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At the Festival Box Office at Droichead Arts Centre, Stockwell Street, Drogheda, Co Louth. From 10.00am to 5.00pm Tuesday to Saturday. During the festival period from Monday 27 April - Sunday 3 May; opening times are from 10.00am – 8.00pm & Monday 4 May 10.00am – 5.00pm.

CONCESSION TICKETS

Are available for selected events, for older people, students, children, those with accessible needs, and the unwaged.

TICKET COLLECTIONS

You can collect tickets at Festival Box Office at Droichead Arts Centre for events happening at different venues up to 4 hours before showtime**

Tickets can be collected at all Venue Box Office 30 minutes prior to the event.

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GROUPS

A group discount is available for some performances only (to groups of 10+). Please contact the Festival Box Office for details.

ARRIVE ON TIME!

Don't be late, arrive on time! Be respectful of artists and performers and other festival goers and arrive to the performance or event in good time. Latecomers are not admitted.

ACCESS

Many of the festival venues are fully accessible. However, please tell us when booking if you have any special requirements.

ADDITIONAL BOOKING SERVICE

Tickets for LCMS (concert Saturday 2 May) are also available from <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/kurtags-ghosts-performed-by-marino-formenti-tickets-15762014610>

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WELCOME

**If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;**

If..., Rudyard Kipling, 1895

To make art is a risk.
Sometimes to engage with art is also a risk.

I am proud and delighted to present the seven-day programme of the 11th Drogheda Arts Festival. We have an incredibly ambitious lineup this year, developed especially for you by our dedicated festival programme team.

From dawn 'till dusk, this entire May Bank Holiday week, Drogheda, the cultural capital of the Boyne Valley, will be filled with artists both local and international, each daring to display, perform, exhibit and lay bare their work in an attempt to amuse, provoke, entertain and inspire you, their audience.

From the iconic: guitarist/activist Wayne Kramer, and former Kraftwerk band member Wolfgang Flür, to the traditional: Nuala Kennedy & Eamon O'Leary. From the contemporary: Ailbhe Ní Bhriain, Ruth E. Lyons, Mairead O'hEocha and Desperate Optimists, to the classical avant-garde: Hungarian composer György Kurtág. We have the Irish premiere of a new composition by acclaimed composer Ian Wilson. We have site-specific performance, theatre for both adults and children, visual art exhibitions by some of Ireland's most important practitioners. We have spectacular street performances,

and even a 'mini festival', with our Bank Holiday afternoon at Beaulieu House & Gardens.

The festival will also feature a new Spoken Word event, a late evening performance by the vocally androgynous Jaime Nanci, readings by noted men of poems that have moved them to tears, and three new treasure tours of the Boyne Valley, which will highlight its art, culture and natural beauty.

Drogheda Arts Festival would not be possible without the committed core funding from Louth County Council, a festival programming grant from the Arts Council, key sponsorship from Laurence Shopping Centre, Coca-Cola International Services and the many local businesses which have been both inspired and energised by the arts.

Come and engage with this ambitious and hugely varied selection of work. Thrill to the new, luxuriate in the old, essay the unusual ...

Take the risk.

Thugamar féin an Samhradh linn

Aoife Ruane

Chairperson, Drogheda Arts Festival 2015

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WHAT IS AND WHAT MIGHT BE

Miranda Blennerhassett, Neil Carroll, Susan Connolly, Kevin Cosgrove, Fergus Feehily, Mairead O'hEocha, Mark O'Kelly, Kevin Mooney, Kathy Tynan, Andrew Vickery

In Jacques Lacan's^[1] *The Four Fundamental Concepts Of Psychoanalysis* (1964), he refers to Hans Holbein's^[2] painting *The Ambassadors* (1533). The painting is an elaborately rendered document of a historic meeting between Jean De Dinteville and George De Selve. Holbein famously interrupts the pictorial plane with an anamorphic skull, essentially transgressing the viewer's experience of a convincingly rendered reality with something more puzzling and ungraspable. Lacan argues that the viewer invests in the painted fictional illusion while

simultaneously recognising their former blindness to it, moving from the perspective of what is real and what is speculative within the surface of the painting.

What Is And What Might Be features ten contemporary painters that conceivably share some of Holbein's concerns - spatial and material illusion, fictional and real space, and movement between a position of doubt and certainty.

The exhibition is co-curated by Colin Martin, visual artist, lecturer and Principal at the RHA School; Clíodhna Shaffrey, Director of Temple Bar Gallery + Studios and Aoife Ruane, Director of Highlanes Gallery.

