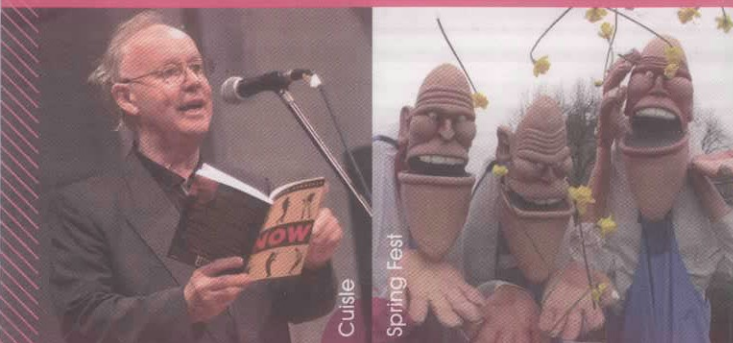


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National Events in Limerick

43rd National Band Championships of Ireland

29th & 30th of March, University Concert Hall
www.iabcb.ie

National Drama Festival Féile Náisiúnta Drámaíochta

1st - 4th May, Belltable Arts Centre
www.drama-gaeilge.com

Drama League of Ireland Summer School

19th - 26th July, University of Limerick
The Drama League of Ireland is the national representative body for amateur drama groups, societies and individuals
www.dli.ie

Culture Night

Friday, September 19th
A **free** late night culture event for all the family. For one night only Limerick City's museums, galleries, churches, historic houses, artists' studios and cultural centres will open their doors late into the night to provide a night of entertainment and discovery.
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Excursions Performance Art Festival

January 24th - 26th

Excursions is an interdisciplinary festival that provides a platform for contemporary performance artists in visual art, dance and sound. It will contain a hybrid of both Irish artists performances along with international invited artists. This year the festival has four aspects which consists of Student Excursions, National Excursions, Film Excursions and International Excursions.

Location: Belltable Arts Centre,
Limerick City Gallery of Art,
Daghdha Space

Email: artsoffice@limerickcity.ie

Website: www.limerickcity.ie

Contact: Belltable Arts Centre 061 319866
Limerick City Gallery of Art 061 310633

Unfringed 2008 February 13th - 23rd

Unfringed is Limerick City's landmark Performance Festival showcasing the best in live performance from local national and international performers. Each year writers, actors, musicians and comedians come to the City and perform in pubs, clubs, and theatres and to the streets to be part of this exciting and emerging festival. This year the Unfringed festival is back with another packed programme of drama, music, comedy and multidisciplinary events.

Location: The Belltable Arts Centre, other city venues

Email: info@belltable.ie

Website: www.belltable.ie

Tickets: Belltable ticketline 061 319 866



Mamuska

Kate O'Brien

Mamuska Limerick

February 15th

Mamuska Nights is an independent organisation dedicated to the creation of socially meaningful arts events and the development of collaborative networks between different entities. This festival is novel in that it is a place to be inspired and socialise. A cash bar is provided for on the night and admission is free.

Location: Daghdha Space, John's Square

Email: mail@mamuskanights.net or ciarda@daghdha.ie

Website: www.mamuskanights.net
mamuskanights.blogspot.com

Contact: Ciarda Tobin 087 9865421

Kate O'Brien Weekend

February 29th - March 2nd

Kate O'Brien was born into a prosperous Limerick family in 1897. The Kate O'Brien Weekend is an annual literary event, organised by readers for readers to celebrate the memory of Kate O'Brien who died in 1974. The weekend is intimate in scale and convivial in nature where speakers and audience get to talk freely about literary and other topics of interest to us all. This year the topic up for discussion is **The Transforming Power of Money**. The RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet will perform.

Location: Dominican Biblical Institute, Upper Cecil Street

Email: info@kobweekend.com

Website: www.kobweekend.com

Contact: The Arts Office, Limerick City Council.

