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Well...
you're welcome here, kind stranger.

The fifth Leeds Gathering festival is a
ten day celebration of Irish music @ arts,
from the 6th to the 15th of November
2009. We've tried our very best to bring
you the finest examples of traditional
& contemporary Irish arts, we're sure
you'll enjoy it...

6-15 Nov The Leeds Gathering



Sat 7th November
At The Racket
Otley Court House

For further info on
The Leeds Gathering
0113 275 5665

www.irisharts.org.uk

The Leeds Gathering 6–15th November 2009

Please note: all details are correct as of 26th October 2009. The Irish Arts Foundation reserves the right to amend any programme details in the future.

Mon 26th October

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Mozaik

8.00PM

The brainchild of Andy Irvine (Planxty, Patrick Street), Mozaik is the ultimate global string band. Alongside Andy are fellow Irish music legend Donal Lunny, American old-time fiddle and banjo player Bruce Molisky, Bulgarian Nikola Parov – “*The stringed instrument he can't play hasn't yet been invented*” – and Dutchman Rens van der Zalm on fiddle & mandolin. Together Mozaik move effortlessly from Celtic to old-time to Eastern European music, with intricate string arrangements complementing the vocals of Andy and Bruce.

Mozaik are truly a band where the overall ensemble is so much more than the sum of its highly accomplished parts. There is a distinctive Irish flavour to much of the material, but with plenty more besides, as the band blend their diverse traditions and musical heritage to form a sound that is distinctively unique.

Tickets £12.50 (£10.00 Concessions)

Box Office 01943 467466

**Otley Courthouse, Courthouse Street, Otley
LS21 3AN**

Fri 6th November

The Official Launch Event

7.30PM

The Leeds Gathering will be officially launched on Friday 6th November at Leeds Irish Centre with guest speakers Michael Keaveney (Irish Community Officer, Embassy of Ireland), Dr. Fiona Spiers (Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund, Yorkshire and the Humber) Tom McLaughlin OBE (Manager, Leeds Irish Centre) Mags McLeary (Senior Arts Development Officer, Leeds City Council) and Jake Roney (Director, Liverpool Irish Festival). This occasion will also feature the official launch of ‘*Untold Stories*’ an archive project which looks at the development of the Irish community in Leeds in the latter half of the twentieth century, an initiative supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. This event is to be followed by a networking opportunity for Irish business and voluntary/arts sector groups.

Invitation Only

**The O’Meara Lounge, Leeds Irish Centre
LS9 9NT**

Fri 6th November

Ed Byrne

7:30PM

Irish comic and star of BBC 2’s Mock the Week, Ed Byrne returns with his blisteringly funny critically acclaimed one man show about marriage, class, the youth of today and anything else that strikes him as humorous.

His forte has always been observational comedy, with a talent for making a well-honed set sound like an off-the-cuff conversation, albeit one with many more gags than your average pub chat, and enlivened by his animated, incredulous delivery and instinctive sense of pace and timing.

“a masterful display of the comics’ art...This is a seamless and perfectly timed show that could stand proudly next to any Izzard, Bailey, Carr or Skinner stadium-filler.”

******* Sunday Times**

“Byrne is at the top of his game”

****** Sunday Telegraph**

“Ed Byrne is a class apart”

****** Evening Standard**

Tickets £21

Box Office 0844 848 2706

**The Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds
LS1 6NZ**

Sat 7th November

Yorkshire Farmers Market

11.00AM

This popular monthly event features a dancing display from the Scanlon School of Irish Dance.

Free Event

The Rose Garden (outside the Arc)

North Lane, Headingley

LS6 3HU

www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk

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SaltaireLive, presents:

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8.15PM

A band to fill lungs with pure oxygen and set souls ablaze! Embark on a musical journey, ranging from the sounds of the Golden era of 1920’s vaudeville through to the traditional music of today. With echoes of the pioneering Irish dance bands who recorded in the 1920s, they combine swirling saxophone and banjo with vamping piano and pulsating guitars, honeyed tones of fiddle and flute, along with a velvet voice! A delight for live audiences!

www.attheracket.com

Tickets £9.00 advance, £10.00 on door

Box Office 01943 467466

www.courthouseproject.org.uk

**Otley Courthouse, Courthouse Street, Otley
LS21 3AN**

Sun 8th November

The Dave Priestley Memorial Traditional Irish Music Session

2.00PM

Now at rest in his beloved County Clare, Dave Priestley was a well-known face at traditional Irish Music sessions in Leeds and indeed throughout Britain and Ireland in the 1970’s, 80’s and 90’s. Musicians, singers and old friends now annually celebrate his memory. Featuring guest musicians from Leeds and beyond.

