Press Release

Family fun as Trad takes centre stage in Temple Bar from 22 – 27 Jan

Jugglers, acrobatics, unicyclist on the cobbles, gigs for kids, Ukelele Céilí,
a farm in Christ Church Cathedral grounds, play Ireland's biggest communal drum,
Children's Open Trad Session, The Court of Crafts, Tiny Traddies (for ages 2-6),
storytelling, face painters, Pipe bands and lots more await
with many FREE events

Now in its eighth year Temple Bar TradFest run by the Temple Bar Company is a firm favourite on the festival calendar and brings to Dublin City Centre a real celebration of Irish music and culture each January. The 2013 festival has been extended to 6 days and 6 nights and kicks off 22nd January with a Festival line up including headline concerts, over 200 free events, music trail, singers club, open sessions, three outdoor stages and lots more.

A dedicated FAMILY PROGRAMME ensures there lots for families to enjoy at the family hub at The Ark, the grounds of Christ Church Cathedral and all around the streets and many venues in Temple Bar.

VILLAGE AND FARM IN THE GROUNDS OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The grounds of Christ Church Cathedral will be the location for many amazing events throughout the weekend of Temple Bar TradFest.

Irish Village and Farm Sat 26 & Sun 27 Jan: 12:00-16:00
Meath Beo is a collective of traditional festivals from Co. Meath led by the Scurlogstown Olympiad Group. Meath Beo will transform the grounds of Christ Church Cathedral with a traditional rural Irish Village. Audiences will experience a taste of country in the city with Meath Beo's cottages, dancers and other elements.

Wooly Ward's Farm Sat 26 & Sat 27 Jan**:** 12:00-16:00
Wooly Ward's Farm is a mobile animal farm set up by the Ward family in North County Dublin. Wooly Ward's Farm will be setting up "Pets Corner" at Christ Church, come and meet all the farm animals – the bunnies and guinea pigs, the hamsters and hens, Billy & Sid the goats, Biscuits and Ginger the sheep and of course Charles and Kuzco the Llamas. Take a pony ride on Sheba or enjoy a trip on Thomas the Tank Engine. Why not get an animal tattoo panted on your arm or an animal balloon from Amazy Daisy!

Fuinneamh Bounce Ireland's biggest communal drum Sat 26 & Sun 27 Jan: 12:00-16:00
Fuinneamh means energy. This is a 14 ft. communal drum for everyone to play together, no experience needed! We provide sticks for little hands and adult sizes too. With toys and hoops to dance on the drum skin while we play, a colourful spectacle unfolds. Playing with Fuinneamh is about coming together, having fun and expressing yourself, whether younger or older, all you need is a heartbeat and a smile. Come and play Fuinneamh with us, Ireland's biggest communal drum.

TEMPLE BAR TRADFEST FAMILY HUB AT THE ARK

This year's Temple Bar TradFest Family Hub at The Ark has a jam-packed programme of concerts, workshops and sessions for all the family. To book and for more information see www.ark.ie.

The Magic of the Harp family performances Sat 26 & Sun 27 Jan: 3pm (Duration 1 hour)
Suitable for all ages Tickets €10/€8 concessions
Venue: The Ark, Eustace Street
A completely original concert experience for families and schools. An Irish harp duo led by renowned harper Laoise Kelly (who has played with The Chieftains, Sharon Shannon, Dónal Lunny, Mary Black and Kate Bush), and outstanding bodhrán player Robbie Walsh, will introduce the dizzying melodies and lively rhythms of Ireland's national instrument. The performance will include music by Turlough O'Carolan, Ireland's most famous harper and composer, to mark his 275th anniversary in 2013. Violinist Vladimir Jablokov (Slovak Festival Orchestra) will join the stage to recreate in music the famous tale told of a musical duel between O'Carolan and a European violin player living in Ireland at the time.

Ukelele Céilí Sat 26 Jan: 11.30am (Duration 1hr 30mins)
Ages 7+ Tickets €10/€8 concessions
Venue: The Ark, Eustace Street
Join musicians Shane McGrath and Nora Artola, and Irish dancer Anthony Fallon (formerly of Riverdance) and learn to play well-known céilí tunes on the ukulele, the little guitar-like folk instrument from the pacific islands. You'll also learn the steps of an Irish céilí dance to go with the music. Towards the end of the workshop we'll bring it all together for a big Ukelele Céilí – fun like you've never had before is guaranteed! Don't forget to bring your ukelele if you have one.

