

Summer in

Dublin

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2011



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**THE SUMMER IN DUBLIN EVENT PROGRAMME** is a collaboration between Dublin City Council and the many event organisers who share our ambition to animate public space for all to enjoy.

A big thank you to all our internal and external coordinators, partner agencies and organisations for all their cooperation and assistance throughout the year in helping make these events happen.

**Transport** – All venues are close to main public transport including Luas, Dublin Bus and Dart. Please check with service providers for details of appropriate routes to venues. The venues in the city centre are within easy walking distance from public transport.

**Weather** – As events are outdoors please make sure to wear suitable clothing, for the optimists among you bring the sun tan lotion and the shades and for the more cautious don't forget the broly but most of all have a great time and enjoy your city come rain or shine.



## Message from the Lord Mayor of Dublin

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As Lord Mayor of Dublin, I invite all Dubliners and visitors to come into Dublin to see what is on offer in Dublin City Council's Summer Events Programme 2011. There is something for everyone over the summer months throughout the city from the return of the Street World Performance Championships in Merrion Square Park in June to the Brazilian sounds of MaSamBa who will celebrate the life and career of Phil Lynott and Thin Lizzy. I would like to congratulate all involved in organising the many different events and encourage everyone to come along and enjoy the performances.

*Jerry Beegan*

The image features the year '2011' rendered in large, three-dimensional, blue block letters. The numbers are positioned at the top of the frame and cast a reflection on a glossy surface below. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient of light colors, possibly representing a sunset or sunrise, with a bright light source on the left creating a lens flare effect.

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**SUMMER EVENTS**

*at a glance...*

**Dublin City Soul Picnic** Sunday MAY 29th

**Shakespeare festival** Wednesday 1st – Saturday 11th JUNE

**James Joyce Bloomsday Festival** Saturday 11th – Thursday 16th JUNE

**Street Performance World Championships** Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th JUNE

**Urban Living** Sunday 26th JUNE

**Kings Of Concrete** Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th JULY

**Dublin Rose Festival** Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th JULY

**Dublin Viking Festival** Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th JULY and 13th AUGUST

**MaSamba -The Boys Are Back In Town** Saturday AUGUST 20th

**The Liffey Swim** Saturday 3rd SEPTEMBER

**The Absolut Fringe Festival** Friday 9th – Sunday 25th SEPTEMBER

**Céilí Culture** Tuesday 27th – Wednesday 28th SEPTEMBER

**Culture Night** Friday 23rd SEPTEMBER

**Tall Ships** Thursday 23rd August – Sunday 26th AUGUST, 2012



# Dublin City Soul Picnic

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## Merrion Square

Sunday May 29th

On from midday the 5th annual Soul Picnic will take place live from the beautiful surroundings of Merrion Square Park. Enjoy the very best local, national and international performers in a picnic style.

This is a friends & family affair, so bring your little brothers & sisters, Mums & Dads, Aunties & Uncles...and don't forget your picnic blankets! To help you enjoy the day we've teamed up with some of Dublin's finest food and beverage providers.

Admission is FREE; however we will be making a collection for our registered children's charity the Musical Youth Foundation which is providing children with access to a musical education, so be sure to make a donation before you leave! Big or small, all contributions are welcome and make a real difference to the lives of the children.



THE TRINITY COLLEGE

Dublin  
Shakespeare  
Festival

# Shakespeare festival

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## Various Locations

Wednesday 1st – Saturday 11th June

The Trinity College Dublin Shakespeare Festival will return for a third year this summer following the success of the previous two festivals. With a huge number of outdoor performances, lectures and master-classes from very special guests as well as our headline event, Romeo and Juliet and Twelfth Night (performed by internationally renowned GB Theatre Company), this promises to be the festival's most exciting year to date. The grounds of Trinity College and the environs of Dublin City will be brought to life as the backdrop of what is one of the highlights of Dublin's cultural calendar. Both the city and college will be transformed into 'living' spaces in which Shakespeare's work will be presented and explored in a variety of different contexts and formats. Drawing in over 300 performers from Cork to Belfast, with over 10,000 expected to attend, the week is set to be truly memorable. Join us in our Festival Hub in Trinity's Front Square or in one of our many venues around the city for what promises to be a varied and innovative festival dedicated to exploring the work of William Shakespeare.

