



Stars get set to go mad for trad in **Temple Bar**

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THE Kilfenora Céili Band, Finbar Furey and the Chieftains' Matt Molloy are just some of the top acts performing at this year's **Temple Bar** Trad Festival, which runs from January 27-31 in Dublin's cultural quarter.

This year's festival is curated by musician, broadcaster and IMRO stalwart Kieran Hanrahan,

and is noteworthy for the strength of its Irish music programming. Other acts scheduled to appear include Liadan, Beoga and Trada.

Matt Molloy, on flute, will be joined by John Carty on fiddle and Arty McGlynn on guitar for a concert at the Button Factory on January 28 at 8pm. The three released a much-praised album, *Pathway to the Well*, in 2008.

Another trio performing at the festival is comprised of Noel Hill, Tony Linnane and Alec Finn.

Hill, on concertina, and Linnane, on fiddle. They recorded their first album together in 1979. Finn, on bouzouki, was also a guest on the recording. The three will perform together at the Button Factory, on Friday, January 29. Finbar Furey will appear at the same venue the following evening.

Some other festival highlights include Traditional Music in Dublin, an exhibition of photographs and writings at the **Temple Bar** Gallery; the IMRO showcase of new trad performers at the New Theatre on

January 28 and 29; and a screening of the film *The Irish: A Memory of a People* at the Irish Film Institute on January 30.

The Kilfenora Céili Band will headline the closing outdoor Céili at Meeting House Square, 1.30pm-4.30pm, on Sunday 31. The band celebrated its centenary last year, and are the subject of a documentary, *In the Blood*, which screens at the Irish Film Institute on Eustace Street at 12pm the same day.



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Above: Sisters Jo, Katherine and Roz McVeigh play on the roof of The Clarence Hotel. Left: Irish dancers Fiona Stone and Mariam Elbadri with band members from Kilfenora Céilí John Lynch and Claire Griffin.

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