

**ST
PATRICK'S
FESTIVAL
2009**

**12TH - 17TH
MARCH 2009**



**St. Patrick's
festival**

www.stpatricksfestival.ie

**FULL PROGRAMME OF
EVENTS
ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL
2009**

Music

Thursday 12th March

SONAS: Kíla & Special Guests

Venue: Vicar Street, Dublin

Time: 8.00pm

Admission: From €25.00

Tickets www.ticketmaster.ie

With roots in traditional Irish, Kíla features a strong percussive-like singing and gorgeous melodies driven by a serious rhythmical undercurrent. Kíla 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

Friday 13th & Saturday 14th March

The Spheres @ Docklands

Venue: Grand Canal Square, Docklands, D2

Time: 6.30pm & 8.00pm

Free Ticketed Event

Presented by St. Patrick's Festival and Dublin Docklands Development Authority in association with Today FM

Please visit www.stpatricksfestival.ie / www.dublindocklands.ie

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

Family

Saturday 14th March

Denny Treasure Hunt, Dublin City Centre

Venue: Registration at City Hall, Dame Street

Time: Registration 10.00am – 1.00pm

In Association with Denny and Q102

Free

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 the St. Patrick's Festival, unearthing clues which will lead them to some fascinating facts about the city and it's all for free!

You can pre-register on www.stpatricksfestival.ie and beat the queues on the day.

Film

Saturday 14th March

Darby O Gill and the Little People Introduced by Director Jim Sheridan

Venue: Irish Film Institute

Time: 5pm

Tickets: From €7

Special St. Patrick's Festival family ticket: two adults & two children / one adult & three children €20

www.ifi.ie / 01-6793477

The Irish Film Archive is proud to Disney's *Darby O Gill and the Little People*. Film director Jim Sheridan's 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

Saturday 14th March

The National Lottery Skyfest, Waterford City

The Quays, Waterford City

Time: 6.30 – 8.30pm

In Association with The National Lottery and 2FM

Free

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 themselves who are renowned for their uniquely energetic performances.

Family

Sunday 15th March

Denny Big Day Out

Venue: Merrion Square

Time: 12 noon – 6.00pm

In Association with Denny & FM104

Free

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, breakdance, and lots and lots of games.

Culture & Craic

Monday 16th March

Voices: Old Nation New Dreams

Venue: Liberty Hall, Dublin 1

Time: 6.30pm

Hosted by The Dubliner Magazine as Part of St. Patrick's Festival
Free

The St. Patrick's Eve Debate: How Irish is Ireland? On the eve of the celebrations, The Dubliner magazine presents the opportunity to enjoy lively discussion and a good old fashioned row with a panel of prominent and outspoken Irish personalities. 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 for this unique gathering by registering on The Dubliner magazine's website at www.thedubliner.ie

Family

Tuesday 17th March

St. Patrick's Festival Parade, City Centre

Venue: Starting from Parnell Square, Dublin 1

Time: 12 noon

With the 2009 Parade embracing the theme of 'The Sky is the limit', this parade 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 carnival atmosphere. Grandstand seats available online, tickets €60.

Music

Tuesday 17th March

Seàn Keane The Irish Scattering

Venue: National Concert Hall

Admission: From €18-€35

Tickets www.nch.ie Tel: 01 417 0000

Join Seàn Keane with a selection of Ireland's best traditional musicians and dancers on a musical journey through time, in a celebration of the experiences of the Irish abroad. With a standing ovation at each performance to date, join us in this feast of song, music, dance and readings.

Ongoing Through-Out the Festival

Cultur & Craic

GaelSpraoi

Ongoing throughout the Festival

Venue: City centre locations

In Association With: Foras Na Gaeilge

Admission: Varied

Full Programme Information on www.stpatricksfestival.ie

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

CEOL, Club SULT, Cabaret CRAICéailte, films, workshops, circus, CITY tours, GAELZONE. All levels of language competency welcome!

Comedy @ The Festival

Thurs 12th/ Fri 13th / Sat 14th / 2009

Best of the Fest

Venue: The Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay, Dublin 1

Admission: Tickets €25 and half price for students on Thursday (€12.50)

Time: Doors 7pm - Show - 8.30pm

Contact Details Box Office 1800 COMEDY (266339) (Overseas +353 1 878 3003)
boxoffice@laughterlounge.com

groups@laughterlounge.com

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 over the St Patrick's Festival weekend in 'The Best at the Fest' at the Laughter Lounge in Dublin.

Family

Festival Funfair

Friday 13th 6PM-11PM

Saturday 14th – Monday 16th 11AM-11PM

Tuesday 17th 11AM-9PM

Venue: Merrion Square

Tickets Varied

Step right up for Chills, Thrills and Near-Spills! This spine-tingling 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 – but don't miss the breath-taking views of our Fair City from the 150-foot high Jubilee Wheel.

For more information, images and interviews please contact:

Alison Kelly / Catherine Egan

alison@ireland.com / press@stpatricksfestival.com

0861955722 / 0872602428

File Image download and press releases:

http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie/cms/press_releases.html