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I welcome you all to the 2009 Sligo Live Festival. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the town and county we are so lucky to live in.

As a member of the festival board since its inception five years ago I know the amount of enthusiasm and hard work that has gone into making Sligo Live the success it is today. I extend our thanks to all the volunteers and businesses who contributed time, services and financial support to make Sligo Live an important fixture in Ireland's cultural profile.

The Festival is all about highlighting the great quality of life Sligo has to offer. Now more than ever we need to let more people know about the special experience that is Sligo. Have a great weekend.

The Mayor of Sligo, Jim McGarry, Patron of Sligo Live

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Sligo Live's 2009 Charity

Sligo Live is community and volunteer driven and has selected the MS Therapy Centre, Ballytivnan, Sligo, as this year's local community organisation to which to make a donation for each ticket sold. Check out the great work they do at www.mstherapycentre.ie. Collection buckets will be visible at events and throughout the festival weekend. We invite you to give generously to this worthy local cause.

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Earlier this year, Imelda May was the winner of 'Best Female' at the Meteor Ireland Music Awards. Having fallen in love with rockabilly and the blues as a nine year old in Dublin, she has been performing with her band mainly in the U.K. for the past 14 years.

Her appearances on a range of TV and radio shows, including 2 Late Late shows catapulted May to mass popularity in Ireland. She has gone from strength to strength and is enjoying overwhelming success with her debut album *'Love Tattoo'* featuring much loved songs like *'Johnny Got a Boom- Boom'* and *'Big Bad Handsome Man'* which topped the Irish album charts for several weeks earlier this year.

She has shared the stage with everyone from Van Morrison to the Scissor Sisters. Her fresh blend of irresistible Jazz Beats, Blues and Fast-tempo rockabilly has won Imelda May such fans as Jools Holland, Jeff Beck and Michael Parkinson as well as massive public and critical acclaim.

Imelda May promises to stun audiences with her seductive vocals and feisty burlesque live performance.

The Clarence on Friday 23rd October at 8.30pm sharp €25



Jinx Lennon and Miss Paula Flynn

Jinx Lennon, punk poet, MC, musician, performance artist and stark raving madman, belts out his yarns of Irish life in his unmistakable Dundalk accent. He combines elements of magic, rawness and rage into a cascade of electro sound, accompanied by the sweet soulful voice of Miss Paula Flynn. Jinx is a true diamond in the rough. You may be shocked at first by the confrontational delivery, but you'll hear the beating heart of a true poet who skilfully uses music to underscore his cautionary tales. Damien Dempsey described him as 'The best lyricist in Ireland.' He also peppers his songs with large dollops of humour.

With the punk-poetry comes a sound that is immensely musical. Much of the credit for this must go to of Miss Paula Flynn - the girl who sang 'Lets Dance' on the Ballygowan advert. Her honeyed vocals are an inspired contrast to Jinx's raw intensity. Voted number 15 in the Irish Times Ticket list of top Irish acts, this is an act that must be seen live."A brilliant soul singer, a cross between Johnny Cash, Joe Strummer, and Ian Paisley!" Keith Allen MOJO Magazine

"In the last two years I've been to maybe 10 gigs and 4 of them were Jinx Lennon's" Christy Moore

Sligo Live Festival Club at the Clarence on Friday 23rd October at 11.45pm €15. Followed by Today's sounds from festival DJ.

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Martha Wainwright either forgot to read the Singer-songwriters rulebook or she set all its pages aflame. Martha Wainwright's second album 'I Know You're Married, But I've Got Feelings Too!' is both tender and tough, beautiful and brutal, and simmering with invention and confidence. Wainwright's style has been described as a fusion of folk, rock, country, and chanson singing. Her vocal density and versatility sets her apart from her contemporaries. She has an uncommon vocal ability which allows her to casually leap from a simple sensuality to a longing yodel and then back to a

whispering timbre.

Martha has toured her songs internationally many times, sweeping up acclaim and awards with every flight ticket. She's made music with The Who's Pete Townsend, Damon Albarn's African Express, Antony Hegarty and Snow Patrol with whom she scored a top 20 hit. She married producer Brad Albetta, and brother Rufus, mother Kate McGarrigle, father Loudon Wainwright, Linda Thompson, Emmylou Harris and Ed Harcourt sang at their wedding. She has also drawn inspiration from folk legend Leonard Cohen, and covered his songs in the tribute concert, film and album Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man, she performed Bertold Brecht and Kurt Weill's Seven Deadly Sins with the Royal Ballet Company, and sang Pink Floyd's See Emily Play with her mother Kate McGarrigle at a Syd Barrett tribute.



