



FINGAL'S INTERNATIONAL
ARTS FESTIVAL
FOR CHILDREN

20 - 25 SEPTEMBER 2004



A six day festival of magical theatre performances, puppetry,
paper art, storytelling, visual art exhibitions and workshops
from national and international award winning companies.



I have watched Draíocht's development with interest since I officially opened the building in May 2001. Over the last four years, 160,000 people have attended performances in Draíocht and another 20,000 people have taken part in their outreach/ education activities.

Their commitment and dedication to the development and provision of art experiences for children and young people placed at the heart of the Arts Centre runs through their outreach/ education programme, their visual arts and theatre programmes. The Mosaic Project given pride of place within the doors of the Arts Centre is testament to that commitment. And so too is this new initiative, Spréacha, this very special cultural event.

For the very first time in Fingal, an arts festival has been designed specifically for children. Spréacha offers the children of Dublin 15 and Fingal the opportunity to view the best of international and national theatre, to participate and to engage in all the arts. Spréacha - meaning 'spark or sparkles' is aptly named and let us hope it will ignite the imagination of all children who visit the Festival over the coming week.

Mary McAleese, President of Ireland
Festival Patron

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Storybox Theatre (England)

Jack

With a handful of beans and a heart full of courage, Jack sets off on a tall tale of high adventure. This production from award winning Storybox Theatre remains faithful to the spirit of the original ancient tale: a story of magic and enchantment, of cruelty and humour, of courage and ingenuity and triumph over gigantic adversity.

"They inspire almost palpable waves of concentration in their audience... and invoke gusts of laughter from rapt watchers. It is a spell that remains unbroken until the final, deserved applause" TIME OUT



Age:

5-7

Venue:

Studio Space, Draíocht

Duration:

50 minutes

Days:

Monday 20 September

Tuesday 21 September

Times:

10.15am & 12.15pm

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Tickets:

b5

UK Arts International *presents* Company of Angels (England)

Hannah & Hanna

Hannah 16. From Margate. Loves pop music. Hates foreigners.
Especially ones in Margate.

Hanna 16. From Kosovo. Loves pop music. Feels alone.
Wants to be accepted.

Hannah and Hanna tells the story of a powerful friendship between two girls.
A friendship capable of over-riding the bigotry that surrounds them... or is it?
When things get even tougher they could have imagined, can what they have
in common outweigh their differences?



Age:

12+

Venue:

Main Space, Draíocht

Duration:

1hr 45m (incl. interval)

Days:

Monday 20 September

Tuesday 21 September

Times:

11am & 7.30pm

11am

Tickets:

b5

The Happy Prince

This fascinating and beautiful production combines paper art and storytelling in an adaptation of Oscar Wilde's fairy tale. The story of a friendship between a swallow and a statue prince covered in precious jewels – a story of love. Fondazione Aida's Happy Prince is as sweet, lively, ironic and as moving as the original fairytale. A truly beautiful production.

**Age:**

6-10

Venue:

Main Space, Draíocht

Duration:

60 minutes

Days:

Wednesday 22 September

Thursday 23 September

Times:

10am & 12 noon

10am & 12 noon

Tickets:

b5



What Can I Do?

Colours here and colours there... all mixed up.
What can they do to be happy? Maybe you can help.

Pignut are a Galway based company that create original work using physical theatre, clowning and puppetry for children.



Age:	Venue:	Duration:
2-4	Studio Space, Draíocht	35 minutes
Days:	Times:	Tickets:
Wednesday 22 September	10.15am, 11.30pm & 2pm	€3.50
Saturday 25 September	12 noon & 1.30pm	



Theatre En Gros Et En Detail (Switzerland)

Portofino - Ballade

Timing is crucial. Mr Cuckoo pops out of the clock on the hour every hour, year in, year out. That's his job. His son hangs out in the back room, dreaming of a different life. He doesn't want to take over his father's job, he wants to have adventures.

Actor, musician and puppeteer, Peter Rinderknecht, plays an amazing double bass which becomes the stage and set for this story of love and conflict between a father and son. A story of family and freedom and what they really mean.

