



Baile an Cabháin CCÉ

Working together to promote Traditional music song, Irish conversation & dance Arts forms

Branch Diary Dates for Fleadh 2012

Friday August 10th RTE members required to put music on for recording of Nationwide show. No time given yet, text will go out to all members.

Friday 10th & Saturday 11th NYAH Feis in backyard, get your entry forms on the website www.cavantowncomhaltas.ie

Friday 10th & Saturday 11th - Market Square gig rig, members needed text will go out to all informing them of the time to assemble.

Friday 10th IFI Concert Liberty Insurance Dome Venue 7.30 pm, NYAH Fest with IFI Celebration Concert of No Musical Demarcation. Members playing to assemble with parents at 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 12th 2-4 p.m. Family Day Con Smith Park – Members required to play. Parents please bring kids along for 1.30 set up with stools.

Sunday 12th Imperial Bar from 6 to 9 p.m. All Welcome to Cavan branch session.

Sunday 12th 10.30 pm branch support for Aoife Murray's CD launch. FREE EVENT.

Tuesday 14th Summer Seisiun continues in County Museum Ballyjamesduff at 8.00 – 9.00 p.m. We really appreciate the support branch members and parents have given each week and ask that we support the Museum and their staff for this event in Fleadh week as they have been so supportive of our efforts throughout the year.

Wednesday 15th Town hall performance for Seamus Fay's Birthday at 9.00 p.m.

Wednesday 15th Summer Seisiun & Seamus Fay's Party. branch members required to perform at **9.30 p.m.** We ask all members young and experienced to attend and celebrate with us and Seamus who has supported us many nights throughout the Summer Seisiun and indeed throughout the years. *As the time is later than usual we ask that all adult performers who have not performed yet at the weekly branch Summer Seisiun to attend and play as the Summer Seisiun Show has so far been performed entirely by younger members with guest appearances by adult players. Please contact Antoinette or Denise to confirm.*

Saturday 18th - 11.00 a.m. Unveiling of Plaque to Seamus Fay Fleadh Cheoil President by President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins. Further details will issue by text.

Saturday 18th - IFI open air show on Gig rig More performance from 10.15 to 10.45

Sunday 19th - 11pm Gig Rig performance with Martin Donohoe with a new score for the Cavan Derry handover, dancers. and advanced branch players to play Followed by fireworks. Children can attend as audience with parents.

Monday 20th - Farewell concert with Martin Donohoe Dessis O Halloran. Branch kids will perform sets on Done stage.

SAFETY MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

There will be thousands of visitors in Cavan Town for the Fleadh. We now have 70-80 children and teenagers playing in the branch and we want to remind parents that they need to accompany and stay with their children at each of the events at which they are invited to play. When arriving at an event we ask that you identify yourself and the child you have brought to a committee member in order that they are not confused with lost children who will be identified to Fleadh Cheoil Volunteers. Similarly parents of teenagers must also take responsibility for the whereabouts of their teenagers after event dispersal.

We also want to remind parents and children that they are responsible for their instrument and case at events.

We want this to Fleadh to be an experience that your child will remember for the rest of their life and for all the right reasons.

In addition to this, we, as a committee would recommend, that if during the Fleadh your child is busking that there is an adult within sight supervising them at all times.

Please also remember that wristbands will be available from the information offices for young children on which parents can write contact details should they become separated from their child.

Enjoy what we hope will be the best Fleadh ever!

Local Trad Group 'Gleo' support 'FullSet' in the Liberty Insurance Dome



Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann 2012 Clár and Cavan Connections Book and CD will be launched by Mr Jack Keys, Chairman of the Fleadh Executive Committee in the Liberty Insurance Dome on **Wednesday, August 15th at 8pm.**

The Clár includes all the information required to plan the week at the Fleadh in Cavan including details of events, competitions and articles on important influences in Cavan music. The Cavan Connections book is produced by the Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann Clár Committee. It was decided to put this book together when it became obvious that the Clár could not accommodate all the articles and photographs that had been collected during research on the musicians and singers, past and present, that have influenced traditional music in Co Cavan.

The accompanying CD, simply called "Cavan Connections" is a unique compilation produced especially for the Fleadh and will feature such artists as **Sharon Shannon, Thom Moore, Charlie McGettigan, Aoife Murray, Eleanor Shanley, Fintan McManus and Antóin MacGabhann** as well as many local musicians. Add to that, some original tunes composed by local musicians and you have a fantastic blend of music that celebrates the county's diverse musical heritage.

The night commences with the youth group, **Gleo**, all members of Cavan Town Comhaltas. The members are **Eimear O'Reilly** on fiddle and vocals, **Katie Flynn** on banjo and vocals, her sister **Aoife** on button accordion, bodhrán and sean nós dancing, **Aoife Geoghegan** on button accordion and banjo her sister **Niamh** on concertina and bouzouki, **Savannah Donohoe** on flute and saxophone, **Gareth Tierney** on piano accordion and guitar, his brother **Séamus** on

piano accordion and guitar, his brother **Séamus** on flute and whistles and **Damien Bannon** on uilleann pipes.

The audience will then be entertained by **FullSet** who create a stunning and unique sound that is full of energy and innovation, whilst all the time remaining true to their traditional roots. Having received great acclaim for their debut album "**Notes At Liberty**", FullSet are quickly becoming one of the most well known bands in the Irish music scene today. In October 2011 they were honoured by being announced as the winners of the **RTÉ/RAAP Breakthrough Annual Music Bursary Award.**

To date FullSet have performed at various festivals and venues across Europe including the Kann al Loar folk festival in Landerneau, Brittany, and also the Festival Interceltique de Lorient. During this time they have shared the stage with some of the biggest names in folk and world music including Moya Brennan, Fred Morrison, Lúnasa, Carlos Núñez, Andy Irvine, Donal Lunny and Beoga.

A night not to be missed!



The Donohoe Family play the Feile Seamus Creagh festival Newfoundland

Our branch Chairman **Martin Donohoe** traveled to St. John's, Newfoundland last week with Savannah and Kavan to take part in Feile Seamus Creagh. 'The Donohoes' were a headline act at the festival and will also shared their expertise by giving workshops in accordion, harp, uilleann pipes and flute. This visit comes following Savannah and Kavan's performance at Áras an Uachtaráin where they entertained President Higgins and guests at his 12th July Garden Party.

More information on Feile Seamus Creagh and photos of the Aras Garden Party at www.cavantowncomhaltas.ie