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## **Calypso Queen, Malian Star and Irish Virtuoso among headliners of 10th anniversary *dlr* Festival of World Cultures this July**

**dlr Festival of World Cultures | Dún Laoghaire | July 23-25, 2010**

The **dlr Festival of World Cultures** celebrates its 10th anniversary this year with new dates and first time Irish appearances by the Trinidadian legend **Calypso Rose** and the rising Malian star **Rokia Traoré**, among many others.

For three days, this year's Festival - a Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council event - showcases the best of artistic diversity from around the globe with its much loved combination of both free and ticketed concerts and club nights, theatre and dance performances, exhibitions, workshops, markets and special events for children.

Since its creation in 2000, the **dlr Festival of World Cultures** has become Ireland's largest intercultural celebration and one of the best music and arts festivals internationally, attracting over 250,000 visitors annually to the 160 events that take place throughout Dún Laoghaire.

With its new time slot in July, the Festival can now present an even higher roster of world music talent, foremost amongst which will be two of the world's greatest singers - **Calypso Rose** and **Rokia Traoré** - both performing free outdoor concerts on Newtownsmith Green this summer.

*Mc Cartha Lewis aka **Calypso Rose**, is the undisputed Calypso Queen of the World having received more awards and acclamations than any other calypso singer. With more than 800 songs, 20 albums and 40 years of live performances, this soulful septuagenarian will surely set the stage on fire with her spicy Caribbean sounds.*

*Equally as beguiling, contemporary Malian artist **Rokia Traoré** is a singer and multi-instrumentalist who blends traditional Bamama sounds with exotic rockabilly, jazz and classical flavours. A master of the acoustic guitar and winner of the BBC Radio 3 World Music Award, Rokia's live concerts with her energetic band are, according to Time Out, 'the most exciting, thrilling live African music around'.*

*Joining these formidable women on the Festival bill will be an example of the*

*unique Irish-meets-the-world collaborations for which the Festival has become renowned. . Award-winning composer **Pól Brennan** will headline a night at the Pavilion Theatre featuring virtuoso Chinese flautist **Guo Yue**, the incomparable musical talent of **Ayub Ogada** - a nyantiti player from Kenya - and the gutsy Irish contemporary/folk singer /songwriter **Tara Byrne**. This truly stunning musical journey symbolises the spirit of universal collaboration the **dlr Festival of World Cultures** embodies.*

**Calypso Rose, Rokia Traoré and Pól Brennan** are just three of over 50 musical acts in the 2010 festival. The full festival line-up will be revealed on June 17th. Tickets for Pól Brennan are on sale from April 16 at [www.paviliontheatre.ie](http://www.paviliontheatre.ie) or 01-2312929.

**More information on [www.festivalofworldcultures.com](http://www.festivalofworldcultures.com)**

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