

NYAH

County Cavan Arts Festival 2007

Féile Ealaíon Chontae an Chabhán

Festivals are life blood Of Traditional Culture

Having the Nyah is hard to define
but easy to find in Cavan.

Aidan O'Hara- Irish Music Magazine

This is a festival of all things Cavan. Nyah celebrates the roots of Irish culture. Now in the fourth year, the NYAH Arts festival celebrates the traditional music, song, dance and culture of County Cavan, the Ulster tradition and the county's very own musical style. Michael Harding, writer calls the Cavan style 'enigmatic and unpredictable', claiming that 'Cavan music is a lace-maker's music'. And Cavan can lay claim to Ed Reavy, one of the most performed Irish composers in the world.

The Nyah Festival will feature no end of extra trad sessions and "fringe events". Acts and events will include Will of the Wisp From Italy, Jig of Life Awards, Belturbet Samba Band, Brian Mac Namara, Robbie Hannan, Dermot McLoughlin, MCavan Multi-Cultural Network's celebration of foods from around the world and music to mark the International Day Against Racism, a Traditional Singers' Session, and open air concerts, lectures and music and song workshops.

The Nyah Sessions have previously attracted the top names in Irish music in the country. And the best musicians from the tradition will be spinning down Breffni roads again to play at several of the sessions during the year.

Musicians will hail from all over the World including, Seamus Creagh (fiddle) Tiarnan Dinkin, (pipes), Fintan McManus (bouzouki), Martin Gaffney (flute), Eamonn Curran (piper), Jacqui Martin (fiddle), Loraine Sweeney (flute), Art Ó Dufaigh (guitar, songs), Mattie-Jó Shéamuis Ó Flatharta (singer).....it goes on for quite a while— and it's all in a wonderfully central location for trad enthusiasts in this region.

The Nyah consists of people from the Music, Song and Dance Tradition, Cavan Town Comhaltas, Cavan Tourism, Cavan Multi Cultural Network and Cavan County Council, committed to promoting all the art forms of the area. The intention of the Nyah is to immerse people in the music of the Drumlins. You get the chance to work with world class performers; but the instruction is only a part of the week - the sessions, the talks, the concerts and the craic all add up to make Nyah one of Ireland's Growing Festival's

Put a bit of nyah into your week and visit some of the events planned for Cavan's traditional Arts festival.

Events & Dates

March Nyah 2007

Dé Céadaoin/Wednesday 7th March

Music /Song Concerts through out the day in Selected School's

10pm Farnham Arms Hotel

With

Karen Iny Quebec ,Canada Fiddler, Pat Mc Manus Fiddler /Guitar, Fermanagh, Seamus Fay Lilter and Cavan Set Dancers Fintan Mc Manus ,Martin Donohoe Accordion All welcome

Déardaoin /Thursday 8th

Music /Song Concerts through out the day in Selected School's

Traditional Music & Song Sessions

10pm Maggie's Bar , Killeshandra with local musicians.

10pm Boylans Lounge , Kilnaleck with Cuisle Ceoil band

10pm Lavey Inn Dublin Rd Ceol agus Craic Band

Dé hAoine / Friday 9th

Exhibition of Paintings all weekend in Farnham Arms Hotel
Art Exhibition " Interval in the Ceilidh",

"Interval in the Ceilidh", an art exhibition will showcase the work of ten members of Cavan Visual Artists Network during the NYAH Festival at the Farnham Arms Hotel, on 10th and 11th March 07 . View the work of Sean Cassidy, Ballyconnell 049 9526967 : Roisin Duffy, Castleblayney, 042 9669804: Orla Galligan, Poles, Cavan. 087 6173205; Avril Gould, Crossdoney Village: Geraldine Harrison, Ballinagh: Patsy Lee, Cavan town: Stella Little Cootehill 049 5552182: Avril McDermott, Oldcastle 044 9662830: Miriam McDwyer from Belturbet, 049 9524926 :Carmel O'Callaghan, Shercock Co. Cavan 042 9665264, and Freda Young of Killeshandra 049 4334562.

Hours of opening: Preview at the restaurant on Friday 9th with full exhibition at the Maple Room 10th March 2.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m and 11th Mach 12.00 noon to 6.00 p.m. For this exhibition we have employed a distinguished curator which we hope will enliven and enrich our arts programme. Cavan Visual Artists' Network www.cavan-visart.com

Now in the fifth year since its inception strives to promote professionalism in Arts Practice and has a membership of some 35 artists/sculptors, Carmel O'Callaghan, Nolagh, Shercock, Co. Cavan present Chairperson. Emailcvannetwork@hotmail.com

This Exhibition is supported by Cavan County Council Arts office.

