

Sarah O'Gorman - Fiddle Tutor



The 2022 All Ireland Senior Fiddle Champion Sarah O'Gorman hails from the Sliabh gCua area of West Waterford. All-Ireland Senior Fiddle Slow Airs, Senior Miscellaneous, The Fiddler of Dooney and The Ed Reavy International Fiddler of The Year, are only but a few titles Sarah holds. She is also a member of the All-Ireland Senior Céilí band champions Taobh na Mara. In 2016, Sarah was the tutor for the Sliabh gCua Instrumental music group in Scór na nOg. The group won both Munster and the All-Ireland titles, the first time both titles were won by a Waterford group.

Ava Glancy - Sean Nós Dancing Tutor



We are delighted to have Ava Glancy join us this year as our Sean Nós Dancing Tutor. Ava Glancy hails from the parish of Geevagh in County Sligo. Learning from the skilled Edwina Guckian, Ava has performed both nationally and internationally with Áirc Damhsa club. Ava has competed at all levels of Fleadhanna Ceoil and Oireachtas na Samhna. Ava is passionate about passing on this skill.

Joe McGorrin - Set Dancing Tutor



Joe McGorrin has been steeped in Irish music and dancing from an early age. He began teaching set dancing in the late '80s, and has continued with classes and workshops on and off, both at home and abroad, over the past 35 years. Joe's love of music and dance is very evident, and when teaching, his main aim is to ensure that everyone learns as much as they want to learn, no matter what level they are at, having as much fun as possible along the way!

A Weekend of Talent Featuring :

- Aaron Glancy
  - Ademar O'Connor
  - Alan Coolahan
  - Annette Roland
  - Ava Glancy
  - Breda Keville
  - Claire Keville
  - Clara Mannion
  - Colin McGill
  - Colm Slattery
  - Conor Connolly
  - Conor McCarthy
  - Cormac Cannon
  - David Colohan
  - Declan Coyne
- Deirdre Collis
  - Diarmuid Claffey
  - Elaine Reilly
  - Elisabeth Affolter & The Blossom Harp Ensemble
  - Eoghan Baxter
  - Gary Lynch
  - Gerry Hanley
  - Iomar Barrett
  - Ita Geraghty
  - Jack Fitzpatrick
  - Joe Mannion
  - John McEvoy
  - John Wynne
- Johnny Johnston
  - Junior Davey
  - Kealan McGrath
  - Liam Lynch
  - Liam Loughrey
  - Máirín Fahy
  - Marie Walsh
  - Martin Gavin
  - Melissa Clarke
  - Mick Crehan
  - Pádraig Kinsella
  - Páraic Mac Donnchadha
  - Patsy Broderick
  - Patsy Hanly
- Sarah O'Gorman
  - Sean Claffey
  - Sinéad Nic Dhonncha
  - Terence O'Reilly
  - Teresa Tierney
  - Tony Sweeney
  - Tony Treacy
  - Vera Craughwell
  - Yvonne Flynn
  - and Many More

Fáilte ó Chroí – A Warm Welcome from the Féile Committee

It gives the committee of Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds great pleasure to welcome you once again to Ballinasloe as we celebrate our 12th year of traditional Irish music, song, dance, culture, and heritage.

What began in 2014 as a tribute concert to honour the extraordinary musical legacy of Larry Reynolds and to promote the unique East Galway style of music has since grown into a vibrant four-day Féile, rich in community spirit and cultural depth.

Each year, we are proud to present a dynamic and inclusive programme featuring an outstanding line-up of artists of exceptional talent. From lively music sessions, workshops, concerts, and céilí, to our historical walk, CD and book launches, competitions, East Galway music style exhibitions, and the ever-popular Crafters Village, there truly is something for everyone to enjoy.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our loyal supporters, old and new, near and far, who continue to travel, participate, and share their incredible talents with us year after year. To the people of Ballinasloe, your warmth, generosity, and true céad míle fáilte make this town the vibrant heart of the Féile. Finally, to our generous sponsors, Míle Buíochas, your continued support is essential to making this annual celebration possible.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.  
We hope you enjoy every note, step, and story.

