

St. Patrick's festival

13TH-17TH MARCH

OFFICIAL FESTIVAL
PROGRAMME 2008



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WELCOME EVERYONE

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MCALEESE

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chlann mhór dhomhanda na nGael, sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne, ar ár lá náisiúnta ceiliúrtha.

I am delighted to send St Patrick's Day greetings to all those taking part in this year's celebrations whether at home in Ireland or around the world. St Patrick's Festival is our special opportunity to deepen and celebrate the bonds of heritage and affection which link the global Irish family and its friends worldwide. It is a great showcase of the Irish love of life and this year, more than any in our recent past, is one to savour with special joy. The welcome return of devolved government to Northern Ireland has brought to the island of Ireland a promising era of peace, prosperity and partnership. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you invested in our long, hard journey to this time of concord. There can be little doubt that the best is yet to come!

I hope that the many new emigrants to Ireland who will be joining the celebrations this year will take inspiration from the most influential emigrant of them all, St. Patrick himself. Today his name and that of Ireland are synonymous and each year as we gather in his honour we can see the widening global reach and richly diverse character of his extensive family. To each one of you I wish a wonderful St. Patrick's Day 2008. Enjoy it wherever you are! May St. Patrick long continue to bless you, his beloved Ireland and her people.

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL MESSAGE FROM SÉAMUS BRENNAN TD, MINISTER FOR ARTS, SPORT AND TOURISM

St. Patrick's Festival 2008 is the opportunity for all to celebrate our great national holiday, our heritage and our Irishness with style and flair. Over five days and nights an estimated 1.5 million people, including many visitors to Dublin, will enjoy an extravaganza of pageantry, spectacle and entertainment with the traditional St. Patrick's Day Parade through the city, as its focal point.

The heritage and legacy of St. Patrick will be celebrated throughout, from events such as Pearl at Docklands to the spectacular Skyfest at the Rock of Cashel with activities in every city, town and village of Ireland.

Congratulations to the organisers of this great celebration and 'Céad Míle Fáilte'-one hundred thousand welcomes- to all our visitors.



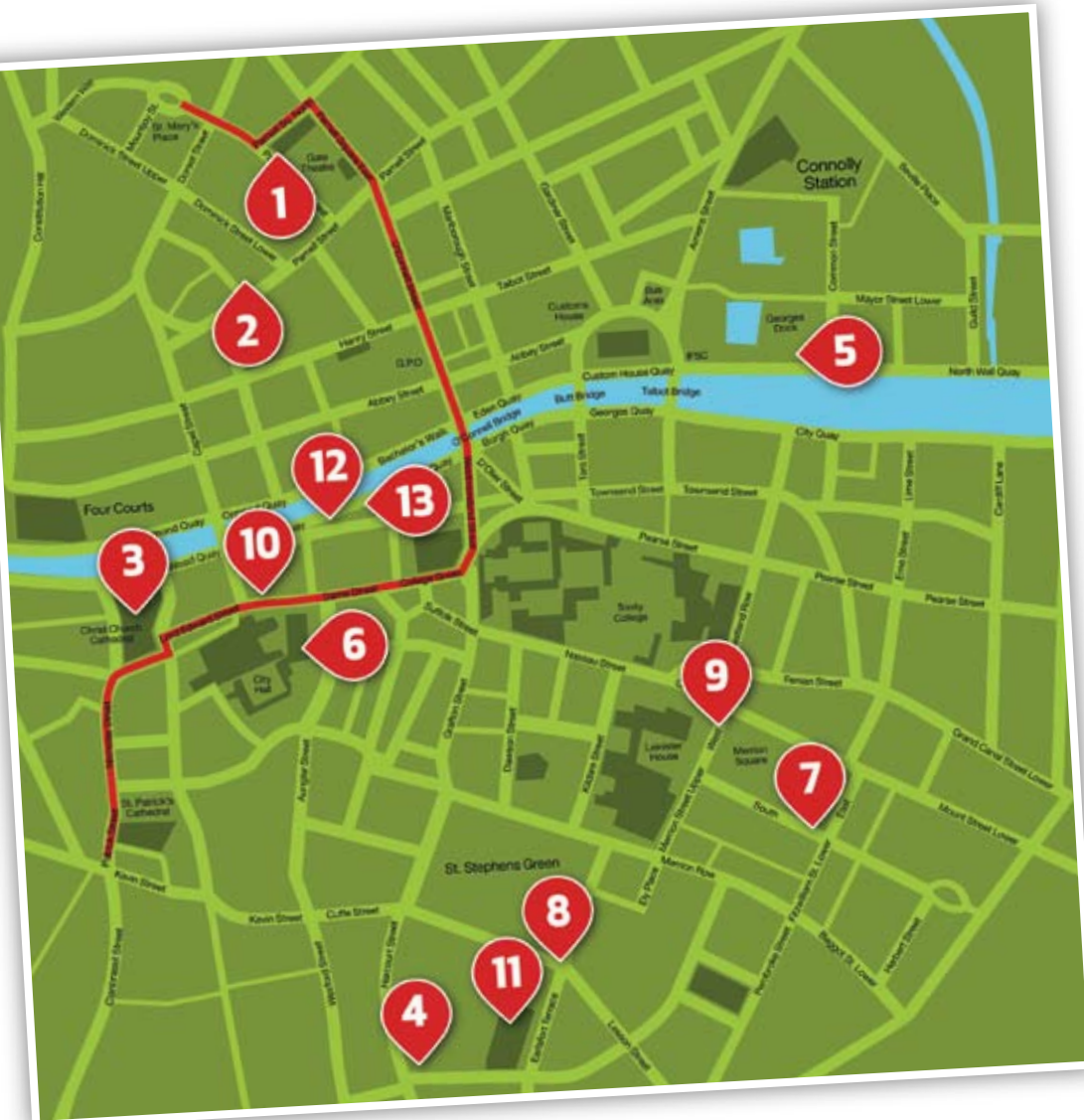
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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

