

# **FEAKLE INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL**

*August 9th – August 13th*

**Feakle,**

**Co. Clare**

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5 Days of music, song, dance with concerts Céili's, workshops, lectures, recitals, singing and sessions. The Festival is based in the homely village of Feakle, East Clare, Co. Clare, Ireland. The Feakle Music Festival has its origins within the rich array of musical talents that abound on the East Clare area. From the era of the house dance, through the Hall dances and pub sessions - a rich tradition has been maintained and strengthened thus emanating in a very successful Music Festival. The Festival started some years ago in 1988 and has gone from strength to strength. It is now respected worldwide as one of the best of it's kind in the country.

## ***Feakle - Historical Background***

*"This Parish, which embraces a vast tract of the celebrated mountain of Sliabh Echtghe, is bounded on the northwest and north by the Co. Galway; on the east by the Parish of Tomegreany; on the south by the Parish of Killinoe and on the southwest by the Parish of Tulla."*

John O'Donovan, 22nd November, 1839. Tulla.

Feakle Parish was described by Samuel Lewis in 1837 as the largest in the county, comprising *"about 30,000 statute acres, of which two-fifths consist of arable and pasture land, and the remainder, with the exception of 300 acres of woodland, is coarse mountain pasture, waste and bog, a large portion of which is improvable. It presents, throughout, a succession of mountain and valley, extending to the confines of the county of Limerick, and includes the extensive and picturesque lake called Lough Graney, or "the lake of the sun", situated nearly in its centre.*

*Prior to the year 1828 there was scarcely a road on which a wheel carriage could be used; but through the spirited exertions of Jas. Moloney, Esq., of Kiltannan, excellent roads have been constructed, partly by the Board of Public Works and partly by the county; and this district now has a direct communication with Limerick, Gort, Ennis, Killaloe and Loughrea. These roads encompass three sides of Lough Graney, the banks of which are in several places finely planted".*

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