

### Session Trail / Conair an Cheoil with a host of visiting and local musicians

**Venues:**  
**1:30pm: McGraths Bar | 3:00pm: Vaughans Bar | 4:30pm: Tom Kings**  
**2:30pm – Live Afternoon Entertainment on the Gig Rig  
with Peter Carey Jnr & friends!**

Bain sult as scoth an cheoil agus na hamhránaíochta,  
le bronnadh duaiseanna an rith 5k freisin.

### 7:30pm – GIG ON THE RIG / ARDÁN AN CHEOIL



*Lively Performance of  
Irish Music, Song & Dance*

**HEADLINE ACT:**  
**PIPERS CROSS CEILI BAND**

All Ireland Champions 2024  
**Venue: Outdoor Stage Market Square**

### Óiche Dé Sathairn / Saturday Night Session Trail / Conair an Cheoil

**9pm: Woodfield | 9.30pm: McGraths | 10pm: Ravis**

### Dé Domhnaigh 12ú Aibreán / Sunday 12th April

**Ceol na hAifrin / Traditional Music Mass**

**11:30am Séipéal Naomh Sheosamh / St Josephs Church**

**12:30pm**

### **Alcock & Brown Hotel - Farewell "One for the Road" Session**

A farewell session of all musicians, singers, and dancers that have performed all weekend, to bring the 15th Annual Clifden Trad Fest to a close. All Welcome!

**"Is buaine port, ná glór na néan"**

#### Throughout the Festival:

- **Clifden Library** – Trad Fest Art Competition from Scoil Mhuire Pupils on Display. Thanks to Clifden Library and FORUM Connemara as part of the Irish Language Plan.
- Check out the fabulous Windows 'dressed' for our 1st **Clifden Trad Fest Window Display Competition**



Kavanagh's  
**SuperValu**



### Fáilte go dtí an Clochán!

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- The Bens Music & Framing
- The Digital Office
- The Helm
- The Old Exchange
- The Willow Tree
- Tom Kings Bar
- Top Oil
- Vaughans Bar
- Walsh's Coffee Shop
- Woodfield Hotel



# clifden TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

*Deireadh seachtaine lán le ceol, amhrán  
agus damhsa traidisiúnta den scoth.*

**9th – 12th  
April 2026**



**Dé Aoine 27ú Mar / Friday 27th March**  
**Official Launch of Clifden Trad Fest**  
**Seoladh Oifigiúil an Fhéile**

**Scoil Mhuire an Clochán, Marching Band**  
**"Mól an óige agus tiocfadh sí"**



**Dé Deardaoin 9ú Aibreán / Thursday 9th April**



**Ciorcál Comhrá**

**11:00am Woodfield Hotel**

Fáilte roimh chách.

Everyone welcome to use their cúpla focal

**Seisiún na nÓg – 'The Courthouse Session'**

**7:00pm**

**Clifden Courthouse / Teach na Cúirte**

*With thanks to The Courts Service*

This event will be an informal music session where all our younger musicians are encouraged to play together in a fun environment.

**Dé Aoine 10ú Aibreán / Friday 10th April**  
**Official Opening Concert**

**7:00pm Clifden Station House Theatre**

**Ceolchoirm Oscailte Oifigiúil**

*Official Opening will be performed by*  
*John Sweeney, President of Connemara Chamber*

- Visiting Musicians for the weekend
- Dancers
- Clifden Senior Comhaltas
- Clifden Comhaltas na nÓg

**Admission: €10.00**

**Under 18's Free**



**Friday Night / Oíche Dé hAoine**  
**Session Trail / Conair an Cheoil**

**9:00pm EJ Kings & Foyles**

**10:00pm Lowrys**

**Dé Sathairn 11ú Aibreán / Saturday 11th April**  
**Ceardlanna Ceoil Music Workshops 10am - 12.30pm**

Venue: Scoil Mhuire National School, Clifden

Workshops Cost: €15pp Registration from: 9:30am

**Tutors**



**Colm Slattery (Bosca Ceoil / Button Accordion)**

Colm is a well known performer on the festival and fleadh scene throughout the country. A much sought after tutor, Colm won the Senior Button Accordion title at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in 2017.



**Liz Gaughan (Ceardlann Cheoil do gach uirlis / Tune Workshop)**

Liz, originally from Manchester, England now lives in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. She is a much sought after teacher and is involved with grupai cheoil and ceili bands also and has tutored many award winning students.



**Aileen Bourke (Concertina / Consairtín)**

Aileen Bourke is a highly acclaimed concertina player from Mayo. A much sought-after instructor, Aileen was the All Ireland Senior Concertina Champion at the 2019 Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Drogheda.



**Jason McGuinness (Fidil / Fiddle)**

Jason is a highly acclaimed fiddle player who is widely recognised for his mastery of the Sligo style. Jason won the Fiddler of Dooney in 2016 and is also a member of Glór na dTonn Ceilí Band – All Ireland Champions 2025.

**Dé Sathairn 11ú Aibreán / Saturday 11th April**  
**Comórtas Buscaireachta / Busking Competition**  
**1:30pm**



Set up and play outdoors – Judged by a Guest Judge – Prizes for all  
Beidh fáilte roimh cheoltóirí, amhránaithe agus damhsóirí dul amach ar na sráideanna le buscaireacht, agus déanfaidh aoi-mholtóir measúnú orthu. Beidh duais freisin don chomhartha buscaireachta is fear as gaeilge, urraithe ag Plean Teanga an Chlocháin / Fóram Chonamara

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**2pm - Clifden Trad Fest 5K / 5k an Fhéile**

**Bígí Pairteach ann! Walk run or jog!**  
**Medals for all!**

**"Is fearr an tsláinte ná an táinte"**

**Route:** Sky Road 5K

**Registration:** in front of Gig Rig from 1.15pm

**Departure Point:** Outside Lowrys Bar Old Supervalu Building

**Finish Point:** Pedestrian Crossing at Alcock and Brown Hotel

Cost: €10 per participant

Prizes for fastest time, first home with buggy, first under-18, first over-50, etc.  
*A donation will be made to the Galway Hospice in memory of Tina Keane.*



**VISITING MUSICIANS PARTICIPATING THIS WEEKEND**

Brendan Quinn (Flute)  
Adrian Brady (Flute/Piano)  
Aidan Shannon (Flute)  
John Carroll (Button Accordion)  
Rachel Masterson (Piano)  
Fergus Bogue (Button Accordion)  
James Hogan (Accordion/Piano/Flute)  
Liz Gaughan (Fiddle)  
Enda McGreevy (Fiddle)  
Anthony Kavanagh (Banjo)

Gearoid Curtin (Banjo)  
Darren Breslin (Button Accordion)  
Colm Slattery (Button Accordion)  
Jason McGuinness (Fiddle)  
Ademar O Connor (Fiddle/Banjo/Accordion)  
Ciaran Slattery (Banjo/Piano/Guitar)  
Aileen Bourke (Concertina)  
Jacinta Ní Chongaile (Concertina)  
Darren Culliney (Piano/Accordion)  
Cathal Slattery (Piano)