

General Information/Eolas Ginearálta

The Concertina Cruinniú is an annual community non-commercial event organised by Oidhreacht an Chláir to promote the musical and cultural heritage of Clare.

Free admission to The Music Makers of West Clare Visitor Centre for students.

Students and visitors must arrange their own accommodation and transport. There is a wide variety of accommodation in the Miltown Malbay area.

See www.concertinacruinniu.ie



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Registration

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Class: Early Learner: ☐ Intermediate: ☐

Advanced: ☐ Master Class: ☐

Adult only Beginner: ☐

Register and pay online at
www.concertinacruinniu.ie
or forward cheque to:

OaC, Flag Road, Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare
087-2897935, 087-6889239



BUÍOCHAS

Is iad Oidhreacht an Chláir a eagraíonn an Cruinniú
Consairtín bliantúil, le tacaíocht uathu seo a leanas:

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le hIonad Pobail Shráid na Cathrach agus
le Scoil Náisiúnta Naomh Iósaf.



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14th Annual CONCERTINA CRUINNIÚ

Feile Mhór an Chonsairtín

Musical Director
Noel Hill



February
13th - 15th
2026

in
Miltown Malbay
Co. Clare



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FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY

8.30pm - 10.00pm

Official Opening: By Harry Hughes, followed by the Clare Launch of "Across the Atlantic", a CD by Andrew Caden & Conor McDonagh who will discuss the tunes and style of playing on the CD followed by tunes from Andrew & Conor.

Venue: Community Centre.

Admission €10. Free for registered students.

10.00pm

Cosán Ceoil in selected pubs, with some of the leading concertina players and other musicians.

Admission free. Fáilte roimh chách.

SATURDAY, 14 FEBRUARY

9.00am Grading for classes at Miltown Malbay Community Centre.

10.00am - 1.00pm (Short Break 11.15am)

Classes at Community Centre and St. Joseph's National School

- Master class with Noel Hill. Pre-registration required.

All classes will be overseen by Master Tutor Noel Hill and conducted by a panel of experienced musicians and tutors: Colm Browne, Sorcha Curtin, Edel Fox, Bernie Geraghty, Noel Hill, Mairead Hurley, Aoife Kelly, Claire Keville, Jacqueline McCarthy, Mary MacNamara, Caoilfhionn Ní Fhrighil, Liam O'Brien, Conor O'Loughlin, Michelle O'Sullivan, Aidan Quigney and Jack Talty.

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Lecture: Stephen Chambers "The origins and development of the Concertina, illustrated with rare, original, and antique instruments".

Venue: Community Centre.

Admission €5. Free for registered students.

SATURDAY, 14 FEBRUARY

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Open Junior Session, led by Bríd O'Donohue and Liam O'Brien

Venue: St. Joseph's National School.

Admission free. Fáilte roimh chách.

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Open Intermediate Session (under 18s in advanced or master class), led by Michelle O'Sullivan and Áine O'Connell.

Venue: Community Centre.

Admission free. Fáilte roimh chách.

3.30pm - 5.00pm

Open Adult Session, led by Edel Fox and Neill Byrne.

Venue: Cleary's Bar (Blonds)

Admission free. Fáilte roimh chách.

5.00pm - 6.00pm

The Listening Room:

Noel Hill joined by Andrew Caden and Conor McDonagh.

Venue: Westbridge Bar and Restaurant.

Admission €15. Free for registered students.

8.30pm - 10.00pm

Cuallacht an Chonsairtín

Concertina Recital

Gráinne Ahern, Brendan Gillanders, Riona Hely

Francis Droney, Claire Keville and John McMahon

Fear an Tí: Jack Talty.

This event will be recorded for ITMA.

Venue: Community Centre.

Admission €20. Cruinniú students €10.

10.00pm

Cosán Ceoil in selected pubs, with some of the leading concertina players and other musicians.

Admission free. Fáilte roimh chách.



SUNDAY, 15 FEBRUARY

10.00am - 1.00pm (Short Break 11.15am)

Classes at Community Centre and St Joseph's NS.

2.30pm - 5.30pm

Songs and Tunes

Tim Dennehy, Sean Lyons, Bernie Geraghty, John Kelly, Aoife Kelly and Charlie Le Brun.

Venue: The Forge at The Players Bar.

Admission free. Fáilte roimh chách.

Kevin Costello will be available for Concertina repairs in
The Community Centre on Saturday and Sunday.
086 - 067 8973

Musicians in residence for the weekend:
John Kelly, Aoife Kelly & Charlie Le Brun.
See posters for local sessions.

Fee: For two days' tuition and admission to all events
except Saturday night Concert.

Early Bird Registration: €70. Students must
register and pay by 31st January 2026 to avail of this.
€85 thereafter.

Please Register and pay online at
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