	THURSDAY 13TH MARCH	FRIDAY 14TH MARCH	SATURDAY 15TH MARCH	SUNDAY 16TH MARCH	MONDAY 17TH MARCH	INFORMATION
OPENING CEREMONY						
PUBLIC ART	MIGRATIONS	MIGRATIONS	MIGRATIONS	MIGRATIONS	MIGRATIONS	FREE
		FUNFAIR @ MERRION SQ.	FUNFAIR @ MERRION SQ.	FUNFAIR @ MERRION SQ.	FUNFAIR @ MERRION SQ.	VARIED
			DENNY TREASURE HUNT	DENNY BIG DAY OUT		FREE
FAMILY		BABY RAVE @ TEMPLE BAR	BABY RAVE @ TEMPLE BAR	BABY RAVE @ TEMPLE BAR		TICKETS THROUGH CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU WWW.CTB.IE TEL: 01 872 1122 €8.50
					ST.PATRICK'S FESTIVAL PARADE	FREE
					CÉILI MÓR @ EARLSFORT TERRACE	FREE
SPECTACLE		PEARL @ DOCKLANDS	PEARL @ DOCKLANDS			FREE/TICKETED
			NATIONAL LOTTERY SKYFEST @ CASHEL			FREE/TICKETED
GAELSPRAOI	CLUB SULT @ VICAR STREET	CEOLCHOIRM @ PROJECT ARTS CENTRE	CEILIÚRADH NA NÓGANAIGH @ PROJECT ARTS CENTRE	GAE LZONE @ DENNY BIG DAY OUT		VARIED PLEASE VISIT WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE
			ÓICHE CHRAICÉAILTE @ THE PURTY KITCHEN			VARIED PLEASE VISIT WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE
		IRISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE WORKSHOPS	IRISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE WORKSHOPS	VARIED IRISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE WORKSHOPS	VARIED IRISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE WORKSHOPS	VARIED PLEASE VISIT WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE
	TURAS SA CATHAIR / IRISH LANGUAGE TOURS	TURAS SA CATHAIR / IRISH LANGUAGE TOURS	TURAS SA CATHAIR / IRISH LANGUAGE TOURS	TURAS SA CATHAIR / IRISH LANGUAGE TOURS	TURAS SA CATHAIR / IRISH LANGUAGE TOURS	VARIED PLEASE VISIT WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE
COMEDY		COMEDY CIRCUS @ TRIPOD				TICKETS THROUGH TICKETMASTER WWW.TICKETMASTER.IE €25
MUSIC		CHORAL CONCERT @ CHRIST CHURCH				TICKETS THROUGH CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU WWW.CTB.IE TEL: 01 872 1122 €24 / €18.50 CONC.
					KILA @ THE OLYMPIA	TICKETS THROUGH TICKETMASTER WWW.TICKETMASTER.IE €36-€38
					MARY BLACK @ NATIONAL CONCERT HALL	TICKETS THROUGH THE NATIONAL CONCERT HALL WWW.NCH.IE TEL: 01 417 0000 €20-€45
FILM		ONCE @ CINEWORLD CINEMAS	KING & FILM SHORTS @ IFI	CINEMOBILE @ DENNY BIG DAY OUT		FREE/TICKETED

FESTIVAL MAP & KEY EVENT LOCATIONS



1. Festival Parade Route (start)
2. Film at the Festival, Cineworld
3. Christ Church Cathedral Concert
4. St. Patrick's Festival Comedy Circus, Tripod
5. Pearl at Docklands, George's Dock, IFSC
6. Denny Treasure Hunt, Start at City Hall
7. Denny Big Day Out, Merrion Square
8. Céilí Mór, Earlsfort Terrace
9. Festival Funfair
10. Kila, The Olympia
11. Mary Black, The National Concert Hall
12. Baby Rave SS Michael & John, Temple Bar
13. GaelSpraoi



MIGRATIONS

Migrations is the public art element of the Festival and will introduce a number of artists and their work to the city.

What: 2 artists, 2 environments, a boat and a caravan.

Where: various central locations in Dublin City Centre, on the Liffey, on the move.

When: 13-17 March 2008

For further information please visit www.stpatricksfestival.ie

TERESA GILLESPIE (1977, IRELAND)

London to Faeryland is a movable installation by Teresa Gillespie for St. Patrick's Festival 2008.

A caravan parked around various sites in Dublin City Centre and parks. A notice stuck inside the caravan door explains that a man calling himself Millican is the inhabitant. Teresa Gillespie, the artist, has filled the space with fragmented clues about the missing man's life. The caravan walls try to absorb the past in an effort to create a new present, to make a new place with a new identity. The artist says 'I wanted to carry one place into another as a suggestion that even when an individual leaves a place they carry it with them into the next place. A caravan that moves from place to place, while accumulating baggage, was the ideal structure for my installation' You open the door, climb in and poke about the interior, piecing together evidence; a real hands on experience.

NICKY KEOGH AND PADDY BLOOMER (1976,1977, NORTHERN IRELAND)

The Good Ship Marmalade.

Nicholas Keogh, from Rostrevor and Paddy Bloomer, from Banbridge, in County Down, Northern Ireland, are two artists based at the Lawrence Street Workshops in Belfast and are exploration, investigation and plumbing specialists.