Frankie Gavin

Fiddle maestro, Frankie Gavin will feature as Martha Wainwright's special quest. 11 Gavin is one of the genuine legends of Irish music. From his first TV appearance playing the tin-whistle when he was seven, through All-Ireland Championship victories on both fiddle and flute, sixteen albums with the seminal Dé Dannan, seven solo albums, his adventures in the realms of Jazz, Gospel, and Klezmer, to appearances with such luminaries as Earl Scruggs, Stephane Grapelli, Sir Yehudi Menuhin, and The Rolling Stones.

Part of Frankie Gavin's enduring appeal lies in his astounding technical ability and unceasing quest for innovation – musical pieces more commonly associated with the Beatles and George Frederic Handel are now in Frankie's repertoire. Most pertinent of all is the knack he has for imparting to his audience his own enthusiasm, the sheer joy, the magic of great music-making.

'Electrifying' is an adjective that's too often used to describe certain performances but this is one instance where it's absolutely unavoidable. If you've never been lucky enough to see Frankie Gavin perform live, prepare to be... shocked.

Frankie will be joined in by Eric Cunningham (Percussion, Flutes & Whistles) & Mike Galvin (Guitar)



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The Clarence Hotel, located in the centreof Sligo town dates from the 1800's. Although it retains its original facade, the interior is anything but dated. With the original hotel, four bars, a restaurant and a performance space, The Clarence caters for any event, big or small.

Nestled in the major shopping area of Sligo town, it is a perfect place to stop for a coffee or a quick snack, however it is after hours that The Clarence really comes alive. The club has three tiers for optimum viewing and acoustics. The space is tailored for performance and has housed international talent while still keeping its ear to the ground in its continuing support of local musicians.





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Chris Meehan and his Redneck Friends



Described by Hot Press as "the finest honky tonk band east of the Pecos", Chris Meehan and his Redneck Friends is the perfect festival band embracing many forms of music, including Cajun, Western Swing and a large helping of Rock n'Roll.

The line up reads like Irish music's hall of fame with Chris Meehan on piano/vocal. Bobby Kelly (acoustic guitar/vocal), Francie Lenehan and Brian Harris (electric guitars), Matt Cranitch and Gerry O'Connor (fiddles), Percy Robinson (pedal steel), Eamon Murray (sax and harmonica), Ronnie O'Flynn (bass) and Mick O'Connor (drums). The core group is augmented by Kelan Walsh (baritone sax), backing vocalists, Mary Roche, Ana and Ide Leddy and guest singer, Michele Rayfus.

Reformed after a decade away from the music scene, the band has recently released a new CD entitled 'Dancing in the Kitchen'. It is fitting Chris Meehan and his Redneck Friends play Sligo Live, as they made their debut in Sligo at the Ballisodare Folk Festival in 1982. Back again, older but not much wiser, they are the irresistible big band. We dare you to stay off the dance floor!

Sligo Live Festival Club at the Clarence on Saturday 24th October at 11.45pm €15. Followed by Sligo Live Roots Mixes



The Saw Doctors featured in 2005's first Sligo Live. In the meantime both the band and Festival have gone from strength to strength celebrating life in the west of Ireland. The Saw Doctors hold the record for the biggest selling Irish single with / 15 Useta Love her. The bands first album, 'If This Is Rock & Roll, I Want My Old Job Back' was Number One in Ireland for most of 1991 and contained the hit anthems Hav Wrap and N17.

The Saw Doctors were discovered in the Quays in Galway in 1988 by Mike Scott who asked the band to open for The Waterboys' Fisherman's Blues tour and produced their first single, N17. Powered by the song writing partnership of Leo Moran (quitar) and Davy Carton (Vocals), their songs range from playing football against the old enemy to loving the prettiest girl in town but lacking the courage to tell her. The Saw Doctors have built up a reputation as a great live band.

"From country to punk to pop and rock'n'roll", explains Leo Moran on their success, "we stole all our favourite bits".

"if they could bottle the sort of bonhomie that makes an entire concert hall feel better, The Saw Doctors would have the medicine show to end them all". Paul Sexton, The Times

"the Saw Doctors are one of the world's most appealing roots-rock outfits". Geoffrey Himes, The Washington Post

The Radisson Sunday 25th October at 8.00pm sharp €25



Josh Ritter will play a very special intimate show in the acoustically enchanting Calry Church. Josh will play with a new string band featuring upright bass, mandolin, acoustic guitar and including his friends from Love Cannon. Josh will be reinterpreting some of his older material (*Golden Age of Radio, Hello Starling & The Animal Years*) as well as previewing new material from his forthcoming 6th studio album due early next year.

