



**EL FEILE 2008**  
March 13 – 17  
Barcelona

## **EL FEILE RETURNS WITH MORE THAN A HINT OF DUBLIN**

- **EL FEILE** celebrates its 5th edition this March ([www.elfeile.com](http://www.elfeile.com)) bringing the usual mix
- **Headline Acts:** Ireland's legendary trad act **KÍLA** returns  
**DUBLIN CITY WORKINGMAN'S BAND** ('The Dubliners for the noughties')  
**ANDREW MAXWELL** (Irish cult comedian and If.comedy nominee)
- **New to the programme:** This year we will be introducing a festival band and club. The **DCWB** are the natural successors of the legendary Dublin ballad scene and will be joined by different guests from the 13th to 15th of March, in Barcelona's biggest Irish pub **The George Payne**. There are many different activities and promotions planned for the club.

### **KÍLA + QUI HI HA?**



**KÍLA** returns to Sala Apolo after their last pulsating performance in 2006 to present their new album ***Gamblers' Ballet***, which has been critically acclaimed as one of their finest. They will be joined by the 10 piece fusion band that is one of Catalonia's most exciting young world music bands **QUI HI HA?**

**KÍLA** are a collective of 7 supremely talented musicians who for 2 decades have been at the forefront of Irish music, their latest offering *Gamblers' Ballet* is being hailed as their finest album yet. It has been shortlisted for the 2 most important awards in Ireland the Meteor and Choice Music Prize and by March we would expect them to be winners of at least one. The album draws on all the influences they have played with over the years and is a musical journey through Africa, Asia and Ireland. Its funky and stylish with a truthful essence carried as ever along through a soulful Irish language lyric

This new music will sit on top of what was already one of the most raucous live sets in Traditional Irish music as witnessed by anyone of the 750 who seen **KÍLA** as part of **El Feile** in 2006. They have maintained their quality over the years through a devotion to the music and a belief in their project. **KÍLA** have always been a family business with a global in control of their own destiny with the same manager not unlike another Irish group of different musical style. *Gamblers Ballet* like all their music, books and creations is released through their own label **KÍLA Rcds**. They love the Apolo and **KÍLA**'s tribal influence will be digging a lot deeper in Barcelona this time round.

**"KÍLA are extraordinary" - BONO**

### **QUI HI HA? - EL FEILE SUPPORTING NEW MUSIC**



Another principle of **EL FEILE** is the promotion of young local acts. There is an obvious passion for Celtic music within Catalonia and one of the most exciting new acts is a local 10 piece ensemble called **QUI HI HA?** (**Catalan for Anyone There?**) from San Boi. They are young and we discovered them soon after they formed in 2005. The potential was obvious and we wanted to take a real interest in helping them develop and put them onstage on Calle Numancia last year. They have been gigging steady since and are absolutely ready to show what they can do on a bigger stage and we are delighted to be able to provide the perfect one with support to their heroes **KÍLA**.



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They were formed by a group of friends who were also musicians. It is an incredibly ambitious and difficult project to launch what is a minimum 9 piece band and seek to gig regularly and make a career and we admire their bravery. But more than that, they are pulling it off and their music has formed over 3 years and Qui Hi Ha? have developed their own unique sound.

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – 8:30pm – Sala Apolo (Nou de la Rambla 113 – M: Paral.lel)**  
**Tickets: €20 presale ([www.ticktackticket.com](http://www.ticktackticket.com)) / €24 box office**

**DCWB (Dublin City Workingman's Band) + Festival club**



From Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th DCWB will hold residency in our all new Festival Club idea in the biggest Irish bar on the European continent The George Payne Irish Bar. Each night will have a different focus and we can expect the DCWB to be joined onstage by a myriad of different guests over the 3 days. There are also several activities and promotions planned to make it the best party in town.

The DCWB are seen as the successors of the great Dublin ballad group tradition except they bring a new fresh take and a whole lot of energy to their performances. Unmissable for the legions of Dubliners fans in Barcelona.