Dé hAoine / Friday 9th

8pm Concert Farnham Arms Hotel

Comhaltas Night of Nyah Youth

Ceol na nÓg Sligeach presents: Its Cavan premiere of the Show

The Battle of the Books

A Suite of music composed by Michael Rooney.

Sligo musical group Ceol na nÓg will perform the premiere of show The Battle of the Books .

The group comprise of young Sligo musicians in what is expected to be a spectacular production.

The Battle of the Books

Saint Colmcille copied a book while a guest of St. Finian.

Finian claimed the copy as well as the book, but Colmcille refused. The dispute was brought to the High King of Ireland whose edict was: 'To every cow its calf and to every book its copy'. In consequence, in 561 AD, the High King and

Colmcille engaged in battle on the slopes of Benbulbin.

Aided by an angel, Colmcille won. Thousands of men were slain and the King forced to concede the copy of the psalter to Colmcille.

Over 40 of Sligo's finest young musicians will experience the excitement of premiering an original composition based on one of Sligo's greatest pieces of folklore.

It is comprised of the best of the emerging traditional musicians from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann branches in Sligo and Leitrim and young classical musicians of the Sligo Academy of Music Sinfonietta Orchestra.

Performers on the night:

Draiocht

featuring Michael Rooney and June McCormack

Sligo Academy of Music

Flute Ensemble and Sinfonietta Orchestra

Ceol na nÓg, Sligeach

featuring over 40 traditional/classical musicians and dancers

Also on the night

Cavan Town Comhaltas Youth Group 25 Members
Gaelscoil Bhréifne Group

Adm €10 / €5 Conc

Tickets from Farnham Arms Reception 049 4332577

Contact CCE Angela Reilly 087 9150905

10.30pm Paul Jermyn, Cavan Born Singer /Guitar will co-host with Cavan Born Writer Mark Lawlor , (They both live and work in UK) a very special night of Song, Music and Readings to welcome musical friends and influences to Cavan for the Nyah Weekend

With House Band of Aoife Murray, Singer, Mickey Mc Donnell, Banjo, Matthew Keaney, Singer /Flute , Barry Mc Gee, Concertina, Gerry Hennessy, Singer /Guitar, Aidan and Joyce O Hara , Singers. Jacqui Martin , Fiddle, Belturbets, Fiona Fitzpatrick, Singer, Art O Duffaigh, Guitar/Songs, Lorainne Sweeney , Flute, Stephanie Makem, Singer , Trevor Bury ~ Bones/Bodhran

adm €5 at door

Venue In Restaurant behind Reception

11.30pm Nyah Dance

A Night of a 'fest noz', or Night Festival
a bit like a ceilidh

In Farnham Arms Hotel Carvery Room

With UK Band Ker Brize

Ker Brize are a Manchester based group playing traditional dance music from Brittany. The group consists of fiddle - Kate Moran; bouzouki - Patrick O'Reilley; accordion - Doug Briggs; flute - Martin Dunne. Ker Brize mainly plays for what's known as a 'fest noz', or night festival. This is a very popular event in Brittany - a bit like a ceilidh - with music for dancing the traditional circle dances of Brittany, along with drinking, (usually cider) and eating, (large very thin pancakes known as crepes, made fresh on large cast iron hot plates).

In Brittany most people seem to know how to dance the circle dances - certainly the dances with the more straightforward steps. Ker Brize plays for festou noz in the North West of England where folks are not so enlightened!. To help them 'gain the knowledge' Ker Brize calls on the excellent teaching skills of Yannick Minvielle-Debat. Yannick has a great deal of experience of Breton dancing and has a very effective way of teaching people the more basic dances, leading onto the more advanced steps. Yannick will be with us to make sure everyone can enjoy the experience of dancing to this wonderful music."And Gary Shannon, Flute , Kieran Hanrahan, Banjo , Martin Donohoe, Accordion and Padraic O'Reilly ~ Piano Clare And Cavan Set Dancers will take the floor to beat out the Cavan Reel Set among others , All welcome for a late Night Nyah Event .
Adm €5

Widows Bar Belturbet Co Cavan Nyah on Tour

Direct From Italy to Belturbet

Will o' the Wisp Italian - Irish acoustic sextet from Tuscany

10 pm Adm Free

The band has toured all over Italy playing the main celtic festivals and this is their anticipated Belturbet Debut.

