



FESTIVAL Temple Bar Trad Fest

The dreary days of late January usually mark something of a lull in the Dublin live music calendar. Which may explain why, a few years ago, the **Temple Bar** traders association decided this would be the perfect time to try something new, a traditional music festival pitched at locals as much as at tourists. Bringing together such globally renowned trad figures as Finbar Furey (pictured centre) and Mary McPartlan (pictured on right) and Rick Epping, the 2010 event boasts one of the most eclectic line-ups yet. As is now traditional, the focus for the live music is squarely on The Button Factory, where McPartlan and Epping are joined by

Aidan Brennan (pictured on left) on Thursday night, with Niamh de Búrca, Mick O'Brien and Mark Kelly filling the headliner slot on Friday. On Saturday, it is the turn of Furey, supported by south of France church music group Lo Cor De La Plana. Elsewhere, female multi-vocal ensemble Liadan are at Project Arts Centre tonight and open air performances, céilís and movie screenings will bring the **Trad Fest** out of the concert hall and into the streets. A word of warning – you may encounter gratuitous use of the word 'craic'.

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*Until Sun, The Button
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various prices.
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