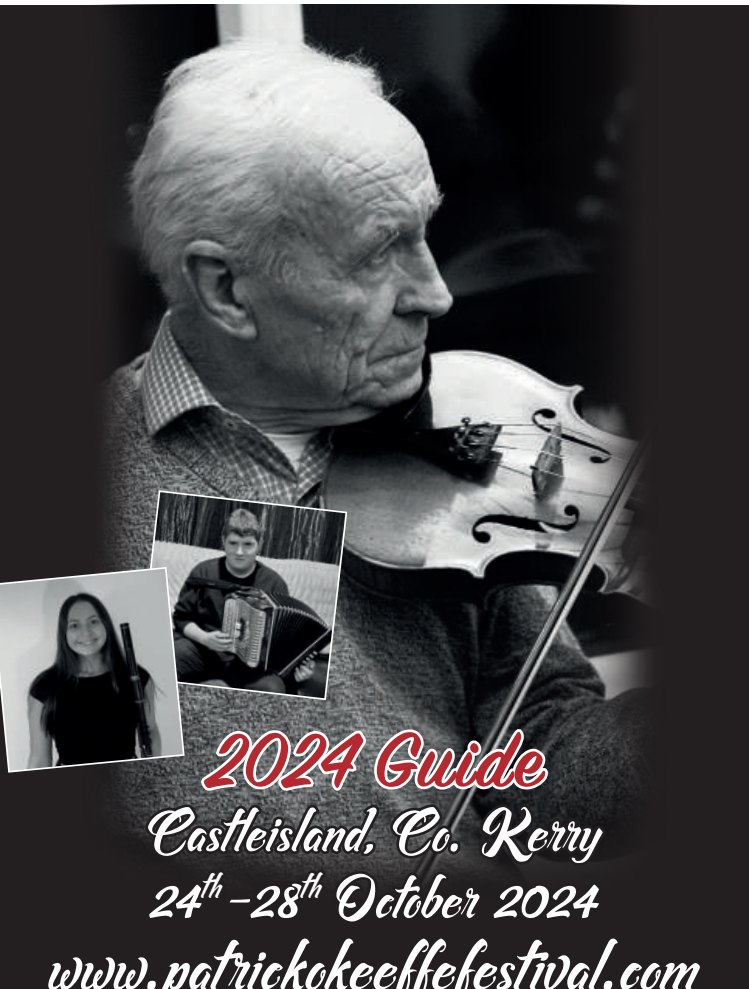


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Fáilte ~ A Warm Welcome

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to all of you as we gather in Castleisland for the 32nd annual Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival. It's remarkable to reflect on the festival's journey since its inception in 1993, thirty-two years ago.



A Five-Day Celebration

Maintaining its five-day format introduced in 2022, this year's festival thrives on the unwavering support of our community, which has consistently been its lifeblood over the years. The festival committee faced challenges this year with an unexpected reduction in funding from the Arts Council. Despite this obstacle, our dedicated committee persevered, navigating through financial uncertainties while artists and plans were already in place.

We are immensely grateful to our local sponsors for their timely support. A special acknowledgment goes to Divanes VW Garage Castleisland for stepping up as a Platinum Sponsor, and to Right Group, who join us as a Golden Sponsor. Our heartfelt thanks also extend to the Castleisland Chamber Alliance and all the local businesses that have supported the festival this year.

We offer a traditional Céad Mile Fáilte to both local and visiting musicians, whose talents will undoubtedly illuminate our celebrations throughout the weekend.

Your Efforts Matter

To the music-loving audiences from near and far, thank you for joining us for this momentous occasion. It never ceases to amaze us that, each October, people from around the globe make their way to Castleisland to partake in the unique musical experience we strive to create. We have curated a lineup of music, song, and dance that promises to enhance your stay.

Education remains a cornerstone of the festival, with a particular focus on the local musical style of Sliabh Luachra. It is encouraging to see this aspect of the festival flourish, with classes led by some of our finest local and national musicians. These workshops provide invaluable opportunities for musicians of all skill levels to refine their craft in a supportive environment.