Ritter, an American from Idaho, has truly found his place in Irish hearts. Recognised as a superb performer and songwriter, Although writing songs since he was 14, it was at 21 that he was spotted playing in Boston by The Frames, who invited him back to Ireland. He had just recorded his first album and it sold particularly well here. He toured extensively in Ireland building up a considerable reputation and following before returning to the States, where he has repeated his Irish success. His five albums have been very well received.

Josh has worked with artists like Ray Lamontagne and Joan Baez and is influenced by the lyrics of Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, and Leonard Cohen, and by Mark Twain. He can pack out large events like the Cork's Marquee and Electric Picnic, but this is the kind of show Ritter loves most in Ireland, where he can see the whites of the audience's eyes.

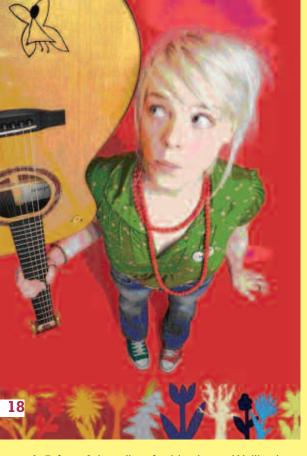
This Sligo Live performance is jointly promoted with The Model's New Spaces for Music programme.

Calry Church, The Mall on Sunday 25th October at 8.30pm sharp Doors 7.30pm €25

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Wallis Bird

An impassioned performer, the 26 year old Irish artist, Wallis Bird, has been compared to Ani di Franco and Janis Joplin. Bird has lived in Germany and the UK for the past three years and has toured with artists as diverse as Billy Bragg, Gabrielle and Rodrigo y Gabriela as well as playing her own headlining shows. Her storming cover of Depeche Mode's 'Just Can't Get Enough' featured on a prime-time British TV ad.

A 5 foot 2 bundle of white heat, Wallis throws herself around the stage with wilful abandon, breaking strings, urging the crowd into a collective sing-a-long and throwing her entire soul into each performance with often breath-taking results, while her band conjures up a lively brew.

There's no holding down the girl who had five fingers on her left hand sheared off in a childhood accident and reattached, but was back playing the guitar within six months. Having impressed everyone with the intensity and passion of her live shows, Wallis has nurtured a following whose admiration borders on the devotional.

Wallis' live shows and 2 album releases have garnered her rave reviews, with 4 Star reviews from *The Guardian, Daily Express and The Sun*, who called her 'a stunning female singer-songwriter to take note of.....a future star'.

Miss this rapidly rising star at your peril!

Sligo Live Festival Club at the Clarence on Sunday 25th October at 11.30pm €15. Followed by festival party mixes

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CCE Sligo Town Branch is again joining with Sligo Live festival to host the Fiddler of Dooney Competition The competition is a part of an exciting weekend of concerts, workshops, sessions and master classes. Matt Cranitch, Cathal Hayden, Liz Kane, Paddy Glacken, Antoin MacGabhann, Brenda McCann, Seamus McGuire, Brid Harper, Manus McGuire, Tara Breen, and Laura Beegan, are all former 'Fiddlers of Dooney'; winners of the Sligo fiddle competition rated by many as second only to the All Ireland.

"The Fiddler of Dooney" was inaugurated in 1965, inspired by the W B Yeats poem of the same name. Over the years the winners read like a who's who of traditional fiddling. Last year's winner was Bronwyn Power, an outstanding young musician from County Clare, and entries are expected from all over the country again this year. Music lovers, competitors and their families are promised a brilliant weekend of music and hospitality in Sligo. The timing is 22 excellent as the bank holiday weekend is the beginning of the school mid-term break.

There are two competitions: for Junior and Senior entries, under 16 and over 16 respectively. The competitions take place in the beautifully atmospheric Factory Performance Space, home to The Blue Raincoats Theatre Company, which has an ideal acoustic for music. Attractive prizes are on offer for both competitions.

Full information and an entry form on www.sligolive.ie or on Sligo Town Branch's website: www.comhaltas.ie/locations/details/sligo_town/.



Junior Fiddler of Dooney The Factory Performance Space 12.00noon Saturday 24th Oct €5 (Children Free) Senior Fiddler of Dooney The Factory Performance Space 2.00pm Sunday 25th Oct €5 (Children Free)



Session Schedule

Earleys 10pm Thursday

Talented Sligo accordion player Josephine Judge is joined by a host of local musicians in one of Sligo's most enjoyable regular weekly sessions.