[1] Jacques Marie Émile Lacan (1901-1981) was a French psychoanalyst and psychiatrist [2] Hans Holbein the Younger (c. 1497-1543) was a German artist and printmaker

LAURENCE
SHOPPING CENTRE

DATE: EXHIBITION & FESTIVAL OPENING MONDAY 27 APRIL AT 7.30PM
VENUE: HIGHLANES GALLERY, LAURENCE ST
FESTIVAL OPENING TIMES WWW.HIGHLANES.IE



CIVIC LIFE

A compendium of selected films by film makers Christine Molloy and Joe Lawlor (*Desperate Optimists*).

Since 2003, *Desperate Optimists* have been working on a unique and richly cinematic series of short films made in negotiation with local residents and community groups. At the centre of the work is the relationship these communities have to the environments in which they live and work. With *Civic Life*, Molloy and Lawlor have generated a meditative and visually arresting body of work that is both theatrical and cinematic, experimental and highly accessible. All of the *Civic Life* films are shot on 35mm Cinemascope making extensive use of the long take and involving

largely nonprofessional casts made up of volunteers from the local communities. Although each film has its own distinct qualities, arguably their real emotional power is only fully realised when they are seen together.

For the *Civic Life* tour, the selected films have been edited together without titles or credits and the resulting uncertainty, as to when one film ends and another begins, serves to draw out and intensify the overlapping themes of identity and place, belonging, hope, loss, and new beginnings.

This screening will be followed by a Q & A with Joe Lawlor of *Desperate Optimists*.



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DATE: TUESDAY 28 APRIL **VENUE:** THE ARC CINEMA, DROGHEDA TOWN CENTRE

TIME: 8:00PM **TICKETS:** €8/€5 CONC

BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946



PILOT LIGHT

An exhibition of new work by Ruth E. Lyons

Pilot Light is focussed on light in the landscape and humankind's obsession with light, from today's electricity and the power stations that produce it, to Newgrange and its astronomical alignment.

Pilot Light will feature a large sculpture of a mobile reflector used to direct light, and the production of a limelight; light made from limestone. A performance of the limelight will take place in a specific location. In conjunction with this

work, the exhibition includes sculpture and photography.

To attend the site-specific performance, a bus will be leaving from Wellington Quay, across from Murdock's carpark. This event is free of charge, however, booking is necessary.

Workshops conducted by the artist will take place in Droichead Arts Centre on Thursday 30 April and Friday 1 May, from 5:00pm - 7:00pm for young people aged 7-14 years. Free, but booking necessary.

DATE: EXHIBITION & SITE-SPECIFIC EVENT WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL AT 9.00PM

VENUE: DROICHEAD ARTS CENTRE GALLERY, STOCKWELL ST

FESTIVAL OPENING TIMES: WWW.DROICHEAD.COM

BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946



AILBHE NÍ BHRIAIN/ NEXUS ARTS

NeXus Arts in partnership with Drogheda Arts Festival presents this solo exhibition by Ailbhe Ní Bhriain which will see a large site-specific audio and visual installation in the former Methodist Schoolhouse.

Ailbhe Ní Bhriain uses composite imagery and sound to create scenes in which the dimensions of time and place are out of joint. Using a combination of filmed and computer generated imagery, she

creates wonderfully immersive works that point to the illusory nature of image/place. Ní Bhriain's works are characterised by a considered pace, within which geographical and pictorial instability is allowed to gradually unfold. They open up dreamlike, hallucinatory spaces between place and placelessness, things real and imagined, surface and depth.

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DATE: EXHIBITION OPENING THURSDAY 30 APRIL AT 7.15PM
VENUE: FORMER METHODIST SCHOOLHOUSE, LAURENCE ST
FESTIVAL OPENING TIMES WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE
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THE WORD

An evening of spoken word, rap and performance poetry.

This inaugural festival event features a wealth of talent from as far away as Tehran and Zimbabwe, and some new voices closer to home.

Experience for one night only, the experimental poetry of Kit Fryatt, the driving rap of Zane, the Anarcho-Punk hip hop of Temper-Mental MissElayneous, and the remarkable voice of Stephen James Smith, the poet and playwright who is central to

the rise of the vibrant spoken word genre in Ireland today.

The evening will also feature debut performances by young artists from Drogheda and Bettystown who participated in the spoken word film *Tribal Voices* last year.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening is poet Roger Hudson.

The event will finish with an Open Mic session for all the spoken word artists out there!

