

Take a look around, there's a lot more than just music...

KIDS THESE DAYS

Good news for the promoters: the kids are alright with the Picnic, which, at the very least, should ensure a healthy turnout in 2028.

"I really love the elephants and the caravan," said four-year-old Brianna, who was dragging her parents around The Walled Garden. Then again, her preferences might have changed by the time she checked out the Soul Kids adventure corral. There's dance, story-telling, animation, puppets and enchanted fairy workshops going on, and the vibes - as young hands get busy with it all - are quite amazing.

It's one thing to pitch yourself as a family-friendly fest, but it's quite another to actually deliver the goods. At EP 2008, the proof is in the fact that parents - and other festival-goers - are happy to let the kids roam and rock around the place. **Jim Carroll**

ASK ME ARTS

Whether you're coasting between campsites, or on a quick trot to the nearest portalo, it's worth a quick shufti around you to take in more than your bearings, given that the Electric Picnic this year is one supersized outdoor art gallery. From a topiary elephant herd to 17ft-high willow statues, this year's picnic is as easy on the eyes as the ears. Art is everywhere, whether the medium is sand or coloured LED lights, with exhibitions that run from art by the homeless to *Hot Press* covers. You can even release your own inner Picasso at the Hugh Jart stand which provides punters with a paintbrush and paint to add their own slash of surrealism to the bright blue 3D Electric Picnic legend. **Fiona McCann**

ROLL IT THERE PANTI

If you haven't got your hands on those *Late Late Show* tickets just yet, here's your chance to participate in an alternative version at the live chat show taking place today in the utterly fabulous Thisispopbaby tent.

Transmission Panti, which first "aired" yesterday, will be happening again this evening on red-cushioned sofas positioned between two stage-to-ceiling inflatable legs in front of live cameras. To be part of the audience as Dublin's drag queen diva gives Oprah a run for her money, pop down at 6.30pm. To misquote the great Gaybo, there's fun for everyone in the audience. **Fiona McCann**

SPEAK AND LISTEN

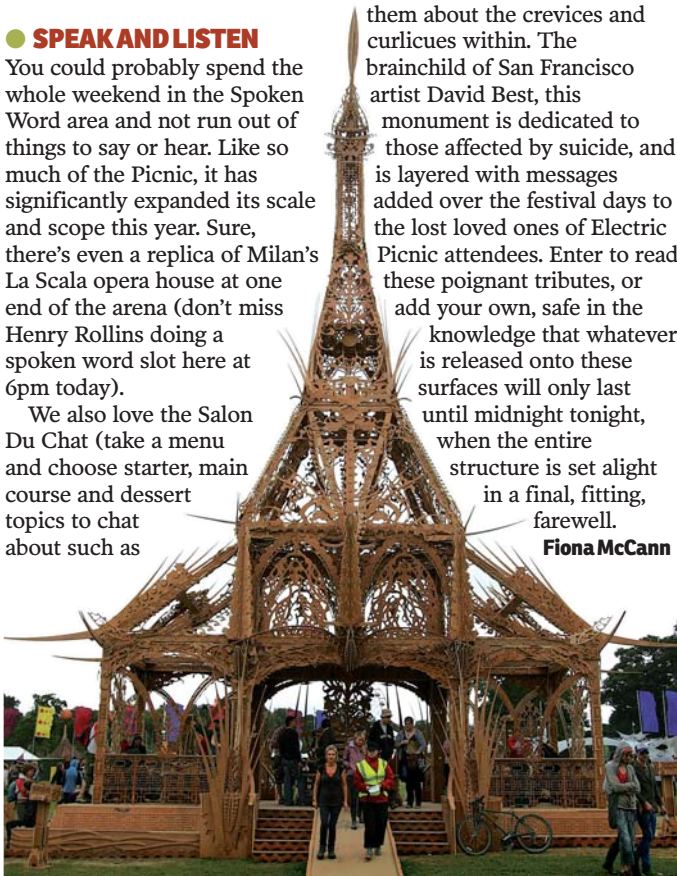
You could probably spend the whole weekend in the Spoken Word area and not run out of things to say or hear. Like so much of the Picnic, it has significantly expanded its scale and scope this year. Sure, there's even a replica of Milan's La Scala opera house at one end of the arena (don't miss Henry Rollins doing a spoken word slot here at 6pm today).