For ticketed events, search Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds on eventbrite

www.feilecheoillarryreynolds.com

Festival Dates 2026:  
3rd - 6th September 2026



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# Event Schedule

## Thursday, 4th September – Festival Launch

**7:30pm**     **Official Festival Launch:** Join us for the opening ceremony with live traditional music upstairs in An Táin Bar at 7:30 pm

## Friday, 5th September

**Seisiún Ceoil:** Traditional music sessions in participating pubs & venues from **11.00am** - See *Seisiún Trail*

**11:00am**     **Seisiún Ceoil:** Soak up the atmosphere with live traditional music at Ballinasloe's Indoor Country Market. All welcome.

**2:00pm**     **Ceol le Chéile:** Back Lounge Gibbons Pillar House Bar: Join us for a joyful and inclusive music session that brings together clients from the Brothers of Charity and local musicians to share tunes, laughter, and the spirit of community through traditional Irish music.

**4:00pm**     **Open Air Seisiún Ceoil:** Enjoy lively music in Ballinasloe Town Square. All Welcome

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**8:00pm**     **Festival Concert – Masters in Tune: Pillar House Back Lounge:** - Join us for a powerful evening of music with two masters of tradition, Gerry Hanley and Carl Hession, along with special guests, as they showcase tunes from their latest album called “In the Middle of it” We’re especially honoured to welcome back Gerry, a long-time friend and supporter of Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds since its beginning in 2013. We’re thrilled that he has chosen Ballinasloe as the stage to this celebrate this remarkable collection of tunes. Don’t miss this rare chance to witness a gathering of exceptional musicians in celebration of East Galway’s rich musical heritage. Tickets available now on [eventbrite](#) or at the door on the night.

## Saturday, 6th September – Competitions & Cultural Events

**Seisiún Ceoil:** Traditional music sessions in participating pubs & venues from **12.00 midday** - See *Seisiún Trail*

**11:00am**     **Music & Dance Workshops** – Scoil an Chroí Naofa, Society Street at 11:00 am. Registration at 10:30 am. Limited spaces – Book now via [eventbrite](#)

**11-5.00pm**     **Exhibition – Ballinasloe Library** - The Musical Journey of Larry Reynolds - This library exhibition celebrates the life and legacy of Larry Reynolds. Through photographs, instruments, recordings, and personal memorabilia, the display traces Larry's journey from East Galway to the U.S., highlighting his role in preserving the lyrical East Galway style and his lifelong dedication to promoting Irish music and culture.

**11-5.00pm**     **Traditional Crafters Village:** Explore crafts and demonstrations by local artisans on town streets.

**12:00pm**     **Historical & Heritage Walk:** Join Declan Kelly for a guided stroll exploring the town’s historical heritage, starting at the Ballinasloe Library on Society Street. Enter via [eventbrite](#)

**2:30pm**     **From Galway to Fiji – CD Launch in Ballinasloe Library:** Join Máirín Fahy and Patsy Broderick, along with special guests, as they return to Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds to launch their latest CD, From Galway to Fiji, a powerful musical tribute to the brilliant compositions of Fr. P. J. Kelly. This special performance will bring the heart and soul of East Galway to life, celebrating Fr. Kelly’s timeless tunes through the passion and talent of these outstanding musicians. Woven between the music will be stories and memories of Fr. Kelly’s visits to East Galway, sharing the warmth, wit, and inspiration he brought with him.

**2.30pm-4.30pm**     **U18 + O18 - Street Busking Competition:** - Enter via [eventbrite](#)

**3.00pm**     **All Ireland U18 Open Fiddle Competition:** Scoil an Chroí Naofa, Society Street at 3 p.m. (Larry Reynolds Perpetual Cup & Monetary Prize). Enter via [eventbrite](#)

**3.30pm**     **Labhairt na Gaeilge Competition:** All Ireland U18 Comórtas Labhairt na Gaeilge (Cup and Monetary Prize). Enter via [eventbrite](#)

**4.30pm**     **Singers Circle:** Join Johnny Johnston, Declan Coyne & friends for an afternoon of song, story, and shared tradition where every voice has a place and every ballad tells a tale.

**Schools Art, & Photo Competitions:** Showcasing creative talents from local students.  
**Shop Front Window Competition:** Businesses dress up their windows in festival spirit.

## Sunday, 7th September

**Seisiún Ceoil:** Traditional music sessions in participating pubs & venues from **12.00 pm** - See *Seisiún Trail*

**12:00pm**     **Aifreann an Lae - St. Michaels Church - Festival Mass** - A special Mass in remembrance of deceased friends and supporters of Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds, honouring their lasting contribution to our musical community.