"A theatre experience which shines with the lively, loving, creative heart of a superb master" EDINBURGH GUIDE



Age:

8-11

Venue:

Studio Space, Draíocht

Duration:

60 minutes

Days:

Thursday 23 September

Friday 24 September

Times:

10.15am & 12.15pm

10.15am, 12.15pm & 7.30pm

Tickets:

b5

ConTempo String Quartet (*Romania*)

Classy Strings

ConTempo String Quartet is a new way to discover music, a string quartet that offers an interactive performance for children.

Armed with talent, enthusiasm and charm this young quartet reaches out to children and introduces them to the joy of live classical music as well as other genres in a fun and enjoyable way.

**Age:**

7+

Venue:

Main Space, Draíocht

Duration:

60 minutes

Day:

Friday 24 September

Time:

11am

Tickets:

b5

NAME OF GROUP	AGE	SHOW	VENUE
Professor Popcorn	All	The Incredible Professor Popcorn	Library
Lambert Theatre	All	Pied Piper of Hamlyn	Library
Storybox Theatre Company	5-7	Jack	Studio Space, Draíocht
Company of Angels	12+	Hannah and Hanna	Main Space, Draíocht
Visual Arts	5+	Facilitated Tours	Gallery Spaces
Teresa O'Neill	8-12	Fun Under the Sea	Library
Pignut Productions	2-4	What Can I Do?	Studio Space, Draíocht
	4-7	Catkins Broom	Schools
Fondazione AIDA	6-10	The Happy Prince	Main Space, Draíocht
Lynda Beasley	up to 7	Incy Wincy Spider	Library
Theater En Gros Et En Detail	8-11	Portofino Ballade	Studio Space, Draíocht
Rueben	All	Laugh Yourself Silly	Library
Contempo String Quartet	7+	Classical Music	Main Space, Draíocht
Lynda Beasley	up to 7	Humpty Dumpty	Library
Toby Kinsella	5-7 All	Musical Stories	Main Gallery, Draíocht
	Special Needs	Schools	
Dance Theatre of Ireland	7-10	Dance Workshop	Library
Billy Bubbles	All	Magic Show	Library
Julie Rose McCormick	All	Beauty & The Beast	Library

SAT 18	MON 20	TUE 21	WED 22	THU 23	FRI 24	SAT 25
1pm						
3pm						
	10.15am 12.15pm	10.15am 12.15pm				 
	11am 7.30pm	11am				
	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
	3.30pm	3.30pm				
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						11am
						1pm
						3pm

Toby Kinsella *(Ireland)*

Musical Stories

Musical Stories is an exciting interactive show exploring stories and music from around the world. Toby delights children by playing instruments, telling stories, singing songs, juggling and getting them actively involved in this whirlwind tour around the globe.

**Age:**

5-7 / Family

Venue:

Main Gallery, Draíocht

Duration:

60 minutes

Days:

Saturday 25 September

Times:

12.15pm & 2.30pm

Tickets:

b4



Catkins Broom

Pignut Productions are available to travel to schools (within a certain radius of Draiocht) with their show Catkins Broom. This delightful show tells the story of a boy called Pooky, his mean aunt and uncle, his only friend scruffy the dog.....and a Wizard's broom. Discover how Pooky and Scuffy with a little bit of help from a Wizard outdo his aunt and uncle.

Age:	Venue Requirements:	Duration:
4-7	School Hall	45 minutes
Days:	Maximum No. Children:	
Thursday 23 September	Two Class Groups	
Friday 24 September		



Musical Stories

Toby Kinsella and his interactive storytelling show (see opposite page) is available to travel to Special Needs schools.

Age:	Venue Requirements:	Duration:
5-7	School Hall	45 minutes
Day:	Maximum No. Children:	
Thursday 23 September	25 + Carers	

For details of cost and other requirements for both these shows, please contact Draíocht's box office on (01) 885 2622.

Performances will be limited either to one a day or to two in the same school.



