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Ceol na Coille's **Summer School of Irish Traditional Music** takes place this year from **21st - 25th July in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal**. We welcome music enthusiasts of all ages and abilities for this weeklong celebration of Irish Traditional Music and song. Based in Coláiste Ailigh, Knocknamona in Letterkenny the Summer School will feature some of Ireland's most sought after tutors and performers.

Classes During the Week include:

Advanced and Intermediate Master classes in Fiddle, Flute, Whistle, Uilleann Pipes, Button & Piano Accordion, Harp, Concertina, Banjo & Mandolin. **Monday 21st – Friday 25th July**, 10am – 4pm. There will also be a 3-day workshop in Guitar and Piano accompaniment delivered by Paul Meehan (At First Light, Lunasa) and Melissa Emmons (Jerry Holland, Brenda Stubbart, Paul Cranford) Cape Breton. Please contact us for further information on this.

Beginner Classes, (for 9 yrs and over). For those with some proficiency on a chosen instrument and,

Introduction to Irish Music Course (for 6-9 yrs).

The Introduction class is suitable for kids who have no experience in traditional music, and allows them to try different instruments over the week without the expense of purchasing one. **Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th July**, 10am-1pm.

There will be a **Club Gaelach** from Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th for the pupils attending the Intro and Beginners classes. This will take give the pupils an opportunity to take part in activities through the medium of Irish. Activities include music, sport and art. See attached timetable.



Uilleann Pipe Workshops

The Uilleann Pipe and reed making workshops this year will be run in association with the **Donegal Pipers Club** - Cumann Píobaireachta Tharlaigh Mhic Shuibhne. Gaoth Dobhair based Uilleann Piper Ciarán Mac Fheidhlimídh will be delivering the Uilleann Pipes tuition at this year's Summer School. The all-important -Art of Reed Making workshops - will be delivered by, Martin McIntyre and 'Banba' Martin Gallen.



Traditional Singing

Traditional Singing workshops, hosted by the [The Inishowen Traditional Singers Circle](#) are a welcome addition to our list of activities this year. This workshop will take place on Wednesday 23rd July during the Summer School & all are welcome. The emphasis would be on the songs from the Inishowen Song Project – a free online collection of songs and singers from the Inishowen Peninsula. The day would be backed up with relevant notes, further listening suggestions, and plenty question/answer opportunities. The workshop will finish with a recital delivered by the members of the singer's circle.



In collaboration with the **Earagail Arts Festival**, we are delighted to have guest workshops and performances from visiting acts - **We Banjo 3** and **Treelan** - Martin Tourish, Éamonn Cagney & Niwel Tsumbu. A fantastic opportunity to meet some of Ireland's Top performers and teachers who are on hand to deliver tuition and recitals in what will be a great week of music and fun for all. Both groups will give a recital on the evening prior to their gig, which is a great opportunity for all attending to meet the musicians. Treelan will play the Regional Cultural Center on Monday 21st July and We Banjo 3 will play the 24th July in the Cultural center also. Details on both concerts can be obtained from the RCC or An Grianan box office

Our instrumental Tutors this year, include:

[Conor Moriarty](#) - Button Accordion

[Shane Bracken](#) - Concertina

[Roisin McGrory](#) (Harrigan) – Fiddle

Paul Meehan - Guitar

[Marie McTeague-Clarke](#) - Piano Accordion

[Melanie Houghton](#) – Fiddle

Donna Harkin – Button Accordion

[Ciarán Carlin](#) - Flute

[Ciarán MacFeidhlimidh](#) - Uilleann Pipes

[Colm Breathnach](#) - Banjo

[Joleen McLaughlin](#) – Harp

Melissa Emmons – Piano

More details on this year's tutors can be found on our website.

A bus will be run from Inishowen to the Summer School during the week for those in the Inishowen area who wish to attend. Contact me as soon as possible for further details and book a place. Seats will be limited.

Ceol na Coille Summer School is a family focused & friendly environment and we offer great family and group rates. Feel free to contact us with any queries.

Further details can be found on our website www.ceolnacoille.ie

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Looking forward to hearing from you!

Is mise le meas,

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