

## Steph Geremia - Flute



Steph Geremia is an Irish flute player and singer from Galway. Touring Internationally since 2007, she is a consummate performer who embodies flair, sensitivity and tradition. Steph has been teaching flute since 2005 and is a highly sought after teacher who continues to lead masterclasses at many international festivals, the Royal Conservatory of Scotland, University of Limerick and she has developed both a wooden and silver flute course for the Online Academy of Irish music. She regularly works with international students online as well as teaching locally in Galway.

## Ryan Owens - Bodhrán



Ryan Owens is a Bodhrán & banjo player from Strokestown Co. Roscommon. He also is a Sean nós & set dancer. Ryan learned his Bodhrán playing from the great Junior Davey of Sligo. Ryan has won multiple titles throughout his career in both music & dancing and has performed across the globe. A dedicated bodhrán teacher since a young age, he is passionate about inspiring and developing the next generation of players.

## Michael Cusack - Set Dancing



Michael Cusack is a familiar face at Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds where he has been calling the sets at our Céilís since the festival's inception. A seasoned dancer from a young age, Michael teaches set dancing to both junior and senior groups, many who have performed in Fleadh Cheoil. With a vast repertoire of sets, we are excited to have Michael lead a workshop where he will be teaching the East Galway Set among others.

## A Weekend of Talent Featuring :

- Aaron Glancy
- Ademar O'Connor
- Alan Coolahan
- Annette Roland
- Ava Glancy
- Breda Keville
- Catlyn Cleary
- Cecil O'Grady
- Christopher Feeney
- Claire Keville
- Clann Kinsella
- Colin McGill
- Conor McCarthy
- Declan Coyne
- David Colohan
- Diarmuid Claffey
- Elizabeth Affolter & The Blossom Harp Ensemble
- Eoin Gavin
- Fionan Seale
- Frank Hession
- Gerry Hanley
- Hartigan Family
- Iomar Barrett
- Jack Fitzpatrick
- Jacinta McEvoy
- Joseph Mannion
- John McEvoy
- John Wynne
- Johnny Johnston
- Keelan McGrath
- Liam Loughrey
- Liam Lynch
- Máirín Fahy
- Mark Tomany
- Martin Gavin
- Martin Tully
- Melissa Clarke
- Michael Tully
- Mick Crehan
- Neil Dignam
- Páraic Mac Donnchadha
- Patsy Broderick
- Patsy Hanly
- Riona Hely
- Ryan Sheridan
- Seán Claffey
- Sinéad Nic Dhonncha
- Steph Geremia
- Stephen Boyle
- Stuart Madden
- Terence O'Reilly
- Teresa Tierney
- Tom Madden
- Tony Sweeney
- Tony Treacy
- Vera Craughwell
- Willie Kelly
- Yvonne Flynn
- And Many More

## Céad míle fáilte romhaibh go léir

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 **13th 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 grown into a vibrant and much-loved Féile, rich in community spirit and cultural pride.

Over the years, Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds has become a celebration of the rich traditions of East Galway music while bringing together musicians, dancers, singers, craftspeople, and visitors from near and far. This year's programme once again offers something for everyone, with an exciting mix of events, lively music sessions, workshops, céili, heritage events, competitions, exhibitions, CD launches, and our ever-popular Interactive Crafters Village.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our loyal supporters, artists, and visitors who continue to support the Féile year after year. A special word of thanks to the people of Ballinasloe, whose warmth, generosity, and genuine Céad Míle Fáilte make this town the vibrant heart of the festival and to our sponsors, your continued support is essential to making this annual celebration possible.

Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds is a non-profit community festival, and it costs approximately €30,000 each year to bring this wonderful weekend of music, culture, and heritage to Ballinasloe. We are proud that most events remain free of charge, ensuring that everyone can take part and enjoy the celebrations. If you would like to support the future of the Féile, we would greatly appreciate a donation. Simply scan the **QR code below**, every bit helps and makes a real difference.



