



Amhrán na Wien



Hello and welcome to the Summer 2009 edition of **Amhrán na WIEN!**

In planning this edition, the AnWienTeam focussed on activities you can enjoy outside; the Freibads, open-air cinemas, festivals and summer sports. As it is an Irish Newsletter, we saw no irony in checking out the best places whilst walking around in the flooding rain... We hope you enjoy our lists of the top places to go and the usual recommendations for day-trips and eating.

As ever, the AnWienTeam thank all those who contributed to this edition and ask all readers to send suggestions to irishnewsletter@gmail.com for future editions.

Thank you for reading Amhrán na Wien and we look forward to hearing from you,

Slán go foill,
The AnWienTeam

Selection of Upcoming Events

Marianne Faithfull	4 July	Staatsoper
Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band	5 July	Ernst Happel Stadion
Arctic Monkeys	5 July	Arena
The Kooks	6 July	Arena
Madeleine Peyroux	8 July	Wiener Rathaus
David Byrne	11 July	Arena
Morrissey	11 July	Gasometer
Dropkick Murphys	14 July	Arena
B.B. King	17 July	Wiener Konzerthaus
Lady Gaga	22 July	Gasometer
TV On The Radio	27 July	Arena
<i>Arena Palooza:</i>		
Maximo Park		
Nouvelle Vague		
Devotchka	15 August	Arena
<i>Veni Vidi Vice:</i>		
Deerhunter		
The Black Lips		
Crystal Antlers		
Glint	19 August	Arena
Gürtel Night Walk	29 August	Gürtel

Taste the Summer...

Tart'a tata – Lindengasse 35, 1070
www.tartatata.at

If you can't afford a weekend in Paris this summer, then we'd recommend you treat yourself to lunch in Tart'a tata, a brand new French café just off the bustling Mariahilferstrasse. Freshly baked 'quiches', delicious 'salades' as well as traditional 'galettes' and 'crepes' and the famous 'croque-monsieur' are all on offer – to be washed down with an 'Orangina' or a glass of 'cidre'. And depending on your mood, you can sit at "La table des amoureux", "La table des bandits" or any of the other tables on offer....

Neni - 510 Naschmarkt, 1060
www.neni.at

For a warm summer day in Naschmarkt, try the new venue with the best view. Neni is the first eatery to have an upstairs. This mezzanine level allows for excellent talent spotting and their ice tea and exotic and tasty food will guarantee that you stay plonked in the comfy seats well into the evening when the place really shows its atmosphere.

Spezerei - Karmeliterplatz 2, 1020
www.spezerei.at

Vienna's fast-developing second district is the newest hot spot in town for culinary connoisseurs. The Karmelitermarkt has become the district's gastronomic centre and the best place to start when seeking a new hangout. One AnWienTeam member tried the cosy Spezerei wine merchant, informally chatting to staff, learning about (and tasting) some of the 250 wines and feasting on a selection of fish tapas. A table outside in the square is ideal for checking out the bustling neighbourhood.

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The idea of watching a film outdoors has always seemed dreamier than sitting in a stuffy cinema craning one's neck around the untamed bushy hair of the punter in front whilst blocking out the sounds of saliva disintegrating a malteser from behind. Being under the stars with the likes of Paul Newman looming over you is the ideal alternative and Vienna has a host of outdoor cinemas for you to enjoy the summer atmosphere. (The AnWienTeam take no responsibility for inevitable mosquito wrestling)

• **Neugebäude Palace**, a charming Renaissance complex in Simmering (Otmar-Brix-Gasse 1, 1110 Vienna), has an annual "Summer in the Palace" programme, including an open-air cinema. It certainly provides one of the more lavish settings for a film screening. www.schlossneugebaeude.at

• **Kino unter Sternen** has relocated to Karlsplatz and this year will focus on the considerable talent of Austrian filmmaking. Running from 3 - 24 July, there will be daily talks from experts in the field of cinema and the arts before each movie. www.kinountersternen.at (Free entry)



