



# Glenamaddy prepares for confined drama finals

Nine nights of eclectic entertainment are in store for theatre lovers as Glenamaddy prepares to host the All-Ireland Confined Drama Finals.

Glenamaddy Community Centre will be the venue for the event, which runs from April 16th to 24th. On Friday night, April 16th, Ardagh Dramatic Society from Co. Limerick present 'Thy will be done' by Michael Carey. Elderly brothers Jack and Peter Griffin have not spoken in almost forty years. The presence of American born Martin Griffin brings unresolved issues from the past centre-stage and home help Bridie Lavin eventually brings about an unexpected and somewhat macabre resolution.

On Saturday night, April 17th, it is the turn of Kilmuckridge Drama Group to present Bernard Farrell's 'Canaries', a comedy about a family that go on holiday complete with drinking, lying,

a spot of partner-swapping and lots of amusing incidents. Next on stage will be Ferns Dramatic Society, who present Friel's 'Translations' on Sunday, April 18th. It's school time in a hedge school in Ballybeg, Co. Donegal, in 1833 as the Royal Engineers conduct the first Ordnance Survey of Ireland. This administrative effort is to have many far-reaching effects for the local community.

'Sive' will be presented by Conna Drama Group from Co. Cork on Monday night, April 19th. This John B. Keane gem is a powerful folk drama

complete with greed, lust and tragedy, perfect for a Monday night's entertainment!

Compantas Lir present 'I do not like thee Doctor Fell' on Tuesday, April 20th. The black comedy centres around an all-night group encounter and the insights into the various characters which unfold as the night progresses.

On Wednesday night, April 21st, Lislea Dramatic Society from Co. Armagh take to the boards to present 'The Freedom of the City'. Another Friel offering, it examines the background to events of Bloody Sunday 1972.

DADS Dunmore won't have too far to travel on Thursday, April 22nd, when they present 'The last Apache reunion'. A group of former school pals gather in their old school house for a last reunion before the school is demolished. A great night is in store but there are sinister forces at work which expose the strains within the friendship and it turns out that all is not what it seems to be.

Phoenix Players from Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo, present 'The Mai' on Friday, 23rd April. It tells the story of four generations of women in one family

in the midlands. The central figure Mai is trying to save her marriage and the happiness of her family against powerful historical forces.

Closing night, Saturday, 24th April, sees Kilrush Drama Group from Co. Wexford present 'On Raftery's Hill' by Marina Carr. The depravity visited on one family in Raftery's Hill has repercussions long into the future.

Shows commence at 8 pm each night. Seats must be occupied by 7.45 pm. Booking on (086) 2045896 from 10 am to 4 pm daily or on [www.glenamaddy-drama.com](http://www.glenamaddy-drama.com)



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### All-Ireland Confined Drama Finals 2010 (Under the auspices of the A.D.C.I.)

In the Community Centre Glenamaddy

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Adjudicator: Mr Michael O Hara

Curtain 8pm sharp

All seats to be occupied by 7.45pm

No admission once play has started

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Ardagh Dramatic Society Limerick.

'Thy will be done' by Michael Carey

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Kilmuckridge Drama Group Wexford

'Canaries' by Bernard Farrell.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Ferns Dramatic Society Wexford

'Translations' by Brian Friel

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Conna Drama Group Cork 'Sive' by John B. Keane.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Compantas Lir Claregalway.

'I do not like thee Dr Fell' by Bernard Farrell

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Lislea Dramatic Society Armagh

'The Freedom of the City' by Brian Friel

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - D.A.D.S. Dunmore.

'The Last Apache Reunion' by Bernard Farrell

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Phoenix Players Tubbercurry

'The Mai' by Marina Carr

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Kilrush Drama Group Wexford

'On Raftery's Hill' by Marina Carr.

Official opening by Déarbhlá Walsh  
- Emmy award winning director.

Admission: Adults - €12 Students and OAP's  
- €10. Season tickets: €75

Booking - 086 2045896. 10am - 4pm daily and  
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### Launch hears that festival costs €50,000 to stage

A large crowd attended the launch of the event in Harte's Corner House, Glenamaddy on Saturday afternoon last.

