

Family Entertainment at The Bridge Centre			
Saturday		Sunday	
12:00pm	Colleen Langan	12:00pm	Killeigh CCÉ
12:45pm	Brian Crehan, Liam Winnett	12:45pm	Carton & Ryan Families & Friends
1:30pm	Daire Fenelon	1:30pm	Rahan CCÉ
2:15pm	Music Generation Laois Harp Ensemble	2:15pm	Devaney Brothers Sean Nós Dancers
3:00pm	Slate House Session Group <i>Featuring young, local musicians & performers</i>	3:00pm	Melissa Hogan
3:15pm	Camillus Hiney & Friends	3:45pm	Ballyboy CCÉ
4:00pm	Shauneen Maguire & Friends	4:30pm	Clare Céilí Group
4:45pm	Beamish		

Tullamore Library	
Time	Sunday 24th March 2024
12:00pm - 2:00pm	‘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
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Inclusive Session Tullamore TradFest invites you to come and join us for our inclusive session on Sunday the 24th March from 3 - 4pm in Tullamore library. This event is running as part of the weekend of festivities but is aimed specifically at children and adults with additional needs and their families. This session will be led by Ciana McGarrigle and friends. Ciana is a clinical music therapist with experience of working with those with additional needs and their families. The aim of the event is to make music and more importantly TradFest accessible to those with additional needs. Come along and join us for a tune or sing a song. Share in our music making and help us make it a weekend of special events.

Weekend Ticketed Gigs

Friday 22nd March
Headline Concert
Featuring Four Men & A Dog supported by Clara Mannion (concertina) Elle Marie O'Dwyer (vocals) Céin Sweeney (flute) Ademar O'Connor Stones (fiddle), Fergus Bogus (accordion) with Gearóid and Pádraig Ó Dubháin (sean nós dancing).
The Bridge House Hotel - Time: 8:00pm (Doors open 7:30pm) - Cost: €20

Saturday 23rd March
Early Concert
Featuring current Senior All Ireland Céilí Band Champions 'The Piper Cross Céilí Band' and performance from the Group Ensemble workshop class under the direction of Rebecca McCarthy Kent.
The Bridge House Hotel - Time: 5:00pm - Cost: €20 (family) - €10 (individual)

Festival Club
Featuring SuperCéilí supported by Greta Curtin (concertina) Jessie Healy (fiddle) and Eoin Murphy (guitar)
The Bridge House Hotel - Time: Doors at 10:00pm - Cost: €15

Sunday 24th March
Céilí
In a new addition to Tullamore TradFest weekend, Rise The Dust will play a céilí for all set dancing enthusiasts.
The Bridge House Hotel - Time: 4:00 to 7:00pm - Cost: €10 (cash on door)

Workshops & Recitals

Saturday 23rd March
Instrument Workshops
Coláiste Choilm - 10:00am - 12:50pm
(Tutors concert 1:00pm - 1:30pm ALL WELCOME)
Accordion - Fergus Bogue & Keelan McGrath
Banjo - George McAdam & Muireann Banks
Concertina - Clara Mannion & Paul Clesham
Fiddle - Ademar O'Connor Stones & Sinéad McKenna
Flute - Céin Sweeney - Singing - Elle Marie O'Dwyer - Tunes - James Hogan

Group Ensemble Workshop
The Bridge House Hotel (Millennium Room) - 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Rebecca McCarthy Kent

Accordion Recital
Coláiste Choilm - 2:00pm
Featuring Keelan McGrath, Michael Curran, Kealan O'Connor, Ella Mahon, Paudie O'Connor, Gary Curley, Joseph Mannion, Ciara Tighe and more to be announced!

Sunday 24th March
Ashling Murphy Fiddle Recital
The Bridge House Hotel (Ballroom) - 1:00pm
Featuring Ademar O'Connor Stones, Roisin O'Connor, Attracta Brady, Michael Buckley, Ciara McKeogh, Danielle Loneran, Clare Ann Kearns, Emma Bracken, Brendan McHugh and more to be announced!