Will o' the Wisp perform a mix of Irish , Mediterranean sonorities with hints of Jazz.

A Cross-Cultural step and a great way to unite different music styles and cultures!

Óstán Farnham Festival Club in Percys Bar

A folk club style session club 10.00 pm

A chance to hear some of the Nyah Musicians /Singer's
Artists Subject to Change .

Dé Sathairn / Saturday 10th March 2007

10am Live Radio Broadcast.

Tune in to The Saturday Connection with Charlie McGettigan
Shannonside /NorthernSound Radio show ,Music from Will of the
Wisp Italy , UK Band Ker Brize,Kieran Hanrahan ,Banjo Clare
Martin Donohoe ,Paul Jermyn and More Nyah Festival Special
Guests

NYAH Music & Song Workshop's

in co-operation with
Cavan Town Comhaltas/Cavan Arts Office
from 11am

Tutors

Piano/Keyboard Workshop~ Jack Talty, Clare

Button Accordion Workshop~ Martin Quinn Armagh

Concertina Workshop~ ,Michael O'Reilly

(Mícheál Ó Raghallaigh)Meath , Caitlín Nic Gabhann Meath,
Barry Mc Gee ,Kerry .

Banjo Workshop~ Kieran Hanrahan Clare

Piano Accordion~ Seamus Meehan Dublin, Dean Warner Uk

Uilleann Pipes . Pádraig Sinnott.Wexford ,Tiarnán Ó

Duinnchin,Monaghan.Brian Mc Namera ,Leitrim

Padraig Mc Govern,Leitrim

Flute Workshop~ June Mc Cormack. Sligo

Annemarie Grogan, Meath ,John Wynne ,Roscommon.

Harp Workshop~ Michael Rooney, Monaghan

Whistle Workshop~ ,Ashling Mc Phillips,Fermanagh . Martin
Gaffney Cavan

Fiddle Workshop. Antoin Mac Gabhann, Cavan Áine Bird Meath

Guitar/Bouzouki backing in Irish Music. Ryan Graham. Antrim

.Fintan Mc Manus .Fermanagh

Guitar. Paul Jermyn Cavan

Bodhran Workshop~ Siobhán O'Donnell Sligo Richard Lyons.
Cavan

Bones Workshop~ Trevor Bury,Cavan

Irish /English Traditional Singing and Liling Group Workshop~
2.30pm -3.30 pm Farnham Arms Hotel upstairs room €10
Mattie-Jó Shéamuis Ó Fátharta, Galway ,
Gaberial Mc Ardle, Co Fermanagh,
Aoife Murray, Cavan,
Stephanie Makem, Armagh ,
Seamus Fay, Co Cavan

Limited availability places sold on a first come first served basis.
Must be pre booked.

To book telephone or text 086 1591354

11am -1 pm Intermediate

2pm -4 Advannced

Cost of Workshop 15 euro per two hour session

Cancellation of Workshop: All courses are subject to minium enrollment. When Classes are cancelled by the CCE for any reason, students may transfer to another Class or receive a full refund. Comhaltas reserves the right to cancel any course for which there is insufficient enrollment and to withdraw or modify course offerings. Class locations and instructors may also be changed when necessary.

COMHRA GAEILGE

TAR ISTEACH AGUS BAIN USAID AS BHUR CUPLA FOCAL OSTAN
FARNHAM AN SATHARN 1 - 5 P.M.

2pm -3.30pm

Free Workshop Sponsored by Co Cavan Arts Office

An Introduction to Starting Irish Traditional Music
with Garry Shannon and Padraic O'Reilly from Clare
as Group leaders .performances from Seamus Fay ,
Martin Donohoe ,Aoife Murray ,Marian Crowe, Barry Mc Gee.
This Workshop introduces students to the history and practice of
Irish traditional music. Students need to have no prior
knowledge of the subject, will learn about the broad spectrum of
Irish traditional music and will gain valuable insights into the
different aspects, approaches and regional styles involved. This
program includes live demonstrations of the different types of
dance tunes on tin whistle ,flute,Liling Accordion ,Keyboard
,Bodhran ,Song and Sean Nos Dance .

