Rainforest Meets The Orb at Nun's Island

Nun's Island Arts Centre is celebrating Spring with the return of their popular World Music gigs, and kicking things off on April 3rd at 8.00 p.m. is Baku Beyond, whose album "Spirit of the Forest" had topped the European World Music charts for the past three months. Martin Cradich, formerly guitarist and main composer for "Outback", and singer Sue Hart spent three months living with the Baku pygmies deep in the Cameroon rainforests. Much of their day was spent playing music with the Baku, or recording their music. Music is central to the lives of the Baku people, as well as being an integral part of their story-telling tradition, their healing methods, magic and worship, and is characterised by fast, gentle danceable rhythms combined with plucked strings and vocal harmonies. Baku Beyond maintain a faithfulness to the Baku people, which extends to a portion of all royalties being channelled back to aid the Baku in defending their traditions. The lineup of Baku Beyond includes Martin Cradich, guitarist and composer, Tom Green from The Orb, Sola Akingbola from Nigeria, Yegka Likoba from Cameroon, Jerry Joffe and Paddy LeMercier from France and singers Kate Budd and Sue Hart. Sounds like a great way to start this year's Arts Centre World Music season.

The Boys are Back in Town: "The Three Musketeers" at the Omniplex

This Friday sees the opening of the latest Disney blockbuster, "The Three Musketeers" at the Galway Omniplex. Boasting high production values and a budget to match, the film is a welcome return to form for Disney's live-action film division after the success of its animation division with "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin". The film delivers enough thrills, spills and excitement to satisfy everyone looking for two hours of highly enjoyable escapism. Based on the classic adventure novel by Alexandre Dumas, the story has been filmed many times before, most famously withswashbuckler supreme Douglas Fairbanks in the 30s, and since then, with varying levels of success. In case you haven't read the book or seen one of the previous films, it concerns the adventures of the French king's loyal guards, the Musketeers. The manipulative Cardinal Richelieu (Tim Curry), with the help of his cohort Milady (Rebecca DeMornay), plots to usurp the power of the boy king, Louis (John O'Connell), last seen as the young Christy Brown in "My Left Foot".

The only thing standing between the Cardinal succeeding in his dastardly plans are the loyal Musketeers, along with their new recruit, Gaston. The cast includes Charlie Sheen, Keifer Sutherland and Oliver Platt as the three Musketeers, and Charlie O'Donnell ("Scent of a Woman") as Gaston. Shot on location in Australia and Cornwall, it beautifully captures the authentic historical feel of the story, and the film's lush cinematography more than compensates for any gaps in the original plot. Thanks to McDonalds and Buena Vista, a sneak-preview of the film will take place tonight, Thursday the 31st, in the Galway Omniplex at 8.35 p.m. This ticket-only screening has proved so successful that over the next few months other sneak preview will take place. As more infor- mation becomes available, details will be given in the Advertiser. Who says you can't get something for nothing?

Dance Your Feet With Toothpaste!

Toothpaste in the latest club to be added to the already flourishing Galway club scene and has been up and running in The Castle (downstairs) for the past seven weeks. And this Easter Saturday big crowds are expected to go completely dental to the soul, funk and garage sounds that are the club's specialties. Played by DJ Ted and Ben- ny, the first room continues the club's specialities. Played by DJs Ted and Ben- ny, the first room continues the club's specialities. Played by DJs Ted and Ben-ny, the first room continues the club's specialities. Played by DJs Ted and Ben-ny, the first room continues the club's specialities. Played by DJs Ted and Ben-ny, the first room continues the club's specialities. Played by DJs Ted and Ben-ny, the first room continues the club's specialities. Played by DJs Ted and Ben-ny, the first room continues the club's specialities. Played by DJs Ted and Ben-ny, the first room continues the club's specialities. Played by DJs Ted and Ben-ny, the first room continues the club's specialities. Played by DJs Ted and Ben-ny, the first room continues the club's specialities.