Children's Open Trad Session Sat 26 Jan – Sun 27 Jan: 12-2.30pm Ages 8 -12 years Free admission on a first come first served basis. (bring own instrument please).
Venue: The Ark, Eustace Street
Children who can play a tune on the fiddle, bodhrán, harp, concertina, or any instrument, can drop in to our free open trad sesúin led by members of Ceoltóirí Chluain Tarbh, a long established and highly active Irish music organisation. Families are invited to come, watch and enjoy!

The Court of Crafts Sat 26 Jan – Sun 27 Jan: 12-5pm Drop-in sessions will take approximately 30 minutes Ages 4+ Free admission on a first come first served basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Venue: The Ark, Eustace Street
Drop-in crafts club presented in partnership with the Crafts Council of Ireland. Travel back in time and try your hand at willow-weaving, textiles and metal crafting, all inspired by the courts, clothing and jewellery of the ancient high kings and queens of Ireland.

Tiny Traddies **Thu 24 &** Sun 27 Jan: 11am ages 2-3 / 12pm ages 4-6 Duration 45 minutes Tickets €10/€8 concessions
Venue: The Ark, Eustace Street
Join traditional whistle and uilleann pipes player Thomas Johnston for a music workshop packed with interactive tunes and songs that little ears and voices will love. There will be lots of fun and maybe even a chance to help play the whistles!

TRAINING FOR MUSICIANS AT THE ARK

Performing Irish Traditional Music for Child and Family Audiences **Fri 25 Jan: 12.15-4pm**
Tickets €25 (including ticket to a music performance and a sandwich lunch)
Venue: The Ark, Eustace Street
Presented by The Ark in partnership with Music Network, this professional development workshop, facilitated by traditional harper Cormac De Barra and fiddle player and singer Sinéad Madden, will support professional musicians to develop performance skills for child and family audiences.

OTHER EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN TEMPLE BAR

Buskers Stage Sat 26 & Sun 27 Jan: 12:00 -17:00 Free
Buskers are an age old tradition in Dublin**,** especially in Temple Bar**.** Stop at the Buskers Stage and listen to some great music**,** both the classics and the new**.** Who knows what hidden talent you might hear that has yet to be discovered!

Street Entertainment Free
Larger than life street performers, stilt walkers and bespoke characters will bring Temple Bar to life throughout the festival. There will be many kinds of street entertainment, from a market to face painting in the weekend.

Face Painters Sat 26 –Sun 27 Jan: 12:30-16:00 Free
During the weekend of TradFest, you will find our face painters on Upper Fownes Street, Crown Alley and the grounds of Christ Church Cathedral.

TradFest Market in Christ Church Sat 26 Jan: 12:00-16:00 Free
Food stalls courtesy of Irish Village Markets on the Grounds of Christ Church Cathedral

Storytelling with Nuala Hayes and Cormac De Barra. Sat 26 Jan: 13:00 & 14:30. Tickets: €3 plus the entrance fee to the crypt Christ Church Cathedral
Venue: The crypt Christ Church Cathedral
The atmospheric medieval crypt of Christ Church Cathedral will be the venue from Folklore and Literature with renowned storyteller Nuala Hayes and Cormac De Barra.
Christ Church entry tickets (individual): Adults: €6.00 Seniors/students: €4.50 Children (under 16): €2.00
Family Tickets (2 adults + 2 children under 16): €15.00

Irish Genelogy
Their experienced researchers from a number of their county genealogy centres will be offering a free advisory service to visitors to the TradFest to assist them in locating records relating to their particular family in a specific county or across any number of counties
Date: Saturday 26th of January
Time: 11:00-16:00
Price: Entry included in entrance fee

Gallery of Photography's Archive Gathering Project The Irish – a Photographic Album.

Gallery of Photography Ireland is inviting Irish people – wherever they are in the world – to contribute their historical family photographs online to an emerging photographic archive of "The Irish" and reflect the many forms of Irish cultural identity – embracing an open and inclusive interpretation of what it means to be Irish today. The Gallery of Photography's Archive Gathering Project will commence during the Temple Bar TradFest where participants will be invited to submit their family album images. The Gallery of Photography will provide a one day scanning and archiving workshop where participants can bring their original images for scanning.

Contact: Trish Lambe, Gallery of Photography, +353 (01) 671 4654, trish@galleryofphotography.ie
Please send photos with the following info: - the name of family members in the group - date (if known) - name and location of contributor

Headline Stage Sat 26 Jan: 11am – 19:30 Sun 27 Jan 12:00 – 16:00 Free

As part of the Temple Bar TradFest's free outdoor entertainment programme East Essex Street (Saturday) and Parliament Street (Sunday) will be brought to life with hours of free entertainment. The headline stage will see the Celtic Irish Dance Festival return, showcasing Irish Dancing talent from all over the world. Some of Ireland's biggest names will perform alongside, up-coming talent. Come and enjoy hours of free entertainment from rock tunes with a trad twist to Irish dancers from all over the world.

