BARD FESTIVAL – Schedule of Events2011

Date	Festival Event	Venue	Time
Thursday 7th July	**Visit to the Megalithic Tombs** **Led by Martin Moran (Clare Island)** The existence of this tomb was confirmed by the archaeologist, Paul Gosling in August 1989, having been first identified by Dr Peter Gill, of the Centre for Island Studies, Clare Island, as possibly an ancient structure some time before. It was surveyed by Paul Walsh, Megalithic Survey of Ireland, Ordnance Survey Office, Phoenix Park, Dublin in 1993. With its discovery, we can now discern a definite Neolithic horizon of activity on Clare Island, probably dating back to the mid-third millennium before Christ (c. 3800-3,000 BC).	**Meet at the Helicopter Pad**	**6pm-7pm**
Friday 8th July	**Islander's Night** Music, poetry and traditional dance from Clare Island. This is an annual event which is only staged during the Bard Summer School. It is performed by the local people of Clare Island.	**Bayview Hotel Bar**	**8.30pm 'till late**
Saturday 9th July	**Bard Poetry Reading** Guest Poet: Mary O'Malley Mary O'Malley born Connemara, educated in Galway University. Taught in Lisbon from 1978 - 86. Lectures and reads widely in Europe and US. Taught poetry on MA in Writing for ten years at NUI Galway where she was also writer in Residence. She has done residencies in Paris, New York and Belfast, as well as on the Irish Marine Exploration Vessel, the Celtic Explorer, where her next collection Valparaiso begins. A Perfect V was published in 2006 and Valparaiso is due in May 2012, both from Carcanet. She writes regularly for radio and is a regular broadcaster. She is working on a memoir of place. **Children's Bard Performance** A performance inspired by the myth of the week, The Táin **Musical Gathering** Participants and musicians from Bard Summer School & Festival 2011	**Bayview Hotel Bar** **Bayview Hotel Bar** **Bayview Hotel Bar**	**7.00pm** **7.40pm-8pm** **11.00pm 'till late**
Sunday 10th July	**Walk of The Chartres Labyrinth** One of the most famous labyrinths remaining from the middle ages is at Chartres Cathedral near Paris, France. The labyrinth at Chartres was built around 1200 and is laid into the floor in a style sometimes referred to as a pavement maze. Bard Festival is honoured to invite you to walk this labyrinth which will be laid for one day during the year on Clare Island.	**The Labyrinth will be paid on the Island's Helicopter Pad (Weather permitting)**	**11am-11.45am (The walk can take 15-20 minutes)**