Guests were welcomed to the launch by Peter Keaveney, Festival Chairman. He said that Glenamaddy is delighted to host the All Ireland Confined Drama Finals for the first time since 1993.

He welcomed special guests to the launch, including Aidan Reidy, Chairperson ADCl, Maureen O'Riain, Treasurer of ADCl, Billy Naughton, Director of the All Ireland open finals in Athlone, Jackie Scanlon, Chairman DLI and Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh, who was representing one of the main sponsors, Galway County Council. Mr. Keaveney said that the sponsorship from Galway County Council is very much appreciated because the event costs in the region of €50,000 to stage. He also thanked the other sponsors Glenamaddy Credit Union, Heneghan's SuperValu and Glenman Corporation.

Aidan Reidy, on behalf of ASDI, thanked Glenamaddy Drama Festival for hosting the All-Ireland event, noting that it is a big undertaking, especially in the current economic climate.

Jackie Scanlon, Chairman DLI travelled from Castleisland to Glenamaddy to attend the launch. He said that drama groups always have a great time in Glenamaddy and he paid special tribute to the many people who work backstage to make the event a success.

Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh congratulated the local drama festival on their achievement in hosting the All Ireland Confined Drama Finals and also thanked Galway County Council for coming on board as a main sponsor. Concluding, he said that it is particularly important that festivals like Glenamaddy are well supported and he urged people to book their seats and go along to the event and support local Irish talent.



Breda Keaveney and Margaret Keaveney at the launch of The All Ireland Drama festival. Pic: Helen Gunning Photography.



Peter Keaveney and Coman Keaveney at the launch of The All Ireland Drama Festival. Pic: Helen Gunning Photography.



Patrick Flynn, Boystown Players, Ballymoe, Eddie Guiry, Ardagh, Co. Limerick and Martin Griffin, Boystown Players at the launch of The All Ireland Drama Festival in Glenamaddy. Pic: Helen Gunning Photography.



Peter Davey, Jimmy Coleman, Dermott Molloy, Cian Mannion and Eileen Davey members of the Phoenix Players Tubbercurry at the launch of The All Ireland Drama Festival. Pic: Helen Gunning Photography.



Glenamaddy Drama Committee members at the launch of The All Ireland Drama Festival. Back Row: Coman Keaveney, Margaret Power, Ann Davies, Dymphna McDermott and Peter Keaveney. Front Row: Patricia Keady, Margaret Keaveney, Mary Worrall, Breda Keaveney. Pic: Helen Gunning Photography.



Back row (left to right): Peter Keaveney, Dymphna McDermott, Mary Worrall, President Glenamaddy Drama, Margaret Power and Jackie Scanlon, Chairman DLI. Middle row: Billy Nott, Festival Director, RT Ireland, Aidan Reidy, Chairman ASDI, Hubert McMorrow, Vice Principal ASDI, Coman Keaveney, Vice Chairman, Glenamaddy Drama. Front: Ann Davies, Margaret Keaveney, Breda Keaveney and Patricia Keady. Pic: Helen Gunning Photography.



Sponsors of the forthcoming festival in Glenamaddy at the launch of The All Ireland Drama Festival. Back row (left to right): Tony Gibbons, Heneghan's SuperValu, Breda Keaveney, Glenman Corporation, Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh, Galway County Council. Front row: Martina Gibbons, Heneghan's SuperValu, Glenamaddy and Celine Monaghan, Acting Arts Officer with Galway County Council.

### Fringe events

In conjunction with the All-Ireland finals, Glenamaddy Festival Committee are running a number of fringe events.

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April, a historical talk will be given by Anthony Ward, commencing at 2.30 pm, in the Town Hall Theatre. On Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, there will be children's entertainment from 2 pm to 4 pm in the Town Hall Theatre, with face painting, balloon modelling etc. On Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Boystown Players will present 'The Well of the Saints' by JM Synge in the Town Hall Theatre. All events are free.

The Festival Committee this week expressed sincere thanks to all sponsors and patrons, without whose support the event could not take place. Main sponsors of the event are Galway County Council, Glenamaddy Credit Union, Heneghans SuperValu, Glenamaddy and Glenman Corporation.