

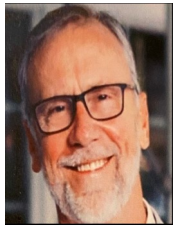
Greetings, all!

I think it is enough to say our hard work continues with a focus on preparing for a February 1 registration. We also have a Céilí Fundraiser in the planning stage for a Feb/Mar 2025 timeframe. If you attended the céilí last June, you will know what a great time everyone had — the music, the dancing, the laughs. We expect a repeat in early spring. More to come on this soon.

In other news, we recently lost our event session venue with the sale of the Penny Whistle. We have feelers out for a new venue to support both the Cruinniú and the Houston sessioneers. We will socialize our new venue once agreements are in place.

Watch for an announcement regarding an event involving Cruinniú alums and 2025 instructor Cailin Warbelow and Chris Ranney. This will take place in late January in Houston. Sure to be a good show with these fine folk! They gave us great support in the first year of GCC when Covid hit and we had to go to a virtual event. We made history internationally by being the first Irish trad event to do so. It could not have happened without Caitlin, Chris, and Tune Supply.

That's all for now folks. Hope you have a fine holiday season.



C'ya here next month,

*Shawn Cayson,
Director*

On behalf of the The Cruinniú Criú



2025 INSTRUCTORS

BRENDA CASTLES
INT-ADV CONCERTINA

MÁIRTIN DE CÓGÁIN
STORYTELLING AND
CONCERT EMCEE

JOHN DOYLE
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COLIN FARRELL
INT-ADV WHISTLE

KATIE GERINGER
FIDDLE FUNDAMENTALS

THERESE HONEY
INT-ADV HARP

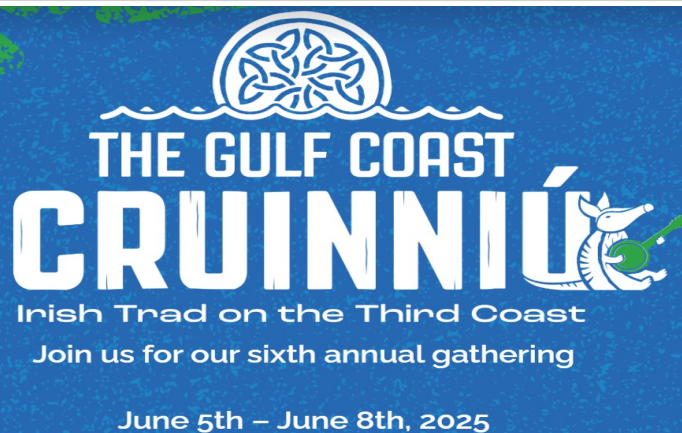
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INT-ADV BANJO/MANDOLIN

PAUL McCLURE
INT-ADV BODHRAN

MICHAEL MCGOLDRICK
INT-ADV IRISH FLUTE

ROBERT SHADDOX
BODHRAN FUNDAMENTALS

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

BEING ONE OF THE 80

"Many hands make for light work" and "The potatoes won't grow if they are not planted" are two old and true Irish sayings which transcend all facets of our lives!

Thinking about the past five years and looking to the years ahead, we ask you to think about how you can be a part of the future of GCC. We have two current needs, one financial and the other physical.

First, financial: Facilities rental at UST has increased, as have other expenses. Our need is \$4,000. If 80 people donate \$50, this need is met. Would you consider being one of the 80? And please check with your company's HR department. Many businesses offer a matching donation program for 501 (c) (3) non-profits. All donations are tax deductible. There is a DONATE tab on our web page.

Second: physical: We need a more volunteers on the ground during GCC. For information on this, please contact info@gulfcoastIrish.org



An Irish Christmas



In collaboration with the William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies at the University of St. Thomas, the Houston-based traditional Irish band Hup!, and the Houston School of Irish Music, a free public concert called "An Irish Christmas" was held on Sunday, December 8, at Jones Hall on the UST campus.



The members of Hup! are Michael Allen, Katie Geringer, Mathew Lewis, Larry Mallett, and Robert Shaddox. Featured guest artists were Erica Braverman (sean nós dance) and Therese Honey (harp). Four members of Hup! happen also to teach at the Houston School of Irish Music. They arranged for the 16-piece HOISM School Band to open the second half of the show, giving the school's students a chance to shine for an audience.

