

Monthly newsletter for the Alliance Française Cork
La lettre mensuelle de l'Alliance Française de Cork

Editorial Cork City At the top of its game

Chers Amis, dear Friends, A Chàirde,

Cork City has been named this month among the **top 10 best cities in the world** to visit in the *Lonely Planet guide's 'Best in Travel 2010'*.

The guide praises the city saying '*Cork is at the top of its game right now: sophisticated, vibrant and diverse, while still retaining its friendliness, relaxed charm and quick-fire wit.*'

The guide's editor says: 'Cork has been in Dublin's shadows for far too long, it has emerged *as a fantastic destination in its own right with great restaurants, galleries, bars and shops as well as stunning scenery on its doorstep.*'

Alliance Française de CORK is delighted to contribute to the Cultural diversity of this superb City with its annual **French Film Festival, Gallery and a host of annual artistic events.**

This month again two exhibitions, *Endurance* by Irish Artist **Mary MURPHY** and *Happy Days* by French Artist **Catherine LAISNE-O'ROURKE** are there to enchant you.

This month we have installed our new **Interactive whiteboard** which will help you achieve with much more ease your academic goals, including the **DEL F and DAL F exams**, open now for registration.

We are pleased to support the forthcoming scientific exhibition **Exploring the Universe organized by the French Embassy in UCC** Crawford Observatory.

We look forward to commemorating **The 20th Anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child in association with UCC.**

Hélène DUQUIN et Nora CALLANAN



Nora CALLANAN, President, Mary MURPHY, artist and Liz MEANEY, Arts officer, Cork City Council at the opening launch of *Endurance* at Alliance Française Gallery



Endurance

Exhibition by Cork artist

Mary Murphy

21st Oct – 23rd Nov 2009

Exhibition was officially opened
by

Liz Meaney

Arts Officer, Cork City Council

The work explores the human frame in line and form and the experiences which mould our bodies and alter them. The resulting studies of sinewy muscles, paper dry wrinkles, bone jutting through skin and the play of light over them make for powerful viewing. The artist explores a variety of media including threads stitched through cotton as a method of drawing.

Most recently, Mary Murphy has been chosen as the artist who will create the portrait of Princess Grace which will be presented to Princess Grace's son, Prince Albert to thank the Royal Family for their tireless work in promoting and nurturing Irish culture over the past 60 years.



Happy Days

Exhibition of paintings by
French artist

Catherine Laisne-O'Rourke

**26th Nov 2009 –
mid January 2010**

Exhibition will be officially
opened by

Mary Gregory

Visual & Design Director
Maison & Château

Catherine's work portrays simple family scenes, childhood memories in Normandy and more recently seascapes and coastlines around Kerry.

The result is a mixture of striking seascapes under French and Irish skies, and warm family scenes.

Born in Brittany in France, Catherine received her degree in Dental Surgery from the Dental University of Rennes.

Catherine now lives in Ireland and goes back to Brittany regularly.

She continues to practice dentistry and develop her love of painting and art here in Cork.

Her work has been exhibited in France, Dublin, Cork and Middleton in various Galleries.



Toddlers French Group For 2-5 year olds

Enrolling now!

A fun and relaxed language programme

Introduction to the crucial sounds & simple vocabulary

Age-appropriate songs and activities

Children accompanied by a parent or guardian

Year-long courses for Primary School Children
Discover French through games, fun & activities!

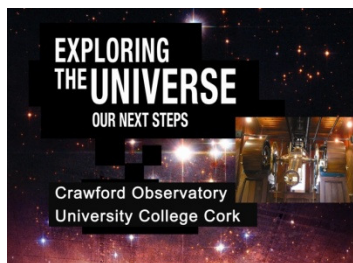
Through playgroup activities, singing, drawing & crafts your child will acquire and enhance:

- language communication skills
- expression skills
- important vocabulary
- grammatical skills

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EXPLORING THE UNIVERSE 9 - 13 November 2009

Venue:
Crawford Observatory, University College Cork

*The French Embassy in Ireland, in partnership with University College Cork and Astronomy Ireland is glad to present an exhibition **Exploring the Universe**.*

From ancient times until now, man has observed the sky, first with the naked eye, and then with ever more powerful instruments. The information gathered was used to build an increasingly accurate and complex representation of our Universe. The classification of stars paved the way for the study of their evolution; astronomy was replaced by astrophysics and cosmology. The current instruments result from international collaborations; cooperation among researchers on key issues will lead to investigations into the formation and dynamics of the Universe. The present exhibition illustrates some of these possibilities.

Admission free

**For more details contact
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Interactive whiteboard at Alliance Française de CORK

We are pleased to announce the arrival of an interactive whiteboard this month: we hope to transform our classroom into an ever more interactive learning environment thanks to this new technology. Easy to operate and designed with teachers, this board will be the ultimate tool for captivating your attention and bringing lessons to life.

20th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Alliance Française in partnership with UCC Department of Law will be commemorating 20th Anniversary of the convention of the Rights of the Child. A 2 hour seminar in UCC, followed by the screening of the Film *All the invisible children*. **Admission free, all welcome. Date TBC.**



February 2010

DELFD/DALF EXAM SESSIONS

Whether you are a student of Alliance Française Cork or not, you can register and sit **DELFD/DALF Exams with us.**

*Exam registration for
February 2010 sessions
2nd – 5th February 2010
start
2nd November 2009
Finish
17th December 2009*

Enrolment forms are available from:
The website

www.alliance-francaise.ie
French Embassy
or reception



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