

## BEALTAINÉ at the LINENHALL ARTS CENTRE, CASTLEBAR

We have a packed full programme of events from film and music, to visual art and theatre marking Bealtaine 2015 at the Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar.

### FREE FILM MATINEE

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May @ 2.30pm  
The Hundred-Foot Journey  
USA 2014 117 minutes



Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal) is a culinary ingénue with the gastronomic equivalent of perfect pitch. When Hassan and his family, led by Papa (Om Puri), move to a quaint village in the South of France with the grand plan of opening an Indian restaurant in the picturesque countryside, they are undeterred by the fact that only 100 feet opposite stands a Michelin starred classical French eatery. However upon encountering the icy proprietress, Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren), the Kadam family realise they may have bitten off more than they can chew. Outraged by the new arrivals, Madame Mallory is determined to have their business shut down. As cultures clash and food flies, an all-out war escalates between the two establishments - until, that is, Hassan's passion and talent for French cuisine begin to enchant Madame Mallory and even she can't deny this young chef could have what it takes to garner even more acclaim for her beloved restaurant. Directed by Lasse Hallström (*Chocolat*) from Richard C. Morais' novel, *The Hundred-Foot Journey* is charming, funny and uplifting cultural feast. Certificate: PG

*"With its picture-postcard setting and mouthwatering Indian and French delicacies, The Hundred-Foot Journey is a film designed to comfort."* - *The Hollywood Reporter*

Adm. FREE

### CHORAL PERFORMANCE

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May @ 8.00pm  
Harmonia

Harmonia was founded in 2008 by the Retired Teachers' Association of Mayo, under the baton of Úna Quinn. From its formation, the choir has grown in membership and experience and now comprises over 50 members. It is a choir for men and women whose aims include achieving a standard of excellence in choral singing along with creating a spirit of enjoyment and camaraderie among choir members. It can be said that the choir's *'raison d'être'* is singing for enjoyment, a sense of community and bringing music to everyone. The choir's repertoire includes a wide variety of musical genres, with classical and sacred songs, some of the great Irish language songs and contemporary songs. The choir has performed at the Mayo International Choral Festival each year, and in Áras Inis Gluaire, Belmullet, as well as taking part in many community and charitable events.

*[Harmonia choir meets weekly in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford from 11.30am-1pm. Initially a retired teachers choir, it now welcome members from all walks of life.]*



Adm: €14 / €12 (concessions) / €10 (special Bealtaine rate for 65+)

## BLUEGRASS/FOLK/OLD-TIME MUSIC

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 8.00pm  
Foghorn Stringband

The Foghorn Stringband is the present day shining gold standard for American string band music, with eight albums, thousands of shows, over a decade of touring under their belts, and an entirely new generation of old-time musicians following their lead. Through all this, they've never let the music grow cold; instead they've been steadily proving that American roots music is a never-ending well of inspiration. The music of The Foghorn Stringband today, as heard on their new album *Devil In The Seat*, revolves around four master musicians: Portland, Oregon-based Caleb Klauder (vocals, mandolin, fiddle) and Reeb Willms (vocals, guitar), and Yukon-based Nadine Landry (vocals, upright bass) and Stephen 'Sammy' Lind (vocals, fiddle, banjo). Each member of the Foghorn Stringband comes not only from a different part of the American roots music spectrum, but leads the pack in their field as well. Onstage, they gather around one microphone, balancing their music on the fly, and playing with an intense, fiery abandon.



*"Many are called, but few are chosen. On their new recording Devil in the Seat, Foghorn Stringband proves once again that they are still the Chosen Ones when it comes to down-home, footstomping, ass-kickin' old time music."* - Stuart Mason, *FiddleFreak*

Adm. €16 / €14 (concessions) / €10 (special Bealtaine rate for 65+)

## BLUES/FOLK MUSIC

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 8.00pm  
Chris Smither

Having distilled his own signature sound of blues and folk for 50 years, Chris Smither is truly an American original. Chris continues to draw deeply from the blues, American folk music, modern poets and philosophers. He is one of America's most significant acoustic performers continually honing his distinctive sound. He has always travelled his own road, eschewing sophisticated studio tricks and staying true to his musical vision. A profound songwriter, a blistering guitarist and *"a one-man band to the bone"*, Chris melds the styles of his two major influences, Lightnin' Hopkins and Mississippi John Hurt, into his own signature guitar sound. Perhaps best known for his song *Love You Like A Man* which was recorded by Bonnie Raitt and jazz great Diana Krall, his music has been covered by numerous artists and featured in soundtrack albums, independent film, television and commercials. Chris' latest release *Still on the Levee* is a career-spanning retrospective double CD that highlights the vast catalogue of this American music master.



