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THIS WEEK'S TOP FIVE FREEBIES

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1 St Patrick's party

The official St Patrick's Festival is bigger and better than ever this year and the theme is 'I Love My City'. In a series of free cultural events and this weekend you can see nine headline performances in venues in the Georgian Quarter (from Merrion Square to Kildare Street).

The Dublin Laptop Orchestra will play at the Royal Hibernian Academy and The Art of Music, presented by Donal Dineen, will be at the National Gallery, while the Pivot Dublin Exhibition at the National Library will provide a taste of the magic and power of Irish design.

www.stpatricksfestival.ie

2 Get friendly with Guinness

The Guinness Storehouse is hosting their own three-day St Patrick's festival this year from March 16-18, with a variety of live music, a ceili and the opportunity to learn how to pull the perfect pint. The latter might make you more inclined to take part in the world record attempt to make St Patrick's day the World's Friendliest Day.

www.guinness-storehouse.com

3 On song

Singing is one of the most joyful things a person can do and Sacred Harp Dublin meet every Thursday at Exchange Dublin, Temple Bar, from 7 to 9pm to sing their hearts out. All are welcome and no experience is required.

corksacredharp.com/post/17337848698/dublinsing

4 Titchy theatre

Tiny Plays for Ireland kicks off this Tuesday, March, 20, following its call for submissions of short plays under 600 words. They received 1,700 entries and, now, the first 25 plays selected, including writings by Joseph O'Connor and Ardal O'Hanlon, will be staged by Fishamble: The New Play Company at the Project Arts Centre, Dublin, performed by an ensemble cast.

www.projectartscentre.ie

5 The write stuff

www.thesouthcircular.com, a new quarterly e-journal of short stories, publishes its first issue on March 26. You can start sending work for next quarter's journal from March 26 to April 16. For submission guidelines, please visit: www.thesouthcircular.com/submit