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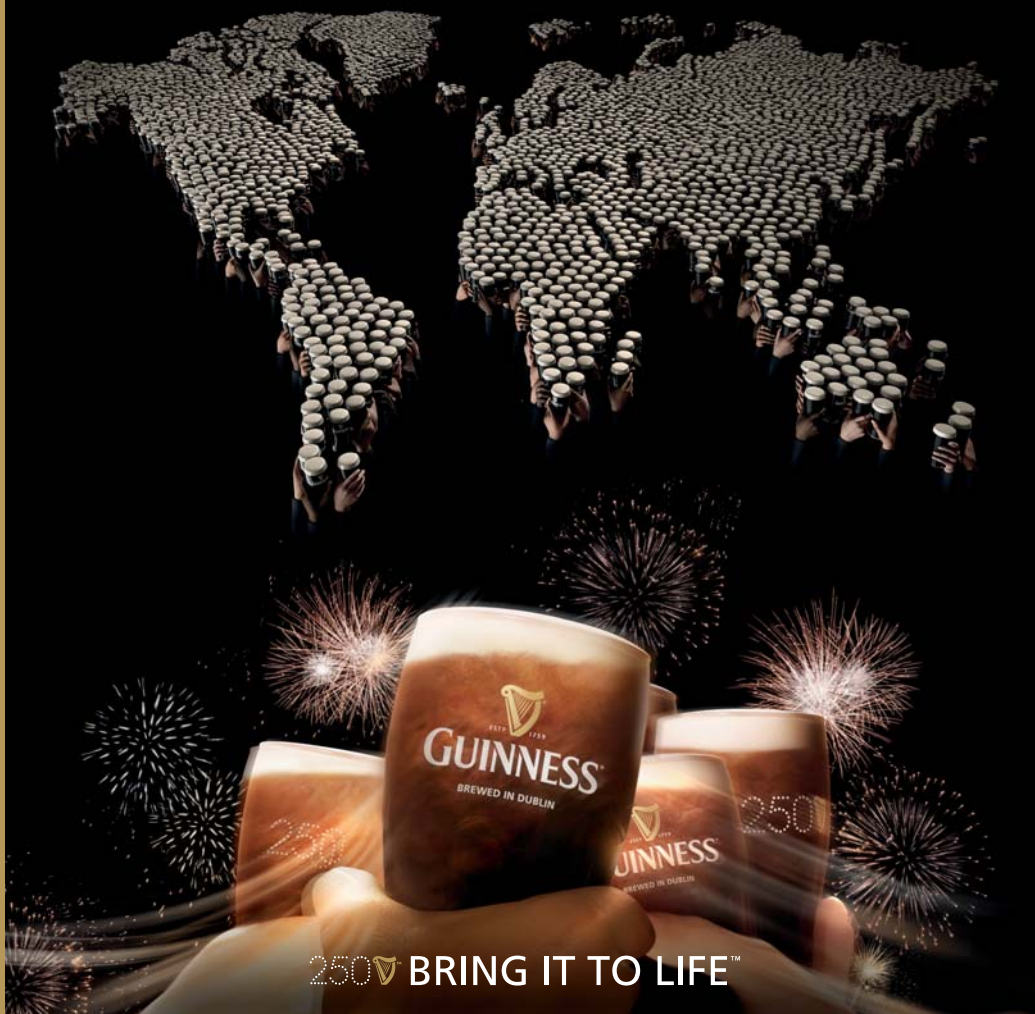
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## WELCOME

...to the Guinness Liverpool Irish Festival 2009 - the seventh annual Festival celebrating the unique links between Liverpool and Ireland.

Despite the recession this year's Festival is set to be as strong as ever. Once again we have created a Festival that showcases the glorious breadth of contemporary Irish culture and the deep roots of Liverpool's relationship with Ireland.

We've got the finest traditional and contemporary musicians in concert and music sessions. We've got plays and lectures, films and walks, clubs and exhibitions, comedy and football, food and photos. So join us for two weeks in October in an unrivalled celebration of the extraordinary historical affinity between Liverpool and Ireland.

**John Chandler**

Chair, Liverpool Irish Festival

**Jake Roney**

Festival Director



Tá áthas orainn go mbeidh an scannán gearr Nead an Dreolin le feiceáil mar cuid den féile i mbliana. Is Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill duine de na filí atá ann. Rugadh ar Merseyside i agus taispeánann sí an ceangal láidir atá ann idir an ceantar seo agus Éire. Ná caill é !

We are delighted that the short Gaelic film (with English sub titles) *The Wren's Nest* will be shown as part of the festival this year. Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill is one of the poets featured in it. She was born on Merseyside and so illustrates the strong connection between this area and Ireland. Don't miss it!

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And if you can't wait until the Festival comes around we'll see you at **The Hope Street Feast** on **Sunday 20 September**, come down and join in the Hope Street Céli - yup, we'll be dancing in the street!

For ticket information visit  
[www.liverpoolirishfestival.com](http://www.liverpoolirishfestival.com) or [www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)

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GUINNESS Liverpool Irish Festival 2009

## The Celtic Tenors

Matthew Gilsenan, James Nelson and Daryl Simpson with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra  
Fergus Sheil conductor

**Friday 16 October 7.30pm**

**Philharmonic Hall**

**Tickets £15, £18, £25, £30, £35 adv**  
available from [www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)

The Celtic Tenors have established themselves as the most successful classical crossover artists ever to emerge from Ireland.