Info for parents on where to start children in the music /Song And Dance will be shared on the day by local Comhaltas Members in the Farnham Arms Hotel Cavan
Adm is free to this workshop all Ages welcome
Please note that this workshop does not include instrument tuition.

Gary Shannon, Flute, Whistle, Lilter

The eldest of a celebrated musical family which includes accordeonist Sharon Shannon and Mary Shannon of "The Bumblebees". Garry's music has been very influential on the Irish Trad scene in general and Flute players in particular. and is co-ordinator of the Irish Music Residential Summer School Meitheal Himself a senior all-Ireland winner in '88, he is a teacher and many of the current crop of youngsters - soloists and groups - bear his unmistakable stamp.

Since beginning his recording career in 1981, Garry has left a fine body of work on vinyl, cassette and C.D. as a member of various respected groups and currently with the legendary Kilfenora Ceili Band. His debut solo album "Lose the Head" with Orfhlaith Ni Bhriain (1989) and his 2nd album Loozin 'air have pride of place as classics in many enthusiasts' collections. His third album "Punctured!" is now available www.irish-flute.com

Padraic O'Reilly ~ Piano Clare

Padraic O'Reilly is widely regarded as Ireland's finest solo traditional piano player. Padraic is, among other things, Musical Director and Chairman of the Corofin Traditional Festival.

Although still in his twenties, he has quickly developed a huge body of recorded and live work, both as a soloist and accompanist. His 2001 debut solo album "Down the Ivory Stairs" has been critically acclaimed, and was listed as one of the Top Ten Albums of 2001 by Aine Hensey on RTE's website. Finbarr Boyle, of Claddagh Records, described the album as "a mature work of near genius".

His new album, "Isn't It Grand!" is a new direction for Padraic. The title is a play on the fact that it was recorded on a grand piano, but the main difference from his previous work is his brilliant merging of classic traditional dance tunes and slow tunes on piano, with classical string accompaniments. He even still finds space for more traditional accompaniments such as bodhrán, guitar and bouzouki.

Óstán Farnham FREE Festival Club Sessions/Recitals
in Percys Bar

5pm Uilleann pipes Recital in Farnham Arms Hotel Cavan
led by, Eamonn Curran ,Pádraig Sinnott.Wexford ,Tiarnán Ó
Duinnchin,Monaghan.Brian Mc Namera ,Leitrim
Padraig Mc Govern,Leitrim

6.30pm Recital Farnham Arms Hotel Cavan Michael O'Reilly
(Mícheál Ó Raghallaigh)Meath , Concertina
Kieran Hanrahan , Banjo ,
Michael Rooney , Harp
Padraic O'Reilly ~Piano

9pm Special visit by Belaghy Co Derry CCE Trad group joining
forces with Cavan town CCE Senior group Members .

10.30pm Jimmy Mc Greevy, Accordion , Jacqui Martin,Fiddle,
Philip Clarke Keyboard ,John Wynne Flute ,Ashling Mc
Phillips,Flute Gerry /Hilda Brady ,Fiddles, Martin Tully ,Guitar,

11pm in Hotel Foyer ,Jerome Sheerin ,Accordion,Eddie Whelan
,Banjo, Eimer O Reilly ,Fiddle .

Midnight Session

Accordions from Hell Recital

Farnham Arms Hotel upstairs ^ ^ ^

free Adm but you pay to get out

with Ringmaster Martin Donohoe, Seamus Meehan, Martin Quinn,
Jimmy Mc Greevey ,Dean Warner ,Doug Briggs ,Damien O Reilly
,Damien Keeney Donal Reilly , Sharon Smith, Gabriel McArdle,
Philip Clarke ,Peter Leddy ,John Mc Entee ,Deirdre O Reilly ,
Karen Gilroy, Aileen Geoghegan ,Josh Kelly ,Aoife Flynn ,Catriona
Cullivan,Martin Tully .

Artists Subject to Change .

Dé Sathairn / Saturday 10th March 2007

8pm

The Jig of Life Nyah Award Concert

~ appreciation for outstanding contribution to Traditional Arts in
Ireland ~

Location Óstán Farnham /Farnham Arms Hotel

Awards to Jig of Life Recepiants

Ben Lennon Fiddler Leitrim.

Seamus Creagh Fiddler Westmeath.

