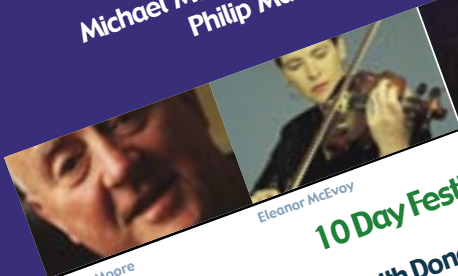




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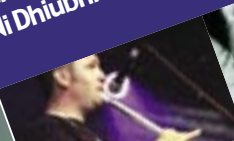
21-31 October 2004

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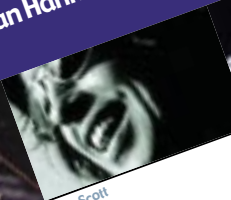


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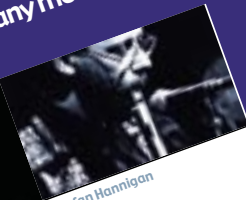
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Mike Scott



Steafan Hannigan

10 Day Festival Including:

Christy Moore with Donal Lunny & Declan Sinnott (22 & 23 October)
The Waterboys acoustic (26 October)

Concerts featuring a host of top traditional musicians and singers
from Ireland, Britain and Europe.

Mixed and open music and singing sessions featuring guest artists.
Drama and Poetry events.

Workshops on Irish Dance, singing and instrumentation.
Plus many more arts and cultural events...

For full details of the many events taking place as part of the festival, please visit us at:

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Welcome to Liverpool Irish Festival 2004!

The festival celebrates and explores Liverpool's historic cultural links with Ireland and their role in defining the city's own culture. The most Irish city outside of Ireland draws upon a deep well of the finest talent in contemporary and traditional music and arts showcased in a wide range of performances.

This year's festival sees a host of world-class artists from the fields of music, song, dance, poetry, drama and film. Visitors will be able to experience the excitement, adventure and sense of occasion as the city revels in its unique heritage.



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EVENTS DIARY 2004

Booking Details / Enquiries

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Festival Booking Line 07759 451 645 (1pm-6pm Mon-Sat)

Liverpool Philharmonic Box Office: 0151 709 3789
St. Michaels Irish Centre: 0151 263 1808

PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
Piarras Béaslai Event	Plaque unveiling and music session	1pm - 3rd Oct	Strawberry Tavern, Breckfield Road South	Free
Lecture by Professor Pádraig Ó Siadhail		6pm - 4th Oct	Central Library, William Brown Street	Free
The Dead Good Poets Society	Poetry Evening	8.30pm - 20th Oct	Everyman Bistro (Third room)	£2

THURS 21ST OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
Elis Ní Dhiubhne & Rita Ann Higgins	Poetry, Readings & Music	7.30pm	Arts Centre, Myrtle Street	£5
Launch session with featured artists	Session	8 - 11pm	Festival Club, (upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	Free

FRI 22ND OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
Trad Music and Dancing workshops	For adults and children	3pm	St. Michaels Irish Centre	
Mike McGoldrick / John Joe Kelly	The renowned Didsbury flautist former member of Flook and Toss the Feathers	5 - 7pm	The Casa (The Venue), Hope Street	£6
Christy Moore with Donal Lunny and Declan Sinnott	Legend of Irish music plays two exclusive dates	8pm	Liverpool Philharmonic Hall	£30 (Boxes), £26
Mixed session	Session with featured artists	8 - 11pm	Festival Club (upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	£2
Open Session	Open session - all welcome	8 - 11pm	The Casa (The Venue), Hope Street	Free
Artists session	Session with featured artists	11pm - 2am	Late Club (upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	£2
Eleanor McEvoy	Late night concert	from 11pm	Hope Street Hotel	£9 in advance

SAT 23RD OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
'The Irish and Liverpool' Chance to Meet - Singers	Irish Studies Day - Call 0151 794 3075 for more information		Centre for Continuing Education, 126 Mt Pleasant	ibc
Mixed session	Opportunity to meet featured singers	1 - 2pm	The Casa Bistro	Free
Chance to Meet	Session with featured artists	1 - 3pm	The Casa (The Venue), Hope Street	Free
Singing Session	Opportunity to meet featured artists	1 - 3pm	Festival Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	Free
	Open session - all welcome	2 - 5pm	The Casa Bistro	Free

SAT 23RD OCT (Continued)

