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27th Leeds International Film Festival



# The Leeds Gathering Festival No 9

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# The Leeds Gathering 31st October – 26th November

**Well...**  
you're welcome here, kind stranger.  
The Ninth Leeds Gathering Festival is  
a celebration of Irish music @ arts, from  
31st October to 26th November 2013.  
We've tried our very best to bring you  
the finest examples of traditional @  
contemporary Irish arts, we're sure you'll  
enjoy it...

IrishArts  
Foundation





# 31 October–26 November Bringing the best in Irish, Celtic & Folk Music & Arts to Leeds

Please note: all details are correct as of 1st October 2013.  
The Irish Arts Foundation reserves the right to amend any programme details.

## Thu 31st October

8.00pm Free Event

### The Official Launch Event

Leeds Irish Centre  
O'Meara Lounge, York Road  
LEEDS LS9 9NT

Featuring guest speakers  
Keith Wakefield (Leader,  
Leeds City Council),  
Tommy Moran (Business  
Development and Operations  
Director, Moran Hotel Group),  
Professor David Cooper  
(Chair, Irish Arts Foundation)  
and Jane Connolly  
(First Secretary, Embassy  
of Ireland).

The event will feature live  
traditional Irish music and  
refreshments will be provided.

All welcome.

## Fri 1st November

7:30pm In partnership with Saltairlive  
**Lúnasa in Concert** plus support

Victoria Hall, SALTAIRE BD18 3JS

Lúnasa are Irish music's supreme instrumental  
band. Recent recruit Ed Boyd on guitar has  
joined since their last visit — together with the  
stalwart Trevor Hutchinson on stand-up bass.  
This powerhouse rhythm section gives the  
dynamic bedrock above which the flute, pipes  
and fiddle soar with captivating energy.

Kevin Crawford is an outstanding flute  
player in traditional Irish music and also a unique  
front man — a raconteur who is both genuinely  
spontaneous and genuine. Alongside him,  
Cillian Valley on uilleann pipes and Sean Smyth  
on fiddle complete the line-up, each of whom  
would in their own right appear in any who's who  
of Irish instrumentalists. Together they create  
one of the most dynamic and exciting sounds  
anywhere in traditional music — unmissable.

[www.lunasa.ie](http://www.lunasa.ie)

Tickets: £14.00 | [www.saltairlive.co.uk](http://www.saltairlive.co.uk)

## Sat 2nd November

1.00pm

### Flute and Concertina Workshops

Bewleys Hotel, City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AT

Órlaith McAuliffe and Brogan McAuliffe (see  
below) provide free workshops for people  
wishing to further their skills. These are free of  
charge. Simply report to reception at Bewleys  
upon arrival and bring your instrument!

[www.bewleyshotels.com/leeds](http://www.bewleyshotels.com/leeds)

2.00pm Free Event

### Traditional Irish Music Session

The Grove, Back Row, Leeds LS11 5PL

With special guests from London with Co. Kerry  
roots, Órlaith McAuliffe (2011 Senior All  
Ireland Champion — Flute @ Tin Whistle) and  
her younger sister Brogan (current All Britain  
Concertina and Tin Whistle Champion).

A relaxed afternoon of music, song and craic,  
bring your instrument or just join in the friendly  
atmosphere.

## Mon 4th November

8:30pm Free Event

### Leeds University Union Folk Society Session

The Pack Horse, Woodhouse La, Leeds LS2 9DX

The Leeds University Union 'FolkSoc'  
organise a number of regular and one off events  
throughout the academic year. Come down to  
the Packhorse in Woodhouse to find out more!

<http://groupspaces.com/folksoc/>

## Tue 5th November

9.00pm Free Event

### Traditional Irish Music Session

The Old Cock, 11–13 Crossgate, Otley, LS21 1AA

Featuring local musicians: Harry Scurfield  
(concertina), Karen Lacy-Roberts (fiddle),  
PJ Boyle (accordion) and friends.

[www.theoldcockotley.co.uk](http://www.theoldcockotley.co.uk)

## Thu 7th November

7:30pm Doors 7.30pm, performance 8pm

Produced by Fifth Province Productions

### Journey to the Fifth Province

Leeds Irish Centre, York Rd, LEEDS LS9 9NT

Acclaimed show from the London 2011  
Irish Writers Festival @ Arts Council England  
UK tour / Actor Dónal Cox (ex-Abbey Theatre,  
RTÉ, BBC) @ Celtic harper Steph West  
(Harper of All Britain 2009)

Storytelling with a difference, in words and music  
from Ireland's rich heritage. Drawing on work  
by great Irish poets and writers, this much-loved  
show is funny, moving and thought provoking.

