



Muireann Nic Amhlaóibh will play at the  
Celebrity Concert at Fleadh Nua.  
Photo by Bríd Ni Luasaigh



The Celebrity Concert also showcases the talents of  
The Máirtín O'Connor Band featuring Cathal Hayden,  
Máirtín O'Connor and Seamie O'Dowd  
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## YOU AINT SEEN NOTHIN' YET!!

Finishing touches are being applied to the programme for this year's Fleadh Nua which runs in Ennis from 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May. And what an exciting programme it is featuring artistes at the cutting edge of the Traditional Arts alongside legends of the genre.

**THE CELEBRITY CONCERT** at Fleadh Nua ranks as one of the premier events on the Traditional Calendar. And what delights await this year's concert-goers in Glór on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. The first half of the show features the superlative vocal and musical abilities of **MUIREANN NIC AMHLAÓIBH** – a recent recipient of the prestigious TG4 Gradam Ceoil Amhránaí na Bliana. Muireann will be joined on stage by fellow Danú musicians, **LIAM FLANAGAN** on Fiddle and **DÓNAL CLANCY** on Guitar.

Audiences at previous Fleadhanna have delighted in the exceptional talents of the musical **MULCAHY FAMILY**. Accordion legend, **MICK** and his gifted multi-instrumentalist daughter, **MICHELLE** make a most welcome return to Ennis at the Celebrity Concert.

And there's more!! For the second half features **THE MÁIRTÍN O'CONNOR BAND** - undoubtedly one of the hottest tickets on the Trad circuit these days. This unique blend combining the verve of **MÁIRTÍN O'CONNOR**, the virtuosity of **CATHAL HAYDEN** and the vibrancy of **SEAMIE O'DOWD** generates a synergy that could power the National Grid – and some. If you think their CD's "*Crossroads*" and "*Going Places*" sound good, wait until you hear them perform live.

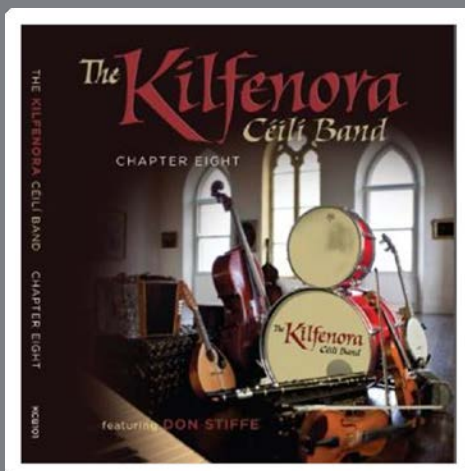
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# fleadh nua

Having enjoyed its centenary celebrations only a short few years back, one could easily forgive the musicians of **THE KILFENORA CÉILÍ BAND** for deciding to take smaller steps. However, bearing the mantle of doyen of Ireland's Céilí Bands brings with it certain challenges and responsibilities. A willingness to innovate and to adapt to changing tastes and times has always been the hallmark of the Kilfenora and has enabled it to retain its relevance to the present day. Over the years Fleadh Nua has proved to be an ideal testing ground in the development of the Band's dual rôles of working Céilí Band and accomplished Concert Ensemble. The Band has recently emerged from the recording studios having completed their CD which is entitled: "*Chapter Eight*". This latest addition to the Band's canon of work was produced by acclaimed flute player, Kevin Crawford.

On Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May the Band will be joined on stage in Glór by singer, **DON STIFFE** who also features on their CD. Ennis' own dance master sans pareil, **MICHAEL DONNELLAN** will also be on hand to prove – as if any proof were needed – that the Kilfenora Céilí Band can indeed play for dancers and concert patrons alike. Tickets may be booked online at [www.glor.ie](http://www.glor.ie)



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Paddy Berry who will sing at the Singers' Club has been the subject of an episode of TG4's fine documentary series "*'Sé mo Laoch*"

One of life's great pleasures is to hear a good song well sung. The guest singers at this year's **SINGERS' CLUB SESSIONS** in the Old Ground Hotel are among the finest ever exponents of the genre and are certain to attract listeners from far and near.

**PADDY BERRY** is one of the most prominent ballad singers, songwriters and collectors of songs and folklore of his generation. His published works include "*Wexford Ballads*" and "*More Wexford Ballads*" and his discography comprises "*Paddy Berry Sings Wexford Ballads*"; "*Sing Us A Song Paddy*"; and "*Sing Again Paddy*".

Tá clú agus cáil tuillte ag **SÉAMAS MAC MATHÚNA** i bhfad is i gcéin ní h-amháin mar cheoltóir ach mar amhránaí agus mar phortaíre den scoth freisin. Tá formhór dá shaoil caite aige ag saothrú ar son an Chultúir Ghaelaigh. Séamus returns to his native Clare for an evening of songs – and lots of stories too, no doubt.

If no less an adjudicator than Séamus Ennis is impressed at your efforts when competing in your first All Ireland Fleadh you are surely destined for greatness. And so it has proved for **ANN MULQUEEN** who occupies an exalted place in the Traditional Singing Firmament. Is cúis rí-mhór áthais agus bróid dúinn go ndéanfaidh Ann an turas fada ó Ghaeltacht na Rinne chun a bheith linn ag Club na nAmhránaithe i mBlia.

# Bealtaine 20 - 28 May 2012

Mar is eol don saol, tá teanga ársa na nGael fite fuaite tríd ár nEalaíona Traidisiúnta. Ón tráth ar bunaíodh Comhaltas i 1951, tuigtear dúinne gur eochair riachtanach í **AN GHAEILGE** chun cabhrú le daoine teacht ar iomláine a ndúchais. Tá 2012 ainmnithe mar Bhliain na Gaeilge ag an gComhaltas. Dá bhrí sin, beidh teanga ársa na nGael go mór chun tosaigh ag an bhFleadh Nua i mbliana.

