

Monthly newsletter for the Alliance Française Cork and the Cultural Service of the French Embassy
La lettre mensuelle de l'Alliance Française de Cork et des Services Culturels de l'Ambassade de France

Editorial

Dear students, members, partners, friends and staff, our Director Héléne Duquin joins me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas !

To complete a very successful year of cultural events, we are delighted to welcome to our gallery Cork artist Rita O'CONNELL. Don't miss this colourful exhibition of French and Irish landscapes continuing in the gallery until early January.

We hope you will enjoy our new look signage and banner recently installed in Mary Street. Look out for our new website bringing you yet more French Flair in Cork.

All those wishing to sit exams at Alliance, please enrol now for our first DELF/DALF exam session, taking place end of January 2007.

It is with great pleasure that we invite our adult students to join us for Christmas drinks on Thursday 14th December at 6pm.

We welcome too our younger students and second level students to come and meet le Père Noël at Alliance on Saturday morning 16th December. Don't miss the fun!

We are also very proud to announce the launch of our personalized and beautifully presented Alliance Française de Cork 2007 calendar now on sale at reception.

Remember to book early for our next term, which begins on 29th January 2007.

Je vous souhaite à tous d'excellentes fêtes de fin d'année !

Nora CALLANAN
President



Nora CALLANAN, President, welcoming HE Mr. Frédéric GRASSET, French Ambassador to Ireland, to the Alliance Française de Cork, with Héléne DUQUIN, Director



Official Opening by **Cllr Deirdre CLUNE**, Cork City Council, Arts Committee

Couleurs des suds

An exhibition of paintings by
Thierry Miramon
French Artist

At the Alliance Française Galerie
17th November 2006 to
2nd December 2006

For more information contact reception
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Thierry Miramon is a figurative painter with an exceptional sense of observation. His paintings incorporate scenes of everyday life – crowd, the animated settings found in cafes, concert halls and bull fighting arenas. From these moments the artist highlights the tender, the amusing and the positive. In his playful and mischievous work he mainly uses primary colours.



Changing Places Changing Colours

An exhibition of paintings by
Rita O'Connell
Irish Artist

At the Alliance Française Galerie
8th December 2006 to
7th January 2007
Official Opening
7th December @ 6pm
by **Dorothee ROBERTS**
French Artist

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A graduate of Crawford College of Art and a teacher of art for 24 years Rita O'Connell has exhibited in the Lavit Gallery, Cork, and in Lismore and has held a solo exhibition in Limerick. Rita attends classes at the Alliance Française to smooth her many visits to France. This exhibition is the fruit of many such holidays and of wandering around Ireland – from Provence to Connemara.



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d'action culturelle**

**Examens du Ministère de
l'éducation nationale**



**Timetable January 2007
Delf/dalf exam sessions**

**ENROLMENT FORMS ARE
AVAILABLE FROM:
THE WEBSITE:**

**www.alliance-francaise.ie
and at our Reception desk**



Alliance Française

EXAM REGISTRATION:

**OPENED ON 13th November 2006
and CLOSE ON 18th December 2006**



Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9.30am-5.30pm
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WANT TO SPEND SOME TIME IN FRANCE DURING TRANSITION YEAR ?

- Choose your own dates (Jan-Jun 2007)
 - Live with a French family
 - Study in a French school
- *****

SUMMER PROGRAMME JULY/AUGUST 2007

BIARRITZ – Language courses and activities (surfing, rafting, etc. Direct flights Dublin-Biarritz)

LA ROCHELLE – Intensive summer courses (small numbers)

BORDEAUX/POITIERS – Home stay/Exchange. Direct flights, accompanied by Irish leaders

Contact us for more details.

Christmas Party Thursday, 14 December at 6pm

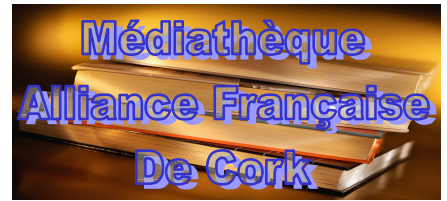
The Festive Season is upon us, and Alliance Française de Cork is getting into the spirit of things with our annual Christmas party which will be held on **Thursday, 14 December at 6pm**. We invite all our adult students and members to join us for an evening of festive fun à la française, with delicious food and wine.

Official launch of our Calendar and new Website, Thursday, 14 December

To begin the celebrations of our 60th anniversary, Alliance Française de Cork is delighted to confirm that the official launch of our **2007 personalised calendar**, with stunning and original images of Cork and France, as well as the presentation of our new-look website will take place on the evening of Thursday, 14 December, to coincide with our Christmas festivities. The calendar is now on sale at our reception (price €7).

Le Père Noël to visit Alliance Française de Cork, Saturday, 16 December

Our younger members and students are invited to come and meet **Le Père Noël** at Alliance Française de Cork on **Saturday, 16 December 2006**. We promise you a fun-filled time with **plenty of goodies**, a festive start to the holiday season!



LATEST ADDITIONS

Our **Médiathèque Française** is open for members and general public from Monday to Saturday
Feel welcome any time
Here are some of the new titles :

CDs enfants

J'apprends à lire Li-Wang et l'œuf de phénix (Magazine+CD)
J'apprends à lire Méli-mélo de cadeaux (Magazine+ CD)

Magazines Jeunesse

DLire Sois libre Olaf!
DLire Berthus met les pieds dans le plat

Literature

Nuala O'FAOLAIN
PRIX FÉMININ ÉTRANGER
L'Histoire de Chicago May

Alphonse DAUDET
Lettres de mon Moulin

Victor HUGO
Les voix intérieures
Les Payons et les ombres

Victor HUGO
Les Contemplations

EPA
Vivre le sport !