



Earagail 2005...It's Time!

The Ultimate Preview

Kate Chambré has a look at what's on offer at the Earagail Arts Festival 2005.

This year the seventeenth Earagail Arts Festival takes place from 4th to 17th July, when over 100 colourful events will be staged at thirty-eight venues across North Donegal. Over fourteen days and nights from Malin to Dungloe, thousands of people are expected to travel around the county to check out some of the best shows happening in Ireland this summer. Catering to a wide range of ages, the Festival programme includes a superb combination of music, theatre, comedy, outdoor family and children's events, exhibitions, films, talks and workshops, performed by local and international artists.

The exciting variety of artists who will be taking part come from countries all over the world, including South Africa, Holland, America, Brazil, England, Scotland, France, Russia and Ireland.

Festival Highlights

Oidhrecht (Legacy) is a series of concerts celebrating the life and work of Leo and Baba Brennan whose family have made an extraordinary contribution to the musical heritage of Donegal. This heritage has given us Clannad, Moya Brennan and Enya, among others, who have achieved global recognition as solo musicians and band members. The concerts will feature members of their extended family including **Moya Brennan and band, Clannad and Cór Mhúire Doire Beaga** and special guests **Paddy Cole All Stars**.

Direct from South Africa, The Farber Foundry's **Amajuba: Like Doves We Rise** received critical acclaim and standing ovations when it toured at the prestigious Barbican theatre and Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where it won a top award. This exceptional play about the South African apartheid bears testimony to the extraordinary spirit present in South Africa despite the past devastation. Being the only Irish performances and Irish premiere, early booking is essential for this event.

Each of these space-time paintings seems to me to respond to what Delacroix longed for: "We should make sketch-paintings with the spontaneity and directness of a sketch".

Each elementary painting in the sequence is spontaneous like a sketch, the sequence itself has the richness of a painting.

TIME

Jacques Mandelbrojt Retrospective

Paintings by Jacques Mandelbrojt (1943 – 1970)

Donegal County Museum, Letterkenny

Mon 4 – Fri 12 August Mon – Fri 10 – 4.30

Sat 1 – 4.30 Free

Paintings by Jacques Mandelbrojt (1989 – 2005)

Letterkenny Arts Centre, Central Library

Mon 4 – Fri 19 August Tues – Fri 10.30 – 5,

Saturday 10.30 – 1 Free.

(Open July 4 – 17 every day 10.30 – 5.30)

TIME TALKS

Letterkenny Arts Centre

Sat 9 July 2pm FREE

Prof. Jacques Mandelbrojt will deliver a lecture on the relationship between Art & Science and will be joined by many of main participants in the Time Programme of exhibitions including author Chris O'Callaghan, artists, curators and scientists.

Time Launch

Letterkenny Arts Centre

Tue 5 July 8pm FREE

To celebrate the opening of Jacques Mandelbrojt's exhibition, internationally acclaimed French musician **Jean – Louis Beaumandier** and percussionist **Richard Arapian** will play 5 specially commissioned pieces for Piccolo composed by Mandelbrojt's long-term collaborators **Lucie Prod' homme**, **Marcel Fremiot**, **Robert Coinel** and **Marcel Formosa**.

