

March 2010



Amhrán na Wien



Hello and welcome to the March 2010 edition of Amhrán na WIEN!

It's that time of year again where we dust off the green hat, uproot the shamrock and prepare to bring a taste of Ireland to Vienna! 2010 will see an expanding St. Patrick's Day programme with artists, poets, dancers, singers and drinkers joining the fun for almost two weeks of activities. March 17th has become a global day of Green and with each passing year the celebrations in Vienna grow and grow with more and more people "wearing the green". Come enjoy the cultúr and craic where anyone can be Irish with a pour of a green beer and the flail of a leg!

Our new March 2010 edition, and all past and upcoming editions can be found at <http://www.gaavienna.at/anw.html>

Once again, a big thank you to all those who acknowledged our previous editions and who became our fans on Facebook.

If you have any ideas or recommendations, please do not hesitate to email us at irishnewsletter@gmail.com. We are always thrilled to get any feedback!

Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh go léir!
Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone!

The AnWien Team

Selection of Upcoming Events

Fiddler's Green	4 March	Szene
Florence and the Machine	7 March	Arena
La Roux	8 March	Arena
Bloodhound Gang	17 March	Gasometer
I Am Kloot	24 March	WUK
Slayer	25 March	Gasometer
Blood Red Shoes	27 March	Flex
Nena	11 April	Stadthalle

Vienna's English Theatre

Suddenly at Home by Francis Durbridge
22 March to 8 May

Recommendations

Cafe Afro – Türkenstraße 3, 1090

www.cafeafro.at

This cosy, friendly café is situated on Türkenstraße close to Schottentor and just across the road from Charlie P's - a well known Irish landmark in Vienna! Café Afro offers a wide range of different types of coffees as well as snacks and the best humus this AnWien team member has tasted in Vienna! The food and snacks are very reasonably priced (about €3.50 for a plate of humus with Turkish pide or "fladenbrot") and it's the perfect place to stop over at on the way to or from a trip to the Votiv Kino which is just around the corner. Café Afro also has a selection of breakfasts and will soon have even more on offer on the menu.

Wrenkh Natürlich - Himmelfortgasse 5, 1010

Opened Monday to Friday 11am to 4pm, Closed Saturday and Sunday.

If you work in the first and are looking for a healthy alternative for lunch try out this little gem recommended by a dear AnWien reader. Off the beaten track essentially behind Steffl, a small so called "Reformhaus" serves very reasonably priced and super healthy lunch-time menus in a very friendly atmosphere. The lunch-time menu is not on the net but print outs with the weeks menus are available in Wrenkh....natuerlich!

Hidden Kitchen - Färbergasse 3, 1010

www.hiddenkitchen.at

This new place in the 1st district is unlikely to remain 'hidden' for long when people discover its sophisticated food with that New York deli atmosphere. The airy room with minimal decoration suits the simplistic method for choosing your meal. Each customer buys a small or large lunchbox and has the choice of one main course and any number of side salads to fit within that box. A hearty soup and a selection of delicious cupcakes are also on offer - and to make your lunch break even more relaxing (and your morning more entertaining), you can make up your mind by downloading the daily menu off the website.



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St. Patrick's Day - www.stpatricksdaywien.at

It's that time of year again, the time when we all get to celebrate St. Patrick and promote Irish culture in Vienna. In previous years, it was customary to have a "St. Patrick's Day weekend", this year we will have a more rounded cultural experience with activities stretching over 11 days!

Saturday 13 March

The AnWienTeam are particularly looking forward to attending the vernissage from Irish artist Tom Phelan. Starting at 6.30pm in Das Kabinett (Brunnengasse 19, 1160), Phelan will be exhibiting work entitled 'memories of water'. For more info www.tomphelan.ie

After a stint with this vernissage, your legs should be loosened and ready for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Ceili, run by Cumann Ceilí Vín. Taking place in the Haus der Begegnung, 1100 and with live music by Haystack, this year's Ceilí should be the ideal opportunity to get that irishness pumping heavily through your veins in preparation for the events ahead. www.cumannceilivin.at



Tuesday 16 March

For those of you lucky enough to see **ROBOTNIK** play live in Vienna in the past you will know that he is a unique Irish entertainer described as possessed, unhinged and strikingly original. Keep your energy going from the Ceilí and revel in dancing around like a loon to Robotnik's "brilliantly bonkers and sweet" upbeat tunes (BBC NI 2009). His mix of electro-clash and body performance folk will take place in the Transporter Bar (Kettenbrückengasse 1, 1050). Email transporterbar@gmx.at for info.

