



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **2008**

APRIL - MAY

April

2nd April

Music for Galway 27th International Concert Series
Robin Tritschler sings Schubert's song cycle
Winterreise

Aula Maxima, NUI Galway, Galway City

Irish tenor and 2nd Prize winner at the 2007 Wigmore Hall International Song Competition Robin Tritschler is joined by one Britain leading young pianists, Gary Matthewman as they perform Franz Schubert's stirring song cycle Winterreise. The recital will be followed by a reception courtesy of the Austrian Embassy.

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6th April

Connemara International Marathon (Connemara Marathon)

Connemara, Co. Galway

Half marathon, full marathon and ultra marathon starting in Maam Cross, Connemara, with approx. 2,000 runners each year. One of the world's most scenic marathon routes.

W: www.connemarathon.com

7th April

Music for Galway 27th International Concert Series
Herbert Schuch, piano

Aula Maxima, NUI Galway, Galway City

In the space of a single year, Herbert Schuch won three international piano competitions and drew considerable attention to himself. The young, talented and very promising German pianist pays Galway a visit and offers a beautiful programme, the first part composed around pieces inspired by the night, while the second half is dedicated to Chopin's dazzling scherzos.

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22nd April

Music for Galway 27th International Concert Series
Schubert Ensemble

Aula Maxima, NUI Galway, Galway City

After 24 years at the forefront of British chamber music, the

Schubert Ensemble is firmly established as one of the world's leading exponents of chamber music for piano and strings. They will present a programme of piano quartets including works by Brahms and Fauré.

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22nd – 29th April

Cúirt International Festival of Literature
Galway City, Galway City

Ireland's premier literature festival will present an exciting range of contemporary writers from Ireland and across the world. The festival is renowned for its atmosphere and unique blend of authors of local, national and international repute. Readings, books signings, drama and other live events designed to appeal to a variety of tastes. The full programme will be available from 10 March 2008.

T: 091 565886 **E:** info@galwayartscentre.ie

26th April – 3rd May

Walking The Ancient Celtic Way

Inis Mór, Aran Islands and Connemara, Co. Galway

Walks to holy places, ancient rituals, myths and legends, early Celtic church etc.

Elizabeth Zollinger **T:** 099 61424 / 0041 1252 0918

E: info@irish-culture.ch **W:** www.irish-culture.ch

30th April

Ballinrobe Races

Ballinrobe Racecourse, Co. Mayo

Ballinrobe Racecourse has a long established tradition of racing in various forms, with meetings recorded as far back as 1774 and steeplechases included in the 1834 meeting. This picturesque racetrack boasts exceptional views and excellent facilities, which were upgraded in 1998.

T: 094 9541811

W: www.hri.ie / www.ballinroberacecourse.ie



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2nd – 4th May

Joe Heaney Commemorative Festival (Féile Chomortha Joe Éinniú)

Carna, Co. Galway

A weekend of music and dancing celebrating the life and achievements of the renowned sean nós singer, Joe Heaney.

2nd -5th May

Féile Choiscuain

Louisburgh, Co. Mayo

Traditional music, song & dance featuring concerts, master classes, music & singing sessions, set dancing workshops and Céilí.

T: 087 2412511 / 2328460 **E:** feilechoiscuain@yahoo.com

W: www.feilechoiscuain.com

2nd -5th May

Strokestown International Poetry Festival

Strokestown, Co. Roscommon

Readings from internationally known poets. Poetry competitions in English and Irish. Political satire, pub poetry and traditional music. Founded in 1999, the Strokestown International Poetry Festival has gone from strength to strength. The festival is now well established as one of the leading literary festivals in Ireland.

T: 087 2361794 **W:** www.strokestownpoetryprize.com

2nd -5th May

Connemara Mussel Festival on the Renvyle Peninsula

Renvyle, Co. Galway

A celebration of Killary Mussels harvested from "One of the Forty Places to See Before you Die"! This is the second year of the festival and promises that more mussels will be eaten here this weekend than in any other part of the country. Last year over a ton of mussels were eaten and organisers are set to harvest three tonnes of Killary Mussels for this year's celebrations, which includes music, craic, mussel cooking competitions, children's treasure hunts and set dancing, to name a few.

T: 086 8222447 **W:** www.goconnemara.com

3rd & 4th May

Heinrich Böll - Achill Arts Weekend

Dugort, Achill Island, Co. Mayo

Lectures and presentations throughout the weekend. Exhibition of artwork and archival material from the Böll family.

T: 098 47353 m **E:** info@achilltourism.com

W: www.achilltourism.com

4th – 11th May

The Life of an Irish Storyteller

Inis Mór, Aran Islands, Co. Galway

Join Liz Weir and her friends for a week of stories, music and songs in the peaceful Northeast of Ireland, walks and visits to the most famous places, like Giant's Causeway etc.

