



## EL FEILE

Barcelona's Irish and Celtic Cultural festival  
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11th – 21st March 2009

- In 2009 EL FEILE, Barcelona's Irish and Celtic contemporary arts festival, celebrates its 6th edition presenting to locals a cultural 'pica pica' that includes music, dance, Gaelic Games, comedy, cinema amongst other activities.
- Programme theme: NORTHERN IRELAND artists and culture.
- Headline concert: Mythical Punk band STIFF LITTLE FINGERS (SLF) will take the stage on Saturday 14th of March and be supported by Barcelona's own legends of the genre SUBTERRANEAN KIDS for a big night of rock in Sala Apolo.
- Also starring: JOHN MCSHERRY & AT FIRST LIGHT, DUKE SPECIAL, SLEEPING YEARS, GARRETT WALL BAND, NIÑO DE LA HIPOTECA, COLIN MURPHY and much more.
- The complete programme will be available on the web [www.elfeile.com](http://www.elfeile.com).

### MUSIC

#### AT FIRST LIGHT & JOHN MCSHERRY



After officially launching the festival with the legendary **The Dubliners** in February, El Feile, Tradicionàrius and L'Auditori join forces once again to present for the first time in Barcelona one of Northern Ireland's traditional music institutions John McSherry's latest group **AT FIRST LIGHT**. McSherry, one of the world's most highly regarded exponents of the Uilleann Pipes is joined by a line up of some of Ireland's most renowned Trad artists. The young **Dónal O'Connor** (Fiddle), **Francis McIlduff** (Bodhrán, Uilleann Pipes, Low Whistles) and **Alan Burke** (Guitarra, Voz) all of whom have graced some of the biggest stages in the world with the very biggest names in music. They have assimilated multiple award winning Asturian musician **Rubén Bada** (Guitar, Bouzouki, Fiddle) into the line up to form an all star line up that produced Tripswitch an album the BBC Radio chose as Album of the Year in 2007 and critics have hailed as 'Acoustic perfection'.

**AT FIRST LIGHT: MARCH 13th (FRIDAY) – 9pm**

L'AUDITORI SALA 3 (c/ Lepanto, 150 – Metro: Marina L1 / Monumental L2)

18€ (One price) – TELENTRADA: 902 10 12 12 ([www.tebentrada.com](http://www.tebentrada.com)) / L'AUDITORI BOX OFFICE

#### STIFF LITTLE FINGERS (SLF) & SUBTERRANEAN KIDS



Formed in 1977 in a turbulent Belfast with music that reflected those times, the group **SLF STIFF LITTLE FINGERS** are legends of the Punk era.

Band leader **Jake Burns** has overseen many changes in personnel over the years but Ali Mc Mordie and Ian Mc Callum are back in the engine of a live show that has never been as powerful. With 9 studio albums behind them to draw on, with unforgettable anthems like **Alternative Ulster** and **Suspect** Device complimented by new material destined for a new album sometime next year this rare appearance in Barcelona is a must for fans.

All the SLF trademarks of honest writing tinged with politics mixed with melody and hammered home with some real raw Punk energy are still there. This is no lame reformation, since 2006 they have been repeatedly selling out wherever they land in the UK and Ireland with their latest Ulster hall appearances the stuff of new rock legend. The current political climate, albeit global this time has the put the fire back in their bellies and they are one of the most powerful live shows out there.

El Feile, in collaboration with Basque promoter **Radiation**, will tour **SLF** through: San Sebastian on March 11<sup>th</sup>, Madrid on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Bilbao the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> in Barcelona.



Formed in 1985 **SUBTERRANEAN KIDS** were the pioneers of the Hardcore scene in Barcelona of the mid Eighties and went on to become the most emblematic representatives of that genre in Spain. Between 1985 and 1997 they produced 4 legendary albums backed up by the most powerful live set in the Ciudad Condal that created an almost mythical status.

Fans were left reeling when they called it a day and went silent for a decade but a 10 year reunion gig got such a reception, a tour quickly followed and now they are one of the most highly anticipated gigs on the city music agenda with a loyal following whose enthusiasm needs to be seen to be believed.

The combination of Stiff Little Fingers and Subterranean Kids on the same bill in the perfect room, Sala Apolo, will make for one of the music events of the year.

**SLF & SUBTERRANEAN KIDS: MARCH 14th (SATURDAY) – 8.30pm**

SALA APOLO (c/ Nou de la Rambla 113 – M: Paral.lel L2 / L3)

TICKETS: €20 (presale) [www.ticketticket.com](http://www.ticketticket.com) / €24 (box office)



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## DUKE SPECIAL & THE SLEEPING YEARS



### New Music Showcase Nº. 1 – 'Northern Stars Rising'

**DUKE SPECIAL** is without a doubt the hottest act in Irish alternative music right now. Regularly sharing the stage and recording with the legendary Neil Hannon of The Divine Comedy, he has a unique sound, style, stage show and his drummer has to be seen to be believed.

Duke special will be supported by ex lead singer of The Catchers, Dale Grundle and his new project, **THE SLEEPING YEARS**. A man with a special voice and beautiful lyrics is real song-writing gem who has become hugely popular in France and will be playing Spain for the first time.