A spellbinding storyteller, Dónal brings to life  
a host of characters and stories, with thrilling  
Celtic harp accompaniment. A joyful look at  
where we've come from and what might inspire  
us for the future. An evening that sheds new light  
on life — and on the experience of being Irish.

[www.fifthprovinceproductions.org.uk](http://www.fifthprovinceproductions.org.uk)

'charged with humour and emotion...

I recommend you experience Journey to the  
Fifth Province'

THE CRAIC IS BACK MAGAZINE

Tickets £7 | £5 concessions on door



## Thu 7th November

### 8.00pm In partnership with Mr Kite Benefits Cara Dillon in Concert

City Varieties, Swan Street, LEEDS LS1 6LW

Cara Dillon has one of those rare talents you only come across a handful of times in your whole life. Her staggeringly beautiful voice has the ability to reach inside the soul of a song and imbue material with not only profound sweetness but also poignancy and depth.

Whether she's singing her native traditional songs of lost love and emigration, or their original compositions, you will be hard pressed to find a more emotive and captivating performer. She will showcase songs on her new album released in October 2013.

[www.caradillon.com](http://www.caradillon.com) | [www.mrkite.org](http://www.mrkite.org)

'Cara Dillon is one of Ireland's truly great singers' **THE GUARDIAN**  
'Quite possibly the world's most beautiful female voice' **Q MAGAZINE**

Tickets £19.60/£22.60 | [www.cityvarieties.co.uk](http://www.cityvarieties.co.uk)  
Box Office 0113 243 0808

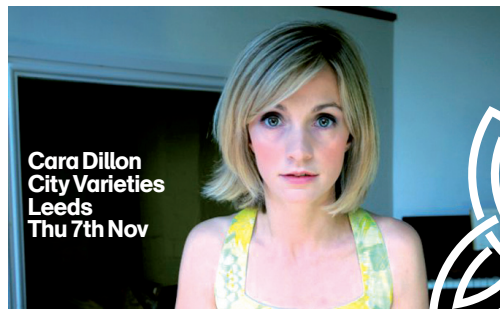
## Fri 8th November

### Noon Over 55's Day Club

Montague Burton Resource Centre, Roundhay Rd near St. Aidan's Church, LEEDS LS8 5RU

New people are always welcome to join the relaxed Irish environment at the Montague Burton Resource Centre. Lunch is provided and to celebrate the Leeds Gathering Festival this week it features a showcase of Irish music.

For information contact Leeds Irish Health @ Homes on 0113 262 5614 or [www.lihh.org](http://www.lihh.org)



Cara Dillon  
City Varieties  
Leeds  
Thu 7th Nov

## Fri 8th November

### 8.00pm Free Event Thaddeus O'Sullivan – Two Films

In collaboration with  
Leeds International Film Festival.

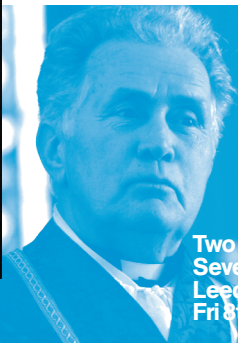
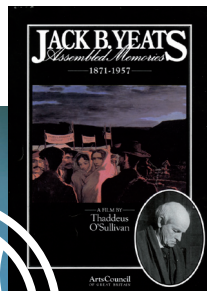
Seven Arts, Harrogate Road, LEEDS LS7 3PD

Born in Dublin, O'Sullivan moved to London in 1966, trained at the Royal College of Art. He went on to become one of Ireland's most distinguished cinematographers and directors with films such as December Bride (1989), Nothing Personal (1995), Ordinary Decent Criminal (2000) and Into the Storm (2009). He has also worked extensively in British and Irish TV. This evening's programme screens one of his early gems and his most recent feature film.

#### First Screening: Assembled Memories:

Jack B. Yeats, 1871–1957  
(Arbor International/Arts Council GB/RTE)  
30mins, col. | 1981

Rarely screened since the early 1980s, this under-discussed film offers a visual biographical essay on one of Ireland's leading painters of the twentieth century. O'Sullivan's subject was a London-born Irish artist whose creative and personal journey mirrors that of the filmmaker. The film is an auto/biographical visual essay that expresses O'Sullivan's understanding of Yeats' views on the nature of art and creativity. The central notion here, providing O'Sullivan's film with its title, is the relationship between art and memory, for Yeats claims that "no one creates... the artist assembles memories".



