



Dancers Fiona Stone and Mariam Elbadri with members of the Kilfenora Ceili Band.

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Rooftop ceili at the Clarence, but it's not a 'Beautiful Day'

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TRAD musicians took over the rooftop of U2's hotel yesterday.

The Kilfenora Ceili Band performed on top of the Clarence Hotel in Dublin as they launched the **Temple Bar** Tradfest 2010.

The Irish culture and music festival takes place in **Temple Bar** from January 27 to 31. But while U2 had a

Beautiful Day for their rooftop appearance in 2000, the jigging dancers and traditional musicians got the worst of weather.

"Yes, it is inclement but given the last few weeks, it could have been worse," said festival programmer Kieran Hanrahan.

Among those taking part are Finbar Furey, Matt Molloy, John Carty, Arty McGlynn and Mary McPartlan who will all be playing at the Button

Factory. Other highlights include a Liffey Goddess parade by more than 100 young people, which will pass through the city on Sunday, January 31.

Many of the pubs in **Temple Bar** will be alive with music and a new addition to the festival programme will see The Singers' Club being held in the **Temple Bar** Hotel.

More information on the event is available on www.templebartrad.com.