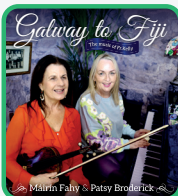
**2:00pm**     **East Galway Presentation - The Branch Line, the iconic 1977 recording by East Galway brothers Jack and Charlie Coen** We are delighted to have Claire Keville, a longstanding respected musician, and tutor from Galway join us to present The Branch Line, the iconic 1977 recording by East Galway brothers Jack and Charlie Coen. The album’s unique repertoire reflects family tradition, with hornpipes, jigs, flings, and polkas. Claire will explore their lyrical Woodford style, brought to New York in the 1950s and captured on this rare duet LP. She will be joined by Jack & Charlies’ brother, Tony Coen, offering personal insight into this influential musical legacy. **Venue:** Ballinasloe Enterprise Hub, Society Street. H53TH24

**3:30pm**     **Set Dancing Workshop:** Led by Joe McGorrin in Gullane’s Hotel

**4:00pm**     **Singers Circle:** Join Johnny Johnston, Declan Coyne & friends for an afternoon of song, story, and shared tradition where every voice has a place and every ballad tells a tale.

**7:00pm**     **Evening Céilí:** Set dancing to Uí Bhrian in Gullane’s Hotel. Tickets on the door.

**Slán Abhaile Seisiún Ceoil: Final session at The Pillar House, Society Street.**



Máirín Fahy & Patsy Broderick



Claire Keville



Carl Hession & Gerry Hanley

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# Féile Tutors

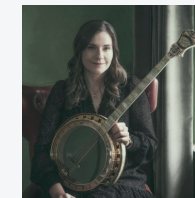


## Conor Connolly - Accordion Tutor



Conor Connolly is a button accordion, piano player, and singer from Clarinbridge and was awarded TG4 Young Musician of the Year for 2019. Coming from an area steeped in Irish music, Conor was always destined to play the accordion, with players like Joe Cooley from the locality and the great Joe Burke, from whom he took lessons. Conor has given workshops at many of the Traditional Music festivals at home and abroad such as Scoil Samhradh Willie Clancy, Rencontres Musicales Irlandaises De Tocane in France, Feakle International Music Festival, Cooley-Collins Traditional Music Festival in Gort amongst others.

## Elaine Reilly - Banjo Tutor



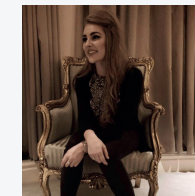
From Granard, Co Longford, Elaine Reilly is one of the foremost tenor banjo players of her generation. She is in high demand as an accomplished and much sought after performer and tutor. She has taught at many events including The Willie Clancy Summer School, IMBOLC, Fleadh by the Feale, and Scoil Eigse and has toured extensively in Ireland, Britain and North America. She has recently performed at The Ace & Deuce of piping concert, The Return to London Town Festival, The Patrick O'Keefe festival, Sessions with the Pipers, TradFest '25, and featured on Tg4 programmes Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy and Geantraí. Elaine's much anticipated debut solo album "Epiphany" was released in June 2024.

## Junior Davey - Bodhrán Tutor



Junior Davey is an acclaimed bodhran tutor from a family deeply entrenched in the musical traditions of South Sligo. Junior's exceptional skill on the bodhrán is evident in his five-time Senior All-Ireland Bodhrán championship victories. As a highly sought-after percussion tutor, Junior is as adept with the bones as he is with the bodhrán. His innate understanding of Irish music, passed down through generations, makes him a sought after teacher at various workshops and festivals. Join Junior's workshop to experience his profound musical heritage and expertise.

## Clara Mannion - Concertina Tutor



Clara Mannion is an All-Ireland concertina player from Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, with multiple Fleadh Cheoil titles. In 2013, she won the All-Ireland U18 Concertina title and the U18 Duet and Trio competitions in 2014. Clara has performed extensively in England, the USA, Canada, and Europe. She received her T.T.C.T. Teaching Diploma from Comhaltas Ceoilteoirí Éirinn in 2017 and teaches concertina both in Ireland and abroad. Clara has a B.A. in Music and Gaeilge. Clara's dedication to preserving and promoting traditional Irish music is evident through her teaching and workshops. As a respected musician and mentor, she continues to inspire a new generation of concertina players.