DATE: THURSDAY 30 APRIL **VENUE:** D'VINE RESTAURANT, DYER ST

TIME: 8:00PM **TICKETS:** €10 / €5 CONC

BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946



IRISH PREMIERE

THE END OF DESIRE

Composed by Ian Wilson
Performed by Ties Mellema

Should the artist merely entertain or is there still room for experimental, passionate and genuine expression? Saxophonist Ties Mellema, along with Irish composer Ian Wilson, director Jos van Kan and artist Michiel Voet, are searching for an answer in the *The End of Desire*. The Irish Premiere of a highly personal tribute to the power of music, *The End of Desire* is a piece of acoustic theatre in which Ian Wilson exploits a vast range of colours and textures, using Mellema's saxophones, live electronics and a specially-composed soundtrack.

Set against an inventive background of video projections designed by Michiel Voet and directed by Jos van Kan, award-winning saxophonist, Ties Mellema delivers a memorable performance of depth and innovation.

The End of Desire is like nothing you've heard or seen before.

Ian Wilson and Ties Mellema will engage with students from local secondary schools, and musicians from Drogheda Orchestral Collective in the lead up to the performance

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DATE: FRIDAY 1 MAY **VENUE:** DROICHEAD ARTS CENTRE THEATRE, STOCKWELL ST
TIME: 8:30PM **TICKETS:** €15 / €12 CONC
BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946
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'Fans of cult crooners like Marc Almond and Tom Waits should feel duty bound to check this out.' - **Hotpress**

CHILDISH THINGS

Jaime Nanci and The Blue Boys

Fronted by the ambiguously monikered, and vocally androgynous howling bear cub, Jaime Nanci, Nanci & The Blueboys are riding on a wave of critical acclaim for their debut album TOY and now they bring their 'genre-straddling' 'killer' live show, *Childish Things* to Drogheda.

Childish Things will see the quintet perform songs from TOY alongside

carefully selected classics from the past fifty years. Featuring the superb vocals of Nanci, all Deano one minute, Minelli the next, with Dave Redmond on dark and delicious double bass, pianist Pawel Grudzien, ace brassman Ciaran Wilde, and drummer Kevin Brady, Nanci and The Blueboys bring their very own whiff of devilment and fun to a fresh set of tales.

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DATE: FRIDAY 1 MAY **VENUE:** MCHUGH'S BAR AND VENUE, CORD RD
TIME: DOORS OPEN 9:30PM | **TICKETS:** €15 / €12 CONC
BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946
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BAKE!

Written and performed by Paul Curley
Directed by Philip Hardy

Sift the flour, beat the eggs, add the butter, sprinkle sugar. Now Bake!

It's Prince Fredrik's 9th birthday, but who will bake the royal birthday cake? As things heat up in the busy basement kitchen of the Queen's palace, the young apprentice baker Madeleine attempts to prove herself to her Father.

A delightful new theatre experience for young audiences performed by

Paul Curley and designed by Ger Clancy, Bake! invites you into the action of the busy basement of the royal palace.

Get stuck in, but be warned: things could get messy.

Bake! is an interactive theatre experience for 4-6yr olds and families.

LAURENCE
SHOPPING CENTRE

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DATE: SATURDAY 2 MAY **VENUE:** THE BARBICAN CENTRE, WILLIAM ST
TIME: 10:00AM & 11.30AM **TICKETS:** €6 / FAMILY €20 (2 AD/2 CH) / €5 FOR GROUPS 10+
BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946
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ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

This year's Circus Saturday features an interactive percussive treat of warriors, giants and Afro-Latin beats

I AM WARRIOR A creative workshop for 4 to 13 years

Bring the kids to this workshop where they can make a full set of Armour complete with Axe, Helmet and Shield. Then watch them dance with *Three Metre-high Giants* to their own choreography and the hypnotic rhythms of Afro-Latin beats.

Strictly first 50 people at each workshop, so come early.

INTERACTIVE DRUM CIRCLE Take a drum, a whistle, a shaker, whatever you need, and join in the creation of breathtaking, cataclysmic rhythms created by you, and everyone around you.

THE AFRIKAN WARRIORS are set to blow your mind with their explosive energy and breathtaking routines. Acrobatics, balancing, contortion, fire limbo and more!

CACHIMBO, Drogheda's own Afro-Latin super group take to the stage outside St. Peters...simply unmissable.

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DATE: SATURDAY 2 MAY **VENUE:** OUTSIDE ST. PETER'S PLAZA, WEST ST
TICKETS: FREE, JUST DROP BY **TIME:** 1:30PM – 5:00PM
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'Ryan writes beautifully and performs with an impressive intensity'

The Stage

KITTY IN THE LANE

Written and performed by Áine Ryan

Kitty stands alone in the family kitchen – but what is family when your closest kin have abandoned you?