HUP! Offaly Recital
The Bridge House Hotel (Ballroom) - 2:00pm
Featuring Grace Minnock, Hannah, Eoghan & James O'Connor, Luke Maher, Ray & Amy Murphy, Sharon Carroll and Family, Shauna, Ciana & Geraldine McGarrigle, Sheila Doorley & Family, Siobhán & Ellen Godley

Bord na Móna

SPONSORING TULLAMORE TRADFEST 2024

Welcome to Tullamore TradFest 2024!

A chairde!
Here we go again! Festival number 4! We hope you're ready for MORE!
We are back again with a feast of the very best traditional Irish music, song and dance but this year there is MORE of it...

MORE music
MORE musicians
MORE sessions
MORE songs
MORE dancing

MORE events
MORE fun
MORE friends
MORE smiles
MORE memories

...and it's all with great thanks to the dedication of the TTF Committee members and of course the huge support the festival receives from its generous sponsors and stakeholders.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the TTF Committee who put in countless hours over the course of the year working on bringing all the various aspects of the festival together culminating in what everyone is about to experience and enjoy this weekend. So, a big thanks to Ann Marie, Ciara, Claire, Denise, Sinéad, Brian, Damien, James, Paddy and Michael! Your work does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated not just by me but by everyone. I would like to give a special mention and thanks also to our great friend Frank Walsh who has left the TTF fold to concentrate on other ventures. Frank, a jazz sax player by musical trade, provided us with extensive expertise in a range of areas that we lacked as we got the festival going in 2019. From insights into grant applications, corporate governance, graphic design to just being a ball of enthusiasm and energy for the project in general, Frank has made a lasting contribution to the festival. We still might make that trip to NYC Frank!

Of course, I would also like to thank our generous sponsors and supporters. Bord na Móna are back again this year as title sponsor joining the ranks of festival stalwarts, The Arts Council of Ireland, Offaly County Council, Tullamore Credit Union and the Tullamore Vintners. The effect of this sustained support can be seen in the growth and expansion of the festival, not only this year but into the future. We are also delighted to receive funding from The Ashling Murphy Memorial Fund this year. Ashling was not only a friend to many of us, but she is also a part of our journey as a festival. We are delighted to remember her not just this year, but every year and hope that those taking part in the workshops this year will think of her too when they remember making new friends and learning new tunes this weekend in Tullamore.

Finally, as we say every year... we would like to wish everyone an extremely enjoyable weekend. The weekend will go quickly. It takes the best part of a year to plan these short 3 days, let's all get out and make the most of it!
Bainigi taitneamh as!

HUP!
Tommy

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TULLAMORE TRADFEST 2024

WEEKEND PROGRAMME
Friday 22nd March - Sunday 24th March
your town • your tunes
your Tradfest **2024**

