



CRUINNEWS

August 2025

Join us next year for our
seventh annual gathering
June 4th – June 7th, 2026

DATES CONFIRMED!

Happy summer to all of you! We hope that life and music are treating you well. Our team looks back with great satisfaction to this year's Cruinniú. From the amazing instruction taught by a truly illustrious faculty, to the energetic sessions, the céili, and the excitement of the Saturday night concert, we are thrilled by how it all came together.

We could not do this without all of you. This year our enrollment was up, and more of you came to the event from other regions of the country. We appreciate your energy, participation, and support as we continue to grow and develop. Thank you also to all of you who sent in your surveys. These are very valuable to us and help improve the event each year.

So what's up for 2026? We have confirmed the date of the event. We can also confirm that the following instructors will join us: Liz Knowles (intermediate/advanced fiddle), Kieran O'Hare (intermediate/advanced flute), Theresa O'Grady (intermediate/advanced banjo/mandolin), Nathan Gourley (DADGAD intermediate/advanced guitar), and Colm Phelan (intermediate/advanced bodhran). We'll keep you posted as we have more information.

Enjoy some photos from this year's event. We look forward to seeing all of you next year!



Slán!
Laura Michaelides,
Social Media Maven and
Mistress of Marketing

On behalf of the Cruinniú Criú



Our 2026 Instructors

(so far)

Katie Geringer

fiddle fundamentals

Nathan Gourley

int-adv guitar

Liz Knowles

int-adv fiddle

Theresa O'Grady

int-adv banjo/mandolin

Kieran O'Hare

int-adv Irish flute

Colm Phelan

int-adv bodhran

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bodhran fundamentals

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singing

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concertina

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whistle

Classes



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The Céili



Sessions



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The Concert



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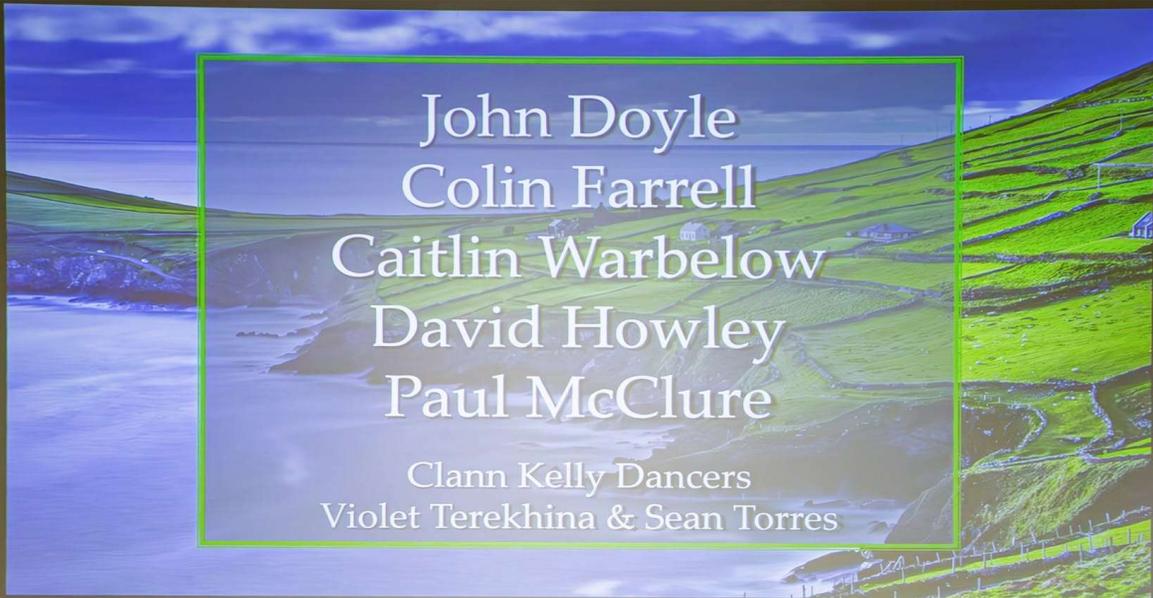
Our All-Stars!

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| Brenda Castles | Máirtín de Cógáin |
| John Doyle | Colin Farrel |
| Katie Geringer | David Howley |
| Paul McClure | Mike McGoldrick |
| Robert Shaddux | Caitlín Warbleow |

Clan Kelly Dancers: Violet Terekhina & Sean Torres



The Concert





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Céili Fundraiser Announcement



We will have a Céili fundraiser sometime this fall. Watch your email and social feeds for more details as we finalize the plans.

Cruinniú 2025 Instructor Playlist

We've compiled a playlist of a few tunes (and a story from Máirtín) featuring some of our instructors for your listening enjoyment. Follow the links below to the playlists on Spotify, YouTube, and Apple Music. Enjoy!

 [YouTube Playlist](#)

 [Spotify Playlist](#)

 [Apple Music Playlist](#)

If the links above do not work, cut and past the links below in your browser

Spotify: <https://tinyurl.com/GCCSpotify> YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/GCCYT> Apple: <https://tinyurl.com/GCC-Apple>

That's all for this month! Watch your email, social media feeds, and our website (gulfcoastirish.org) for more information as it becomes available.

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