival for Children **Galway City & County**

Annual international multi-arts festival for children, schools and families. Baboró's programme features some of the finest companies creating work for children and young people, both national and international, across all artforms - theatre, dance, music, literature, visual art and film. Programme includes performances, outreach and workshops in Galway city and county. The festival has a strong emphasis on quality and innovation and in 2008 will host a Conference on the Arts for Young People during the main festival.

T: 091 562 667 **E:** manager@baboro.ie **W:** www.baboro.ie



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17th - 27th October

Connemara Seaweed

Letterfrack, Co. Galway

A celebration of our Marine Heritage taking place over both weekends - an exciting blend of myth, magic and madness. Conference with poets, storytellers, painters, scientists and musicians discussing matters marine. Traditional music. Music, dance and sean n6s workshops. Art exhibition in the National Park.

T: 095 41034 / 43443 / 085 1154629 **E:** lfrack@eircom.net

W: www.ceecc.org

20th - 27th October

RoolaBoola Children's Art Festival 2008

Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo

11th annual Children's Arts Festival featuring a host of top quality international children's theatre, dance and music performances, a packed programme of workshops, and much more! Check website in run up to Festival.

T: 094 9023733 / 9028886 **E:** artsaccess@eircom.net

W: www.thelinenhall.com

25th - 28th October

The Cooley-Collins Traditional Music Festival

Peterswell & Gort, Co. Galway

Commemorating two local musicians and keeping their music alive through competitions, music workshops, set dancing and sean n6s steps. Lectures on musical heritage of the area and being inclusive of the Brazilian community through cross-cultural events.

T: 091 632370 / 086 3823765

26th & 27th October

Galway Races October Bank Holiday Meeting

Galway Racecourse, Ballybrit, Galway City

The Galway Races October Bank Holiday Meeting is a two day race meeting over the leisurely bank Holiday Weekend. A special family day is hosted on the Monday with a marquee full of entertainment for the kids including a Halloween party, tricks and treats.

T: 091-753870 **W:** www.galwayraces.com

28th October

Maam Cross Fair

Maam Cross, Co. Galway

Traditional fair day located at Maam Cross - a very popular & colourful annual event.

November

9th - 25th November

TULCA Season of Visual Art

Galway City & County

A season of contemporary visual arts exhibitions, live-art performances, discussions & talks aiming to offer opportunities to local, national and international artists and to develop and stimulate the growing visual culture in the city and county. TULCA, now in its seventh year, was founded by Dr. Chris Coughlan to encourage contemporary art activity in the West and has always aimed to comprise of numerous innovative presentations of visual art that work with the city's structure. All TULCA events are free of charge.

T: 091 471250 **W:** www.tulca.ie