To date, they have worked underground, over ground, up trees, down trees, in cliffs, on cliffs, on mountains, in mountains, up chimneys, down drains, around 'U' bends, in sewers, canals, culverts, alleyways, dumps, bins and holes of all description. The Good Ship Marmalade is made from a collection of objects the artists found in alleyways. It is a craft of traditional buckbala design suitable for halions dogs and good times.

Keogh and Bloomer have a hands-on relationship with the city and are not afraid of getting their hands dirty. For St Patrick's Festival they will be sailing the most beautiful boat that has ever been seen on the Liffey.

CITY FUSION AS PART OF THE ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL PARADE

City Fusion celebrates the transformation of Dublin City's cultural landscape. Now in its second year, the project brings together Irish and other nationalities to create an artistic spectacle for St. Patrick's Festival Parade.

Taking the theme of 'Energy' as their inspiration 14 community groups have created a pageant entitled Big Bang. In a playful way the participants have scratched the surface of identity to open the imagination to a constantly changing world.

250 residents of Dublin from 30 countries around the globe will come together on March 17th to pool their creative energy in a kaleidoscope of colour, music and dance.

City Fusion is produced by St Patrick's Festival in association with Dublin City Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON CITY FUSION
PLEASE VISIT WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE

City Fusion Community Groups 2008

- SPIRASI
- Indonesian Irish Association
- Ballyfermot Theatre Workshop
- D7 School Completion Programme
- ArtPolonia & Co
- Filipino Community
- Lithuanian Association in Ireland
- Creative Steps Dance Group
- Stanhope Street Secondary School
- Firhouse Community College
- Trinity Afro Caribbean Society
- Organisation de la Diaspora Togolais en Irlande
- Sphere 17 Youth Theatre
- Nepal Ireland Society

Director Muirne Bloomer

Designer Sabine Dargent

Musical Director Robbie Harris

Technical Designer Daragh Bradshaw

CITY FUSION WHAT THE GROUPS SAY...

"St Patrick's Festival makes us Filipinos feel at home here in Ireland. The colour of the parade and its beauty remind us of our own homeland. City Fusion allows us to show that we can blend well into the different cultures of the new Irish society."

Tina Peji, Filipino Community

"We had great pleasure to participate in City Fusion 2007 and we didn't want to miss it this year! The project is a great opportunity to improve our integration into Irish community."

Egle Tureviciute, Lithuanian Association in Ireland

"Fifteen of our 25 students are newcomers to Ireland. This project is a truly positive experience, it has a high profile in the school and will be a big step in terms of integration."

Eileen Murphy, Firhouse Community College

'Exposure to other communities and cultures will provide a better understanding and awareness around identity and what it means to be Irish in 2008 Ireland. Having a chance to explore and celebrate it is invaluable.'

Jenny Place-Ryan, Sphere 17 Youth Theatre Darndale

'Ballyfermot Theatre Workshop participated in the 2006-2007 City Fusion project, which was a very enjoyable and positive experience for all concerned. There was a great sense of achievement being involved in such an iconic event.'

Mo Murphy, Ballyfermot Theatre Workshop



GAELSPRAOI

GaelSpraoi is an exciting series of events taking place during St. Patrick's Festival that promote the use of the Irish language in fun and novel settings. Coinciding with Seachtain na Gaeilge and supported by Foras na Gaeilge, it offers an informal itinerary of workshops, tours, gigs, and film suitable for all ages. All levels of language competency welcome and allowed for! Full programme details on www.stpatricksfestival.ie

CLUB SULT

VICAR STREET
DÉARDAOIN 13Ú MÁRTA
8.30PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH FORAS NA GAEILGE & SPIN FM

ADMISSION €17.50
WWW.TICKETMASTER.IE

A unique night of entertainment with some of Ireland's best know innovators and contemporary performers. Featuring John Spillane, Slide, Prison Love PLUS a Very Special Guest – you definitely want to be there!

Oíche shiamsaíochta speisialta óna haíonna is comhaimseartha agus is cáiliúla in Éirinn. Ina measc beidh John Spillane, Slide, Prison Love chomh maith le hAoi an-speisialta – bígí ann!



Foras na Gaeilge



CEOILCHOIRM

PROJECT ARTS CENTRE,
 EAST ESSEX STREET, TEMPLE BAR
AOINE 14Ú MÁRTA
8.30PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH FORAS NA GAEILGE & SPIN FM

ADMISSION €20.00/€15.00
WWW.PROJECT.IE

A special Festival concert of Donegal traditional music and song where the sublime traditional singing of Maighread and Tríona Ní Dhomhnaill is matched by incendiary traditional fiddle playing from two young Donegal fiddle-players Ciaran Ó Maonaigh and Aidan O'Donnell.

Is ceolchoirm speisialta de chuid na Féile í seo le ceol agus amhránaíocht thraidisiúnta ó Dhún na nGall ina nasctar amhránaíocht thraidisiúnta ó Mhaighread agus Tríona Ní Dhomhnaill le ceol cumhachtach fidle ó bheirt cheoltóirí óga ó Dhún na nGall; Ciaran Ó Maonaigh agus Aidan O'Donnell.



CULTÚR & CRAIC

CEILIÚRADH NA nÓGANAIGH

PROJECT ARTS CENTRE,
EAST ESSEX STREET, TEMPLE BAR
SATHARN 15Ú MÁRTA
2.00PM - 6.00PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH FORAS NA GAEILGE & SPIN FM

ADMISSION €7.00
WWW.PROJECT.IE

Learn to scratch, groove, grind, rap and chat 'as gaeilge' in the company of SPIN FM. Workshops in hip-hop, Djing and Rap. All levels of Irish language competency catered for. Suitable for 15 years +

Bígí linn chun an óige a cheiliúradh! Foghlaim conas scríobadh, bogadh, corradh, rapáil agus comhrá a bheith agat 'as Gaeilge' i dteannta SPIN FM. Beidh ceardlanna hip-hop, Djing agus Rap. Déanfar freastal ar na léibhéil éagsúla Gaeilge.

