



Club Ceoil Blarney

Dia Dhaoibh Families of Blarney!

We are delighted to announce the start of Club Ceoil Blarney on Monday 26 September 2016. The club will be held at Gaelscoil Mhuscraí for a 10 week trial on Mondays from approximately 2:30-4pm. Once we establish how many members sign-up, we will send home timetables for your child's more specific lesson times. The club is open to 2nd – 6th class students and we offer classes, including various Irish traditional instruments, singing, and sean-nós dancing. If the 10

week programme is successful, we hope to also return for a Spring Term from January – May 2017.



Club Ceoil is run by Creative Tradition, which is a non-profit organization of traditional musicians who aim to pass on Irish music to young people. We are all garda vetted and work professionally through the Cork ETB. Many of our tutors also teach at Club Ceoil Ballyphehane, Club Ceoil Knocknaheeny, and Comhaltas Ceoilteoirí Éireann.

If you already know which traditional instruments your child is interested in, please feel free to fill out the attached registration form and send this along with the fees back to your child's múinteoir at the Gaelscoil. We have included some information here for parents and children who are unsure about which instrument to

choose. If your child would like to learn an instrument not listed below, just ring Jessie, as we may be able to accommodate them.

Choose your Irish Traditional Instrument:

The fee for instrumental lessons is €60, and our class sizes are small (4-6 per class) to give the children as much individual attention as possible. We allow students to sign-up for more than one instrument if they feel that they will have time to learn and practice both.

Tin whistle: The tin whistle is a great option for those new to Irish music, or instrument lessons in general. They are very inexpensive and can be found in most music and tourist shops in Cork City. Many students begin with the tin whistle in 2nd and 3rd class, especially if you're unsure which more advanced (expensive) instrument you would like to learn. The whistle is also great because it is very closely related to the uilleann pipes and to the Irish flute.



Irish Flute: Irish flutes are popular with children with larger hand (typically 4th class and over). They may be available in shops in town, but many are handmade and can be purchased from flute makers. Wooden flutes are from €600-€800 (and take about 1 year to order and make). Hammy Hamilton (below) makes reliable metal 'practice' flutes for students for only €80-90. These are good options for beginners. For wooden flutes we suggest the makers:

www.hamiltonflutes.com,
www.traditionalirishflutes.com

www.martindoyleflutes.com

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Fiddle: The fiddle (identical in make to the violin) is another popular instrument and can be learned at any age. They come in a range of sizes, so you can take your child to any music shop to get them measured for a fiddle size. Most shops offer a renting or rent-to-buy scheme, which is very convenient for most families.

Bodhrán: Like the tin whistle, the bodhrán is a great option. They are inexpensive and can be found in most music and tourist shops in Cork City. Some of our best bodhrán students also play melody instruments, so feel free to choose more than one of the above.

Guitar: Learning guitar is a popular option for students interested in pop, Irish, and classical music. Guitars come in all shapes, sizes and prices and are readily available at music shops. Just make sure you buy a case, an acoustic guitar, and the appropriate size. This is also a great option for singers.

Concertina: Concertina is a hugely popular traditional instrument. It is a good choice for learners of all ages, but even the student models are quite expensive. Some are available in local music shops, as well as online. Like the Irish flutes, they are handmade, and if you want to buy a new one, they can be quite expensive and take 2-3 years to make! These concertinas are more suitable for students who have been playing a few years and know they will continue into the future: www.mcneelamusic.com, www.suttnerconcertinas.com

Join our Traditional Singing Choir:

For a fee of €35, we also offer places for students to join our Traditional Singing Choir. Singing helps to reinforce lessons from our instrumental classes, and many students find this activity communal, social and fun. The choir is inclusive, and caters to different skill levels and ages. We will be focusing on Traditional Irish songs, both in Irish and English.



Join our Sean-nós Dancing Team:

If there are enough interested, we hope to start a sean-nós dancing class as well. Please feel free to sign-up, and if we don't have the numbers we will refund the fees to you by 30 September. Sean-nós dancing is characterized as a free and old style of Irish dancing, that is usually non-competitive, informal and does not require any special outfits or uniforms (like Step Dancing). Fees for the Sean-nós dancing classes are €40.

Fee Structure for Autumn 2016:

1 Instrument class	€60
2 Instrument classes	€110
Instrument Class & Traditional Singing	€95
Instrumental Class & Sean-nós Dancing	€100
Instrumental Class, Singing and Dancing (Warning: Your child may be wrecked after 90 minutes of straight action!)	€130

Registration deadline:

Please return the attached registration form and fees to the office of Gaelscoil Mhuscraí by **Tuesday 13 September 2016**. Go raibh maith agaibh, and we look forward to meeting you in September!

Contact Creative Tradition:

Feel free to contact Jessie with any question.

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Creative Tradition is organized by Jessie Cawley (Bmus, M.A., PhD) and provides workshops, educational projects, and outreach work in partnership with Music Generation Cork City, UCC and the Cork ETB.

Go raibh maith agat, Gaelscoil Mhuscraí for supporting Club Ceoil Blarney!