The Flynn Center has been working with the Houston School of Irish Music since 2012 by providing classrooms on campus on a weekly basis. In 2019 the William J Flynn Center collaborated with Gulf Coast Cruinniú to secure on-campus facilities.

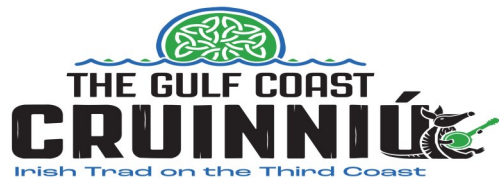
We encourage all our local friends to regularly check the



calendar of events sponsored by Flynn Center, which can be found on the school's website:

[Center for Irish Studies | Catholic University | Houston, Texas.](#)

These events usually include other concerts, as well as lectures, readings, and a mass on St. Patrick's Day.



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*An Irish Christmas
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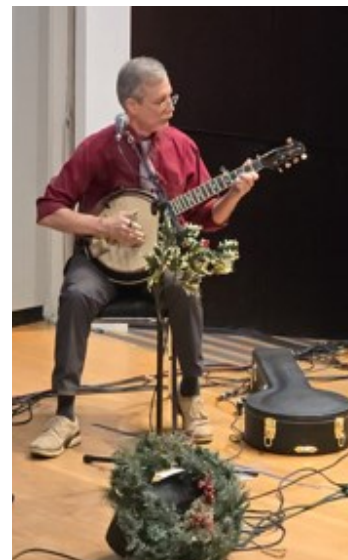


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Houston



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Irish Music





John Doyle
One would be hard-pressed to find a more influential guitarist in the Irish music world than John Doyle. His collaborations with other musicians read like a Who's Who of the Irish trad world's greatest: Liz Carroll, Eileen Ivers, Karan Casey, Solas, John McCusker, Michael

McGoldrick, Nuala Kennedy and Eamon O'Leary, Martin Hayes, Kevin Crawford, Andy Irvine, Paddy Glackin and Donald Lunny among many others. As a founding member of the highly influential band Solas, John provided a strong and rhythmic foundation to the music. Scores of aspiring guitarists sought to emulate his style.

John has also worked broadly across other genres, performing with great musicians from the bluegrass world and with singer-songwriters worldwide. He has appeared on and produced countless albums as well as a number of solo albums. These feature his brilliant songwriting and singing, his guitar fireworks, as well as his creative and sensitive song accompaniments.

This will be John's fourth Cruinniú. He's a strong instructor who pushes students to work hard. He also adds an incalculable presence to our Saturday night concert. This year, we'll have the thrill of seeing him perform with his friend and longtime collaborator, Michael McGoldrick. John will teach in dropped D tuning. This will be a fantastic opportunity to study with the best.



This will be Caitlin Warbelow's third year on faculty with the Gulf Coast Cruinniú. She is a New York based violinist and entrepreneur originally from Alaska. She served for seven years as violinist/fiddler in the original Broadway cast of the Tony award-winning and Grammy-nominated

musical *Come From Away*, and leads the Irish traditional ensemble *Warbelow Range*. Her live album of Irish traditional music in Manhattan pubs, *Manhattan Island Sessions* was nominated for an Independent Music Award in 2011.

Caitlin has collaborated with many renowned Irish musicians and ensembles, including Cherish the Ladies, Green Fields of America with Mick Maloney, the Alt, and the Cathy Ryan Band, among others.

Caitlin is an All-Ireland winner and New England Fiddle Champion who holds degrees from Columbia University in anthropology and music. She is an experienced instructor of Irish fiddle as a faculty member of the Manhattan *Irish Arts Center*, the Swannanoa Gathering, the *Acadia Festival of Traditional Music & Dance*, and the Far North Fiddle Fest. She also maintains a private teaching studio in Manhattan and performs and tours as a solo artist with numerous ensembles and as a symphony soloist.

Caitlin is co-founder of Tune Supply, which was founded at the start of the Covid pandemic to help support musicians during that very difficult time. Tune Supply continues to offer online classes and resources for the Irish trad community.



EDUCATION

University of St. Thomas, Houston,

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

www.stthom.edu

use **SEARCH** enter **Center for Irish Studies**



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

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**. **January 19th**
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 111 th 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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Soup

A candle in the window

Christmas Day Swim

Mince Pie

Christmas Cake

Christmas Pudding

The Day of the Wren

Sessions / Ceol & Craic

Christmas season ends on

January 6th with

Nollaig Mná

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