



**MAY
FEST
2017**
CELEBRATING
WORKERS' CULTURE

PRODUCED BY SIPTU DUBLIN
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Liberty Hall, Dublin

1st May to 12th May

MayFest 2017 aims to celebrate and invigorate workers' culture with a series of events in the home of Irish trade unionism. Produced by the SIPTU Dublin District Council this inaugural festival season includes plays and events that deal with working class history, culture and politics.

SESSION TICKET

To buy a €30 'session ticket' which allows you **entry to all shows** contact Laura Woods at lwoods@siptu.ie or 01 858 6354

MONDAY, 1ST MAY

The Dublin Council of Trade Unions celebrates May Day

Venue: Cois Life Bar
Time: 3.00 p.m. till 6.00 p.m.

The annual Dublin Council of Trade Unions march concludes with musical entertainment in the home of Irish trade unionism.

TUESDAY, 2ND MAY

Opening of the Dublin Dockers Exhibition

Venue: Cois Life Bar
Time: 7.00 p.m.

The Dublin Dockworkers Preservation Society opens its photo exhibition which catalogues decades of working life on the docks. The exhibition will be officially launched by the Lord Mayor of Dublin and Admiral of the Port, Brendan Carr, and artist Bobby Ballagh.

In Concert - Remembering Punk in Dublin

8.00 p.m. till late
Venue: Cois Life Bar
Time: 8.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.

An evening of tales from the Dublin Punk scene of the 1970s, 80s and 90s, with Bryan Murray on the decks and interviews with Smiley Bolger and Fran Quigley (former manager of McGonagles) plus live acts. Requested contribution €5

WEDNESDAY, 3RD MAY

From The Backbone Out

Venue: Liberty Hall Theatre
Show starts 8.00 p.m.

A play focusing on the life and death of trade unionist Richard O'Carroll, one of the unsung heroes of the labour movement and the 1916 Rising. More than just a commemoration the play is about our perceptions of the Rising and how they have been shaped by class and political concerns. Written by Alan O'Brien and Patrick Ferris. Tickets €10

More sponsors to be announced.



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IMPACT

THURSDAY, 4TH MAY

From The Backbone Out

Venue: Liberty Hall Theatre

Show starts 8.00 p.m.

Tickets €10

FRIDAY, 5TH MAY

The Dublin Dockworkers Show

Venue: Connolly Hall

Time: 7.30 p.m.

An evening of stories and songs from the Dublin docklands and surrounding communities curated by Niamh Gleeson and starring retired dock workers.

Requested contribution €5

SATURDAY, 6TH MAY

Invisible Lives

Venue: Liberty Hall Theatre

Time: 8.00 p.m.

At a party for a retiring cleaner old stories and lingering dreams emerge. A debut play by Mags O'Brien.

Tickets €10

SUNDAY, 7TH MAY

Invisible Lives

Venue: Liberty Hall Theatre

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Tickets €10

MONDAY, 8TH MAY

Children's Book reading and discussion

10.30 a.m.

Venue: Liberty Hall Theatre

Time: 10.30 a.m.

A children's author will read from their work and discuss storytelling with an invited audience from Primary Schools involved in the Irish Citizen Army Commemorative Plaque Project.

The Cois Life Bar will be open for refreshments from 7.00 p.m. before theatre performances, at intervals and until 11.00 p.m. after the show.

The SIPTU Dublin District Council Irish Citizen Army Commemorative Plaque Project Film

Venue: Liberty Hall Theatre

Time: 6.30 p.m.

The launch of a short educational film based around the SIPTU Dublin District Council Irish Citizen Army (ICA) Commemorative Plaque Project which saw local history groups, schools and trade unionists link up to remember the men, women and young people of the ICA in the communities they lived in.

TUESDAY, 9TH MAY

Joyce, Larkin and Connolly

Venue: Connolly Hall

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Des Gunnings one-man show focusing on excerpts from the works of James Joyce referring to Larkin and Connolly. Sponsored by IMPACT.

Requested contribution €5

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY

Sons of Molly Maguire

Venue: Liberty Hall Theatre

"... effective, blending of pageant, mime, kitchen sink realism, and even flights of poetry"
– The Irish Echo

In the 1860s coalmines of Pennsylvania, when bosses cheat and discriminate against Irish immigrants, the newcomers fight back through strikes and the terror of the Molly Maguires.

Written by John Kearns.

Tickets €10

THURSDAY, 11TH MAY

Sons of Molly Maguire

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Venue: Liberty Hall Theatre

Tickets €10

The Cois Life Bar will be open for refreshments from 7.00 p.m. before performances, at intervals