Draíocht's Artist-in-Residence Daniel Shaw-Smith will be available to meet your class group enabling your pupils to view and discuss the work of painter Mark McGreevy, as well as his own sculpture and painting. The 30 minute tour will include comparing and contrasting the two artist's work, talking to Daniel about life as an artist, where he gets his inspiration from and visiting the Draíocht artist's studio.

These sessions are free of charge to classes attending theatre performances but advance booking is essential. Discussion groups will be available before your class visit to the theatre. Book on (01) 885 2622.

Mark McGreevy

Mark McGreevy's exhibition is comprised of large scale semi-abstract paintings, in vivid hues of pink, orange, yellow and blue. They feature references and mini-narratives from popular culture, borrowing from science fiction, simulated computer cities, fantasy toys, real and imaginary architecture, films and journalism.

Daniel Shaw-Smith

Currently Draíocht's Artist-in-Residence, Daniel works as a painter and sculptor. Visit Daniel's Studio and see his 'Gone to the Dogs' sculpture, a piece made up of life size dogs in different poses. His paintings will also be on show through a slide show. These depict very strange goings-on in very ordinary settings and can combine humour, tragedy and horror all at once.

Mark McGreevy, *Bad End of Town (detail)*, 2004, oil on canvas, 188 x 210cm Daniel Shaw-Smith, *Gone to the Dogs (detail)*, 200?, medium?



Pre-Festival Project

Magical Mobiles

Artist **Genevieve Harden** will work with teacher Cliona Morris and her 6th class pupils from Sacred Heart Primary School, Huntstown, Dublin on creating Magical Mobiles to be displayed in Draíocht's foyer throughout the Festival period.

Working in groups of five, the class will explore what imagination means to them. Using a variety of materials including foam, wire and paint, the children will work together over a number of workshops to transform their ideas into large scale mobiles that can't be missed.

Genevieve Harden at work with pupils



Performances & Workshops

Blanchardstown Library have organised a number of events as part of the Spréacha Festival. All events detailed below will be held in the Library and are free of charge. **Contact the junior desk of Blanchardstown Library at (01) 890 5561 to book your place.** Book early to avoid disappointment. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Performances:

**Magic**

Meet the incredible **"Professor Popcorn"** for some magic and fun.

Age: All ages

Duration: 60 minutes

Day: Saturday 18 September

Time: 1pm

Puppet Show

Lambert Theatre presents "Pied Piper of Hamlyn".

Age: All ages

Duration: 90 minutes

Day: Saturday 18 September

Time: 3pm

Comedy

"Laugh Yourself Silly" with **Rueben the Comedian** and his stand-up comedy show for kids.

Age: All ages

Duration: 90 minutes

Day: Saturday 18 September

Time: 3pm

Magic

Meet the amazing **"Billy Bubbles"**.



Age: All ages

Duration: 60 minutes

Day: Saturday 25 September

Time: 1pm

Puppets

Julie-Rose McCormick presents "Beauty and the Beast"

Age: All ages

Duration: 60 minutes

Day: Saturday 25 September

Time: 3pm

Performances & Workshops



Workshops:

Fun under the Sea

with artist **Teresa O'Neill**. Make your own underwater shoebox aquarium using a range of materials.

Age: 8-12

Duration: 90 minutes

Days: Monday 20 September
Tuesday 21 September

Time: 3.30pm

Please bring your own shoebox with you.

Incy Wincy Spider

Arts and crafts and storytime with Children's Librarian **Lynda Beasley**.

Age: 7 and under

Duration: 45 minutes

Day: Wednesday 22 September

Time: 3.30pm

Humpty Dumpty

Arts and crafts and storytime with Children's Librarian **Lynda Beasley**.

Age: 7 and under

Duration: 45 minutes

Day: Friday 24 September

Time: 3.30pm

Dance

Learn to be a cool hip-hop dancer with the **Dance Theatre of Ireland**.

