

SPECIAL EVENTS

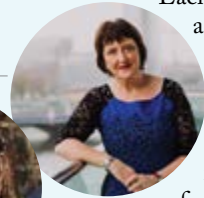
Festival Pub Singing Competition Final

THURS 22ND SEPTEMBER, 8.30PM, DRIMOLEAGUE INN, FREE

Our Pub Singing Competition is back after a 3-year gap and promises to be a highlight of the festival once again. Local heats have been running throughout September. But who will our esteemed judges pick as the standout performer of the night for 2022? Come along and find out! Space is limited, so come early!

Cathy Jordan – Singer in Residence

Cathy was a standout performer for many at last year's festival, so this year we invited her back to collaborate with us over the entire weekend. Cathy is lead singer with Dervish and is one of the great voices of Irish folk singing. She will be a judge in our pub singing competition on Thursday, will perform in concert for us on Friday, and will be giving a singing workshop on Saturday. And who knows, Cathy might turn up around the village elsewhere too for an impromptu song or two! Fáilte ar ais go Drom Dhá Liag Cathy.



Singing Workshops

Each year the finest singers come to Drimoleague and give workshops which are accessible to all. This year we have two of the best singers in the country: Cathy Jordan, lead singer with Dervish and accomplished solo performer, will be giving us the benefit of her vast experience, followed by multi-award winning sean-nós singer and lecturer from Muscraí, Máire Ní Chéileachair. A fantastic opportunity to pick up tips from the very best.

Singing workshop with Cathy Jordan

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 9.45AM, CORNER GALLERY, MAIN STREET, €10

Singing Workshop with Máire Ní Chéileachair

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER, 11AM, CORNER GALLERY, MAIN STREET, €10

The Bess Cronin Songbook - The Songs and Singers of Múscraí

SAT 24TH SEPTEMBER 11.30AM, PARISH HALL, FREE

Elizabeth 'Bess' Cronin from Ballyvourney in West Cork was probably the best-known Irish female traditional singer of her time. Collectors came from far and near to hear and record her singing, including Alan Lomax and Jean Ritchie. Seamus Ennis called her "The Queen of Irish Song".

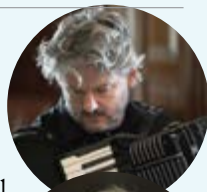
This year join us for a special celebration of Bess, hosted by Professor Tríona Ní Shíocháin, Maynooth University and including a blend of exceptional singers from Múscraí; Maire Ní Chéileachair, Danny Maidhcí Ó Súilleabháin, and three of Bess's granddaughters: Eilís Uí Thuama, Josie Ní Chuilleanáin and Mairéad Uí Uidhir who will all perform songs associated with Bess. Dáibhí Ó Cróinín, grandson of Bess and author of the definitive collection "The Songs of Elizabeth Cronin, Irish Traditional Singer" will also share some of his personal insights.



Songs of the Gaelic Harpers

SUN 25TH SEPTEMBER 1PM, PARISH HALL, FREE

Come and experience the beautiful and unique voice of the highly acclaimed Donegal singer, Doimnic Mac Ghiolla Bhríde, accompanied by Ireland's foremost scholar-performer of historical Irish music Siobhán Armstrong. They will perform songs from the Gaelic harpers, including treasures they have reconstructed



from manuscript sources of the 1700s, as well as neglected versions of well-known 18th century compositions by Turlough O' Carolan. Siobhán beautifully complements Doimnic's raw and powerful singing on a copy of an early 18th century harp.

Open Singing Sessions

Open singing sessions have been at the heart of the festival from the start, and this year we envisage many more memorable moments when we invite singers of all ages, backgrounds, shapes and sizes to take part in our various sessions around the village.



George Murphy

Dublin singer and balladeer George Murphy burst onto the Irish music scene after his memorable appearance on the Irish Television show *You're a Star*. He later went on to sing with The High Kings, but now he's back doing what he loves best, and he is leading two open singing sessions for us at our festival this year.

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, McCARTHY'S BAR, 10PM, FREE

All singers welcome to sing on the night.

