



**NATIONAL
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FOR THE
ARTS**

PRESS REPORT

**The National Campaign for the Arts
September – December 2009**

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PRINT

- Wed 23 Sept – **The Irish Times** – Gerry Godley article on 5 Ways Culture Can save Us - <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/features/2009/0923/1224255056467.html>
- Thurs 24 Sept – **The Irish Times** – Deirdre Falvey reports from the National Campaign for the Arts launch - <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2009/0924/1224255133236.html>
- Thurs 24 Sept - **Irish Independent** –Coverage and pic of the National Campaign for the Arts - <http://www.independent.ie/national-news/artists-stage-protest-against-threat-to-funds-1894948.html>
- Thurs 24 Sept - **Irish Examiner** – Coverage and pic of the National Campaign for the Arts - <http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/artists-launch-campaign-to-highlight-their-contribution-to-the-economy-101667.html>
- Thurs 24 Sept – **The Star** - Pic from launch and extended caption outlining demands of the National Campaign for the Arts.
- Thurs 24 Sept - **Metro** –Pic and extended caption re the National Campaign for the Arts launch.
- Fri 25 Sept – **The Irish Times** – The National Campaign for the Arts mentioned in an editorial piece on the kick-off of Culture Night - <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/opinion/2009/0925/1224255210424.html>
- Sat 26 Sept – **The Irish Times, Weekend** – ‘Artscape’ piece on the recent collective political action of the arts, centring around the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts
- Sat 26 Sept – **Irish Independent, Review** – Medb Ruane column discusses arts funding in the wake of Colm Toibin’s Morning Ireland interview.
- Sun 27 Sept – **Sunday Times** – Justine McCarthy opinion piece on artists campaigning for continued funding with reference to the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts and Colm Toibin’s Morning Ireland interview.
- Sun 27 Sept – **Sunday Independent** – Reprint of Roddy Doyle’s speech to DCC and TDs at DTF opening.
- Sun 27 Sept – **Sunday Independent** - Article on artists’ tax exemption including pic from launch of the National campaign for the Arts and vox pop with five artists from different art forms.
- Mon 28 Sept – **Letters Page, The Irish Times** – Lynne Parker, director of Rough Magic, responds to a previous article on arts funding and refers to the work of the National Campaign for the Arts.
- Tues 29 Sept – **The Irish Times** – News article following the Minister’s interview on ‘Arts Tonight’, RTE Radio 1, quoting his denial that he’ll scrap the artists’ tax exemption.
- Thurs 1 Oct – **Irish Medical Times** – Report on the key claims of the National Campaign for the Arts.
- Fri 2 Oct – **Galway City Tribune** – news article claiming that arts cuts would be a ‘lethal blow’ to Galway businesses.
- Sat 3 Oct – **Irish Daily Mail** – Joe O’Connor article defending the artist’s tax exemption.

- Sun 4 Oct – **Sunday Times** – ‘My Week’ with Loughlin Deegan, director of Dublin Theatre Festival, including details of attending the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts.
- Sun 4 Oct – **Sunday Independent** – article by Anthony Cronin discussing the tax exemption and Aosdana.
- Wed 7 Oct – **Drogheda Independent** – article on Drogheda backing of National Campaign for the Arts.
- Wed 7 Oct – **Galway Independent** -
- Fri 9 Oct – **Longford Leader** – Launch of the National Campaign for the Arts in Longford, including pic and quotes from Mona Considine, director of the Backstage Theatre.
- Fri 9 Oct – **Phoenix Magazine** – Article on arts campaign trail.
- Fri 9 Oct – **The Irish Times** – Piece about the National Campaign for the Arts in Sligo.
- Fri 9 Oct – **Sligo Today** – Piece about the National Campaign for the Arts in Sligo.
- Sat 10 Oct – **The Irish Times, Weekend** – The National Campaign for the Arts Mentioned in an Artscape piece regarding future funding for the arts.
- Mon 12 Oct – **Mayo News** – Article on Mayo arts advocates taking on Bord Snip.
- Tues 13 Oct – **Sligo Weekender** – coverage of Sligo ‘s National Campaign for the Arts with accompanying pic of Sligo based artists. - <http://www.sligoweekender.ie/news/story/?trs=mhsncwmhgb&cat=news>
- Tues 13 Oct – **Mayo News** – coverage of the a meeting of the Mayo branch of the National Campaign for the Arts with accompanying pic - http://www.mayonews.ie/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7851&Itemid=135
- Wed 14 Oct – **Sligo Post** – Emmy Award winner hits out at arts cuts.
- Wed 14 Oct – **Sligo Champion** – Article on how the local arts community is uniting to warn against cuts in funding.
- Thurs 15 Oct – **The Irish Times** – News article by Deirdre Falvey of artists Brendan Gleeson, Sebastian Barry, Colum McCann and others arguing for continued Arts Council funding to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.
- Thurs 15 Oct – **Irish Examiner** – News article of artists Brendan Gleeson, Colum McCann and Fiach Mac Conghail, Abbey director and spokesperson for the National Campaign for the Arts, and others arguing for continued Arts Council funding to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. <http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/gleeson-film-plans-will-collapse-if-bord-snip-implemented-103327.html>
- Thurs 15 Oct – **Irish Independent** – Front page pic of Gabriel Byrne outside the Dail before the Oireachtas Committee meeting and inside story by Lise Hand on how the meeting arguing for continued funding for the arts proceeded - <http://www.independent.ie/opinion/analysis/artists-hope-penis-mightier-than-economic-slashhook-1914055.html>
- Thurs 15 Oct – **The Irish Times** – Technical Manager, Regional Cultural Centre, Donegal, Guy Barriscale, talks about lack of funding for regional arts centres.