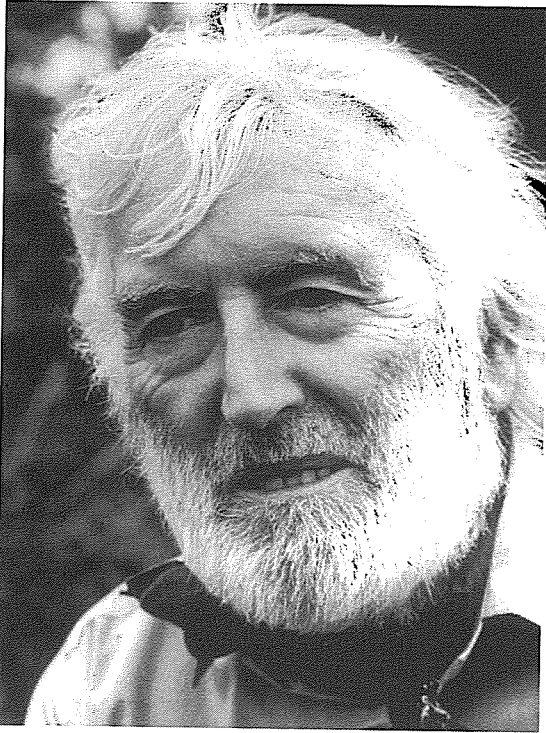


kaleidoscope". The order of the sequence has meaning; it is the order in which the corresponding mental images occurred to my mind. Often for instance, I start with strong and dense paintings and end up with very light works which might have seemed meaningless if they were not the end point of a sequence, or on the contrary, my paintings can get more and more dense until I feel totally immersed by them.

Time being an essential element of my paintings, I was led naturally to work with composers, music being the art of time. I have thus been collaborating for more than fifteen years with composers of MIM (Musique et Informatique de Marseille).

In this time, we have produced numerous music-painting works with either music created by composers from a painting of mine or conversely me painting from their music. We produced in particular a CD-rom 'Peintures Parcourues' (Paintings Perused) made up from 400 of my paintings distributed in seven sequences, one for each of the composers of MIM. This CD turns out to be a natural framework for some of the characters of my painting that I have described above.

In 'Paintings Perused' each elementary painting in a sequence may be considered as complete in itself, however the painting we wish to consider is the sequence in its totality and not one of its elements, (just as a conventional painting is often built by degrees, layer upon layer, as if several pictures were resting one upon another). This sequence, is a space-time painting, which like music creates a flow of sensations all the more, as music gives a beginning and an end to the flow of elementary paintings of the sequence.



If you ask us... 10 must-sees at Earagail 2005

1. Oidhreacht (Legacy)

A fantastic series of concerts celebrating the musical contribution Leo and Baba Brennan have made to Donegal music. Moya Brennan and Band, Clannad, and Cór Mhúire Doire Beaga are just some of the family members who will perform at the concerts. The concerts can be seen in Derrybeg, Letterkenny and Meenaleck (Wed 13, Fri 15 and Sun 17)

2. Time

Internationally acclaimed artists will exhibit their work at an exclusive series of 5 exhibitions exploring Time and its relationship with art and science. The programme is centred on the work of painter and theoretical physicist Jacques Mandelbrojt. To celebrate the opening of Jacques Mandelbrojt's exhibition on Tuesday 5th July, internationally acclaimed French musician Jean - Louis Beaumandier and percussionist Richard Arapian will play 5 specially commissioned pieces for Piccolo composed by Lucie Prod' homme, Marcel Fremiot, Robert Coinel and Marcel Formosa. See exhibition highlights for further details.

3. Amajuba: Like Doves We Rise - The Farber Foundry (S. Africa)

A chance to see an exceptional show about the South African apartheid - based on the real-life experiences of the cast - which has received rave reviews everywhere its played. (The Irish premiere and only Irish performances).

Tues 12 - Sat 16, An Grianán Theatre

4. Kathryn Williams - England

If she's a favourite of Nora Jones and Dido she must be good! This exciting singer-songwriter from England is

considered one of the best of her kind in the music industry at the moment.

Fri 8, Mount Errigal Hotel Letterkenny

5. Jazz Mouse - Allie Cohen / Hoodwink Scotland

Kids will love this! Jazz Mouse, a groovy music maestro will have everyone in stitches. This imaginative show features music, songs and brilliantly expressive puppetry. Can be seen in Dungloe, Dunfanaghy and Ballybofey.

(Tues 12, Wed 13, Thurs 14)

6. What Happened Bridgie Cleary - National Theatre of Ireland

The Abbey Theatre return with a superb play, by one of Ireland's top playwrights Tom Mac Intyre who will be interviewed after the show on Saturday night, by Frank Galligan. Thurs 7 - Sat 9, An Grianán Theatre Letterkenny.

7. ReuBen

One of the hottest properties in Irish Comedy, ReuBen headlined at the Killykenny Cat Laugh's Festival in June where his solo shows completely sold out. Comedy without words is at An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny on Sun 12.

8. Richie Havens

The "Here Comes the Sun," Woodstock legend's concert, is guaranteed to wow audiences in Culdaff on Mon 11.