Age: 7-10

Duration: 60 minutes

Day: Saturday 25 September

Time: 11am

How to Book Performances & Workshops

At Draíocht:



<i>Box Office Opening Hours</i>	Monday to Saturday 10am – 6pm
<i>Phone</i>	(01) 885 2622
<i>Email</i>	yvonne@draiocht.ie
<i>In Person</i>	Call in to us at Draíocht. We are located opposite the Blue Entrance of the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre
<i>You can pay by</i>	Cash, Cheque, Laser or Credit Card Gift Vouchers are also available

At Blanchardstown Library:

<i>Opening Hours</i>	Monday – Thursday 10am – 8pm Friday/Saturday 10am – 5pm
<i>Booking</i>	Contact Lynda Beasley, Children's Librarian (01) 890 5561
<i>In Person</i>	The Library is located opposite the Blue Entrance of the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

Special Needs: We kindly ask that where possible any special needs or seating requirements are made known to us at time of booking.

Public Performances: For the safety and enjoyment of all, children under 12 must be accompanied to performances by a guardian.

Age Recommendations: We ask you to respect the age recommendation listed for performances. This will ensure the best possible experience for your child and others attending.

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Spréacha reserves the right to alter any advertised programme if necessary.

Did you know that Draíocht's Buddies get €2 off all Spréacha shows in Draíocht? Join now and get a whole lot more, like...

- A Membership card
- Advance mailing of Draíocht's lovely brochure of events
- Priority booking
- €2 discount on all young peoples workshops and events in Draíocht
- Draíocht pencils
- Come see how its done! Opportunities to go behind the scenes for a show or exhibition
- Copies of production posters and flyers posted to you
- Acknowledgement in the season brochure and on the website

Buddies are under 18 and membership is €30 a year.

We know you share our pride in Draíocht. Since we opened in May 2001 we really have enjoyed phenomenal success. Our centre is now well known for its wonderful facilities, excellent programme, dedicated audience and energetic staff. We want to build on this success. Our ambition is to continue to offer a programme of events that will entertain, excite and challenge you. We want to keep creating our very own Draíocht kind of magic. Your support will make a big difference to us, helping us to guarantee a future full of promise.

BUDDY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes! I'd like to become a BUDDY for €30 ☐ (please tick)

Buddy Name: _____

Buddy Address: _____

Buddy Phone No: _____

Buddy Email: _____

Buddy Date of Birth: _____

My parent or guardian would like to pay:

☐

By cheque. I enclose a cheque made payable to Draíocht Ltd for € _____

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By credit card. Please charge my credit card with € _____

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Visa

☐

Mastercard

Name on Card _____

Card number _____

Expiry date _____

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By standing order (a form will be posted to you)

Please return completed form to:

Darran Heaney, Draíocht Buddys, Draíocht, The Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15.

Join before booking your Spréacha tickets, and you will be entitled to the Buddy Discount on all shows in Draíocht. Phone (01) 809 8024 for details.

Buddy Discount Prices for Spréacha (Buddy + 1 guest per show):

Jack: €3 / Hannah & Hanna: €3 / What Can I Do? €1.50 / The Happy Prince: €3 / Portofino Ballade: €3
Contempo String Quartet: €3 / Toby Kinsella: €2

Children's Shows in December



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Niall de Burca

Travelling Light (*England*) presents

Too Many Cooks



Come into the fairytale castle's kitchen. See those chefs! They should be preparing dinner for the Prince. But why are they using mystery, magic, danger and a little bit of scariness as their ingredients? They are cooking up stories to grip, thrill, warn and intrigue - topped with a dollop of madcap misunderstandings and physical comedy.

Traditional folk tales are given new life in this new show by the internationally-acclaimed children's theatre specialists Travelling Light and the team behind the company's award-winning *Into The West* (Tir na N'Og) production. A fine feast for everyone aged six and over. With live music.

"It takes real skill and guts to produce work for children like this. Travelling Light remain one of the unsung heroes of theatre today" THE GUARDIAN

Christmassy Tales



with Niall de Burca

Niall de Burca returns to Draíocht with seasonal tales for the younger members of our audience. Niall's performances are truly magical experiences as he transports you to places near and far with stories that are funny, wise, serious and interactive... all at once. Not to be missed.



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*Join us again in June 2005 for another fun-filled
week of international theatre, music, dance,
visual arts for schools and families.*

Brochures will be available from March 2005



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