John and Valerie McManus, Fiddle and Song Duet from
Fermanagh.

Seamus Fay, Lilter, Cavan.

Celebration of the music of Living Legend's

Ben Lennon is an authority on Leitrim music & plays with an
unpretentious assuredness and clarity

Seamus Creagh is originally from Westmeath but now resides in
Cork. His relaxed style has brought him to international
prominence, particularly in his duets with accordion players
Jackie Daly and Aidan Coffey "the sweetness of his fiddle
technique, the sensitive selection of pieces, the deep sounding of
tradition - all of these point to a welcome musical integrity." So
says Micheal Suilleabhain, who knows a thing or two about Irish
Music.

John and Valerie McManus, Fiddle and Song Duet from
Fermanagh

Valerie and John have a history steeped in music and between
them carry a huge resource of unheard music and song handed
on through the generations. John plays an array of instruments
...fiddle, sax and guitar player and Valerie s a well respected
singer.

Seamus Fay is the musicians lilter ,Four times All Ireland champion and a carrier of a huge store of tunes.

Musical Tributes by Pat and Fintan Mc Manus Fiddle /Bouzouki
Brian Mac Namara Piper, Robbie Hannan Piper , Dermot McLoughlin, fiddle,Gaberial Mc Ardle,, Singer,John Mc Evoy,Fiddle
.John Wynne ,Flute ,Rob Murphy,Flute,Foot Tappers Fiddle Group. Mattie-Jó Shéamuis Ó Fátharta,Singer,
Antoin Mac Gabhann Fiddle .Donohoe Family ,
Cd Launch of The Band Cruinniú (meaning "Gathering")
Clare/Dublin

Members are:

Jack Talty (piano and concertina)

Ryan Graham (guitar)Damien O'Reilly (accordion)

Áine Bird (fiddle/backing vocals)

Annemarie Grogan (flute/backing vocals)

Caitlín Nic Gabhann (concertina/backing vocals)

Siobhán O'Donnell (bodhrán/vocals)Cruinniú were formed in 2005 to travel to the Festival Interceltique de Lorient, in France. The name Cruinniú means Gathering and that's essentially what the band is, a gathering of friends from different parts of Ireland. Cruinniu info on www.cruinniumusic.com

Robbie Hannan was born in Belfast and raised in the nearby town of Holywood Co. Down. He began to take an interest in Irish traditional music as a result of listening to his parents' record collection. The pipers who have most influenced him have been Séamus Ennis, Willie Clancy and Tommy Reck and he has also adapted some of the repertoire of the Donegal fiddle playing tradition to the pipes.

He currently presents the radio programmes Fonn Ceoil on Raidió na Gaeltachta and Cúlán on BBC Radio Ulster.

Dermot McLoughlin, fiddle player, from Derry, Dermot is a well known traditional musician, producer, broadcaster and writer Dermot is a natural teacher, and an authority on many traditional fiddle styles, and in particular the fiddle tunes of Donegal. Dermot was formerly the Traditional Arts Officer with the Arts Council in Dublin.

MCs Kieran Hanrahan RTE Radio 1

Martin Donohoe ShannonSide ,Northern Sound Radio

Tickets €20 concession €15 for o.a.p.s. unwaged and students

This year our Awards to Jig of Life Recipients
Has been created by Captured in Time Company
Captured in Time creates unique handcrafted impressions of your
loved ones hand and foot. The most popular impressions are
created of children's hands and feet .
The impression is taken in our specialized moulding material to
create a high quality template. The template is taken back to
the studio, poured and allowed to cure. It is then sealed and
painted to create a quality finish and presented in the custom
made frames for you and your family to enjoy for years to come.
The impression takes less than five minutes to create, the
process back at the studio takes between three and four weeks.
Venues in your locality can be checked on our website
www.capturedintime.ie

Captured in Time was set up by Caroilin Callery and Catriona O
Reilly.

Caroilin is a drama teacher and has worked in children's creative
education for fifteen years. As a parent she only regrets that
she didn't start this business when her own children were small
as she would love to have captured their small hands and feet
before they grew up. Catriona worked as arts officer with Cavan
County Council for eleven years and is delighted to be associated
with the wildly creative NYAH Festival.

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Dé Sathairn / Saturday 10th March 2007

11pm

Will o' the Wisp in Farnham Arms Concert

Italian - Irish acoustic sextet from Tuscany arrives in Ireland for this year's NYAH Folk Festival Cavan 2007!

