

Bridge Centre **FAMILY** Entertainment

Saturday		Sunday	
12.00pm	Tullamore Comhaltas	12:00pm	Slate House Sessions
12.30pm	Killina Presentation School Trad Group	12:30pm	Suas
1.00pm	Grace Minnock Harp Ensemble	1.00pm	TradSoc Ollscoil na Gaillmhe
1.30pm	Ciana McGarrigle Inclusion Workshop Performance	1.30pm	Rahan CCÉ
2.00pm	Chorus Connection Tullamore	2.00pm	University College Cork
2.30pm	Roisín O'Connor & Friends	2.30pm	Portarlinton CCÉ
3.00pm	Brian Deegan & Friends	3.00pm	Sean Nos Dancing with Seán Browne and Friends
3.30pm	UUM Tradsoc	3.30pm	DCU Tradsoc
4.00pm	Adrian Brady & Friends	4.00pm	Clara's Finest

KILLEIGH TEACH CHEOIL

Saturday 28th March 2026 10.30am-12.00pm

'Try an Instrument'

Music Generation Offaly

Instruments catered for: Harp, uilleann pipes and bouzouki. Booking for this event is essential. 30 min slots for each of the instruments can be booked via our website: <https://www.tullamoretradfest.com>



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INCLUSIVE SESSIONS

Designed for children & adults with additional needs and their families. Participants must register in advance on www.tullamoretradfest.com

Saturday 28th March 2026 - Tullamore Library

11:30am-12:30pm Inclusive Song-Writing Workshop

3-4pm Inclusive Trad Session

Sunday 29th March 2026

- Bridge House Hotel (Millennium Room)

1-2pm Inclusive Music and Story Creation

Weekend Ticketed Gigs

Friday 27th March 2026

Friday Concert

Featuring - Tara Breen, Jim Murray & Pádraig Rynne along with the HUP! Offaly 'Hall of Fame' Presentation to the wonderful Kinsella Family
The Bridge House Hotel - Time: 8:00pm (Doors open 7:30pm) - Cost: €20

Saturday 28th March 2026

Saturday Family Concert

Featuring - CUAS with members Méabh Ní Bheaglaioich, Nicole Ní Dhubhshláine, Niamh Varian-Barry, and Kyle Macaulay, The Ryan Family and performance by the Group Ensemble Workshop participants under the direction of Rebecca McCarthy-Kent
The Bridge House Hotel - Time: 5:00pm - Cost: €20 (family 2+2) - €10 (individual)

Festival Club (018s Event)

Featuring - Peter Street (Keelan McGrath, Fionn O'Hanlon, John Paul Reynolds & Simon Crehan) & Ciara Tighe, Molly, Jane and Cara Walls and Laura Jo Callaghan
The Bridge House Hotel - Time: Doors at 10:00pm - Cost: €15

Sunday 29th March 2026

Sunday Céilí

Come join us for our TradFest Céilí with the acclaimed The Glenside Céilí Band! The venue for this event is 5 minutes outside of Tullamore.
Ballykilmurray Community Centre Hall (R35 D7P1) - Time: 3:00 to 6:00pm - Cost: €12 (pay on the door)



Workshops & Recitals



Saturday 28th March

Instrument Workshops

Coláiste Choilm - 10:00am - 12:50pm

(Tutors concert 1:00pm - 1:30pm ALL WELCOME)

Accordion - Daithí Gormley & Noel Stapleton - Guitar - Jim Murray

Banjo - Elaine Reilly & Joanne O'Connor - Flute - Aidan Shannon

Concertina - Pádraig Rynne & Tim Collins - Tunes - Ciara Tighe

Fiddle - Tara Breen & Jason McGuinness

Sean Nós Dancing - Sean Browne (*The Bridge House Hotel, Millennium Room*)

Group Ensemble Workshop

The Bridge House Hotel (Millennium Room) - 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Rebecca McCarthy Kent

Accordion Recital

Coláiste Choilm - 2:00pm

Fiadhna Leamy, Keelan McGrath, Annalise Whyte, Kealan O'Connor, Ciara Tighe,

Fergus Bogue, Conal Nevin, John McCann, Noel Stapleton, Aaron Glancy

Sunday 29th March

Ashling Murphy Fiddle Recital

Killeigh Teach Cheoil - 1:00pm

Featuring - Tara Breen, Tadhg Mulligan, Jason McGuinness, Attracta Brady and other special guests

Welcome to Tullamore TradFest 2026!

A chairde!

Here we go again — another incredible weekend of music, community, and celebration awaits as we welcome you to Tullamore TradFest 2026. Each year the festival continues to grow, and this year's programme reflects not only the strength of traditional Irish music but the vibrant spirit of the town that proudly hosts it.