- Sat 17 Oct – **The Irish Times, Weekend** – Artscape piece on Irish artists and others speaking at the Oireachtas Committee meeting - <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/weekend/2009/1017/1224256873464.html>
- Mon 19 Oct – **The Irish Times** – Article on panic in the arts community over cutbacks.
- Thurs 22 Oct – **The Phoenix Magazine** – Article on Arts Council cuts in 2010 mentions the National Campaign for the Arts.
- Thurs 22 Oct – **Evening Herald, HQ** – First person interview with Tania Banotti re Arts Council funding and crisis facing arts sector if funding is cut.
- Sat 24 Oct – **The Irish Times, Weekend** – Quentin Fottrell’s radio review mentions Joe O’Connor’s Drivetime Diary re potential Arts Council Cuts - <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/weekend/2009/1024/1224257356498.html>
- Tues 27 Oct – **The Irish Times, Letters Page** – Joe O’Connor responds to Quentin Fotreel’s review of his Drivetime Diary on potential Arts Council cuts - <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/letters/2009/1027/1224257488848.html>
- Thurs 29 Oct – **Evening Echo** – Article with pic on how the Cork arts community is uniting against cuts as part of the National Campaign for the Arts.
- Fri 30 Oct – **Evening Echo** – full page news story with pic and sidebars on the NCFA Cork branch meeting with headline, ‘Arts at the heart of Cork’s financial Renaissance’.
- Sat 31 Oct – **The Irish Times, Weekend** – ‘Artscape’ pieces on both Cork and Galway involvement in the National Campaign for the Arts - <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/weekend/2009/1031/1224257732485.html>
- Tues 3 Nov – **Evening Echo** – Sirius boss says jobs will go in Cobh if arts fund cut and mentions National Campaign for the Arts.
- Sat 7 Nov – **The Irish Times, Weekend** – ‘Artscape’ piece on the Arts Council economic report on arts contribution to the economy with quote from the National Campaign for the Art included.
- Wed 11 Nov – **Wexford People** – Article on Wexford branch of NCFA with headline stating that Eoin Colfer has got behind the local campaign too.
- Thurs 12 Nov – **Cork Independent** – Article on flash mob to happen in Cork City on Saturday 14 nov - <http://www.corkindependent.com/local-news/local-news/watch-out-for-flash-mob/>
- Sat 14 Nov – **The Irish Times, Weekend** – ‘Artscape’ piece on arts march in Cork City as part of the NCFA.
- Mon 16 Nov – **Irish Examiner** – article on Cork City’s flash mob and following march against arts funding cuts with details of the National Campaign for the Arts online petition.
- Wed 18 Nov – **South Tipp Today** – Article on Clonmel Junction Festival vowing support for the National Campaign for the Arts.
- Sat 28 Nov – **The Irish Times, Weekend** – ‘Artscape’ piece on NCFA Petition with 10,000 signatories being presented to the Minister prior to the budget.
- Sat 12 Dec – **The Irish Times, Weekend** – ‘Artscape’ piece about the effects of the budget on the arts with mentions of the NCFA’s work running up to the budget announcement.

- Fri 18 Dec – **The Phoenix Magazine** – Article on the effect of the budget on the arts, the work of Minister Cullen and the presence of the NCFCA on the political scene.