Will o' the Wisp perform a mix of Irish , Mediterranean sonorities with hints of Jazz. A Cross-Cultural step and a great way to unite different music styles and cultures!

The band started in January 2001 with a Traditional Repertoire of Irish and Scottish Music played in and around various venues. Today, the band is no longer only re-producing this traditional music but are now interpreting, composing and producing their own 'fresh' sound with ideas, arrangements and the use of world ethnic drums that rejuvenate the folk atmosphere.

The band have played for the Irish Embassy in Rome for the St. Patrick's Day Celebrations, and collaborate with the Irish Tourist Board in Italy. They participate in all the main Folk Festival's in Italy and have also played in France FIMU Festival ,Lugano Folk Festival in Switzerland. This is the band's second visit to Ireland after their October Tour 2006 in The Roe Valley Folk Festival, Derry, with gigs in Belfast and Dublin at Whelan's Music pub. The repertoire will be partly based on the band's last album: "Working Men" and will also include up-to- date compositions in which the band are currently working on for the next album. The songs will be in English, Italian and Gaelic.

The band is composed of: Simona Lippi: Voice , Francesco Amadio: Lead Guitar, Mandolin, Luca Mecurio : Folk Guitar, Bouzouki, Lorenzo del Grande: Flutes, Giulio Putti: Percussions , all from Siena and Stephanie Martin : Fiddle, originally from Belfast and now living in Italy.

This will be held in the Restaurant Room behind Reception

Adm Free but limited Seating ,come Early .

GIG Sponsored by Cavan One Hour Photo, Foxs Shoes/Farnham Arms Hotel /Cavan Arts office /Roma Chipper .

Dé Domhnaigh / Sunday 11th March 2007

2.30PM -4.30PM

Sean Nos Dancing Workshop With Kathleen Mc Glynn Dundalk in Farnham Arms Hotel Cavan

Sponsored by Dancing in The Drumlins

4pm-7pm Farnham Arms Hotel

Cavan Multi-Cultural Network has an exciting programme of events scheduled from 4pm-7pm on Sunday 11th March.

The aim of the Network is to foster integration within the local community by organising family-friendly events that encourage local people to come together and focus on the things that they have in common rather than those that mark them as different.

The relaxed and informal environment of the Farnham Arms Hotel will serve as the venue for this event which will have food and music as its main focus. So why not come along and sample some traditional dishes from South Africa, The Phillipines, Poland or Nigeria and at the same time mingle with people from different nationalities? There will also be a display of photographs entitled, 'The Changing Face of Cavan - People, Places and Events'. It comprises photographs taken in January 2007 by local children and adults, alongside twentieth century images of Cavan. The interesting display really brings home how much the town has changed in recent years. The musical backdrop to the afternoon will feature plenty of local groups who will entice you to get up onto the dancefloor regardless of whether you have a sense of rhythm or not! There'll be the traditional sounds of an Irish Ceili courtesy of Cavan Town Youth Comhaltas, the hypnotic beat of Cavan's Samba band - Sambanova, and the finale in the form of the uplifting voices of Hosanna Gospel House Choir. What more could you ask for? The event has been specially designed to be family-friendly, so all are welcome to come along and join in the fun. There will even be a bouncy castle and face painting to keep the children occupied - that's if they can be tempted away from the dancefloor! So come along and join in the fun on Sunday 11th March from 4pm-7pm. What's more, there is no cover charge for the event!

Dé Domhnaigh / Sunday 11th March 2007

6.30pm

Singers Session Widows Bar Belturbet Co Cavan
Traditional Singer's Session featuring Gabriel McArdle Co
Fermanagh, Mattie-Jó Shéamuis ÓFátharta, Co Galway, Sean
Masterson, Carmel Mc Dermott, Ted Sweeney, Brendan Reilly,
Annie Brady, Aoife Murray, Seamus Fay Marian Crowe and
Friends. All welcome Adm Free

9pm

Fiddler Zoë Conway in Concert
in the Widows Bar upstairs Folk Club Belturbet Co Cavan
Sunday 11th 2007 9pm Start, doors open at 8.30pm
15 Euro

Due to limited seating, early booking is HIGHLY recommended.
To purchase your ticket today, Contact Widows Bar / Brendan
Fay 049 9522274 / MULTISOUND Cavan