While each of them have been influenced by the musical traditions from their own individual parts of Ireland, Gilsenan, Nelson and Simpson combine to suit classical, folk, Irish and pop genres. Their live show overflows with vitality and variety. Performing with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra their unique voices, charm and wit create an emotive journey and a thoroughly uplifting experience.

The Celtic Tenors have topped the charts in the USA, Canada, Germany, the UK and Ireland. Their performances are a unique celebration of all genres of Irish music.



## Threads of Hope – Quilts and Arpilleras from Ireland and Chile

**Opening Friday 16 October 6.30pm**  
**And then from Saturday 17 October**  
**to Sunday 1 November**

**The Community Space,**  
**World Museum, Liverpool**  
**Free admission**

## Battle of the Bands

**Heats on 10th, 17th, 24th, and the**  
**final on the 30th October, 8pm**

**All heats at The Pilgrim, Pilgrim St.**  
**The Final at Osqa's, Oldham Sq.**

**Tickets £3 on the door**

Our unique competition for bands with a connection to Ireland – whether they are Irish, love Irish music or are part of the Liverpool Irish Community, they can be electric or acoustic, rock or roots – if you think your band is the best ring 07804 286145 and book a slot in one of the heats. Prizes include cash and the chance to play at one of the gigs on the final weekend of the festival.

**The Chapter & Verse Literature Festival**  
**at the Bluecoat presents:**

## 'I'll Tell Me Ma' with Brian Keenan

**Friday 16 October, 6pm**

**The Performance Space, the Bluecoat,**  
**School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BX**

**Tickets £3/£2 from The Bluecoat**  
**box office from 7 Sept on 0151 702 7787**  
**or [www.thebluecoat.org.uk](http://www.thebluecoat.org.uk)**

Belfast-born Brian Keenan reads from and discusses his fascinating new memoir 'I'll Tell Me Ma'. Keenan's book, 'An Evil Cradling', detailing his time as a hostage in Beirut has become a classic and 'I'll Tell Me Ma' (Vintage, September 2009) is sure to follow. Keenan will read from and discuss his new book, followed by audience question time and a book signing.

## Traditional music and singing sessions

At the heart of our Festival is the music session where musicians, singers and story tellers get together to play and entertain, the sessions are open to all and will usually be free, you don't have to play anything just come down and enjoy the craic.

This year we have invited Terry Coyne, Chris O'Malley, Sam Proctor, Des Hurley, Stevie Byrne, Tad Sargent, The Racker, Danny Cameron, Johnjoe Kelly, Damien O'Kane and David Kosky, plus the cream of Liverpool's session musicians

## Running throughout the Festival period starting with:

**Peter Kavanagh's, Egerton St**

**Friday 16 October, 10pm**

**Free admission**

Manchester's finest lead the fun!

**The Casa, Hope St**

**Saturday 17 October, 10pm**

**£4 on the door**

'Spotlight Concert' from the stage followed by a session

**The Edinburgh**

**Sandown Lane, Wavertree**

**Monday 19 & 26 October, 9pm**

**Free admission**

Liverpool's top session, always jammed.

**The Rodewald Suite,**

**Philharmonic Hall** (back entrance)

**Friday October 23, 10pm**

**£2 on the door**

A great venue for Liverpool's best – come on down with your instruments tuned and voices raised!

**Peter Kavanagh's, Egerton St**

**Saturday October 24, 10pm**

**Free admission**

Liverpool musician's night at this popular pub



**The Casa, Hope St**

**Sunday October 25, 2pm**

**Free admission**

While away a lazy Sunday afternoon in the company of the Festival's great session musicians

**Peter Kavanagh's, Egerton St**

**Friday October 30, 10pm**

**Free admission**

Musicians from Leeds lead the tunes

**The Rodewald Suite,**

**Philharmonic Hall** (back entrance)

**Saturday October 31, 10.30pm,**

**£4 on the door**

On stage spots and a final session and all round knee's up as the Festival draws to a close.







## Tunin' up the Town

**Saturday October 17, afternoon**

If you go downtown today your in for a big surprise! - Groups of musicians playing all over the city centre celebrating the opening weekend of The Liverpool Irish Festival and the deep links between Liverpool and Ireland; look for us at The Bluecoat, St Lukes and L1.

## Liverpool Irish Heritage Walking Tours Finding the Liverpool Irish

**Saturday October 17, 1pm - 3pm**

**North city centre**

**Tickets £7 and £5 (concessions)**

**To book your place contact**

**Greg on 07854415721**

Paupers, priests and politics.

Conducted by local historians, Greg Quiery and Dr Ian McKeane, this popular walk sets out from St Luke's Gardens and takes you into Liverpool's north end. O'Connell, Parnell, Bessie Braddock and Dandy Pat are among the colourful characters who feature.

## 'Speaking ill of the dead'

**Opening, Saturday October 17, 3pm,**

**then throughout the Festival**

**3rd Room, Everyman Bistro, Hope St**

**Free admission**

A photographic exhibition by Robert Vance which opens up new visual narratives about the tragic 'Great Famine' of the mid 19th century.