ÓICHE CHRAICEÁILTE

THE PURTY KITCHEN,
TEMPLE BAR
SATHARN 15Ú MÁRTA
9.00PM TILL LATE

IN ASSOCIATION WITH FORAS NA GAEILGE & SPIN FM

ADMISSION €10.00

Get your cúpla focal ready for Speed dating as Gaeilge, with spot prizes and special surprises, before dancing the night away with the sounds of Ben Ó Faoláin with your new found partner!

Bíodh do Chúpla Focal réidh le haghaidh oíche 'Speed Dating' as Gaeilge. Ina dhiaidh sin beidh deis agaibh a chéile a mhealladh leis an Karaoke sula gcaithfidh tú an oíche ag damhsa le ceol Ben Ó Faoláin le do ghrá nua!

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE:

IRISH LANGUAGE MUSIC & SONG

FRIDAY 14TH - SUNDAY 16TH MARCH
TIME 2PM

A fun crash course in the Irish language, traditional music, song & sean-nós dancing.

TURAS SA CATHAIR/IRISH LANGUAGE TOURS

- City Sightseeing Dublin Tours
- Viking Splash
- Dublin Castle & the State Apartments
- IMMA - Irish Museum of Modern Art, Kilmainham
- Rock 'n' Stroll Tour of Dublin

SCANNÁIN/FILM

- Kings screening at IFI
- Newly released Irish Language film shorts

FOR FURTHER EVENT DETAILS PLEASE VISIT WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE



PEARL AT DOCKLANDS

GEORGE'S DOCK, IFSC
FRIDAY 14TH AND SATURDAY 15TH MARCH
7.30PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH DOCKLANDS AUTHORITY AND TODAY FM

FREE TICKETED EVENT
VISIT WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE TO REGISTER FOR TICKETS

An extraordinary spectacle in the heart of Dublin Docklands.

Pearl is an amazing family spectacle devised and performed by internationally reputed street theatre company Plasticiens Volants (France).

This enchanting spectacle is based on a simple and beautiful story of a Pearl.

Giant inflated puppets fly over the public. The 25-foot-long puppets will run, dance, appear and disappear as the magical tale unfolds.

Flying fish, sea horses, 'joker' squids and bewitched jellyfish are some of the characters to meet. Audiences will be thrilled by the aerial spectacle depicting an underwater world.

An Irish premiere event, this is the first time an aerial inflatable performance of this scale has been seen in Ireland and is not to be missed!

Pearl at Docklands is a free family event. Ticket registration is required and early booking is advised for this much-anticipated event. See www.stpatricksfestival.ie for more information and to download tickets.

An invitation to dream and be moved!



BABY RAVE

SS MICHAEL AND JOHN, TEMPLE BAR WEST (ENTRANCE THROUGH CULTIVATE)

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 11.00AM/2.00PM

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 11.00AM/12.30PM/2.00PM/3.30PM

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 11.00AM/12.30PM/2.00PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH Q102

TICKETS - €8.50 (INCLUSIVE OF BOOKING FEE)

CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CTB.IE

TEL: 01 8721122

PLEASE NOTE PARENTS AND BABIES BOTH NEED A TICKET

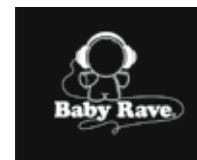
NAPPY CHANGING AREA AND BUGGY AND PRAM PARKING ATTENDANTS AVAILABLE.

WWW.MYSPACE.COM/BELFASTBABYRAVE

The music and dance sensation for children aged 0 - 4 and their parents comes to Dublin.

Belfast-based Young at Art have devised a real rave but child-sized. SS Michael and John will be transformed to provide an ambient setting, complete with DJ, lighting, projections and sensory floor

coverings. Dance facilitators will also be on hand to assist parents and children 'get into the groove'. This event is guaranteed to be the most fun experience babies and parents will have had this year. Over 9000 babies and their parents have enjoyed the Baby Rave experience in the UK and Australia since its debut in 2005. Don't miss out the opportunity to see your baby raving!!



Activity

Zeal

Verve

Potency

Spontaneity

The 2008 St. Patrick's Festival Parade theme is

Spirit

ENERGY

Zest

en·er·gy - [en-er-jee] - noun, plural -gies.

1. The capacity for vigorous activity; available power:
2. Vigor in expression or action

Vitality

Fuinneamh

Animation

Life

Pizzazz

Liveliness

Punch



The 2008 St. Patrick's Festival Parade kicks off in fine traditional style with the ever popular Army No 1 Band, followed by the Reserve Defence Forces Colour Party and Marching Body and the guaranteed crowd pleaser, the Garda Mounted Unit. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Paddy Bourke, travels in style in the spectacular Lord Mayor's State Coach. Providing the great finale to the ceremonial section is the Band of An Garda Síochána.

EUREKA

INISHOWEN CARNIVAL GROUP AND WHIRLIGIG, CO. DONEGAL

As lead pageant Inishowen and Whirligig present an exuberant and inflatable pageant with a hint of eastern mysticism which captures the shape of energy in nature by drawing inspiration from DNA and atomic structures, wind, waves and moon cycles.