To Make a Donation

Míle buíochas from the 2026 Committee: Martina Flanagan, Claire Gibbons, Kathryn Gibbons, Helena Coughlan, Alec Farrell, Alison Madden, Robbie Rougheen, Sean Claffey, James Keating

For ticketed events, search Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds on [eventbrite](#)

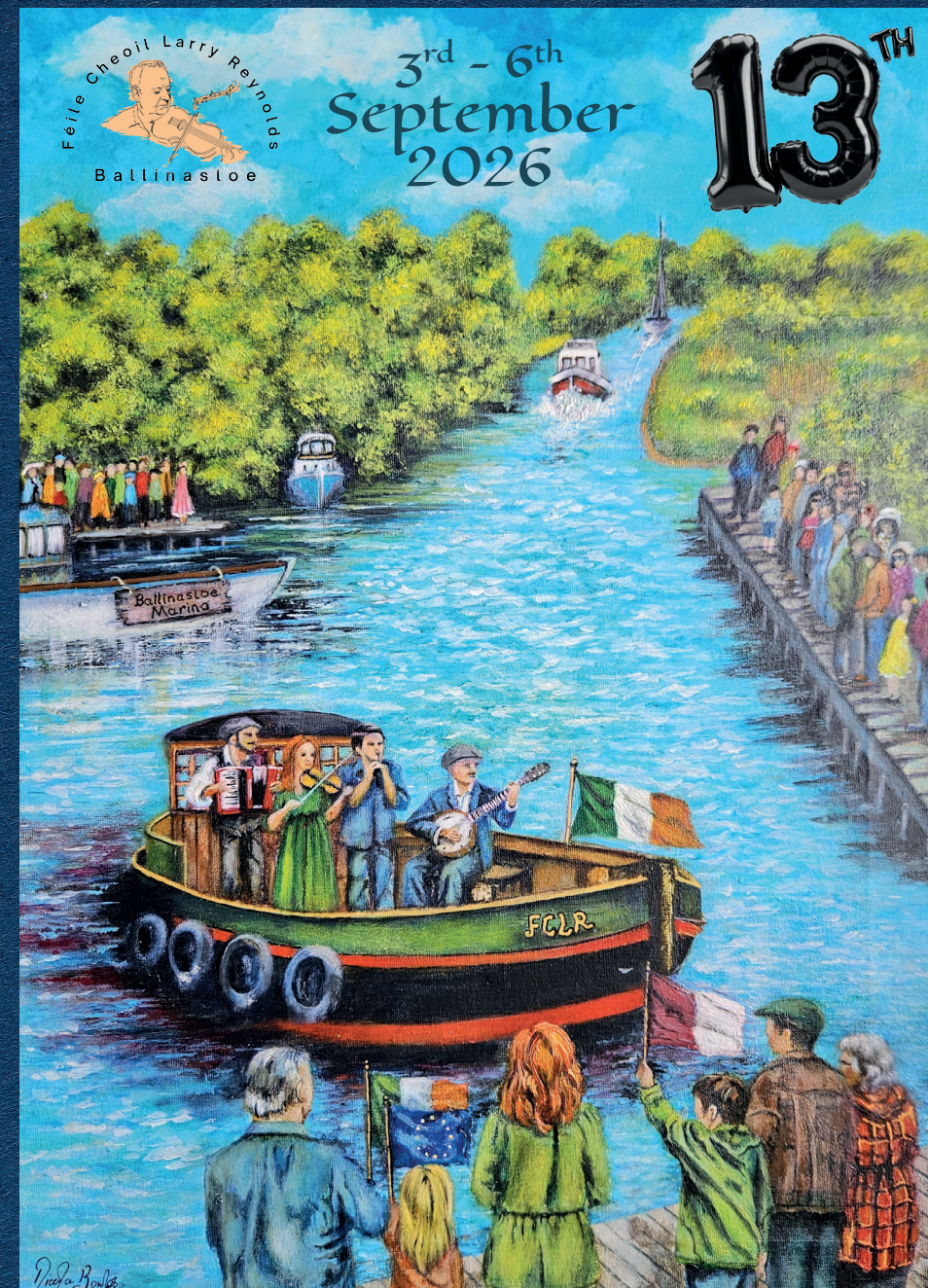
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Festival Dates 2027:  
2nd - 5th September 2027