**For further details see [www.dublinshakespeare.com](http://www.dublinshakespeare.com)**



# James Joyce Bloomsday Festival

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## Various Locations

**Saturday 11th – Thursday 16th June**

The James Joyce Centre's Bloomsday Festival will run from the 11th to the 16th of June with a series of entertaining programmes for one and all:

On 16th June we will begin our celebrations with our traditional Bloomsday Breakfast. Later that day, we host a major Readings and Songs event at a city-centre location featuring celebrities, local dignitaries and public volunteers alongside acclaimed singers and musicians. Throughout the day, the Joyce Centre will run special walking tours, bicycle tours, and a bus tour, taking in much of Joyce's Dublin.

**The full schedule and details of Festival events – including a Town Hall style debate, Musical performances, a Photographic Exhibition, and more – will be found on the James Joyce Centre website:**

**[www.jamesjoyce.ie](http://www.jamesjoyce.ie)**



# **The Street Performance World Championships**

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## **Merrion Square**

**Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th June**

Street Performance World Championship (SPWC) will bring the best sword swallowers, jugglers, acrobats, contortionists and magicians in the world to Dublin this June to compete for the title of Street Performance World Champion. The free family festival runs in Dublin's Merrion Square on June 16th – 19th.

Following last year's successful Space Hopper World Record, this June the SPWC are taking on an even bigger and more ambitious world record attempt in the Where's Wally world records. Tens of thousands of festival goers are needed to dress as Wally in an attempt to break the record and become the largest gathering of Wally's ever! A super high resolution photograph will be taken from a crane capturing all the Wally's and creating the first ever real-life Where's Wally picture which will be posted online for our World Record holders to find themselves in!

**Go to [www.spwc.ie](http://www.spwc.ie) to guarantee your place as a World Record holder!**



## Urban Living

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### Wolfe Tone Park

**Sunday 26th June 12.00 – 18.00**

Urban Living – sees the return of two very popular events Urban Circus and Urban Garden. This vibrant colourful event maximises the use of a Dublin City public space by animating and transforming the space into a creative hub where visitors can relax, learn and be entertained by an engaging programme of music, dance, theatre and circus workshops.

The innovative, award winning landscape architect Peter Donegan will preside over gardening demonstrations, sharing his thoughts and ideas on how to get the best out of our urban spaces including using quirky recycling household objects!

**For further information:**

**Down To Earth on (0)1 4089750 or email [info@dteinc.ie](mailto:info@dteinc.ie)**



## **Kings Of Concrete**

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### **Wood Quay**

**Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th July 11.00 – 19.00**

“Kings of Concrete is the largest and most comprehensive urban sports and culture festival in Ireland. Over the past five years the festival has grown into a veritable mecca for Irish urban youth culture providing an all-too-rare opportunity for skateboarders, break dancers, street artists, parkour enthusiasts, bmxers and urban music fans to come together and showcase their skills in an environment unlike anything else available to them in Ireland. Now in its 6th year and spread over two days, the Kings of Concrete is back and primed once again to cement its rep as the daddy of all things urban on this island...”

**Tel: (0)1 677 3834**

**[www.kingsofconcrete.com](http://www.kingsofconcrete.com)**

**[www.facebook.com/kingsofconcrete](https://www.facebook.com/kingsofconcrete)**



## Dublin Rose Festival

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**St. Anne's Rose Garden, St. Anne's Park, Raheny**

**Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th July 10.00 – 18.00**

The Parks and Landscape Services Division of Dublin City Council is delighted to announce details of the annual Rose Festival to be held at St. Anne's Rose Garden, St. Anne's Park, Raheny on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July, 2011.

Set in the 270 acre historic St. Anne's Park the Festival provides for an enjoyable and entertaining fun day out for all the family. As the Festival is held at the peak of flowering for Roses it is really a special time to see the Rose Garden at its best.

What could be better on a warm July day than to ramble for free among the community enjoying the entertainment, looking for a bargain and taking time to smell the Roses...?