Rob Vance photographs and writes about Ireland from Stone-age to Medieval. He has researched and co-written several television history series.

Drop in for a glass of wine after you've completed the Heritage Walk!



## 'Under the Influence Vol 11'

**Saturday October 17, 8pm**

**Studio 2, Parr St Studios, Parr St.**

**Free admission - to ensure entry**

**email [acoustic@aurora-borealis.info](mailto:acoustic@aurora-borealis.info)**

'Under the Influence' is a monthly series of gigs celebrating the songs and writers that influenced the next generation - tonight in celebration of The Liverpool Irish Festival the chosen artist is one of Irelands greats - Van Morrison.

Hosted by Norwegian singer/songwriter Kaya, come treat your ears to some of the best bands and singer/songwriters in town doing a mix of their own tunes and interpretations of Van's classics, invited artists include Ronan Boyle and The Staves, and Dave O'Grady.



## Traditional three course Irish dinner + live entertainment

**Sunday October 18, 3pm**

**St Michael's Irish Centre,**

**Boundry Lane off West Derby Rd**

**Tickets £15, advance bookings only**

**Contact Maureen Morrison, 0151 263 1808**

Come and enjoy some great Irish food (menus on request) and be entertained by some of the young people that make St Michael's the vibrant place that it is.

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**Sunday October 18, 2pm - 4pm**

**South city centre**

**Tickets £7 and £5 (concessions)**

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## Sharon Shannon Big Band

With special guests

**Damien Dempsey  
and Camille O'Sullivan**

Tuesday 20 October 7.30pm  
Philharmonic Hall  
Tickets £20, £23, £28 from  
[www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)

The accordionist from Ireland has achieved legendary status throughout the world and has made the much-maligned accordion 'cool' in her home country.

Shannon has recorded and toured with a who's who of global music including Bono, Sinéad O'Connor, Jackson Browne, John Prine, Mark Knopfler, The Waterboys, Willie Nelson, Alison Krauss and Shane MacGowan - a list that is testament to her versatility as well as talent.

Her last album 'The Galway Girl' has gone four times Platinum in Ireland and the title track won the Meteor Award for most downloaded song for the last two years. Sharon is joined by the phenomenal singer/songwriter Damien Dempsey (a massive hit at last year's Festival) and cabaret sensation Camille O'Sullivan.



## University of Liverpool Book Launch and Reception

**Wednesday October 21 2009 at 6pm**

Institute of Irish Studies

1 Abercromby Square, Liverpool L7

**Marianne Elliott**

**When God Took Sides:  
Untangling the complexities  
of Ireland's Past and Present**

Oxford University Press

Pub date: September 2009

£16.99 (Hardback)

With tragic exceptions, the last few years have been a mercifully peaceful period in Ireland's history. But, argues Professor Marianne Elliott, the undercurrents of religious sectarianism still exist, and we ignore them at our peril.

London Classic Theatre present

**The Beauty Queen  
of Leenane  
by Martin McDonagh**

**Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 October,  
7.30pm**

**The Studio, Southport Arts Centre**

**Tickets: £14 (£12 concessions,**

**£7 pupil groups)**

**01704 540011, [www.seftonarts.co.uk](http://www.seftonarts.co.uk)**

"Wildly funny, deeply affecting and grotesquely macabre...an absolute cracker"  
*Daily Telegraph*

Set in the mountains of Connemara, County Galway, The Beauty Queen of Leenane tells the darkly comic tale of Maureen Folan, a plain, lonely woman in her early forties, and Mag, her manipulative, ageing mother.

When Mag interferes in Maureen's first and possibly final chance of a loving relationship, a train of events is set in motion that lead inexorably towards the play's terrifying finale. Martin McDonagh's multi award-winning play is a gripping blend of dark comedy, melodrama, horror and tragedy.

Contains strong language and violent scenes. Suitable for aged 14+.

Edmundo Murray presents;

**The Irish in  
Latin America  
- A cultural history**

**Thursday 22 October, 8pm**

**El Rincon Latino**

**Roscoe St/Oldham St, L1 2SU**

**Tickets £6 available from**

**[www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)**

Argentinian born with Colombian, Swiss and Irish origins, Edmundo Murray, now based in Geneva, is one of the world's experts on this fascinating subject, for the Festival.

Edmundo will be bringing his guitar and illustrating his talk with music and song, we will close off the evening with a party as local Latin and Irish musicians take to the stage.



## Hear My Song

**Friday 23 October 7.30pm**

**Philharmonic Hall**

**Tickets £5.50, £6.50**

**from St Michaels (0151 263 1808)**

**or [www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)**

Director Peter Chelsom

Ireland / UK 1991, 105mins

Starring Ned Beatty, Adrian Dunbar,

Tara Fitzgerald, Marie Mullen

The much praised and riotously funny musical comedy about the search for the real Josef Locke, the Irish tenor on the run from the Inland Revenue.

An unabashedly romantic comic fantasy, loosely based on an incident in the real life of world famous Irish tenor Josef Locke.

