

# ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL 2009

12<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009



## MUSIC SONAS: KILA & SPECIAL GUESTS

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
VICAR STREET

VICAR STREET, DUBLIN  
TICKETS: €25  
WWW.TICKETMASTER.IE  
TIME: 8PM

With roots in traditional Irish, Kila features a strong percussive like singing and gorgeous melodies driven by a serious rhythmical undercurrent. Kila have created their own distinctive style of world music, which has won over audiences around the world through their eight recordings to date and their spectacular live performances. They will be joined on the night by other acts as part of Sonas.



## FAMILY THE SPHERES @ DOCKLANDS

FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> -  
SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
FREE TICKETED EVENT  
(VISIT [WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE](http://WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE) OR  
[WWW.DUBLINDOCKLANDS.IE](http://WWW.DUBLINDOCKLANDS.IE))

GRAND CANAL SQUARE, DOCKLANDS, D2  
PRESENTED BY ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL & DUBLIN  
DOCKLANDS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN  
ASSOCIATION WITH TODAY FM. TIME: 6.30PM & 8PM

The internationally renowned Strange Fruit from Melbourne, present their distinct performance style fusing theatre, dance and circus. In The Spheres, seven performers perched on giant, illuminated orbs reveal a unique and utterly stunning performance.



## FAMILY DENNY TREASURE HUNT

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
FREE EVENT

DUBLIN CITY CENTRE  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH DENNY & Q102  
REGISTRATION: 10AM-1PM (CITY HALL, DAME STREET)

If you are interested in detective stories, murder mysteries, whodunit thrillers, lost treasure and unsolved puzzles then Denny Treasure Hunt is for you.

We are urging super sleuths to go on a trail of discovery, as part of St. Patrick's Festival unearthing clues which will lead them to some fascinating facts about the city and it's all for free!



## FILM DARBY O GILL & THE LITTLE PEOPLE

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
IRISH FILM INSTITUTE

TICKETS FROM €7  
SPECIAL ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL FAMILY TICKET,  
2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN, 1 ADULT + 3 CHILDREN €20  
WWW.IFLIE, TEL: 01 679 3477 TIME: 5PM

The Irish Film Archive is proud to present Disney's Darby O Gill and the Little People. Film director Jim Sheridan will introduce this boisterous romp, set in the kingdom of the leprechauns, and explain why it remains one of his all time favourite "Irish" films.



## SPECTACLE THE NATIONAL LOTTERY SKYFEST @WATERFORD CITY

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
FREE EVENT

WATERFORD CITY QUAYS  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NATIONAL LOTTERY & 2FM  
TIME: 6.30PM-8.30PM

A breathtaking fireworks display is unleashed over and above the River Suir. Thousands gather on the quays to view this awesome pyro-musical show where dazzling colours and explosive effects are choreographed to an amazing soundtrack curated by Kila.

The evening will kick off with a performance from Kila who are renowned for their inspiring energetic performance.



## FAMILY DENNY BIG DAY OUT

SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
FREE EVENT

MERRION SQUARE, DUBLIN 2  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH DENNY & FM104  
TIME: 12 NOON - 6PM

With more than 10 zones to suit everyone from tots to teens, expect Merrion Square to be a hub of activity. Featuring acts from Ireland and around the world, you can expect amazing performances, fun workshops, quirky installations, gorgeous puppetry, storytelling, circus, and lots and lots of games.