• The **Kino auf dem Dach** takes place on the roof of the Main Public Library at Urban-Loritz Platz. For those needing a literary accompaniment for lazy summer days, the library has an excellent English language section. Combine the trip to the cinema by foraging through the written classics and round the evening off with a drink in the excellent cafe. (TIP - just across the road is the PROSI Exotic Supermarket, Neubaugürtel 44, where you can stock up on such inter-national essentials as PG Tips, Coleman's Mustard, Bird's Custard, HP Sauce and Cream Crackers!)

www.buecherei.wien.at

• The **Kino Wie Noch Nie** in leafy Augartenspitz is perhaps the most popular of all Vienna Open-air cinemas (movies move to the MetroKino in bad weather). www.kinowienochnie.at (Obere Augartenstraße 1)

• Finally, watching too many bad American teen movies left one AnWienTeam member with romantic ideas about the idea of a Drive-In cinema. Imagine the delight on learning Vienna has its very own! The **Autokino** (helpfully located at Autokinostrasse 2) shows movies and transmits the sound via the stereo in your car (English also) Now all that's needed is a car... www.autokino.at

Music Film Festival on Rathausplatz (27 June to 30 August)

The **Music Film Festival** at Vienna's City Hall Square provides an opportunity for many of us to finally experience classic performances of the world's favourite opera, operetta, dance, ballet, and world music.

The nightly showings on the massive screen with excellent acoustics under the warm sky is certainly a highlight in the AnWienTeam's summer planning and takes the pressure off what to do with the more demanding visitor.

The concession stands offering an array of delicious smells and moreish wine help to ease the less knowledgeable of us into discussing the fatalism of Carmen, the irony of Rigoletto and Robert Smith's eyeliner....

www.wien-event.at – Free Entry

Day trip - Lake Neusiedl

Twenty miles southeast of Vienna, in the province of Burgenland, lies the beautiful Lake Neusiedl where those of you who miss the sea can find an alternative coastline and a stunning sunset. We recommend a day at the lake where all kinds of watersports and wildlife can be viewed from the comfort of an outdoor couch and a fluffy blanket in the **MoleWest Bar** (www.molewest.at). This bar floats on the water and its excellent selection of wines, cocktails and refreshing ice coffee rated highly with the AnWien Team on a recent excursion! (Note: reservations strongly recommended for dining)



During the summer season (9 July - 23 August) the **Mörbisch Annual Operetta Festival** is performed against the backdrop of Lake Neusiedl and provides an ideal end to any day spent on the lake. This year, My Fair Lady will be performed on the floating stage which expects to attract over 220,000 visitors in total for the run of shows (www.seefestspiele-moerbisch.at).





Vienna Gaels GAA Club

www.gaavienna.at

At last, the good weather has started (well if one does not take last week into consideration) and the Gaelic Football tournament season may continue!

As mentioned in the previous edition of ANW, on May 9th, Budapest returned the tournament invitation, and twenty Vienna Gaels jumped on a train at Westbahnhof for 48 hours of fun and games in Hungary. Both ladies and men played excellent games and the all-you-can-eat buffet and street festival afterwards were well deserved. It must also be noted that for the first time in the Vienna Gaels history, sightseeing was actually done on the Sunday!



Next step is now a European tournament in Munich on July 25th – watch this space!

Last but not least, the Vienna Gaels would like to say good bye and wish the best of luck to Mitch Maling who is unfortunately going back to the US after a very successful season with the Vienna Gaels!

Top 5 Outdoor Swimming Pools



AnWien interviewed their favourite Viennese on the Freibäder in this wonderful city, here are his top 5:

1. **Strandbad Gänsehäufel**, 1220, Moissigasse 21 is an institution for many Viennese! Being the largest Freibad in Europe Gänsehäufel provides a holiday feel in the middle of the city, go for a swim in the Donau, play a round of mini golf, sunbathe topless (!) or just sit and relax at the waters edge over a nice meal and a spritzer!
2. **Krapfenwaldbad "Krawa"**, 1190, Krapfenwaldgasse 65-73. Bathe with the upper class in the noble 19th district of Vienna but put plenty of sun cream on since this "Bad" is so high up on the "mountain" and generally windy that you don't feel our delicate Irish skin changing colour!
3. **Schafbergbad**, 1180, Josef-Redl-Gasse 2 is particularly suited to families with loads of fun activities for the little darlings! As in Krawa lash on the sunscreen if you don't want them going home looking like lobsters!
4. **Schönbrunnerbad**, 1130, Park Schönbrunn. Near the Gloriette and the beautiful surroundings of Schönbrunn Palace this privately owned Freibad is a classic.
5. **Strandbad Alte Donau "Arbeiterstrandbad"**, 1220, Arbeiterstrandbad-straße 91. This Freibad is a nice option if you don't fancy the vast Gänsehäufel. AnWien tip; enjoy a very reasonably priced meal in the canteen type restaurant after a day of sun worshipping!

