



INISHOWEN
TRADITIONAL
SINGERS' CIRCLE

Inishowen International Folk Song and Ballad Seminar 2014

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21 – 24 March 2014

Ballyliffin and Clonmany, Inishowen Peninsula

Celebrating 25 years of the Seminar 1990–2014

2014 marks **25 years** of the Inishowen Singing Weekend. We thank everyone who has kept this gathering on the road and have made it what it is - a celebration of song & friendship.



This year we are staying **close to home** with guests and talks. You will hear from and about the singers of **Cloontagh, Malin Head, Carndonagh, Clonmany, Isle of Doagh, Buncrana and Rashenny**. And we have issued **Mick Quinn** with his honorary Inishowen passport once again. With family ties to Inishowen, we are delighted that singer **Margaret Cunningham** will be joining us from Carrick.

Across the Water is a multimedia soundscape inspired by ***The Last of the Name***, the memoirs of Meentagh weaver, **Charles McGlinchey**. Composed by **Finbarr Doherty** and produced by **Paul McCarroll**, this performance from Inishowen singers, musicians,

artists and actors, is a moving and exciting feast for the senses.

Jim Toland is married to Anne Donovan, niece of the famed Malin Head singer & fiddle player, **John Donovan**. Our opening lecture this year is the story of a remarkable man from a remarkable family of lighthouse keepers and radio operators, a man who was to be immortalised on the crackling 78 rpm disks he recorded in Dublin in the 1940s.

On Saturday, we are delighted to host the launch of a new CD of recordings of the Usher Family from Co. Louth with Pat & Stuart Carolan, and Donal Maguire .

The Inishowen Song Project

The lasting testament of the Seminar is the Inishowen Song Project, where you will find the singers and songs of Inishowen as well as performances from those who live further afield. Funded by Inishowen Development Partnership and hosted by the Irish Traditional Music Archive, at the click of a button, you will always have a piece of Inishowen with you www.itma.ie/inishowen

Our 2014 Guests

Paddy Doherty
(Eoghnie)

Singers from the
Inishowen Traditional
Singers' Circle

Finbarr Doherty & the
cast of *Across the*
Water

Mick Quinn

Jim Toland

Margaret
Cunningham

Cloontagh NS &

Rashenny NS

The Carolan Family &

Donal Maguire



FRIDAY

- 8 pm Official Launch by Kevin McGonigle, Chairman ITSC
- 8:30 pm The life & times of John Donovan: illustrated talk by Jim Toland
- 10 pm Home & Away Session hosted by Grace Toland & Brian Doyle

SATURDAY

- 12 noon Launch of Usher family CD with Pat & Stuart Carolan and Donal Maguire
- 3 pm ITSC Session hosted by Kevin McGonigle & John Waltham [McFeeley's Bar, Clonmany]
- 7 pm Seminar Dinner
- 9 pm Grand Concert featuring Guest Singers & Finbarr Doherty's *Across the Water*

SUNDAY

- 12 noon Music Session
- Bursary Masterclasses
- 3 pm North Pole Session [North Pole Bar, Drumfries]
- 8 pm Inishowen Tunes & Songs

MONDAY

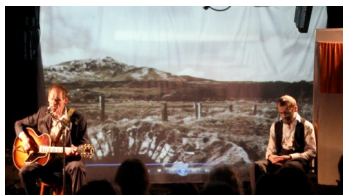
- 12 noon Rusty Nail Farewell Session [Rusty Nail, Crossconnell]

Kevin McGonigle
086 8353513

Grace Toland
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Brian Doyle
087 2761247

ALL EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE BALLYLIFFIN HOTEL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



Finbarr Dohery & Across the Water

ITSC WAS FORMED IN 1988 TO FOSTER, ENCOURAGE AND PERPETUATE THE FOLK SONG AND BALLAD TRADITION OF THE



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SEMINAR INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

- Weekend Registration € 50
- Student Concession € 30
- Entry to all events; Seminar dinner; Transport to all venues
- Your registration supports the running of the weekend & other events hosted by ITSC.

ITSC BURSARIES

We annually award student bursaries to attend the singing weekend. This year we thank the many sponsors who are supporting this initiative and we warmly welcome the recipients.

ITMA & ITSC

- Each year ITMA provides a pop-up recording studio where everyone is invited to record a song for posterity. This year, to celebrate 25 years of the Seminar, we ask you to say a few words about your memories of Inishowen.
- Co-Ordinator: Jim Mac Farland

The Inishowen Seminar is generously supported by The Arts Council of Ireland; Donegal County Council; Goilin Singers' Club, Dublin; Bursary Sponsors; Ballyliffin Hotel; McFeeley's Bar; The North Pole Bar; Rusty Nail Bar

And **your registration**

