

WHAT'S ON IN DUBLIN? CULTURAL EVENTS and VENUES that may be of interest

Remember: Bring your student ID with you to avail of discounts.

Bloomsday Festival 2009 10 - 16 June www.jamesjoyce.ie

Saturday 13 June: Hugh Leonard's *Stephen D* & Joyce in Ireland. **Venue:** National Library of Ireland. A tribute to playwright Hugh Leonard as John McCourt (*The Years of Bloom & Joyce in Context*) talks on *Stephen D* and its impact on the reception of Joyce's works in Ireland. **Free event;** limited seating.

Saturday 13 June: 'Imagining Ulysses'. **Venue:** Irish Film Institute. David Blake-Knox introduces *Imagining Ulysses*, a special screening of his award-winning documentary on Joyce's epic.

Sunday 14 June: Barry Mc Govern, *Joyce & Chapelizod*. **Venue:** Dublin Writer's Museum. Actor Barry McGovern explores Joyce's connections with Chapelizod, charting a course from *Dubliners* to *Finnegans Wake*. **Free event:** Booking recommended: call the Joyce Centre at 1 878 8547.

Monday 15 June: *Ulysses* in Translation. **Venue:** Alliance Francaise. On the 80th anniversary of the first French translation of the novel, Sam Slote (TCD) discusses *Ulysses* in translation, the first French version, and 'Déjeuner Ulysse', the very first commemoration. **Free event.**

Abbey Theatre 17 June www.abbeytheatre.ie

The Fairer Sex

As part of the Literary Department's ongoing work to nurture new writing, the Abbey Theatre has commissioned six new twenty-minute plays by women writers. Public readings of these plays will take place in the Peacock Theatre. **Wed. 17 June**
Meeting Miss Ireland – Rosemary Jenkinson
Birdsong – Ursula Rani Sarma
Nineteen Ninety Two – Lisa McGee. **Tickets €6**

Street Performance Championship 18-21 June, Merrion Square www.spwc.ie

The Street Performance World Championship features contortionists, piano jugglers, magicians, break dancers and comedians. World-class professional jesters will descend on Dublin including: - Betty Brawn, the strongest women alive who can (and will) tear any Irish man to pieces - The USA Break dancers, one of the best break-dancing troupes in the world - as comfortable spinning on their head as they are at making you laugh out loud - Titan, the undisputed robot heavyweight who makes Arnie's T1000 look like a pussycat.

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Chester Beatty Library www.cbl.ie

Described by Lonely Planet as 'one of the best in Europe' and European Museum of the Year in 2002, the Chester Beatty Library is an art museum and library which houses manuscripts, miniature paintings, prints, drawings and rare books. It opens a window on the artistic treasures of the great cultures and religions of the world ranging across Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Europe. Egyptian papyrus texts. Illuminated copies of the Qur'an. the Bible, European medieval and renaissance manuscripts. Turkish and Persian miniatures. Buddhist paintings. Chinese dragon robes. Japanese woodblock prints. **ADMISSION IS FREE**

Temple Bar Midsummer Festival 20 – 21 June

www.templebar.ie

Midsummer will be celebrated on the longest day of the year with a film screening under the stars, a Midsummer Fair, and fire entertainment in the streets. **Location:** Meeting House Square, Temple Bar. **Meeting House Square** is transformed into an urban meadow with a carpet of grass for the festivities. As the sun sets on Saturday 20 June, **Brightspark Fire Performers** offer fire dancing and juggling. Then grab a seat on the grass for the outdoor screening of **Dead Poets Society (1989)**. Rediscover Dublin city with a **Summer Solstice Walk** with renowned local historian Pat Liddy. Contact Temple Bar Cultural Information Centre, 12 East Essex Street or telephone the Culture Line on 01 888 3610. **ADMISSION IS FREE**

Temple Bar Circus Festival 9 -12 July www.templebar.ie

Four days of spectacular circus bringing you the best Irish and international performers, from street performances and workshops, to extra special boat tours and family movies with a circus twist.

Gate Theatre 16 June – August. Previews from 11 June

www.gate-theatre.ie

PRESENT LAUGHTER by Noël Coward. A brilliant comedy of manners, panache and verbal wizardry. **TICKETS** - previews €20. Student Concession. Mon. - Thurs €15

Gaiety Theatre 14 May –20 June www.gaietytheatre.com

Shawshank Redemption World Stage Premiere of *The Shawshank Redemption* by Owen O'Neill and Dave Johns. Based on the novel by Stephen King. Directed by Peter Sheridan.

National Concert Hall www.nch.ie

Weekly performances by the resident orchestra - the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra. With a programme ranging from classic operas and musicals to contemporary Irish folk, the National Concert Hall cater for all musical tastes.