PARADE PAGEANTS

MARCH OF THE POLAR BEARS

INSTITUTE OF ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY, DUN LAOGHAIRE

This pageant demonstrates the misuse of our natural energies and how it is putting our planet's animals and natural habitat in danger today. These consequences are illustrated by the plight of endangered animals, being pursued from their territory by hunters due to the exploitation of furs and oil by money-hungry gangsters. Both sides struggle as the natural elements try to rescue the animals from the 'evil' villains.

BIG BANG

CITY FUSION, DUBLIN

An in-house St. Patrick's Festival production in partnership with Dublin City Council, City Fusion celebrates the transformation of Dublin City's cultural landscape. Taking the theme of 'Energy' as their inspiration, 16 community groups have created a pageant entitled Big Bang. Influenced by the diverse cultures of the 30 nationalities involved, Big Bang explores identity in a playful way. Enhancing the performance four bands will create an explosive live sound track.



ROYAL JELLY

BUI BOLG PRODUCTIONS, WEXFORD

Bui Bolg from Wexford illustrates the frenetic and endless energy of the Bee Hive. Pretty flowers skip along unwittingly pursued by nectar grabbing intensive farmer bees. Hundreds of worker bees and their subject species busy themselves, while the Queen herself reclines on her expansive honey comb chaise. Her attendant nannies, waiters and butlers toil over her offspring and guests while she regales them with tales at a ball in her honor!



THE CIRCUS

MASAMBA, DUBLIN

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BRADOG REGIONAL YOUTH SERVICE

Inspired by the work of Jack B. Yeats, Masamba's pageant explores the many facets of the circus. Introduced by the ringmaster, the performance will dazzle you with dancers, acrobats, tumblers, stilt walkers and trapeze artists. Also included are carousels, horses, the wheel of fortune, clowns to taunt the audience and, of course, the side shows to complete the party.

PEOPLE POWER

WATERFORD SPRAOI

A giant robot lies on a workstation while a host of technicians swarm around, trying to awaken the creation. They are desperate to generate power - telekinetically from the audience, solar panels or any other available source. Will they find enough energy in the crowd to bring the monster to life or is he destined to remain inert?



NOTORIOUS REEF GROOVERS

ARTASTIC, CO. KILDARE

It's back - the competition you have been waiting for, including every watery wannabe, drippy diva and showy shellfish in the ocean. Starfish in your Eyes will embrace some of the most notorious Reef Groovers: the Seahorse Gospel Choir, the Sole Sisters and the current title holders - The Kings of Coral.



REBELLION OF THE ELEMENTS

TIDY TOWNS

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Blinded by her own power, Energy fails to notice the trail of waste and pollution she leaves in her wake. Angry, the King of Lightning launches a Rebellion of the Elements. Will the planet gods restore harmony or will Energy's army of waste destroy the Earth? A Tidy Towns tale to celebrate 50 years of competition, with representative groups from Westport, Donegal Town, Ballymun, Ennis and Tralee.

SWIFT CHARIOTS

BORDER ARTS, TYRONE AND DONEGAL

A Celtic celebration of energy 'Swift Chariots' features the Goddess Bridgid. The three-headed goddess of Imbloc spring, rebirth and renewal, the fire God Belenous and the sun god Lugh.

CREATURES OF THE AIR

PLASTICIENS VOLANTS, FRANCE

Plasticiens Volants (France) present the energy of the sky with a world of flying characters. Working with young people from Dublin, Plasticiens Volants will present dragons, vultures and birds - some up to twelve feet long! Stand back in awe as their flying creatures take over the streets of Dublin.





ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL

MARCHING BANDS 2008

AUBURN UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND AUBURN, ALABAMA

Founded in 1897, this is the USA's oldest Marching Band. In 2004, they received the Sudler Intercollegiate Marching Band Trophy, the nation's highest and most coveted award for college bands.

BRADLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND CLEVELAND TENNESSEE

Founded in 1917, they were recently placed first in class at the USSBA Scholastic Marching Band Competition. This is their first trip overseas to attend the Dublin Parade.

"PRIDE OF THE IRISH" CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Cathedral have received Division I ratings in music contests across the state. They have appeared on national TV and marched here in Dublin in 2000.

COUNCIL ROCK SOUTH MARCHING BAND HOLLAND, PENNSYLVANIA

Established in 2002, Council have quickly built a reputation of spirit and excellence at local, national and international levels.

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOT BAND BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

In 1992 they were inducted into the National High School Band Director's Hall of Fame as "Band of the Year". They are now under the direction of Mr. Michael Moran.

GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL TIGER PRIDE BAND PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Gilbert High School have a remarkable performance record and have consistently received Superior ratings in marching and concert festivals in the USA.

HUNTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

With an enviable record of achievement, Huntsville are consistently rated superior in competitions. They have performed throughout the US and Europe. In 2004 they won first prize at the prestigious Gothenburg Music Festival in Sweden.

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL BAND LA PALMA, CALIFORNIA

This band has risen from 35 to 260 members since it's inception in 1993. Having received many superior rating, they performed at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Australia.

LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND LOCK HAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA

Lockhaven Marching Band are now in their 67th year. The members range in age from 18 to 35.

SHORECREST HIGHLANDER HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

Shorecrest have performed and won every major parade in the Pacific Northwest. This is their 4th visit to Ireland.

TATE HIGH SCHOOL "SHOWBAND OF THE SOUTH" MARCHING BAND CANTONMENT, FLORIDA

Tate have won countless competitions and earned the reputation as one of the top high schools bands in the US. They have marched in every major parade in the US.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHAMPAIGNE, ILLINOIS

UIUC's is the world's largest college band program. In 1930 they hosted John Philip Sousa, who called them "The World's Greatest College Band" and donated his library to the school.

WEST BEND HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND WEST BEND, WISCONSIN

The West Bend High School Marching Band was formed in the 1930s. The band has produced two CDs and has received numerous first and second place trophies in adjudicated parades.

YOUNGSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING EAGLES YOUNGSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Marching Eagles marched here in Dublin in 2003. They have 14 years of Superior Ratings at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Adjudication Festival.

CLONDALKIN YOUTH BAND CLONDLAKIN, DUBLIN

Celebrating their 23rd anniversary this year, the Clondalkin Youth Band are All Ireland Champions, European Marching Band Champions and World Marching Champions. They are Ireland's largest marching band.

"STORICI SBANDIERATORI DELLE CONTRADE DI CORI": ITALIAN FLAGWAVERS CORI, ITALY

Founded in 1976 in Italy, this band practice the medieval waving of the flag from the 16th century. They consist of the Herald, Trumpeters, Drummers and Flag Wavers.

SANYO MARCHING BAND AND BATON TWIRLERS OSAKA, JAPAN

The esteemed Sanyo Band have won six gold and three Best Band of the Year Awards at the National Contest In Japan. The remarkable Baton Twirlers have received first prize for 20 consecutive years.



DENNY TREASURE HUNT

CITY HALL, DUBLIN CITY CENTRE
SATURDAY 15TH MARCH
 REGISTRATION **10.00AM - 1.00PM**
 FINISH **5.00PM**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH DENNY AND Q102

FREE TEAM EVENT
 PRE-REGISTER ON WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE

The Denny Treasure Hunt is a fun-filled free event for all ages, providing a unique opportunity to explore and rediscover the city of Dublin. Participants can investigate hidden haunts and gain free entry to prestigious cultural centres. Q102 will also be joining in on the fun, broadcasting live from City Hall on the day. So get out your mermaid, pirate or underwater-themed costumes and compete for spot prizes along the way. The swiftest, smartest and sassiest swashbucklers are in with a chance to win!

Pirate Booty

- Win a weekend for two at the Ballsbridge Court Hotel
- Enjoy an annual family membership to Dublin Zoo
- Tour around the city with Dublin City Tour family passes
- Win passes to the Guinness Storehouse
- Win four VIP Parade Grandstand tickets
- Win a DVD player and watch all your favourite pirate films
- Plus lots more spot prizes to be won on the day!




NATIONAL LOTTERY SKYFEST AT CASHEL

THE ROCK OF CASHEL, TIPPERARY
SATURDAY 15TH MARCH
6.30PM - 8.30PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NATIONAL LOTTERY AND 2FM

FREE TICKETED EVENT
VISIT WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE TO REGISTER FOR TICKETS

Skyfest at Cashel in association with the National Lottery and St. Patrick's Festival will be a truly spectacular event on the site of the iconic Rock of Cashel, Co. Tipperary. This spectacular pyrotechnic, lighting, and musical event is designed to celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Festival and the work of The National Lottery, against the majestic backdrop of the Rock of Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

This specially commissioned show brings together an expert team of fireworks, lighting and sound designers with leading Irish performers.

This is a free family event and all are very welcome, ticket registration is required to attend this much anticipated event at www.stpatricksfestival.ie, early registration is recommended to avoid disappointment.

National Lottery Skyfest at Cashel: In association with St. Patrick's Festival: A unique Irish celebration!





DENNY BIG DAY OUT

MERRION SQUARE
SUNDAY 16TH MARCH
12 NOON - 6.00PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH DENNY AND FM104

FREE EVENT

Merrion Square will become an oversized playground for children and adults alike for the 2008 Denny Big Day Out. Come along and check out all the different zones with lots to do for all the family from tots to teens:

Family Fun Zone, featuring: Xtreme trampoline - Human Foosball - Festijeux family games area - Buckaroo - Crazy golf - Hoopla

Art Pod: Quite literally, Art in a Pod - a themed tented workshop area with fun interactive art workshops where children make hats and kites assisted by their parents.

Family Fanfare: Fanfare is a family performance area with a selection of bands from the best international street festivals in Europe performing amongst the crowd. These bands are quirky, interactive and fun! Crowd participation is essential.

Street & Urban Zone: An urban arts zone with hip hop dance, breakdancing displays and a skate boarding exhibition.

Cultural Zone: The cultural stage is a must see - including African gospel, Brazilian drumming, traditional Catalan stick dancing and ceol from Ceoltas!

Storytelling Zone: Two quirky red top buses will provide the perfect setting for two children's storytelling zones. Stories for all ages.

Performance Zone: Bill Ferguson (UK) presents improvisational comedy and awesome juggling. Tutti Frutti (Australia) will provide unmissable slapstick acrobatic shows and Lunapark (Belgium) will ensure you enjoy an unforgettable minute in your life! Try it and find out.

Gaelzone: Family fun 'as Gaeilge' with walkabouts, theatre shows, sean nós dancing, samba and children's workshops.

Something for everyone! See you there!

Download a full itinerary of activities for your Denny Big Day Out at www.stpatricksfestival.ie



CÉILÍ MÓR

EARLSFORT TERRACE
MONDAY 17TH MARCH
2.30PM - 5.30PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ARTS COUNCIL AND TODAY FM

FREE EVENT
WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE

This head-spinning, foot-twirling afternoon of Irish dancing is a phenomenon and unique to us. Thousands of people will be kicking up their feet to the infectious sounds of the Matt Cunningham Céilí Band and Seamus Begley with Tim Edey. Dance displays will be provided by Baltrasna with additional Sean-nós dance displays provided by Chlann Uí Chuinneagáin. Daithí Ó Sé will be Fear a'Tí for the day at this, the liveliest outdoor Irish music and dance event in the world. This year's Céilí Mór is an event that will have your smile lasting long after the music fades.

