



Das Irische Monatsbuch

A Monthly Round up from the Irish Embassy in Berlin
May 2015

As always, please feel free to send the Monatsbuch on to anyone you know in Germany with an interest in Ireland and encourage them to sign up for our mailing list by sending an e-mail to the rsvp address listed on <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/germany/contact-us/>

If you are involved in an event with an Irish connection anywhere in Germany, please let us know by e-mailing the rsvp address listed on <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/germany/contact-us/> by the 25th and we will do our best to include it in that month's edition of the Monatsbuch.



On 26 May at 18:30, the Embassy of Ireland will present the Wexford Festival Opera with a short concert by the Irish soprano Jennifer Davis.

The event will take place in the Mendelssohn-Remise, Jägerstraße 51, 10117 Berlin.

As you are aware Wexford Festival Opera is not only one of Ireland's leading cultural events, but is also one of the world's leading opera festivals. Patrons from around the world, particularly the UK and continental Europe, travel to Wexford each year to experience what the festival is famous for: unearthing rare operatic gems and launching emerging operatic talent in the internationally award winning Wexford Opera House.

"the most remarkable Opera festival in the world"
Christof Siemes, ZEIT ONLINE

Spaces for the event are limited and the Embassy requests that all interested parties email or call at their soonest availability in order to secure a seat.

Please RSVP under:

<https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/germany/contact-us/>

Further information about the festival is available under:

<http://www.Wexfordopera.com/>

Running until 29 May: *Fields of Green* Exhibition



With family from Sherkin Island and Sligo, Marie Driscoll (Deese) now divides her time between Sherkin and Stuttgart. A landscape and portrait artist, her work reflects a deep-rooted sense of being a part of Ireland and not just an observer. We are sure you will enjoy her colourful paintings that so deftly capture Ireland's unique atmosphere!

The exhibition, running until 29 May, will be open at the Embassy (Jägerstr. 51, 10117 Berlin) from Monday to Friday, 9.30-12.30 or by appointment.



ID 2015
A Year of Irish Design

4 June: Bungalow Bliss exhibition at the Embassy of Ireland

Berlin-based Irish engineer and artist, Adrian Duncan, and Irish Dublin-based textile designer, Olga Tiernan, have come together to produce a number of works inspired by Jack Fitzsimon's Bungalow Bliss catalogue.

This fascinating exhibition, which opens at the Embassy 4 June, focuses on the indelible mark left on rural domestic construction by the Bungalow Bliss catalogue which has gone on to sell a quarter of a million copies in Ireland since the catalogue's first publication in 1971.

4 May: Dance the night away at the Munich Céilí Night in Killian' Olde Tyme Dance Hall, Munich



On the first Monday of every month from 9:00pm onwards in Killian's Olde Tyme Dance Hall, the Munich Céilí Night takes place with music provided by the very talented Munich Céilí Band.

The Munich Céilí Night is perfect for anyone who is interested in learning more about Irish traditional dancing and with experienced dancing teacher Barbara Dillon on hand to help participants, the Munich Céilí Night is certainly a date for your diary!

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.munichceiliband.com/>

<http://www.kiliansirishpub.com>

8 May: Music and Stories from the West of Ireland with Tom Kannmacher

Tom Kannmacher tells „scéalta“ (stories) of Ireland, that were first recorded in the 1930s.

This unique story telling event promises to be a delightful evening of entertainment for both young and old. Tom Kannmacher will provide musical support on the night in the form of his traditional Uilleann Pipes and classical Guitar.

The stories will be told predominately in German but some of his phrases will be kept in their traditional Irish language form.

When: 08.05.2015 at 19.00

Where: Studienhaus für Keltische Sprachen und Kulturen, Kunstforum Palastweiher, Winzerstr., 53639 Königswinter

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.sksk.de/aktuelles.php>



In 2015 the Irish Folk Club Munich will be celebrating its 27th birthday and on the 11 May the stage of Ars Musica will be lit up once again with Paul Daly.