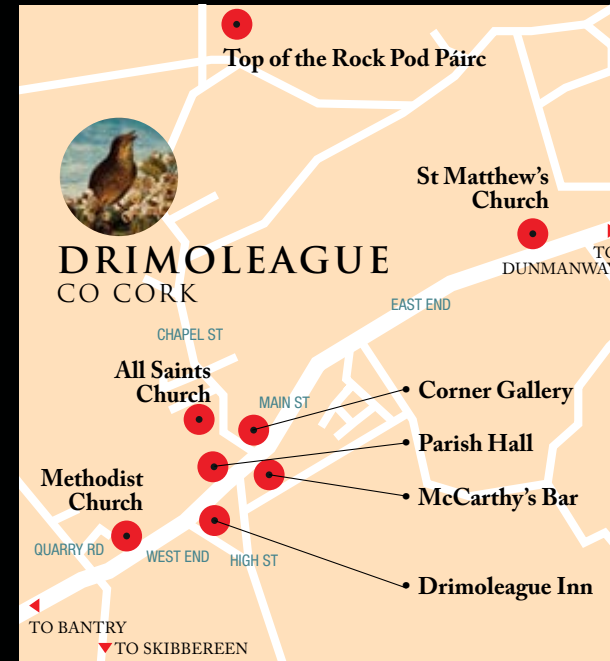
SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, PARISH HALL, 2.30PM, FREE

Sing-Along session with George, followed by open singing session from the floor. Great afternoon of song in the village guaranteed!

Con 'Fada' Ó Drisceoil

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, McCARTHY'S BAR, 6PM, FREE

Open Singing Session led by Con 'Fada' Ó Drisceoil. 'Rhyming becomes almost a disease eventually', Con 'Fada' Ó Drisceoil once declared, so expect plenty comic touches in what promises to be a great evening's entertainment. All singers and listeners welcome.



We would like to thank very specially all of our sponsors without whom we could not have put on this festival as well as the many people who have volunteered and helped us along the way. Thank you also to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and Cork County Council Arts Department for their generous support.

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THU 22ND - SUN 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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



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CONCERTS

Cathy Jordan & Clare Sands

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 8PM
ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, DUNMANWAY ROAD, €20

Clare Sands is a 6th generation fiddler, multi-instrumentalist and composer from Cork who has been lighting up stages all over the world recently. Her powerhouse vocals and multi-faceted musical talents have been delighting audiences and she is renowned for her electrifying stage shows. "An impassioned voice and musical genius onstage. A unique force in Irish music." *Hotpress Magazine*

The second half of our double bill features one of the great voices of Irish folk singing. Cathy Jordan is lead singer with Dervish and has sung some of the great Irish songs of the past 30 years. She performs at the festival with Donogh Hennessy. A night of sublime singing and enjoyment guaranteed!

Daoirí Farrell

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 1.30PM
METHODIST CHURCH, WEST END, €15

Dublin-born traditional singer and bouzouki player Daoirí Farrell is one of most important singers to come out of Ireland in recent years. Having burst onto the scene in 2017 winning two prestigious BBC Radio 2 Folk Music Awards, he has toured the UK and played at festivals all over the world. "His powerfully unadorned vocals might be from any era, variously recalling Paul Brady and Andy Irvine...it's a powerful statement." *Mojo*



Strange Boy

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 3.30PM
UPSTAIRS @ DRIMOLEAGUE INN, MAIN STREET, €10

Blending hip hop and traditional Irish folk (banjo, flute and bodhrán) Strange Boy was described by *The Irish Times* as "Irish hip-hop at its most culturally, intrinsically authentic", and *Totally Dublin* saying Strange Boy "has taken his demons and transformed them into something intensely poetic."



Eleanor Shanley & John Feeley

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 5PM
UPSTAIRS @ DRIMOLEAGUE INN, €15

Eleanor Shanley makes a welcome return to Drimoleague, this time accompanied by classical guitarist John Feeley, a collaboration that was 25 years in the making. Having decided to do some concerts together, the pair went further and recorded a beautiful album of new and old songs. Enjoy a late afternoon concert of sublime music and singing which is sure to be a balm to the soul.