## Anthony John Clarke and Guests

**Friday 23 October, 8pm**

**St Michael's Irish Centre,**

**Boundary Lane off West Derby Rd**

**Tickets £8 from St Michael's**

**(0151 263 1808) or [www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)**

Belfast born and now based in Liverpool Anthony John Clarke is a singer/songwriter with an enviable reputation;

"One of the most aware songwriters around" ... **Sean Keane**

His songs include the legendary: 'Broken Years', 'The Only Life Gloria Knows', 'Tuesday Night Is Always Karaoke', 'Irish Eyes', 'Between Midnight and Blue' and the marvellous 'Two People'. His shows are funny, challenging and always popular.

"I love his stuff" ... **Christy Moore**

For this show Anthony John will be supported by Bruce Scott and Brendan Fahey.

"A National Treasure" ...  
**Fairport Convention**



## Ireland: Looking back at 1919

**Saturday 24 October, 10am**  
**University of Liverpool Continuing Education, 126 Mount Pleasant (Opposite RC Cathedral)**  
**Free Admission**

To mark 90 years since Dublin's First Independent Dáil (Parliament), Ian McKeane and Cathy Davies from the University's Institute of Irish Studies look at the events of January 1919 and the start of the Irish War of Independence. Dr McKeane traces the story of the Dáil and the outbreak of guerrilla war while Ms Davies explores a literature inspired by those events.

Two lectures with discussion:  
**January 1919, Ireland's Fateful Month:**  
 Guns or Government?  
**A Literature of Revolution:**  
 Irish Short Stories from the 1920s

Failte isteach!!

## Gaelic football exhibition match

**Saturday 24 October from 1pm**  
**John Mitchel's Ground**  
**Greenbank Park**

This is a chance to see at first hand one of the oldest and most exciting games in the world – as demonstrated by John Mitchel's Gaelic Football Club recognised as one of the very top clubs in these islands. Over the afternoon you will see matches featuring men's, women's and underage teams and learn about how the game is played, and perhaps, even have a go yourself!

For more details about Gaelic Football in Liverpool visit [www.johnmitchels.com](http://www.johnmitchels.com)



## Liverpool Irish Heritage Walking Tours Finding the Liverpool Irish

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**South city centre**  
**Tickets £7 and £5 (concessions)**  
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'You'll never walk alone Irish Reds-Dublin' present

## 'LFC Irish Legends night' An evening of celebration with legendary Irish Reds: John Aldridge, Ronnie Whelan, Jim Beglin.

**Saturday 24 October, 7.30pm**  
**Anfield, The Shankly Suite**  
**Tickets: £20/£25**  
**Contact: Ed on 00353 861215677**  
**or Edfitz@hotmail.com**  
**or Marcus on 00353 857589630**  
**Marcusmaher70@gmail.com**  
**for tickets and information**

Book Launch 'Irish Kop' by Johnny Hynes, live Music, Irish Reds mementos and raffle. Introduced by Nicky 'One night in Istanbul' Allt and Ed Fitzmaurice of YNWAIR.



## Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill

**Saturday 24 October, 8pm**  
**St George's Hall Concert Room**  
**Tickets £15 adv available from**  
**[www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)**

Irish Fiddle player and Chicago born guitarist, Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill, have reached almost cult status on the international music scene, with Hayes recognised as the finest player of his generation.

Hayes's playing defies description, like classical maestro Maxim Vengerov he seems a reincarnation of Paganini himself. Sidestepping the trap of empty virtuosity, he strives for what he calls 'The lonesome touch' – a sadness and honesty from which Irish folk music was born. His long time musical partner, Dennis Cahill, is blessed with a feel and sensitivity that perfectly matches the playing of Hayes.

'Their music is a pure distilled art, drawing on the slow lyrical tradition of Hayes' native East Clare, the intensity of classic blues, and the elastic tonalities of jazz'. *Glasgow Herald*.

The Festival is proud to present these marvellous musicians, in Liverpool for the very first time.

## Andy White

**Saturday 24 October, 8.30pm**  
**Rodewald Suite,**  
**Liverpool Philharmonic Hall**  
**Tickets £10 adv, available from**  
**[www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)**

Irish singer-songwriter Andy White carries a twelve string guitar under his arm and wears his particular brand of Irish magic and charm on his sleeve.

With the political edge of the young Bob Dylan, the romance of David Gray, pop influence of Franz Ferdinand and the Celtic lyricism of the Waterboys, an Andy White concert is a special experience.





DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	GENRE
<b>October</b>				
<b>Fri 16</b>	6pm	<b>I'll Tell Me Ma'</b>	The Bluecoat	Literature
	7.30pm	<b>The Celtic Tenors</b>	Philharmonic Hall	Music
	10pm	<b>Traditional Music Session</b>	Peter Kavanagh's	Music
<b>Sat 17</b>	Afternoon	<b>Tunin' up the Town</b>	City Centre	Music
	1pm	<b>Heritage Walking Tour</b>	St Luke's Church	Education
	8pm	<b>Battle of the Bands - Heat</b>	The Pilgrim	Music
	8pm	<b>Under the Influence</b>	Parr Street Studios	Music
	10pm	<b>Traditional Music Session</b>	The Casa	Music
<b>Sun 18</b>	2pm	<b>Heritage Walking Tour</b>	St Lukes Church	Education
	3pm	<b>Traditional Irish Dinner</b>	St Michael's Irish Centre	Event
<b>Tues 20</b>	7.30pm	<b>Sharon Shannon Big Band</b>	Philharmonic Hall	Music
<b>Wed 21</b>	6pm	<b>Book Launch</b>	Institute of Irish Studies	Literature
	7.30pm	<b>The Beauty Queen of Leenane</b>	Southport Arts Centre	Drama
<b>Thurs 22</b>	7.30pm	<b>The Beauty Queen of Leenane</b>	Southport Arts Centre	Drama
	8pm	<b>The Irish in Latin America</b>	El Rincon Latino	Education
<b>Fri 23</b>	7.30 pm	<b>Hear My Voice</b>	Philharmonic Hall	Film
	8pm	<b>Anthony John Clarke</b>	St Michaels Irish Centre	Music
	10pm	<b>Traditional Music Session</b>	The Rodewald Suite	Music
<b>Sat 24</b>	10am	<b>Looking back at 1919</b>	126 Mount Pleasant	Education
	1pm	<b>Heritage Walking Tour</b>	St Luke's Church	Education
	1pm	<b>Gaelic Football</b>	Greenbank Park	Sport
	8pm	<b>Battle of the Bands - Heat</b>	The Pilgrim	Music
	8pm	<b>Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill</b>	St George's Hall	Music

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<b>October</b>				
<b>Sat 24</b>	8.30 pm	<b>Andy White</b>	The Rodewald Suite	Music
	10.30pm	<b>Traditional Music Session</b>	Peter Kavanagh's	Music
<b>Sun 25</b>	2pm	<b>Heritage Walking Tour</b>	St Luke's Church	Education
	2pm	<b>Traditional Music Session</b>	The Casa	Music
	5pm	<b>Youth of the North</b>	The Casa	Music
<b>Tues 27</b>	6.30pm	<b>The Wren's Nest</b>	FACT	Film
	8pm	<b>Michael McGoldrick</b>	Southport Arts Centre	Music
	8.30pm	<b>Super Ceili</b>	St Michaels Irish Centre	Music
<b>Thurs 29</b>	6.30pm	<b>Short Films</b>	FACT	Film
	7.30pm	<b>Speaking Ill of the Dead</b>	Everyman Bistro	Education
<b>Fri 30</b>	8pm	<b>Jinx Lennon</b>	Static	Music
	8pm	<b>Battle of the Bands</b>	Osca	Music
	8.30pm	<b>Heidi Talbot</b>	The Rodewald Suite	Music
	10pm	<b>Traditional Music Session</b>	Peter Kavanagh's	Music
<b>Sat 31</b>	8pm	<b>All Star Concert</b>	St Bride's Church	Music
	10.30pm	<b>Traditional Music Session</b>	The Rodewald Suite	Music

## November

<b>Sun 1</b>	2pm	<b>Heritage Coach Tour</b>	St Michael's Irish Centre	Education
	2pm	<b>Video Film Launch</b>	Liverpool World Museum	Education

For the latest information and ticket details visit [www.liverpoolirishfestival.com](http://www.liverpoolirishfestival.com)

## FESTIVAL PROJECTS

### 'Threads of Hope' - Quilts and Arpilleras that speak out

**Saturday 17 October  
- Sunday 1 November**  
**The Community Base ,  
World Museum Liverpool**  
**Free admission**

An exhibition curated by Roberta Bacic. The exhibition is of Quilts made by women from both communities in Derry in the north of Ireland and Arpilleras from Chile.

Women have worked with textiles and fabric for centuries, both to sell at market and also to tell stories, of conflict, struggle and of survival. The creativity expressed in the handcrafted quilts is testimony to the determination of women across the world.

We hope this exhibition will stimulate an interest and awareness in quilt making but also in preserving memories and understanding the importance of documenting a person's history and heritage.

**Roberta Bacic will run a textile workshop on Saturday 17th October from 1pm - 4pm in the Community Base, on the 18th there will be a talk in The Treasure House Theatre from 12.30pm - 1.30pm (Tickets available from the Information desk on the ground floor), followed by a textile workshop from 2pm - 4pm, again, in the Community Base. For details of further workshops please contact the Festival on 07804 286 145.**



### LIF Video project - 'The Liverpool Irish Heritage Trail'

During the month of October a group of young people from St Michaels Irish Centre and the surrounding area will learn about the history of the Irish in Liverpool, and Ireland's impact on the city, its buildings, its institutions and its people, then, using the Festival's 'Heritage Walks' as a template and with the help of local film makers, they will make a film about that history and heritage and what it means to them.

The young people will learn how to produce, film and edit as well as writing the script and appearing on screen. We hope that the resulting film is interesting, informative and fun and can be used by youth and community groups throughout Liverpool as a contribution to our understanding of our great city.

**The premiere of the film will be on Sunday 1 November at 2pm in the Treasure House Theatre at World Museum Liverpool.**



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Liverpool Comhaltas presents:

### Youth of the North

**Sunday 25 October, 5pm**  
**The Casa, Hope St**  
**Free admission**

Last year's showcase of the talent and skills of the young musicians of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann ('Gathering of Musicians of Ireland') was such a success that we just had to do it again! So, come on down, bring the family and inspire the kids.