RADIO

- Wed 23 Sept - **News at 3pm, Spin FM** – News report on the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts
- Wed 23 Sept - **News at 5pm, 4FM** - News report on the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts
- Wed 23 Sept - **Tom McGurk on 4, 4FM** - <http://www.4fm.ie/profile.asp?id=1>
Fiach MacConghail talking about the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts
- Wed 23 Sept - **Arts News, Lyric FM** – Aedin Gormley reports from the National Campaign for the Arts.
- Wed 23 Sept - **Arena, RTE Radio 1** – Sean Rocks reports from the National Campaign for the Arts with interviews including Don Wycherley, Risteard Cooper and Amy Huberman - <http://www.rte.ie/arts/2009/0923/arena.html>
- Thurs 24 Sept - **Deise AM, WLR FM** (Waterford station) – report on the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts with comments also from Jimmy Murphy, playwright.
- Thurs 24 Sept - **CultureShock, Newstalk106 FM** – Report from the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts with interviews from various artists and organizational representatives.
- Sun 25 Sept – **This Week, RTE Radio 1** – Discussion on the effect of McCarthy Report on the arts and the artists tax exemption with interviews with various artists - <http://www.rte.ie/news/thisweek/>
- Mon 28 Sept – **Arts Tonight, RTE Radio 1** – Vincent Woods interviews Minister Cullen about the tax exemption and Minister claims he will not get rid of it.
- Thurs 1 Oct – **Artsbeat, Dublin City FM** – Gerry Godley, spokesperson for the NCFCA discusses potential arts cuts.
- Mon 5 Oct – **Today with Pat Kenny, RTE Radio 1** – Discussion on artists tax exemption with journalist Sarah Carey and writer/director Peter Sheridan.
- Thurs 15 Oct – **Morning Ireland, RTE Radio 1** - Conor Hunt reports that Brendan Gleeson, Gabriel Byrne and others outlined the importance of arts to Ireland at an Oireachtas Committee .
- Sat 17 Oct – **The Marian Finucane Show, RTE Radio 1** – Guest on the show, Fiach Mac Conghail, speaks of the NCFCA and discusses cuts, the retention of a Minister for Arts and the recent Oireachtas Committee Meeting. <http://www.rte.ie/radio1/marianfinucane/1249917.html>
- Wed 21 Oct – **Drivetime, RTE Radio 1** – Writer Joe O'Connor bases his diary piece around a call for continued funding for the Arts Council.
- Tues 27 Oct – **Drivetime, RTE Radio 1** – The first of the NCFCA 'Artists Diaries' with award winning novelist Colum McCarthy talking about his own

positive experience of Arts Council funding. An opposing diary is supplied by Liam Collins.

- **Wed 28 Oct – Drivetime, RTE Radio 1** – The second of NCFA ‘Artists Diaries’ with novelist Hugo Hamilton talking about his own experience as an artists and calling on continued funding. An opposing diary is supplied by Finbar Bradley who actually talks about the need for the arts in the smart economy.
- **Thurs 29 Oct – Drivetime, RTE Radio 1** – The third and final of the NCFA ‘Artists Diaries’ with writer Pat McCabe’s satirical piece about the need for artists to be supported as role models. An opposing diary is supplied by Moore MacDoughal.
- **Sat 28 Nov – The Kiosk, Phantom FM** – Gerry Godley and visual artist Garrett Phelan discuss the possible effect of the budget on the arts community in Ireland.
- **Sat 12 Dec – The Kiosk, Phantom FM** – Tania Banotti discusses the effects of the budget on the Arts.
- **Mon 14 Dec – Arts Tonight, RTE Radio 1** – Vincent Woods talks to Minister Cullen re the effects of the budget on the Arts with contributions from artist Brian Fay and NCFA representative Peter Daly who spoke about the future of the Campaign too.

TELEVISION

- **Wed 23 Sept - New at One, RTE 1** – Coverage from the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts with interviews from Bill Whelan and Domhnall Gleeson
- **Wed 23 Sept - 6.1 News, RTE 1** - Coverage from the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts with interviews from Bill Whelan and Domhnall Gleeson
- **Wed 23 Sept – 9 O’Clock News, RTE 1** - Coverage from the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts with interviews from Bill Whelan and Domhnall Gleeson
- **Wed 23 Sept - News at 5.30pm, TV3** – Coverage from the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts with interviews from Colm Toibin and Mary Black.
- **Wed 23 Sept - Tonight with Vincent Browne, TV3** - Fiach Mac Conghail interviewed about the launch of the National campaign for the Arts and the artists tax exemption.
<http://www.tv3.ie/shows.php?request=tonightwithvincentbrowne>
- **Wed 14 Oct – 6.1 News, RTE 1** – News report on Brendan Gleeson, Gabriel Byrne, Colum McCann and others arguing against cutting current funding for the arts at an oriceachtas committee meeting at the Dail today.
http://www.rte.ie/news/2009/1014/6news_av.html?2629119,null,230
- **Mon 16 Nov – Imeall, TG4** – Gerry Godley talks about the National Campaign for the Arts.
- **Wed 9 Dec – Budget Special/6.1 News, RTE 1** – NCFA’s quote re being ‘relieved and pleased’ with outcome of the budgets effect on the arts, highlighted.