Sat 26 Jan
11.10-11.40 Latvian Choir Elve
12.00-12.30 London Lasses
12.50-13.20 Cross Harbour
13.40-17.00 Celtic Irish Dance Festival
17.20-17.50 Perfect Friction
18.15-19.30 Mary Coughlan
Sun 27 Jan
12.00-12.30 Hannah Grace
12.50-13.20 Mo Hat Mo Gheansai
13.40-14.10 Aoife Scott
14.30-15.00 DIT Music Ensemble
15.20-16.00 Supertonic Orchestra

Jedburgh Royal British Legion Pipe Band Sat 26: 11:00 at Central Bank Plaza & Sun 27 Jan: 15:00 at Temple Bar Square

Jedburgh Royal British Legion Pipe Band was formed in 1943 and is currently led by Pipe Major Ian Macdonald (Tosh). They are a voluntary group of musicians covering all ages from young to old (their youngest member aged 12, to their oldest being 72) and will be performing on the Streets of Temple Bar as well as performing on the headline stage.

Siamsa Cois Life Stage Sat 26 Jan: 12:00- 17:45 Sun 27: 12:00 – 17:45 Free

As part of the Temple Bar TradFest's free outdoor entertainment programme the Siamsa Cois Life Stage will give young people from Irish Music and Dance schools throughout Ireland the chance to showcase their talent. Come and enjoy hours of free entertainment, this stage will be sure to keep your toes tapping and your hands clapping throughout the afternoon and evening.

Sat 26 Jan
12.00-12.45 Sean Tracey CCE
13.00-13.45 Showstoppers & Kara Burbage School of Dance
14.00-14.45 Ceoltóirí Chluain Tarbh (Under 18s)
15.00-15.45 Showstoppers & Kara Burbage School of Dance
16.00-16.45 Ceoltóirí Chluain Tarbh (Over 18s)
17.00-17.45 Comhal Tas Ceoltóirí Eireann
Sun 27 Jan
12.00-12.45 Niall Teague and the Fast Company
13.00-13.45 Paidí Bán Ó Broin
14.00-14.45 The Independent Theatre Workshop
15.00-15.45 Domabeo Music
16.00-16.45 Latvian Choir MAZAIS LETINS – Children's Ensemble
17.00-17.45 Coscán

STREET PERFORMERS
Sat 26 Jan: 12:00 – 17:40 Sun 27 Jan: 12:00–17:40 Free
Some of Ireland's best street performers: jugglers, acrobatics and unicyclist will bring Temple Bar to life during the festival weekend.
Sat 26 Jan
12:00-12:40 – Hakuna Matata (Acrobatics) at Central Bank Plaza
13:00-13:40 – Ross O'Brien (Unicyclist and Daredevil) at East Essex Street
14:00-14:40 – Johnny Phelan (Juggling) at Fownes Street
15:00-15:40 – Hakuna Matata (Acrobatics) at Barnardo Square
16:00-16:40 – Ross O'Brien (Unicyclist and Daredevil) at Fleet Street
17:00-17:40 – Johnny Phelan (Juggling) at Crow Street
Sun 27 Jan
12:00-12:40 – Hakuna Matata (Acrobatics) at Central Bank Plaza
13:00-13:40 – Ross O'Brien (Unicyclist and Daredevil) at Parliament Street
14:00-14:40 – Johnny Phelan (Juggling) at Fownes Street
15:00-15:40 – Hakuna Matata (Acrobatics) at Temple Bar Square
16:00-16:40 – Ross O'Brien (Unicyclist and Daredevil) at East Essex Street
17:00-17:40 – Johnny Phelan (Juggling) at Crow Street

Teaspach, Buaiteoirí – Siansa Gael Linn 2012 – Winners Sat 26 Jan: 1pm Free
Venue: City Hall
Teaspach are a Sligo based traditional group of 8 young musicians performing a fresh lively mix of old & new tunes & songs. Their repertoire & style reflects the great Sligo music tradition but also includes new compositions from harpist Michael Rooney and beautifully crafted arrangements of Irish & Scottish dance tunes. The group's singing features sweet harmonies in great traditional songs and more modern airs, including a Thomas Moore composition.

Be Part of it and let us know what you think at TWITTER.com/templebartrad
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