We are fortunate to have seen many students of Patrick O'Keeffe and those inspired by his legacy participate in the festival, ensuring that his influence endures to this day.

Gratitude for Support

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our supporters, including the Arts Council of Ireland, Kate Kennelly and her team at the Kerry County Council Arts Office, the Kerry Community Support Fund, the Community Enhancement Scheme, and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, and Sport. We also

extend our gratitude to Fáilte Ireland's Festival and Participative Events Grant and the Castleisland Chamber Alliance, alongside the invaluable backing from our local businesses. A special thank you to Walsh Colour Print and graphic designer Ashling Hartnett for their contributions to this brochure.

Celebrating Volunteerism

We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of volunteers who lend their time and energy each year. They assist in classrooms during music sessions, support concerts, and collect vital subscriptions from local businesses. This year's response has been heartwarming, with many expressing appreciation for the festival's economic impact at this critical time of year.

We are particularly grateful to the many residents of Castleisland and the surrounding areas who have provided over 250 extra beds to accommodate our expected influx of visitors during the festival.

Honoring Dedication

Lastly, I am thrilled to announce that John Walsh has been nominated to receive the 2024 Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival Award for his dedication to the music of Sliabh Luachra. Not only a fine fiddle player, his compositions are heard in Sliabh Luachra sessions around the world. Most of you will be surprised to learn that John Walsh was one of the catalysts for the founding of this festival. It was John's advocacy that led RTE and Peter Browne to produce the seminal documentary honouring Patrick O'Keeffe's life and music. This four-part radio series brought much-deserved attention to O'Keeffe, inspiring the community of Castleisland to unite in creating a festival in his honour.

We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to our Young Musician's of the Year, Michael Healy from Kilcummin, Kerry, and Áine Teape from Ballinspittle, Cork. We wish them every success in their future endeavors.

- Cormac O'Mahony, Festival Chairperson

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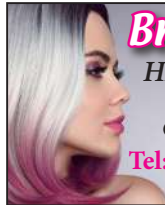
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Pub Trail - Opening Night

Thursday 24th October

Festival starts on Thursday 24th October with Ireland's largest traditional music session trail. This runs all weekend, starting daily at noon and runs until Monday the 28th of October.

Hartnett's Bar	9.30pm	Paudie O'Connor, Joe O'Sullivan and friends
Browne's Bar Front	9.30pm	Tom O'Connell, Mike Brosnan, Cathal Flood
Shoemakers Front Bar	8:30pm	Con Moynihan, Denis O'Connor and friends
Tom McCarthy's Front Bar	8.30pm	Eilis Murphy, Jonathan Roche and friends



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Friday 25th October

Friday sees our annual Sliabh Luachra trad Session in The Presentation Convent Secondary School that will be attended by students from 12 schools from Sliabh Luachra and beyond. Over 160 pupils take part. This event went viral on Radio Kerry's Tiktok page last year, with over 260,000 views.

Time: 11am



Friday night we have The Seán Keane Concert at O Riada's Bar in Ballymacelligot 8pm. **(SOLD OUT)**

Hartnett's Bar	7.00pm	Aarron Glancy, Timmy Flaherty, Maura O'Connor
	10.00pm	Keelan McGrath, Alan Finn, Fionn O'Hanlon, John Paul Reynolds
Crown	9.30pm	Derek Hickey, Liam Flanagan, Caoimhin Ó Fearghaill, Jaqui Martin
Crown Back Bar	9.30pm	Aidan Connolly, Padraic Keane, Padraig Ó Dubhghaill, Gerry Harrington
Castleisland Museum <i>(Adjacent to Tom McCarthy's Bar)</i>	9.00pm	Jackie Daly, Eileen O'Brien, Mary Conroy
Browne's Bar Front	9.00pm	Oisín MacDiarmada, Dáithí Gormley, Dylan Carlos
Brownes Back Bar	9.30pm	Gearoid Curtin, Jessie Healy, Seán Leahy, Keelan O'Connor
Shoemakers Back Bar	9.30pm	Danny O'Mahony, Macdara Ó Raghallaigh, Mícheal Ó Raghallaigh
Shoemakers Front Bar	5.00pm	Paudie O'Connor, Aoife Ní Chaoimh, Paul de Grae, Peter Browne
	9.00pm	Mick O'Brien, Ciara Ní Bhriain, Tom Morrow, Cathal Ó Curráin
The Kingdom Bar	9.30pm	Therese McInerney, Sharon Howley, Marian Curtin
Tom McCarthy's Front	9.00pm	Bryan O'Leary, Colm Guilfoyle, Connie O'Connell, Eibhlín De Paor
Tom McCarthy's Kitchen	10.00pm	Carthach Ó Faoláin, Pax Ó Faolain, Rob Fell
River Island Con's Bar Downstairs	6.00pm	Mick Culloty, Seán Abeyta, PJ Teehan
	10.00pm	Eamonn Meachair, Andrew Caden, Ademar O'Connor, Ryan Sheridan
O'Riada's Bar	8.00pm	Sean Keane in Concert <i>(Sold Out)</i>