Fureys 6pm Friday

Connemara native and longtime Gurteen resident, legendary box player P.J. Hernon is joined by Declan Folan, the consummate Sligo style fiddler, backed by Declan Courell on guitar for a lively few 24 tunes and even a song or two.

Earleys 10pm Friday

The weekend's first 'Young Guns' session showcases some of the Mid West region's finest talent. 2006 Fiddler of Dooney and multi instrumentalist. Tara Breen from Ennis, is joined by Limerickman Cillian Dohenv on guitar and banio and Limerick born Clare resident, Cillian King on concertina

Rendezvous 11pm Friday

Friday's last session brings fiddle maestro Maurice Lennon back from Chicago to team up with his brother, Brian, on flute, top Belfast guitarist, Paul McSherry (Tamlin and Deanta) and Matt Cranitch, the master of the Sliabh Luchra style, who won the Fiddler of Dooney competition back in the 70s.

Garavogue 3.30pm Saturday

Sligo's 'Young Guns' are represented by Sproai, who play a fiery uplifting brand of Irish music. They won this year's Gael Linn/TG4 Siamsa national competition for young bands. They are Ted Kelly on banio. Elsa Kelly on Harp and Flute. Niamh Farrell on vocals and flute, Box player, Jos Kelly, Paddy Hazelton on bodhran and percussion, Lillian Harris and Lvdia Warnock on fiddles.

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McHughs 5pm Saturday

Keeping it in the family are the Dohertys from Foxford, three excellent musicians who play as tight as only families can. Box player Tommy joins his brothers Stephen on flute and Kevin on double bass for a lively blast of Mayo music.

Shoot the Crows 7pm Saturday

Rossinver, Co Leitrim, native Maurice Lennon, a Sligo favourite when in Stockton's Wing, is joined by two of the country's brightest rising stars; All-Ireland champion, Sligo's Cian Kearins on Flute and Breda Shannon from Roscommon on concertina. Breda won honours in both under 18 flute and concertina at this year's All Ireland Fleadh.

Foleys 10pm Saturday

Piper. Alan Roberts from Glencar plays this regular Saturday night slot with Seamus Hernon, from the well known South Sligo musical family on flute and Paul McMahon from Belfast on guitar.

Tobergal Lane 10.30pm Saturday

The Festival session club presents New York's Tony DeMarco (see p.31) together with the eminent flute player John Wynne from Roscommon, who has many solo, duet and group albums to his name. Tony and John are backed on guitar by Shane McGowan - the South Sligo Shane, not the Pogue!

The Harp Tavern 1pm Sunday

Father and daughter Colm (flute) and Siobhain O'Donnell (guitar/bodhran) are joined by box player, Sean Carroll to jump start Sunday. Both O'Donnells toured in the superb band. The Border Collies. which shares the same name as their well known Tourlastrane, Co. Sligo pub.

Hargadons 5pm Sunday

This time it is the turn of the Northern 'Young Guns' to show what they can do. Four of Co. Down's best emerging musicians; Stephen Rooney on guitar, Niall Quinn on bodhran; Joe Murray on fiddle and Austin Donnelly on flute and whistle bring a fresh innovative approach to trad.

Fureys 6pm Sunday

Another session we are lucky to enjoy year round is anchored by Seamus Hernon on flute and Rodney Lancashire on banjo and concertina. The lads will be joined by local and visiting musicians for this eniovable teatime session.

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Donaghys Coach Lane 9.30pm Sunday

Hosted by fiddler Verona Ryan, one of the legendary Henry family from Doocastle, this regular Sunday night relaxed session enjoys the superb flute and whistle playing of Maria Keaney, Frank Carter on accordion and Francis Roberts on Banio.

Foleys 10pm Sunday

If it's a hopping session you want, then look no further than this combination. Class Sligo based fiddler, Mossie Martin, from Knockvicar, plays with Clare native Padraig Rynne on Concertina and Gerdy Thompson from Lurgan, a guitarist rapidly becoming one of the most sought after rhythm backers.

Tobergal Lane 10.30pm Sunday

Brid Harper, another former Fiddler of Doonev. joins by fellow fiddler and Temple Bar cultural supremo. Dermot McLaughlin and Conor Byrne on flute as the session club hosts a lively evening of distinctive Donegal flavoured music.

The Belfry 1pm Monday

A last session and perhaps lunch for those who need to hit the road early. The final 'Young Guns' promise to send you home with a smile on your face and a step to your toe. Cormack Murphy plays box, Colm O'Cuiv, Fiddle and Philip Clarke, guitar. all are from Dublin and Meath and are breathtaking musicians who play an exciting and energetic brand of traditional music.

