

CARNIVAL: Young Liam Grainger from Douglas meets Kelvin the Clown, right, the Cork City Ramblers perform with violinist Shirley Scannell. Picture: Danton

# Goldie a splash hit at festival!

SHANDON'S local hero Goldie Fish proved he was no wet fish!

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Goldie took centre stage last Saturday as he was paraded through Shandon to launch Safe Harbour — the first local festival for 13 years.

A larger version of Goldie Fish, than the one on top of St Ann's Church, was carried from the church into O'Connell Square by the Strongmen of Shandon, who are linked to the local Olympic Karate Club.

A large crowd watched the parade and the various entertainments, while others saw the performance of the dance piece *Safe Harbour* in the Firkin Crane Centre.

This was devised by American dancer Martha Bowers who has spent the last year working in

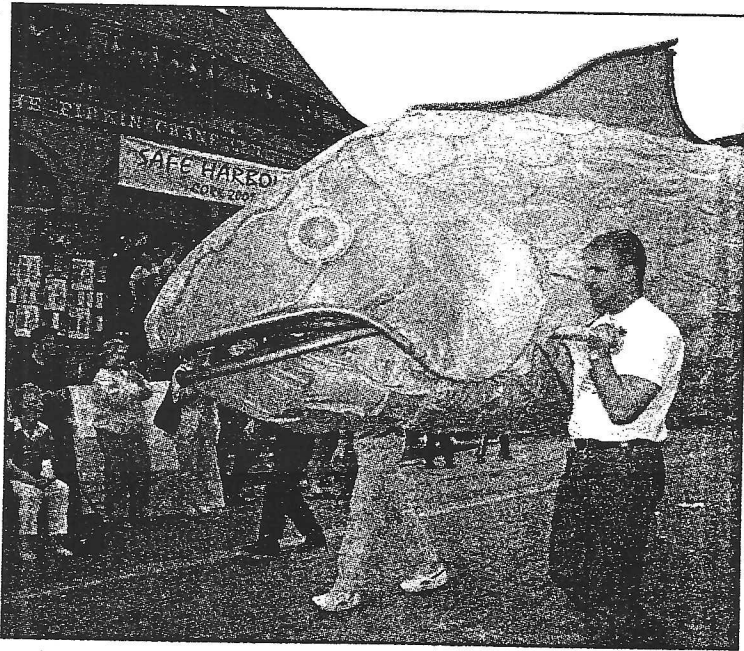
Shandon and involved a large number of residents in the performance.

"We had a fantastic community attendance and full support in the area," Institute for Choreography and Dance community liaison Trish Hawley said.

More than 100 national school pupils were involved in the parade through Shandon, including 30 from St Vincent's National School who carried a special 'River Cloth' which was made by Cork Artlink.

Children from the North Presentation Primary School and the North Monastery Primary school were also involved in the festival.

The Butter Exchange Band escorted the parade through the town.



GOOD GOLDIE: The giant Goldie Fish on parade around the Firkin Crane at the festival. Picture: Neil Danton