## 'The Wrens Nest' – 'Nead an Dreolin'

(2008)

Gaelic language (with subtitles),  
30min plus talk

Tuesday 27 October, 6.30pm  
Produced and Directed by James Kelly  
for Feenish Productions, [www.feenish.com](http://www.feenish.com)  
The Box. Picturehouse at FACT, Wood St  
£5, Bookings: 08717 042063. Online film  
booking: [www.picturehouses.co.uk](http://www.picturehouses.co.uk)

Nead an Dreoilín (a.k.a. The Wren's Nest) is  
a unique and beautifully crafted collection  
of short films exploring the poetry of six  
living Irish language poets. A fresh and  
innovative piece of work, these films  
present poetry to the viewer in a way that  
is at once powerful and poignant.

Image and sound are richly interwoven,  
as beautifully shot contemporary footage  
combines with carefully chosen archive  
footage, to lyrically and poetically reflect  
the themes explored in each of the poems.

The film is followed by a talk by Tony Birtill  
who teaches Gaelic at the University Of  
Liverpool Centre for Lifelong Learning,  
find out about the language and learn  
some basic vocabulary and phrases.

Booking ahead is strongly advised as  
there is limited seating in The Box.

## Irish Shorts: Classic and contemporary short films

Curated by Laura McGann

Thursday October 29, 6.30pm  
Screen 3, Picturehouse  
at FACT, Wood St  
£5, Bookings: 08717 042063.  
Online film booking:  
[www.picturehouses.co.uk](http://www.picturehouses.co.uk)

A night of some of the very best Irish  
Short Films including many award winners  
and a much-loved Oscar nominated  
animation by Brown Bag Films.

Our films range from stories about scary  
Irish grannies to a Da Vinci inspired carpenter.

On screen we have the pleasure of watching  
actors such as Liam Cunningham and Liam Tobin  
and the work of multi-award winning directors  
Kealan O'Rourke, Nicky Phelan, Cathal Gaffney,  
Peter Foott and Vincent Lambe.

## Michael McGoldrick and Friends

Wednesday 28 October, 8pm

The Studio, Southport Arts Centre

Tickets: £14 (£12 concessions)

01704 540011, [www.seftonarts.co.uk](http://www.seftonarts.co.uk)

The outstanding flute, whistle and Uilleann pipes player,  
Michael McGoldrick seems to channel music from the  
ether rather than merely play it.

A founder member of Toss the Feathers, Flook! and  
Lunasa, and a regular member of Capercaillie and  
Kate Rusby's band, he has taken traditional music into  
new territory with his acclaimed albums 'Fused' and  
'Wired' and through his adventurous collaborations  
with Afro Celt Sound System and many others.  
Artists of McGoldrick's calibre tend to attract some  
very interesting friends...



## St Michaels Supper Ceili

Wednesday 28 October, 8.30pm

St Michael's Irish Centre,  
Boundary Lane, West Derby Rd  
Tickets £5 adv from  
St Michael's, 0151 263 1808

Dance to The Liverpool Ceili  
Band and enjoy a plate of  
Irish Stew!

## 'Speaking ill of the dead' A talk by Robert Vance

Thursday October 29, 7.30pm  
Third Room, Everyman Bistro,  
Hope St  
Free admission

Popular historian and RTE  
presenter, Robert Vance talks  
about the 'Great Famine' of the  
mid 19th century and its impact  
on Irish society.



## Jinx Lennon + Captain Moonlight

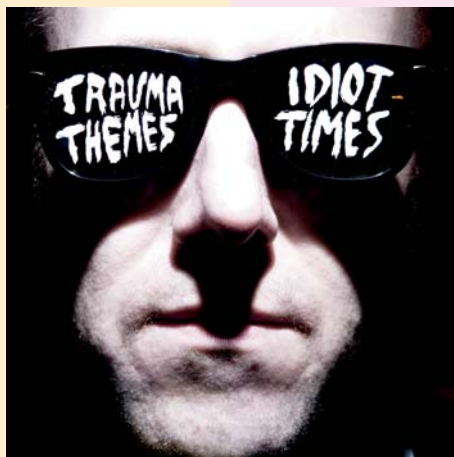
**Friday 30 October, 8pm**  
Static, Roscoe Lane  
Tickets £8 adv, available from  
[www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)

Hailing from Dundalk Jinx Lennon is a Punk Poet/Singer Songwriter..but that isn't half the story, as **Nick Kelly** of the *Irish Independent* wrote in his review of Jinx's current CD, 'Trauma Themes Idiot Times'; 'IDIOTS BEWARE: JINX IS BACK... with Ireland in the midst of a collective nervous breakdown, it seems like it's high time someone tried to reflect in song what's really happening right here, right now'.

Jinx is that man, never afraid to lift the stone and peer underneath he has got his finger on the pulse. Joined on stage by his partner Miss Paula Flynn who's singing is as sweet as Jinx's is in 'yer face, a Jinx Lennon show is not to be missed.

In a recent review **Paddy Murphy** wrote: 'You'll get angry, you'll smile, you'll be confused, you'll get p\*\*\*\*d off, you'll be scared and you'll be completely intrigued, but most of all you'll be inspired by this punk poet from Dundalk' For this show Jinx will be supported by Kilkenny rapper Captain Moonlight who manages to incorporate 'drinkin', ridin', hurlin', and politics' into most of his tunes!