Tickets: Belltable 061 319866



Fresh Film Festival

March 3rd - 9th

The Fresh Film Festival is a unique event in the Irish Cinematic Calendar as it caters solely for a youth audience and has at its core Ireland's Young Filmmaker of the Year Award. For one week, films made by young people in Ireland about their lives will be screened. These films are made by children from as young as the age of 7 years up to 18 years, and hail from all around the country. Alongside the screenings, there will be workshops and discussions on the art of film making. You and your teacher can come as a class to be part of this unique event in Limerick.

Location: Belltable Arts Centre

Email: info@freshfilmfestival.net

Website: www.freshfilmfestival.net

Contact: 061 319555

Tickets: 061 319866



Limerick Festival of Church Music

February 29th - 2nd March

Limerick is synonymous with choral music and The Limerick Festival of Church Music was founded in the 1940's to support the wealth of choral activity in the City. This festival takes place in various city centre churches and choirs from all over the country, young and old, are encouraged to come and participate. The 3 days of festivities includes choir competitions and concerts including the National Chamber Choir.

For the 2008 Festival, in addition to Ite O'Donovan (former director of the world famous Palestrina Choir at Dublin's Pro-Cathedral) as adjudicator, Prof. Seoirse Bodley will assume the role of Composer-in-Residence.

Location: Various Churches in Limerick

Email: ballyvelogue@eircom.net

Website: www.churchmusiclimerick.com

Contact: Joe O'Connor 086 3203473

Open / Invited e v+ a 2008

March 7th - May 25th

The 32nd annual e v+ a exhibition, the exhibition of visual+ art, brings to Limerick the international expertise of the internationally prominent contemporary curator, Hou Hanru, who in 2007, curated the Istanbul Biennale and the Chinese Pavilion at the Venice Biennale. In e v+ a 2008, for the audiences of and visiting Limerick, he has selected 23 artists for OPEN e v+ a and 14 artists for INVITED e v+ a. Their origins vary widely from cultures in Asia, Europe and the Americas and their artworks are offered in a wide variety of materials, media, styles and genres to exemplify the very best in contemporary art practice. Hou Hanru's guiding theme for e v+ a 2008 is **Too Early for Vacation** a title that refers to holidays but also to the pressing issues that confront us globally.

Location: Limerick City Gallery of Art, King John's Castle, The Belltable Arts Centre, Limerick City Hall, St. Mary's Cathedral & The Hunt Museum

Email: info@eva.ie

Website: www.eva.ie

Contact: 061 318240 or 087 9477042

Limerick Spring Fest & International Band Competition

March 14th - 17th

Highlights of this festival week include the Limerick International Marching Band Competition, the St. Patrick's Day Parade and post parade festivities at the Pery Square Fair which bring music, dance, markets and street theatre to Georgian Limerick. The vast wealth of diverse and exciting concerts along with events running in various venues around the city provides even more choice to festival goers and activities for all the family. Ultimately the music, comedy, theatre and sport events add to a week long programme of wonderful entertainment for all ages and tastes.

Location: City Centre Locations

Website: www.festivalslimerick.com

Email: festivals@eircom.net

Contact: 061 400200



Riverfest

May 1st - 5th

This festival is designed to showcase and celebrate all that's great about Limerick City - highlighting and reveling in our art, culture, music, sport and food.

Location: City Centre Locations
Website: www.festivalslimerick.com
Email: festivals@eircom.net
Contact: 061 400200

Limerick School of Art & Design Fashion Show

May 15th

A showcase of the exceptional talents of LSAD fashion design students - their collections include evening, sports and casual wear and award winning creations.

Location: University Concert Hall www.uch.ie
Ticketline: 061 331549

Bealtaine May

The 2008 theme is 'Now Strike Your Note' and focuses on arts events celebrating the voices and experiences of older people including the National Drawing Day at Limerick Gallery of Art on Saturday 24th May.

Location: Limerick City Gallery of Art & Limerick City Library
Email: artsoffice@limerickcity.ie
Website: www.limerickcity.ie
Contact: Gallery 061 310633
 Library 061 407100



The Hunt Museum Summer Exhibition Programme 2008

June 6th - August 31st

Irish Women Artists - 1940's to the present day
 A comprehensive exhibition celebrates the achievement of women artists in Ireland from the Irish Exhibition Living Art in 1943 to the present day. Featuring established artists and emerging artists.

