

Das Irische Monatsbuch

A monthly round up from the Irish Embassy in Berlin

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17 April 18.30-20.30 An Evening of Joyce's "Dubliners" at the Embassy of Ireland



The Ambassador of Ireland, Dan Mulhall, will give a talk on Joyce's *Dubliners*, which is Dublin's "One City One Book" for 2012. Dublin is a UNESCO World City of Literature.

The lecture will be delivered in German with readings from *Dubliners* in English (German translations of the selections will be available).

The Irish harpist Bríd Ní Chatháin will also perform at the event which will take place in the Embassy from 18.30 to 20.30 on Tuesday 17 April.

Please register at berlinsvp@dfa.ie.

This event is to celebrate the beginning of a 'Year of James Joyce' in Germany. This celebration of Joyce will begin with an exciting initiative by RBB Kulturradio which will broadcast a full reading of Joyce's *Ulysses* beginning on 16 April. The reading will take place every weekday from 14:30-15:00 (with a repeat every weeknight at 23.04).

Further details can be found at:

http://www.kulturradio.de/themen/james_joyce_ulysses/ulysses_die_lesung.html

Continuing at the Embassy until 30 April: James Clancy Exhibition *Sacred Groves*



The Embassy of Ireland is delighted to host an exhibition by Cork- born photographer James Clancy.

The exhibition is entitled “Sacred Groves”: *To the external world hints of a greater spiritual reality; trees are symbols, rocks and stones a hidden language, mountains mysterious statements made by a creator who tries to communicate with his creation. This supreme consciousness, spirit of nature or God, is present everywhere.*

The Exhibition will also feature some works from Clancy’s photobook ‘*Border Country*’ (Kehrer Verlag).

Born and raised in Cork, James Clancy currently lives in Berlin and since 2006 James has been exhibiting widely in Europe and Asia. In November 2011, his photobook ‘*Border Country*’ (Kehrer Verlag) was a “Selected Title” for the Deutscher Fotobuchpreis 2012.

Until 30 April the exhibition can be viewed at the Embassy from Monday to Friday, 14:30-16:00.

Thursday 3 May 18.30 -20.30: Opening of Michael Killen Exhibition



Figure Study I (photo by Constanze O’Toole)

The Embassy of Ireland is delighted to host an exhibition of sculptures, water colours and drawings by noted Irish artist Michael Killen.

The solo exhibition will consist of a number of sculptures in bronze and timber, a selection of large canvasses with images of the large public and private commissions that Malahide-based Killen has completed and a series of drawings and watercolours.

A preview hosted by Ambassador Mulhall, with the artist in attendance, will take place in the Embassy from 18.30 to 20.30 on Thursday 3 May.

Please register at berlinsvp@dfa.ie.

Michael Killen, who studied Fine Arts in Florence and then stone sculpting in Tuscany after qualifying in Sculpture at Dunlaoghaire School of Art and Design, is known for public commissions throughout the island of Ireland and has completed private commissions in Ireland and in the UK, USA, France and Germany. For more information see

www.michaelkillen.ie

Other News and Events of Irish Interest

15 April – 25 May: Irish ceramic artist Michael Moore to exhibit new work in Heidelberg



Work by Irish ceramic artist Michael Moore will feature in a new exhibition in Heidelberg from 15 April to 27 May 2012 at Galerie Marianne Heller (Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 2, Am Stadtgarten, D-69117 Heidelberg) one of the leading galleries for contemporary ceramic art in Europe.

 Crafts Council of Ireland

Visitors to the exhibition will have an opportunity to view Moore's cool abstract sculptures reminiscent of rock formations abraded by wind or of models of postmodern architecture which feature grey, blue or black lines marking the white elegant forms. In contrast, Narum's ceramics are warm and domestic - oval and squared plates, well rounded jugs covered with yellowish slip and painted in green and the colour of honey, reflecting traditional domestic ware but with the finesse and freedom only an artist can offer.

About Buildings and Vessels was funded through the Crafts Council of Ireland's External Exhibitions Fund and Research Institute for Art and Design Funding from the University of Ulster. The Crafts Council of Ireland's External Exhibitions Fund was set up to increase awareness and grow the profile of Irish craft both nationally and internationally through stimulating and rewarding the development of professional exhibition skills in makers and curators of craft.

For further information on the exhibition see:

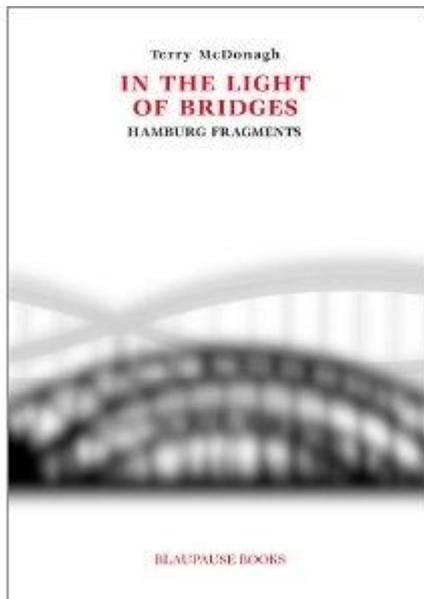
www.galerie-heller.de/index_e.htm

www.michaelmooreceramics.com

<http://www.craftinireland.com/events/details/about-buildings-and-vessels/>

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26 April: Launch of Terry McDonagh's latest book "In the Light of Bridges – Hamburg Fragments"



Poet, Terry McDonagh's latest book, In the Light of Bridges – Hamburg Fragments will be launched on Thursday 26 April at 19.00 in the Hamburg Welcome Center, Alter Wall 11, Hamburg

Terry McDonagh has lived in Hamburg for thirty years. He taught English at the University of Hamburg, and was Drama Director at the International School for sixteen years. He has published six collections of poetry, drama, letters and a novel and poetry for children. His work has been translated into Indonesian and German, funded by the Ireland Literature Exchange.