Tullamore TradFest has become much more than a festival; it is a gathering place for musicians, listeners, families, and visitors who share a love for tradition and creativity. Over the weekend, the streets, venues, and pubs of Tullamore will be alive with music, conversation, and connection, showcasing both the richness of our heritage and the exciting future of Irish traditional music.

This year's lineup brings together an inspiring mix of established performers alongside emerging voices who represent the next generation of the tradition. Through concerts, sessions, workshops, and informal gatherings, we celebrate the living nature of traditional music — constantly evolving while remaining deeply rooted in community and place.

TradFest has become an important part of the cultural and economic life of Tullamore. The festival weekend welcomes visitors from across Ireland and beyond, supporting local businesses, hospitality, and tourism while showcasing the warmth and character of the town. The energy created by musicians and audiences alike demonstrates how traditional arts can strengthen communities, foster local pride, and create lasting connections between people.

Just as importantly, the festival plays a role in nurturing the future of traditional Irish music. By creating opportunities for young musicians, inclusive participation, and intergenerational exchange, Tullamore TradFest helps ensure that the tradition continues to thrive for years to come.

As always, this festival would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, committee members, partners, and supporters who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Their commitment allows us to grow year after year while keeping the welcoming, grassroots spirit that defines TradFest.

So whether you are here to listen, learn, dance, play, or simply soak up the atmosphere, we are delighted to have you with us. Enjoy every moment — and we'll see you around the town!

See you all over the weekend!

Tommy



TULLAMORE TRADFEST 2027



19th – 21st March 2027

Have you got the stamina?



TULLAMORE TRADFEST 2026

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

Friday 27th March - Sunday 29th March

your town · your tunes
your Tradfest 2026



Concerts • Festival Club • HUP Offaly
Instrumental Workshops • Recitals
Céilí • Group Ensemble Workshops
Family Entertainment...

... the SESSION TRAIL all weekend long

THE SESSION TRAIL

Thursday 26th March		
9.00pm	The Goalpost	Shane Lynam, Sean Bourke & Friends
Friday 27th March		
6.30pm	Annie Kelly's (Pop Up Session)	Roisín O'Hara, Annalise Whyte, Aoibhe Kettle
7.00pm	The Brewery Tap	Keelan McGrath, Fionn O'Hanlon, Tom Morrow, Tríona Morrow
7.00pm	The Old Harbour Bar	Michael Curran, Stephen O'Hanlon, James McCaffery "Tyrone Trad on Tour"
8.00pm	Spollens	Jane Walls, Cara Walls, Ciara Tighe
8.00pm	The Bridge House Hotel (Library Bar)	Open Teen Session hosted by Fiadhna Leamy & Holly McKiernan
8.30pm	Digan's	Kealan O'Connor, Gearóid Curtin, Rachael Masterson, Cathal Guinan
9.00pm	Annie Kelly's	Daithí Gormley, Elaine Reilly, Jason McGuinness
9.00pm	John Lee's	John McCann, Molly Walls, Laura Jo Callaghan
9.00pm	Paddy's Bar	Aidan Shannon, Fergus Bogue, Joanne O'Connor
9.00pm	Old Warehouse	Aaron Glancy, Ava Glancy, Seán Browne
9.00pm	Tullamore Court Hotel	Conal Nevin, Jamie Strappe, Eamon Ryan
Saturday 28th March		
12.00pm	Credit Union	Open Youth Session and Rising Stars Competition
2.30pm	Flynn's Café, Bridge Street	Open Teen Session hosted by Scott Flynn, Con Little, Fionn Connolly
4.00pm	Digans (Pop Up Session)	Lucy O'Brien, Aishling Walshe, Mikaela Murphy, Meadhbh McCarthy
5.00pm	The Phoenix (Pop Up Session)	TradSoc Ollscoil na Gaillimhe
6.00pm	Spollens (Pop Up Session)	UUM TradSoc - Ulster University Magee, Derry
7.00pm	The Brewery Tap	Colm Browne, Aoife Kilmartin, Liam Browne
7.00pm	Annie Kelly's	Tim Collins, Joanne O'Connor, Tom Morrow, Tríona Morrow
8.00pm	The Phoenix	Luke Maher, David Bracken, Mark Bracken, Donal Ryan, Seamus Kinsella
8.30pm	Digan's	Daithí Gormley, Elaine Reilly, Rebecca McCarthy Kent
9.00pm	Spollens	Tara Breen, Fergus Bogue, Aisling Neville, Aidan Shannon
9.00pm	John Lee's	Gearóid Curtin, Rachael Masterson, Ciarán Scully, Jack Scully
9.00pm	Paddy's Bar	Cara Finn, Luke Finn, Oisín Hannigan
9.00pm	The Goalpost	Greta Curtin, Jessie Healy, Kealan O'Connor, Eilís Murphy
9.00pm	Old Warehouse	Jason McGuinness, Noel Stapleton, Eamon Ryan
9.00pm	The Bridge House Hotel (Library Bar)	Aaron Glancy, Ava Glancy, Jamie Stappe
9.00pm	Tullamore Court Hotel	Vince Jordan, Katie Jordan, Martin Donohoe
Sunday 29th March		
3.00pm	The Bridge House Hotel (Library Bar)	Teen Session led by Beomhar Siamsa - Lucy Mollo, Jack Higgins, Áine Kinsella, Kieu Conroy, Polly & Lila Nolan, Fionnán & Tadhg Dalton
3.00pm	The Brewery Tap (Pop Up Session)	Mary I Trad Soc
4.00pm	John Lee's (Pop Up Session)	Lusáí Ryan, Darragh Ryan, Conal Nevin (County Colours Session)
4.00pm	Annie Kelly's	Amy Murphy, Lucia McPartlin, Eimear Buckley, Michael Buckley
5.00pm	Paddy's Bar (Singing Session)	Seamus Brogan, Shauna Denmead
5.00pm	The Old Harbour Bar	The Kinsella Family, Hall of Fame Inductees
7.00pm	The Phoenix	Grace Corrigan, Graham Lynch, Mark Haines
7.00pm	John Lee's	Keelan McGrath, Darren Culliney, Joanne O'Connor, Fergus Bogue
8.00pm	The Goalpost	Jane Walls, Cara Walls, Ciara Tighe
8.30pm	Digans	Greta Curtin, Jessie Healy, Kealan O'Connor
Monday 30th March		
3.00pm	The Goalpost	Farewell Open Session with Tullamore TradFest Committee - All Welcome

