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Imelda May in Castlebar

After playing Glastonbury and Electric Picnic last year its now Castlebar's turn to get a 'boom boom' as Imelda May belts out some of her addictive tunes including 'Big Bad Handsome Man', 'Falling in Love with you again' and 'Johnny's got a Boom Boom'.

She will appear at the Royal Theatre on Friday, 4th June. Tickets from €33.60 on www.ticketmaster.ie as well as from The Royal Box Office on 0818 300 000. For further information check www.theroyal.ie



Tickets still available for Tommy Tiernan

Tickets for Tommy Tiernan's gig in the Hyde Centre in Roscommon this Friday night are still on sale at Eight 'til Late and Ticketmaster His world tour of Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon has already taken him to Tubbercurry and Carrick-on-Shannon and in June he will be dazzled by the bright lights of the Ballroom of Romance in Glenfame, Co. Leitrim, the Radisson hotel in Rosses Point, Sligo and the St. Joseph's Hall in Boyle.

Fearless, inspiring and armed with a breath of comic abilities rivalled by no one in stand-up today, Tommy is able to expertly write and perform jokes born from every corner of the mind, politics, sex, family relationships, international observations, religion and drugs, it's all there. Tickets €28, available from Eight 'til Late, Main Street, Roscommon or from www.ticketmaster.ie



arts news

■ With Pauline Scott

Kidz in Concert

Castlerea Youth Stage School are once again set to take to the stage with their end of year 'Kidz in Concert'. They have worked hard all year and will perform a display of their talents on stage in The Stagger Inn, Castlerea on Thursday 3rd June at 8 pm. Doors open at 7.30 pm. Admission: Adults €10, Children €5. All are welcome.

Family fun at The Dock

Three dates have been scheduled as Family Fun Days at The Dock in Carrick on Shannon. The dates are Saturday, June 26th, Saturday July 31st and Saturday, August 28th. The events run from 2 pm to 4 pm and cost €3.

The Dock's ongoing art club welcomes children and adults to join them on the last Saturday of the month for a Family Fun afternoon! Explore current exhibitions and carry out fun, family friendly activities with experienced tutors.

For children aged 4-10, all activities are designed around children and adults working together. Each art club session lasts two hours but you can stay as long as you like. There's no need to book, but places are limited so it's best to arrive early to avoid disappointment. Admission is €3 per child, family rates are available and adult entry is free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For further information on The Dock's Education Programme contact cmccormac@leitrimcoco.ie or call (071) 96 50828.



Youth Orchestra in concert

Roscommon County Youth Orchestra is having a concert in Roscommon Arts Centre on 29th May at 3 pm.

The orchestra will be joined by guest conductor Vincent Hunt for a musical celebration, which will include Handel's 'Water Music', Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons' and other favourites to celebrate the arrival of summer.

RCYO is a music development project that has been running in the county since 2007. It aims to encourage participation in classical music among young people by offering affordable classes and ensemble sessions on a local level.

There are two branches operating in the county; a woodwind section based in Boyle where young people can learn to

play concert flute, clarinet and oboe and a string section based in Roscommon Town, which offers tuition on violin, viola, cello and double bass. Fees for members are very heavily subsidised and instruments are provided on loan at no cost to students, making it possible for young people to try out an instrument without having to make an expensive

purchase. In September 2010, RCYO will begin a pilot project in Ballaghaderreen to assess the feasibility of developing a brass section in the area. Young people aged 10-16 will be invited to take part in a six week introductory programme after which auditions will be held for the brass section proper. Young people who get involved will in the future join up

with the other two sections to form a bigger and better RCYO.

The concert is free of charge and is a great opportunity for anyone interested in joining any section of the orchestra to see what's involved. For further information on RCYO or to get an application form, contact Avril Carr, RCYO Co-ordinator on (087) 9289909 or email rcyo@ireland.com



Richard Farrell, Roscommon County Librarian with Sinn Féin Ard Comhairle member Eoin O Broin at the launch of his book, 'Sinn Féin and the politics of left republicanism', in Ballaghaderreen Library recently. Pic: Mick McCormack.

Barnes and Parle in concert

Passionfruit Theatre in Athlone presents Clive Barnes and Luan Parle in concert this Friday night, May 28th, at 8.30 pm. Playing separately and together this promises to be a very special evening of music from two of Ireland's finest talents.

'The Ghost Country', released last September, is the sound of Clive Barnes at the top of his game as a vocalist, guitarist and songwriter. His fourth studio album, The Ghost Country elevates Barnes to a truly unique sound having forged his style

and delivery over years of touring the US and Europe with the likes of Eric Bibb, Taj Mahal, Jeff Beck, Alison Krauss, Seasick Steve, The Blind Boys of Alabama and many more. As a musician, Barnes is highly regarded as one of the finest performers on the roots circuit, a reputation solidified by the lyrical and songwriting prowess on this new collection of songs. Out of the studio and onto the stage, Barnes is not to be missed as a live performer for this is where the sheer raw honesty and energy is each

track comes to life. Wicklow girl Luan Parle is an established, popular and critically acclaimed artist in Ireland with a constantly growing International fan base. She holds numerous industry awards, including a Meteor for 'Best Irish female artist', a Tatler 'Music woman of the year', a Big Buzz 'Best female performer' and a Balcony TV 'Best female video', making the future look very bright indeed.

Tickets €15. For bookings phone (086) 3338457 or email fiona@passionfruittheatre.com

