

'A Bhaile Locha Riach, is fada mé ag trácht ort' a scríobh an sárhíle Raifteirí tráth... agus is fada trácht air féin ó shin i leith i gceantar an Eachréidh, áit ar chaith sé cuid mhór dá shaol. Bígí linn don cheiliúradh mór seo ar shaol agus ar shaothar Raifteirí an File!

CLÁR na nIMEACHTAÍ

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Dé hAoine
28 Márta
Friday
28th March

An Seomra Glas, An Teach Beag

7-9pm: Ceardlann Amhránaíochta Traidisúnta le Seán Mac Aindreaa
Traditional Singing Workshop

9pm: Fáiltiú agus Oscailt Oifigiúil le Seosamh Mac Donncha
Reception and Official Opening

Ciorcal amhránaíochta is filíochta agus seisiún ceoil i gcomhair le 'Baffle' & Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann.
Téama: Raifteirí Siúlach agus Scéalach
Singing circle with poetry and music



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Dé Sathairn
29 Márta
Saturday
29th March

Óstán O'Dea's

10-1pm: Ceardlann scríbhneoireachta dar teideal 'Bunús Script Scannáin'.
Áisitheoir: Ré Ó Laighléis
Táille: €15

Gaelscoil Riabhach

2-4pm: Ceardlanna ar an Fhidil / *Fiddle Workshops*:
Breda Keville | Paul Bradley | Paul O'Shaughnessy

Óstán O'Dea's

8pm: Raifteirí File, léacht le Ciarán Ó Coighligh,
scríbhneoir agus léachtóir

9.30pm: Raifteirí agus Cleamairí Bhaile Locha Riach
Mummers show based on Raftery

10pm: Seisiún Ceoil le Colm & Finbar Ó Neachtain



Féile Raifteirí

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Domhnach
30 Márta
Sunday
30th March

St. Brendan's Hospital

11.30am: Aifreann na Féile
Festival Mass in St. Brendan's Hospital, Loughrea

Óstán O'Dea's

1-3pm: Ceardlann Filíochta faoi stiúir Louis De Paor,
file, scríbhneoir, léachtóir

Gaelscoil Riabhach

2-4pm: Ceardlanna ar an Fhidil / *Fiddle Workshops*:
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4-6pm: An Amhránaíocht ar an Sean-nós: ceardlann le Meaití Jó Shéamuis Ó Fátharta, amhránaí & láithreoir le RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta
Sean-nós singing workshop

Scríobh na nAmhrán: ceardlann le Rónán Ó Snodaigh,
amhránaí gairmiúil, ball de KILA

Óstán O'Dea's

4-6pm: Lúibíní agus Agallamh Beirte:
ceardlann le hÉamonn Ó Donnchadha agus Fearghas Mac Lochlainn

Tigh Kinsella

8pm: Ceolchoirm Mhór na Féile in Onóir Raifteirí
Grand Concert in Honour of Raftery

Baile Locha Riach

28-30 March 2008

Loughrea, Co. Galway

NA hAÍONNA / THE GUESTS:

Breda & Claire Keville

(fiddle & concertina):
This sister duo from Headford are renowned for their sensitive and devoutly traditional music in the East Galway style.

Colm and Finbarr Naughton

(banjo and fiddle):
The brothers from Sonnagh near Glinsk in North East Galway draw from musical roots on both sides of the family. A treat!

Charlie Lennon:

Legendary Leitrim-man Charlie is world renowned as a brilliant fiddler/pianist and a composer of many fine tunes.

Éamonn Ó Donnchadha:

Based in the Ráth Cairn Gaeltacht, gifted sean-nós singer Éamonn is one of an elite few to have won the Seán Ó Riada Cup on three occasions.

Fearghas Mac Lochlainn:

An award-winning sean-nós singer, Fearghas has also won several awards for his agallaimh bheirte (discourses of two) and lúibíní (sung discourses of two), often partnered by Éamonn Ó Donnchadha.

Joe Burke & Anne Conroy-Burke:

From East Galway, Joe is widely regarded as the master accordionist who started the huge revival of interest in the instrument. His wife Anne is both an excellent accordionist and guitarist.

Louis De Paor:

One of Ireland's foremost poets in the Irish language, the Corkonian has edited the acclaimed Irish language journal, *Innti*, lectured in Irish in the University of Sydney, and is currently the Director of the Centre for Irish Studies at NUI, Galway.

Mairéad Ní Fhlatharta:

From Spiddal, Mairéad is one of Ireland's captivating young singers. Prizes include the Darach Ó Catháin, Seosamh Ó hÉanaí and Seán Óg Ó Tuama cups and second prize in the prestigious Seán Ó Riada Cup at the tender age of 18.

Meaití Jó Shéamuis Ó Fátharta:

Singer, piper, flute-player, music collector and broadcaster from Cois Fharráige in Connemara. An exquisite sean-nós singer in the Connemara style, Meaití won the coveted Seán Ó Riada Cup in 2001.

Paul Bradley:

Fiddle player Paul from Bessbrook in County Armagh is one of the foremost Irish fiddle players of his generation. He is also a member of the group Dorsa.

Paul O'Shaughnessy:

DUBLINER Paul is well known as a former member of Altan, current member of Beginish, and a terrific fiddle player in the Donegal style.

Ré Ó Laighléis:

A versatile and gifted fiction writer in both the English and Irish language, Ré enjoys national and international acclaim for his short story collections and novels for both the teenage and adult market. In recent years he also writes for the screen.

Rónán Ó Snodaigh:

A founding member of popular Irish band Kila, Rónán is an accomplished poet and musician. He has also played and recorded with the group Dead Can Dance.

