

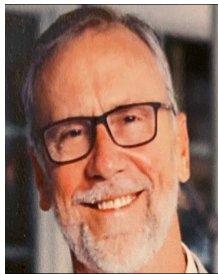
Happy August Musical Friends!

After a short break following June's Cruinniú event, the Críú is busy once again with planning for 2025. We hope to share dates and the faculty/class line up as soon as we finalize instructor agreements. As always, the Cruinniú is shaping up to be a great event. Another stellar faculty lineup!

We always like to recognize the events and doings of our Cruinniú instructor alumni, and want to note the recent announcement by Solas of a new incarnation of that band. The new lineup will include founding members Seamus Egan, (2024 Cruinniú Alum), Winnie Horan and John Williams. Joining the band will be new members Nuala Kennedy, (three time Cruinniú alum), and Alan Murray. This is sure to be a fantastic collaboration!



Go to solas.theband.com to sign up and receive band updates. Concert tour dates are already on their calendar! Have a fine musical August and we will look to have event updates to share with you in September!



Shawn Cayson,
Director

On behalf of the
The Cruinniú Críú

Watch
this spot
for
**2025
DATES**



l-r: Louvain Guimard, GCC board member & Assistant Director of O'Flaherty Irish Music Retreat, Niamh Clarke, Vice Consul Consulate General of Ireland, Austin, TX, Oisín McEvoy, owner of The Neighbourhood Café, Austin and Erica Braverman, GCC board member and board member with T.I.M.E.S .TX.

Niamh Clarke has been an invaluable asset for the Traditional Irish Music community in Texas, and an excellent ambassador for Ireland. Niamh ends her assignment to US at the end of August. Her new assignment will be in Dublin, Ireland, she will be greatly missed by all of us in the Irish

Community here in Texas.

Erica and Louvain met Niamh in Austin for a farewell lunch at The Dead Rabbit Restaurant & Irish Pub, to personally thank Niamh for her constant encouragement. While there, they met Oisín McEvoy, owner of The Neighbourhood Café, which opened it's doors just days earlier. Oisín is from Niamh's home town, and this made this time for Niamh extra special. Oisín is looking forward adding his Café to the Austin session circuit!



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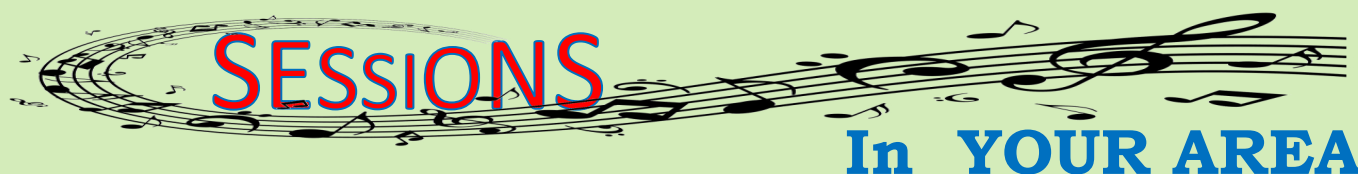


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SESSIONS

In YOUR AREA

ARLINGTON, TX

Tuesday nights beginning 7pm. at J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill at 400 East Abram Street, Arlington

Hooligans Pub session meets

monthly on the 1st **Sundays**, 3-6pm. at 310 E. Abram St., #150, Arlington

AUSTIN TX

BD Rileys **Thursdays** 7-10pm

Kelly's **Sunday** starts at 7pm

Suds Monkey **Tuesdays** 7-8:45pm

BOULDER, CO

Sunday @ 2pm

East Simpson Coffee House, Louisville,

Sunday @ 6pm Wheelhouse, Niwot

DENVER, CO

Tuesdays @ 6pm

Wednesdays @ 6pm at Clancy's in Wheatridge

Sunday @ 4pm, Celtic on Market Irish Pub

Sunday @ 3pm @ Abbey Tavern

DENTON, TX

Steve's Wine, session meets 2nd & 4th **Saturdays**, 3-5pm. at 111 Industrial Street

EDMOND, OK

Every **Monday** evening @ 7pm The Patriarch Craft Beer House & Lawn , 9 E Edwards St, Edmond

FORT COLLINS, CO

1st Sunday @ 2pm at Avogadro's Number, 605 Main Street

3rd Sunday @ 4pm at

Equinox Brewing, 133 Remington St.,

Mondays @ 7pm at The Forge Publick House, 255 Old Firehouse Alley

GRANBURY, TX

3rd Saturday of each month 6-9:00pm at D'Vine Wine, 107 E. Bridge St.,

HOUSTON, TX

Sunday 4-6p.m.

Penny Whistle Pub, 1625 Richmond Ave.,

Monday 7:30-9:30p.m.