The popular artist will perform a unique solo show enchanting audiences with a mixture of his own songs and a number of traditional classics.

For further information and possible changes to the schedule, please visit:

<http://www.irishfolkclubmunich.com/events-winter-spring-2015/4570265548>

11 May: Irish Folk Club Munich host Paul Daly



Photo credit: www.david-vincent.org.uk

Running throughout May till 27 June: Irish Artist Daithi Magner on display at Galerie Westphal Berlin



Work by Irish Artist Daithi Magner will be on display at Galerie Westphal Berlin, Kurfürstendamm 207/208 until 27 June 2015.

For further information about the exhibition, please visit:

<http://artbourse.de/index.php/blog>

Or

https://www.facebook.com/daithimagnerart/photos_stream

May 16- Berlin GAA play in South/East Regional Championship in Vienna



Berlin GAA made history this year by becoming the first ever GAA Football team from Berlin to play in a competitive European Championship. Round 1 of the South/East Regional Championship in Munich saw Berlin finish a fantastic 5th from the 10 teams involved.

The next round of the championship takes place in Vienna on May 16 and then the games will continue to Padova on June 13.

Interested in Getting Involved?

Football training sessions are run every week and weekends and the Club welcomes anybody who wants to join whether they be experienced players or first timers!

Hurling training is starting in the next few weeks with the Club's experienced GAA coaches and Berlin GAA would love to see some new players for their summer matches.

Berlin GAA also hopes to enter a ladies team in a European Championship this year so anybody interested should definitely contact the Club on the details below.

For further details please contact:

Facebook: [Facebook.com/BerlinGAA](https://www.facebook.com/BerlinGAA)

Email: chairman.berlin.europe@gaa.ie

Phone: 0176 56903382

21 May: Amnesty International's Ambassador of Conscience Award 2015 with support from Glen Hansard and Irish actress Lisa Dwan



On 21 May, legendary folk singer Joan Baez and world-renowned artist Ai Weiwei – both committed activists – will be the joint recipients of Amnesty International's Ambassador of Conscience Award for 2015.

Amnesty International's Ambassador of Conscience Award is the organization's top honour, recognizing those who have shown exceptional leadership in the fight for human rights, through their life and work.

The Award will be presented at a ceremony at the **Haus der Berliner Festspiele in Berlin on 21 May 2015**, with entertainment being provided on the night by **Academy Award winning Glen Hansard**, German songwriter Clueso, British Soul-/Blues-singer Jo Harman, pianist Gabriela Montero and **Westmeath actress Lisa Dwan**.

Glen Hansard will be giving a special performance on the night which promises to be unmissable for any fans of the Dublin singer. Similarly, the fantastic Lisa Dwan, who has performed her unique version of Beckett's "Not I" upon the London Stage and on BBC radio, will be performing the short play on the night.

Tickets are [available now](#)

**28 May: Cork
Composer Karen
Power to perform
with the Quiet Music
Ensemble as part of
the *Instruments of
Ice* event**



Photo credit: Kate Puccia

Cork Composer Karen Power will be performing with the Quiet Music Ensemble as part of the *Instruments of Ice* event at the Daadgalerie, Zimmerstrasse 90/91, 10117 Berlin.

Instruments of Ice aims to take audiences of all ages on sound journeys to real and artistically re-imagined Arctic spaces.

This project utilises Ireland's leading experimental music ensemble to unearth a new musical language, which seamlessly fuses acoustic instruments with full-spectrum field recordings of arctic ice, to create fully evocative and immersive soundscapes that are both real and imaginary.

Further information is available at:

http://www.berliner-kuenstlerprogramm.de/de/veranstalt_detail.php?id=1808

Save the date!

What: Bloomsday celebrations

Where: Embassy of Ireland, Berlin, Jägerstr. 51, 10117 Berlin

When: Tuesday, 16 June, 12.30-15.00

Running throughout May: John Gerrard Exhibition in Darmstadt

What: John Gerrard exhibition “Exercise”

When: Running throughout May until 11 October 2015.