A local beauty pageant should provide solace, and boyfriend Robert will arrive at any minute; sore of secret and sweat, Kitty is on her way up, and possibly out.

The debut play of writer Áine Ryan focuses on a girl living alone with her invalid father, isolated from the community and her peers. Escaping from her small-minded, cruel environment is her only hope

A new exciting voice in Irish Theatre.

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DATE: SATURDAY 2 MAY **VENUE:** THE LITTLE DUKE THEATRE, DUKE ST

TIME: 7:00PM **TICKETS:** €12 / €10 CONC

BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946
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Kurtág's Ghosts' is a gorgeous stream-of-consciousness trek through music from Guillaume de Machaut to György Kurtág ... redefines the possibilities of the solo recital." — **Joshua Kosman, San Francisco Chronicle**

IRISH EXCLUSIVE

KURTÁG'S GHOSTS

Presented by Louth Contemporary Music Society
Performed by Marino Formenti

The Italian-born pianist Marino Formenti brings his delicate, otherworldly cycle of interlocked piano pieces to Drogheda. *Kurtág's Ghosts* is so cleverly programmed, and Formenti has created this extraordinary thing that links all these other composers to Kurtág seamlessly.

The programme shouldn't work but it does, so you have Purcell and then Kurtág, onto Janáček to Schubert and back to Kurtág. It is quiet,

loud, beautiful and violent. Formenti locates the connections between the works so that the six centuries of music flow in an unbroken stream of sound that leaves audiences in "a state of exhilaration beyond any experience" LA Weekly

Kurtág's Ghost's can not fail to move listeners, and is not just solely aimed for people who like classical music; it is simply for people who love great music.

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DATE: SATURDAY 2 MAY **VENUE:** ST. PETER'S CHURCH

TIME: 8:00PM **TICKETS:** €10

BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946
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IRISH EXCLUSIVE

GRIT NOISE AND REVOLUTION AN EVENING WITH WAYNE KRAMER (MC5 AND OTHER TALES)

Join us for what promises to be another exclusive at this year's festival: An evening with incendiary guitarist/activist/composer Wayne Kramer. Delve into the incredible story of the man behind one of the most influential bands in history: Detroit's MC5.

Irish Times music critic Tony Clayton-Lea will host an in-depth conversation with Kramer.

Wayne will perform a solo guitar set, discuss his journey, from teenage greaser to the rise and demise of the MC5, his 1970's prison term,

eventual triumphant return as solo artist and feature film composer, as well as the charity 'Jail Guitar Doors'.

Wayne will also visit Mountjoy Prison to speak with inmates and staff about his mission and will jam with the in-house band.

Drogheda Arts Festival in partnership with Thirty Three - 45.



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DATE: SATURDAY 2 MAY **VENUE:** DROICHEAD ARTS CENTRE THEATRE, STOCKWELL ST
TIME: 9:00PM | **TICKETS:** €18 / €16 CONC
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THE SEVEN AGES OF IRISH MUSIC IN DROGHEDA

Traditional Day In Millmount

Drogheda and the Boyne Valley has been a major centre for Irish music from time immemorial. This year's Traditional Day in Millmount Cultural Quarter celebrates *The Seven Ages of Irish Music* from ancient Celtic mythology to the latest Trad Steampunk, with workshops, exhibitions, demonstrations, 'have-a-go' sessions, street theatre and

performances by leading artists in five venues throughout Millmount.

Special emphasis on the Irish harp, the uilleann pipes, step dance, **sean-nós** song and the 19th century ballad sheet industry.

Drogheda Museum and Millmount Craft Centre are open with free admission all day.

DATE: SUNDAY 3 MAY **VENUE:** MILLMOUNT CULTURAL QUARTER
TIME: 1:00PM – 5:00PM

100 men on the words that move them

POEMS that make GROWN MEN CRY

Edited by Anthony and Ben Holden

POEMS THAT MAKE GROWN MEN CRY

Presented to mark the forthcoming Poetry Day Ireland, May 7 2015, Drogheda Arts Festival, Poetry Ireland and Highlanes Gallery present readings from *Poems that make Grown Men Cry* (edited by Anthony Holden and Ben Holden), with special guest readers including actor Phelim Drew, writer and documentary maker Manchán Magan, chef and restaurateur Reuven Diaz (Eastern Seaboard, Brown Hound Bakery), and comedian Cian Kinsella (Lords of Strut).

The event is hosted by John O'Donnell, poet and Senior

Counsel, with music from folk band Rapsallion.

