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TED FEST II **KILFENORA 25th–27th February &** **INIS MOR 29th February–2nd March 2008**

The kettle is on and organisers are gearing up for **Ted Fest II**, which after the mammoth success of Ted Fest I is going to be a week long celebration, with events taking place country-wide.

It's time to honour Dermot Morgan whose 10th anniversary falls on February 28th. And, as it's also 10 years since *Father Ted* was filmed in Co Clare, writers Graham and Arthur will be guests for an evening of conversation and memories as part of Ted Fest Kilfenora in the heart of Ted country, to be held in The Community Hall (an actual location from the series.)

Due to phenomenal demand, would-be festival-goers were invited to enter a lottery for the few tickets for sale. These 'Golden Tickets', as they've come to be known, sold out within half an hour, but there will still be chances for a lucky, lucky few to get hold of one of these exclusive tickets – for example, by winning one of two Ted Fest related contests. For more details on these, please see below.

In the run up to the festival, Peter Phillips of Friends of Ted will be spending **40 Days and 40 Nights** pushing a milk float all round Ireland to raise money for Down Syndrome Ireland. Paddy Power are hosting the website and taking bets on the push - see www.ted40.com

During the 40 Days, regional heats will be held for the **2008 Toilet D**k Award for New Irish Comedy** in Galway, Belfast, Dublin and Cork. **The Toilet D**k** finals will be held in Galway on Wednesday Feb 27th. As well as getting the golden duck and a cash prize, the winner will perform at Ted Fest Inis Mor.

Regional heats will take place in Galway, Belfast, Dublin and Cork for the 2008 **Lovely Girls Competition**. Heat winners will get to compete in The Lovely Girls Competition final during Ted Fest Inis Mor on Saturday March 1st.

For others with a competitive streak, the **Song For Europe** contest will be running once again. The winner will be invited to perform at Ted Fest Inis Mor.

Other highlights will include a **Black & White Ball** in Galway on the 28th February, the **World's Biggest Cup of Tea Record Attempt**, the **First All-Ireland Blondes-Only Snakes and Ladders Tournament**, and **The Dermot Morgan Memorial Priests and Nuns 5-a-side** - all washed down with lashings of milky tea.

For more information and Golden Ticket opportunities visit www.friendsofted.org

NB The 'Golden Tickets' are non-transferable to prevent profiteering on Ebay.

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