**For further information contact:**

**Noël McEvoy, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscape Services Division, Dublin City Council – Tel: (0)1 222 3401 / (0)86 383 2961**



## Dublin Viking Festival

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### St. Anne's Park Raheny (as part of the Rose Festival)

**Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th July 10.00 – 18.00**

### Wood Quay

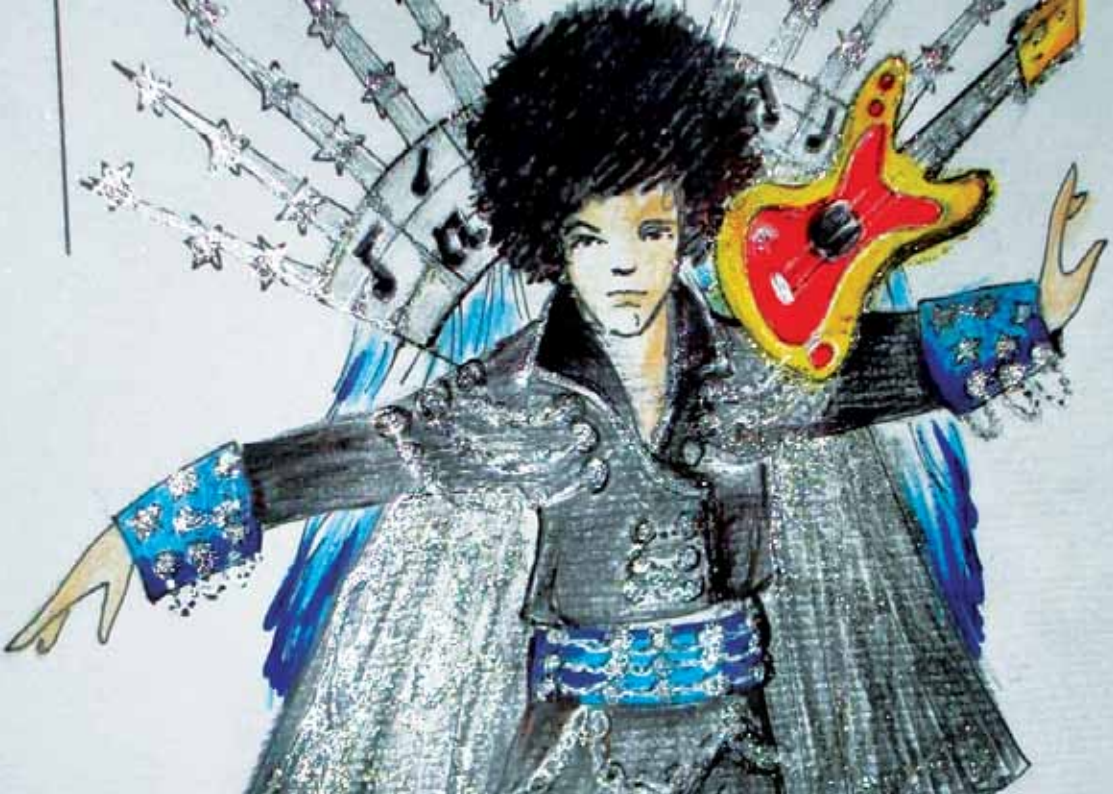
**13th August 12.00 – 18.00**

This is the fourth year that the Vikings have come back to entertain us and this year's Festival will be bigger and better than ever. Held in conjunction with the Rose Festival on a beautiful site in St. Anne's Park, the Viking village and attractions are larger and more exciting with some new surprises in store for the visitor. As always we will have battle re-enactments and demonstrations of Viking skills including Falconry and Archery exhibitions.

We have made St Anne's our new home as we build up to the big celebration planned to commemorate the Battle of Clontarf in 2014.

**See [www.dublinvikingfestival.ie](http://www.dublinvikingfestival.ie) for further details.**

**Or Phone Paul Mooney at (0)1 222 2327**



## **MaSamba -The Boys Are Back In Town**

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**South King Street – Harry Street**

**Saturday August 20th** **Time to be confirmed**

The Boys Are Back in Town is an exciting new pageant, commissioned by Dublin City Council, celebrating the life and work of Phil Lynott and Thin Lizzy. MaSamba Samba School will use Music, Dance, Movement and colourful costumes will be used to animate some of the classic Thin Lizzy songs, making the Grafton St. area of Dublin Phil Lynott's stomping ground once again.

The event is scheduled to take place on Sat. August 20th (Phil Lynott's birthday), starting on South King Street (outside Gaiety Theatre), processing down Grafton Street, and finishing at the iconic Phil Lynott statue on Harry St. Involving over 100 personnel, you can look forward to hearing classic songs such as 'The Rocker', 'Emerald', 'Chinatown', 'King's Call' and, of course, 'The Boys are Back in Town'. Chorus singers, head bangers and air guitarists are all welcome to join us!

