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MEP Pat to open Hyde Summer School

Mr. Pat The Cope Gallagher MEP will officially open the annual Dr. Douglas Hyde Summer School in Spell's of Ballaghaderreen on Saturday evening next, July 3rd at 8.30 pm and the official opening will be followed by music and song from Colm O'Donnell and Friends.

The Summer School is now in its 15th year and is internationally recognised on the traditional Irish music calendar, attracting visitors from all over Ireland, England, Wales and Scotland, Continental Europe, the US, China and Japan.

This year's programme, which has something for everyone, includes a full programme of events including classes, lectures, recitals, concerts, tours, busking competition, art exhibition and barbecue and will provide the very best of traditional Irish music, song and dance by some of Ireland's best performers.

Classes will commence on Monday July 5th in St. Nathy's College. Tuition will be given in tin whistle, flute, fiddle, concertina, button accordion, piano accordion, banjo, bodhrán, harp, traditional guitar, traditional singing (in English), sean nós singing and comhrá gaeilge. This year sees the addition of sean nós dancing, which will be taught by Ronan Regan.

A highlight of this year's Summer School is the inaugural open fiddle competition

for the Seosamh MacGabhann Perpetual Cup, dedicated to the memory of the late Seosamh MacGabhann, a co-founder

of Eugene Murphy of Shannonside Radio. This year's Dr. Douglas Hyde Summer School has been sanctioned as



Niamh Dalton, Shirley Rogers and Catherine Hanly, at the launch of the 15th Dr. Douglas Hyde Summer School of Traditional Irish Music which will take place in Ballaghaderreen from July 3rd to July 13th. Pic: Mick McCormack.

and co-ordinator of the Summer School. This will take place in The Abbeyfield Hotel at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, July 6th at 4.30 pm and the Cup will be presented at the Gala Concert that night. MC on the night will

be Eugene Murphy of Shannonside Radio. This year's Dr. Douglas Hyde Summer School has been sanctioned as

an approved course for primary school teachers. The enquiries this year, not just from all over Europe but much further afield, have been more numerous than in previous years and the number of

Wonderful line-up at Hyde Summer School launched

The programme for this year's Summer School was launched at a function in Spell's of Ballaghaderreen on Friday June 4th by well-known musician and broadcaster, Paddy Ryan.

Opening the proceedings, Mary Devine O'Callaghan, Summer School co-ordinator, said the Summer School is now in its 15th year and continues to grow from strength to strength. This year's Summer School will run from July 3rd to July 10th.

The official opening on Saturday July 3rd will be followed by a full programme of events over the following seven days. Enrolment takes place in St. Nathy's College on Monday morning, July 5th at 9 am. Classes will be provided each day from 9.30 am to 1 pm in a wide variety of musical instruments, Sean Nós and Traditional singing, Comhrá Gaeilge and new this year, sean nós dancing.

The afternoons will feature lectures, tours and sean nós dancing. The evenings will see recitals, singing seisiúin, busking on the Wednesday evening and a barbe-

cue on the Friday evening. There are two concerts, The Summer School Gala Concert on the Tuesday evening in the Abbeyfield Hotel and the ever-popular tutor and student concert on the Friday afternoon in St. Nathy's college.

A highlight of this year's Summer School is the Inaugural Open fiddle competition for the Seosamh Mac-

Gabhann Memorial Cup dedicated to the memory of the late Seosamh MacGabhann a cofounder and co-ordinator of the Summer School. This year's Dr. Douglas Hyde Summer School has been sanctioned as an approved course for Primary school teachers.

Full details are available on www.douglashyde.com.



Paddy Ryan on the fiddle and Frank Jordan playing in Spell's Bar at the launch of the 15th Dr. Douglas Hyde Summer School of Traditional Irish Music, which will take place in Ballaghaderreen from July 3rd to July 13th. Pic: Mick McCormack.



MEP Pat 'The Cope' Gallagher

firm bookings from outside Ireland is greater than ever. The Dr. Douglas Hyde Summer School is not only a cultural event, but each year is becoming more important on the Irish tourist calendar.

Ballaghaderreen and Districts Development wish to thank the Rev. Dr. Martin Convey, President of St. Nathy's for giving the use of the College again this year to stage the Summer School. St. Nathy's is one of the best venues for a music summer school in Ireland, and students from overseas are always most impressed by the facilities. Special thanks also to Spells, Durkin's, The BMW Assembly, The Abbeyfield Hotel and John and Bernie Duffy for the use of their premises for various events. B&DD also wish to thank all sponsors and patrons, without whom this School would not have developed and trust that in coming years they will reap financial rewards for the support they have given to this venture.

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