



# Amhrán na Wien



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

After a beautiful summer we are all settling back into normal life in Vienna. Unfortunately, the weather will change but that means we can spend longer in Vienna's cosy cafes over hot drinks. The AnWienTeam have put together some more tips for eating and drinking, for Austrian music fans and for sporting events to fight the Sturm-induced winter bulge!

As ever, the AnWienTeam thank all those who contributed to this edition and ask all readers to send suggestions to [irishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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

The Dubliners	4 Sept - 8 Sept	Metropol
Jape	17 Sept	Chelsea
Tori Amos	25 Sept	Stadthalle
Michael Jackson Tribute Concert	26 Sept	Schönbrunn Palace
Wallis Bird	28 Sept	B72
Tom Jones	3 Oct	Stadthalle
James Morrison	21 Oct	Gasometer
Athlete	22 Oct	Flex
M185	29 Oct	Chelsea
The Magic Flute (Mozart)		Staatsoper
La Bohème (Puccini)		Staatsoper
Tosca (Puccini)		Staatsoper
Fidelio (Beethoven)		Staatsoper

2 Pianos 4 Hands - 14 Sep - 17 Oct,  
Vienna's English Theatre  
3 Men in a Boat -15 Sep - 7 Nov,  
International Theatre Vienna

Bank Austria Tennis Trophy 24-31 Oct  
Stadthalle

Enjoy the last summer rays...

**Bagel Station** - Währingerstr. 2-4, 1090  
[www.bagelstation.com](http://www.bagelstation.com)

Vienna's bagel hotspot! Be it the traditional cream cheese and salmon bagel, the more exotic Indian bagel or even the burger bagel, smiley Bagel Stationers will fill freshly baked bagels with whatever takes your fancy. We also recommend treating yourself to the legendary "purple love" smoothie. While the good weather lasts, why not take your lunch to-go and enjoy it on the deckchairs scattered throughout the Votivpark?

**Kunsthalle Café** - Karlsplatz, 1040  
[www.kunsthallewien.at/de/cafes](http://www.kunsthallewien.at/de/cafes)

It's trendy, it's arty, it's stylish, the peach-rosemary lemonade is delicious, the homemade burger has hit the spot many a time and the staff prove that Viennese customer service can include a smile at times! So, go join one AnWien Team member who spends many a day lounging on the terrace while you still can. Bring a copy of the Falter or your MacBook to fit in

And when the leaves start falling...

**Tanzcafé Jenseits** - Nelkengasse 3, 1060  
[www.tanzcafe-jenseits.com](http://www.tanzcafe-jenseits.com)

If the promise of a night out dancing in an old brothel where the dark seductive wallpaper hints at past exploits is too tempting to pass on, head to the Tanzcafe Jenseits. Yes the drinks are expensive and the teeny dance floor denies the opportunity for unconstrained dancing, but late-night partying in Jenseits is a must for experiencing the gloriously unconventional side of Vienna.

## Embassy of Ireland

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Many people tend to live for years in Austria, and yet when asked about Austrian music, except for Mozart, Haydn and sometimes Falco, their knowledge seems to remain quite limited. But where did all this Austrian musical talent go?

The Amadeus Austrian Music Awards prove that the talent remains. These awards will take place for the 10th time in MuseumsQuartier on 10 September 2009. The awards are divided into 8 genres and anyone is allowed to vote for their personal favourite online. One AnWienTeam member tries to influence our votes with the following 5 tips:

- **Kreisky (Rock):** These Upper Austrian boys should give the name Kreisky a new meaning. The texts, talent and energy for their album, "Meine Schuld, meine Schuld meine grosse Schuld", released this year are definitely worth a listen. [www.myspace.com/kreisky](http://www.myspace.com/kreisky)
- **Peter Kruder (Electronic):** If you miss the epic sounds of the Kruder & Dorfmeister duet then have a listen to Kruder's excellent new album: [www.myspace.com/36386608](http://www.myspace.com/36386608)
- **I am Cereals (Pop):** A brand new Austrian band which will get you bopping around the dance floor in no time - [www.myspace.com/iamcereals](http://www.myspace.com/iamcereals)
- **Wolfgang Muthspiel (Jazz):** The internationally acclaimed guitarist and jazz composer rises in popularity with every live appearance due to his talent for daring new music and dazzling technique. [www.myspace.com/wolfgangmuthspiel](http://www.myspace.com/wolfgangmuthspiel)
- **Hansi Hinterseer (Folk Music):** Any Austrian inhabitant should be familiar with this legend, who features here for educational reasons rather than personal musical taste! The former world ski champion started his singing career in 1994 and has since become one of the most famous Austrian folk musicians. A vote for him is also a vote for all daring hairstyles... [www.hansi-hinterseer.at](http://www.hansi-hinterseer.at)



