



2015 Programme of Events

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Wednesday 20th May

Presentation

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Wed 20 th May 8pm	Presentation on the Life and Times of Mayo-born Soprano Margaret Burke Sheridan Venue Castlebar Library. Adm e10 includes cheese & wine reception	TBC

Thursday 21st May
Festival Opening Concert

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Thurs 21 st May 8.30pm	Festival Opening Concert Holy Trinity Church, Westport Adm e12 In Association Westport Lions Club	Local Childrens' Choir Local Adult Choir Visiting Youth or Adult Choir, National or International. Choirs TBA.

Friday 22nd May
Workshop

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Fri 22 nd May 3pm	Choral Workshop Christchurch, Castlebar. Adm e12 Duration 1.5hrs approx. Open to all choir members. Numbers Limited.	Workshop facilitator TBA

Friday Evening Concerts

All Evening Concerts Start at 8.30pm,

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Fri 22 nd May 8.30pm	Ballintubber Sings! Ballintubber Abbey Adm e12 <i>Part Proceeds to Western Care</i>	Local Childrens' Choir Local Adult Choir Visiting Youth or Adult Choir, National or International. Choirs TBA.
Fri 22 nd May 8.30pm	Ballina Sings! Ballina Arts Centre, Ballina Adm e12	Local Childrens' Choir Local Adult Choir Visiting Youth or Adult Choir, National or International. Choirs TBA.
Fri 22 nd May 8.30pm	Claremorris Sings! St. Colman's Church, Claremorris Adm e12	Local Childrens' Choir Local Adult Choir Visiting Youth or Adult Choir, National or International. Choirs TBA.
Fri 22 nd May 8.30pm	Swinford Sings! Swinford Cultural Centre Adm e12 <i>Proceeds Swinford Development Fund</i>	Local Childrens' Choir Local Adult Choir Visiting Youth or Adult Choir, National or International. Choirs TBA.

Number of concerts, venues and locations subject to number, type and availability of local and visiting national and international choirs.

Saturday 23rd May

Competitions

Adm e5 (allows entry to all competitions)

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Sat 23 rd May 8.30pm	Competitions In GMIT (third level education centre), Royal Theatre and Christchurch in Castlebar. Participating choirs to follow in table, available March 2015 Adm e5 (allows entry to all competitions)	All competition venues within walking distance of each other. Choirs TBA March 2015.

Gala Concert and Massed Choir Rehearsal

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Sat 23 rd May 8.30pm	Gala Concert Royal Theatre, Castlebar In Assoc. Royal Theatre. ADM e12. (including post-concert festival club admission). Tickets from Royal Theatre & Downtown Records, Castlebar.	All winning choirs from the day's competitions will perform at the Gala Concert. The Premier Competition will take place on the night, as well as the last two pieces sung together by all festival choirs as a massed choir. Compere: Tommy Marren. Post concert Festival Club: Join us for a great night of song and music in the Café Bar at the Royal Theatre. (Choirs please note: 7pm = Royal Theatre - Rehearsal for all choirs for last two massed-choir pieces. Rehearsal not open to public).

Saturday 17th May

The Songway Choral Trail – see next page

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Sat 23 rd May from 10.30am	A series of indoor and outdoor mini- performances by visiting choirs, bringing the atmosphere of the festival into the streets of Castlebar.	See table to follow March 2015. Locations: Mayo Peace Park, Town streets, Irish Pubs, Shopping Centres, Care Centres, Mayo General Hospital.

Sunday 18th May

Dawn Chorus

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Sunday 24 th May 8am	Mayo International Choral Festival Dawn Chorus. In Association with 'Bealtaine' National Festival Lough Lannagh Carpark, Castlebar. Free Adm. If weather is not kind, Lough Lannagh Village. Rehearsals (for a core local group) for the Castlebar Dawn Chorus take place each weekend for four weeks leading up to same.	Open to all to take part – come along to welcome in the day and sing a few songs to celebrate creativity as we age. No singing experience necessary, just a sense of fun! Duration half hour approx., very informal. We are expecting many choir members of the various festival choirs to also come along and join in the sing-song. Free Adm. Meet for a coffee afterwards in a local café.

Sacred Trail

Choirs will sing at the following church services:

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Sun 24 th May, from 10am	Choirs will sing at Mass in in various locations in Mayo	Participating choirs TBA in March 2015.

In Association with:

Mayo County Council,
LEADER (South West Mayo Development Company) and
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*Please note all events provisional until printed in official programme and advertised on website.
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