

EMBASSY OF IRELAND NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS:

IRISH ACTS PERFORM AT PORI THEATRE FESTIVAL

1 – 9 September

Pori Theatre Festival / Lainsuojattomat is underway and includes three impressive acts visiting from Ireland, listed below. Pori Theatre Festival is a vibrant international theatre festival for independent professional theatre companies, now in its 19th year. For tickets and for the full programme, please visit here:

www.rakastajat.fi/lainsuojattomat

THEATREclub: "HEROIN" is a radical staging of how we got here, and how much we care. It is everything that ever happened to us, the words that were never spoken and how the ones we voted for, kicked us in the teeth. Grace Dyas's new play is an explosion of the social history of Heroin in Ireland over the last forty years.

www.rakastajat.fi/lainsuojattomat/heroin

Fishamble: "Silent" is the touching and challenging story of homeless McGoldrig, who once had splendid things. But he has lost it all – including his mind. He now dives into the wonderful wounds of his past through the romantic world of Rudolph Valentino. www.rakastajat.fi/lainsuojattomat/silent

Karen Egan & Enda Kilroy: "Nauseating Couple" PREMIERE!

Meet Dave and Bianca, Ireland's best-loved singing sensation; two soul-mates in a world of music and entertainment who spread their gospel of love to an adoring public. While other celebrity couples drop like flies, Dave and Bianca stand firm like a shining city of love on the hill.

www.rakastajat.fi/lainsuojattomat/nauseatingcouple

HELSINKI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

20-30 September 2018

Keep an eye out for Irish films at the Helsinki International Film Festival. The programme for the festival will be published on 7 September. <http://hiff.fi/en/>

IRISH FESTIVAL OF FINLAND

VIRGIN OIL CLUB, MANNERHEIMINTIE 5, 00100 HELSINKI

15 September 2018

The 33rd Irish Festival of Finland takes place on Saturday 15 September, with performances by the Greenlights Dancers, Ants in the Pants, Isara, and the Scrapes. Doors open from 20.00.

NORDIC 2018 GAELIC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

TOOLON PALLOKENTTA, URHEILUKATU, 1-5 00250 HELSINKI

15 September 2018

The Helsinki Harps will host the final round of this years Nordic Gaelic Football Championship. This is an all day event starting at 09:00 with a tournament final at 15:00 (Times subject to change). Everyone is welcome for a fun family day out. Entry is free.

THE IRISH FESTIVAL OF OULU

3 to 7 October 2018

The northernmost Irish festival in the world will take place this year from 3 to 7 October and will feature performances by Karan Casey, The Friel Sisters, Moxie, and Dubhlinn, among others. The festival has a wide range of cultural activities to suit any interest from theatre, storytelling and film to Irish music sessions. Leena-Kaisa Laakso will present her book "Tämän Maailman Reunalla" (At the Edge of this World), which captures the magic and everyday life on the west coast of Ireland. For more information, or to book tickets, please visit <http://www.irkku.fi/>

OTHER NEWS

STAFF CHANGES AT THE EMBASSY

Our Deputy Head of Mission, Ms Caoimh Kett, has completed her posting in Finland. We wish her all the best in her new assignment to our office in Belfast. Her successor, Ms Emma McCarron, arrived on 29 August. Emma previously worked in the Irish Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe as well as in the Department of Finance. We warmly welcome Emma to Helsinki!

ONLINE PASSPORT RENEWAL SERVICE FOR PASSPORT

Renew online to save time: If you are aged over eighteen and need to renew your passport you should use the online service. This service is convenient, secure and offers a swift turnaround service. No need for forms, witnessing or printed photos. It is the most efficient, cost-effective and stress-free way to get your passport. To apply online visit www.dfa.ie/passports.

DOWNLOAD THE TRAVELWISE APP

The app includes travel advice and consular information on 200 countries with information on security, local laws, entry requirements, health and emergency contacts. Security alerts are sent to App users that have accepted push notifications and opted to receive alerts for a specific country or countries. Alerts will only be sent on major changes in the overall security status or in the event a specific crisis event or emergency.

The App provides a secure and easy to use facility to register with the local Irish Embassy or Consulate. This is a voluntary online service which encourages Irish citizens travelling or living overseas, especially those in higher risk destinations, to register their contact details with the Department. In the event of an unforeseen crisis such as a natural disaster or civil unrest, the Department can proactively contact the citizens, ensure they are safe, keep them informed of developments and provide assistance where necessary.

Topical Articles includes practical information on major events abroad. A "Know before you go" section provides cross-cutting information relevant to multiple travel types and destinations. This includes passport information, travel insurance information and the consular role of our embassies network. The "My Trip" checklist is a handy tool to help travelers ensure that they are well prepared for an upcoming journey.

You can access the app through iStore and Google Play.

AFRAID OF LOSING YOUR PASSPORT? APPLY FOR A PASSPORT CARD

You can apply for a passport card through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website or through an app which can be downloaded for free. An Irish citizen (over the age of 18) who is in possession of a valid passport can apply for the card online from anywhere in the world. An applicant can take a photograph of themselves on their mobile phone or webcam or upload a photo, test to confirm that the photograph meets the international standards for passport photographs and complete the entire application process on their smart phone or through the DFAT website. This includes on-line payment. The fee for the passport card is €35 and there is an additional €5 postal fee if you reside outside Ireland.

The Passport Card is credit card-sized so it fits conveniently into a wallet or purse. The new passport is accepted for travel within the EU and EEA (includes the EU plus Iceland, Norway and Lichtenstein). Applicants will need to have a valid passport book already but they will be able to use the passport card alone for travelling within the EU and EEA.

For more info: <https://www.dfa.ie/passportcard/>

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Best wishes from all at the Embassy of Ireland.