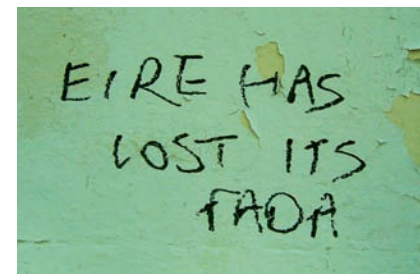


## CULTURE & CRAIG VOICES: OLD NATION NEW DREAMS

MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
FREE EVENT

LIBERTY HALL, DUBLIN 1  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DUBLINER MAGAZINE  
TIME: 6.30PM

An entertaining examination of what it means to be Irish today and the people, ideas and traditions that we should celebrate each St Patrick's Day. How do our opinions on Irish identity match up with the reality of modern Ireland? A limited amount of free tickets will be available by registering on The Dubliner magazine's website at [www.thedubliner.ie](http://www.thedubliner.ie)



## FAMILY ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL PARADE

TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
FREE EVENT

CITY CENTRE  
STARTING AT PARNELL SQ. NORTH  
TIME: 12 NOON

Striking a note of positivity amongst all the 'doom and gloom' the 2009 parade themed 'Sky is the limit', will prove to be the biggest and best in the world. For over two hours you will be entertained by a breathtaking display of creative talent as the Parade weaves through the city centre. Irish street theatre companies, ceremonial groups and international marching bands will create an exciting Irish carnival atmosphere. Grandstand seats available online, tickets €60.



## COMEDY BEST OF THE FEST

THURSDAY 12TH,  
FRIDAY 13TH, SATURDAY 14TH  
AND MONDAY 16TH MARCH  
TICKETS VARIED

THE LAUGHTER LOUNGE, EDEN QUAY, DUBLIN 1.  
TICKETS: €25, STUDENTS HALF PRICE THURSDAY  
CONTACT BOX OFFICE 1800 COMEDY (266339),  
(OVERSEAS +353 1 878 3003)  
BOXOFFICE@LAUGHTER LOUNGE.COM  
GROUPS@LAUGHTER LOUNGE.COM  
TIME: DOORS 7PM, SHOW 8.30PM

The Laughter Lounge asked its customers to vote for their favourite comedian in 2008. With over 2,000 votes from Irish comedy fans we have compiled the definitive list of the top 5 up and coming comedians working in Ireland today. These 5 comics will appear together for 3 nights only

Bring your camera this year... We want to see your photos! Don't forget to upload your St Patricks Festival photos:- Just visit <http://pix.ie/go/stpatricksfestival> for details.

In association with:



For more event details, maps and ticket information see [www.stpatricksfestival.ie](http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie)

Get your Official Festival Programme with the Irish Independent on Monday 9th March.

## MUSIC SEÁN KEANE & THE IRISH SCATTERING

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH  
NATIONAL CONCERT HALL

IN ASSOCIATION WITH RAIDIÓ NA LIFE  
TICKETS: €18-€35  
WWW.NCH.IE, TEL: 01 417 0000  
TIME: 8PM

Join Seán Keane with a selection of Ireland's best traditional musicians and dancers on a musical journey through time. Sometimes sad, but mostly happy and optimistic, the songs, dances and music take you on a whirlwind ride through Ireland's past. With a standing ovation at each performance to date, join us in this feast of song, music, dance and readings.



## FAMILY FESTIVAL FUNFAIR

FRIDAY 13TH-  
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH  
TICKETS VARIED

MERRION SQUARE, DUBLIN 2  
TIME: FRIDAY 13TH 6PM-11PM  
SATURDAY 14TH - MONDAY 16TH 11AM-11PM  
TUESDAY 17TH 11AM-9PM

Step right up for Chills, Thrills and Near-Spills! This spine-tlingling Festival Funfair is a top-notch carnival fairground with gripping high-flying attractions as well as the much-tamer kiddie rides. More comfortable close to Earth? Try your hand at games of skill and chance – but don't miss the breath-taking views of our Fair City from the 150-foot high Jubilee Wheel.