*"Deep, sad, wise songs, allied to perfectly crafted arrangements, from a a man who's lived long enough in darkness to address the big, heavy questions with a lightness of touch."* – *Mojo (5 stars)*

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## THEATRE

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May @ 8.00pm  
Abbey Theatre - *Maeve's House*

*It was as if the magazine in my hands had become a mirror.*

After a sell-out run at the Abbey Theatre and an international tour to New York, *Maeve's House* is back on tour as part of the Bealtaine festival. This delightful one man show is written by and stars Eamon Morrissey, one of Ireland's best loved actors. Maeve Brennan was one of our greatest short story writers. Although she lived in New York, many of her finest stories are set in Ranelagh, Dublin where she grew up. By

coincidence Eamon Morrissey was brought up in the same house, and on discovering this, he felt compelled to meet this enigmatic and mysterious woman. This beautiful poignant story, directed by Gerard Stembridge, features extracts from Maeve Brennan's writing and presents a moving portrait of two artists in conversation across generations.

Eamon Morrissey has been one of Ireland's best loved actors for over fifty years. He has been involved in over one hundred productions at the Abbey Theatre and is also a well known face on RTÉ's *Fair City*.



*"Something that comes close to pure magic."* – Sunday Independent

Adm. €18 / €16 (concessions)

## BEALTAINÉ TRAD CONCERT

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May @ 8.00pm  
Caitlín & Ciarán – *fiddle – concertina – dance*

Acclaimed musicians each in their own right, Caitlín Nic Gabhann and Ciarán Ó Maonaigh have joined forces to create one of Traditional music's most impressive acts. The pair's spirited music and dance is rooted in the tradition, brimming with soul and life. Through fiddle, concertina and dance, Caitlín and Ciarán breathe fire into musical pieces, combining their arts with chemistry and energy. Three time All-Ireland champion on concertina, Caitlín is a regular performer at festivals and in concert halls from USA to Asia, as well as an accomplished dancer who has toured as a troupe dancer with *Riverdance*. Fiddle player Ciarán Ó Maonaigh is a former TG4 Young Musician of the Year, is also a member of acclaimed band Fidil. Their music is a joyful unleashing of talents learnt at the hearths of their parents, family and friends. Ciarán's fiddle is complimented by Caitlín's concertina & dance, her footsteps expertly tapping out the rhythms and elevating the duo's musical excellence. A dynamic pair and a great night in prospect.



*"Caitlín Nic Gabhann and Ciarán Ó Maonaigh are two of the finest instrumentalists on the Irish traditional scene. Individually they are stunning but together they bring a freshness and excitement to the music that is uniquely their own."* Robbie O'Connell

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Caitlín and Ciarán will also present an afternoon performance for the residents of Cuan Chaitríona Nursing Home in association with Bealtaine / Age and Opportunity while in Castlebar.

### **VISUAL ART EXHIBITION**

29<sup>th</sup> May - 12<sup>th</sup> June

The Art Room - Bealtaine Visual Arts Exhibition

A group show by participants in *The Art Room* initiative, which facilitates arts workshops for people in care settings. This exhibition represents the art work created by residents from three care centres in Co. Mayo which are part of the "Art Room" arts programme: The Sacred Heart Hospital, Castlebar; Cuan Chaitríona Nursing Home, Castlebar; and St. Attracta's Nursing Home, Charlestown. *The Art Room* is facilitated by artist Tom Meskell who works with people in long stay care, and whose primary objective is to encourage and support the participants in reaching their creative potential, which has a positive effect on the individuals, the centres they live in and on family members. A film showing a workshop in action can be found at [www.tommeskell.com](http://www.tommeskell.com)



Adm. Free

Official opening on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm. All welcome.

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