Lisa O'Neill & Cormac Begley, Rónán Ó Snodaigh & Myles O'Reilly

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM
ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, DUNMANWAY ROAD, DRIMOLEAGUE €25

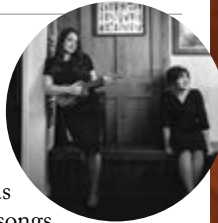
Kila frontman Rónán Ó Snodaigh and filmmaker/musician Myles O'Reilly join forces for a very special gig, fresh from their latest collaboration the critically acclaimed album "Tá Go Maith".

The second half of the show is a unique pairing of the great Cavan singer and songwriter, Lisa O'Neill, a long-time friend of the festival and the great concertina virtuoso Cormac Begley who hails from the famous Begley family on the Dingle peninsula.

Lumiere

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 3.30PM
TOP OF THE ROCK POD PÁIRC, €15

Lumiere is one of those musical matches made in heaven combining the singular talents of Pauline Scanlon and Éilís Kennedy into a glorious whole, filled with beauty and emotion. From the songs of West Kerry through Sandy Denny to Suzanne Vega there is an artistry and depth of feeling that is truly special.



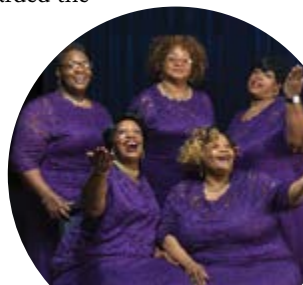
The Legendary Ingramettes & Jack O'Rourke

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHAPEL STREET, €20

Making a virtue out of necessity, Jack O'Rourke spent the lockdown years of 2020 and 2021 writing and performing online from his attic room. The songs that poured from this burst of creativity are amongst his best work. Do not miss the chance to hear his voice live - it is a thing of power and beauty.



The Legendary Ingramettes were founded by plantation-born Maggie Ingram as a way to keep her family together through hardship. Now led by Maggie's daughter Almata, they serve up a heady brew to intoxicate both the sinner and the righteous. They were awarded the 2022 National Heritage Fellowship, the highest honour that the United States bestows upon traditional artists. "It's soul-stirring, life-changing music with a message to bring a smile to your face and put joy in even the most curmudgeonly heart." Grant Britt, *The Journal of Roots Music*



THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

11am **Children's Choir Workshop**
First of 2 days of a children's choir workshop for local primary schools with Peter Stobart, Director of Music, St Finn Barre's Cathedral, Cork.

TIME TBC **The Museum of Song: Ireland and Ukraine**
Tess Leak and Sharon Whooley from The Museum of Song invite you to a special song sharing session with members of the community from Ireland and Ukraine.
POD PÁIRC, TIME TBC - PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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10pm **Open Singing Session**
Open singing session led by renowned singer and balladeer George Murphy.
McCARTHY'S BAR, MAIN STREET, FREE

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PARISH HALL, MAIN STREET, FREE

1.30pm **Daoirí Farrell**
METHODIST CHURCH, WEST END, €15

2.30pm **Open Singing Session – Sing-Along session
with balladeer George Murphy**
All singers welcome to take part. All listeners very welcome too.
PARISH HALL, MAIN STREET, FREE

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER CONTINUED

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UPSTAIRS @ DRIMOLEAGUE INN, MAIN STREET, €10

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6pm **Open Singing Session led by
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All singers and listeners welcome.
McCARTHY'S BAR, MAIN STREET, FREE

7.30pm **Lisa O'Neill & Cormac Begley
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1pm **Songs of the Gaelic Harpers**
Doimnic MacGhiolla Bhríde with harpist Siobhán Armstrong.
PARISH HALL, MAIN STREET, FREE

2.30pm **Famine Commemoration**
A spoken word and song commemoration at the site of the Drimoleague Famine mass grave.
FAMINE MEMORIAL, OLD GRAVEYARD, CHAPEL STREET, FREE

3.30pm **Lumiere –
Pauline Scanlon and Éilís Kennedy**
TOP OF THE ROCK POD PÁIRC AND WALKING CENTRE, €15

7.30pm **Jack O'Rourke & The Legendary Ingramettes**
With special guests The Drimoleague Singing Festival Schools' Choir.
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHAPEL STREET, €20