## CULTÚR & CRAIC GAELSPRAOI

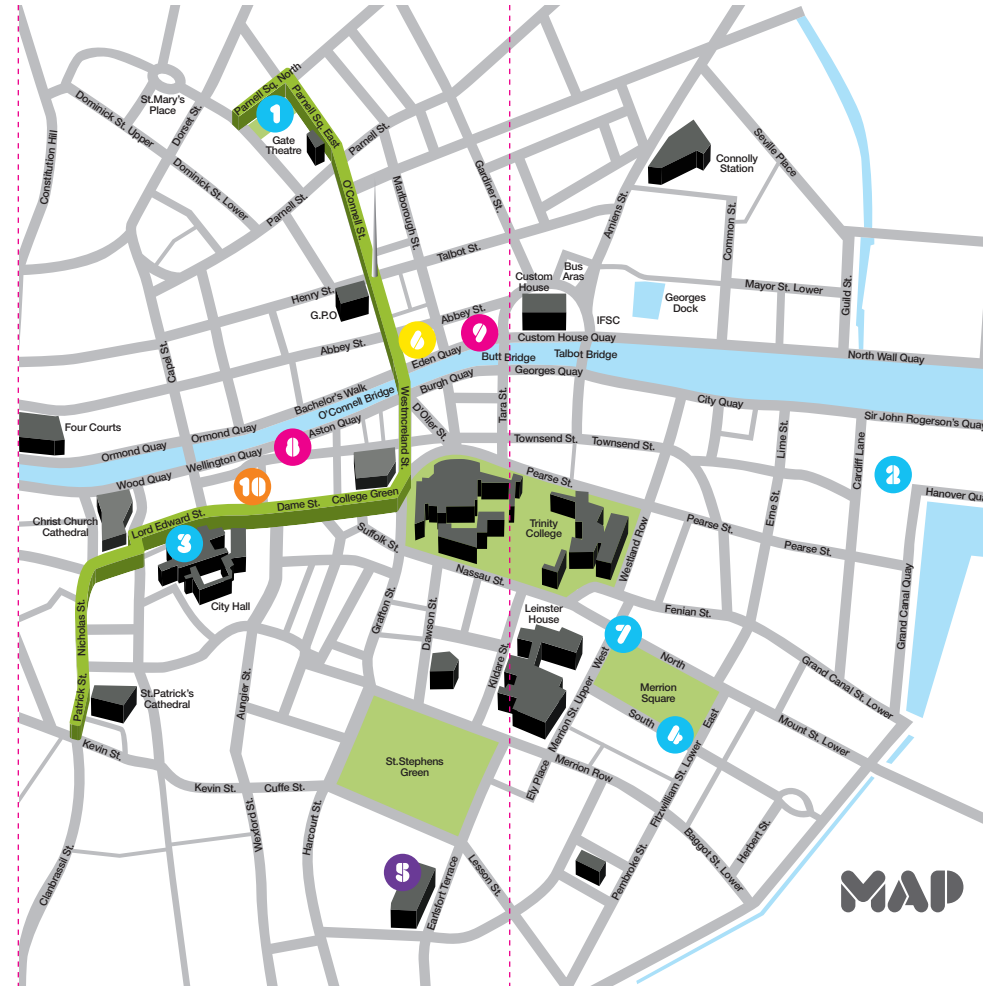
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ADMISSION: VARIED

CITY CENTRE LOCATIONS  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH FORAS NA GAELIGE & SPIN 103.8  
FULL PROGRAMME DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE:  
WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE

GaelSpraoi is an exciting series of events available throughout the Festival promoting the use of the Irish language amongst visitors and residents in fun and novel settings.

CEOL, Club SULT, Cabaret CRAICeáilte, films, workshops, circus, CITY tours, GAE LZONE. All levels of language competency welcome!

Bain triall as – bain SPRAOI as!



## KEY EVENT LOCATIONS

1. Festival Parade Route (start point)
2. The Spheres @ Docklands  
Grand Canal Square, Dublin 2
3. Denny Treasure Hunt – Registration City Hall
4. Denny Big Day Out – Merrion Square
5. Seán Keane The Irish Scattering at  
The National Concert Hall
6. Best of the Fest @ The Laughter Lounge
7. Festival Funfair
8. GaelSpraoi
9. Voices: Old Nation New Dreams  
Liberty Hall, Dublin 2
10. Film @ The Festival - Irish Film Institute

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