Fiddlers Creek 5pm Monday

The last blast sees festival volunteers, musicians and organisers get together for a session that lifts the lid off this popular Sligo pub. Kilarque, Co Leitrim flute player Dave Sheridan joins remarkable Sligo fiddler Oisin MacDiarmada of Teada fame and Shane McGowan from Knocknashee (hill of the fairys) for some truly magical musical moments.

The Harp Tayern 10pm Monday

For those going from strength to strength, The Harp's regular Monday night session is next on the agenda. Former Shaskeen box player Kevin O'Brien and Harry McGowan from Knocknashee on flute are joined by proprietor, Sean Dwyer on guitar for Sligo Live's 2009 wrap up.

Sligo Sessions Go Live On-line



This year Sligo Live embraces the digital age by broadcasting some of the Festival's top Trad Sessions live on the internet. Similar to a TV show. the on-line broadcasts will zoom in and out of the sessions as they occur, capturing the atmosphere in each venue, with the occasional surprise along the way as guest artists drop into these sessions. The webcasts will be fun and lighthearted and online viewers will be able to interact with the Festival by sending messages directly to the pub. They may even be lucky enough to get the musicians to play their favorite reel or jig or sing their favorite song!

It's great to open out the session beyond the four walls of the pub; so that anyone can be part of a 25 live music session from anywhere in the world as we stream live shows to home computers and direct to mobile phones. It's not always easy for Irish traditional music fans from around the world to get to Ireland but this webcast offers people the next best thing, providing both a Live Stream and a delayed webcast.

Sligo Live is dedicated to marketing and developing traditional Irish music alongside more contemporary music. Sligo Live celebrates the session as the core of Irish music. It is a melting pot for young and old to enjoy the true spirit of Irish music and Irish people and a community where long life friendships have begun and where romance can blossom. It is one of Ireland's richest natural resources.

The Festival nurtures this culture and keeps it fresh in an ever changing Ireland. Traditional music has been at the heart of Sligo Live since our foundation and the Arts Council is supporting the festival again this year through its Traditional Arts funding. The webcasts are an innovative way of developing new audiences for Irish Traditional Music. We hope you enjoy them.

moons ago to play more tunes! Since then, she has

played flute in countless trad sessions up and

down the country. Collette was quest musician on

the Sligo "Mac Tire" album and plays regular sessions with Michael O'Halloran (quitar).



5.30pm Saturday 24th Oct Osta Hyde Bridge Finbar Magee - Folk/Satire

From Armagh, Magee spent his formative years in Rock music with the likes of Gus Isodore (Kiss From The Rose). After devoting time to Medicine he returned to music as a stress antidote. His songs soon became recognised as high calibre; an elixir of Folk/ Country with wit and sensitivity.

7pm Saturday 24th Oct Fiddlers Creek Rockwood Parade Graham Miley - Soul/Pop

Graham Miley is a singer/songwriter whose new songs are getting great reviews from industry professionals. from Dublin and based in Collaney he has written for an Irish movie production and for artists from Ireland and abroad. He has performed in Vicar St, The Olympia and The Quays.



2pm Sunday 25th Oct The Glasshouse Hotel Folk Electric Penguins Electronica

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Electric Penguins critically acclaimed 2006 debut album "Goodbye From The Electric Penguins' Was nominated for a Meteor award and received extensive airplay in Europe and the US. Their second album, just released, is a feast of bittersweet melodies and uplifting folk/electronica with roots in 60s psychedelia and 70s Krautrock.

4pm Sunday 25th Oct Garavogue Garavogue Weir Easy Rider - Rhythm & Blues



Easy Rider play classic rhythm & blues from BB King, Cream & John Mayall. Each member played for years in bands around the world. Guitarist/singer Dave is from New York; on drums, Hans is from Stuttgart: keyboardist. Nick is from London and bass man, Paul is from



Sligo native, Muireann is an innovative and accomplished singer and keyboardist. She possesses a strong pop voice, which can captivate an audience. She has written her own material from a very young age and has performed in the North West and in Dublin, surprising many with her poignant lyrics and melodic original tunes.

1pm Saturday 24th Oct Harp tavern Quay Street Cosmic Banditos - American Country

Cosmic Banditos are a 5 piece North Sligo alternative country band sometimes described as Kentucky cool, with an emphasis on sweet vocal

3pm Saturday 24th Oct **Lyons Cafe Wine Street** Wurlitzer - Retro-Americana Music



This four-piece create the look and sound of the American 1950s and deliver an acoustic old style rock and roll sound, The line-up consists of guitar, double bass and tight vocal harmonies featuring the classics of Jimmy Rogers. Hank Williams, The Platters, Roy

Orbison, Elvis Presley, The Drifters, Buddy Holly and many others.