Two Films  
Seven Arts  
Leeds  
Fri 8th Nov

Second Screening: Stella Days  
(Newgrange/Paradox Pictures)  
100mins, col | 2011

Set in 1950s Tipperary, O'Sullivan's most recent film is a post-Catholic and post-celluloid remembrance of the arrival of modernity. Against the backdrop of the onset of domestic, rural electrification, the cinephile parish priest (Martin Sheen) colludes with the new teacher from Dublin to set up a cinema. The Bishop, keen to revive the "faithful" to new devotions, has other plans... he wants to build a new church.

Based on the best-selling memoir by Michael Doorley, the film also features Marcella Plunkett and Stephen Rea.

[www.sevenleeds.co.uk](http://www.sevenleeds.co.uk) | [www.leedsfilm.com](http://www.leedsfilm.com)

## Sat 9th November

### 11.15 am Free Event Yorkshire Farmers Market

The Rose Garden (outside the Arc), North Lane, Headingley, LEEDS LS6 3HU

This popular monthly event features a dancing display from the Leeds University Union Irish Dancing Society.

[www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk](http://www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk)

### 9.00pm Free Event Róisín Bán in Concert

Leeds Irish Centre, York Rd, LEEDS LS9 9NT

Leeds Irish band play in the relaxed environment of the Games Room in the Leeds Irish Centre.



Lau  
Victoria Hall  
Saltaire  
Tue 12th Nov

## Tue 12th November

### 12.15pm–3.00pm Tuesday Irish Elders Club

Leeds Irish Centre, York Road, LEEDS LS9 9NT

Includes bingo @ refreshments. This Tuesday features music from Irish Arts musicians Gerry Brownridge @ Kevin Mullowney.

Contact the Irish Centre for details on how to join  
0113 2480887 | [www.theleedsirishcentre.co.uk](http://www.theleedsirishcentre.co.uk)

### 7:45pm [www.saltairlive.co.uk](http://www.saltairlive.co.uk) LAU in Concert plus Support

Victoria Hall, Saltaire, BD18 3JS

Scotland's Lau have emerged to become a major force over the last few years. Innovative and free-thinking, their bold approach to their music has seen them win Best Group at the 2013 BBC Folk Awards.

Featuring Kris Drever (guitar/vocal), Aidan O'Rourke (fiddle) and Martin Green (accordion), Lau use traditional folk structures as a basis from which to explore and extemporise.

The music is original, complex, and anything but run of the mill. Their increasing prominence has seen them touring internationally and rising up the bill at major folk festivals, to a point where they are now one of UK folk music's leading acts.

[www.lau-music.co.uk](http://www.lau-music.co.uk)

TICKETS £14 | Telephone 01274 588614  
Online/in person from [jumborecords.co.uk](http://jumborecords.co.uk)

## Wed 13th November

### 10.30am–12.30pm Irish Elders Coffee Morning

Patterdale Community Resource Centre,  
Dewsbury Rd, One Stop Centre, LEEDS LS11 6ER

A regular event, today featuring live Irish music.

For information contact Leeds Irish Health @ Homes on 0113 262 5614 or [www.lihh.org](http://www.lihh.org)



Fri 15th November

7.30pm **Free event**

## Traditional Irish Music Session at the Bay Horse

Featuring local musicians.

The Bay Horse, Parkside Rd, LEEDS LS6 4NB

Sat 16th November

1.00pm

## Fiddle, Mandolin & Guitar Workshops

Bewleys Hotel, City Walk, Leeds LS11 9AT

Martin Murray (fiddle/mandolin) and Dylan Bible (guitar) provide free workshops for people wishing to further their skills.

These are free of charge. Simply report to reception at Bewleys upon arrival and bring your instrument!

2.00pm **Free Event**

## Traditional Irish Music Session

The Grove, Back Row, LEEDS LS11 5PL

With special guest musicians, Martin Murray @Dylan Bible (see above). A relaxed afternoon of music, song and craic, bring your instrument or just join in the friendly atmosphere.