Strong language throughout.  
Not recommended for anyone under 14yrs.



## Battle of the Bands – Final

**Friday 30 October, 8pm**  
Osca, Oldham Square  
Tickets £4 on the door

After three heats we finally get down to the nitty gritty, who has won?



## Heidi Talbot with Boo Hewerdine

**Friday 30 October, 8.30pm**  
The Rodewald Suite, Philharmonic Hall  
Tickets £10 adv, available from  
[www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)

Heidi Talbot is the former lead singer with the Irish-American group Cherish the Ladies. She will perform songs from her latest release *In Love and Light* which draws from the full spectrum of influences that inform her expressive singing.

'Heidi Talbot sings in a voice that's both awestruck and tender' *New York Times*

## Liverpool Irish Festival's All Star Concert

**Saturday 31 October, 8pm**  
St Bride's Church, Catherine St  
(entrance in Percy St)  
Tickets £5 adv, available from  
[www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)  
A Family Folk-up presentation

We had such a good time at last year's 'All Star Concert' that we just had to do it again. This year we welcome from Liverpool Chris Boland, John Murphy, Fiona McConnell, and Liam Murphy, and topping the bill superb duo Sam Proctor and Chris O'Malley supported by Des Hurley, Stevie Byrne and Tad Sargent - not to mention our hosts The Random Family and rising star Lizzie Nunnery. The atmospheric St Bride's Church is a wonderful venue for this the last show of the festival. *St Brides is not licenced but you are welcome to bring a bottle.*



St Michael's Irish Centre  
and the Institute of Irish Studies:

## Liverpool's Irish Famine Heritage Coach Tour

**Sunday 1st November, 2pm**  
Tickets £6 incl. coach, tea & biscuits.

(Children under 16 free. Note that this is not suitable for very young children).  
Seats are limited and must be booked  
Call 0151 794 3075 to reserve a place.

This popular event starts from St Michael's Irish Centre, Boundary Lane (off West Derby Road).

The Institute of Irish Studies invites you to join their coach to visit the key sites of Liverpool's story of the Famine Years of 1845-52 when more than 1.3 million Irish migrants passed through the port fleeing the Irish Famine.



## Events Around and Throughout the Festival:

The Institute of Irish Studies In association with The School of Music presents:

### Bruce Scott, in a concert of traditional and contemporary songs

**Wednesday 14 October, 1pm**  
The Rathbone Theatre,  
off Abercromby Square  
**Free admission**

Capital of Comedy  
at The Slaughterhouse presents:

### Martin Bigpig Mor

**Friday 23 and Saturday 24 October, 8pm**  
The Slaughterhouse, Fenwick St  
See [www.thecapitalofcomedy.com](http://www.thecapitalofcomedy.com)  
to book tickets or call 0151 728 9898.

**Support: Seymour Mace**

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*Reg D Hunter*

### The Edinburgh Sessions

**9pm, every Monday**  
throughout the Festival  
Sandown Lane, Wavertree  
**Free admission**

Great little pub, great beer, great music!

### Celebrate Samhain

**Traditional Irish Music Session**

**Friday 30th October, 9pm**

All musicians, singers & storytellers  
welcome

### Kinselas Cafe / Restaurant

**72 Rose Lane, L18 8AG**

Special Irish menu throughout the Festival

### Cuffs Session

**Traditional Irish Music Session**

**9pm every Thursday**  
throughout the festival

Cuffs Café Bar, 63-69 High Street,  
Wavertree, L15 8HE

## Special events at Liverpool Irish pubs:

### O'Neils 2 Wood Street

Thursday 15th Oct, 10pm

**Red Cow Juncation**

Friday & Saturday 16th & 17th, 8.30pm

**John O'Connell**

Sunday 18th Oct, 6pm

**Red Cow Juncation**

Sunday 18th Oct, 10pm

**Bible Code Sundays**

Monday 19th Oct, 10pm

**The Collective**

Tuesday 20th Oct, 10pm

**Reckless Elbow**

Wednesday 21st Oct, 10pm

**Mark Kenny**

Thursday 22nd Oct, 10pm

**White Lightning**

Friday & Saturday 23rd & 24th, 8.30pm

**John O'Connell**

Sunday 25th Oct, 6pm

**Rea O'Dunne (solo)**

Sunday 25th Oct, 10pm

**Rea O'Dunne and Seannachi**

Monday 26th Oct, 10pm

**The Collective**

Tuesday 27th Oct, 10pm

**Scotch On The Rocks**

Wednesday 28th Oct, 10pm

**Reckless Elbow**

Thursday 29th Oct, 10pm

**Red Cow Juncation**

Friday & Saturday 30th & 31st, 8.30pm

**John O'Connell**

Sunday 1st Nov, 6pm

**Red Cow Juncation**

Sunday 1st Nov, 10pm

**Rodimus**

### Shenanigans 77 Tithebarn Street

Every Sunday during Festival  
4.30pm-8pm

**Live Irish Band**

### Raven Albert Dock

Every Friday during festival from 6pm  
**Bushmills Irish Whiskey Dinner**

3 course Irish meal with a different Bushmills  
whiskey to compliment each course -  
followed by talk and Q&A by representative  
from Bushmills or head bartender