6pm Saturday 24th Oct City Hotel Quay Street Mr Tea & the Biscuits - Rock Comedy



A 4 piece band based in Sligo. Led by Mr. Tea's ukulele, and augmented by harmonica, guitars, double bass, drums, triangles, eggs, keyboards and whatever else they can afford, with a host of original music along with some well known classics, Mr. Tea and the Biscuits' are sure to entertain.

7.30pm Saturday 24th Oct Silver Apple Lord Edward St. Own A Chord - Barbershop/Accapello



A male voice harmony quartet, Own A Chord's repertoire includes many contemporary acappella arrangements which are fun to sing. They have performed on radio shows, at weddings, corporate events, parties and in numerous pubs around Sligo. The group comprises Liam Cunningham, Micki

Murray, Tommie Bree and John McHugh, directed by Cass Smith.

3pm Sunday 25th Oct Grappa Rockwood Parade Hanneke Laura - Folk

Hanneke a Dutch singer/songwriter is based in Ireland. Her style is best described as a mixture of artists like Jewel, Tori Amos & Joni Mitchell. She has played several festivals in The Netherlands & Ireland in the last few years and in 2007 released her CD Silence of the Winds.

4.30pm Sunday 25th Oct Belfry Thomas Street - Folk/Rock James O'Connor with Audrey Trainor



James O'Connor from Laois, first made Irish charts in 2007 with 'Mr. Moon' from the top 5 album 'Our Space', James and Audrey Trainor, a classically trained violinist & music lecturer from Louth, recorded an album in Memphis' Sun Studio with James Lott, who previously recorded U2 & Robert Plant, to be

1.30pm Thursday 22nd Oct Sligo Park Pearse Road Stan Burns & Mark Murphy - Jazz

Stan on saxophone, is a popular performer on the jazz scene. Since



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resuming his musical studies he has become a hugely successful teacher affiliated to the Guildhall College London. Pianist Mark enjoys plays a wide variety of styles from jazz to classical and like Stan is a member of The Bughouse Band.

12.45pm Friday 23rd Oct Lvons Cafe Wine Street Lisa Hake - Folk/Pop

Hake is an assured performer, with a bequiling voice and a literate turn of phrase." Jackie Hayden, Hot Press. "Hake has come up with a fine album evoking the sounds of Fleetwood Mac and Steely Dan in more or less equal parts - Sarah McQuaid, Evening Herald.

3pm Friday 23rd Oct Cafe Mezzanine Quayside Slim Pickin's - Country/Blues



Guitar/Banio, Luke Mercer: Guitar. Vocals. Anthony Mannion: Guitar, Vocals, Dobro. Lucie Crichlow: Vocals, Fiddle. Well loved Country Blues, Bluegrass, traditional and western swing music. Influenced by Doc Watson, Bob Dylan, Old Crow Medicine Show and The Hunger Mountain Boys.

5.30pm Friday 23rd Oct **Hargadons O'Connell Street** Oddsocks Revival - Blues/Rock



With twin guitar leads and powerful four part vocal harmonies, North Sligo band, Oddsocks Revival show more energy, more blues and more of that dirty funk than almost anybody on the scene.

10pm Thurs 22nd/Fri 23rd Oct Foleys Bar Castle Street Lee Munn - Rock Covers

Lee Munn is a singer, guitarist and bassist from Sligo. He plays interpretations of classic rock hits of the 80s and 90s. Lee is synonymous with the open mic sessions in the Left Bank and Fureys

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12.30pm Thursday 22nd Oct

Creperie Bretonne Teeling Street

Jackk and Jones - Folk/Country Rock

songs from Neil Young to Steve Earle.

5.30pmThursday 22nd Oct

Hugh O'Neill - Rock/Pop

Since winning RTE's talent show 'Class Act', 15

years old Hugh O'Neill has been balancing a life

between school, writing and recording. He

released his debut single 'Wake Up' in March this

vear and is working on an album for early 2010

elease. Hugh has a talent beyond his years.

Wavne O'Connor - Folk

Wayne O Connor has built up a reputation both

with Ozzy Osbourne. His debut album 'Bread vs

Art' is due for release. Don't miss him

7pm Friday 23rd Oct

Koko Latte Quayside

Ray Coen - Americana

Ray Coen's 'Out Of Sight' "a work of understated

songwriting genius" Issuing forth from Yeats

country with all the poetry of the Sligo countryside,

This superb debut album boasts rich harmonies

and an impressive array of musical arrangements.