For More Info & Tickets

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# Event Schedule

## Thursday, 3rd September

Festival Launch

7:30pm

**Festival Launch:** Join us for our official launch and an evening of live traditional music & song in **Gibbons Pillar House** Back Bar. All Welcome.

## Friday, 4th September

**All Weekend 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:** The 1st of our weekends **Cuimsiú** sessions in the back Lounge Gibbons Pillar House Bar: Join us for a joyful and inclusive music session that brings together our friends from Corlann 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.

6:00pm

**Seisiún Ceoil:** Join us in participating venues until late. See **Seisiún Trail** for more details.

## Saturday, 5th September

Competitions & Cultural Events

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

10:00am – 1:00pm

**Music Workshops:** Scoil an Chroí Naofa, Society Street. Registration at 9:30 am. Limited spaces – Book now via [📍 eventbrite](#) \*Set *Dancing Workshop on Sunday in Gullanes Hotel at 2:30 pm*

11:00am

**Ballinasloe Library: A presentation by Joe Tully on East Galway Tradition**  
The rich heritage of musical creativity and composition between Kilconnell and Eyrecourt; a talk and music recital. The starting point of this talk will focus briefly on some 19th century Uilleann Pipers local to Ballinasloe. The talk will include the history of the Aughrim Slopes and the influence of Paddy Kelly on the other famous composers in this band, including Joe Mills, Paddy Fahey and Paddy O'Brien. This event will consider some Clontuskert musicians and composers including Tommy Coen, Bill Hoare and Sarah Hobbs. Finally, the focus will shift to two notable Eyrecourt musicians, Martin Mulhaire and Eddie Kelly who also contributed to the impressive repertory of tunes that emanated from the hinterland of Ballinasloe.

11:00am-5.00pm

**Traditional Crafters Display:** Explore crafts and demonstrations by local artisans on Main Street and Society Street.

12:00pm

**Heritage Walk:** We welcome Christy Cunniffe who has more than 30 years of involvement with heritage in County Galway. Join Christy for a guided stroll exploring the town's heritage, starting at the Ballinasloe Library on Society Street. Enter via [📍 eventbrite](#)

1.00pm

**School Art Competition Prize Giving & Exhibition:** Join us in The Enterprise Hub (H53TH24) to see the wonderful display of artwork from our local national schools. Prizes awarded.

12:30-4:30pm

**The Art of the Fiddle – The Pop Up Fiddle House, Society Street**  
An Exhibition with Paddy Hassett. Paddy Hassett is an instrument maker with over 18 handmade fiddles to his credit. Still using the old-style tools, he merges creativity with musical understanding. Come and visit the exhibition, not to be missed.

2:00 – 4:00pm

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

2:00pm

**Ceol le Chéile:** The 2nd of our weekends **Cuimsiú**. Join us for a joyful and inclusive music session that brings together our friends from the Corlann, Downs Syndrome Ireland, Ability West & Resilience Health Care and local musicians to share tunes, laughter, and the spirit of community through traditional Irish music.- \*See Session Trail for location.