### Austrian National Day

On the 26th of October, Austria celebrates its independence and neutrality following ten years of occupation after World War 2.

This year's National Day falls on a Monday and for those of you who not heading off for the weekend, there are many celebratory activities on offer. These include a parade and military display centred around Heldenplatz and many of the city museums will be free for visitors.

### Baby cinema

Every second Tuesday morning at 11am, Votivkino cinema offers Mums and Dads with small babies (under 12 months) the chance to chill out in front of the big screen and watch the latest film. The tone of the film is turned down a bit to account for sleeping children and the room is kept brighter than usual to allow you to attend to your child during the film. There is also a changing table and a bottle warmer on stand-by. Tickets cost €7.50 (of course your baby's entry is free!) and if you come a bit early on the day, you can meet other parents at the bar for coffee and cakes.

### Drink up a "Sturm" in Gumpoldskirchen!

September can be a tough month to get through – whether you are going back to school, back to university or back to work after a long relaxing holiday. But it's not all bad, as September is Sturm season! Wine lovers will know Sturm as that cloudy coloured young wine, very sweet in taste and about 4 percent alcohol by volume. The AnWien Team have had one or two Sturms during their time in Austria and recommend a day trip to the small town of Gumpoldskirchen, about 20 km south of Vienna, to sample this yummy drink. On the weekends of the 12th and 13th, 20th and 21st of September, Gumpoldskirchen will play host to the aptly named "Stürmische Begegnung auf der Most-Meile" "(Stormy Encounter on the Most Mile) where wine lovers will be greeted with a mile-long stretch of Gumpoldskirchen's expert wine-makers offering their delicious Sturm among the vineyards of the town.

Soak up the atmosphere of the vineyards and relax on a bale of hay with a Sturm or two – if you're lucky you may even see some spontaneous folk dancing! Be warned though, Sturm tends to go down very easily, so take your time on the mile!



The next showings are on Tuesday 15 Sep (Los abrazos rotos) and 29 Sep (LOL). Films are usually shown in original language with German subtitles. For more information, check out [www.votivkino.at](http://www.votivkino.at)





## Vienna Gaels GAA Club

[www.gaavienna.at](http://www.gaavienna.at)

Were you lucky enough to have opened the Falter one warm July morning only to find a full page article about your favourite Gaelic Football team? Slowly but surely, the Vienna Gaels are paralleling Rapid for fame – and not only due to the colour of the shorts...

The hard work of this year's season definitely paid off at the Munich Pan-European Tournament on July 25th, which saw two Vienna Gaels squads eager to do their best despite Irish weather, drenched gear and pitch evacuation due to lightning! However, as per usual, the eagerness to have a good time was just as strong and the Maßbier and Schweinsbraten on the Theresienwiese afterwards were well deserved. To note, possibly due to the new European GAA rule stating that ladies are no longer allowed to tackle, the complete (!! ) squad was present at dinner!



*Please note that this picture was for demo purposes only...*

The short summer break in August gave the Gaels a chance to refuel for another 2 months of training until the snow and the cold set in. It also gave some a chance to get married, and on behalf of all the Vienna Gaels (and the AnWienTeam!), congratulations and all the best to our chairman and 'treasures'!

Last but not least, October has quite a memorable event in store – a Vienna Gaels vs. Prague Gaels match which will be the first official GAA game ever played on Czech soil and hopefully the first of a long series!

### Fancy a Run?



The summer may be drawing to a close but that is no reason to abandon aspirations of the bikini figure and slump down on your couches until next Spring. The City of Vienna has luckily thought of this and has come up options to keep us all fit through the autumn.