Free Event

**The Grove, Back Row,
Holbeck Urban Village, Leeds**

LS11 5PL

Mon 9th November

Traditional Irish Music @ Ballad Session

9.00PM – 11.15PM

A regular session throughout the year, featuring songs and craic from local musicians and singers.

Free Event

The Harp, Cromwell Street, Lincoln Green, Leeds

LS9 7SS



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Fri 13th /Sat 14th
November
Nuala Kennedy

Tue 10th November

Tuesday Irish Elders Club

12.00 NOON

Includes bingo, dancing and refreshments.

Contact the Irish Centre for details on how to join.

Free Event

Leeds Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds

LS9 9NT

0113 2480887

www.theleedsirishcentre.co.uk

Wed 11th November

Folk Session with Vincent Brady @ Friends

8.30PM

Well known County Cavan singer guitarist Vincent Brady leads an informal session of songs and tunes at the popular Café Lento. Bring your own bottle and space is limited so make sure you’re early to get a seat.

Free Event

Café Lento, 21a North Lane, Headingley, Leeds

LS6 3HW

Thur 12th November

Sounds of Ireland

7.00PM – 8.30PM

In partnership with Leeds Libraries.

An evening of traditional Irish music, song and dance hosted by Reel High.

Free event

Armley Library, 2 Stocks Hill, Leeds

LS12 1UQ

Fri 13th November

Over 55’s Day Club

12.15PM – 2.30PM

New people are always welcome to join the relaxed Irish environment at the Montague Burton Resource Centre. Lunch is provided and Irish music is played.

Free Event

**Montague Burton Resource Centre,
Roundhay Road, near St. Aidan’s Church**

LS8 5RU

For information contact Leeds Irish Health &

Homes on 0113 262 5614

www.lihh.org

Fri 13th November

Lunchtime Recital of Traditional Irish Music

1.10PM – 1.55PM

In partnership with The University of Leeds

Des Hurley (fiddle, button accordion) & Chris O’Malley (piano, guitar, piano accordion) are joined by the talented Nuala Kennedy & Michael Bryan (see below) to perform traditional and contemporary material as part of the 2008–2009 University Concert Programme.

Free Event

The School of Music, University of Leeds, Leeds

LS2 9JT

www.leeds.ac.uk/music



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**The Leeds Gathering is proud to present
an exciting evening of Irish Culture in
three parts.**

The evening will begin with a film, presented by Dr Lance Pettitt, Faculty of Arts and Society, School of Cultural Studies, Leeds Metropolitan University. The Pilgrimage of Ti-Jean (1978, Colour, 45mins) is a real treat for lovers of traditional Irish music and the work of filmmaker, Philip Donnellan, whose The Irishman proved so popular at Seven Arts last year. Tonight’s film is a rare screening of a BBC ‘*Omnibus*’ arts feature that tells the remarkable story of Jean Carignan, a French-Canadian taxi-driver and fiddler, whose pilgrimage to Ireland explores the origins of Sligo legend Michael Coleman’s remarkable musical signature. Featuring Dolores Keane, Donnellan is on great form artfully directing a film about the fascinating dynamics of cultural migration and musical translation.

www.leedsfilm.com

The second event features local musicians and dancers from the Leeds branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (Irish Musicians Association) who, as part of their 40th anniversary celebrations, will perform traditional Irish music, song and dance.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome Irish traditional singer and flautist Nuala Kennedy, who performs a range of material from across the Irish and Scottish traditional music repertoires, for the release of her new album ‘*Tune In*’. Nuala is joined by Michael Bryan, a Scottish guitarist hailing from Strathkanaird, just north of Ullapool, earning himself a reputation for high energy and passionate performance.

www.nualakennedy.com

Free Event

Seven, (Chapel Allerton Arts Centre)

31A Harrogate Road, Chapel Allerton, Leeds

LS7 3PD

Sun 15th November

Traditional Irish Music Session

2.00PM

With special guest, Dave Lim. Dave is an accomplished uilleann piper who, after many years living in Leeds, now resides in Manchester. A relaxed afternoon of music, song and craic. Bring your instrument or just join the friendly atmosphere.

Free Event

The Grove, Back Row

Holbeck Urban Village, Leeds

LS11 5PL

www.grovefolkclub.org.uk/grove_inn.html



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Sun 8th/Sun 15th November
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