

NOVEMBER NEWS LETTER.

Wasn't the Peggy Seeger & Tommy Sands concert great? Those of you who missed out, can check a review (thank you, Cathy) of the night on our website. Cathy's comments about the lighting have been taken on board and expect a new look, much improved layout in more ways than one at our next concert in the Courthouse on the 26th Nov.

We would like to wish Maura Treasa, one of our greatest supporters, a speedy recovery in time for all the fun of the Winter Music Weekend. After the excitement of Benidorm she is now in hospital in Dublin – TOO much fun!

Busy time ahead, so put the following dates in your diary!

11th Nov. Friday 8.00pm Adm €12 St Columba's Church, Bindon Street, Ennis



Classical guitarist Brendan Walsh returns to his native county to perform a solo recital at St Columba's Church, Bindon St, Ennis. It has been several years since the Sixmilebridge man has played an entire solo recital in his home county. Brendan went to Switzerland where he completed his second masters with distinction in music performance in summer 2010 from the Lucerne Conservatoire of Music. Since then he has played in France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Ireland and the UK. Brendan is a two time All Ireland 'Feis Ceol' competition winner including the George Lowden Bach Prize and has performed live on both local and national radio. Brendan has played support to important Irish artists such as Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin and Luka Bloom. He has performed for President Mary McAleese and played for Switzerland's leading political figures in the Bundeshaus in Bern.

Brendan also studied composition and premiered his first guitar concerto (Feb 07) at the National Concert Hall (Ireland) with a commission from the Music Matters organization. His compositional output ranges from solo to orchestral and his music has been performed in public recitals many times across Europe.

Brendan founded and directs the Diversus Guitar Ensemble. Some of you may have been at their recital in Sixmilebridge Church last January where they received a standing ovation from a packed Church. Furthering this love of chamber music he plays alongside Zoë Conway and Ailbhe McDonagh in Trio Elatha and is currently busy composing a piece for this group that will be premiered at the Shannonside Winter Music Weekend on the 15th of January 2012. Brendan is excited to playing back home again and will present a programme containing true classical guitar repertoire ranging from the lyrical to virtuosic. He will perform music from the sublime Spanish composer Fernando Sor to pieces by the Brazilian composer Heitor Villa Lobos. The beautiful St Columba's Church along with charismatic Brendan will result in an extremely intimate concert that should not be missed, expect candles and a dreamy acoustic !

Saturday 26th Nov. 8.00pm Courthouse, Sixmilebridge. adm €15 Zoë Conway and John Mc Intyre + FullSet (details on back)

Sat. 3rd Dec. 8.00pm Kilworth Arts Centre, Kilworth, Co. Cork.

Concert featuring the "*Shannonside Winter Music Weekend Festival Band*" i.e. all the SMB folk club musicians who have been involved in travelling to Switzerland and recently to Benidorm where they honed their skills at socialising and having the craic! So a bit more of the same only a different venue! Bus leaving Sixmilebridge via Cratloe 5.30ish Sat. 3rd If you want to be on it ring Brendan at 086 8464509

Finally, if you miss these gigs we'll see you at the Festival weekend 12-15th Jan 2012

Sat. Nov. 26th. 8.00pm
TRADITIONAL CONCERT
Double Bill
Featuring

Zoë Conway and John Mc Intyre

With an exciting blend of eclectic fiddle and guitar music, Zoë and John bring to the stage sympathetic arrangements of traditional Irish music, compositions and songs, old and new. The duo possesses a rare facility to draw pieces into their repertoire from other genres such as classical, jazz and world music and express this material in way which not only displays the sheer range and knowledge of both instrumentalists but also exhibits the wonderful versatility of their instruments.



This concert allows audiences to also preview music which is being currently recorded for a new album due for release in early 2012 featuring contemporary Irish music. Thirteen leading Irish composers have been commissioned to each create a piece specifically for Zoë and John, for fiddle and guitar. Bill Whelan, Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin, Tommy Peoples, Andy Irvine and Donal Lunny among others, are involved in this exciting project.

FullSet

The band FullSet are the recent winners of the RTE Radio1 “Breakthrough Awards 2011” They are being compared to supergroups such as Danú & Altan by respected Irish Music Magazine. With his smooth and free flowing style of fiddle playing, Michael Harrison creates a distinctive sound using original and colourful techniques. Six times All-Ireland champion Seán McCarthy is known for his complete use of the Uilleann Pipes and employs his skills and mastery of this instrument in all pieces arranged by FullSet. Talented musician, Janine Redmond, on button accordion maintains a rich traditional style that is becoming ever so rare in traditional music today.

Eamonn Moloney on bodhrán and Andy Meaney on guitar, effortlessly blend the music together with a sensitive yet driving accompaniment section. The emotive singing style of Teresa Horgan completes the ensemble and adds a whole other dimension to overall sound. All accomplished young musicians in their own right, together they create a stunning and unique sound that is full of energy and innovation, whilst all the time remaining true to their traditional roots.



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We expect weekend tickets to be sold out this year so book now - text Brendan at 086 8464509