



CoisCéim Broadreach and Dublin City Council's Arts, Sports & Leisure and
Community Development Sections present

SILENT IDOLS

Take a bow!

The arts really matter to us in Ireland; they are a big part of people's lives, the country's single most popular pursuit. Our artists interpret our past, define who we are today, and imagine our future. We can all take pride in the enormous reputation our artists have earned around the world.

The arts play a vital role in our economy, and smart investment of taxpayers' money in the arts is repaid many times over. The dividends come in the form of a high value, creative economy driven by a flexible, educated, innovative work force, and in a cultural tourism industry worth €2.4 billion directly a year.

The Arts Council is the Irish Government agency for funding and developing the arts. Arts Council funding from the taxpayer, through the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs, for 2011 is €65.2 million, that's around 80 cents a week for every household.

So, at the end of an enthralling dance performance, don't forget the role you played and take a bow yourself!

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bea(t)aine festival
celebrating creativity in older age



SILENT IDOLS on tour ...

DUBLIN CITY GALLERY THE HUGH LANE

SATURDAY 7 MAY - 3.00pm | 1 PARNELL SQUARE WEST, DUBLIN 1

DONNYCARNEY LOCAL CARE CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY - 12.45pm | ST. JOHN'S COURT, MALAHIDE ROAD, DUBLIN 3

DONORE AVE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

SUNDAY 15 MAY - 2.30pm | DONORE AVENUE, DUBLIN 8

AXIS: BALLYMUN

TUESDAY 17 May - 1.00pm | MAIN STREET, BALLYMUN, DUBLIN 9

SEAN O'CASEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

TUESDAY 24 MAY - 7.00pm | ST. MARY'S ROAD, EAST WALL, DUBLIN 3

IRISH FILM INSTITUTE

FRIDAY 27 MAY - 12.15pm | EUSTACE STREET, TEMPLE BAR, DUBLIN 2



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COISCÉIM DANCE THEATRE

CoisCéim has earned a reputation for creating and presenting original dance theatre for stage, off-site and on film. Led by Artistic Director David Bolger, CoisCéim tours throughout Ireland and has developed an international reputation at prestigious festivals such as the Venice Biennale (2007); Edinburgh Fringe Festival (2005 & 2006); China Ireland Festival in Beijing & Shanghai (2004); the Jacob's Pillow Festival, USA (2001) and the 10 Days on the Island Festival in Tasmania (2000).

CoisCéim has received many awards including two Edinburgh Fringe Firsts and is widely acclaimed for its "exhilarating...astounding performances" (*The Guardian*).

Under the umbrella of CoisCéim Broadreach, over three thousand people of all ages have been introduced to dance. In addition to classes, workshops and programmes for older people, CoisCéim Broadreach co-ordinates a youth dance theatre group Creative Steps and also initiates projects with various communities of place, age or interest. Further information available at

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CoisCéim Broadreach and Dublin City Council's Arts, Sport & Leisure and Community Development Sections are delighted to come together for the fourth year to produce a dance project for people aged 50+ as part of Bealtaine Festival.

In five venues throughout Dublin City, over 300 people joined drop-in dance classes in February and March this year. By April, a dedicated performance group of 40 dancers emerged to create a dance homage to films of the silent era.

The performance today is the culmination of five weeks of creative rehearsal sessions and demonstrates the wealth of creativity and passion for dance among our older aged citizens. Together we danced, improvised and created new choreography. Throughout this process participants stretched and flexed, twisted and turned – working incredibly hard to perfect dance sequences, develop characters and build the performance of Silent Idols. Along the way there has been much laughter and hilarity not to mention a few strong words and sore feet! Yet inspired by the iconic artists and films of the silent era, we have all been moved 'to push the boat out', as this year's theme of Bealtaine suggests.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the production team and organisers for their support and generous help on this project. Finally, special thanks is due to the performers, for without their energy and commitment, willingness to try something different, sense of humour - and of course passion for dance Silent Idols would not have been possible.

Philippa Donnellan
May 2011

Creative dance drop-in classes took place at

Santry Community Resource Centre
axis: Ballymun
Sean O'Casey Community Centre
Donore Avenue Youth & Community Centre
Irishtown Stadium



Classes at Irishtown



Classes at axis



Classes at Donore Avenue Youth
& Community Centre



Classes at Sean O'Casey
Community Centre



Classes at Santry Community
Resource Centre

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

Dublin City Council regards arts, community development, sports and recreation as essential services to the people of Dublin and to everyone who visits our city. The City Council endeavours to facilitate developments in these sections through direct provision and through partnerships with other organisations and institutions with similar or complementary aims.

If you wish to find out more about these sections please log onto
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The Arts Office: 01 222 5455

Sports and Leisure Services: 01 222 2270

Community Development Section 01 222 3428

The Events Unit: 01 222 2242

Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane: 01 222 5553

Silent Idols Rehearsal Sessions at St. Teresa's Church



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Programme

Dancers

Director

Anna Martin

The Charlies

Noel Conneely
Moirá McSweeney
Eileen Murphy
Marion Nolan
Jim Reddington

The Workers

Kathleen Boyle
Sandra Byrne
Terry Colman-Black
Beverly Figgis
Theresa Fleming
Maureen Kane
Marie Kelly
Beatrice McGarry
Pat McKenna
Liz O'Brian
Liam O'Brian
Janet O'Byrne
Mick O'Rourke
Rose Malone
Josie Riggs
Marie Rose
Ellen Sides
Sheila Smith
Josie Swan
Jacky Wade
Beatrice West

Guarda

Elizabeth West

Lady

Mary O'Connor

Mr Rich

Mick O'Rourke

Silver Stars

Marie Doyle
Beatrice McGarry

Pearly Queens

Sandra Byrne
Janet O'Byrne
Sheila Smith

Saucy Ladies

Mary Boland
Maura McEvoy
Rita O'Donnell
Anne O'Hare

Silver Circles

Kathleen Boyle
Nuala Gilseán
Marie Kelly
Pat McKenna
Margaret O'Sullivan

Director

Philippa Donnellan

Choreography

Cathy Coughlan, Philippa Donnellan
and participants

Production Manager

Maeve Hegarty

Sound Design

Alexis Nealon

Costume Design

Grainne Lynch with assistance from Anna Martin,
Janet O'Byrne, Ippy and Jill Donnellan

Props

Cathy Coughlan and Martin Cahill

Costume Assistants

Rakel Arroyo, , Amy Gorman

Publicist

Dairne O'Sullivan



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