2pm Friday 23rd Oct

Cafe Victor Riverside

and Johnny Cash.

Tobergal Lane Cafe



4pm Friday 23rd Oct

Harmony Hill Cafe Tabby - Rock Tabby, a legend in his own right achieved international acclaim when Sharon Osbourne mentored him in the X Factor. He has supported Tom Jones, Rod Stewart not to mention recording

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			extreme fun!
12:40-13:10	Mime Artist	20 min	walk-about comedy mime artist, interactive
			humorous character
13:10-13:50	Johnny D'Juggler	30 min	Ireland's top juggler stilt-walker
13:50-14:10	Loopy Loo-Balloons	20 min	Fun ballon Art. Makes animals and toys from balloons
14:10-14:50	Special Surprise act	30 min	A street performance sure to take your breath away
14:50-15:20	Gumboots Puppets	20 min	The 'podge and rodge' of silent puppetry
15:20-16:00	Nemo le magician	30 min	Family friendly close up and magic show
16:00-16:40	Johnny D'Juggler	30 min	Ireland's top juggler stilt-walker
16:40-17.40	Air Fiddle Competition	1 h	The Trad take on Air Guitar and you are the panel!
From 12 noon	Face painting	All day	

Loopy Loo Balloon Modeler

Twist and Smile! Loopy Loo has rubber fingers and magic hands with her colorful balloons. In the blink of an eye she can bring to life a monkey on a banana tree, a teddy bear and even an alien from Mars! Watch out for the big bubble sword battle!

Johnny D'Juggler

Johnny Phelan is Ireland's top comedy juggler and stilt-walker appealing equally to children and adults. His new 'Johnny

D'Juggler' show sees this very funny act juggle on

stilts while keeping up his crowd pleasing bilingual patter in English agus ás Gaeilge.

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Merengue is very energetic and great dance to start with. It is the easiest dance to learn as it is a two-step beat. Merenque has many of the same variations as Salsa.



Marcel SoWhat

Not the classic french mime artist. his alternative take will have you in stitches. From pulling ropes to moonwalk, Marcel will bring you to his silent and funny world. Be careful! He might be following you up the streets!



Look out for this mysterious magician! (the magic will

happen). In the palm of your hand ropes, cards, silk, even tomatoes, anything is magic with Nemo. The magic show is a family favorite and your help will be needed to make a special show. Do you dare to join Nemo on Stage?

Gumboots Puppets

Gumboots puppets have a reputation all over Ireland as one of the most original puppet shows around; Gumboots touch on the SCARIER side of entertainment, with spooky little puppets that will chill your backbone with laughter. Goose bumps and giggles might occur during the show!

World Air Fiddle Championships

The popular finale of Sligo Live Festival's Saturday Family Fun Street programme, where even those who can't play but would like to, but can do a pretty good impression have the 'World Air Fiddle Championships' which has proved such a hit each vear.

Air guitarists have had their moments of glory in the front rows of concert halls, dance floors and full length bedroom

> mirrors across the world. The people in Sligo Live come from a more traditional background and wondered if fans of Frankie Gavin. Martin

Hayes and Kevin Burke ever secretly listened to their ipods with an imaginary bow dancing across an air fiddle under their chin.

Air Fiddling was being overshadowed by the ubiquitous air guitar and Sligo Live felt that traditional air musicians must be given their 15 minutes of fame. Airheads from all over Ireland applauded this initiative. The Championship is judged on the clapometer, driven by audience response so everybody has a chance to be Simon Cowell. Laugh till you fall down at the hilarious antics of the



French Market

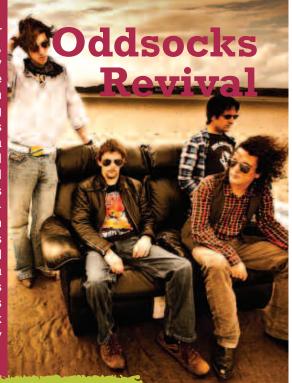
The ever popular and atmospheric French Market is back again by popular demand. This year a bigger and better market will grace Rockwood Parade in the heart of Sligo. There will be speciality foods and crafts with local craft workers in attendance.

Keep your eyes open for surprise acts around Sligo town. Mischief and mayhem will keep you on your toes at every street corner! Each performer will perform 3 to 4 times throughout the day!