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
Food Emporium - A Taste of Ireland Open Session Folk Session	Treat yourself to traditional Irish dishes	3 - 8pm	St Michael's Irish Centre	Free Free
	Open session - all welcome	3 - 5pm	Festival Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	
	All musicians, singers & storytellers welcome	6pm	St Michael's Irish Centre	
Christy Moore with Donal Lunny and Declan Sinnott	Legend of Irish music plays 2 exclusive dates	8pm	Liverpool Philharmonic Hall	£30 (Boxes), £26
Miked session	Session with featured artists	8 - 11pm	Festival Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	£3
Chance to Meet / Open Session	Opportunity to meet featured artists	8 - 11pm	The Casa (The Venue), Hope Street	Free
Singing Session	Open session - all welcome	8 - 11pm	The Casa Bistro	£3
Artists Session	Session with featured artists	11pm - 2am	Late Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	£3
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SUN 24TH OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
Singing Session Open Session The BIG Outdoor Celi	Open session - all welcome	1 - 3pm	Festival Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	Free
	Open session - all welcome	1pm onwards	Festival Club (Downstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	Free
	Join us for a dance workshop followed by Liverpool's biggest ever ceilí!	2pm	Great George's Square	Free
	Legendary Irish singer and performer	3pm	St Michael's Irish Centre	£3
Sean O Se in Concert	Open session - all welcome	8 - 12pm	Late Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	Free
Irish Quiz	Pub quiz with an Irish theme	9.00pm	The Dovedale, Penny Lane	Free
Open Session (Dance Session with George Fergusson Dancers)		1pm onwards	The Casa (The Venue)	

MON 25TH OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
The Great Irish Pub Quiz Superfly Comedy Night	Pub quiz with an Irish theme	9pm	The Fly in the Loaf	£4 per team £5 (£3 NUS)
	Comedy with an Irish slant	8pm	Festival Club (Upstairs at Fly in the Loaf)	

TUES 26TH OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
The Waterboys	Acoustic and intimate three man show	8pm	Liverpool Philharmonic Hall	£22 boxes, £18

WED 27TH OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
Gearoid Mac Lochlainn	Poetry reading	7.30pm	Arts Centre, Myrtle Street	£5
The Commitments	Film	7.30pm	Liverpool Philharmonic Hall	Boxes £6 (£5) Stalls £5 (£4)
Guests session	Comas in session	9pm	Festival Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	Free

THURS 28TH OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
Blue by Ursula Rani Sarma	Prize winning play by young Irish dramatist	7.30 - 9pm	Arts Centre, Myrtle Street	£5
Comas & Ron Kavana Band in concert	Top drawer Irish traditional music and song	8 - 11pm	Festival Club (upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	£5
Open Session	Open session - all welcome	8pm	Fly in the Loaf (Downstairs)	Free

FRI 29TH OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
Blue by Ursula Rani Sarma	Prize winning play by young Irish dramatist	7.30 - 9pm	Arts Centre, Myrtle Street	£5
Miked session	Open session with featured artists	8 - 11pm	Festival Club (upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	£2
Open Session	Open session - all welcome	8 - 11pm	The Casa (The Venue), Hope Street	Free
A Drink with Patrick Kavanagh	New production to commemorate Irish writer, Patrick Kavanagh's, life and poetry	8pm (9pm start)	The Pilgrim Pub, Upstairs Room, Pilgrim St.	£3/£2 concs
Artists session	Session with featured artists	11pm - 2am	Late Club (upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	Free

SAT 30TH OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
Chance to Meet / Open Session	Opportunity to meet featured artists	2 - 5pm	Festival Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	Free
Open Session	Open session - all welcome	2 - 5pm	The Casa (The Venue), Hope Street	Free
Chance to Meet /Singing Session	Opportunity to meet featured singers	2 - 5pm	The Casa Bistro	Free
Blue by Ursula Rani Sarma	Prize winning play by young Irish dramatist	6.30 - 8pm	Arts Centre, Myrtle Street	£5
Miked session	Session with featured artists	8 - 11pm	Festival Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	£3
Open Session	Open session - all welcome	8 - 11pm	The Casa (The Venue), Hope Street	Free
Singing Session	Open session - all welcome	8 - 11pm	The Casa Bistro	£3
Artists Session	Session with featured artists	11pm - 2am	Late Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	£3

SUN 31ST OCT

Event	Description	Time	Location	Price
Irish Heritage Trail	Guided tour of Liverpool Irish Heritage Trail	11am - 1pm	Leaves from St Michaels Irish Centre: Call 794 3075	£8 (unwaged £5)
Singing Session	Open session - all welcome	1pm onwards	Festival Club (Upstairs in Fly in the Loaf)	Free
Open session	Open session - all welcome	1pm onwards	Fly in the Loaf (downstairs)	Free
Miked session and dance exhibition	Session with George Ferguson Dancers	1pm onwards	The Casa (The Venue), Hope Street	Free
Launch of new Irish Heritage Trail poster		2pm	St Michaels Irish Centre	Free
Piping and Harp Session	Session with the traditional symbols of Ireland	3 - 4pm	The Casa Bistro	Free
Closing Session	Grand finale session	4pm onwards	The Fly in the Loaf	Free

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Artist's Biographies

Annie Armstrong

This Dublin based singer has been performing with Ron Kavana of late and is sure to be a big hit at this years singing sessions.

