

22nd Feakle Festival

International Festival of Traditional Music Feakle, Co Clare

Wednesday 5th - Tuesday 11 August 2009

The Feakle Traditional Music Festival will celebrate its 22nd year with a vibrant programme of traditional music, song, and dance. The Festival continues to attract genuine music lovers from all corners of the globe, while providing a platform for local musicians to demonstrate their musical heritage.

Wednesday 5th

7.30 pm **Official opening**. A celebration of dance. This year we are delighted to honour the role of dance and particularly the role of dance teacher **Kathleen Moloney** from Glendree. The evening will be complimented by a photographic exhibition by **Nutan**. Wine & food reception. All are welcome! *Community Centre. Free*

10.00 pm Session with **Mark Donnellan, Cyril O'Donoghue and friends**. *Peppers Pub*

Thursday 6th

10.00 am - 1.00 pm **Workshops**

Workshops will take place on Thursday 6, Friday 7 and Saturday 8 from 10am - 1pm unless otherwise stated. Enrol at National School from 9am onwards. Workshop prices are €20.00 per day or €50.00 for three days.

A degree of competency is required for all instrumental workshops.

Workshops

Instrument

Fiddle
Fiddle (Intermediate/Advanced)
Accordian
Concertina
Concertina (Intermediate/Advanced)
Whistle
Flute
Flute (Intermediate/Advanced)
Guitar
Banjo
Traditional Singing
Sean Nós Singing

Tutor

Denise Glass
Martin Hayes, Pat O'Connor, Joan Hanarahan
Conor Keane
Kate MacNamara
Mary MacNamara
Sean Ryan
Jennifer Lenihan
Paul Smyth
Denis Cahill
Dave Harper
Phil Callery
Lasairfhiona Ni Chonaola

Sean Nós dancing (*Friday & Saturday only*) **Suzanne Leahy**

Set Dancing 11.00am – 5.00pm on Saturday. €10. **Kevin O'Halloran** and **Deirdre Nihill**

3.00pm **Festival walk**. Enjoy the beautiful landscape of East Clare exploring the stunning scenery around Lough Graney. Walk starts from Caher House. It will finish with a house session and refreshment stop. Transport will be available from the village (approx 5 miles).

4.00 pm - 6.00 pm Afternoon session for workshop students.

7.30 pm Concert with **Mary McNamara** and East Clare young musicians. This concert will showcase the many young musicians taught by the well-respected and talented concertina

player Mary Mac Namara. Mary has many young students and she instills in them the love of the East Clare style of music, therefore ensuring a healthy future for traditional music in the region. €7.00 and family ticket costing €20.00

8.00 pm **Midnight Court** Musical Adaptation by **Sean Tyrell** featuring **Johnny Mullins**. A potent musical adaptation presents this classic 18th century Irish poem in a contemporary setting. Heady mix of Celtic blues, hilarious, boisterous, risqué, irreverent.
Caher House. €15.00

10.00 pm Late Concert with **Tony Mac Mahon** and **Steve Cooney**. Tony Mac Mahon plays his music with raw emotion, he is a profound character and his performance leaves his audience deeply moved. He has combined forces with Steve Cooney, the foremost guitarist playing in Ireland at present. *Caher House €20.00*

Special price for both concerts at Caher House of €25.00 including wine reception at the interval.

10.00 pm Session with **Seamus Bugler and friends**. *Shortt's Pub.*

Friday 7th

10.00 am -1.00 pm **Workshops**

2.00 pm **Fiddle recital**. **Mark Donnellan, Jed Foley, Martin Hayes, Pat O'Connor, Kevin Carey, Denise Glass, Vincent Griffin and his students**. *Community Centre. €7.00*

4.00 pm -6.00 pm Afternoon session for workshop students/beginners.

7.30 pm Musical Performance with:
Martin Hayes & Dennis Cahill, Beal Tuinne featuring **Shaun Davey, Rita Connolly, Seamus Begley, Eilis Ni Chinnede, Eoin Begley and Jim Murray**.
St Mary's Church. €25 (tickets in advance)

9.30 pm **Céilí: Four Courts Céilí Band**. *Bohan's Bar. €5.00*

Saturday 8th

10.00 am -1.00 pm **Workshops**

10.00 am Storytelling for children with acclaimed Galway Storyteller **Rob Swannock Fulton**. He will be doing three storytelling sessions at the festival.