“Virtuoso – one of Ireland’s most gifted young musicians”
The Irish Independent

Irish fiddle player, Zoë Conway, is a prodigious talent, equally at home in both traditional Irish and classical styles. Her list of achievements belies her youthful age as Zoë has performed across the globe, from Tel Aviv to Tokyo and from Bangkok to the New York Stock Exchange. She has performed in some of the most prestigious concert halls in the world including The National Concert Hall, Dublin; The Kremlin, Russia; The Kennedy Centre, Washington; The Broadway Gershwin Theatre, New York; and Carnegie Hall, New York. She is a holder of the prestigious All-Ireland Senior Fiddle Champion Title, and was recently voted “Best Traditional Female of the Year”. Zoë has played as guest soloist with renowned orchestras including The Irish Chamber Orchestra, The Ulster Orchestra, The RTE Concert Orchestra, Il Gardino Armonico of Italy, and The National Symphony Orchestra of Galicia in Spain. Zoë has also performed with international acts, Riverdance, Damien Rice, Rodrigo y Gabriella, Nick Cave, Lou Reed, Jarvis Cocker, Gavin Friday and Beth Orton among

others. To date, she has released two solo albums, Zoë Conway and The Horse's Tail, both critically acclaimed, and her live DVD is due to be released later in 2007, www.zoeconway.com

For this tour, Zoe is joined by guitarist, John McIntyre. He is a member of the well-known rock band, The Revs. He has toured worldwide and has performed at festivals including Oxygen, Reading and Rockpalast.

Joining Zoe and John will be The Widows own Sunday night band of

Martin Donohoe Button Accordion, Trevor Bury Bodhran, Kavan Donohoe, Harp, Fintan Mc Manus Bouzouki, Seamus Fay Lilter .And Special Nyah Traditional Singers

Mattie-Jó Shéamuis Ó Fátharta, Galway and Gaberial Mc Ardle, Co Fermanagh,

All Nyah Festival info @ www.cavanmusic.com

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Dé hAoine / Friday 16th March 2007

8.30pm Ramor Theatre Virginia Co Cavan.

Traditional Irish Concert

to celebrate the launch of Padraic O'Reilly's new album,
"Isn't It Grand!"

featuring Clare's Padraic O'Reilly's on piano,
accompanied by

Siobhán O'Donnell (bodhrán/vocals/guitar)

String Quartet Members:

Eimear Howley (1st Violin/Banjo/Mandolin)

Ita Cunningham (2nd Violin/Fiddle) Úna McGinty

(Viola/Fiddle) Caoilfhionn Ni Frighil (Cello/Concertina)

Special Nyah guests

Seamus Fay Lilter, Fintan Mc Manus Bouzouki, Philip Clarke

.Piano.Trevor Bury Bodhran

Martin ,Kavan ,Savannah ,Keenan and Zoran Donohoe

Padraic O'Reilly is widely regarded as Ireland's finest solo
traditional piano player

His new album, "Isn't It Grand!" is a new direction for Padraic.
The title is a play on the fact that it was recorded on a grand
piano, but the main difference from his previous work is his
brilliant merging of classic traditional dance tunes and slow tunes
on piano, with classical string accompaniments.

8.30pm

€15 /€12 Conc

Box Office: 049 854 7074

E mail ramortheatre@cavancoco.ie

Web www.ramortheatre.com

10.30pm Riverfront Hotel Virginia

Session of Music. Liam Fagan, Ballads and Folk .

10.30pm Don Smiths lounge Cootehill

with the Cootehill Ceili Crew .Session Every Friday Night .

Dé Sathairn / Saturday 17th

Lá Fhéile Pádraig/ 17th

Saint Patricks Day Sessions

1pm Farnham Arms Hotel straight after Town Parade

4pm Don Smiths lounge Cootehill with the Cootehill Ceili Crew.

6pm Orchard Lounge Session Euro Ceol Donohoe Clan

10pm Farnham Arms Hotel Session Euro Ceol

Dé Domhnaigh / Sunday 18th

6pm Bridge Inn Mountnugent Co Cavan

Donohoe Family ,Philip Clarke and Friends

All Welcome

10pm

Widows Bar Belturbet

Liam Fagan ,Jim Mc Elgun ,Fintan Mc Manus ,Martin Donohoe ,All

Welcome .

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Déardaoin /Thursday29th

Celebration of the Music of the
The Lynch Brothers Ceili Band

in

Boylans Lounge Kilnaleck Co Cavan

on Thursday night 29th March 2007.

