



▶▶▶ Dance king Michael Flatley is going back to his Sligo roots to launch the Sligo Live Festival 2007 next week.

He will kickstart proceedings at the WB Yeats monument in Stephen's Street on Thursday, and will be joined by the Mayor of Sligo Jonathan McGoldrick, folk group Dervish, local councillors and the public.

Michael's father, who turns 80 the week after the Festival, hails from Culfadda, Sligo. The super-hooper and flute-player is flying his parents over to the festival so the family can celebrate.

Acts performing at this year's festival include The Buena Vista Social Club, Alabama 3, Duke Special and Dervish.

The Sligo Live Festival runs from October 24 to 29 in a selection of Sligo venues.

Tickets for Sligo Live are priced from €15 to €110 for a weekend pass and on sale now.

▶▶▶ Pint-sized troubadour Paddy Casey will be launching his new album *Addicted To Company* with an appearance at Tower Records in Dublin at 1pm tomorrow. And on Monday he will launch his own personalised mobile phone at a session in the G3 store on Grafton Street.

Paddy will also be joining the Fun Lovin' Criminals,

Ocean Colour Scene, The Blizzards and others at the Cois Fharráige surf and music festival in Kilkee, Co Clare.

And word reaches us that the festival, which will feature plenty of surfing and live music, is already sold out.

▶▶▶ Former Miss Irelands Sarah Morrissey and Aoife Cogan will meet the stars of the hit movie *Superbad* in Dublin tomorrow.

The Irish premiere will take place on Friday night at Cineworld on Parnell Street.

*Superbad* took nearly €90m in its first two weeks at the American box office and is still number one this week.

Michael Cera (*Arrested Development*), Jonah Hill (*Knocked Up*), and newcomer Christopher Mitz Plasse will meet the gals and others at the Dylan Hotel before heading off to the premiere.

▶▶▶ With the Point Theatre closed, Aiken Promotions are going into overdrive with gigs in Belfast's Odyssey Arena this autumn and winter.

Among the big names lined-up to play there are superstars Rod Stewart, Bruce Springsteen & The E-Street Band and Meatloaf, none of whom will be gracing Dublin with their presence.