



# Bealtaine Festival

**Sligo** *celebrating creativity in older age*

**1st - 31st May 2011**

Sligo Arts Service and HSE West Programme of Events  
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Intergenerational Dance Performance



# Bealtaine Events Sligo 2011

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## Annual Bealtaine Festival Art Exhibition

**Opening from Tuesday 3rd May**

**Primary Care Unit, Markievicz House, Sligo Town**

This wonderful art exhibition is a collection of artwork created by members of Active Age, Retirement Groups and participants at Day Care centres throughout County Sligo. This Exhibition will run at the Primary Care Unit until March 2012.

## Cos Cos Sean N6s Festival

### Evening Session

**Wednesday 4th May, 6pm - 8pm**

**Rathcormac Hall, Drumcliffe, County Sligo**

The Cos Cos Festival links with Bealtaine Sligo 2011 to celebrate older musicians and their music, with a session of music, dance and song. All are welcome, admission is free.

## Stories, Cures and Remedies

**Sunday 8th May, 2.30pm - 3.30pm**

**The History Cottage, Rathcormac, Drumcliffe, County Sligo**

An afternoon of stories, cures and remedies from Co Sligo and beyond. All are welcome to share a story, join the conversation and read some of the many cures and remedies gathered from older groups in county Sligo. The afternoon will be lead by writer Maura Gilligan.

## Casting the Net

**Hawk's Well Theatre, Sligo Town**

**Opening from Friday 13th May**

'Casting the Net' is an Arts in Health Programme Retrospective Exhibition. This collection will showcase work created over the past number of years from Sligo Arts Service Arts in Health Programme.

## Hearing from the Artist

**Hawk's Well Theatre, Sligo Town**

**Friday 20th May 10.30am - 1pm**

In collaboration with the 'Casting the Net' exhibition is a presentation and discussion day. Professional artists will present creative art projects which have taken place throughout Co Sligo with Active Age & Retirement Groups, Day Care Centres, Nursing Units and Intergenerational Groups.

## Open Craft Day at The Coleman Centre

**Saturday 28th May**

**12noon - 3pm**

**Coleman Heritage Centre and Cottage, Gurteen**

This event will close the Bealtaine Festival Sligo 2011. The day will be a showcase of local crafts with participatory workshops and demonstrations delivered by local artists and crafts people. The centre will host a diverse range of Sligo traditional and contemporary crafts. This event celebrates Ireland's Year of Craft 2011. [www.craftinireland.com](http://www.craftinireland.com)

## Stories, Cures and Remedies

**Saturday 28th May**

**12noon**

**Coleman Heritage Centre, Gurteen**

**Booklet Launch**

Ballymote Nursing Unit, Gurteen Active Age, Skreen Day Care Centre, Enniscrone Health Centre, Keash Active Age, Ballinfull Health Centre, Maugherow Active Age and Avalon Arts in Health Project have worked with local visual artists Vivienne Byrne, Catherine Fanning, Joe Helder, Laura Mahon, Marilyn O Reilly and writer Maura Gilligan to explore the visual imagery and stories based around local cures. The outcome of this collaboration is a small publication that will be available at the Coleman Centre Open Craft Day, 28th May.

## Bealtaine Sligo 2011 Feature

### Storytelling through Dance and Theatre

**Hawk's Well Theatre, Sligo**

**Friday 13th May 7pm - 8pm**

**Saturday 14th May 12.30pm**

The Hawks Well Theatre is delighted to introduce a new Dance Theatre production 'The Way We Met' for Bealtaine Festival 2011 in association with Sligo County Council Arts Service and the Arts Council of Ireland. This Intergenerational Dance Performance is created by award-winning choreographer and dancer Liv O'Donoghue, Artist-in-Residence in the Hawks Well throughout 2011. Liv has worked with a group of all ages and abilities from throughout County Sligo to create a cinematic dance experience created from and by the people of Sligo, which incorporates dance and film, based on the idea of 'story-telling'.

**Friday 13th May 7pm - 8pm**

**The Way We Met**

**Intergenerational Dance Performance**

**Saturday 14th May**

**12.30pm Fruitcake by Alice Barry, presented by Noggin Theatre Company**

**1.15pm Interval & Refreshments**

**1.30pm 'The Way We Met' Intergenerational Dance Performance**

Fruitcake is a funny and poignant play starring Mary McEvoy. It's about a woman with a history, divulging her secrets during a cookery demonstration. The process and ingredients trigger memories and decisions that changed the course of her life. Mary believes that everyone should continue to create: "As an actor and as a person, I don't want to become invisible. I don't expect to retire. Everyone can have a dream, no matter what age they are - because life is continually creative."

Tickets are free to all performances. Booking is required. Contact the Hawk's Well Theatre box office: 071 916 1518 Further Information from [www.sligoarts.ie](http://www.sligoarts.ie) [www.bealtaine.com](http://www.bealtaine.com). Sligo Arts Service 071 911 1826 [arts@sligococo.ie](mailto:arts@sligococo.ie)

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