Adm is free .starts at 9.30pm

Musical tributes on the night from local musicians ,
Singers and Dancers .

Special Guest, Nigel Davey Button Accordion Co Meath.

This will be a night to sing ,play and dance ,all welcome .

Mc Mr Philip Clarke

Nigel Davey started music with the tin whistle at seven, but had an early interest in the accordion. He began learning on his father's old button accordion when he was nine and took lessons from Vincent Tighe from Co Cavan. He also studied classical piano to grade seven and is a drummer. This will be a night to sing ,play and dance ,all welcome .

The Lynch Brothers Ceili Band

Philip Lynch snr (RIP) played fiddle with the Moylagh Ceili Band and was an All Ireland Oireachtas gold medal winner circa 1930. His wife Annie (McGrath) always encouraged everyone to play and loved music. They had a family of seven children Oliver, Phil, John Joe, Michael, Patrick RIP, Liam and Sheila. Liam was taught how to play the fiddle by his father and he played on the RTE programme "Children At The Microphone" at 11 years old.

John Joe got a D/D# accordion on the advice of Johnny Carr, Kells (Silver Star Ceili Band) .Michael started on the tin whistle

but the local Band master ,Joe Carroll also got him started on the piccolo and clarinet. In 1950 they formed a trio -Michael (piccolo),Patrick (fiddle) and John Joe (accordion) and started to play for local set dancing. In 1951 they proceeded to play at local ceilithe in Castlerahan and surrounding areas and became known as The Lynch Brothers Trio. Phil now joined on the drums .With paraffin oil on the floor in most halls to keep down the dust Michael recalls that when you played wind instruments you were like a vacuum cleaner. Phil later got an accordion and Oliver went on to play the drums. Sheila joined next on piano. Tunes were mostly learned from O'Neill's and Allen's music books.

Michael now bought a saxophone for old time music .

By now the band had 2 accordions, 2 fiddles, a piccolo, drums and piano. They progressed to playing in The Irish Club and other well known venues nationally.

The band was now playing three and four nights per week.

Jimmy Shand greatly appealed to all members and to add depth \Michael decided to learn the bass fiddle which he learned from Jimmy Shands bass player. The band needed a singer and the famous Bridie Gallagher joined them and stayed with them for a few years. Eileen Donaghey later joined the band and following that Maureen O'Brien from Kilnaleck joined. She remained with the band for many years. The band was very popular eg it was always booked for two consecutive nights at Killala Bay . The band was most popular in Galway, Meath , Cavan and Dublin. The bands first RTE broadcast was in the late fifties and broadcasts continued into the sixties and seventies. By now all members lives were getting busier and family commitments meant that the band had to come to an end. All members met and played with many Scottish bands and musicians. In the early 1970's Jimmy Shand came to stay in Oldcastle for 2 weeks; he played locally- even for the young children at the local crossroads. The Lynch family were shocked when Patrick died in the early 1990's.

Members still continue to play locally and always enjoy meeting old friends and have a chat and a tune.

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The NYAH Festival Committee was formed in 2003 to plan and implement a Traditional Arts Festival in County Cavan. The festival is now in its fourth year and runs over a three month period from January – March culminating with the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. The Committee is comprised of individuals with strong backgrounds in traditional music, dance and song who are recognised nationally and internationally. Other members of the committee include Cavan County Council, Cavan Tourism, Cavan Arts Office and the local community. The members of the Festival Committee have acted in a solo capacity as well as collaborating on various projects throughout their artistic careers. The committee also work with other art forms such as Irish language groups, crafts, performance and the visual arts. The NYAH Committee and other key stakeholders work together to promote, preserve and enhance the traditional arts.

The areas of focus are music, dance, song and visual arts. NYAH refers to the 'lift' or soul of artistic (usually musical) expression. The NYAH committee work to identify and preserve local and

regional traditional arts as well as embracing new influences from other traditions nationally and internationally, which will have a positive impact on the artforms and on local and tourist participation.

The festival aims to continue the promotion and development of the traditional arts i.e. music, song, dance and visual arts. The festival aims to showcase the talents of regional artists, to attract both artists and visitors into the County, to offer artists opportunities for collaboration, to raise the profile of traditional art locally and nationally. The festival also aims to introduce school children to the traditional arts through the school program and master classes.

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