Thursday 18 March

Vienna's Top Kino will be showing award-winning Irish movies:

19.00 Once (R: John Carney)

21.00 The Commitments (R: Alan Parker)

There will also be a question and answer session with actress and singer Maria Doyle Kennedy, star of the Commitments and of the TV series The Tudors. Maria has won the IFTA Award 2008 and 2009 for Best Actress. After the films, enjoy a drink in the relaxed and retro Kino Bar and mingle with the alternative and fashionable crowd. For info see www.topkino.at



Friday 19 March - FESTZELT BEIM BURGTHEATER, 1010

Grand Opening of the St. Patrick's Day tent! This year, the tent will be placed once again beside the Burgtheater on Dr Karl Renner Ring. The tent is open to all and entry is free. There will be traditional Irish food and drink and a warm and festive atmosphere.

Maria Doyle Kennedy, folk siren meets punk-diva and the Celtic Patti Smith, will be appearing from 7pm to astound the crowds with her unique sound. She has been nominated for a Meteor Award for Best Album in 2002 and 2008 and should not be missed. Also appearing is special guest Dominik Nostitz & the co-pilots.



Saturday 20 March - FESTZELT BEIM BURGTHEATER



The full day of activities begin with a St. Patrick's Day Mass in the Schottenstift on the Freyung (1010). The packed programme follows from then:
11:00 St. Patrick's Day Parade (from outside Schottenstift on the Freyung). This year, we need to make the parade bigger and greener than ever before so bring anything you can to display your Irish pride! The parade will end in the SPD tent.

13:30 Shannon: Trad/Folk

16:30 Shamrock Dance Company Vienna - Irish Dance

15:30 Ireland plays Scotland in 6 Nations Rugby

17:30 Phil O'Dendron: Trad/Folk

19:00 Keltieg: Trad/Folk

Sunday 21 March - FESTZELT BEIM BURGTHEATER

The final day of the SPD tent opens with an Irish brunch at I I am where you will find many goods to help soak up the Guinness from the night before...

12:15 Shannon - Trad/Folk Set 1

13:15 Shannon - Trad/Folk Set 2

15:00 Heystack - Trad/Folk

16:00 Cumann Ceili Vin - Irish Dance

Following the closure of the tent, walk the short distance to Charlie P's Irish Pub on Währingerstrasse 3, 1090 for an evening of poetry with Neil McCarthy (IRL), Diane Shoeman (US), Meaghan Burke (US) and Jim Choice (IRL). The poetry begins at 6pm and will be a cultural and relaxed end to a great weekend.



But things are not over yet...

Wednesday 24 March

Sarah Power, one of Ireland's finest young sopranos will be appearing at the Bösendorfersaal, Graf Starhembergsgasse 14, 1040 with pianist Andrea Linsbauer. Sarah's singing has been described as scintillating and meticulous and this solo-recital will mark a refined note to the SPD celebrations. Tickets and information can be bought from the Bösendorfersaal. Call 01504 66 51-0 or email mail@boesendorfer.com

And if you're tired of green beer, there's always young wine....

It's young, fresh, best served cold and comes out of its dark cellar just about now: the young white wine of 2009. For the longest time, wine-snobbs competed among their peer groups as to who would be able to order the fanciest and oldest vintage. These days are over.

Now, the trend in white wine – especially in Vienna and its surroundings – is young, fresh and cold. With that trend an old tradition re-emerges, that of the "Gemischter Satz". This is the Viennese term for "Cuvee", which used to have the image of a low quality mixture of leftovers. This is no longer the case and Vienna and surrounding areas, such as Klosterneuburg, Gumpoldskirchen and Traiskirchen cater for the excellent Gemischter Satz, Welschriesling and Neuburger of 2009. The Styrian "Junker" is out since November and just as good. Look out for Grauburgunder ("Pinot Grigio") and Morillon. "Steirisch Pub" in Siebensterngasse 17 is a good place to give those sorts a try. Notice the steirisch-irish pun and the hammer-and-nail game (mind the fingers!).