Poems that make Grown Men Cry is an anthology in which a hundred men, notable in such diverse fields as literature, film, science, architecture and theatre, confess to having been moved to tears by certain poems. Their choices include works by celebrated masters such as Emily Dickinson, Philip Larkin, W. H. Auden and Rainer Maria Rilke, as well as by acclaimed contemporary poets including Billy Collins, Derek Walcott, and John Berger.



**Clarkes
Bar**

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DATE: SUNDAY 3 MAY **VENUE:** HIGHLANES GALLERY, LAURENCE STREET
TIME: 5:00PM **TICKETS:** €10 / €8 CONC
BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946



"if Michael Flatley and Jim Carey had a sado-masochistic love child they would be it"

Elle Magazine September 2014

CHAOS

Lords of Strut

Fame obsessed and socially obsessed, The Strut brothers are back!

Join Ireland's most emotional dancers as they share their 'bullet proof' secret to life and happiness.

A motivational, semi-nude, breathtakingly funny show, watch Sean-tastic and Famous Seamus hold it together as they dance and bicker through an hour of physical

and 'meta-physical' comedy.

Combining comedic theatrics with dance and acrobatics, Lords of Strut irreverently collide different artforms to produce Chaos! And they have lovely clothes.

Winners of the 2013 Laya Street Performers World Championship, Lords of Strut return to perform in Drogheda after touring worldwide.

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DATE: SUNDAY 3 MAY **VENUE:** DROICHEAD ARTS CENTRE THEATRE, STOCKWELL ST
TIME: 9:00PM **TICKETS:** €14 / €12 CONC
BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946
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IRISH EXCLUSIVE

WOLFGANG FLÜR

MUSIK SOLDAT

Drogheda Arts Festival in partnership with External Sounds

From the Autobahn to the Auto-store.

A unique musical experience where you find yourself physically and emotionally deep underground to witness an audio-visual performance from electro music pioneer and former member of German electronic legends Kraftwerk, Wolfgang Flür.

Kraftwerk released seminal albums such as Autobahn, Radio-Activity, and Trans Europe Express. Their distinctive sound was revolutionary, and has had a lasting effect across

many genres of modern music.

Outside Kraftwerk, Flür has set up the band 'Yamo' and co-produced with Andi Toma of Mouse on Mars the album 'Time Pie'. Flür has also had commercial success with a remix of 'I Was A Robot'.

Musik Soldat combines videos and rare images from Flür's Kraftwerk past to his current projects, to create an exclusive subterranean event not to be missed.

Event Subject To License

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DATE: SUNDAY 3 MAY **VENUE:** TO BE CONFIRMED **CONTACT BOX OFFICE**

TIME: DOORS OPEN 10:30PM **TICKETS:** €25

NO ALCOHOL TO BE ALLOWED INTO THE VENUE

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED, CONTACT THE BOX OFFICE

BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946
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BEAULIEU SOUNDS BEAUTIFUL

A Festival Afternoon of Family Fun

The magnificent surroundings of 17th century Beaulieu House & Gardens is the setting for a Bank Holiday afternoon of solo and ensemble performances, traditional games, outdoor theatre, aerial and acrobatic spectacle and tours of the house and gardens, with breath-taking views of the river Boyne.

Traditional Games return this year with a high-pitched whistle (cover your ears!), and include three legged, egg and spoon, sack, and piggy back races. Across the lawn, among the ancient trees, you can catch the highly skilled aerialists and acrobats in **Genus Quercus** (oak tree), a glimpse into an imaginative world of play and dress-up, as performers waltz in gigantic skirts, swing from trapeze and cause havoc.

Is there a doctor on call? Yes, but it's the Book Doctor! **Children's Books Ireland** will set up their mobile **Book Clinic** and the Book Doctor will be ready to write a personalised book prescription for each child.

Over in the Walled Garden, Shiva Productions present **Angels in the Garden** - five ten minute plays by new and established writers which explore themes of mortality, family, and the human need to connect.

St Brigid's Chapel is the intimate setting for **Solo**, a selection of acoustic performances

curated by musician and songwriter **SJ McArdle** (see page 41)

The Quadrangle is the place to hear the distinctive mellow, resounding sound of **Drogheda Brass Band**, the explosive mixture of New Orleans and Latin American dance music from **Cachimbo**, and to become engrossed in the **Compagnie En Plein Vol** (in full flight) trio, who combine the traditional and the modern in an elegant, acrobatic performance. Listen out for the singular, unique sound of the **Swinehounds**.

