



## Two local dates for Rig the Jig

Local traditional group Rig the Jig play two gigs in the region at which they will showcase material from their latest CD 'High and Dry'.

Among the highlights of the new 'Live in Dublin' CD is a hauntingly infectious interpretation of Radiohead's 'High and Dry'. Recorded during a live performance at Whelan's in Dublin, it is one of 21 tracks featured on their latest CD/DVD 'Live in Dublin'. Featuring a wonderful mix of traditional and folk together with their own unique take on more contemporary classics, 'Live in Dublin' offers an eclectic mix that will undoubtedly please long-standing and first-time fans alike.

Hailing from Roscommon, Longford & Kildare, Rig the Jig are eight musicians who met through mutual friends and their love of music. Some of the faces may have changed over the past while, but Rig the Jig has proven itself as a byword for organic, talented and energetic performances of music and song, truly a melting pot, bubbling over with eight unique expressions of talent.

See Rig the Jig at the Backstage Theatre in Longford this Friday, 21st May at 8 pm or alternatively at Roscommon Arts Centre on June 11th, also at 8 pm.



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### Creative connection

Roscommon Integrated Development Company together with Roscommon's CEB, County Development Board and Arts Office have come together to develop an exciting new support programme for the many creative businesses and craft practitioners in the county – Roscommon Creative Connector.

If you earn a living (full-time or part-time) from craft, design, fashion, software and computer services, architecture, music, film, the visual or performing arts, advertising and PR, publishing and the media, then RIDC wants to hear from you!

The starting point for the project is to develop an up to date database of all those involved in the sector. To make sure you receive information about the project and the advantages of being involved, please email your name and business contact details to [roscommoncreative@gmail.com](mailto:roscommoncreative@gmail.com)

### Antiques fair

Newcastle House, Ballymahon, Co. Longford is to host its first quality antiques fair on Sunday, 23rd May. Dealers specialising in furniture, ceramics, antiquarian books, art, jewellery, silver, will be in attendance. The dateline for exhibits is the 1950s. The House is placed equally between Athlone, Longford and Mullingar on the N55. Newcastle House is privately owned and is run as a family home, hotel and regularly hosts events. This will be their first Antiques Fair. The fair will run from 11 am to 5 pm. Admission €2 with a proportion being donated to a local charity. For details contact Susan Tel: (071)91 34757. Mob: (087) 6445665.

### Glenamaddy Players

The Annual General Meeting of Glenamaddy Players will take place on Friday 21st May at 9 pm sharp in the Town Hall Theatre. New members welcome.

### Printmaking exhibition

This year's Printmaking Graduate Exhibition will be held in the Quadrangle Building Art Gallery, NUIG. The official opening is on May 28th at 8 pm, doors will be open from 6 pm. Sioban Peircy artist and head of the printmaking department in the Cluain Mhuire campus of GMIT will be officially opening this year's exhibition.

There will be a showing of works by the 15 students in the graduation class, working in all forms of printmaking from the traditional etching and screen-printing to newer techniques such as digital prints.

The graduation class of 2010 are: Claudia Keegan from Athleague village, Naomh Stephens, Linda McConville, Aine Hayes, Iain McEillin, Niamh Ni Rúiséil, Norah Brennan, Sarah Maxwell, Thelma Kelly, Margo Riordan, Martina Kilbane, Padraig Conway, Dawn O'Loughlin, Pia Cloherty, Luisa Pifarotti. The show will run daily from Saturday 29th May until Friday June 4th from 11 am until 4 pm.



## Boystown Players in Glinsk on Friday

Boystown Players will stage a night of comedy and drama when they bring their production titled 'An Evening With Syngé' to the stage in Glinsk.

This is your final chance to see this hilarious production, which fuses two of JM Syngé's greatest plays. The first part of the show features extracts from 'The Playboy of The Western World', which tells the story of Christy Mahon and his sudden arrival to a

small village claiming to have killed his father. Michael James Flaherty the local publican and his daughter Pegeen Mike take a shine to him, however it transpires that Christy's father is not dead after all, when Old Mahon arrives with a gaping head wound, searching for his ungrateful son. The second part of the show tells the story of two blind beggars Martin and Mary Doul who have their sight restored by a wandering Friar. However the new world that

awaits them is not one of beauty and when they are disappointed by what they see in each other they drift apart!

The cast for this unique production features many of the groups established actors and some very talented newcomers to the stage.

The show will be staged this Friday (May 21st) in The Glencastle Lounge, Glinsk at 9.30pm. Refreshments will be served on the night.

## Local artists in Longford exhibition

Nine artists from County Roscommon are due to take part in an art and design exhibition in Templemichael College of Further Education in Longford.

Martin Crinigan from Strokestown; Thembi Bondo from Ballyleague; Irene Quinn from Roscommon Town; Jane and Emma Gallagher from Athleague; Flin Keane from Derrane; Nena Hanlon from Ballyleague and Bridget Mullooly from Lanesboro are the artists involved.

The exhibition will take place at the Exhibition Rooms, Hibernian Court, Longford (formerly Vanilla House), commencing on Thursday, 27th May. The exhibition will be open to the public between 5 pm and 7 pm on this day.



## Cinemobile in Ballagh

Cinemobile will be visiting Ballaghaderreen on Thursday 20th May and Friday 21st May, parked at the site of the Royal Oak Dance Hall.

Once again Cinemobile is working with the Bealtaine festival, the annual festival celebrating creativity in older age, and providing a free screening for all active retirement groups and senior citizens. This year's film is Dean Spanley starring Peter O'Toole and it will be screened at 2 pm on Friday.

## Declan O'Rourke to visit

Singer-songwriter Declan O'Rourke plays Roscommon Arts Centre next Saturday 22nd May.

With his velvet-tinged voice, O'Rourke has steadily climbed up the ladder of success, and since the release of his debut album 'Since Kyabram', followed a few years later by 'Big Bad Beautiful World',

For teenage audiences Cinemobile will be screening Kick-Ass and Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland, while younger audiences will have the opportunity to see Nanny McPhee and the newly released How to Train Your Dragon. Get on board the Cinemobile and enjoy the Hollywood experience in the place you call home.



he has gone from strength to strength. During this time he toured with Snow Patrol and The Divine Comedy and has also played support to Paolo Nutini and The Cardigans.

Tickets are already selling fast, so call the box office on 090 6625824 to reserve.

## Lost and Found

Boyle-based artist Padraig Cunningham opens his new exhibition 'Lost and Found' at The Gallery, Roscommon Arts Centre on Saturday 22nd June, 6 pm. All are welcome to view the work and meet the artist. The exhibition then continues until Thursday 24th June, with viewing during arts centre opening hours.

'Lost and Found' is a series of work related to the notion of site, our influence upon it and how this informs the cultural construct of landscape. The project is partly influenced by Padraig's move from an urban to rural environment and in particular the purchase of a house on a three quarter acre site. The history of the house seemed to build a separate narrative of the site that contrasts with the day-to-day reality, but Padraig felt that it also reflects the way we interpret notions of landscape in general and how a site can exist in a hetrotopian space. What is the relationship between these spaces, how connections are made and meaning is formulated is at the base of this work. Alongside artwork featuring inkjet and watercolour on paper, the exhibition will include a video installation and sculpture.