9. Family Day in Park

A fun-filled day in Letterkenny Town Park. Featuring, one of the smallest theatres in the world and an intriguing tramp from Holland. A sumptuous Traditional market, classic outdoor theatre and a comical musical ensemble from France with the spectacular outdoor production of A Midsummer Night's Dream from England. Sat 16.

10. The Saw Doctors

Great craic! This band have a huge following all over the world and are bound to live up to their legendary reputation! Sun 10, Ramelton Town Hall.

Friends make a great festival even better!

This year the Earagail Arts Festival have officially launched a Friends scheme enabling you to benefit from free tickets, invitations to launches, discounts to events and much more. By being a friend you are helping to make a great Festival even better. The Festival contributes over One million to the local economy and further boosts Donegal's reputation as a cultural heartland.

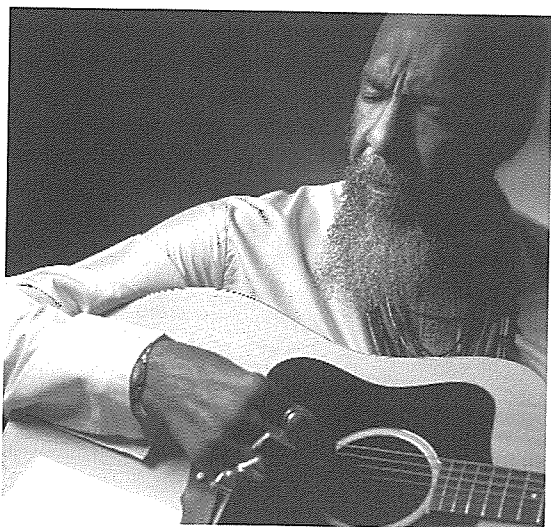
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While exploring the relationship between art and science, **Time**, an unprecedented exhibition series normally reserved for national museums will feature the priceless work of some of the world's most famous artists. These artists include: **Jacques Mandelbrojt**, **Bill Viola**, **John Cage**, **Tacita Dean**, **Richard Long**, **Bridget Riley**, **Sam Francis**, **Hérve Nahon**, **Rachel Lowe** and **Victor Vasarely**. Exhibition venues include Letterkenny Arts Centre, The Glebe Gallery, Donegal County Museum and An Grianán Theatre.

Music Highlights

This year's Festival opens with an original concert featuring the hugely popular **West Ocean String Quartet** and **Paddy Glackin** with **Micheál Ó Domhnaill** at An Grianán Theatre on Monday 4th July. Especially commissioned by the Festival, the concert will include new music for fiddle from French composers **Lucie Prod'homme**, and **Marcel Formosa** as well as **Robert Coineil's** piece for piccolo and percussion played by celebrated French musicians **Jean-Louis Beaumandier** and **Richard Arapian**. These two musicians will also perform at the launch of the Time exhibitions the following day at the Letterkenny Arts Centre. Music features strongly over the first weekend of the Festival when top musicians from all over the world, bring their different musical styles to a variety of venues from Culdaff to Dunlewy.

You can see the immensely talented folk singer **Kathryn Williams**, one of Dido and Nora Jones' favourite singer-songwriters, perform in Letterkenny, or check out Woodstock legend **Richie Havens** in Culdaff, whose voice has inspired millions of people all over the world. Also in Culdaff, you'll have the chance to hear one of Ireland's most famous Uilleann pipers **Liam O'Flynn & The Pipers Call Band**. In Ballybofey, there's the rare opportunity to see singer-songwriter **Pierce Turner** (whose fans include Ireland's soccer manager Brian Kerr and Hollywood actor Brad Pitt) while **Koshka & Caroline Moreau** will deliver an explosive mix of foot-stamping gypsy tunes and exquisitely sung numbers from the classic French repertoire. Brazil's answer to Rodrigo Y Gabrielle, **Tudo Concordia**, will



Kathryn Williams

play the same venue. In Ramelton leading Irish band the **Saw Doctors** are guaranteed to live up to their legendary reputation when they perform their usual rabble-raising gig. And for all you traditional Irish music lovers out there, there will be an excellent session in Dunlewy by the skilful **Lillis Ó Laoire** and **Dominic MacGiolla Bhríde**. **Kevin Doherty** will perform a special gig along with **Gerry 'banjo' O Connor** at the same venue.

