

Who's the perfect host?

Harry Crosbie's guest list brings together some unlikely pairings

By **Kate Chambré**

WHAT sort of person could bring together the likes of Colin Farrell, Louis le Brocquy and Michael McDowell for a Christmas Party?

It wasn't an International superstar but flamboyant property developer Harry Crosbie.

The 59-year-old brought the leading lights from the world of film, showbiz, art, fashion and politics together for his Christmas bash held at Dublin's Hanover Quay.

Who could blame him? After all, the successful businessman had every reason to be throwing the mother of all parties having recently been granted permission — after an eight year wait — to build The Point Village, an €800million 'cultural paradise' in Dublin.

Covering 12 acres, The Point Village is expected to create 2,000 jobs, and will include a 23,000sq metre shopping centre, 13,000sq metres of offices, a four-star hotel and a 12-screen cinema.

Celebrating a 'cultural paradise'

The guest list included director Neil Jordan, actor Brendan Gleeson, the current host and former hosts of the Late Late Show, Pat Kenny and Gay Byrne, actress Allison Doody and clothes designer John Rocha. And, to add a bit of Hollywood glamour to the mix, Colin Farrell turned up with his sister Claudine.

But just in case the actor's antics got out of hand, Justice Minister Michael McDowell was available to keep an eye on him.

A majority of the guests turned up with their respective partners except for film director John Boorman, 73.

On Sunday, the Mail on Sunday reported that the world-renowned director and his wife Isabella — who is more than 30 years his junior — have gone their separate ways.

South American-born Isabella, who is Boorman's second wife and his former secretary, is believed to be now living with a neighbour who is also separated from his wife.



Hat's more like it: Colin Farrell nips out for a cigarette



Party animal: Politician Michael McDowell and wife Niamh Brennan

POINT PARTY BRINGS OUT THE GREAT AND GOOD ON DUBLIN'S HANOVER QUAY



Leading lights: Gerry Ryan, John Rocha and his wife Odette, Louis le Brocquy, Neil Jordan and Brenda Rawn and Brendan Gleeson all stepped out to paint the town red