Where: Kunsthalle, Darmstadt (Steubenplatz 1, 64293 Darmstadt)

For further details, please contact info@kunsthalle-darmstadt.de . An overview of the exhibition can be found on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZEgBBCzm_Y

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May – Irish Gigs in Germany

GRÁINNE HOLLAND

Talented songstress from Belfast

www.magnetic-music.com

18.05 CH-Baar – Rathaus Schüür
20.05 Bielefeld – Neue Schmiede

ALTAN

Legendary Irish folk group hailing from co. Donegal

www.magnetic-music.com

19.05. Schwetzingen – SWR Festspiele, Schloss, Jagdsaal

FLEADH

Irish Music flying high

www.magnetic-music.com

24.05. Calden (bei Kassel) - Schlosspark Wilhelmthal Open Air

26.06 Kaisheim – Kleinkunstbrauerei Thaddäus

28.06 Adelberg – Freilichtspiele

21.08 Homburg/Saar – Altstadtfest, Bühne historischer Marktplatz

25.10 Wolfhagen – Kulturhalle (mit Goitse)

LOS PAPERBOYS

Celtic Mexican Music Club

www.magnetic-music.com

01.05. Paderborn – Frühlingsfest, Rathausplatz

02.05. Mittelneufnach – Kulturschmiede

05.05. Waldkraiburg – Haus der Kultur

06.05. SWR 1 Radiokonzert, Mainz

07.05. Karlsruhe – Jubez

08.05. Gevelsberg – Bürgerhaus Alte Johanneskirche

09.05. Venne – Folkfrühling, Venue

10.05. Frühlingsmarkt, Bühne Marktplatz

12.05. Ingolstadt – KKB Neue Welt

13.05. Rehau – Rehau Art

16.05. Lutterbek – Lutterbeker

18.05. CH-Zürich – Gemeinschaftszentrum Buchegg

19.05. Kaiserslautern – Kammgarn

20.05. Bürstadt – Bürgerhaus

21.05. A-Rankweil – Altes Kino

23.05. Hildesheim – Jazztime Open Air, Theaterplatz

13 June 2015: 13th Summer Folk Festival Berlin

Unter der Schirmherrschaft der Botschaft von Irland

13th Irish Summer Folkfestival Berlin

Sa. 13.6.2015 Freilichtbühne
Zitadelle Spandau

The Robbie Doyle Big Band
Feat. Bernd Lüttke, Brid Ni Chathain
with special guest Stefan Gabriel + Surprise Guests

Declan McHale & Nathan Pilatzke
(Riverdance, Lord of the Dance, Chieftains)

Folk Friends
Our Celtic cousins from DK

Dan Plews
Singer/Songwriter, UK

3 Stunden Live-Musik überdacht

robbiedoyle.com



Freilichtbühne
an der Zitadelle
Spandau
Am Juliusturm
13599 Berlin

U-Bhf. Zitadelle U7
Bus X33

Beginn: 19:00
Eintritt: 21.-
Erm.: 18.-

Tickethotline:
030 / 333 4021

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www.prengemann.de

 Spandauer
Kultursommer 2014
Freilichtbühne an der Zitadelle Spandau

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Irish Music in Germany

Monatsbuch readers may be interested in checking out www.magnetic-music.com and <http://www.musiccontact.com> to find out about Irish musicians performing in Germany.

3- 4 June 2015: Global Irish Civic Forum in Dublin Castle

The first Global Irish Civic Forum will take place in Dublin Castle on 3-4 June 2015 and will be an opportunity for organisations supporting the Irish diaspora abroad to come to Dublin to discuss their work with these communities.

It is anticipated the Forum will discuss issues such as new Irish emigrants, Irish identity and heritage, reaching out to Irish citizens abroad and assisting emigrants to return to Ireland. Attendance at the Civic Forum is open to all organisations working with Irish communities abroad.