The delights of Beaulieu House can be discovered through special tours given by, respectively, the owner **Cara Konig** and historian **Noel Bailey**. There will be an illustrated talk by the Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland's **Carl Dacus**, and garden designer and plant expert **Mark McKeever** gives a grand tour of the gardens.*

Beaulieu House & Gardens, Drogheda

Driving from Drogheda: use the R166 towards Termonfeckin (avoid the R 167)

Time: 1.00pm-5.00pm (access for ticket holders from 12.00noon)



Tickets: Advance booking is advised, only a limited number of car tickets at the gate. A **Car Ticket** includes entry for all car passengers, and a **Pedestrian Ticket** gives you access to the **Free Shuttle Bus**.

Ticket Prices:

Car Ticket €12

Pedestrian Ticket (adult or child) €3

Reduced Price for Advance Bookers:

€8 (Car Ticket) and €2 (Pedestrian Ticket)

*Talks and Tours are an additional €2, paid on the day in the Great Hall.

Group Bookings: Tickets must be advanced booked, please contact the Box Office.

Accessible Parking: Tickets must be advance booked, parking area signposted, use the R166.

Shuttle Bus: Pick up and drop off from Highlanes Gallery, Laurence St. to Beaulieu from 12.00noon.

Quadrangle Refreshments: The **Brew Crew** will serve tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cold drinks while **Stockwell Artisan Foods** serve cake. Limited picnic seating in and outdoors.

What to bring: So, it could be sunny or showery, or both! To fully soak up the atmosphere and awesome views of the Boyne, bring a blanket and picnic, an umbrella and sun cream.

BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE TEL: 041 9833946



SOLO AT BEAULIEU

Beaulieu Chapel

Solo is an afternoon of original, acoustic song, presented in the intimate setting of St Brigid's Chapel at Beaulieu House & Gardens.

After the success of last year's event, critically acclaimed singer-songwriter

SJ McArdle once again presents a carefully selected programme, offering a broad mix of folk, country and alternative styles from new and established artists including **Miss Paula Flynn**, **Drawn By Dogs** and **Gerry Cullen**.

Miss Paula Flynn writes sad songs infused with hope and shot through with a vein of humour, bridging the divide between Bjork and Hank Williams, pulling together strands of old time country, folk and gospel in a uniquely contemporary fashion.

Christy Leech aka **Drawn by Dogs** sings simple, still songs. He is recording his debut EP now which will be released by New York City label, Rooftop Records NYC in late 2015.

Gerry Cullen was born in Drogheda and has been singing traditional songs and his own compositions for many years. In 1983 he formed *The Voice Squad*, an unaccompanied harmony group who have toured USA, Canada and most European countries and appeared countless times on TV and radio. They have also released three CDs to great acclaim and recorded with artists like Sinéad O'Connor, Elvis Costello, The Chieftains and James Galway.

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DATE: MONDAY 4 MAY **VENUE:** ST BRIGID'S CHAPEL, BEAULIEU
TIME: SEE BEAULIEU FLIER DETAILS **TICKETS:** FREE, WITH TICKET TO BEAULIEU SOUNDS BEAUTIFUL (SEE PAGES 38/39), BUT ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS
BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946



'lyrically fresh, harmonically rich and presented with magnificent ease' **The Irish Times** 2014

NUALA KENNEDY & EAMON O'LEARY

Traditional and contemporary songs from two of our finest international performers in the Great Hall of Beaulieu House.

Long-time friends and musical collaborators, County Louth-based traditional musician Nuala Kennedy and Dubliner Eamon O'Leary have toured widely together both in duo and as part of 'The Alt', alongside celebrated Irish guitarist John Doyle.

Internationally respected members of the traditional music community, they are noted for their instrumental skills as well as their diverse repertoire of traditional and contemporary songs.

With an engaging stage presence and understated virtuosity, they present a timeless selection of songs and tunes featuring flute, whistles, bouzouki, guitar and vocal harmonies.

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DATE: MONDAY 4 MAY **VENUE:** THE GREAT HALL, BEAULIEU HOUSE

TIME: 6:00PM **TICKETS:** €8 / €5 CONC

BOOKING: WWW.DROGHEDAARTSFESTIVAL.IE **TEL:** 041 9833946
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BOYNE VALLEY TREASURE TOURS

Welcome to Drogheda

Drogheda Arts Festival *Treasure Tours*, now in its second year, offer the festival visitor an expanded experience of the heritage, art, archaeology, culture and nature of the Boyne Valley.