For more information see
www.terry-mcdonagh.com
www.blaupause-books.com

26 April – 9 May New Wave Trad Band Beoga on tour in Germany



Supported by Culture Ireland, exciting traditional Irish music group Beoga will tour Germany this April and May. For full details please see

<http://www.beogamusic.com/beoga/tours.html>

<http://www.magnetic-music.com>

26.04.12 Eltville – Kulturzentrum Eichberg

27.04.12 Bielefeld – Neue Schmiede

28.04.12 Ettlingen – Stadthalle

02.05.12 Ulm – Roxy

03.05.12 Esslingen – Dieselstraße

04.05.12 Landshut – Salzstadel

07.05.12 Ingolstadt – KKB Neue Welt

09.05.12 Fürth – Kulturforum

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April: Ireland Brunch at the Maritim Hotel, Berlin



Every Sunday in April Ireland is the featured country at the Berliner Botschafter Brunch at the Maritim Hotel on Stauffenbergerstrasse 16 10785 Berlin.

For details and reservations visit <http://www.maritim.de/de/hotels/deutschland/hotel-berlin/restaurants-bars>

From Tuesday 17 April: Children's Irish Dancing Classes in Berlin

Jigs and Reels Irish Dance Academy in Berlin are pleased to announce a new series of Irish Dancing classes for Children. These beginners' classes will run on Tuesdays starting from 17 April and take place at their Wilmersdorf studio on Westfälische Straße 16a, 10709 Berlin

16.00 -17.00 – under 8 years

17.00 -18.00 – over 8 years

For further information please e-mail info@jigsandreels.de or click www.jigsandreels.de

24 April – 11 May 2012: Singer Lisa Hannigan tours Germany



Singer Lisa Hannigan will play several German cities as part of her first European Tour:

24.04.12 Hamburg, Gruenspan
27.04.12 Stuttgart, Theater
28.04.12 München, Ampere
29.04.12 Frankfurt, Das Bett
30.04.12 Düsseldorf, New Fall Festival Pre-Event
03.05.12 Berlin, Bi Nuu
04.05.12 Dresden, Beatpol
06.05.12 AT - Wien, Chaya Fuera
11.05.12 Köln, Gebäude 9

For full details visit <http://lisahannigan.ie/tour/>

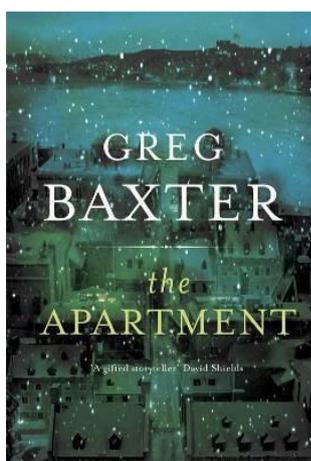
Reminder: Up & Running with the IBN and the Düsseldorf / Dublin Marathon Exchange Project

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The Düsseldorf Marathon is taking place on April 29th and the Irish Business Network wants you to get involved! With runners from both Ireland and Germany taking part, it's set to be a weekend of great Spórt ! If you would like to find out more about how to be on the starting blocks with the IBN Team, simply click on the following link
<http://www.irishbusinessnetwork.de/?cat=3>

2 May 19.30: Berlin Launch of “The Apartment” by Greg Baxter



Dublin-based writer Greg Baxter's new book 'The Apartment' is being published on 5 April. A launch of the book, in association with *Dialogue Books*, will take place in Berlin on May 2nd at 19:30 at the Circus Apartments, Choriner Strasse 84, 10119 – full details can be found at:

http://www.dialoguebooks.org/event/?event_id=51

'A blazing talent' Guardian; *'The Apartment is a small novel - but it's actually huge. Clever, entertaining, brave; it stretches the rules while following a man through one day of his life. I loved it'* Roddy Doyle; *'A stunning book – beautifully constructed, elegantly written and deeply felt'* Stuart Evers.

4 April – 8 July Albers Exhibition” The Sacred Modernist” at University College Cork



The Sacred Modernist: Josef Albers, as a Catholic Artist presents this German- born abstract artist’s work in a new way.

This show at the Lewis Glucksman Gallery in UCC is a project of great significance to curator Nicholas Fox Weber and the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation. It presents the ambient spiritualism of Albers’ work in a way that has never before been considered in any depth. It emphasises in particular the strong basis which Albers’ art has in Christian traditions. It is also a deliberate way of linking Josef Albers’s art to Ireland, a place he and Nicholas Fox-Weber often discussed, even though he had never been there.

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For more details follow the link below:
<http://www.glucksman.org/exhibitions.html>

Ireland in Germany – Useful Links

Embassy of Ireland (Berlin) www.embassyofireland.de

Bord Bia – Irish Food Board (Düsseldorf) <http://www.irishbeef.de/>

Enterprise Ireland (Düsseldorf) <http://www.enterprise-ireland.com>

IDA Ireland (Frankfurt am Main) <http://www.idaireland.de/>

Tourism Ireland (Frankfurt am Main) www.entdeckeirland.de

Irish Business Network in Germany <http://www.irishbusinessnetwork.de/>