Family Entertainment on the Gig Rig

Time	Sunday 29th March - O'Connor Square
12:00-12:30pm	CCÉ Craobh Chuilinn
12:45-13:15pm	Noel Stapleton and Friends
13:30-14:00pm	Máire Brennan, Eoin Burke, Colm Browne, Tomás Walsh, The Gleeson Sisters and Friends
14:15-14:30pm	Ciana McGarrigle Group
14:45-15:10pm	Shane Lynam and the Troublesome Troubadours
15:25-15:50pm	Tullamore Credit Union Rising Star Award Recipients
16:05-17:00pm	Druher

HUP! Offaly

HALL OF FAME

The Kinsella family's musical journey is rich with memories, particularly from their early days competing in underage competitions during the 1980s and 90s. These events were more than opportunities to showcase talent — they marked the beginning of friendships and connections that continue today, now spanning generations.

When the Kinsella children first competed at Fleadhanna, they weren't just playing for titles; they were meeting young musicians from across Ireland, many of whom became lifelong friends. From the Fleadh in New Ross in 1979 to numerous regional competitions, they performed alongside children from other musical families. While the atmosphere was competitive, there was always a strong sense of camaraderie, with rivals sharing campgrounds, exchanging tunes, and supporting each other's musical journeys.

Today, those early friendships have come full circle. Decades later, the children of the Kinsella family now play alongside the children of the musicians they once competed against, strengthening community and connection through traditional Irish music. Padraig, David, Dorothy, Bridget, James, Aoife, Sinead, and Helena grew up among passionate peers, and now a new generation is continuing that shared musical path.

These friendships, formed through competitions and music sessions, have stood the test of time. The Kinsella family's musical legacy has intertwined with other families across Ireland and beyond, creating a lasting network of relationships. In the Slieve Bloom area, three generations of Kinsellas now play together alongside the next generation of musicians — some of whom may be competing together at today's Fleadhs.

Those who once tuned up nervously for underage competitions now return to the same stages as adults, creating a cycle of mentorship, musical kinship, and shared tradition. What began as youthful rivalry has evolved into collaboration, with musicians exchanging tunes just as their parents did years ago. For the Kinsella family, music is not simply a pastime but a thread that ties generations together through memory, friendship, and mutual respect.

Congratulations to the Kinsella Family!



TRADFEST SESSION TRAIL

1. Brewery Tap - R35 P761
2. The Bridge Centre - R35 XY 73
3. The Bridge House - R35 K219
4. Coláiste Choilm - R35 EF97
5. Digan's - R35 EW26
6. The Old Warehouse - R35 Y5V0
7. Annie Kelly's R35 TW32
8. Goalpost Pub - R35 YY04 Daingean Road
9. John Lee's - R35 Y161
10. Killeigh Teach Cheoil - R35 NY59
11. Offaly Tourism Office - R35 A9P4
12. Old Harbour Bar - R35 A6R9
13. The Phoenix - R35 A2H3
14. Spollens - R35 PP30
15. Paddy's Bar R35 XR02
16. Tullamore Court Hotel - R35 D406
17. Tullamore Credit Union - R35 YW58
18. Tullamore Library - R35 X226
19. Flynn's Café, Bridge Street - R35 W135
20. The Gig Rig, O'Connor Square
21. Hugh Lynch's Self Catering Accommodation - R35 RW31