With twin guitar leads and powerful four part vocal harmonies, North Sligo band, Oddsocks Revival open The Saw Doctors show with more energy, more blues and more of that dirty funk than almost anybody on the scene. A striking stage presence and blend of music styles has earned them a solid reputation as a band that has developed a powerful connection on stage. They are Michael Conefrey providing the band with its underlying driving-blues bass lines, hardhitting funk drummer Eoghan O' Kelly; on guitar - Anthony Mannion pours out his original style of screaming guitars and funky rhythms and Luke Mercer brings a sweet and sour, bone crunching blues sound through his delectable guitar riffs and smile broadening lyrics. With a mix of original and classic rock material they are a band rapidly going places.



Special guests of The Saw Doctors

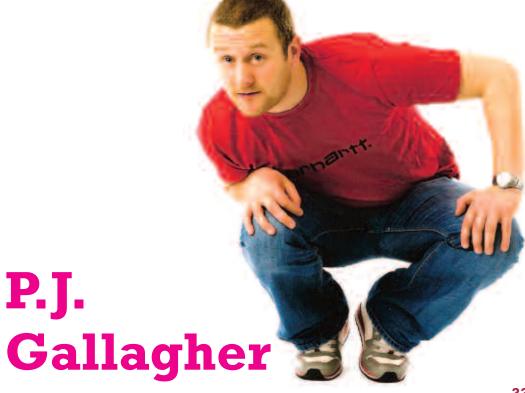
Radisson on Sunday 25th October at 8pm sharp



Oisín is described as having one of the freshest singing voices to emerge out of Ireland, which has earned him a fast growing reputation in both Ireland and Switzerland where he has been living since 2007. This year Oisín was selected from approximately 2,000 artists to perform with Ten-Time Grammy Award Winner, Bobby McFerrin as part of his world tour.

From Kilkenny, Oisin Kavanagh was born into a family with singing on both sides with his father and grandfather being noted singers in their own genre, no surprise then that singing comes naturally to him. He has been compared to James Morrison, Paolo Nutini or Josh Groben.

Judge for yourself when Oisin supports Imelda May in the Clarence on Friday 23rd October at 8.30pm sharp.



PJ Gallagher is one of Ireland's most popular and well-loved comedians, best known as the hilarious and sometimes outrageous Jake Stevens from RTE's Naked Camera and Makin' Jake. For the past few years PJ has been wowing crowds all over Ireland and has just released his first ever live DVD, filmed over 2 nights at a sold out Vicar Street Club in Dublin - "Live! Take After Yourself And Be Smile". (If you want to know what the title means, watch the DVD!) PJ tears through his hilarious live set with his customary manic energy including guest appearances from his good friend Jake Stevens. His numerous TV appearances include The Tubridy Show, Podge and Rodge, The Miriam O'Callaghan show and 1 to remember with Brian Kennedy.

'For a man who ambushes people as they go about their everyday business, makes them uncomfortable and mines their embarrassment for laughs, there is something strangely appropriate about PJ Gallagher's route into comedy.' The Sunday Times Culture Magazine

'Gallagher's encounters with the unsuspecting public are not only hilarious but also crackle with an edgy energy.' The Sunday Times

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Tony DeMarco

Tony DeMarco is recognised as one of America's finest fiddlers. A Brooklyn native, he is among the world's leading exponent's of Sligo style fiddling. Tony has all the characteristics of great Sligo fiddling-swinging rhythmic drive, a wealth of bowed and finger ornamentation, and a high degree of improvised melodic variation.

Immigrant Sligo fiddlers in New York, notably the great Michael Coleman, James Morrison and Paddy Killoran, made hundreds of classic recordings in "the Big Apple" during the 78-rpm era. The influence of these discs back in Ireland made the Sligo style, as played in New York City, the de facto national standard for decades. Following an apprenticeship in American folk fiddling, Tony immersed himself in Sligo fiddling. In addition to listening to the old 78's, he absorbed tunes and techniques from leading Sligo style fiddlers. Paddy Reynolds, a Longford-born New York fiddler and a protégé of the late Sligo fiddle great James "Lad" O'Beirne, was a major influence on Tony's music. He also learned a great deal from the late Martin Wynn, John Vesey and Johnny McGreevy.

In session Saturday 24th October Tobrgal Lane Cafe at 11pm Free

Seamie O'Dowd

Seamie O'Dowd is a musical phenomenon. Equally at home in traditional, Folk, Blues or rock music; as a guitarist, fiddler or singer, Seamie has it all. He moves from one genre to another with grace and style all wrapped up in his unassuming, but engaging stage presence. Seamie will be joined by a special guest or two for this magical performance. Make an effort to start the weekend early, you won't regret it.



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The novel, with illustrations by noted artist, Liam Delaney is a black, comic, tale of betrayal, drunken licentiousness, treachery, sexual infidelity and unrequited love.



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