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IRISH DIRECTOR TO TEACH, DIRECT PLAY AT UM

MISSOULA –

Bernadette Sweeney of Ireland's University College Cork is visiting The University of Montana where she is teaching classes and directing a special production of renowned Irish dramatist John Millington Synge's "Riders to the Sea."

Sweeney's visit to UM is the first of what the School of Fine Arts hopes to be a fruitful exchange between the two universities.

Sweeney is a graduate of the School of Drama, Trinity College Dublin. She has directed a number of projects at UCC, including "Helen" by Euripides.

She will deliver a guest lecture at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the Masquer Theatre in the PARTV Center at UM. The topic will be "Performing the Irish Theatre Tradition," and admission is free.

"Riders to the Sea" is Sweeney's Missoula directorial debut and will be presented as a special addition to the drama/dance schedule. The play will run Sept. 27-30 in the Schreiber Gym at UM. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and admission is \$5.

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