



Country House Concerts



Christmas Series 2009
Marlay House, Rathfarnham
5th and 10th December 2009



Ile-Liffey

Saturday 5th December @ 2pm

Ile-Liffey celebrates a meeting of cultures in a performance of African drumming, singing, traditional Irish flute and salsa piano. Solomon Ijigade, Gabriel Akujobi, Gwenn Frin, Tony Oscar and Brian Fleming use song, melody, story, dance and an array of Irish and West African percussion instruments to bring to life songs and rhythms from Ile-Ife (a Nigerian town) to the banks of the Liffey.

Join them this festive season in Marlay House for a family celebration, including Christmas Carols with a Cuban and Nigerian twist! Audience participation is mandatory!

Ile-Ife is the Nigerian town from where the Yoruba people trace their origins. Since 2000, Solomon has been bringing his own version of Yoruba culture to schools and audiences in

Dublin, through his work with Calypso Theatre, Waltons New School of Music, the Gardiner Street Gospel Choir and the Discovery Gospel Choir, amongst others.

Originally a native of Dublin, Brian has played traditional drums at festivals and theatres all over the world. He has a particular connection with West African drumming and led the Dublin based world music group De Jimbe for 12 years.

Joined by Gabriel Akujobi from Nigeria, Gwenn Frin from Brittany, and Tony Oscar from Cuba, the group welcomed the former UN secretary general, Kofi Annan to the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham; to celebrate the Media and Multi Culturalism Awards (MAMA) in The Abbey Theatre. They have also performed a week of Christmas shows at The Ark Children's Cultural Centre in Dublin and the Roola Boola Children's Festival in Castlebar.



Ballinteer Male Voice Choir

Thursday 10th December @ 8pm

The Choir was formed in 1994 amongst choral and music enthusiasts in the Ballinteer area at the foothills of the Dublin mountains.

Since it's foundation the choir has developed a reputation for excellence in it's performances at home and abroad. The choir has performed in a number of venues and events including national competitions to notable success.

The Choir have also conducted a number of successful international tours including a visit to Brittany, France in 2007, and hosted the first-ever International Male Voice Choir Festival in Dublin, April 2008.

Most recently they returned to France for a Male Voice Choral Festival in Chatte in May 2009 and they plan a 2nd International Festival in Ballinteer on 14th and 15th May 2010.

Join the choir for an evening of Christmas celebration, including some of your favourite well known festive carols, and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie in the atmospheric Marlay House.





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The Country House Concert programme was jointly developed in 2005 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office and Parks Department with Marlay and Cabinteely Country Houses providing beautiful environments in which to play and hear music of varying genres including classical, jazz and traditional. In addition the series has offered a new opportunity to visit the houses and enjoy the magnificently restored rooms where the concerts take place and to visit the surrounding gardens.

Admission €15/€12
Bookings should be made through Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire on 01 231 2929.
Limited seating available.

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