Deirtear gur beatha teanga í a labhairt. Tugann **CIORCAL CAINTE NA FLEIDHE** deis iontach do dhaoine triail a bhaint as a gcuid Gaeilge i gcomhthéacs siamsúil don teanga atá lasmuigh den chóras oideachais. Is cuma sa t-sioc cé chomh líofa nó chomh bacach atá do chumas cainte beidh fáilte agus fiche roimh chách ag an gCiorcal Cainte a bheas ar siúl ag 11.00 r.n. gach lá ón 21 go dtí an 25 Bealtaine i gcaifí éagsúla ar fud an bhaile.

Beidh ceol, caint agus craic le blaiseadh ag an **OÍCHE GHAEILGE** a bheas ar siúl 'san Teach Tábhairne cáiliúil Brogan's ar Sr. Uí Chonaill Dé Déardaoin, 24 Bealtaine.

Tá Coiste Fleadh Nua agus Coláiste Laichtín tar éis teacht le chéile chun **COMÓRTAS FILÍOCHTA** a reachtáil in a mbeidh daltaí scoile san iomaíocht.

Is léir don saol an t-éacht oibre atá déanta ag An gClár as Gaeilge Teo. i bhforbairt na teangan sa cheanntar seo. Mar chuid den togra fiúntach seo, reachtálfar **RANG GAEILGE** ar an Satharn, 26 Bealtaine.

Léifidh an t-Ath. Seosamh Mac Mathúna **AIFREANN TRADISIÚNTA** na Fleidhe san Ard-Eaglais ar an nDomhnach, 27 Bealtaine.



Céilí faoi seoil ag an bhFleadh Nua anuraidh.

Top class **CÉILITHE** are a cornerstone of the programme at any Fleadh Nua and this year's lineup is:

Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Cois hAbhna	na Tulla Céilí Band
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Cois hAbhna	na Johnny Reidy Céilí Band
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Cois hAbhna	na Abbey Céilí Band
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Cois hAbhna	na Star of Munster Céilí Band
Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Venue T.B.C.	Michael Sexton
Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Cois hAbhna	na The Four Courts Céilí Band

Cois na hAbhna plays host to **COMÓRTAS NÁISIÚNTA RINCE / THE NATIONAL DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS** on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. The **SEAN NÓS DANCING COMPETITIONS** also take place on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May in the nearby Auburn Lodge Hotel.

Entry Forms for both competitions are available to download at [www.fleadhnua.com](http://www.fleadhnua.com) For further information, please contact Attracta O'Dea at 065 - 6822627 and 086 - 0834797

## LAOCHRA AR LÁR

### MUIRIS Ó ROCHÁIN

Cara rí-mhór leis an bhFleadh Nua ab ea Muiris Ó Rocháin le linn a shaoilse. Cé go raibh clú agus cáil air mar Stiurthóir le Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy, ba mhinic a chonacthas Muiris agus a bhean céile, Úna i bhforsheomra an Ostáin Old Ground agus deasc eolais don Fleadh Nua faoin a gcúram. Freastalaíodh Muiris ar Chruinnithe an Choiste agus bhíodh sé móraigeanta agus mórchroíoch lena chuid ama, comhairle agus taithi i gcónaí. B'fhiú dúinn go mór éisteacht lena a chuid comhairle agus cloí léi. Déanaimid comhbrón lena bhaintreach, Úna agus lena pháistí, Séamas agus Máire. Guímid solas na bhFlaitheas ar a anam uasal Gaelach

### PEADAR MCNAMARA

The Singers' Club at Fleadh Nua was the brainchild of the late Peadar McNamara. Being a noted singer himself and president of the Ennis Singers' Club Peadar appreciated the need to create a dedicated space for singers at the Fleadh quite separate from Concert Performances and Workshops. Drawing on his incomparable network of contacts in the singing world and an unerring sense of discernment, Peadar could always be relied upon to select singers of the highest quality for the sessions. Our sympathies are with his widow, Mary and children Salvador, Keir, Rosa, Eleonora, Paula and Rebecca. Guímid suaimhneas síoraí ar a anam dílis

## AN FOCAL SCOIR

Fleadh Nua joins forces with Shannon Heritage so as to bring Traditional Music, Song and Dance to one of the country's premier visitor attractions. On Sunday, 20th May visitors to Bunratty Folk will gain a unique opportunity to sample for themselves the entertainment which Fleadh Nua has to offer over the following eight days. Set against the dramatic backdrop of buildings of a bygone era, these performances are sure to be highly evocative and enjoyable for both performers and visitors alike.

As always Fleadh Nua has something for everyone – **AOS ÓG CONCERT, SCREENINGS of "LAST NIGHT AS I LAY DREAMING"**- the heart-warming documentary on the living legend that is **ROBBIE MCMAHON, "RICHES OF CLARE" LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES, SET DANCING WORKSHOPS, CD LAUNCH by NOREEN O'SULLIVAN, STORYTELLING** with the incomparable **EDDIE LENIHAN, PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, GUIDED WALKING TOUR, PUB MUSIC TRAIL, STREET ENTERTAINMENT, CUPÁN CEOIL** – a series of Café Music Sessions and **DOORA BAREFIELD C.C.É. BRANCH TRIBUTE NIGHT**. And that is only the organised part of the programme! A plethora of sessions both indoors and out ensures that the narrow, medieval streets of Ennis will resound with Traditional Music, Song and Dance throughout the Festival.

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