

2015 Programme of Events

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Thursday 21st May

Presentation

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Thurs 21st May 8pm	Presentation by Anne Chambers on the Life and Times and Music of Mayo-born Soprano Margaret Burke Sheridan Venue Castlebar Library. Including drinks reception. Adm Free	Anne Chambers, author of the biography 'La Sheridan – Adorable Diva' presents: 'Margaret Burke Sheridan - The Woman Behind the Voice' with music and memorabilia of the Castlebar-born Prima Donna. Part of the festival's programme to promote Mayo's Heroes and Heroines in Song.
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Friday 22nd May

Friday Evening Concerts

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Fri 22 nd May 8pm	Festival Opening Concert: Ballintubber Sings! Ballintubber Abbey Adm e12 Part Proceeds to Western Care	Official Festival Opening by Mr Joe Kennedy. Former Mayo Person of the Year, and Chairman of Ireland West International Airport, Knock. Mayo Male Voice Choir, Ballintubber Abbey Choir and Enchiriadis, Dublin.
Fri 22 nd May 8.30pm	Ballina Sings! Ballina Arts Centre Adm e12	Ballina Chamber Choir and the English Concert Singers, England.
Fri 22 nd May 8.30pm	Newport Sings! Newport Church. Adm e12	Cor Mhaigh Eo, Mayo CODA, Mayo
Fri 22 nd May 8.30pm	Swinford Sings! Our Lady Help of Christians Church Adm e12 Proceeds Swinford Parish Building Fund	Mayo School of Music Youth Choir Swinford Church Choir, Gracenotes, Soloist Francie McNicholas, Fr James McDonnagh Accompanist Anointette Byrne and the Oban Gaelic Choir, Scotland.

See also 'Crossmolina Sings' and 'Westport Sings' to follow on the Sunday events timetable

Saturday 23rd May

Competitions Adm e5 (allows entry to all competitions)

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Sat 23rd May 8.30pm	Competitions held in Castlebar town. In GMIT (third level education centre), Church of the Holy Rosary, Christchurch in Castlebar. and the Royal Theatre (Premiere). Adm e5 (allows entry to all competitions except Premiere). Renowned adjudicators, confirmed as follows: Vytautas Miškinis, Lithuania Theodora Pavlovitch, Bulgaria Claire Barnett-Jones, England Orla Flanagan, Ireland Aidan Greene, Ireland Desmond Early, Ireland	Comp. A Premiere, featuring competition winning choirs 8.30pm, Royal Theatre. Competition B, Four Part Choirs, 9am GMIT Comp C, Choirs from Ireland, 10.30am, GMIT. Comp D, Margaret B Sheridan, Female Voices, 1.30am, GMIT. Comp. E. Jack Feeney, Male Voice. 12noon, GMIT, Competition F, Sacred Music, 3pm, Church of Holy Rosary. Competition G. Gospel. 9am, Christchurch Competition H, Gaelic / Celtic Language, 3pm, GMIT. Comp. i Barbershop Chorus. 4.30pm, GMIT Comp J. Barbershop Quartet, 3pm, GMIT Comp K. First Time Competitors, 10am, Christchurch.

The Songway Choral Trail

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes	
Sat 23 rd May	A series of indoor and outdoor mini-	See Next page for full details:	
from 10.30am	performances by visiting choirs,		
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	festival into the streets of Castlebar.		

Saturday 23rd May

The Songway Choral Trail

A series of outdoor and indoor mini performances bringing the festival onto the streets and into the community. Adm free. Weather Permitting for outdoor performances.

Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
11am	Mayo Memorial Peace Park, Castlebar	Oban Gaelic Choir, Scotland
11am	Mayo General Hospital Foyer (indoor) Open to public	Park Singers, Dublin
11.30am	Tesco Foyer, Castlebar	Voz Nua, Portugal
12noon	Supervalu Foyer	Cill Aodain Choral Society
12noon	Mayo Memorial Peace Park, Castlebar	St Mary's College Singers, Dublin
12.30pm	Plaza opposite Prendergasts Clothing	Marine Singers
1.10pm	Mayo Memorial Peace Park, Castlebar	Voz Nua, Portugal
1.10pm	Supervalu, Castlebar	Western Voices
1.30pm	Tesco Foyer, Castlebar	St Mary's College Singers, Dublin
2pm	Plaza opposite Prendergasts Clothing	Westport Singers
2.30pm	Tesco Foyer, Castlebar	Athlone a cappella
2.30pm	Sacred Heart Hospital, Castlebar Open to residents and their friends and family only	Men's Shed Choir, Castlebar
4pm	Supervalu, Castlebar	BladeFour
4.30pm	Supervalu, Castlebar	Westport Singers
5.30pm	Cox's, Linenhall St, Castlebar	No Half Measures, Note-Orious Four, Tone Cold Sober and Sandbars

Gala Concert and Massed Choir Rehearsal

Date / Time	Event / Location	Choirs / Artistes
Sat 23rd May 8.30pm	Gala Concert Royal Theatre, Castlebar In Assoc. Royal Theatre. ADM e12. (including post-concert festival club admission). Tickets from Royal Theatre, 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. Guest appearance by Sean Costello and the Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir, USA 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).

Sunday 24th May

Dawn Chorus

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

Sunday Evening Concerts

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Sun 24th May 6pm	Crossmolina Sings! St Tiernan's Church Adm Free	St Tiernan's Church Senior Choir Iain King, Violin Voz Nua, Portugal

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Sun 24th May 8pm	Westport Sings! Church of the Holy Trinity Adm e12	Westport Children's Choir. Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir and Symphonic Band.

Details subject to change.