Seán Mac Aindreaa:

Seán first learned Gaelic songs in Cumann Chluain Ard in his native Belfast, and has been interested in them ever since. He has taught song classes in Belfast for over twenty years.

Seosamh Ó Neachtain:

From Spiddal in Connemara, Seosamh is one of Ireland's finest sean-nós dancers. He has won many major awards and has travelled the world giving workshops and concerts. His footwork also features as percussion on several traditional music recordings!

Síle Ní Fhatharta:

Sean-nós singer Síle Ní Fhatharta from Spiddal is held in very high esteem by sean-nós fans, for her heartfelt delivery of the songs and her sweetness of voice.

Tim Collins & Claire Griffin

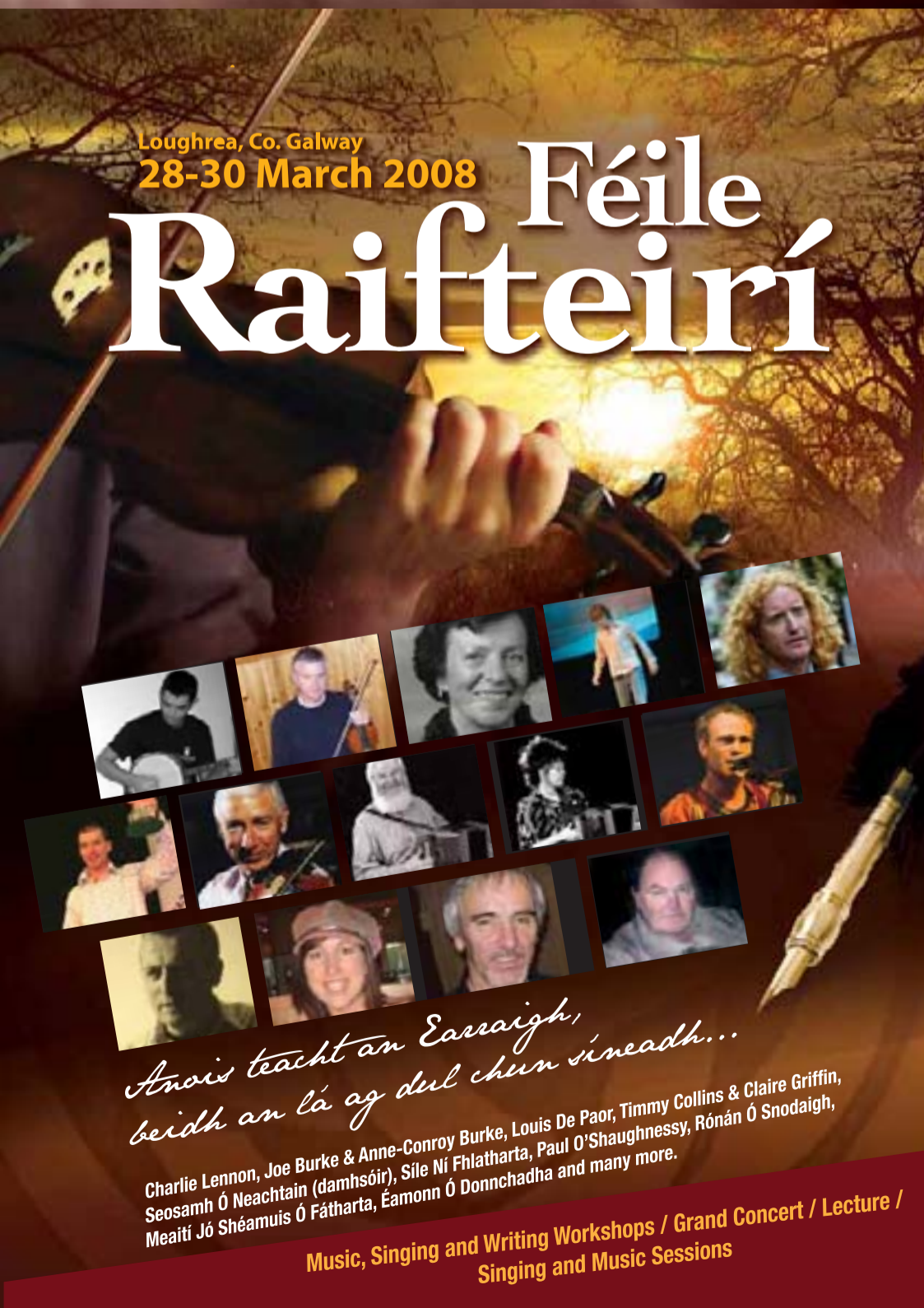
(concertina & accordion):
This talented husband and wife duo come from counties Limerick and Clare. Both superb musicians in their own right, they are also members of the famed Kilfenora Céilí Band.

Verena Commins:

A fine box player hailing from Mayo, Verena now lives in the heart of Raftery's adopted county, Galway. Verena will be providing piano accompaniment on the night.

Loughrea, Co. Galway
28-30 March 2008

Féile Raifteirí



*Anois teacht an Earraigh,
beidh an lá ag dul chun síneadh...*

Charlie Lennon, Joe Burke & Anne-Conroy Burke, Louis De Paor, Timmy Collins & Claire Griffin, Seosamh Ó Neachtain (damhsóir), Síle Ní Fhlatharta, Paul O'Shaughnessy, Rónán Ó Snodaigh, Meaití Jó Shéamuis Ó Fátharta, Éamonn Ó Donnchadha and many more.

Music, Singing and Writing Workshops / Grand Concert / Lecture /
Singing and Music Sessions