Every Sat and Sunday during festival

All day event

**Guinness, Oysters  
& Mussells Festival**

### Liffey 43 Renshaw Street

Friday 16th Oct, 6pm

**Peter Mylett**

Saturday 17th Oct, 6pm

**Paddywack**

Sunday 18th Oct, 2.30pm

**Fran O'Dwyer**

Sunday 18th Oct, 5.45pm

**Peter Kerrigan**

Sunday 18th Oct, 9pm

**Michael Bracken**

Friday 23rd Oct, 6pm

**Michael Bracken**

Saturday 24th Oct, 6pm

**Nicky James**

Saturday 24th Oct, 9pm

**Celtic Freedom**

Sunday 25th Oct, 2.30pm

**Peter Mylett**

Sunday 25th Oct, 5.45pm

**Roger Gabriel**

Sunday 25th Oct, 9pm

**Tony M**

Friday 30th Oct, 6pm

**Paddywack**

Saturday 31st Oct, 6pm

**Steve O'Malley**

Sunday 1st Nov, 2.30pm

**Michael Bracken**

Sunday 1st Nov, 5.45pm

**Peter Kerrigan**

Sunday 1st Nov, 9pm

**Nicky James**

### Smokie Mo's 1 Mount Pleasant

Sunday 1st Nov, 5pm-11pm

**Big Irish Hooley**

### Pogue Mahone 77 Seel Street

Every Sat Sun & Mon during festival, 8pm

**Live Irish Session**

Saturday 24th Oct, 12noon

**Pogue's Show**

Traditional Irish Dancers,  
Irish Food festival and live Irish Music

Saturday 24th Oct, 9pm

**Harse Box** - 4 pc traditional Irish band

Saturday 31st Oct, 8pm

**Pogues Irish Halloween Ball**

(suggested fancy dress - Father Ted,  
Leprechauns, Arthur Guinness and more)

### The Vines 81 Lime Street

Every Monday During Festival, 7pm

**£2000 Irish Karaoke**

**Competition Heats**

Monday 2nd November, 7pm

**£2000 Irish Karaoke**

**Competition Final**

### Flanagan's Apple Mathew St

Every Night During Irish Festival

**Live Irish Acts**

(see in outlet for more details)

### McHales Shamrock Bar 53 Lime St & Irish American Bar Lime Street

Every day during festival, from 4.30pm

**Live Irish Music**



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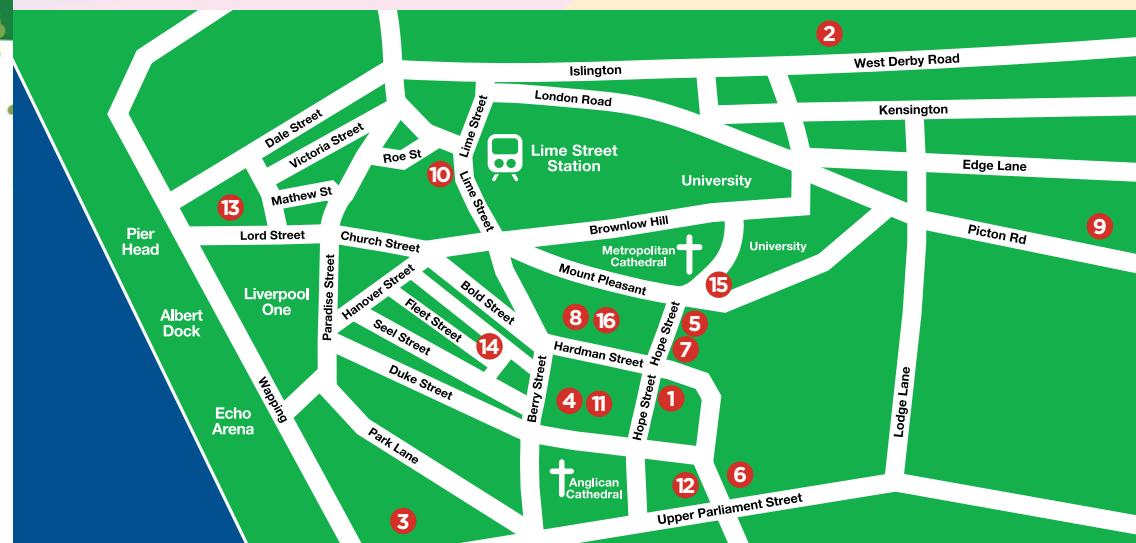
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- 2 St Michael's Irish Centre**  
6 Boundary Lane,  
West Derby Road, L6 5JG
- 3 The Picket**  
Jordan Street, L1 0BW, 0151 708 6789
- 4 Static**  
Roscoe Lane, L1 9JD
- 5 The Everyman Bistro**  
Hope Street, L1 9BH, 0151 708 9545
- 6 Peter Kavanagh's**  
2-6 Egerton Street, L8 7LY  
0151 709 3443
- 7 The Casa**  
Hope Street, L1 9BQ, 0151 709 2148
- 8 El Rincon Latino**  
Roscoe St / Oldham St, L12SU
- 9 The Edinburgh**  
4 Sandown Lane, L15 8HY 0151 475 4393
- 10 St George's Hall Concert Room**  
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- 11 The Pilgrim**  
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- 13 The Slaughterhouse,  
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