

**FULL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL 2010**

Family

Saturday 13th March

St. Patrick's Festival Treasure Hunt, Dublin City Centre

Venue: Registration at City Hall, Dame Street

Time: Registration 10.00am – 1.00pm

In Association with Dublin's Q102

Free

The St. Patrick's Festival Treasure Hunt is a fun-filled free event for all ages, providing a unique opportunity for all the family to explore or rediscover and enjoy the city of Dublin.

Solve the clues, compete for spot prizes, complete the route and become the cleverest, fastest or best dressed team. Crack the clues and conundrums that lie concealed in the coolest cultural venues throughout the capital. A really unique way to get to know Ireland's capital city!

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

Spectacle

Saturday 13th March

The National Lottery Skyfest

Limerick City Centre

Time: 6.30–8.30pm

In Association with The National Lottery and 2FM

Free

Skyfest will light up the skies over the majestic treaty city of Limerick. King John's Castle provides a stunning backdrop to this year's breathtaking fireworks display where dazzling colours and explosive effects will be unleashed over one of Ireland's most well-known and loved rivers, the River Shannon. And all this choreographed to an amazing soundtrack curated by 2FM's Jenny Green. A pyrotechnic extravaganza not to be missed.

Family

Sunday 14th March

Big Day Out

Venue: Merrion Square, Dublin

Time: 12 noon – 6.00pm

In association with FM104

Free

A festival within a festival in the heart of Dublin city - expect Merrion Square to be a hub of activity, featuring acts from Ireland and around the world, you can see amazing performances, fun workshops, quirky activities – something for all the family.

Culture & Craic

Young Voices: Irish Youth in a Borderless World

Monday 15th March

Where: The Ark, A Cultural Centre for Children, Eustace Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2

Time: 2PM

Free Event

In association with the ISPCC

While the penetration of the internet and new media has literally put the world at the fingertips of young people in Ireland, this borderless world also brings with it new threats and challenges. No one knows this better than Irish Teenagers, who have experienced this revolution first hand and amidst the celebrations, we present the opportunity for the youth of Ireland to express their views. The afternoon will be both an enlightening and entertaining exploration of the issues.

Music

Tuesday 16th March

St. Patrick's Festival Céilí

Venue: St. Stephen's Green, Dublin

Time: 4pm-7pm

Free

A unique opportunity to experience and take part in one of the largest outdoor Céilís in Ireland! No better way to celebrate the national holiday than by taking part in this celebration of Irish traditional music and dance with Ireland's leading dancers, instructors and musicians. With this dynamic trad team, you will be stepping out to *The Siege of Ennis* and *The Walls of Limerick* in no time. So you've been warned... get ready for the high kicks and the "one-two-threes...".

Culture & Craic

Tuesday 16th March

The Dubliner Symposium

Venue: Tripod, Old Harcourt Train Station, Dublin 2

Time: 6.30pm

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

Free

The St. Patrick's Festival Dubliner Debate is back. Once again, The Dubliner magazine presents the opportunity to enjoy lively discussion with a panel of prominent and outspoken Irish personalities. 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

Wednesday 17th March

St. Patrick's Festival Parade, City Centre

Venue: Starting from Parnell Square, Dublin 1

Time: 12 noon

The biggest and the best St. Patrick's Festival parade – we will be in Dublin to enjoy the fun – will you be there?! With the Parade theme in 2010 being 'Extraordinary

World', the much anticipated annual favourite, the festival Parade features newly commissioned, highly original and inventive street theatre troupes, artists, giant puppetry, dancers and marching bands from Ireland and across the globe. Thousands are anticipated to be cheering on the city streets and many millions more tuning in to the RTE 1 broadcast on TV and live streaming on-line. **Grandstand seats available online, tickets €60.**

Music

Wednesday 17th March

A Celebration of Irish Voices

Curated by Donal Lunny

Venue: National Concert Hall, Dublin

Time: 8pm

Admission: From €18-€35

Tickets www.nch.ie Tel: 01 417 0000

In association with Raidió na Life

To mark the evening of St. Patrick's Festival, renowned Irish trad folk musician Donal Lunny will curate and participate in A Celebration of Irish Voices. The evening will feature two of the most important choirs in the country Cór Cúl Aodh and Cór Taobh A' Leithéid along with performances by Róisín Elsafty and Eithne Ni Chathain. Expect a colourful and uplifting Irish traditional music experience and an unforgettable night of music and song.

Music

Wednesday 17th March

Kíla

Venue: The Olympia, Dublin

Time: 8pm

Tickets www.ticketmaster.ie

Another musical festival finale - Kíla are one of Ireland's most innovative and exciting bands. The seven members come from different musical backgrounds and share a passion to create great music with an ability to absorb influences from across the globe. With its roots in traditional Irish, it features a strong percussive like singing and gorgeous melodies driven by a serious rhythmical undercurrent.

Ongoing Through-Out the Festival

Cultur & Craic

GaelSpraoi

Ongoing throughout the Festival

Venue: City centre locations, Dublin

In Association with Foras Na Gaeilge & Spin103.8

Admission: Varied

Full Programme Information on www.stpatricksfestival.ie

Céiliúradh spleodrach na Gaeilge, Fhéile Lá le Pádraig! Cuirigí aithne ar an árdchathair trí Ghaeilge, le rogha d'imeachtaí – céilí, ceol agus cabaret, turasanna, ceardlainn agus iliomad eile – do ghach aoisghrúpa, toighis agus cumas teanga, maoinithe ag Fhoras na Gaeilge. Ba mhór againn sibh a bheith linn!

St Patrick's Festival's Irish language celebration, GaelSpraoi offers a kaleidoscope of events for all age groups, from cabarets to céilís, workshops and much more. Here's your chance to experience Dublin and the festival in Irish, so give it a go, there's something for everyone. Supported by Foras na Gaeilge.

Bain triall as, bain (Gael)spraoi as!

Family

City at Play Funfairs

Venue: Merrion Square & All around the City, Dublin

Date: Friday 12th – Wednesday 17th March

Tickets Varied

Make Dublin yours this St. Patrick's Festival and enjoy the City at Play with Chills, Thrills and Near-Spills. A firm Festival favourite the spine-tingling Festival Funfair will lighten up both north and south side of the river Liffey alike with top-notch carnival fairgrounds, gripping high-flying attractions as well as the much-tamer kiddie rides. And don't miss the breath-taking views of our Fair City from the 150-foot high Jubilee Wheel.

Visual Arts

Shop If You Can, Look If You Want – Art Trail

Venue: Various Locations, Temple Bar

Date: Friday 12th – Wednesday 17th March

In association with Temple Bar Cultural Trust

Free Event

Temple Bar, Dublin's Cultural Quarter will provide the perfect setting for the first Festival Art Trail. This unique Trail will incorporate existing artwork with a variety of art installations and activities in both newly vacant and existing retail spaces, where some of Dublin's best night spots, cultural centres and unique shops line the narrow cobbled streets. Whether visiting for the first time or simply back for more, this is an exciting and atmospheric area worth discovering and rediscovering and often the unexpected can appear from an area you thought you knew.

Comedy @ The Festival

Venue: The Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay, Dublin 1

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Join us once again for Comedy @ the Festival where we have a feast of comedians from the renowned Father Ted Show! Featuring Joe 'Father Damo' Rooney, Patrick 'Eoin McLove' McDonnell and Michael 'Father Stone' Redmond. Nights will be themed with venue and staff in fancy dress and drinks like Mrs Doyle's Craggy Island iced tea. Ah, ya will ya will ya will.