### DUKE SPECIAL & THE SLEEPING YEARS

BCN: MARCH 19th (THURSDAY) – 9pm – APOLO 2 (c/ Nou de la Rambla, 113 – M: Paral.lel)

Madrid: MARCH 20th (FRIDAY) – 10pm – SALA EL SOL (c/ Jardines, 3 – M: Gran Via

TICKETS: €15 (presale) [www.ticktackticket.com](http://www.ticktackticket.com) / €18 (box office)

## GARRETT WALL BAND & EL NIÑO DE LA HIPOTECA



### New Music Showcase Nº. 2 – 'Album Launches'

**GARRETT WALL BAND** is back this year to support the full commercial release of their latest album *Skypointing*. The unusual format – buzzing with the brilliant dynamic of the four members – guitar, trumpet, bass and cajón (a flamenco box drum) is powerfully well-rounded: intimate, through the use of the cajón yet sharply defined by the trumpet. All of which provides a crafted platform for Wall's soaringly lyrical voice.

El Feile is all about bringing artists together and to compliment The Garrett Wall band's new album release we have a local artist making a big name for himself very fast in **EL NIÑO DE LA HIPOTECA**. His debut album *Que te vaya bien* has just been released and he will bring some new Spanish music flavour to the festival.



### GARRETT WALL BAND & EL NIÑO DE LA HIPOTECA

Madrid: MARCH 19th (THURSDAY) – 10pm – SALA EL SOL (c/ Jardines, 3 – M: Gran Vía)

BCN: MARCH 20th (FRIDAY) – 11.30pm – CAFÈ TEATRE LLANTIOL (c/ Riereta, 7 – M: S. Antoni - Liceu)

TICKETS: €12 (One price) - [www.ticktackticket.com](http://www.ticktackticket.com)

## STAND-UP COMEDY



As usual, every March The GG ([www.comedyinspain.com](http://www.comedyinspain.com)), Spain's first international English language stand-up comedy club, and El Feile join forces to bring to Spain The Best of Irish Comedy Special. This year El Feile is themed around Northern Ireland and is proud to present the region's premier stand-up comedian and the GG's first ever comic from Northern Ireland, **COLIN MURPHY**. Murphy will bring a healthy and timely dose of **cheeky political and observational** satire that could come straight from his roots.

### COLIN MURPHY

Madrid: MARCH 14th (SÁTURDAY) – 10pm – SALA CLAMORES (c/ Albuquerque, 14 – M: Bilbao)

BCN: MARCH 15th (SUNDAY) – 8pm – TEATRO CAT (Trav. Sant Antoni, 6-8 – M: Fontana L3)

TICKETS: €17 (presale) [www.comedyinspain.com](http://www.comedyinspain.com) / €20 (box office)



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### IRISH DANCE WORKSHOPS (ADULTS & KIDS)



One of El Feile's most popular perennial activities over the years has been the traditional Irish dance workshops. This year the workshops will be conducted under the guidance of Fran Aloma, founder and developer of Barcelona's own **Delorgan Irish Dance Company**. He will be ably assisted by teachers **Sarah Marikar (USA)** and local **Betlem Burcet** in creating a workshop in Irish traditional dance. There will be separate **adults and children's (6 – 16 y.o.)** classes at all levels, **beginners and intermediate**. The workshops will last 3 hours each. This has always been an extremely popular event within the festival so the suggestion is to book early as **places are limited**.

**IRISH DANCE WORKSHOPS BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE - ADULTS & KIDS**

**MARCH 21st and 22nd (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY) – 10.30am -2 pm**

**ESCUELA YOUKALI (c/ Ramón y Cajal, 88 – M: Joanic L4)**

**TICKETS: €30 Adults / €15 Kids - INFO & RESERVATION: delorgan@hotmail.es – +34 609 937 150**

### NEW IRISH SHORT MOVIE SHOWCASE

El Feile is introducing cinema to the programme with an exciting innovation. The festival has teamed up with Declan Lynch who was the Chief Supervising Editor on Dublin 4 day movie (<http://4daymovie.wordpress.com/>) a project that featured 30 of Ireland's newest and most exciting artistic talent in moviemaking shot in Dublin in June 2008. Declan will curate a selection of the best works from the vibrant **Irish short movie scene**. The screenings will take place in Sala Maumau, a cultural centre that regularly hosts screenings from the local Barcelona Shorts scene.

**NEW IRISH SHORT MOVIE SHOWCASE:**

**MARCH - 16<sup>th</sup> (MONDAY) and 18<sup>th</sup> (WEDNESDAY) - 8.30pm**

**SALA MAU MAU (c/ Fontrodona, 33 – M: Paral.lel L2)**

**FREE ENTRANCE**



### GAELIC GAMES



El Feile has always been at the heart of development of the Gaelic games on the peninsula. This year the festival will feature 2 events: **Invitational Gaelic Games showcase**: BCN's own Gaelic Games club Barcelona Gaels ([www.barcelonagaels.cat](http://www.barcelonagaels.cat)), will host visiting teams from Ireland in disciplines of men's and women's Gaelic football and Camogie which is essentially the ladies version of Hurling.

**Round 2 Iberian men's and women's Gaelic Football Championship**: This is the main action of the Barcelona Gaels pre summer calendar: a 4 tournament championship that will feature teams from Madrid, Valencia, Pamplona, Valls and Barcelona

**GAELIC GAMES**

**CAMPO DE RUGBY DEL COMPLEJO DEPORTIVO MUNICIPAL MAR BELLA (AV. Litoral Mar, 86-96)**

- **INVITATIONAL GAELIC GAMES: SATURDAY MARCH 14th – 11am / 4pm**
- **GAELIC GAMES CHAMPIONSHIP: SATURDAY MARCH 21st – 11am / 4pm**

**FREE ENTRANCE**

The El Feile 2009 programme and complete information on participating artists and events will be available on the web [www.elfeile.com](http://www.elfeile.com).

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