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SCOIL FLEADH NUA

Scoil Fleadh Nua provides an educational aspect to the feast of traditional entertainment that constitutes Fleadh Nua.

❖ FOINN SEISIÚN – MUSIC SESSION WORKSHOPS

Old Ground Hotel – 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, 21st to 25th May

These Workshops were devised by the late Brian Prior for musicians who enjoy playing in Sessions – that venerable institution of Traditional Irish Music – and who wish to build up a repertoire of tunes that are universally known. Having equipped yourself with *Foinn Seisiún Books 1 to 4* - all of which will be available to purchase from the Shop at the Fleadh Nua Office - noted music tutor, Frank Custy will guide you through sets of tunes that will be commonly heard throughout the Fleadh.

❖ “LAST NIGHT AS I LAY DREAMING”

Fleadh Nua meets Hollywood with the screening of “Last Night As I Lay Dreaming” – a not to be missed documentary on the life and times of Robbie McMahon. This film, directed by Ray Conway, features interviews with those who have known Robbie over the years as well as contributions that set his achievements in a wider context, highlighting the important role the singer and songwriter has traditionally played in their local communities, recording events and keeping that memory alive for future generations. Contributors include Grammy Nominee Maura O’Connell, Kieran Hanrahan and poignantly, Garry McMahon and Dermot O’Brien both of whom have passed away since being filmed. “Last Night as I lay Dreaming” has warmly engaged the affections of audiences at the Galway Film Fleadh and as far away as Melbourne, Australia. Now people attending Fleadh Nua have the opportunity of enjoying it for themselves with screenings on Saturday, 28th May at 11.30 a.m. and at 2.30 p.m. – Details of the venue will be available on our website www.fleadhnua.com and the Official Programme in due course.

❖ GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Ennis Tourist Office – 12.00 noon, Sunday, 27th May

A stroll through the narrow streets of Ennis in the company of Jane O’Brien lends an extra dimension to a programme of events that is packed with music, song and dance. Walk in the footsteps of Daniel O’Connell, Charles Stewart Parnell, and Eamon de Valera and enjoy the tangible cultural heritage of this historic town.



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❖ **CIORCAL COMHRÁ – IRISH LANGUAGE CONVERSATION GROUP**

Various Cafés – 11.00 a.m. Monday to Friday, 21st to 25th May

The recently launched 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language acknowledges the centrality of our language to the ethos of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and identifies the organisation's key role in promoting an Ghaeilge. Since making its debut appearance on the programme of events at Fleadh Nua 2009, the Irish Language Conversation Group or Ciorcal Comhrá has proved immensely popular. Ciorcal Comhrá provides people with an opportunity to speak Irish in a friendly and informal setting regardless of their proficiency all over a great cup of coffee. Mar is eol do chách, beatha teanga í a labhairt!!!

❖ **RANG GAEILGE – IRISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP**

Rowan Tree Hostel – 3.00 p.m. Saturday, 26th May

The awards garnered by the town of Ennis at the national Glór na nGael competitions in recent years bear witness to the sterling achievements of the dedicated team at *An Clár as Gaeilge* in promoting Irish in the locality. At this workshop hosted by *An Clár as Gaeilge*, participants will learn some words and phrases as Gaeilge which they can then put in to use at the Fleadh.

❖ **MEET THE MUSICIAN – NOREEN O'SULLIVAN**

Rowan Tree Hostel – 4.30 p.m. Saturday, 26th May

If you would like to meet a noted Traditional Musician up close and personal, this is your chance. Originally from Corandulla in East Galway and now based in Conamara, Noreen O'Sullivan is a renowned Tin Whistle player. Her exceptional musical talent mean that she is highly sought after both as a teacher and as an adjudicator at Fleadhanna Ceoil. Noreen will be launching her CD "*The Quiet House*" at Fleadh Nua and she has graciously agreed to participate in the inaugural "Meet the Musician" event. Audience members will have the opportunity of raising matters such as style, technique and influences with one of the country's leading exponents of the Tin Whistle. And no doubt, Noreen may be prevailed upon to play a tune or two.

See full event details at www.fleadhnua.com

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