



The Larkin Hedge School

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All invited to a unique celebration of music, song, poetry, dancing, literature, journalism...
June 11th and 12th 2010

The Larkin Hedge School returns with another broad programme of entertainment, in sessions, discussions and classes, in keeping with the vision of James Larkin as so memorably expressed by Seán O'Casey: "Here was a man who would put a flower in a vase on a table as well as a loaf on the plate".

Founded in 2009 to mark the 100th anniversary of the formation of the ITGWU by Larkin, the Larkin Hedge School is organised by the Clé Club, a traditional, folk and labour music club which meets weekly in Liberty Hall. The title also honours the brave Hedge Masters who risked their lives during the dark periods of oppression to keep our cultural heritage alive.

Join the revelry: weekend tickets €20 – Fri/Sat only €10 – A céad míle fáilte to all!

Programme of events

Friday 11th June

Venue: The Teachers' Club,
36 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1

7.30pm: Official Opening

Official opening by author **Fintan O'Toole**,
Assistant Editor of *The Irish Times*

8-9.30pm – Hail to The Chief

A celebration of the life and music of Chicago Chief of Police Francis O'Neill, the man responsible for the collection and preservation of thousands of Irish tunes

A talk by **Nicholas Carolan**, co-founder and Director of the Irish Traditional Music Archive and author of *A Harvest Saved: Francis O'Neill and Irish Music in Chicago*, illustrated by images from O'Neill's memoir, *Sketchy Recollections of an Eventful Life in Chicago*, published by Brandon

10pm-closing – An Góilín Singers' Club

The regular Friday night Góilín Singers Club will take place in the Teachers' Club with special guest acclaimed singer **Mary McPartlan**



Saturday June 12th

Venue: Liberty Hall Centre for the Performing Arts, Eden Quay, Dublin 1

9.30am – Doors open

10-11.30am – The Singing Breakfast: Taking Liberties

Start the day with the **Liberties History Group** as they offer a preview of their customary Bloomsday celebration in Davy Byrne's pub with songs from *Ulysses*

Traditional buns and cocoa as provided for Liberties children in former days at the Iveagh Trust in Bull Alley popularly called "The Bayno" will be served

12-1.30pm – Tall Tales of Drama and Revolution

A celebration of Liberty Hall and its place in the cultural history of the nation, led by **Manus O'Riordan** and **Francis Devine** with **Aisteoirí Chronáin**

Lunch break

2-3.30pm – Begrudgery, Politics and Prose

Bilingual exploration by **Dónall Ó Braonáin** (Raidió na Gaeltachta) of how the dark arts of cynicism, begrudgery, bile and spite have enlivened political reportage in Ireland, with a nod in the direction of Breandán Ó hEithir, Máirtín Ó Cadhain and other begrudgers

3.45-5.15pm – A Seam of Memory

Leitrim poet **Vincent Woods** and uilleann piper **Néillidh Mulligan** recall the Arigna miners' strike of 1968 in words and music

5.30-7pm – My Shoes They Are All Worn Out

Singing session centred around songs of work, hosted by An Góilín, the traditional singers club which celebrated its 30th year in 2009
www.goilin.com

Interval

8.-9.30pm – The Minstrel from Clare: The life and music of Willie Clancy

Broadcaster and piper **Peter Browne** takes a look at the life and influence of the famous piper whose name is honoured today in the annual summer school in Co Clare.

Peter will draw upon archive material to present an overall picture of the man and his music

9.45 – Concert

Fear a Tí: Seamus Dooley

Tutors **Gerry O'Connor** and **Sibéal Davitt** join other Hedge Masters in a gala closing concert followed by an open session in the bar

Closing 1am

Rest Assured

Special rates from trade union hotels

The Larkin Hedge School supports the SIPTU Fair Hotels initiative. Special rates at trade union hotels including Jury's Inn, Custom House Quay near Liberty Hall and the Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street. Details of the Rest Assured campaign can be found on www.siptu.ie.

Classes

Classes will take place on Saturday in the Old Assembly Hall, Liberty Hall, Dublin 1

11.30am-1.20pm – Fiddle master class

Renowned fiddle player and music teacher **Gerry O'Connor** teaches a class for students of at least two years' experience

1.30-3.20 – Set Dancing

Set dancing class by dance master and concertina player **Johnny Morrissey** who teaches regularly at the Cumann Merriman Summer School. Open to all

3.30-5.20pm – Sean nós dancing

Award winning dancer and experienced teacher **Sibéal Davitt** demonstrates and teaches sean nós dancing. Open to all

Each class includes a 20-minute warm up with exercises and health tips from **Dr Sanchita Farruque**, Health Promotion Officer of the **British Association of Performing Arts Medicine**

Dr Farruque will also be available during the day to answer questions about all health issues affecting performers, from RSI to stage fright

Advance booking advised, phone 01 4066517

Tickets available from the Clé Club

Weekend ticket €20

Fri/Sat only €10

The Larkin Hedge School gratefully acknowledges the support of **SIPTU**, **Poetry Ireland** and the **National Union of Journalists**

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