Sylvian Barou

This Breton flute and pipe player is fast becoming one of the most sought after musicians in Europe. His mix of Celtic and world music are at the cutting edge of European musical development. He is a member of Comas

Aidan Burke

Fiddle playuer and multi-instrumentalist. Cousin of Kevin Burke and a vibrant part of the group Comas

Danny Cameron

A button accordion player from Manchester Toured with Irish dance show 'To Dance on the Moon'. A regular session player around the North West.

Comas

When you hear Comas you'll know that their choice of name was no mere coincidence. (Translating from Irish/ Gaelic as POWER) Depicting their own driving power coupled with fine sensitivity. Not to be missed.

Michael Coyne

A master of the tight piping style. Plays with Ron Kavana band and a much sought after teacher of piping; also a noted singer and saxophone player.

Frank Cullen

Dublin mandolin maestro, singer and composer. A leading player on the Dublin session scene and a member of the brilliant trad group Fisherstreet

Adele Donlan

Adele has been a driving force on the Manchester session scene on button accordion for many years.

Matthew Dean

A young, up and coming musician who plays Whistle and Flute among other instruments. Winner of All-Ireland Whistle Slow-air 2004.

Éilís Ní Dhuibhne

Éilís Ní Dhuibhne has written books for children, plays, short stories and novels. She was on the short list for The Orange Prize for Fiction in 2000 with her novel The Dancers Dancing. She has won the Readers' Association of Ireland award, the Stewart Parker Award and Oireachtas awards.

Helen Flaherty

Singer with internationally acclaimed Irish/Scottish band, Shantalla. She has an energetic stage presence and an enthusiastic presentation of songs.

Tony Gibbons

Cittern, Vocals - He has toured extensively throughout Europe over recent years with the famed group GARVA. A popular performer on the circuit.

Ken Hall

Originally from Liverpool, Ken has a fine voice and is fast building a reputation for his amusing songs and poignant ballads.

Stefan Hannigan

Born and brought up in Northern Ireland, Steafan is All-Britain uilleann pipe champion and virtuoso bodhran player, plus a multitude of other instruments including bouzouki, whistles & flute. One of the most in-demand session players.

Jarleth Henderson

Jarleth, from County Tyrone, has been playing the Uilleann pipes since he was 10 years old. At 17 years of age, he won the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Musician of the Year Award with his dazzling piping prowess and easy stage presence.

Rita Ann Higgins

Rita is from Galway and still lives there. Women are at the forefront of her work. Rita Ann has written plays and a number of poetry collections including: Philomena's Revenge (1992) and Higher Purchase (1996), Sunny Side Plucked: New & Selected Poems (1996) and her latest collection An Awful Racket (2001) from Bloodaxe.

Dick Hogan

A unique singer from Dublin who is renowned for his humorous delivery of songs and ballads old and new.

Des Hurley

One of the best England based fiddle players. Based in Leeds but much sought after around the world for his interpretive and flowing style

Aaron Jones

Bazouki and guitar player with over ten years as a professional musician, Aaron has toured worldwide with artists such as Craobh Rua, Seelyhoo, Iron Horse, Burach, Tabache, Leo McCann, Dibidil and Claire Mann

Ron Kavana

He's been on the cutting edge of contemporary Celtic and British pop music for more than two decades. Performing with a lengthy list of bands, he has blended the musical traditions of the British Isles with blues, Tex-Mex, country, Cajun, and rock influences.

Grace Kelly

Grace Kelly has won all-Ireland titles on the whistle and also in lilting. Grace is currently recording her first solo album

John Joe Kelly

He has played with Altan, Paul Brady and now with FLOOK, probably the best bodhran player in the world.

Tom Leedale

Tom Leedale hails from Bradford and took up the concert flute in 1994. Influenced by Mike McGoldrick and Brin Finnegan. A great session player.

Karol Lynch

A young man who is rapidly becoming one of the talked-about names on banjo. A lively and infectious style.

Mike McGoldrick

Playing with such bands as Toss The Feathers, Flook, Lunasa, Afro-Celts, Kate Rusby and Capercaillie, his innovative flute and uilleann piping style has been taking the trad and crossover world by storm.

Seamus McMahon

Talented fiddle and flute player from Enni Co. Clare. Great Clare style music. A member of trad group Fisherstreet and a director of the Ennis Trad Festival.

