

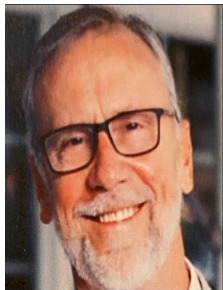
Greetings Happy November friends of Cruinniú!

I am still reeling from the great music and craic at the recent O'Flaherty Retreat, TX. Such a well-run event, run by special people, in a special place!

GCC is partnering with TIMES, the governing board of O'Flaherty, in an state-wide effort to provide a house concert path through Texas for traveling trad musicians by sharing the logistics, providing transportation, lodging, venues, for these fine, itinerant musicians bringing great trad tunes to our doorsteps.

In the past two weeks, my wife and I were the transport 'roadies' for Cillian Vallely, David Doocey, and Alan Murray at house concerts in Dallas hosted by Rick and Pam Roberts and in Houston hosted by Mark and Kathy Johnson. In between the house concerts, Cillian, David, and Alan performed at the Austin Celtic Festival. Roadie life as a retiree? Could this be my future? I need to focus on retiring.

Planning for the 2025 Cruinniú continues. All the instructors are secured. Registration date will soon be announced. Watch here for more news on our path to June.



Happy Thanksgiving
C'ya here next month

Shawn Cayson,
Director

On behalf of the The Cruinniú Criad



2025 INSTRUCTORS

BRENDA CASTLES
INT-ADV CONCERTINA

MÁIRTIN DE CÓGÁIN
**STORYTELLING AND
CONCERT EMCEE**

JOHN DOYLE
INT-ADV GUITAR

COLIN FARRELL
INT-ADV WHISTLE

KATIE GERINGER
FIDDLE FUNDAMENTALS

THERESE HONEY
INT-ADV HARP

DAVID HOWLEY
INT-ADV BANJO/MANDOLIN

PAUL MCCLURE
INT-ADV BODHRAN

MICHAEL MCGOLDRICK
INT-ADV IRISH FLUTE

ROBERT SHADDOX
BODHRAN FUNDAMENTALS

CAITLIN WARBELOW
INT-ADV FIDDLE



**THE GULF COAST
CRUINNIÚ**
Irish Trad on the Third Coast
Join us for our sixth annual gathering
June 5th – June 8th, 2025



MICHAEL MCGOLDRICK will be joining our faculty at GCC for the first time in 2025. This is a rare opportunity to study flute with this highly influential musician. McGoldrick has been a prominent figure in the folk music scene since the early '90's and has a uniquely flowing and ornamented style. His playing draws heavily from many musical genres,

and includes the use of "blue notes" and other jazz influences while staying strongly anchored in the Irish tradition.

McGoldrick grew up in Manchester, which has a strong Irish heritage. He was exposed to traditional music from a young age which had a significant role in shaping his musical style. In addition to playing flute, his low whistle, uilleann pipe, and bodhran playing are greatly admired.

Over the years, McGoldrick has been involved in various bands and numerous collaborations. He co-founded the influential band 'Flook', was an early member of Lúnasa, and also joined 'Capercaillie,' a Scottish folk band. He has worked with many artists including John McSherry, John McCusker, John Doyle, Kate Rusby, Mark Knopfler, John Carty, Usher's Island and Sharon Shannon among many others. McGoldrick has appeared on numerous recordings including several solo albums, and is the recipient of numerous accolades on the world music scene.



BRENDA CASTLES will be our first concertina instructor at the Gulf Coast Cruinniú. Brenda hails from Co. Meath and honed her concertina skills under the tutelage of Mícheál Ó'Raghallaigh. Castles is a seasoned performer, recording artist, and instructor currently based in Dublin (IRL) and New York City. She released her debut solo album "Indeedin You Needn't Bother" in December of 2016

and "The Light Side of the Tune" in 2021.

Brenda teaches around the world both at Irish music festivals and arts events, including the O'Flaherty Irish Music Retreat and the Catskills Irish Arts Week. She has been a performer in two Celtic Sojourn productions in the Boston area and was a member of the Green Fields of America collective with the late Mike Maloney.

Notable recent performances include solo concerts at Temple Bar TradFest, Meath Beo, the Pipers Club, Earth Rising and the Concertina Festival in Ennis. Beyond her musical endeavors Brenda has delved into the realm of film, creating and producing the evocative short film "Plight of the Bumble Bee" with a traditionally inspired soundtrack of her own compositions.



WEBPAGE has a new look

Thank you to the **Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme** for a grant which has allowed GCC to hire Alden Robinson of Waterbound Web Works to redesign our website!!

Alden is not only a talented web designer, but also an exceptional fiddler with The Press Gang, an Irish trad band from Portland, Maine.

We are thrilled with the result of Alden's work. We know you will be, too. Thank you, Alden, and a shout out to Anna Colliton, graphic artist and bodhran instructor/player for her original graphics, which Alden seamlessly integrated into the new website.



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EDUCATION

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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.

BRYAN, TX

Every **Wednesday** 6:30-9:00pm
Murphys Law, 107 N Main St.,

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**. *December 8th*
Doors open at 4pm. Sessions runs 4:30-8pm. 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 cannot get to a session,
The McGonigel's Mucky Duck

Wednesday night session is now recorded and is available for viewing and playing along with on YouTube. Go to

[Irish Session/Live from Norfolk Street](#)

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			
Lanigan'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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Thank you a thousand times



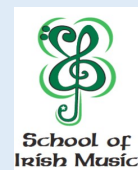
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