Matt Cunningham Céilí Band

Galway based Matt Cunningham and his band are well-known in Ireland, England, and America as one of the finest and most respected bands playing music for Irish dancing and their 12-CD Dance Music of Ireland series continues to be an invaluable resource for dancers and enthusiasts alike.

Seamus Begley and Tim Edey

The dynamic duo of Irish traditional music. West Kerry accordion-player and singer. Seamus Begley is one of the most popular performers in the Irish traditional music world. He is joined by the sensational guitar player Tim Edey. *The Irish Times* have described Begley as "a force of nature" – so come prepared to dance!

Daithí Ó Sé

Daithí Ó Sé is best known as a weather presenter and continuity announcer on TG4 though his many talents have led to his appearance on shows such as *Celebrity You're a Star* in 2006 and on *Celebs Go Wild* in 2007. Daithí is also one of the faces of the Seachtain na Gaeilge Festival.

Chlann Uí Chuinneagáin/ The Cunningham Family

Brian, Irene, Aisling, Mícheál MacDara and Lorraine are a young family of Sean Nós dancers from Cashel in Connemara. The Cunningham's have made numerous television appearances and are in great demand up and down the country. In recent years they have been asked to accompany President Mary McAleese on State Visits.

Baltrasna

Making a welcome return to the Céilí Mór, Baltrasna are old style set dancers from the Céilí House dances of the Clare traditions in Meath.

FILM



FILM AT THE FESTIVAL

CINEWORLD CINEMAS, PARNELL STREET
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH
7.00PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH FILMBASE AND CINEWORLD CINEMAS

TICKET AVAILABLE AT WWW.FILMBASE.IE

Filmbase, in association with Cineworld Cinemas and Samson Films, is delighted to present a special free screening of the Oscar® nominated Irish feature *Once* followed by a post-show talk with the filmmakers. Tickets available through Filmbase.

On Sunday 16th of March, Filmbase and St. Patrick's Festival will host a range of film-related activities at the Cinemobile, as part of Denny Big Day Out at Merrion Square. Activities include screenings of Irish short films and demonstrations and workshops for all ages. For more detailed information including a schedule of events please visit www.filmbase.ie or www.stpatricksfestival.ie.

COMEDY



ST. PATRICKS FESTIVAL COMEDY CIRCUS

TRIPOD, HARCOURT STREET
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH
DOORS 7.30PM SHOW 8.00PM

TICKETS €20.00 - €25.00 INCLUDING BOOKING FEE
WWW.TICKETMASTER.IE
WWW.TRIPOD.IE
T: 0818 719 300

Dave McSavage, the one-of-a-kind guitar wielding street comic, hosts this unique comic gathering for the St. Patrick's Festival. McSavage is a popular street performer in Dublin and the comic genius behind the Ha'penny Laughs comedy night.

Joining McSavage on the night is Joe Rooney, Pat McDonnell and John Colleary and many more.....Expect the unexpected!

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LIVE PERFORMANCES



CULTURE & FANFARE STAGE

MERRION SQUARE
SUNDAY 16TH MARCH
12 NOON – 6.00PM
PART OF DENNY BIG DAY OUT

IN ASSOCIATION WITH DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

FREE EVENT

Festival 2008 Cultural Stage and Fanfare Stage at Denny Big Day Out is a space for performing groups from all corners of the world to celebrate the Irish National Festival Groups appearing in 2008 include:

- **Ceoltas** An Irish national treasure, combining the best in traditional Irish music with an unstoppable energy
- **Krump** World renowned LA break-dancers with breakneck energy and super-human force - not to be missed!
- **Ball of Baston** Twenty-one dancers from Catalonia, Spain who perform traditional Catalonian dance with sticks
- **Torann** Explosive drumming group hailing from Waterford
- **Morro Sixteen** A sixteen piece Brazilian Irish Drumming Group
- **Gospel Music Ireland** A gospel gathering of 10 powerhouse voices
- **Tutti Frutti** A five member band from the South of France fusing music, tap dance, circus and theatre with humour and poetry
- **Haut Debit** Fifteen musicians hailing from Paris bring us their original and varied style of afrobeat groove, folklore, ska and funk
- **Sandunga** A Latin groove and move group mixing Cuban, Brazilian, exotic dance and funky rhythm
- **Fanfare La Tulipe** Inspired by both traditional and contemporary styles this ten piece group will bring the Fanfare Stage to life with its eclectic mix of beats and rhythms

FAMILY FUN



FESTIVAL FUNFAIR

MERRION SQUARE
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 6.00PM – 11.00PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12.00PM – 11.00PM
MONDAY 12.00PM – 9.00PM

FREE ADMISSION: RIDES FROM €2.00

Step right up for Chills, Thrills and Near-Spills! This spine-tingling Festival Funfair is a top-notch carnival fairground with gripping high-flying attractions as well as the much-tamer kiddie rides!

More comfortable close to Earth? Try your hand at games of skill and chance or make a visit to the Funhouse – but don't miss the breath-taking views of our Fair City from the 150-foot high Jubilee Wheel!



THE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH
7.00PM

TICKETS €24.00/€18.50 CONCESSION
BOOKING: 01 8721122 OR WWW.CTB.IE
NO BOOKING FEES APPLY

Christ Church cathedral choir enjoys an enviable reputation as one of Ireland's most outstanding choirs, and is constantly in demand to perform in concerts, on tours and on radio broadcasts nationwide. Tracing its origins back to 1493, the cathedral choir has always been highly regarded in Dublin's musical life and took part in the first performance of Messiah in Dublin in 1742.

This unique concert is directed by Judy Martin and will include such gems as Bach's cantata 'Himmelskönig, sei willkommen' and Mozart's Missa Brevis in D.