Full details are available at the following link: <https://www.dfa.ie/global-irish/support-and-services/>

4-5 July: Irish Vibes and Waves

What: Music Festival Irish Vibes and Waves featuring The Henry Girls, Cara Dillon, We Banjo 3 and Sinéad O'Connor und Mick Flannery

When: 4-5 July

Where: Theater Augusta Raurica in Switzerland

Further Information and tickets can be found under:

<http://www.stimmen.com/programm/augusta-raurica/>

***8-9 September: Darragh McLoughlin to perform his show
The Whistle at
Berlin's first Circus Festival***



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Darragh McLaughlin is a contemporary circus performer/creator from Cork who founded Squarehead Productions in 2012 with the aim of bringing together different contemporary artistic practices.

The Whistle is a solo production featuring Darragh McLoughlin which is based on the simple but unique premise of a performer onstage with a whistle. When he blows it, the audience closes their eyes, when he blows it again, they open them.

With McLaughlin, the audience can expect an evening of entertainment from a master of his trade who will invite the audience to participate in a unique and engaging creative process.

Further information can be found under:

<http://www.berlin-circus-festival.de/#festival>

PURE IRISH DROPS 2015

Women Of Ireland – The Next Generation

Tour from 25 September to 25 October 2015

This unique tour features Alisha McMahon, Méabh Ní Bheaglaoich and Clíodhna Ní Bheaglaoich who are three young female musicians on their way to the top of the traditional Irish music scene.

With a range of instruments including fiddle, harp, accordain and viola and a skilled séan nós dancer counted among the group, the show promises to be highly entertaining and an event not to be missed.

For further information and possible changes to the schedule, please visit:
http://ffmusik.de/ff-musikbuero/Pure_Irish_Drops_2015_introduction.html



Concert dates for some of the trio's upcoming shows include:

Fr 25.09.2015 **Waldshut Stadtscheuer**
Sa 26.09.2015 **Nürnberg Loni-Übler-Haus**
So 27.09.2015 **Nordhausen tba**
Fr 02.10.2015 **Stuhr Rathaus**
So 04.10.2015 **Kiel Store Okseø**
Mo 05.10.2015 **Berlin-Spandau Kulturhaus**
Mi 07.10.2015 **Bad Oldesloe Old Esloe**
Do 08.10.2015 **Schwerin Speicher**
Fr 09.10.2015
Mo 12.10.2015 **München Ars Musica**
Di 13.10.2015
Mi 14.10.2015 **Neu Ulm Sparkasse**
Do 15.10.2015 **Illertissen Sparkasse**
Fr 16.10.2015 **Bonn Brotfabrik**

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Learn to play Irish music

Monthly Irish music workshops and learners session for adults now available in Berlin. Learn to play Irish music in a relaxed group workshop, followed by a slower paced session. For more information please visit www.huasmusic.com. The next workshop is on Thursday 12th March 2015

Gathering of Conradh na Gaeilge Bheirlín

Conradh na Gaeilge in Berlin meets every fortnight at 20:00 at Café Orange, Oranienburger Str. 32 / 10117 Berlin. Anyone who enjoys speaking Irish or is interested in the language is welcome to come along.

Further information is available on their facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cnagbheirlin/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Conradh-na-Gaeilge-Bheirl%C3%ADn/100226006738971>

Online Citizens' Registration Tool

Members of the Irish Community in Germany are invited to register their contact details with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade using the form on the following webpage:

<https://www.dfa.ie/travel/citizens-registration>

Maintaining an up-to-date register is an important tool for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in managing potential crises. The information is kept securely and will only be used should an emergency situation arise.

Should you have any questions regarding completion of the new online form, please contact a member of Embassy staff on +49 (0)30 220720.

Ireland in Germany – Useful Links

Embassy of Ireland (Berlin) www.embassyofireland.de

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

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

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

Tourism Ireland (Frankfurt am Main) <http://www.ireland.com/de-de>

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