

TRADFEST Belgium

10 – 14 June 2015

Irish Traditional Music Festival

Programme



Ambasáid na hÉireann
Embassy of Ireland

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Full programme

Wednesday, 10 June 2015

TRADFEST Belgium 2015 Official Opening Reception (registration is required)

Time: 18:00

Venue: **The Office of the Northern Ireland Executive in Brussels**
Chaussée d'Etterbeek 180, 1040 Bruxelles
(1st floor)

Embassy of Ireland will hold a special reception to mark the opening of Belgium's first traditional Irish music festival at a special reception.

During the reception Dr Sean O Riain will deliver a short talk entitled "Ceol Tradisiúnta/ Traditional Music".

Edel Hurley
Ciarán Ó Ceallaigh
Cairde sa Bheilig

Time: 20:00

Venue: **The Funky Monkey**
Rue Archimède 65, 1000 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)

The first music session of TRADFEST Belgium 2015 will feature a group of musicians based in Belgium

Edel Hurley: Run Whistle and Flute
Ciarán Ó Ceallaigh: Accordion & Whistles
Cairde sa Bheilig

All welcome!

Thursday, 11 June 2015

Headline act – Kíla
Perfect Friction
Comhaltas

Time: 19:15

Venue: **BOZAR Center for Fine Arts**
Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Bruxelles
(info tickets : www.bozar.be)



5 members of the group Kíla present Kíla's smile-making, hip-shaking funky brand of Irish music in a more acoustic setting. Kíla are collaborators with Bruno Coulais on the film soundtracks of the Oscar nominated animations Brendan et le Secret de Kells and Le Chant de la Mer. Their new album Suas Síos is an explosion of light, colour, sound and joy!

For further information: www.kila.ie

Perfect Friction

Perfect Friction band's music ranges from high-energy trad sets with a full range of instruments (fiddle, flute, uilleann pipes, concertina, accordion, whistle, bodhran, guitar, piano), to pop and rock songs tastefully arranged with a trad theme. The musicians, all from Wicklow, Dublin and Wexford, include four All-Ireland champions and collectively they deliver a sound that will have your foot tapping and will leave you wondering what the magic ingredient is.

For further information: <http://perfectfriction.ie>



Louise Kelly (Vocal)
Charlotte Cullen (Uilleann Pipes/Concertina)
Courtney Cullen (Fiddle/flute/whistles)
Debbie Byrne (Accordion)
Laura Callaghan (Guitar)



Comhaltas - Brú Ború group

The Brú Ború traditional group has performed worldwide. The group features the indigenous traditional music, song, dance and language of Ireland.

The Brú Ború Cultural Centre – home to the group – is situated in the shadow of the ancient Rock of Cashel, one of the foremost historic heritage sites in Europe.

Brú Ború is an affiliate of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann – the Irish cultural movement which has over 400 branches in 15 countries on 4 continents.

For further information: www.comhaltas.ie

Friday, 12 June 2015

Barry Kavanagh

Time: 18:00

Venue: The Wild Geese
Avenue Livingstone 2, 1000 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)

Comhaltas - Brú Ború group

Time: 20:00

Venue: The Coolock
Rue Archimède 55, 1000 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)

Members of Shantalla

Time: 20:00

Venue: The Funky Monkey
Rue Archimède 65, 1000 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)



Formed and based in Belgium, Shantalla's first CD, 'Shantalla', was released in Belgium in 1999 and received rave reviews across Europe and North America.

Simon Donnelly: Guitar, Bouzouki
Michael Horgan: Uilleann Pipes, Flute, Low & High Whistles
Gerry Murray: Accordion, Low & High Whistles.
Kieran Fahy: Fiddle

For further information: www.shantallamusic.com

Ciarán Ó Ceallaigh, Declan Quinn & James Duggan

Time: 21:00

Venue: The Meeting Point
Rue du Taciturne 39, 1000 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)

Ciarán Ó Ceallaigh: Accordion and Whistles
Declan Quinn: Flute and Whistles
James Duggan: Flute & Fiddle
Cormac Ó hAodha: Sean-nós singer

And more!
All the old favourite tunes!
All musicians welcome!