An exhilarating evening of Choral music, not to be missed!



KÍLA IN CONCERT

OLYMPIA THEATRE
MONDAY 17TH MARCH
7.30PM

TICKETS FROM €36.00 - €38.00
WWW.TICKETMASTER.IE
WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE

One of Ireland's most innovative bands, their diverse line-up (the seven-piece play a variety of instruments including whistles, fiddles, pipes as well as brass and woodwind) fuses traditional Irish with an eclectic blend of world music influences. Expect a high-octane trad group performance infused with a world music sound!



MARY BLACK: CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

THE NATIONAL CONCERT HALL
MONDAY 17TH MARCH
7.30PM

TICKETS FROM €20.00 - €45.00
WWW.NCH.IE
T: 01 4170000

An intimate musical gathering with one of Ireland's most celebrated artists - legendary Irish vocalist Mary Black and her band bring St. Patrick's Festival 2008 to a close with a special concert that covers her 25 years as one of the finest female vocalists in the world.

THE NATIONAL CONCERT HALL
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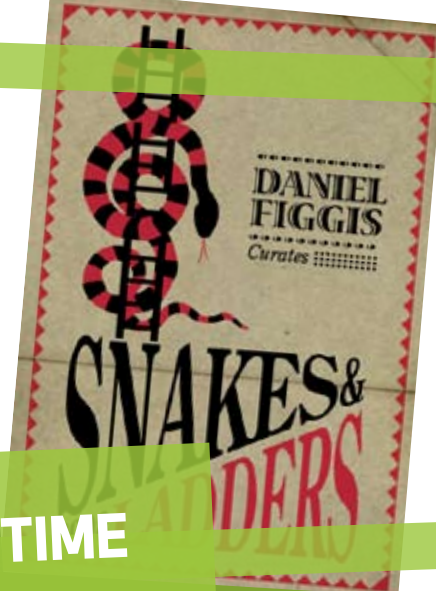
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OTHER EVENTS @ FESTIVAL TIME

GENRE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	INFORMATION
MUSIC	CEILI HOUSE LIVE IN CONCERT THE POET AND THE PIPER	SATURDAY 15TH & SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 8.00PM	NATIONAL CONCERT HALL	On Saturday 15th March, RTÉ Radio 1's 'Céilí House' will be broadcast live from the National Concert Hall featuring the Sliabh Luachra Ensemble, Clare All-Star Céilí Band and special guests Nell Ní Chróinín, Conor McEvoy and June Tabor. On Sunday 16th March Derry poet and Nobel Laureate for Literature, Seamus Heaney, joins Liam O'Flynn, the internationally acclaimed uilleann piper in an evening of poetry and music, in 'The Poet & The Piper'. Further information: www.nch.ie
MUSIC	KEEP UP THE CLASSICS	SATURDAY 15TH MARCH	ST. ANN'S CHURCH, DAWSON STREET, DUBLIN	Enjoy an evening of Classical Irish Arias, songs and melodies, featuring the classic melodies from Thomas Moore and Herbert Hughes interspersed with the comic genius of Percy French. Further information: www.ctb.ie
MUSIC	SNAKES & LADDERS 2008: A FREE FESTIVAL OF NEW IRISH MUSIC CURATED BY DANIEL FIGGIS	MARCH 16TH & MARCH 17TH /SOUND INSTALLATIONS MARCH 15TH-17TH	WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER WINTER GARDEN, NEW YORK	Composer/multi-media artist Daniel Figgis curates a large international gathering of new works by contemporary Irish composers. This landmark festival showcases works created with both traditional and emerging audio technologies, and is the largest international expo to date of new Irish composition and performance - featuring artists including Roger Doyle, Brian O hUigin, Somadrone, Deep Burial, Amoebazoid and Education Further information: www.stpatricksfestival.ie
DANCE	THE KRUMP KINGS HIP HOP WORKSHOPS	11TH - 16TH MARCH, FINISHING WITH A PERFORMANCE AT THE DENNY BIG DAY OUT	NATIONAL TOUR	In March 2008, The Krump Kings will tour Ireland for the first time in history. The Krump Kings have defined a new era in Hip hop dance. Come learn the basics for 2 hours and Get Buck with The Krump Kings! Further information: To register please email: whogotgame2@gmail.com or Tel: 086 739 4785 www.Krumpkings.com www.gospelmusicireland.com All Workshops €30
CIRCUS	FOSSETT'S: IRELAND'S NATIONAL CIRCUS	7TH - 17TH MARCH	PHOENIX PARK VISITOR CENTRE	Ireland's National Circus - Great fun for all the family guaranteed! CTB: 0818 205 205 www.fossettsircus.com
ATHLETICS	ST. PATRICK'S 5K FESTIVAL ROAD RACE, KBC ASSET MANAGEMENT	SUNDAY 16TH MARCH	START / FINISH AT THE MANSION HOUSE, DAWSON STREET, DUBLIN	Marking the welcome return of the event to the capital after an absence of seven years, this event caters for all the family alongside a number of Ireland's top international middle long distance runners. Further information: Register on-line at www.msbsk.com before March 10th 2008, fee €10.00 or on the day €15.00 (up to 9.30am)
SPORT	AIB GAA CLUB FOOTBALL & HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS	MONDAY 17TH MARCH 2.00PM	CROKE PARK	The AIB GAA Club Football & Hurling Championship Finals offer a spectacular display of Ireland's most talented Football & Hurling players. This parade of champions will take place at the HQ of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Booking: Tickets available from www.gaa.ie , Ticketmaster outlets nationwide and outlets around the ground on match day.

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