**For more information, contact Simeon Smith at MaSamba Samba School, [info@masamba.com](mailto:info@masamba.com).**



## The Liffey Swim

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### Watling Street Bridge to Custom House Quay

**Saturday 3rd September from 14.45**

This eagerly awaited Dublin City Council sponsored event sees swimmers of all abilities and a variety of ages compete over a 2.2km course. It starts at Watling Street Bridge near the Guinness brewery and finishes at Custom House Quay.

Every year over 200 men and 80 women enter the race which passes the Four Courts, the Ha'penny Bridge and other well known Dublin landmarks. The event has been attracting thousands of spectators for over 90 years. So come and support it on the day.

**See [www.swimireland.ie](http://www.swimireland.ie) for registration etc.**



# **The Absolut Fringe Festival**

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## **City Centre Locations**

**Friday 9th – Sunday 25th September**

A 16 day festival of theatre, comedy, music, dance and spectacle taking place all over Dublin city centre. This year, the festival will present an exciting line-up of outdoor events which will astound, amaze and entertain you and everyone you know. Expect everything from surprising art works in unexpected locations to huge events where thousands of people will celebrate together, and everything in between. Dublin comes alive when ABSOLUT Fringe takes over our city.

**[www.fringefest.com](http://www.fringefest.com)**

**[www.facebook.com/absolutfringe](https://www.facebook.com/absolutfringe)**

**Box Office opens July 20th: 1850 374 643 (1850 FRINGE)**



## Céilí Culture

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### Various Outdoor Locations

**Tuesday 27th – Wednesday 28th September**

Céilí Culture is an exciting festival celebrating the very best of Irish music and culture. Contemporary and traditional, rock n roll and folk, Céilí Culture's inaugural festival in 2010 featured a stunning line up including the greats Damien Dempsey, Shane McGowan, Sharon Shannon & Big Band, Paddy Casey, Kíla and emerging talent Conor Byrne and Dana Donnelly. The events take place outdoor in Dublin's city centre – animating the streets, parks and squares with excellent music and heritage. Building on the success of last year there will again be workshops where children and grownups alike will be able to take crash courses in the bodhán, uilleann pipes, flute and more. Expect serious fun, a stellar line up and lots of surprises. Last year all the events sold out in advance.

**For more information please check [www.ceiliculture.com](http://www.ceiliculture.com)**



# Culture Night

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## Various Locations City Centre

Friday 23rd September

Galleries, museums and Arts and cultural organisations open their doors until late with hundreds of free events, tours, talks and performances for you, your family and friends to enjoy. So get out and explore the best that Dublin City has to offer.

Become a cultural tourist for the night and discover something new and exciting.

**Email:** [info@culturenight.ie](mailto:info@culturenight.ie) or [info@templebar.ie](mailto:info@templebar.ie)

**Website:** [www.templebar.ie](http://www.templebar.ie)

**Tel:** (0)1 677 2255



# Tall Ships

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## Dublin Port

**Thursday 23rd August – Sunday 26th August, 2012**

Next year Dublin City will welcome back the International Tall Ships Races for the first time since 1998.

As final host port for the 2012 Tall Ships Races, the event will see up to 100 Tall Ships sail into the capital for a four-day festival and celebration from Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 August, 2012. Ships from Chile, Mexico, Argentina, the US, Italy and Norway will chart their course to Dublin.

Over 5,000 participants will compete in these races and there will be opportunities for young trainees from Dublin to be selected to participate in the races. The event offers young people a unique setting for developing skills like team building, leadership, multi-cultural understanding and friendship with participants from up to 50 countries taking part.

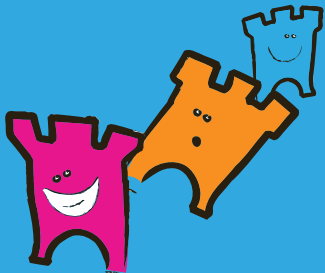
All the events you see here are organised or sponsored by Dublin City Council and are **FREE**.

Over 1.2 million people attended our events in 2010 and this year's program is packed with fun and exciting things to do for all the family.

Dublin City Council also offers a range of other activities both indoor and outdoor from Sports and Leisure, The Dublin City Gallery the Hugh Lane, Arts, Libraries and Parks. Check in your local Dublin City Council Area office or your local Library for details of activities in your area, such as the North Side Music Festival or Opera in the open or see our website **[www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie)** for more details

So come out and enjoy your City's parks and open spaces, your libraries, leisure centres and galleries, there is something for everyone.

Please remember that all our events are alcohol free.



[www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie)



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Dublin city check out [www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com)

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