

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Museum of Song

RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND
FRI 24TH - SUN 26TH SEPTEMBER FROM 11AM EACH DAY
PARISH HALL, FREE, ALL WELCOME

Artists Tess Leak and Sharon Whooley have collected hundreds of songs and stories about singing, from over 120 older people living on the islands, valleys and peninsulas across West Cork, which will be exhibited in a temporary museum in the heart of the village. This Museum of Song began as a song-collecting project via the postal service during the Covid 19 pandemic, connecting with residents in community hospitals across West Cork.

MUSEUM OF SONG



Irish Traditional Music Archive Presentation and interview with Thomas McCarthy

SAT 25TH SEPTEMBER 11AM, PARISH HALL, FREE

Alan Woods will speak about and introduce a number of song-based collections held in ITMA. Alan will also be joined by Thomas McCarthy to discuss a collaborative field-recording project between Thomas and ITMA to collect songs, music and stories from the Irish Traveller community.



Idir Dhá Sháile:

Aran and Connemara in Song

SAT 25TH SEPTEMBER 3PM, PARISH HALL, FREE

Ocean waves divide the borders of the Aran Islands and Connemara, and yet these neighbouring Gaeltacht communities are united by a rich cultural heritage. Diving into a truly remarkable shared heritage of song, we hear an illustrated talk from author and musician Dr. Deirdre Ní Chonghaile on her work 'Amhráin Árann - Aran Songs'. Deirdre will share the stage with the renowned sean-nós singer Sarah Ghriallais, winner of the premier sean-nós prize Corn Uí Riada.



Singing Workshop with Ríoghnach Connolly

SUN 26TH SEPTEMBER 12 NOON, €10
GLENILEN FARM PARLOUR CAFÉ

Ríoghnach gives a relaxed singing workshop in the lovely surrounds of Glenilen Farm, just outside the village.



Barbeque & Open-Air Singing Sessions

SATURDAY 25TH 4.30PM & SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 1PM
BACK OF THE PARISH HALL, FREE

Open singing Sessions have been a hallmark of the festival from its inception, so join us in this open-air space in which people can again gather and share their songs.



We would like to thank very specially all of our sponsors, without whom we could not have put on this festival. Huge thanks and praise also to our festival volunteers, without whom we simply could not stage the festival. Thank you also to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and Cork County Council Arts Department for their generous support.

Tickets now on sale locally in
Collins' Centra
Drimoleague Pharmacy

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Rose and Sean O'Driscoll



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DRIMOLEAGUE SINGING FESTIVAL

FRI 24TH - SUN 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

*A celebration of the human voice
in the heart of West Cork*



SEÁN KEANE | DAMIEN DEMPSEY
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CONCERTS

Damien Dempsey

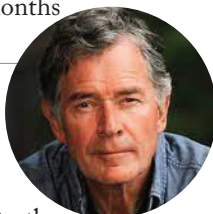
FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 8PM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, €30

Be prepared to "Sing All Our Cares Away" as Damien Dempsey brings his brand of powerful, thoughtful and redemptive music to Drimoleague. Springing from the well of traditional folk singing, Damien's own songs provide a concert experience like no other. After 18 months of lockdown... what better way to celebrate!

Johnny Duhan

SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 1PM
METHODIST CHURCH, €10

Johnny Duhan's songs are performed worldwide in a variety of languages, thanks to the focus put on them by Christy Moore, The Dubliners, Dolores Keane and a host of other singers. His song *The Voyage* has become a modern classic, with Niall Stokes (*Hot Press*) predicting that the song will be around centuries from now, after the most popular songs of our time are long forgotten. Johnny is sure to bring intensity and integrity to what promises to be a very special gig in our village.



Cathy Jordan

SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 5PM
UPSTAIRS @ DRIMOLEAGUE INN, €15

Join us for a relaxing and intimate early evening gig with one of the great voices of Irish folk singing. Cathy Jordan is lead singer with Dervish and we are honoured that she has agreed to do a solo gig especially for our festival. Performing with guitarist Donogh Hennessy, do join us for a unique evening of old and new songs guaranteed to be sung by Cathy in her own inimitable way.



Ríoghnach Connolly & Thomas McCarthy

SATURDAY 25TH SEPT 8PM
ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, €20

Join us for a special evening of song - when two of Ireland's great singers take to the stage in Drimoleague.

Ríoghnach Connolly from Co. Armagh is a singer with a deeply soulful, utterly engaging, stop-you-in-your-tracks voice. Now based in England and voted BBC2's Folk Singer of the Year 2020, she regularly features with Afro Celt Sound System and is one half of The Breath with Stuart McCallum.



FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

- 8pm **Damien Dempsey**
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHAPEL STREET, €30
- 10pm **Open Singing Session**
All singers and listeners welcome.
McCARTHY'S BAR - OUTSIDE BAR AREA ONLY, FREE

SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

- 11am **Irish Traditional Music Archive (ITMA) Presentation & Interview with Thomas McCarthy**
PARISH HALL, MAIN STREET, FREE
- 1pm **Johnny Duhan**
METHODIST CHURCH, WEST END, €10
- 3pm **Idir Dhá Sháile: Aran and Connemara in Song**
PARISH HALL, MAIN STREET, FREE
- 4.30pm **Early Evening Barbeque & Open-Air Singing**
All singers and listeners welcome.
BACK OF THE PARISH HALL, FREE (NEAR TENNIS COURT AREA) MARQUEE WILL BE ERECTED IF WEATHER IS WET

SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER CONTINUED

- 5pm **Cathy Jordan**
UPSTAIRS @ DRIMOLEAGUE INN, MAIN STREET, €15
- 8pm **Ríoghnach Connolly and Thomas McCarthy**
ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, DUNMANWAY ROAD, €20

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

- 12 noon **Singing Workshop with Ríoghnach Connolly**
GLENILEN FARM PARLOUR CAFÉ, GURTEENIHER, DRIMOLEAGUE, P47 V821, €10
- 12.30pm **Lunchtime Barbeque & Open-Air Sing-Song**
All singers and listeners welcome.
BACK OF THE PARISH HALL, FREE (NEAR TENNIS COURT AREA) MARQUEE WILL BE ERECTED IF WEATHER IS WET
- 3pm **Greenshine**
TOP OF THE ROCK POD PÁIRC & WALKING CENTRE, €15
- 7.30pm **Seán Keane**
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHAPEL STREET, €25

Winner of the TG4 Traditional Singer of the Year 2019, Thomas McCarthy is one of the most exciting and moving voices singing today. Originally from Birr in Co. Offaly but based in England since he was 10, Thomas has a rich repertoire of Traveller songs and travels throughout Ireland and worldwide, connecting his music and tradition with an ever-wider audience.

Greenshine

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 3PM
TOP OF THE ROCK POD PÁIRC AND WALKING CENTRE, €15

Anyone who attended our Greenshine concert in 2019 will not want to miss them again when they sing together, like only they can. This family trio is sure to warm your heart on a Sunday afternoon. Christy Moore described Greenshine as: "... the sound of a family immersed in music, tight in harmony, in love with song."



Seán Keane

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHAPEL STREET, €25

Dolores Keane can't have known that when she taught Seán his first song - "May Morning Dew", so he could enter a Fleadh Cheoil, that she was starting the career of one of the great Irish male vocalists of the past 50 years. Seán still sings it to this day, alongside songs from the likes of Dylan, Sting and Richard Thompson. Each he manages to make his own, singing with understated grace and always from the heart. Come celebrate one of the great Irish singers as we bring the curtain down on this year's Singing Festival.