Saturday Classes & Workshops

Classes in all instruments including Sliabh Luachra specific classes at 11 am at the Gaelscoil and St Pats Secondary School.

Venue: Gaelscoil and St Pats Secondary School.

4 Sliabh Luachra specific classes

Paudie O Connor,
Bryan O Leary (*online*)
Matt Cranitch
Aoife Ni Chaoimh

Instrument specific classes

<i>Fiddle</i> - Oisín Mac Diarmada	••••• <i>Uilleann Pipes</i> - Mick O' Brien
<i>Accordion</i> - Derek Hickey	••••• <i>Banjo</i> - Clionadh Costello
<i>Accordion</i> - Danny O'Mahony	••••• <i>Banjo</i> - Elaine Reilly
<i>Concertina</i> - Mícheál Ó Raghallaigh	••••• <i>Tin Whistle</i> - Éimhear Flannery
<i>Concertina</i> - Greta Curtin	••••• <i>Guitar</i> - John Blake
<i>Flute</i> - Caoimhín Ó Fearghaill	••••• <i>Mandolin</i> - Declan Corry

12pm till 1.00 pm 'The Creative Lens'

Former RTE Rolling Wave presenter Peter Browne presenting a collection of photographs taken over the years at the festival by our Festival PRO John Reidy. It will take place in the newly opened Castleisland Museum with guest appearance from Gabriel Fitzmaurice.

2.00pm Pop up Gaeltacht

The River Island Hotel– Upstairs La Bodega bar Hosted by Éamonn Ó'Braoin

Sat Afternoon Sliabh Luachra Fiddle Recital at 2pm in The Ivy Leaf Arts Centre

Matt Cranitch, Aoife Ni Chaoimh, Nicky McAuliffe, Anne McAuliffe, John Walsh, Raymond O' Sullivan, Connie O'Connell, Roisin O' Connor, Diarmuid O'Brien, Emma O'Leary, Caoimhe Flannery.

Hosted by Aidan Connolly.

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Admission €10



Singing Concert- Hartnetts Bar 3.30pm

Niamh Farrell, Cathal Ó Curráin, Mickey MacConnell & Tim Dennehy.

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Album Launches- Venue Ivy Leaf Arts Centre Time 5pm

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Presentation to John Walsh– Dedication to the Music of Sliabh Luachra Award

Patrick O'Keeffe **Young Musician Award** (Male & Female) Michael
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Saturday 26th October

