BEALTAINE FESTIVAL^{1st-31st} May

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Sligo County Council and HSE West Programme of Events

Bealtaine Festival Programme Launch Tuesday 5th May, 3p.m. • Sligo Park Hotel • All Welcome





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EVENTS SLIGO 09

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County Sligo Art Exhibition

Friday 1st May

Primary Care Unit, Markievicz House, Sligo Annual Bealtaine Art Exhibition. This art exhibition is a collection of artwork created by older people throughout Sligo Town and County.

Sligo Bealtaine Festival Programme Launch

Tuesday 5th May, 3p.m., Sligo Park Hotel This launch will commence the programme of events to take place throughout Co. Sligo during the month of May. Singer and musician **Cathy Jordan** will perform a song which was specially commissioned by Sligo Arts Service for Sligo Bealtaine 09. All are welcome to join in a lively afternoon of music, song and conversation.

Story Telling

Saturday 9th May, 3p.m. – 4.30p.m. The History Cottage, Rathcormac An afternoon of Story Telling & Creative Writing with writer Maura Gilligan in association with the Sean-Nós Festival.

Intergenerational Exhibition

Wednesday 13th May, 1.30p.m. Ballymote Nursing Unit An exhibition of art work created by Ballymote Nursing Unit older group and 5th class students of Scoil Mhuire gan Smál.

Intergenerational Artist in Residence Exhibition

Friday 15th May, 1p.m.– 2p.m. The Atrium Gallery, Nazareth House, Sligo An exhibition of artwork work created by St John's National School students and the older residents of Nazareth House Nursing Home. Also on exhibit is the work of Artists in Residence Heidi Wickham & Karen Webster.

From the Feet Up Exhibition

Tuesday 19th May, 3p.m. The Hawk's Well Theatre

Photo & Words is an exhibition from the work of photographer James Fraher and stories *From the Feet Up* by Maura Gilligan. Also on exhibit is 3D work by the St Anne's Arts in Health Project. Exhibition continues until 31st May.

Lunch Time Performance

Wednesday 20th May, 1p.m.

Factory Performance Space, Lower Quay Street The lunch time concert will showcase drama sketches written and performed by Sligo Active Retirement Association. Music performance by singer and musician Cathy Jordan. Admission €3.

Words and Music

Thursday 21st May, 1p.m. Teach Bán Nua Gallery, Drumcliffe

Words and Music is a lunch time performance of readings and song. Readings from Bealtaine residency project *From the Feet Up* with writer Maura Gilligan. Music performance by singer and musician Cathy Jordan.

Lunch Time Concert

Friday 22nd May, 1p.m.

Coleman Heritage Centre, Gurteen

An afternoon performance of Music, Stories and Song Readings from the residency project *From the Feet Up,* music performance by singer and musician Cathy Jordan, viewing of commissioned Bealtaine DVD *From the Feet Up.*

Book Launch

Wednesday 27th May, 7p.m., Sligo Town Library You Lucky Thing by artist Helen O'Leary. You Lucky Thing is a book of photographs of lucky objects, rituals, habits and sayings uniquely local and Irish. Many people in Sligo kindly shared their object, stories and family traditions for this book.

Helen O'Leary was commissioned by Sligo Local Authorities in 2007 to produce an artwork based on the theme of Luck. The commission is part of *Unravelling Developments,* a series of public art commissions by Sligo Local Authorities.

Cinema ^ North < West Mobile Cinema

Gilroy Old Tile Factory, Grange Tuesday 28th April, 8.30p.m. Young @ Heart is a singing ensemble from Massachusetts whose members' ages range from 75 to 93.

Tuesday 5th May, 8.30p.m. *Conversations With My Gardener* (subtitled). Parisian artist returns to his roots and finds himself through an old friend.

Tuesday 19th May, 4p.m. *Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day* based on Winifred Watson's best-selling novel set in 1939 London.

Teach Laighne, Tubbercurry

Thursday 21st May, 8p.m. *Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day.* Further information and bookings contact 086 6049365. All films admission €6.

Artist in Residence Project 'From the Feet Up'

Lead by Writer Maura Gilligan and Photographer James Fraher, Tuesday 5th – Sunday 31st May Artist in Residence project *From the Feet Up* was commissioned by Sligo Arts Service for Sligo Bealtaine 09. Written lines of conversations, verse and story. Photographs of captured time, a moment, a visual conversation. During the month of May these words, stories and images will be circulated in venues, such as doctor's waiting rooms, hair salons, pubs, on trains, betting offices, libraries, care centres, and nursing units. For more information on the Bealtaine pack contact, Sligo Arts Service, Sligo County Council, Development Centre, Cleveragh Road, Sligo 071 911 1826 arts@sligococo.ie.

Arts Trail of Events presented by the following groups

Open Morning

Art Exhibition

Tuesday 5th May, 11.30a.m.-2p.m. MCR Community Centre, Sligo

Enlightening the Mind is an open morning of workshops, conversation and fun. Showcasing participants' work from a six week Intergenerational Project, supported by Sligo Arts Service as part of Bealtaine grants 09. MCR Active Age Group invite you to join in their day. For more details contact Mary Lynch 071 9146512.

Art Exhibition

Thursday 7th May–Tuesday 19th May The Hawk's Well Theatre

An exhibition of paintings and prints by the Rosses Point Art Group. Exhibition opening Thursday 7th 8p.m. All welcome.

Sean-Nós Festival

Friday 8th May – Sunday 10th May Opening Concert in Rathcormac Parish Hall Friday 8th May, 8p.m.

A weekend festival of workshops, ceílí, dance, song and storytelling. For the full programme of events see www.coscos.ie or contact Brenda O'Callaghan 086 1925988.



Friday 8th May, 7p.m.

St Michaels Family Life Centre, Church Hill, Sligo. St Michaels art group are having their end of year show. Everyone is

welcome.

Open Day

Tuesday 12th May, 2p.m. Enniscrone Primary Care Centre

An afternoon of stories, song and dance. For more details contact Patsy 096 36296.

Open Day

Monday 18th May, 1.30p.m., Carrigans Health Centre, Maugherow

An afternoon of stories and conversation surrounded by an exhibition of art work created by the older age group at the centre. For more details contact 071 9163960.

Food & Fun

Monday 18th May, 12 noon–3p.m., Skreen Day Centre A Bealtaine celebratory meal, created from old time recipes of the service users.

All Arts Trail events are supported by Sligo Arts Services.