10:00 to 10:40 am. *Wonder Tales from around the world (ages 4 - 6 years)*

11:00 to 11:40 am. *Tale of the Terrible Gruagach (ages 7 - 107 years)*

12 noon - 12:40 pm. *Traditional sea tales from Scotland and Ireland (ages 7- 10 years) Community Centre. Free*

11.00 am -5.00 pm Set Dancing Workshop with **Kevin O'Halloran & Deirdre Nihill**
Bohan's Bar €10.00

2.00 pm -3.00 pm Poetry with **Arthur Watson**. His work has appeared in numerous publications and he has given readings of his poetry at festivals and events throughout Ireland. *Moloney's Pub. Free*

3.00 pm Singing session with **Phil Callery, Lasairfhiona Ní Chonaola, Seamus Begley, Brian O'Rourke, Helen Hayes & Paddy Commane**. *Fear an Tí: Tim Dennehy. Moloney's Pub. Free*

4.00 pm -5.00 pm Lecture from local historian **Ger Madden**. 'A Slieve Aughty Miscellany': Ger Madden talks about his new publication on the Slieve Aughty Mountains.
Community Centre. Free

6.00 pm -9.00 pm Informal Singing Session hosted by **Declan Coyne** of the *South Roscommon Singers Club. Moloney's Pub. Free*

7.30 Gala Concert: 'Clare Connections' featuring: **Tommy Keane & Mc Carthy family, Jackie Daly & Donal O'Connor, Kate Purcell, Mick Kinsella & Joan Culloo, Tim Collins & Anthony Quigney, Vincent Griffin & Mary Corry, Helen Hayes, Mark Donnellan**, John Canny & Dennis Cahill, Paddy Commane; Seanos and Set Dancing.
Community Centre €20.00

9.30 pm **Céilí: The Four Courts Céilí Band. Bohan's Bar. €5.00**

Sunday 9th

11 am **Aifreann Gaeilge le A.M.E.N.** featuring **Noirin Ni Riain, Micheal O'Sulleabhain** and **Eoin O'Sulleabhain**.

12 noon Singing Session with **Robbie Mc Mahon, Donie Nolan, Paula Carroll, Colm O'Donnell & Máire Ni Cheilleachair**. *Fear an Tí: Joseph O'Connor.*
Moloney's Pub. Free

1.30 pm Children's activities to include:
Puppet Show: The Wishing Tree. This production presents two stories told using a broad range of puppetry from storytelling to life-size puppets, animated objects and shadow puppetry. These stories investigate the way in which our inner vision creates the world around us. The show incorporates real magic, storytelling and puppetry. **Dog and Sting Puppets**.

3.30 pm Outdoor concert with **Colm O'Donnell and the Border Collies**. This concert promises to be a lively affair with a well-honed great mix of songs. The band have been critically acclaimed and we are delighted to welcome them back to Feakle.
Will be held indoors if weather is unsuitable.

10.00 pm **Grand Finale Céilí. The Tulla Céilí Band. Marquee €10.00**

Monday 10th

1.00 pm -2.00 pm **Riches of Clare** presentation with **Padraig Rynne, Michael Queally, Noel O'Donoghue & Pat Marsh**. The Riches of Clare is a free lunchtime traditional music concert series held throughout Co. Clare during the Summer months. It showcases musicians and singers from the County and the festival is delighted to be involved with this initiative.
Community Centre. Free

Informal sessions

7.30 pm Cross road dancing with **Donie Nolan & friends**.
Will be held indoors if weather is unsuitable. *Outside Peppers*

Tuesday 11th Informal sessions

Feakle nestles near the Sliabh Aughty mountains and consists of a community of approx. 800 people. Typical of a community of its size it boasts the usual local school, church and a few shops, four pubs, two restaurants and the local Post Office.