2:30pm

**All Ireland U18 Open Fiddle Competition:** Gullanes Suite - Gullanes Hotel (Larry Reynolds Perpetual Cup & Monetary Prize). Enter via [📍 eventbrite](#)

3:00pm

**Comórtas Labhairt na Gaeilge:** All Ireland U18 Comórtas Labhairt na Gaeilge - **Tadhg McLoughlin** Perpetual Cup (Cup and Monetary Prize). Ballinasloe Enterprise Hub – H53TH24 - Enter via [📍 eventbrite](#)

3:30pm

**CD Launch:** Join **Keelan McGrath** upstairs in **An Táin Bar** for the launch of his official album *“The Reel Road”*. Hailing from Borrisokane in North Tipperary, Keelan McGrath is widely regarded as one of the leading accordion players of his generation. A musician of high achievement, Keelan has been honoured with many awards in all age groups at Fleadh Cheoil Na hÉireann including winning Senior Button Accordion in 2022 and accolades including the Bonn Óir Sean Ó Riada.

4:30 pm

**Singers Circle:** - Join Johnny Johnston, Declan Coyne & friends in the back lounge of The Pillar House for an afternoon of song, story, and shared tradition where every voice has a place and every ballad tells a tale.

**Photo Competition: All Weekend** – Capture your favourite moment of the weekend and email your entries to [secefeilecheoilarrreynolds@gmail.com](mailto:secefeilecheoilarrreynolds@gmail.com)

**Shop Front Window Competition:** Please support our local businesses this weekend and check out their displays celebrating our festival weekend.

## Sunday, 6th September

**All Weekend Seisiún Ceoil:** Traditional music sessions in participating pubs & venues from **1.00pm** - 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.

2:30pm – 4:30pm

**Set Dancing Workshop:** Led by Michael Cusack in Gullane's Hotel.

3:00pm

**Brewery Lane: Liam Lynch Songs from his Album** – We are delighted to have **Liam Lynch** join us again this year. Liam to is a singer and guitarist hailing from Bailieborough, County Cavan, Ireland. Renowned for his soulful voice and guitar skills, as well as being an adept button accordion player, Liam has become a prominent figure in the Irish traditional music and singing scenes.

4:30pm

**Singers Circle:** Upstairs in **An Táin Bar**. Join **Liam Loughrey, Stephen Boyle** & friends for an afternoon of song, story, and shared tradition where every voice has a place and every ballad tells a tale.

5.30pm

**Evening Céilí:** Set dancing to **Uí Bhrian** in **Gullane's Hotel**. Tickets on the door.

7:30pm

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

For ticketed events, search **Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds** on [📍 eventbrite](#)

# Féile Tutors



## Ademar O'Connor - Fiddle



23 times All Ireland champion Ademar O'Connor is a multi-instrumentalist who has performed all over the world and won All Ireland titles on fiddle, button accordion, banjo, piano, melodeon, mandolin and miscellaneous. In 2023 he won the senior All Ireland title on fiddle and banjo in Mullingar. That year he also won the Fiddler of London, the Fiddler of Dooney in Sligo and the Ed Reavy fiddle competition in Cavan. In 2025 he won his 23rd All Ireland title in Wexford. He has also performed on the Late Late show and has been a guest with Sharon Shannon.

## Keelan McGrath - Button Accordion



Keelan McGrath is a multi-award-winning accordion player from North Tipperary. Keelan comes from a very musical family that is steeped in musical heritage. He has won numerous awards in both performance and tune composition at All-Ireland level. Keelan is a much sought after accordionist with a wide repertoire of music and has travelled extensively performing and playing on many TV and radio programmes across Ireland. Keelan has an honours degree from University of Limerick and has vast experience teaching workshops and masterclasses both national and internationally.

## Ríona Hely - Concertina



Ríona Hely is a concertina player from Ennis, County Clare. She is currently studying music and Irish in UCC and is a recipient of the Quercus Creative and Performing Arts scholarship. Ríona learnt her music under the tutelage of Mary MacNamara in Tulla, and her style is heavily influenced by the regional style of East Clare. She passes on the tradition through teaching music both at home in Ennis and in Cork. She has won many accolades, most notably Siansa Gael Linn in 2023 with the group “Binneas”, the under-18 All-Ireland concertina title at the Fleadh in 2024, and most recently Bonn Óir Seán Ó Riada in January of this year.