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

... the SESSION TRAIL all weekend long

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THE SESSION TRAIL

Thursday 21st March		
9.00pm	The Goalpost	James Hogan, Gary Lynch, Brian Deegan
Friday 22nd March		
7.30pm	Brown's The Venue	Ciara Tighe, Cara Walls, Jane Walls
8.00pm	The Old Harbour Bar	Keelan McGrath, Michael Buckley, David Bracken
8.00pm	Fergie's	Gary Curley, Oisín Murphy, Séan Keane, Gearóid Keane
8.00pm	Spollen's	James Kinsella, Sinéad Kinsella, Brendan McHugh
8.00pm	Bridge House Hotel	Attracta Brady, Adrian Brady, Joanne O'Connor
8.30pm	Digan's	Muireann Banks, Sarah O' Gorman, Eimear Buckley
9.00pm	The Phoenix	Conor Maheady, Eoghan Hughes, Ryan Maguire, Eoin Walsh
9.00pm	The Brewery Tap	George McAdam, Clara Mannion, Joseph Mannion
9.00pm	John Lee's	Fergus Bogue, Céin Sweeney, Maria Mitchell
Saturday 23rd March		
10.30am	Jenny's Kitchen, The Bridge Centre	Open Youth Session, hosted by Verona Lynch, Elaine Lynch & Aoife Kilmartin
1.00pm	Credit Union	Open Youth Session, hosted by Roisín O'Connor
1.00pm	Jenny's Kitchen, The Mall	Open Beginner Session, hosted by Hannah O'Connor
4.00pm	Tullamore Court Hotel	Frank Kelly, Willie Kelly, Siobhan Godley, Ellen Godley
6.00pm	Paddy & Bishop's	(Singing Session) Elle Marie O'Dwyer, Shauna Denmead, Ciana O'Connor
7.00pm	The Phoenix	Gary Curley, Oisín Murphy, Cara Walls, Jane Walls
7.00pm	The Brewery Tap	Joseph Mannion, Ryan Sheridan, Sarah O'Gorman
7.30pm	Brown's The Venue	Fergus Bogue, Jamie Strappe, Joanne O'Connor, Kealan O'Connor
8.00pm	Bridge House Hotel	Vince Jordan, Katie Jordan, John O'Connell
8.00pm	The Goalpost	Aoife, Kate & Camillus Hiney & Friends, Glasshouse Sessions CD Launch
8.30pm	Digan's	Céin Sweeney, Maria Mitchell, Clara Mannion, Rebecca McCarthy Kent
9.00pm	John Lee's	Paudie O'Connor, Aoife Ni Chaoimh, Grace Minnock
9.00pm	Spollen's	Sinéad McKenna, Peter McKenna, Nia Byrne
Sunday 24th March		
12.30pm	Bridge House Hotel	Open Beginner Session, hosted by Sheila Doorley
3.00pm	The Phoenix	Open Youth Session, hosted by Éabha Fulton
4.00pm	John Lee's	Greta Curtin, Jessie Healy, Kealan O'Connor
4.00pm	Tullamore Court Hotel	Joseph Mannion, Ryan Sheridan, Dan Boland
6.00pm	The Old Harbour Bar	Ademar O'Connor Stones , Ciarán Slattery, Maria Harnett, Michael Lavelle, Cian McNamara
7.00pm	The Phoenix	Keelan McGrath, Peter McKenna, Darren Culliney, Cian Kilkenny, Caoimhe Kilkenny
8.00pm	The Brewery Tap	Noel Stapleton, Paddy O'Brien, Darragh Ryan, Luke Maher
8.30pm	Digan's	Dónal Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Eoin Murphy
9.00pm	Fergie's	Michael Curran, Amy Murphy, Grace Corrigan, Davóg Frayne, Paul Clesham

Family Entertainment on the Gig Rig

Time	Sunday 24th March - O'Connor Square
11:00am	Trad 4 Schools OPEN SESSION - ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME
12:00pm	N52 Shane Lynam & Cathal Guinan
12:45pm	Portarlinton CCE
1:30pm	Midland Uilleann Pipers
2:15pm	Jiglets & Kinnitty Ceol
3:00pm	Piper Cross Céilí Band All Ireland Champions 2023
3:45pm	The Brady Brothers
4:30pm	Ard Eiscir Céilí Band
5:15pm	Ceoltóirí Óga Laighean "An exciting bunch of young performers from Leinster"
6:00pm	Shillelagh Law

HUP! Offaly HALL OF FAME

Bernadette Mooney - Dunne, has been selected to receive the prestigious Tullamore TradFest 'Hall of Fame Award' 2024 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Irish traditional music, song and dance. The accomplished musician has become a well known figure for encouraging and promoting Irish culture locally, nationally and internationally. Some of Bernadette's most memorable accolades include, the Comhaltas Tour to America in 1993 and her winning performance in the Grúpa Ceoil at Scór Sinsir for Rahan CCE in 1990 and not to mention her countless successes with underage céilí bands over the years.

Always encouraged by her father, the late Tommy Joe Mooney, Bernadette dedicated her whole youth to Comhaltas, achieving medals in solo competitions from U11 upwards to U18 not only on her trusty 2 row Paolo Soprani accordion but also on 3 row accordion, melodeon, and the concertina. She also regularly placed in duets, trios, and céilí bands.

It is however Bernadettes work with underage céilí bands that most will relate to. The 'Lann Eala Céilí Band' is a household name nationwide and has played a pivotal role in the development of countless musicians from Offaly, giving them a lifetime of memories making friends playing in competitions from Offaly, Leinster and All Ireland Fleadhs. No better woman to keep the beat and to represent Offaly at All Ireland standards.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honour!