**Rote Nasen Lauf – 6 September 2009 - [www.rotenasenlauf.at](http://www.rotenasenlauf.at)**

If you are looking for something to do with the kids, join this year's Rote Nasen Lauf. The Rote Nasen organisation train "clown doctors" who work in children's hospitals, keeping smiles on the kids' faces. Get your friends to sponsor you and run or walk as long as you want on this Sunday afternoon (the official sponsors donate one euro for each kilometre you walk/run).

**Vienna Business Run – 10 Sept 2009 - [www.businessrun.at](http://www.businessrun.at)**

This year's Business Run is a 4.2kms run or Nordic Walk through the Prater where each team (of 3 runners) represents a company. Last year's business run welcomed more than 13.500 participants, forming a mosaic of company branded t-shirts, and a bustling finish-line where beer and brezel were doled out to all runners.

**Vienna Night Run – 6 October 2009 - [www.viennanightrun.at](http://www.viennanightrun.at)**

You've probably walked the Ring, you may have cycled or run it before – but have you already run it at night, surrounded by 7000 other runners, and for a good cause? This year's Vienna Night Run is in aid of the "Licht für die Welt" charity. A fun opportunity to discover the Ring in a new 'light' and help the blind throughout the world.



Hallo-Wien!



Halloween has its origins in the ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain ("summer's end") - a celebration of the end of the harvest season. Irish immigrants carried versions of the festival traditions to America during the 19th century and gradually Halloween grew in popularity throughout the world.

There will be no shortage of parties to choose from in Vienna this Halloween – a good site to check out for news of events and parties on October 31st is [www.halloween.at](http://www.halloween.at). The "Bermuda Dreieck" (Bermuda Triangle) pub and nightlife quarter close to Schwedenplatz is always a good laugh on the night, where you are certain to bump into plenty of vampires and witches!

While Halloween is growing more and more popular in Austria, **All Saints' Day** (Allerheiligen) on November 1st is more of a big deal. If you are part of an Austro-Irish couple, you will most likely find yourself visiting a graveyard on All Saints' Day as Austrians often spend this day visiting the graves of loved ones where they light candles and lay flowers.



The Austro-Irish Society's Irish Meeting Points continue in the autumn:

- 8 Sept - Summerstage will be the venue, from 19:00 (U4-Station Roßauer Lände). Seating available indoors in case of bad weather (let's hope not...).
- 6 Oct – the Irish Meeting Point will return to the Crown and Sword Irish Pub (1020, Obere Augartenstraße 72, U2 station Taborstraße) from 19:00.

The Society are also organising an exciting outing to Bratislava on Saturday 19 Sept. Full details can be found at [www.austro-irish.at](http://www.austro-irish.at) or by calling Phyllis Frauenberger on 06991 26 27 028

## The GOAL Charity Irish Ball

The GOAL Irish Ball Committee has been keeping up momentum for the 2010 Ball. The popular Auction prize, the “Committee Cooks for You”, was served up over warm summer evenings. For those of you who haven't been reading our last editions or haven't been lucky enough to attend this prestigious event, this Auction prize involves hiring the GOAL Irish Ball Committee for an evening. They come to your house, cook and serve dinner or cocktails (the choice is yours!) and even clean up afterwards - letting you sit back, relax and enjoy!



The evenings were an astounding success. The Smoked Irish Salmon, Beef Tenderloin in a Guinness Gravy and Bitter Chocolate Irish Whiskey Cake washed down with quality wine and Irish Coffees went down a treat with the guests.

The cocktail evening was an equal success – the ever-so-slightly made-up Moo Moo's were a hot favourite!

Many thanks once again to the hosts Alex Paul and Kevin O'Hanlon and their guests for their generous support of Irish Charity GOAL.

Keep reading our Irish Ball section, the date of the 2010 Ball will be posted in the next edition!



## Viennale Film Festival

As the highlight of the Austrian Cinematic calendar and an increasingly acclaimed festival internationally, this years Viennale will take place from October 22 to November 4. A shift in location to the popular Badeschiff Wien on the canal is sure to inject a fresh atmosphere on an already exciting festival. A must for any cinephile.



## What the committee did over the past months

- Enjoyed too many Happy Hours at the Hermann Strand Bar
- Drank 'Duck Farts' in a faraway bar under blistering sun with blistered feet
- Got mistaken for a beggar on Kärntner strasse on a Friday night
- Caught the ball after soloing