Gearóid MacLochlainn

West Belfast poet and musician who reads in both Irish and English. His work explores the cultural traditions which are so much a part of him. Gearóid was awarded The Michael Hartnett Poetry Award (2002), Open House Literature Award (2002) The Rupert and Eithne Strong Award (2003).

Marcus Mallony

A tour de force of the music scene in Ireland. A banjo player of drive and high energy.

Claire Mann

Award winning flautist and fiddle player from Newcastle. Winner of the All Ireland Flute Championships in 1993 and 1994.

Philip Masure

Philip has become one of the most sought after guitarists on the celtic scene, playing with Orion, Láis and Helen Flaherty and award winning Urban Trad.

Patrick Michiels

A much sought after bodhran player, hails from Belgium. A member of the European Celtic band Gara.

Josie Nugent

She regularly performs in the folk club scene with Sarah Roberts (guitar) or as a member of Phat Piddles. She is currently recording her first solo album.

Gerry O'Reilly

A renowned collector and singer of great traditional songs, also a set dance teacher who is involved in events across the world. A resident of the Goilin Club in Dublin. Look out for his new CD.

Frances O'Rourke

A finalist in the first BBC Young Tradition Award in 1988 on piano accordion, and is now part of the vibrant traditional scene in Manchester.

Brian Preston

Brian has built up a vast repertoire of traditional, contemporary and comedy folk songs, which he presents with his own brand of humour.

Sam Proctor

Sam originally from Nottingham has toured throughout the world with Irish dance shows and is now based in Reading.

Martin Quinn

Martin has developed a highly refined unique style and is regarded as one of Ireland's finest exponent's of the accordion.

Angelina Quinn

A banjo player who has developed a highly personal style with an electric rhythm that captivates anyone who is lucky to hear.

Helen Roche

Inherited her singing from her father and grandfather, both of Liverpool. Helen is a magnificent singer whose performances enthral session audiences.

John Rynne

Powerful and exuberant flute player from Ennis. John is one of the real characters of the session scene. A director of the Ennis Trad Festival.

Catherine Sands

Flute, accordion and whistle player from Antrim. A tune collector and a vibrant member of Divil the Bit who have toured worldwide.

Michael Sands

Guitar, banjo, vocals – Has toured with Divil the Bit and performed on TV and radio across Europe.

Rosie Stuart

A singer who has been much in demand at festivals and traditional clubs for her forceful, direct manner, which revels in the songs.

Peta Webb

A Londoner, who has formed her highly acclaimed individual vocal style through the influence of Irish traditional singers.

Plus a host of local musicians including Eamon and Terry Coyne, Peter Lacey, John Chandler, Robin Higham, Bruce Scott, 'Bones', Liam Murphy, Sean McNamara and many more.

Open sessions: are hosted by festival guest musicians and are OPEN to any musician wishing to join, regardless of level of ability or experience. A chance to hear up close, watch and enjoy playing music at the highest level.

Mixed sessions: Hosted by festival guests in a more formal setting. Not a concert, but a session with microphones to allow the audience to distinguish individual musicians and singers above audience noise. Extra musicians joining in this session will be by invitation.

Chance to Meet: An informal gathering of some of the featured artists where you can ask questions on techniques, favourite tunes and request individual performances of artists own favourites. A great way to get to know the artists first hand.

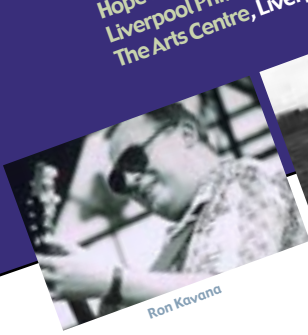
Venue Map



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- 3 Festival Information Point
- 4 St. Michaels Irish Centre
- 5 The Casa (The Venue), Hope Street
- 6 Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
- 7 Hope Street Hotel
- 8 Centre for Continuing Education
- 9 Great George's Square
- 10 The Dovedale, Penny Lane
- 11 The Pilgrim Pub

Throughout the festival, events will be taking place at the following venues:

- The Casa, 29, Hope Street, Liverpool
- The Fly in the Loaf, 35 Hardman Street, Liverpool
- The Festival Club (Upstairs in the Fly in the Loaf), 35 Hardman Street, Liverpool
- St Michaels Irish Centre, 6 Boundary Lane, West Derby Rd, Liverpool
- Hope Street Hotel, 40 Hope Street, Liverpool
- Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool
- The Arts Centre, Liverpool Community College, Myrtle Street, Liverpool



Ron Kavana



Rita Ann Higgins



Patrick Michels



Mersey Care NHS Trust



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