If you are interested in checking out other Freibäder around Vienna:

<http://www.wien.gv.at/baeder/stadtbad/index.htm>

The Soccer Factory Soccer Camps 20-24 and 27-31 of July,

S.C.HAKOAH Sportanlagen,
Simon-Wiesenthal-Gasse 3,
Vienna 1020

The **Soccer Factory Soccer Camps** are an ideal way for your child to stay active during the summer months. In a safe and fun environment, children learn the beautiful game in drills, fun activities and matches while making new friends. All skill levels are welcome, from beginner to accomplished, both boys and girls (5-15 years).

Note: the soccer camp site also offers sports, fitness and wellness facilities for adults.

Why should kids have all the fun??

For further information contact:
Conor Maguire - Conor has coached at the AIS for many years in various programmes and has extensive experience in running camps and coaching kids of all levels

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Austrian Festival Fun

Summer is not summer without a music festival. It is always easier to plan a weekend of camping in a field with thousands of others when you can (almost) guarantee good weather. We have summarised some of the upcoming festivals and wish you luck with the tent poles.

Vienna Jazz Festival – 29 June – 9 July

A contemporary, urbane festival rivalling the top Jazz festivals of the world: www.viennajazz.org

Open-Air Folk Festival “Folk Acoustic revolution” 11-12 July, Danube Island

The first folk festival of its kind in Vienna with the likes of Bleeding Hearts and New Model Army.



Lovely Days 2009: 10th July, Wiesen, Burgenland

True rockers will be heading down to Wiesen for the “Lovely Days” festival 2009. Deep Purple headline this year’s event. www.lovelydays.at

Nuke Festival 2009: 17 – 18 July, Wiesen, Burgenland

For a more chilled out day of music, head to Wiesen once again for “Nuke Festival 2009”, with appearances from Moby, Basement Jaxx, James Morrison and Joss Stone. www.nuke.at

On the Rocks: 17-18 July, Golling, Salzburg

And for a more energetic weekend, head further west for this friendly and small-scale festival which aims to encourage up and coming Austrian bands. So, when you get in the mood, have a whiskey - on the rocks! www.therocks.at



Frequency Festival 2009: 20-22 August, St. Pölten, Lower Austria

With big names lined up such as the godly Radiohead, The Prodigy, 2ManyDJs, Bloc Party plus many more, there is something for everyone at Frequency. This year the festival takes place in St. Pölten, less than an hour’s train ride from Vienna.

(TIP: Sharing bottles of Ireland’s finest whiskey guarantees a healthy supply of friends willing to help with the tent, direct you to the toilets and push your car out of the mud on the Sunday). www.frequency.at

Credit Crunch at the top restaurants?

DiningCity restaurant week: Jul 6–12, 2009

For this one week, the top restaurants throughout the city are opening their hefty doors and laying their white tablecloths for all citizens by agreeing to serve up gourmet dishes at affordable prices, offering 3-course surprise menus for a flat fee of €25. The AnWienTeam have jumped at the chance to sample the likes of Le Salzgrües, Ella’s and the mighty Meisl am Graben.

www.restaurantwoche.at

AQUARELL KURS

One week course in Watercolour painting techniques by Irish Artist Leonard Sheil for beginners or experienced.

Through english language, the class will also include talks and slideshows about Ireland, its land and seascapes.

August 10-15 10am- 12pm

Course limited to small numbers
140 euro for the week



Contact
Venue : The Backhaus Badnerstrasse 48,
Bad Vöslau 2540
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What the committee did over the past months

- moonwalked on rooftops
- shamefully exploited our nationality for a free drink at the DonauInselFest
- welcomed the arrival of Irish weather in Austria
- *engaged* in furthering Austro-Irish relations