Saturday 2 May | 10.30am | Boyne Valley Garden Trail



Climb aboard the festival bus and venture into the stunning countryside, visiting some of the highlights of the Boyne Valley Garden Trail. Landscape designer and horticulturalist **Jane McCorkell** leads the tour, while house owners take you through their gardens. From **Killineer House and Gardens**, with its 19th century paths, terraces and lawns, lake and summerhouse, to Neoclassical **Rokeby Hall**,

with its 1850's Richard Turner conservatory, the tour continues to **Barmeath Castle**, where the Thomas Wright-designed gardens are home to splendid Monterey pines, mature cedars, azaleas and rhododendrons.

Meet at Highlanes Gallery Reception, Laurence St.

TICKETS: €20 (includes bus, morning coffee/tea at Killineer)

Sunday 3 May | 5.00am | Dawn Chorus Drogheda



Birdsong and music. Composers through time, from **Beethoven** to **Britten**, have been fascinated and inspired by the beauty and mystery of birdsong. Yet the 21st century sound of traffic noise threatens the courtship songs of bird species. Rise early, or just don't go to bed at all, but don't miss the experience of the dawn chorus, at its May-period sonic height, led by Birdwatch Ireland's Co. Louth

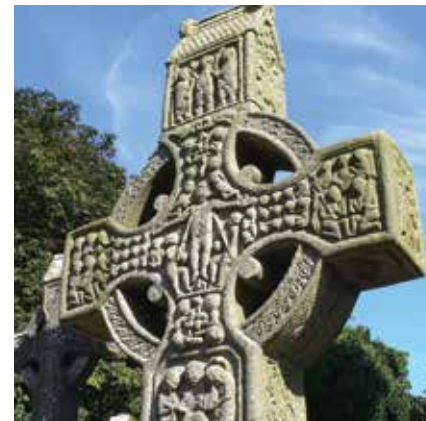
chairman, **Breffni Martin**, in the beautiful Edwardian gardens at **Listoke**.

Meet at Highlanes Gallery, Laurence St.

TICKETS: €10 (€5 for children) (includes bus, day-break coffee/tea at Listoke)



Sunday 3 May | 11.30am | Celtic High Cross Sculpture-Monasterboice



Led by eminent archaeologist and author, **Dr Peter Harbison**, RIA, this tour takes you through the impressive ruins at the early Christian settlement of Mainistir Bhuithe (monastery of Buithe), **Monasterboice**, which date from the 5th century. Visit some of the tallest high crosses in Ireland, including the magnificent **Muredach's Cross** (10th century), which features narrative biblical iconography from the Old and New Testament, and is arguably one of Ireland's most important contributions to the history of early Christian art.

Meet at Highlanes Gallery, Laurence St.

TICKETS: €12 (€6 for children) (includes bus)



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EAT AND SLEEP IN THE BOYNE VALLEY WHERE-TO IN DROGHEDA...

Coming for the day, or thinking about waking up in the heart of the Boyne Valley, here's a taste of what's on offer. Plan your visit and get all the advance information you need using the best sites: www.discoverireland.ie/Places-To-Go/Boyne-Valley | www.loutholidays.com | www.drogheda.ie



In Drogheda and in need further information, just drop into the Tourist Office at The Tholsel, West Street

Festival Opening Hours:

Monday-Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm

T.+353 41-9872843



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FESTIVAL PLUS

Seeing the Unseen

An exhibition of contemporary textile, installation and wall art by Martina Shannon and Bree Price.

Open from Tuesday 28 April through to Monday 4 May at Scotch Hall Shopping Centre

My Streets Drogheda

Walking tours of historic Drogheda led by the clients of Drogheda Homeless Aid. Tours depart from the Westcourt Hotel, West Street on Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 of May at 2.00pm and 4.00pm, and tickets are €5.00.

A social enterprise presented by Drogheda Homeless Aid in partnership with Drogheda Civic Trust, and with the support of State St Financial Services.

To book www.mystreetsdrogheda.com,
or www.facebook.com/droghedacivictrust

Cachimbo

A Second line where the Boyne Delta meets New Orleans finest! Fusing Afro-Latin rhythms with Gulf Coast brass traditions and a heady Jamaican influence, don't miss Drogheda's finest, Cachimbo, for a scintillating musical session that is the ultimate festival feel-good factor. Saturday 2 May, 10.00pm, at D'Vine Bar & Restaurant, Dyer St. Tickets: €5.00 at the door.

Boyne 10k Run

Enjoy a fantastic run starting in the heart of Drogheda and the Boyne Valley on Sunday 3 May. The Boyne 10K will raise money for local athletic clubs and charities. Runners, Joggers and Walkers welcome. Enter online at www.boyne10k.ie. Entry fee €25 after 1st April. (* €1.40 online booking fee) and €30 after online registration has closed at midnight 1 May.