Hartnett's Bar	12.00pm	Aaron Glancy, Timmy Flaherty, John Paul Reynolds
	3.30pm	Singing Concert Niamh Farrell, Cathal Ó Curráin, Tim Dennehy, Mickey MacConnell <i>(Admission €10)</i>
The Crown	1.00pm	Tom O'Connell, Niall O'Connor, Cathal Flood, Kirill Healy
	4.00pm	Derek Hickey, Jaqui Martin, Liam Flanagan
The Crown Back Bar	5.00pm	UCC Tradfest Battle of Band Winners Riona Ní Chuirrín, Kate Reilly, Ryan Murphy, Liam Broderick
Castleisland Museum <i>(Adjacent to Tom McCarthy's Bar)</i>	1.00pm	Therese McInerney, Sharon Howley, Marian Curtin
	4.00pm	Padraic Keane, Andrea Palandri, Caoimhin O Fearghaill
Browne's Bar Front	2.00pm	Darragh Horan, Greta Curtin, Jessie Healy, Seán Leahy
Browne's Bar Back Bar	6.00pm	Siún Ní Ghlacáin, Pádraig Óg MacAogháin, Ruth McCrohan, Conor Crimmins
Shoemakers Back Bar	5.00pm	Liam O'Brien, Deirdre Hurley, Pádraig O Dubhghaill, Ciara Ní Bhriain
Shoemakers Front Bar	1:00pm	Macdara Ó Raghallaigh, Mícheál Ó Raghallaigh, Dylan Carlos
	4.00pm	Danny O Mahony, Liz Kane, Yvonne Kane, Tom Morrow
The Kingdom Bar	1.30pm	Joe Mannion, Nia Byrne, Lily O'Connor
The Kingdom Bar Pool Room	4.30pm	Siún Ní Ghlacáin, Pádraig Óg MacAogháin, Ruth McCrohan, Marty Barry
Tom McCarthy's Front Bar	3.00pm	Carthach Ó Faolain, Pax Ó Faolain, Rob Fell
Tom McCarthy's Kitchen	6.00pm	Sean Mckee, John Blake, Mairead Hurley, Caoimhin Ó Fearghaill,
River Island Con's Bar Downstairs	2:00pm	Bryan O'Leary, Colm Guilfoyle, Billy Clifford
	5.00pm	Gary Curley, Stephen McKee, Mickey Fearon

Saturday Night Pub Trails

Hartnett's Bar	7.00pm	Céin Sweeney, Dylan Carlos, Tom Morrow, Peter McKenna
	10.00pm	Damien Mullane, Jeremy Spencer, Seán O'Meara, Conor Broderick
The Crown	7.00pm	Eamonn Ó Meachair, Seamus Noonan, Lily O'Connor, Ryan Sheridan
	10.00pm	Jonathan Roche, Eilis Murphy, Niamh Dalton, Conor Broderick
The Crown Back Bar		Open Session
Castleisland Museum <i>(Adjacent to Tom McCarthy's Bar)</i>	6.30pm	Open Session
	9.30pm	Liz Kane, Yvonne Kane, John Blake, Cliodhna Costello
Browne's Bar Front	5.30pm	Sinead McKenna, Rachel Masterson, Mickey Fearon, Gearoid Curtin
	9.00pm	Clare Friel, Sheila Friel, Anna Friel, Cathal Ó Curráin
Browne's Bar Back Bar	9.30pm	Maura O'Connor, Micheál Broderick, Pádraig Enright, Thomas Barrett
Shoemakers Back Bar	9.30pm	Darragh Horan, Greta Curtin, Jessie Healy, Seán Leahy
Shoemakers Front Bar	10:00pm	Danny O'Mahony, Macdara Ó Raghallaigh, Micheal Ó Raghallaigh, Paddy Tutty
The Kingdom Bar	7.00pm	Therese McNerney, Sharon Howley, Marian Curtin, Declan Corey
	10.00pm	Keelan McGrath, Alan Finn, John Paul Reynolds
Tom McCarthy's Front Bar	9.30pm	Sinead McKenna, Peter McKenna, Mickey Fearon
River Island Con's Bar Downstairs	10:00pm	Oisín MacDiarmada, Daithí Gormley, Elaine Reilly, Pádraig Ó Dubhghaill
O'Riada's Bar	9.00pm	Aidan Coffey, Seamus Sands, Paddy Tutty

Sunday 27th October

Kids Trad Session

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: **Ivy leaf Arts Centre.**

Young musicians of all levels welcome to come and experience the joy of a session at The Patrick O'Keeffe Festival. This event will cater to all abilities. Hosted by Emma O'Leary and Maura O'Connor.