On the Friday there will also be a special tribute of the legendary Ronnie Drew when they DCWB will devote part of the set to the great mans music. Ronnie has had a very tough 2007 with the sad passing of his wife and his ongoing battle

with cancer. A who's who of the Irish music industry led by Bono and Kila have recorded the yet to be released 'Ballad of Ronnie Drew' and EL FEILE will be offering the opportunity to fans to send their best wishes to the most quintessential Dubliner of them all on our site and in the club.

**FESTIVAL CLUB AGENDA**

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> :	10pm – 12am DCWB + guests	Price: €8
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> :	10pm Festival club DCWB + guests: Special tribute to Ronnie Drew	Price: €8
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> :	12am till late KÍLA afterparty with DCWB + guests	Price: €10

**George Payne (Pl. Urquinaona, 5 - M: Urquinaona)**  
**Tickets: € 8(Thurs and Fri) and € 10(Sat) - Hibernian Books (Calle Montseny, 17 Gracia)**

**ANDREW MAXWELL**



**ANDREW MAXWELL** has been steadily making a name for himself in the last few years as one of the leading lights in Irish Stand Up. In 2007 where he truly arrived crowning a great year of comedy performance with an If.comedy award nomination at the Edinburgh Fringe. He is a regular on Irish and UK TV panel shows but it is his live action where he really comes into his own.

Blessed with an impish charm he is a gifted storyteller with a wonderful range of voices and mimicry to further embellish his well thought out comedy.

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His late night Fullmooners shows in an abandoned Theatre in London have become the stuff of legend and his is a rapidly rising cult star. He won the Chortle Comics Comic award in 2005 and has become the compere of choice for the closing party of the Kilkenny Festival each year. His reputation within the industry is a direct consequence of his quality onstage.

Often controversial, always thought provoking Maxwell is one of the circuit's established headline acts. This show 'Waxin' is all about Irish storytelling. Rarely moving from the chair he cuts a Dave Allen type figure which reduces the room to tears. His tales cover everything from bizarre drinking sessions with the IRA to the idiosyncrasies of Cork people. It is the perfect Irish show to be part of this year's El Feile.

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup> - 8:30pm (Box Office 8pm)**

**George Payne (Pl. Urquinaona, 5 - M: Urquinaona)**

**Tickets:** € 17 (Antic.) - at **Hibernian Books (C/ Montseny, 17 Gracia )** and [www.comedyinspain.com](http://www.comedyinspain.com)  
€ 20 (Box Office)

### EL FEILE FOR KIDS

This year El Feile, with the help of Professor **Stephen Campbell** and his students from the La Salle University, will introduce an Irish Cultural Day to the children of Barcelona at a local school in Sant Adrià de Besòs. On **Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>**, the kids will take part in workshops to learn more about Irish language, Irish myths and legends and will have the opportunity to have a hands-on introduction to Gaelic Games.

### GAELIC GAMES



The Barcelona Gaels are almost 60% Catalans and it is this kind of local involvement which is creating sustainability for the club. Each year El Feile offers a platform to the club to highlight their great work which includes several youth initiatives within the city, recruit new players and raise funds through their local lottery draw the now infamous Gaelotto. They are the only club in Europe who run this traditional fundraising device that is so at the heart of grassroots Gaelic games in Ireland.

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - 12:30pm**

**Camps Mun. Rugbi Futbol La Taixonera (C/ Coll I Alentorn, 18 – M: Vall d'Hebron**

**Ticket: Free**

### CALLE NUMANCIA STREET PARTY

Once again El Feile and the Irish pub Kitty's will put together a showcase of Irish music, dance and gastronomy outdoors in Calle Numancia with Irish and Catalan artists interacting with the public.

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup> - 12am to 6pm**

**C/ Numancia at Avda. Diagonal**

**Ticket: Free**

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