

Druid

The Playboy of the Western World
J.M. Synge

The Gigli Concert
Tom Murphy

A Celebration of the Life
and Work of J.M. Synge

1909
SYNGE
CENTENARY
2009

The New Electric Ballroom
Eirka Walsh

Druid Lane Theatre
Our Newly Refurbished Home

The Cripple of Inishmaan
Martin McDonagh

The Walworth Farce
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My Brilliant Divorce

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Some Facts & Figures

- In 2009 Druid will present **335** performances in **26** venues in Ireland, Australia, the UK, Canada and the US.
- 2009 sees both the re-opening of our theatre on Druid Lane following an extensive refurbishment and marks our 30th anniversary in the building. Founded in 1975, Druid first moved into the theatre in 1979.
- On March 6th Druid staged three separate productions on the same night in three different locations; Cavan, New York and London.
- Druid scooped three awards at this year's Irish Times Theatre Awards – Best New Play and Best Supporting Actor (Mikel Murfi) for *The New Electric Ballroom* by Enda Walsh and Best Supporting Actress (Dearbhla Molloy) for *The Cripple of Inishmaan* by Martin McDonagh.
- During the 2008 -2009 tour of *The Cripple of Inishmaan* by Martin McDonagh, Kerry Condon as 'Helen' and Laurence Kinlan as 'Bartley' smashed a total of 1,896 eggs on the stage (474 of them on top of Laurence's head).

2009 Productions and Events

The Cripple of Inishmaan by Martin McDonagh

USA

- New York. Atlantic Theater, Dec 18, 2008 – March 14, 2009

My Brilliant Divorce by Geraldine Aron

IRELAND

- Cavan. Ramor Theatre, March 6 – 7
- Dublin. Gaiety Theatre, March 9 – 14

The New Electric Ballroom by Enda Walsh

IRELAND, AUSTRALIA, UK, & USA

- Australia. Perth International Arts Festival, Feb 17 – 25
- London. Riverside Studios, March 3 – 29
- Longford. Backstage Theatre, April 7 – 8
- Portlaoise. Dunamais Arts Centre, April 11 – 12
- Galway. Town Hall Theatre, April 15 – 19
- Cork. Everyman Palace Theatre, April 21 – 25
- Dublin. Sept 23 – Oct 17
- New York. St Ann's Warehouse, Oct 27 – Nov 22
- Los Angeles. UCLA Live, Dec 2 – 6

DruidSynge: The Playboy of the Western World

by J.M. Synge

IRELAND & UK

- Oxford. Oxford Playhouse, May 6 – 9
- Brighton. Brighton Festival (Theatre Royal), May 12 – 16
- Richmond. Richmond Theatre, May 19 – 23
- Salford. The Lowry, May 26 – 30
- Galway. Town Hall Theatre, June 2 – 6
- Liverpool. Everyman Theatre, June 9 – 13
- Cardiff. Sherman Theatre, June 16 – 18

Synge Centenary

IRELAND

- Galway Arts Festival. A celebration of the prose, poetry and plays of J.M. Synge – July 26
To commemorate the 100th anniversary of J.M. Synge's death on March 24th, 1909 we are presenting our acclaimed production of *DruidSynge: The Playboy of the Western World*. In addition, we will celebrate his life and work with a series of readings of work from his prose, poetry and plays on Sunday 26th July as part of Galway Arts Festival.

The Gigli Concert by Tom Murphy

IRELAND

- Galway. Druid Theatre, Galway Arts Festival, July 14 – 25
- Cork. Everyman Palace Theatre, July 28 – Aug 1
- Galway. Town Hall Theatre, Aug 4 – 8
- Coming Autumn 2009: National Tour of Ireland.

Druid Debuts

IRELAND

- Galway. Druid Theatre, Galway Arts Festival, July 20 – July 24

The Walworth Farce by Enda Walsh

IRELAND, UK, CANADA & USA

- Oxford. Oxford Playhouse, Sept 9 – 12
- Salford. The Lowry, Sept 15 – 19
- Galway. Druid Lane Sept 24 – Oct 2
- Toronto. Harbour Front Centre, Oct 6 – 10
- Ohio. Wexner Theatre, Oct 15 – 17
- Minneapolis. Walker Center, Oct 21 – 25
- Chicago. Shakespeare Theatre Upstairs, Oct 28 – Nov 1
- Miami. PAC Nov 4 – 7
- Los Angeles. UCLA Live, Nov 11 – 15
- California. Berkeley Rep, Nov 18 – 22
- Coming in 2010: Three-month Australian and New Zealand tour.

Druid Lane Theatre Refurbishment

A cherished dream is finally becoming a reality. 2009 will see the re-opening of our theatre on Druid Lane in Galway following an extensive refurbishment. *The Gigli Concert* by Tom Murphy will officially re-open the building in July.

Why do we do it? At the heart of everything we do is our audience. Our goal is to create *electrifying theatre experiences* for every person, in every place and every time we perform.

What do you think? We'd love to hear what you have to say – call, write or email us.

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