ONLINE

- **Irish Film and Television Network** - report on the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts including pic from the launch
<http://www.iftn.ie/?act1=record&only=1&aid=73&rid=4282532&tpl=archnews&force=1>
- **Irish Scriptwriters Guild** – Darragh Doyle video of artists’ interviews at the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts
<http://irishscriptwritersguild.blogspot.com/2009/09/interviews-about-national-campaign-for.html>
- **Filmbase website** – details of the National Campaign for the Arts
<http://filmbase.ie/news/index.php/2009/10/01/national-campaign-for-the-arts/>
- **Business World** - report on the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts. <http://www.businessworld.ie/livenews.htm?a=2482946>
- **Youtube.com** – Darragh Doyle report on the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYAStGVRGC8>
- **Culch.ie** - report on the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts - <http://www.culch.ie/2009/09/24/national-campaign-for-the-arts-launched/>
- **Contemporary Music Centre website** – carrying news of the launch of the National Campaign for the Arts and a pic from the event - <http://www.cmc.ie/news/2009/national-campaign-for-the-arts.html>
- **Children’s Books Ireland children’s book blog** – carrying details of its participation in the National Campaign for the Arts - <http://veryhungrycaterpillar.wordpress.com/2009/09/17/national-campaign-for-the-arts/>
- **Abbey Theatre Website** - The Abbey Theatre carrying details of the National campaign for the Arts - http://www.abbeytheatre.ie/news/article/the_national_campaign_for_the_arts
- **Business and Leadership** – Article on Brendan Gleeson and other artists including Sebastian Barry and Colum McCann addressing the Oireachtas Committee on funding for the arts – <http://www.businessandleadership.com/life/news/article/16639/life/brendan-gleeson-to-appear-before-oireachtas-committee-on-arts>
- **Irish Film and Television Network** - IFTN reports on Tom Kitt’s backing of the campaign to continue present levels of funding to the arts, following an Oireachtas meeting with Brendan Gleeson, Colum McCann, Sebastian Barry and others - <http://www.iftn.ie/?act1=record&only=1&aid=73&rid=4282607&tpl=archnews&force=1>
- **On the Record, Irish Times blog** – Jim O’Carroll piece responding to Guy Barriscale’s article on funding for arts centres suggests on how to prioritize where arts funding should and should not be spent.
- **Firkin Crane website** – Article on the National Campaign for the Arts in Cork - http://www.firkincrane.ie/index.php/news_details/dance-cork-national-campaign-for-the-arts/

- **West Cork Music website** – Details of the Cork meeting for the National Campaign for the Arts <http://www.westcorkmusic.ie/index.php?section=107>
- **Druid Theatre website** – news item on Druid joining the National Campaign for the Arts with particular reference to Garry's Hynes participation in the Oireachtas Committee Meeting - <http://www.druid.ie/news/druid-joins-the-national-campaign-for-the-arts>
- **Irish Theatre Institute e-zine** - www.irishtheatreinstitute.com – article on recent Indecon research results and NCFA, urging people to support the online petition.
- **Boards.ie** - <http://www.boards.ie/vbulletin/showthread.php?threadid=2055733192> – details of Cork City flash mob.
- **This is What I Do** - <http://darraghdoyle.blogspot.com/> - Posting of the Cork flash mob on Patrick Street on Saturday 14 Nov with details re the NCFA online petition.
- **Culch.ie** – www.culch.ie – Posting of the Cork flash mob on Patrick Street on Saturday 14 Nov with details re the NCFA online petition.
- **Culch.ie** – www.culch.ie – details of a further flash mob in support of the National Campaign for the Arts to happen in Wexford.
- **Eircom.net** - <http://news.eircom.net/national/16810970/> - Article on Cork City's flash mob and following march against arts funding cuts with details of the NCFA online petition.
- **Politics.ie** - <http://www.politics.ie/culture-community/118172-national-campaign-arts-petition-2009-a.html> - Article re the NCFA online petition
- **The Stage Online** - <http://www.thestage.co.uk/> - article of how the arts fared in Irish 2010 Budget
- **Cork Arts** - http://corkarts.org/?page_id=37 – NCFA response to 2010 Budget.