BOYNE 10K 2015

DAY BY DAY

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DROGHEDA ARTS FESTIVAL 2015-DAY BY DAY (ARTFORMS)

SCHEDULE/MAIN FESTIVAL	VA visual art	F film	P/L poetry/lit.	C comedy	A/A art/arch.	G/N gardens/nat.				
FP festival plus	T theatre	TA trad. arts	M music	FA family	N nature	T/C tour/comm.				
EVENT	VENUE	MON 27 APRIL	TUE 28	WED 29	THURS 30	FRI 1 MAY	SAT 2	SUN 3	MON 4	DURATION
What Is and What Might Be/Festival Opening	Highlanes Gallery, Laurence St.	7.30pm VA								1hr 30m
Civic Life	Arc Cinema, Drogheda Town Centre		8.00pm F							1hr 30m
Pilot Light	Meet, Wellington Quay			9.00pm VA						2hr
Ailbhe Ní Bhrian/ NeXus Arts	Former Methodist Church, Laurence St.				7.15pm VA					1hr 30m
The Word	D'Vine Restaurant, Dyer St.				8.00pm P/L					2hr 30m
The End of Desire by Ian Wilson	Droichead Arts Centre Theatre, Stockwell St.					8.30pm M				1hr
Childish Things/ Jaime Nanci & The Blueboys	McHugh's, Cord Road					doors open 9.30pm M				2hr 15m
Bake!	The Barbican, William St.						10 &11.30am T			40m
Boyne Valley Garden Trail	Meet Highlanes Gallery, Laurence St.						10.30am G/N			3hr 30m
Roll Up, Roll Up!	St. Peter's Plaza, West St.						1.30pm-5.00pm FA			3hr30m
My Streets, Drogheda FP	Meet Westcourt Hotel, West St.						2 & 4.00pm T/C			1hr
Kitty in the Lane	Little Duke Theatre, Duke St.						7.00pm T			1hr 35m
Kurtag's Ghosts	St Peter's Church of Ireland						8.00pm M			1hr 20m
Grit Noise and Revolution: An Evening with Wayne Kramer	Droichead Arts Centre Theatre, Stockwell St.						8.30pm M			2hr 15m
Cachimbo FP	D'Vine Restaurant, Dyer St.						10.00pm M			2hr
Dawn Chorus, Drogheda	Meet Highlanes Gallery, Laurence St.							5.00am N		2hr
Celtic High Cross Sculpture, Monasterboice	Meet Highlanes Gallery, Laurence St.W							11.30am A/A		2hr30m
7 Ages of Music: Traditional Day	Millmount Cultural Quarter							1.00-5.00pm TA		4hr
Poems that make Grown Men Cry	Highlanes Gallery, Laurence St.							5.00pm P/L		1hr10m
Chaos, Lords of Strut	Droichead Arts Centre Theatre, Stockwell St.							9.00pm C		1hr
Musik Soldat, Wolfgang Flür	Venue to be confirmed							10.30pm M		2hr 30m
Beaulieu: Sounds Beautiful	Beaulieu House & Garden								1.00-5.00pm FA	4hr
Nuala Kennedy and Eamon O'Leary	Great Hall, Beaulieu House								6.00pm M	1hr
VISUAL ART / EXHIBITIONS										
What Is and What Might Be	Highlanes Gallery, Laurence St.	7.30pm	10.30am-5.00pm	10.30am-5.00pm	10.30am-5.00pm	10.30am-5.00pm	10.30am-5.00pm	12.00-3.00pm	12.00am-5.00pm	u. June
Seeing the Unseen FP	Scotch Hall Shopping Centre		9.30am-7.00pm	9.30am-7.00pm	9.30am-9.00pm	9.30am-9.00pm	9.30am-7.00pm	12.00-6.00pm	12.00-6.00pm	u. 4 May
Pilot Light	Droichead Arts Centre, Gallery, Stockwell St.			9.00pm	10.00am-5.00pm	10.00am-5.00pm	10.00am-5.00pm	12.00pm-5.00pm	12.00pm-5.00pm	u. June
Ailbhe Ní Bhrian / Nexus Arts	Former Methodist Church, Laurence St.				7.15pm	10.00am-7.00pm	11.00am-6.00pm	11.00am-6.00pm	11.00am-6.00pm	u. 4 May

FESTIVAL MAP

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- 2 DROICHEAD ARTS CENTRE
- 3 WELLINGTON QUAY
- 4 D'VINE RESTAURANT
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- 14 BEAULIEU HOUSE & GARDENS



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