We also love the Salon Du Chat (take a menu and choose starter, main course and dessert topics to chat about such as

'David McWilliams: Enemy of State'); the Word poetry tent (respect to the Screaming Blue Murmur foursome for their Vietnam War epic); and the Leviathan debaters ('Boom To Bust: A New Artistic Era?' is the topic under discussion at 7pm this evening). **Jim Carroll**

TEMPLE OF TRUTH

Amid all the merriment, a moment's pause can be found at an intricately carved plywood pagoda near the entrance to Body & Soul. This is the Temple of Truth, where passers-by are invited to unburden themselves of their own personal truths by writing them on the wooden blocks provided and placing them about the crevices and curlicues within. The brainchild of San Francisco artist David Best, this monument is dedicated to those affected by suicide, and is layered with messages added over the festival days to the lost loved ones of Electric Picnic attendees. Enter to read these poignant tributes, or add your own, safe in the knowledge that whatever is released onto these surfaces will only last until midnight tonight, when the entire structure is set alight in a final, fitting, farewell. **Fiona McCann**



THE LINE-UP SUNDAY

MAIN STAGE

22:30-00:00 Sex Pistols **GO**
 20:45-21:45 Gossip..... **GO**
 19:00-20:00 The Roots..... **GO**
 17:15-18:15 Michael Franti & Spearhead **GO**
 15:30-16:30 The Congos
 14:10-15:00 Candi Staton.....
 13:00-13:45 Hayseed Dixie
 12:00-12:30 Dublin Gospel Choir

ELECTRIC ARENA

21:15-22:45 My Bloody Valentine **GO**
 19:30-20:30 Grinderman..... **GO**
 17:45-18:45 CSS **GO**
 16:30-17:15 Sinéad O'Connor
 15:15-16:00 Hercules and Love Affair **GO**
 14:00-14:45 Wolfgang Haffner
 12:30-13:15 Cowboy X

CRAWDADDY STAGE

22:45-23:45 Conor Oberst
 21:00-22:00 Hadouken!
 19:15-20:15 Stephen Malkmus
 18:00-18:45 Foals..... **GO**
 16:30-17:15 Turin Brakes
 15:15-16:00 Gemma Hayes
 14:15-14:45 Mark Greig
 13:15-13:45 Florence and the Machine
 12:15-12:45 Ham Sandwich

LITTLE BIG TENT

22:45-23:45 Chromeo **GO**
 21:00-22:00 The Black Lips
 19:45-20:30 The Dodos
 18:15-19:15 Faust
 16:45-17:30 Micah P Hinson
 15:30-16:15 These New Puritans..... **GO**
 14:30-15:00 Pivot
 13:30-14:00 Adrian Crowley..... **GO**
 12:30-13:00 Johnny Flynn

COSBY STAGE

22:30-23:45 Deadmau5..... **GO**
 21:00-21:45 Late of the Pier
 19:15-20:15 YACHT **GO**
 18:00-18:45 Leila..... **GO**
 16:45-17:30 Get Cape Wear Cape Fly
 15:30-16:15 School of Language
 14:30-15:00 Emmy the Great
 13:30-14:00 Absentee
 12:30-13:00 The Urges

BODYTONIC MAIN

22:30-00:00 Modeselektor
 21:00-22:30 Diplo
 20:00-21:00 Reprazent LIVE
 19:00-20:00 Benga DJ
 17:30-18:30 Sambatac LIVE
 17:00-17:30 G Frequency
 16:00-17:00 Christian Prommer's Drumlesson LIVE
 15:00-16:00 Jenny Lindfors
 Presents: Africanan

IMC WORLD MUSIC

00:45-02:00 Ibrahim Electric
 23:00-00:15 Mahmoud Fadl's 'United Nubians'
 21:15-22:30 Dengue Fever
 19:30-20:45 Jah Wobble's 'Chinese Dub'
 18:00-19:00 Iarla O Lionaird's 'Invisible Fields'
 16:30-17:30 Seamus Begley & Tim Edey
 15:30-16:00 Lou Rhodes
 14:15-15:15 Farmer's Market
 12:30-13:30 Dublin City Big Band

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