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Performing for guests at the invite-only bash were the legendary Kilfenora Ceili Band, as they gave attendees a preview of what to expect from the forthcoming event, which celebrates its fifth anniversary in 2010.

Running from January 27 to 31, this year's festival will take place in a number of top venues in Temple Bar.

The line-up includes Matt Molloy, John Carty, Arty McGlynn, Finbar Furey, Noel Hill and Tony Linnane.

Also taking to the stage for festival fans will be younger performers such as Beoga, Teada and the all-female group Liadan.



TRAD FANS: At the launch of Tradfest at the Clarence hotel yesterday were Kilfenora Ceili's Eimear Howley, Anne Rynne and Ann Marie McCormack (above) and Marloes Pots, Paul Flynn and Deborah Adams (right)