Location: The Hunt Museum
Website: www.huntmuseum.com
Email: info@huntmuseum.com
Contact: 061 312833

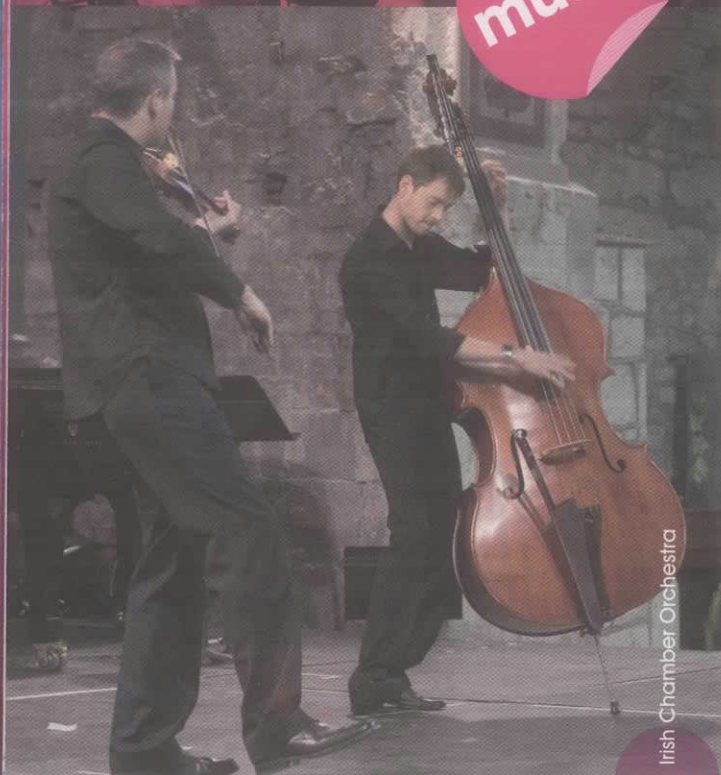
Blas International Summer School of Irish Traditional Music & Dance

June 23rd - July 4th

This internationally accredited summer school is hosted annually by the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance at the University of Limerick. One of the most exciting aspects of the programme is getting to know students from around the world who all share a common interest in traditional Irish music. Practical performance skills in music and dance are given equal footing with the academic study of the tradition. Blas also presents a series of concerts and a céilí that are open to the public during the two weeks of the school. These concerts feature musicians of international renown.

Location: University of Limerick Campus
Website: www.blas.ie
Email: carl.corcoran@ul.ie
Contact: 061 202917

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Irish Chamber Orchestra

MBNA Shannon International Music Festival

July 9th - 13th

This five-day fest of vivid music-making features twelve lunchtime, afternoon, evening and candlelight concerts with celebrated national and international guest artists, from Europe to the United States.

Location: City centre venues
 University Concert Hall & St. Mary's Cathedral
Website: www.irishchamberorchestra.info
Email: ico@ul.ie
Contact: 061 202620

Summer Music on the Shannon

July 21st - August 15th

Established in 1994, Summer Music on the Shannon (SMS) has been committed to a programme designed to provide accessibility to international standards of music instruction and performance excellence. SMS combines the enthusiasm and excitement generated by young performers with the high performance standards of professional musicians from Ireland and other countries.

Location: University of Limerick & city centre locations
Website: www.summermusicontheshannon.com
Email: summermusic@iol.ie
Contact: 065 7087566

Limerick Acoustic Academy & Guitar Festival

August 19th - 25th

Weekday workshops, followed nightly by performance by the artist. Saturday and Sunday workshops from 10am - 6pm. Open mic session each afternoon 2pm - 6pm will take place for aspiring musicians.

Location: Dolan's Pub
Website: www.dolans.ie
Email: jaysschoolofmusic@hotmail.com
Contact: Jason Mitchell 085 7229977

Limerick City Gallery of Art

www.limerickcity.ie/lcga

Spring Season

January - February

Truckscape Drawing from a Mobile Studio

An exciting exhibition by Sligo based artist Nick Miller. January 17th - February 24th

DA 08, Limerick School of Art & Design Drawing Awards January 22nd - February 14th

Continuing the emphasis on drawing LCGA hosts the third annual awards, curated by eminent Dutch artist Arno Kramer. DA 08 simulates the continuing practice of drawing while celebrating the diversity, talent and innovation of LSAD students.