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Sweet German

Have you ever sat in German class, desperate to learn the language but craving a more interactive and 'filling' method?

One AnWien reader has sent us information of what we believe to be an excellent way for new Deutsch speakers to learn the language whilst immersing in the delightful world of Austrian pasties. 'Süßes Deutsch – Learning by Baking' is a class where students of German language learn the art of baking Austrian dishes whilst brushing up on exciting new vocab with trained pastry chef and language teacher Lukas Mayrhofer.

Lukas' special themed evenings are held in an informal atmosphere and each teaching session ends with eating the finished product over tasty drinks! Each class costs €98 per person, including course materials, recipes, foodstuffs, welcome drink and an apron.

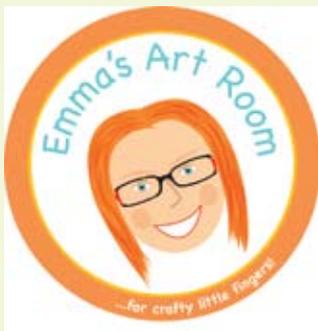
His next dates for an evening of 'Sweet German' are as follows:

- 9 & 12 March - the art of baking with cream cheese
- 23 & 25 March - baking for Easter
- 8 & 13 April - baking with chocolate
- 20 & 28 April - historical background of traditional Austrian

For more information, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/suessesdeutsch/> or contact Lukas Mayrhofer on 0699 106 76 806 or lukas.mayrhofer@tele2.at

Emma's Summer Camp

Remember Emma's Art Room from our November edition? Emma is now offering three week-length summer camps in July for children aged 4-12, to take place from 5-9 July, 12-16 July and 19-23 July 2010. Over the course of the week, your child will be introduced to Picasso, Klimt and Van Gogh to name but a few artists, and will busy themselves creating colourful masks, designing bags, making 3D animals, painting and creating magical landscapes! For more information, check out www.emmasartroom.at



Have we got news for you?

For fans of improvisational theatre, one AnWien fan pointed us to The Late Night Theatre Jam. The shows are described as "pure theatre" where "every show is a premiere!" The English Lovers, Austria's award-winning, English-speaking group, present amazing stories, crazy games, theatre experiments, music and more in a cosy bar atmosphere 2 minutes from the Schwedenplatz.

The Late Night Theatre Jam takes place every 2nd and 4th Friday at 10.30pm. For more information contact Theater Drachengasse Bar&Co, Fleischmarkt 22, 1010 Wien 01 513 14 44 (Tues-Sat 3.30-7pm), karten@drachengasse.at or at www.english-lovers.com

GOAL Irish Ball Vienna 2010

Yes the rumours are true! The GOAL Irish Ball is SOLD OUT! There was a phenomenal response to the Ball this year, all 400 tickets were sold in 3 weeks! If you didn't get a ticket this year, there is still time to make a contribution to this great event to help the poorest of the poor, just contact the Committee at irishballvienna@gmail.com and make sure to get in there early for the tickets next year!

To those of you lucky enough to get a ticket, this is the programme that is awaiting you on 10 April 2010 in the lavishing surrounding of the InterContinental Hotel: Sigrid Massenbauer will ease us into the champagne reception with her mystical harp music. Guinness, Stiegl and Jameson Irish Whiskey will be in abundance to wash down a delicious three course feast. As a digestif, the ever-popular Irish Fire will delight us with their Riverdance-like moves and astounding choreography.

And last but certainly not least, the best news is that the fantastic Rapparees will return to the stage of the InterContinental to get hearts pounding and feet tapping with their lively mix of traditional folk and contemporary tunes. The Belfast-based boys have been earning quite a name for themselves since last years blast and are guaranteed not to disappoint! www.therapparees.com

For more details check out the new revamped GOAL Irish Ball website: www.irishballvienna.at The AnWien team wish you all a wonderful night and hope lots of money is raised for the poorest of the poor!