Theatre & Performance Highlights

There is a fantastic variety of touring theatre and children's shows in this year's programme, visiting a variety of venues throughout the Festival catchment area. Although **Donal O'Kelly's** brilliant new play **The Cambria** is set in 1845, the story line bears remarkable relevance to the plight of asylum seekers in Ireland today, leaving audiences with real food for thought. The distinguished **Balor Theatre Company** will also be touring the county with Coronation Street scriptwriter **Catherine Hayes'** play **Skirmishes**, which has proved very popular so far. **The Cloughaneely Players** present **High Noon** in Falcarragh while Belfast's **Cello Productions** bring a new **Una Woods** play, **Grace Before Meals** to Gortahork.

This year there are some excellent touring children's shows, including the enchanting fairy tale **Witchin' Well** by Rathmullan-based **Joe Brennan**, which has been especially commissioned by An Grianán Theatre for the Festival. There's the wonderfully imaginative **Show for all Seasons** by **Seán Ó Laoghaire** and **Ailie Cohen's** hilarious one-woman musical puppet show **Jazz Mouse**, featuring a groovy Parisian rodent. The Irish language production **Codladh Céad Bliain**, an adaptation of **Sleeping Beauty** will be a real treat for children in Falcarragh and Downings.

The National Theatre of Ireland's new play by **Tom Mac Intyre**, **What Happened Bridgie Cleary** - a powerful story based on events surrounding the barbaric murder of a women who was burned alive for alleged witchcraft - will be running for three nights at

Richie Havens

Earagail Arts Festival July 4 – 17 2005

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Day	Act	Key	Venue	Time	Price	Page
Mon 4	West Ocean String Quartet with Paddy Glackin & Micheál Ó'Domhnaill	M	An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny	8.00pm	€15/10	6
Tues 5	The Witchin' Well	C	Ramelton Town Hall, Ramelton	3pm & 7pm	€5/16 family tkt	25
	Trad Tráthnóna - Cór Thaobh a'Leithid	M	Ionad Cois Locha, Dunlewey	8.30pm	€6	13
	TIME launch	M	Letterkenny Arts Centre	8.00pm	FREE	13
	Henry Girls & Áine O'Doherty	M	An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny	8.00pm	€15/10/40 family tkt	12
	The Cambria	T	Ionad Teampall Chróine, Dungloe	8.30pm	€12/10	17
Wed 6	The Witchin' Well	C	Church of Ireland Hall, Dunfanaghy	11am & 3pm	€5/16 family tkt	25
	National Youth Orchestra of Ireland	M	An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny	8.00pm	€15/10	9
	The Cambria	T	St. Mary's Hall, Clonmany	8.30pm	€12/10	17
	Tudo Concorda	M	Balor Theatre, Ballybofey	8.30pm	€15	10
Thurs 7	The Witchin' Well	C	Ionad Teampall Chróine, Dungloe	11am & 3pm	€5/16 family tkt	25
	NYOI - Brass Tacks	M	An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny	1.00pm	FREE	9
	Sean O'Laoghaire storytelling & puppets	C	Cardonagh Library	11.00am	FREE	25
	Sean O'Laoghaire storytelling & puppets	C	Buncrana Library	3.00pm	FREE	25
	What Happened Bridgie Cleary	T	An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny	8.00pm	€15	16
	The Cambria	T	Church of Ireland Hall, Dunfanaghy	8.30pm	€12/10	17
Fri 8	Cinemobile - Robots	F	Public Car Park, Dungloe	11.00am	€5/16 family tkt	35
	Cinemobile - The Boy From Mercury	F	Public Car Park, Dungloe	3.00pm	€5/16 family tkt	35
	Cinemobile - Film Shorts	F	Public Car Park, Dungloe	8.30pm	€8	35
	Sean O'Laoghaire storytelling & puppets	C	Central Library, Letterkenny	11.00am	FREE	25
	Sean O'Laoghaire storytelling & puppets	C	The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy	3.30pm	FREE	25
	What Happened Bridgie Cleary	T	An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny	8.00pm	€20/15	16
	Dixieland	T	Teach Maggie Dan's, Gortahork	9.00pm	€12/10	18
	Kathryn Williams	M	Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny	8.30pm	€18/15	7
Sat 9	Cinemobile - Robots	F	Molloy's Supermarket Car Pk, Derrybeg	11.00am	€5/16 family tkt	35
	Cinemobile - The Boy From Mercury	F	Molloy's Supermarket Car Pk, Derrybeg	3.00pm	€5/16 family tkt	35
	Cinemobile - Film Shorts	F	Molloy's Supermarket Car Pk, Derrybeg	8.30pm	€8	35
	Sean O'Laoghaire storytelling & puppets	C	An tSeán Bheairic, Falcarragh	11:00am	FREE	25
	Sean O'Laoghaire storytelling & puppets	C	Ionad Cois Locha, Dunlewey	3.00pm	FREE	25
	TIME Seminar	W	Letterkenny Arts Centre	2.00pm	FREE	40
	What Happened Bridgie Cleary	T	An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny	8.00pm	€20/15	16
	Post event talk with playwright Tom McIntyre	W	An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny	10.00pm	FREE	16
	Dixieland	T	Teach Maggie Dan's, Gortahork	9.00pm	€12/10	18
	Pierce Turner	M	Balor Theatre, Ballybofey	8.30pm	€15	10