Chelsea Wine Bar 4106 E Nasa Pkwy, El Lago, TX 77586 (upstairs)

Wednesday

7:30-10:00pm

McGonigel's Mucky Duck, 2425 Norfolk St.,

LOCKHART, TX

Meets **monthly**. Doors open at 4pm. Sessions runs 4:30-8pm.

Next meeting is Aug 11th. All ages and levels are welcome.

Lockhart Arts & Craft, 113 North Main Street,

MANSFIELD, TX

Dirty Job Brewing, session meets on the **3rd Friday** 5-7pm, 117 N Main St,

McKINNEY, TX

Celt Irish Pub every **Wednesday** evening from 7-10p.m, 100 N Tennessee St,

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

4th Saturday of the month 2-4pm at The American Banjo Museum, 9 E Sheridan Ave.,

RICHARDSON, TX

Gillespie's Tavern, meets **first Monday** of each month, 7-10pm, 3500 Shire Blvd, Suite #112,

If you can not get to a session
The **McGonigel's Mucky Duck**
Wednesday night session is now
recorded and is available for
viewing on
YouTube. Go to:
[Irish Session/Live from Norfolk Street](#)

FACULTY CONNECTIONS

A COLUMN DEDICATED TO CRUINNIÚ INSTRUCTOR NEWS AND INFORMATION.....BY LAURA M.

Do you know that Liz Knowles, (Cruinniú alum, 2021 and 2024) has a newsletter? It is called LizNotes, and you can sign up to receive it by going to: <https://www.lizknowles.com/single-project>. In her newsletter, Liz shares her thoughts about music, art, and life. It is always interesting and we highly recommend it.

Liz Knowles and Liz Carroll (Cruinniú alum 2020 and 2024) have a



podcast called "The Lizzes": <https://www.patreon.com/thelizzespodcast> Here is what they have to say about their entertaining conversations:

"The basis of our friendship began in and around Irish music and over the years, we have toured together, produced albums together, and chatted endlessly about teaching, composing, and arranging. During the pandemic, we spent even more time chatting via phone, FaceTime and Zoom

and at one point, Liz suggested that we start recording these chats and the other Liz said "yes!" and now we're inviting you to listen in on our calls"

IRISH WORD/ TRADITION

Slán

(SLAHN)

Goodbye, bye, farewell

Slán abhaile

(SLAHN)

AH-WAH-LE)

Safe Home

EDUCATION

University of St. Thomas Houston

The Flynn Center for Irish Studies and sponsors several Irish-related events and classes each year.

Www.stthom.edu

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Center for Irish Studies

O'Flaherty Retreat 2024

The 21st Annual O'Flaherty Irish Music Retreat will be held October 24-27, 2024 at the Hoblitzelle Camp & Conference Center in Midlothian, Texas. For more information and registrar please visit

www.oflahertyretreat.org

SESSIONS

In YOUR AREA

Chicago Area Sessions

CHICAGO AREA SESSIONS

Updated: June 18th, 2024

Venue	Addr	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Chief O'Neill's Pub	3471 N Elston Ave, Chicago 60618			8				5
Clancy's Pizza Pub	4624 W 103rd St, Oak Lawn 60453		7	7		7		
Corrib Irish Pub	5522 N Elston Ave, Chicago 60630				8			4
Gaelic Park Chicago****	6119 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL 60452				7:30			
Galway Arms	2442 N Clark St, Chicago 60614		8	8	8			8
Galway Bay	500 W. Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL		8					
Chicago Street Pub	75 N Chicago St, Joliet, IL	7:30						
Irish American Heritage Center	4626 N Knox Ave, Chicago 60630				7			
Langin's Pub *	3119 W 111th St, Chicago 60655							5
McGonigal's Pub**	105 S. Cook St., Barrington, IL			7				
Mrs Murphy & Sons Irish Bistro	3905 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago 60613			7:30				1
Quigley's Irish Pub***	43 E Jefferson St, Naperville, IL			7:30				
The Celtic Knot	626 Church St., Evanston, IL							4
The Grafton	4530 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago 60625							5
The Harp & Fiddle	110 Main Street, Park Ridge, IL				8			
The Kerryman	661 N. Clark St, Chicago, IL							5
The Wolfhound Bar & Kitchen	3188 N. Elston Ave., Chicago, IL		7:30					

* Oldest continuous session in Chicago

** Alternate Wednesdays – check with the pub for any given week

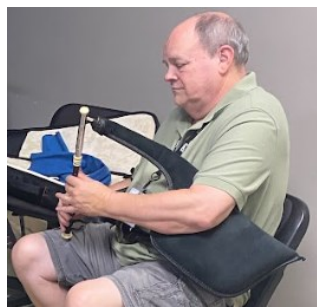
*** 3rd Wednesdays

**** 1st & 3rd Thursdays



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