Note to self...

This week’s cultural must-do list Ireland on film, electro tango and voodoo at the opera

**Latin music fest**

La Linea, the London Latin Music Festival, returns to the Barbican from Saturday, kicking off with electronic tango project Bajofondo Tango Club from Buenos Aires while Cuban guitar legend Eliades Ochoa plays on April 20. There’s also an accompanying film programme this year. See Music p91

**Slave opera**

Pegasus Opera Company’s brand-new production of Frederick Delius’s rarely seen ‘Koanga’ features an 86-strong chorus and orchestra in a tale of voodoo and slavery. At Sadler’s Wells from Thursday to Saturday.

See Classical p110

**Russian photography**

For more than a year, photographer Simon Roberts travelled across Russia capturing remarkable images of the country 15 years after the break up of the Soviet Union. ‘Motherland’ is at Photofusion from Friday. See Art p45

**Irish cinema**

The Celtic Heart Festival at the Riverside Studios from Friday is a celebration of Irish music and film. It features shorts as well as Pat Collins’s documentary ‘Rebel County’, which looks at the real-life events behind Ken Loach’s ‘The Wind that Shakes the Barley’ (also showing). There are also shows at the Hammersmith Irish Centre down the road. See Film: Other Cinema from p75

**Free London**

Towards Abstraction

A two-day workshop for young teenagers this weekend at the National Gallery inspired by some of their dramatic mythological paintings. Booking recommended. See Kids p87

Surreal Weekend

On Saturday and Sunday the V&A is given over to all things slightly, well, odd, in keeping with its current ‘Surreal Things’ exhibition, including a light and shadow show and family workshops. Plus: make sure you bring along an unusual object for its bizzare installation. See Around Town p37

Neil Bartlett ‘Skin Lane’

The author reads from his new novel on Thursday at Gay’s The Word. The UK’s only gay bookstore needs to raise £20,000 or it will be forced to close, so your donations are very welcome. See Gay & Lesbian p83