Letterkenny's An Grianán Theatre. Among those also performing at An Grianán Theatre are one of Ireland's most sought after comedians **ReuBen**, who headlined at the prestigious Kilkenny Cat Laughs Festival and one of the countries most treasured possessions, the **National Youth Orchestra of Ireland**, accompanied by the rising international star **Catherine Leonard**. Local 'You're A Star' favourites **The Henry Girls** and **Aine O'Doherty**, shall also be performing at An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny.

Outdoor, Children & Family Highlights

As always, Festival time has many fun-filled events geared towards family audiences. Be on the lookout - from Friday 8th to Wednesday 13th July - for a bright orange and partly green **Cinemobile**, which will be zooming around six coastal locations. From Dungloe to Malin through Gweedore, Falcarragh, Downings and Rathmullan it will show a superb programme of children's films and a series of predominantly Irish film shorts, suitable for all the family.

Over the second weekend of the Festival, kids will be very excited, if not a little curious, when they meet **Dirk**, a hilarious world-travelling tramp, and will delight in **The Grand Mini Theatre of Compagnie de Draak**, **La Fanfare Jo Bithume** and **Les Filfilles Font du Firk**. These lively outdoor touring shows from Holland



and France which combine comedy, music, puppetry, circus acts and clowning can be seen in Letterkenny Town Park and Falcarragh (during carnival day).

Tummies will start rumbling when up to twenty-three traders from the **French Traditional Market** set up shop in Letterkenny Town Park on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th July, selling countless mouth-watering delicacies from their country as well as a great selection of arts and crafts. Hopefully tummies won't be rumbling when England's **Chapterhouse Theatre Company** present their spectacular Elizabethan outdoor production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream** in the Town Park on Saturday evening, as friends and families are invited to picnic while watching the performance. In a world full of Play Stations, televisions, and other indoor distractions, it's a refreshing change to see whole communities get involved in projects like **Loinnir** and **An Paráid Mór**. These hugely successful Falcarragh-based community projects, also take place over the last weekend of the Festival with **An Cosán Glas** beautifully illuminated sculpture trail on Magheroarty Beach while **Cosa Meata Carnival Group** will participate in the Falcarragh Parade.



Talks & Workshops Highlights

The Festival presents a unique opportunity to hear Irish Playwright **Tom Mac Intyre** and South African Director **Yael Farber** talk about their life and work in two separate late evening talks. On top of this Yael Farber will lead an afternoon workshop for actors and performers. There are also a series of creative workshops for children and teenagers.

A free Festival brochure can be obtained from the Festival office on 074 91 68800 or can be downloaded at www.eaf.ie. The brochures can also be picked up at arts venues, libraries, hotels and tourism outlets across the county. Festival Ticket hotline: 074 91 20777.