Summer Season

June 13th - September 21st

Works from the Stedelijk

A major exhibition of works from the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam to be selected by curator Mike Fitzpatrick. The Stedelijk possesses a vast collection from late 19th to early 21st century art.

Walter Verling

Simultaneously Limerick City Gallery of Art presents Walter Verling Retrospective. This is the first major retrospective of honoured painter Walter Verling HRHA, who worked in Limerick for many years.

ConTemporary

An investigative platform for contemporary art practices. Emerging artists confront the gallery space by creating both site specific and temporal works. Curated by Susan Holland, Shinnors Scholarship, LCGA.



Walter Verling
Excursions

Autumn Season

October 3rd - November 23rd

Simon Starling, this is the first exhibition of the Turner Prize-winner's work in Ireland. The exhibition will show existing work together with a newly commissioned site specific work, currently in development. Starling process involves the breaking down of specific histories which he re-uses and reconstructs through his evolving transformation of objects.

It's Good to Be Back, a major solo exhibition at LCGA by artist Michael McLoughlin. The exhibition is currently evolving from interaction with the local community, including the artists participation in bingo events; both in Limerick and his own locality in Dublin.

Winter Season

November 27th - January 2009

Presence 08 is a major exhibition of new work by leading Irish artists associated with Limerick, following on from the very successful Presence 07. The selected artists represent a diverse range, demonstrating the extent and diversity of Irish contemporary art. Presence 08 juxtaposes contemporary painting with print, drawing and new media.

Fantastic Times at Limerick City Gallery of Art is inspired by cultural fables of the Vampire, the Púca and the Wolf. This lively exhibition combines early 20th century Irish illustration, including work borrowed from public and private collections by Harry Clarke, Jack B. Yeats and Maud Gonne, with contemporary artists' books, etchings and animations.

Cuisle, Limerick City International Poetry Festival

October 15th - 18th

Limericks' long association with poetry makes Cuisle the perfect opportunity for audiences to extend their experience of poetry during four days of convivial discussion readings, book launches and workshops with leading contemporary poets of our time.

Location: Belltable Arts Centre, White House Pub, Limerick City Library & Daghdha Space

Website: www.limerickcity.ie

Email: artsoffice@limerickcity.ie

Contact: Limerick City Council Arts Office 061 407421

Sionna Festival of Music & Dance

November 10th - 16th

Sionna 08 is the 8th annual festival of traditional music, song and dance featuring performers from Ireland, Europe, and around the world from all cultures. Events range from school workshops to masterclasses, sessions, concerts and ceilis. Sionna is hosted by the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance at the University of Limerick, under the directorship of Dr Mícheál Ó Súilleabhain.

Location: University Concert Hall & city centre venues

Website: www.sionna.com

Email: ellen.byrne@ul.ie

Contact: 061 202917

The White House Poets

Every Wednesday at 9pm

During the year poetry readings take place in the well known White House Pub on O'Connell Street. The event includes an open mic session beginning at 9pm followed by a reading of poetry by an established poet.

Location: The White House Pub

Website: www.limerick.com/whitehousepoets

Email: whitehousepoets@eircom.net

Contact: Barney Sheehan 086 8657494
Dominic Taylor 087 2996409

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Gravity & Grace

December 11th - 14th

The Gravity & Grace Annual International Dance Festival is dedicated to the exploration of embodied presence and poetic movement in the world of dance art. Now in its fifth year, Gravity and Grace presents profound dancing from both Irish and International artists in a pleasantry alternative environment. Revisiting the notion of dance improvisation, this festival provides a rare opportunity to see extraordinary dance without any representative décor.

Everyone is welcome to attend from dance enthusiasts to weary shoppers keen to escape the cold winter days, nights and the hustle and bustle leading up to Christmas.

Location: Daghdha Space, John's Square.

Website: www.daghdha.ie

Email: info@daghdha.ie

Contact: 061 467872