Céilí Mór– Donie Nolan Céilí Band

Time: 3pm

Venue: An Ríocht Pavillion

4pm - Open Singing Session

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Hosted by Joe Walsh

Venue: Con's Bar (Down Stairs) River Island Hotel

4pm - Sunday Afternoon– Lectures- Ivy Leaf Arts Centre

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Sunday Night Concert- The River Island Hotel 8pm

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Sunday 27th October

Hartnett's Bar	1.00pm	Liam O'Brien, Deirdre Hurley, Andrew Caden, Deirdre O'Brien
	4.30pm	Gary Curley, Stephen McKee, Declan Corey, Conor Crimmins
The Crown	12.00pm	Derek Hickey, Jacqui Martin, Clíodhna Costello, Sean Mckeon
	3.00pm	Mary Crowley, Johnny Connolly, Anne McAulliffe, Nicky McAulliffe
The Crown Back Bar	4.00pm	Keelan McGrath, Alan Finn and John Paul Reynolds
Castleisland Museum <i>(Adjacent to Tom McCarthy's Bar)</i>	1.30pm	Roisin O Connor, Sean Butler, Kiril Healy
	4.00pm -	Puppet Show
	7.00pm	
Browne's Bar Front	1.00pm	Danny O Mahony, Michael O Raghalaigh, Macdara O Raghalaigh
	4.00pm	Jackie Daly, Matt Cranitch, Paul De Grae, Eileen O Brien
Browne's Bar Back Bar	6.00pm	Joe Mannion, Eamonn Ó Meachair, Nia Byrne, Méabh Smyth
Shoemakers Back Bar	1.00pm	Mick O Brien, Caoimhín O Ragahallaigh, Paudie O Connor, Aoife Ni Chaoimh
	4.00pm	Bryan O'Leary, Colm Guilfoyle, and Matt Griffin
Shoemakers Front Bar	1:30pm	Liz Kane, Yvonne Keane, Orlaith McAulliffe, John Blake
	4.00pm	Céin Sweeney, Dylan Carlos, Paddy Tutty, Mairead Hurley
The Kingdom Bar	2.00pm	Ryan Sheridan, Joe DeGeorgeo, Eamonn Ó Meachair Ademar O'Connor
The Kingdom Bar Pool Room	5.00pm	Mike Kelliher, Donal Cullinane, Cathal Flood
Tom McCarthy's Front Bar	2.00pm	Pat Fleming, Conor Daly, Timmy Connors, Marie Cotter
Tom McCarthy's Kitchen	4.30pm	Joe Mannion, Nia Byrne, Lily O'Connor, Marty Barry
River Island Con's Bar Downstairs	1:00pm	Clare Friel, Sheila Friel, Anna Friel, Cathal Ó Curráin
	4.00pm	Open Singing Session All Singers Welcome Hosted By Joe Walsh

Sunday Night Pub Trails

Hartnett's Bar	7.00pm	Jonathan Roche, Eilis Murphy, Sean Leahy, Jeremy Spencer
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The Kingdom Bar	6.30pm	Ciara Ní Bhriain, Liam O'Brien, Eamonn Riordan
Tom McCarthy's Front Bar	10.00pm	Jonathan Roche, Eilis Murphy, Niamh Dalton
River Island Con's Bar Downstairs	7:00pm	Open Session
	10.00pm	Donie Nolan, Gearoid Keating, Diarmuid O'Brien, Donie Sullivan
O'Riada's Bar	9.00pm	Peter Browne, Gerry Harrington, Paul De Grae

Monday 28th October

Session Trail resumes and runs until late

Hartnett's Bar	2.00pm	Con Moynihan, Denis O'Connor, Joe O'Sullivan
	7.30pm	Greta Curtin, Jessie Healy, Seán Leahy
The Crown	3.00pm	Orlaith McAuliffe, Stephen McKee, Rachel Masterson, Sinead McKenna
Browne's Bar Front	3.00pm	John Brosnan, Mary Conroy, Tim Kerins
	9.00pm	Paudie O Connor, Aoife Ni Chaoimh, Paul de Grae, Eibhlín De Paor
Shoemakers Back Bar	3.00pm	Donal Murphy, Greta Curtin, Jessie Healy
The Kingdom Bar	4.30pm	Gearoid Keating, Connie O'Connell, Eibhlin de Paor
Tom McCarthy's Front Bar	4.30pm	Mick Culloty, PJ Teehan, Seán Abeyta
River Island Con's Bar Downstairs	1:00pm	Anne McAuliffe, Nicky McAuliffe, Emma O Leary
O'Riada's Bar	3.00pm	Michael Healy, Kirill Healy, Roisin O'Connor