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6th May – 30th September

Trad on the Prom

Salthill, Galway City

Trad on the Prom is an electrifying mix of music, song and dance. It showcases the amazing talents of Máirín Fahy and her world-class band.

T: 091 590209 **W:** www.tradontheprom.com

9th – 11th May

Clare Island Culture & Heritage Weekend

Clare Island, Co. Mayo

A weekend for all forms and artists, from painting to poetry and folklore to stone masonry

T: 098 26525 / 25087 **W:** www.clareisland.org

9th – 11th May

Clare Island Singles Weekend

Clare Island, Co Mayo

A festival for young people aged 30 years plus which includes Ballroom of Romance, computer dating, blind dating and romantic walks on the island.

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9th – 11th May

Inishbofin Community Arts Festival

Inishbofin, Co. Mayo

A wide and varied list of events with music, visual arts, workshops, arts & crafts, exhibitions and much more!

T: 095 45861 **E:** bofindev@eircom.net **W:** www.inishbofin.com

11th May

Lorna McMahon's Garden Open Day

Ardcarraig, Oranswell Bushypark, Galway City

4½ acre garden with stream, pools, Japanese-style sections, heather & bog garden, fernery, rockery and herb garden - collections of primulas, hostas & dwarf conifers. Plant sale of unusual plants. Open 2.00pm - 6.00pm. €5.00 Donations all go to Galway Mental Health Association.

T: 091 524336

11th – 17th May

Maureen O'Sullivan Commemorative Event

King House, Main Street, Boyle, Co. Roscommon

An exhibition will be held in King House remembering the famous Hollywood actress, Maureen O'Sullivan, who was born in Boyle in 1911. This week-long exhibition will inform visitors of Maureen's childhood, her movie career and fascinating family history.

T: 071 9663242 **E:** kinghouse@roscommoncoco.ie

W: www.kinghouse.ie

15th – 18th May

Galway Early Music Festival

Galway City

A unique celebration of Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music and dance featuring international and national concert performers as well as street music and drama held in the medieval walled town of Galway, Ireland.

W: www.galwayearlymusic.com

16th May

Music for Galway 27th International Concert Series

Galway Early Music Festival – I Furiosi

Aula Maxima, NUI Galway, Galway City

Thriving on the 'bizarre and unnatural' aesthetic of the baroque era, Toronto's I Furiosi have revolutionised the early music

scene in Canada with their daring, energetic and theatrical performances. This concert brings the 27th Music for Galway Concert Series to a close.

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18th May

Lacken Strand Races

Lacken Strand, North Mayo

Nine horse & pony races, children's amusements, pony rides, food, drink and fun for all the family. A great day, not to be missed!

Noel Flannelly **Tel.:** 096 34005

18th May

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19th May

Roscommon Races

Roscommon Racecourse, Co. Roscommon

T: 087 2203288 **W:** www.hri.ie

23rd May - 2nd June

Bog Week

Letterfrack, Connemara, Co. Galway

Ten day, multi-layered festival celebration of landscape - Connemara Walkabout artists and scientists exploring the landscape together. Fun Run on Sunday 25th. Music in local venues and out in the landscape. Music and sean nós workshops. Art exhibition in the National Park.

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24th & 25th May

Féile na Tuaithe - A Celebration of Country Life
National Museum of Ireland - Country Life, Tur-
lough, Castlebar, Co. Mayo

Weekend-long celebration of Irish country life, featuring contemporary and traditional music, craft and country market products and family events. Suitable for all the family.

T: 094 90 31773 **E:** tpark@museum.ie **W:** www.museum.ie

25th May

Lorna McMahon's Garden Open Day
Ardcarraig, Oranswell Bushypark, Galway City

4½ acre garden with stream, pools, Japanese-style sections, heather & bog garden, fernery, rockery and herb garden - collections of primulas, hostas & dwarf conifers. Plant sale of unusual plants. Open 2.00pm - 6.00pm. €5.00 Donations all go to Galway Mental Health Association.

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25th May

Changing Colours - Multi-Cultural Arts Festival
Gort, Co. Galway

"Changing Colours" will celebrate the new multi-culturalism of Gort, as well as celebrating the Lady Gregory/Yeats connection and marking the beginnings of a new, contemporary, artistic revival.

T: 091 632525 **W:** www.graceltd.ie

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28th May - 1st June

Kiltimagh 'In Sight of Raftery' Festival
Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo

Weekend of poetry, storytelling, writing and music to celebrate the history and culture of Kiltimagh as the birthplace of the famous blind bard, Raftery

T: 095 9381494 **W:** www.rafteryfestival.com

30th May - 2nd June

Castlebar Blues Festival
Castlebar, Co. Mayo

Visit Castlebar this June Bank Holiday weekend for one of the longest-running blues festivals in the Country - the 15th Castlebar Blues Festival.

T: 094 902 3111 **W:** www.castlebarblues.com

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