Martin Murray  
The Grove  
Leeds  
Sat 16th Nov

The Leeds  
Gathering  
Festival  
Nº 9

Sun 17th November

8.00pm

## Seven Unplugged Goes Irish!

Seven Arts, Harrogate Road, Leeds, LS7 3PD

Seven Unplugged is a popular acoustic night that has been running for over a year and has been growing in strength since its inception. To celebrate the Leeds Gathering Festival they are featuring this extra night with an Irish theme.

In tonight's programme we have musicians, Iain Fairbairn, Des Hurley, Kevin Mullowney and Chris O'Malley; story-teller Jackie Dwyer, Dancing from the Leeds University Union Irish Dancing Society and a finale show from the brilliant Martin Murray and Dylan Bible.

Dylan Bible studied Jazz at Leeds College of Music from 1994–99, since then he has been teaching music at Waterford Institute of Technology as part of the degree course. Dylan has performed and recorded with many different ensembles throughout Europe and Ireland inc. 'The Moving Statues', 'Bossa Rocka' 'Uisceadhr big band' and 'The Butterfly Band' and played a number of festivals including Glasgow Celtic Connections, Cromer (Norfolk) folk festival and 'Havana Cultura Festival' (Galway).

From County Tipperary, Martin Murray is a highly respected instrumentalist and sound engineer. He played banjo and mandolin in many bands throughout the seventies and travelled the world with the Chieftains guesting with them wherever they played including Mick Jagger's 50th birthday party in London. Martin's played with such luminaries as accordionist Mairtin O'Connor, Micheál Ó Súilleabháin, Bill Whelan and the Clancy Brothers amongst others. In 1993 he released his own album A Dark Horse in the company of Frankie Gavin, Matt Molloy, Derek Bell, Gary O'Briain, Seamus McGuire, Jimmy Faulkner, Mairtin O'Connor and more. Martin also played for three years with Damp in the Attic formed with PJ King, Cyril O'Donoghue and Colm Murphy.

Tickets £5 on the door or see Seven Arts

Fri 22nd Nov

All Day

## Schools Workshop

St. Joseph's Otley

The Irish Arts Foundation regularly runs workshops in Irish arts, music, dance and culture in school throughout Leeds and beyond. If your school is interested in taking part please contact [info@irisharts.org.uk](mailto:info@irisharts.org.uk)

8.00pm

## Cathy Jordan, Rick Epping & Seanan Brennan

Otley Courthouse, Courthouse St, Otley, West Yorkshire LS21 3AN

Cathy Jordan of Dervish is joined by Seanan Brennan of Kila (guitar/mandolin) and concertina/harmonica wizard Rick Epping. Together they play a broad mix of Irish, folk and Americana, taking in musical styles that both uplift @ inspire them. Irish music has travelled across the Atlantic with migrants for several centuries, where it has both influenced — and been influenced by — American music, and so the two make natural bedfellows in the trio's music. Vocal duties are shared by Cathy and the charming Rick Epping, the Sligo-based Californian who has been a legend amongst harmonica aficionados since the 1970's, when he emerged as a member of the band Pumpkinhead. Expect exceptional musicianship, great songs and a lot of fun from a trio very rarely seen this side of the Irish Sea.

Tickets £12.50 (adv) | Tel 01943 467466  
[www.otleycourthouse.org.uk](http://www.otleycourthouse.org.uk)



Cathy Jordan  
Otley Courthouse  
Otley  
Fri 22nd Nov

Finale Tue 26th November

8.00pm

Verdant Productions @ Irish Arts UK Presents

## Alone it Stands

Written and Directed by John Breen

Leeds Irish Centre, York Road, LEEDS LS9 9NT

This now legendary story set on 31st October in 1978 when Munster Rugby played the mighty All Blacks — in a David v Goliath scenario played out in Thomand Park — Munster Rugby served up one of the sporting stories of the century when they played like their lives depended on it @ beat the All Blacks 12–0.

With mesmeric ensemble playing — 6 actors recreate 62 roles in re-telling this story that inspires and perspires in the same evening!

The match was never televised so you will have to take our word for what happened and come along and see for yourself what happens when Munster, the Kiwis, the crowd, the ball, the dog and the pregnant woman all push and shove to create one momentous day.

'Clever, funny, brilliantly crafted... a triumph'

THE IRISH TIMES

'This show supplies a winning formula of comedy and pathos... the whole evening is a gloriously live experience.'

THE GUARDIAN

Tara Suite Tickets £15 on door or see venue

<http://aloneitstandsleeds-es2.eventbrite.co.uk/>



Alone it Stands  
Leeds Irish Centre  
Leeds  
Tue 26th Nov