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Patrick O’Keeffe Festival

Young Musician Winners

The Patrick O’Keeffe Traditional Music Festival is delighted to announce the winners of this year’s Young Musician Award. In 2024, the festival honors two exceptional young talents: Michael Healy (accordion) from Kilcummin, Co. Kerry, and Áine Teape (flute and uilleann pipes) from Ballinspittle, Co. Cork. Both musicians will perform at the highly anticipated Sliabh Luachra Concert on Saturday, October 26th as part of the festival.

The Young Musician Award, introduced in 2021, aims to inspire young musicians to immerse themselves in the rich musical traditions of Sliabh Luachra, promoting and preserving the unique style of music synonymous with the region.

Michael Healy – Accordion

Michael Healy, from Kilcummin, is the current All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil 15–18 Button Accordion Champion. Michael began his musical journey at the age of six, inspired by legendary accordion players such as Jimmy Doyle and other Sliabh Luachra icons like Paudie O’Connor, Bryan O’Leary, and Jackie Daly. He has been a regular participant and winner in All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil competitions, excelling in both button accordion and melodeon.



Michael has also had the privilege of playing alongside greats like Jimmy Doyle and Joe O’Sullivan at the Arbutus in Killarney, this greatly influenced his playing. A regular participant in traditional music sessions in Browne’s Bar Castleisland alongside his brother Kirill, Michael is well known to the traditional music community in Sliabh Luachra. His mentors include Conor Morarty, Mike Brosnan, and Pdraig Buckley. Paudie O’Connor, will tutor him in preparation for his performance at the festival.

Áine Teape – Flute and Uilleann Pipes

Áine Teape hails from Ballinspittle, Co. Cork, and is an accomplished musician on both the flute and uilleann pipes. She began learning the flute at age eight, under the tutelage of renowned teachers like Rosaire Cagney, Conal O’Grada, and Joanne Quirke. Her passion for the haunting sound of the uilleann pipes led her to study with John Mitchell.



In 2024, Áine won the Senior Flute Slow Airs competition at the All-Ireland Fleadh in Wexford, and she continues to draw inspiration from the rich musical tradition of Sliabh Luachra, particularly from the works of Maurice O’Keeffe and Dan Herlihy.

Both Michael and Áine have chosen remarkable mentors for their upcoming performances at the Sliabh Luachra Concert. Michael has selected Paudie O’Connor, one of his early influences and a leading figure in Sliabh Luachra music, while Áine has chosen to work with Eibhlin de Paor a master of the concert flute.

Dedication to the Music of Sliabh Luachra Award

The festival is delighted to announce John Walsh as the chosen recipient of this year's "Dedication to the Music of Sliabh Luachra Award."

John Walsh is a fiddle player and composer from Derrygallon, near Kanturk. John has composed countless tunes which today would be considered staples of any Sliabh Luachra session. His tunes are played around the world and many a time he's been confronted with people playing his tunes in sessions without anyone realising the composer is alive and kicking, and standing right beside them!

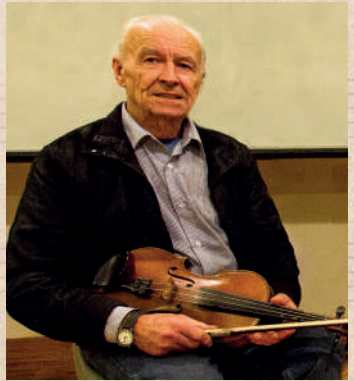
John received a handful of lessons from Dan Roger

O'Sullivan but was largely self-taught. A nephew of Sonny O'Riordan, who would have been a big influence on him in later years. He has an in depth knowledge and understanding of the notation methods of Patrick O'Keeffe and Tom Billy Murphy. Jackie Daly, is one of many leading musicians who has played John's compositions all over the world.