Perfect Friction

Time : 21:00

Venue: Michael Collins
Rue du Bailli 1, 1000 Brussels
(on Avenue Louise)



For further information: <http://perfectfriction.ie>

Saturday, 13 June 2015

Traditional Irish Music Class & Traditional Irish Dancing Class
(prior registration required)

Time: 14:00

Venue: **Permanent Representation of Ireland to the European Union**
Rue Froissart 50, 1040 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)

Irish Language Class (prior registration required)

Time: 14:00

Venue: **Embassy of Ireland**
Chaussée d'Etterbeek 180, 1040 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)

Cairde sa Bheilg
Samantha Hunt
Ronnie Bracke

Time: 16:00 - 18:00

Venue: **The Old Hack**
Rue Joseph II 176, 1000 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)

Cairde sa Bheilg
Samantha Hunt: Fiddle
Samantha is the fiddle player in James Cameron's Titanic and appeared in the steerage class scene with the band Gaelic Storm.
Ronnie Bracke: Flute

From a Jack to a King - the glorious rise in status of Traditional music in Ireland –
Lecture illustrated with music by renowned expert Dr. Fintan Vallely, joined by musician Gerry O'Connor. (prior registration required)

Time: 18:15

Venue: **Embassy of Ireland**
Chaussée d'Etterbeek 180, 1040 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)

Dr. Fintan Vallely is Adjunct Professor with University College Dublin's School of Irish, Celtic Studies, Irish Folklore and Linguistics. Using spoken words, images and performed music, Fintan Vallely will illustrate the rise of the status of Irish Traditional music from an abandoned art form in the 1950s to being a supreme representative National icon by the 2000s.



Gerry O'Connor is a Dundalk fiddler, a versatile figure in Irish music who is solidly 'of his place' in the music's traditions. He has toured Europe solo and with the band Skylark, and has many recordings, among them the seminal albums of Lá Lugh with the haunting singer Eithne Ní Uallacháin ([Bilingua](#)); he has also taught fiddle internationally over several decades.

For further information: www.companach.ie

Joe Mullen

Time: 20:00

Venue: The Wild Geese
Avenue Livingstone 2, 1000 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)



Born into the tradition of Irish music and song, Joe Mullen brings, with his two companions, a heart warming program which will take you on a musical journey, not only through the Celtic but also the contemporary Irish music scene.

Joe Mullen: Vocals guitar and bodhrán
Christel Pillu: Bass vocals
Peter Vanslambrouck: Guitar soundscapes backing vocals

For further information www.joemullen.com

Comhaltas

Time: 20:00

Venue: The Funky Monkey
Rue Archimède 65, 1000 Bruxelles
(métro Schuman)

Jim Egan: Box, Flute and Tin Whistle
Finbarr English: Fiddle, Banjo and Mandolin
Conor Arkins: Fiddle, Flute and Saxophone
Eamonn Ryan: Concertina and Flute
Ciana McGarrigle: Flute, Uilleann Pipes, Tin Whistle and Dancer
Aoife Newe: Dancer
Mark Nestor: Dancer/ Sean-Nós dancer
Tadgh Maher: Singer and Bodhran
Mary Ellen English: Flute
Treasa McGrath: Sean-Nós dancer

Karen McHugh, Ciarán & friends

Time: 20:00

Venue: The Old Oak
Rue Franklin 26, 1000 Bruxelles, (métro Schuman)

Karen McHugh: Vocals & guitar
Martin Ward: Cajon/percussion.
Ciarán Ó Ceallaigh: Accordion & whistles
James Duggan: Fiddle & Flute
Samantha Hunt: Fiddle
Benjamin Lescoat: Fiddle
Ronnie Bracke: Flute
Jan Thoelen: Fiddle
Ronan Healy: Sean-nós dancer
Cormac Ó hAodha: Sean-nós singer



And more!
Big open session, all musicians welcome.

Sunday, 14 June 2015

Ciarán Ó Ceallaigh Time: 15:45 - 16:05 Venue: St. Anthony's Parish Oudstrijderslaan 23-25, 1950 Kraainem (bus 42)	Impromptu Time: 16:00 Venue: The Old Oak Rue Franklin 26, 1000 Bruxelles (métro Schuman)
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Anthony John Clarke Time: 19:15 Venue: La Porte Noire Rue des Alexiens 67, Bruxelles 1000 (near Sablon)	TRADFEST closing session All musicians welcome! Time: 21:00 Venue: The Old Oak Rue Franklin 26, 1000 Bruxelles (métro Schuman)
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