

Cooley-Collins Traditional Music Festival

24th to 27th October 2008

Cooley-Collins Traditional Musical Festival features traditional music, song, céilí, workshops, competitions including golf and events for children. .

The festival remembers two local musicians and keeps their music alive through competitions, music workshops, set dancing and Sean Nos steps. A variety of cross cultural events to celebrate and represent the Brazillian community in Gort along with lectures on the musical heritage of the area.

South County Galway is one of the great locales for authentic traditional Irish Music. Each Fall the ancient town of Gort , capital of South County Galway, hosts a unique gathering of outstanding local musicians and their friends, playing together over a long weekend of fun and fine music in tribute to two of Ireland 's greatest musicians, local men both, Kieran Collins and Joe Cooley. Whilst both “*musicianers*” have passed over to the great session in the sky their musical heirs and accompanists continue their heritage, the streets of Gort echoing to the passionate sound of South Galway and North Clare.

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a few links:

Joe Cooley - Wise Maid (1973)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCiqPCA_MRA

Cooley - sleeve-notes by Tony MacMahon

<http://www.xs4all.nl/~hspeek/irishbox/Cooley/cooley.html>

Rambling House ~ Ronan Nolan

<http://www.iol.ie/~ronolan/cooley.html>

Tribute To Joe Cooley by Gearóid Ó hAllmhuráin, January, 1974

For the Clare Champion Newspaper, Ennis, Co. Clare

<http://www.gearoid.us/cooley.html>

Tinwhistle Haiku edited by James Isaacs and Dale Wisely

373-375 ~ Three who are gone ~ Frank Claudy

<http://www.chiffandfipple.com/whistlehaiku/haiku-g1.htm>

Transcriptions of Joe Cooley's playing.

http://www.xs4all.nl/~hspeek/irishbox/cooley_abc.html