



Dublin plans weeks of summer fun and frolics



LOST ON LUAS: 'Where's Wally?' revellers packed on a tram

The Lord Mayor of Dublin is reminding Dubliners that there are plenty of events to keep old and young entertained throughout the Summer months.

There are planned events – most of which are free – happening around the city from June to September.

These include plays, museum trips, comedy shows and street performances which are open to the public as part of the city council's

Summer Events Programme.

Lord Mayor Gerry Breen said: "I invite all Dubliners and visitors to come into Dublin to see what is on offer in the Dublin City Summer Events Programme 2011.

"There is something for everyone over the summer months throughout the city from the return of the Street World Performance Championships in Merrion Square Park in June to the Brazilian sounds of MaSamBa who

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will celebrate the life and career of Phil Lynott and Thin Lizzy."

There is plenty to do including the Dublin Pride Festival 2011 from June 18 to June 26 while the PhotoIreland Festival will take place at galleries around the capital for the month of July.

The Kings of Concrete will rollerblade, skateboard and break-dance into town on July 23 and 24 boasting the "largest and most comprehensive urban sports and culture festival" in the country.

This weekend, from June 16 to June 19, the Street Performance World Championship (SPWC) will bring the best sword swallowers, jugglers, acrobats, contortionists and magicians in the world to streets of Dublin city.

The free family-friendly festival will try to break the Where's Wally world record with thousands of revellers dressed in stripey jumpers, hats and glasses.

Richard Guiney, CEO Dublin City **Business Improvement District**, said: "Dublin city is an especially vibrant place during the summer.

"We have a great line up for families who are looking forward to the summer holidays and I hope they enjoy the wonderful programme of events."

For more information on all of the events taking place visit www.summerindublin.ie.