John Walsh is also one of the key players that contributed to the founding of the Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival. It was John's persistent letter writing to RTE which eventually prompted Peter Browne to produce the seminal 4 part RTE Radio 1 documentary on Patrick O'Keeffe in early 1993. Titled "The Last of the Great Fiddle Masters" it focused on the life and times of Patrick O'Keeffe. The documentary coincided with the 30th anniversary of his death. The documentary provided the impetus and inspiration for the festival, which was held for the first time in 1993.

In Peter's words "In late 1992 when John Walsh, an RTÉ worker in the southern area and a fine fiddle-player and composer of tunes, suggested to me that a programme be done on Pádraig's life and times, the reason being that a good number of his pupils were now themselves in the autumn of their lives and the memories of Pádraig should be saved. I can say for John that he persisted until a visit was made and I spoke to four of Pádraig's pupils for about half an hour each one night in Tom Fleming's pub in Scartaglen. These men, Sonny Riordan, Mickey Duggan, Paddy O'Connell and Páidi Gleeson spoke lovingly and warmly of their fiddle teacher and it now seemed that the complete story should be looked at - no-one could leave it at that."

John has attended most if not all of the iterations of the festival. While usually preferring to exist in the background and behind the scenes the festival committee believe it is well time to honour the immense contribution this man has made to the music of Sliabh Luachra. The award will be presented on Saturday the 26th of October at 8pm in The River Island Hotel.



John Walsh from Derrygallon, Kanturk, Co. Cork is nominated as the 2024 recipient of the Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival Dedication to the Music of Sliabh Luachra Award. Photograph: John Reidy 19-10-2019

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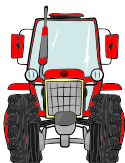
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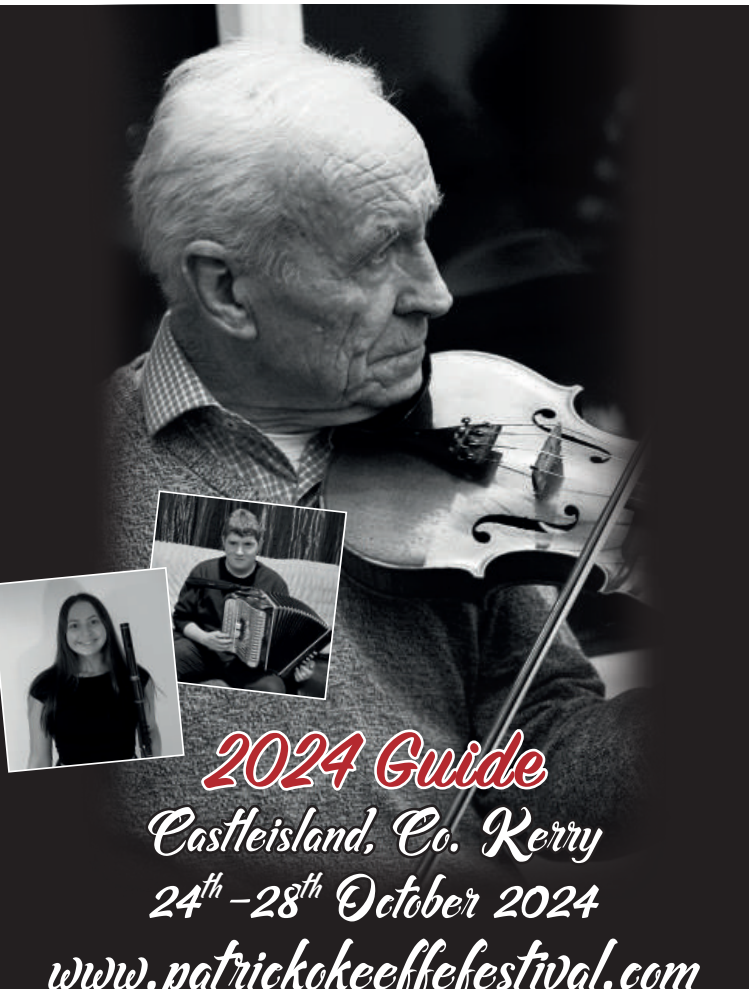
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