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THE TEMPLE BAR TRADFEST HIGHLIGHTS

The Temple Bar TradFest will return in January 2011 for its 6th year.

The 2011 festival will be the most impressive programme to date with a jam packed 5 days of sessions, internationally renowned performers, street entertainment, storytellers, pipe bands and much more. Looking at the festival's line-up "at a glance" gives an idea of the craic agus ceoil that this year's festival will bring to Temple Bar in January.

HEADLINE CONCERTS

Wednesday 26th January, 2011

ALTAN & Friends 25th Anniversary Concert in Christ Church Cathedral

The opening concert will be held in the historic surrounds of Christ Church Cathedral with a performance from Altan and Friends. This special 25th anniversary concert is part of Altan's world tour of Asia, the US and Europe. A host of well known names in Irish music will join Altan for their concert in Christ Church Cathedral to celebrate and congratulate all that they have achieved.

Tickets: From €20.99 including booking fee.

Thursday 27th January, 2011

BEOGA and CIORRAS in the Button Factory

Following a sell out concert during last year's TradFest, Beoga are once again taking to the stage in the button factory. Guaranteed to live up to their name-the Irish word for 'lively', this County Antrim band were drawn together in 2002 after 'jamming' in a ferocious session at the all-Ireland Fleadh. The TradFest will continue its role as providing a platform for showcasing the best in upcoming Irish Talent as on the same night the Button Factory will play host to Ciorras. Hailed as a modern 'bothy band', Ciorras bring a contemporary approach to traditional music.

Tickets: €19.99 including booking fee.

Friday 28th January, 2011

Jackie Daly and Matt Cranitch, Brendan Power and Tim Edey

This evening's entertainment will bring together the best in established Irish traditional music talent. It will see 4 incredibly talented soloists come together as two duets to create an exceptional night of Irish music. The first of the duets sees harmonica player Brendan Power join multi instrumentalist Tim Edey. The feast of spectacular talent will then continue as Jackie Daly (accordion) and Matt Cranitch (fiddle) fuse their talent together.

Tickets: €24.99 including booking fee.

Saturday 29th January

CLANNAD 40th anniversary concert in Christ Church Cathedral

Clannad will once again resound with the sounds of Irish music, this time with a performance from Irish Music legends, Clannad who will be celebrating their 40 year anniversary. This performance is set to be unique and indeed rare, as TradFest 2011 will play host to their first performance in almost half a decade.

Clannad have given a unique voice to modern Irish Music, combining a deep love of traditional strains with a bold approach to writing and recording. Their legacy is a hugely impressive collection of albums that has kept them at the forefront of Irish music for 40 years.

With a plethora of musical achievements under their belts there is no doubt that the performance in Christ Church during the Temple Bar TradFest 2011 will be an unforgettable night, celebrating 40 years of song from one of Ireland's best known and loved bands.

Tickets: From €38.99 including booking fee. All tickets can be purchased by visiting www.templebartrad.com

Pub Trail

The 2011 festival promises a pub trail that will be bigger than ever before. Throughout the Temple Bar TradFest, pubs throughout Temple Bar will host over 200 free traditional Irish music sessions with some of Ireland's best known names in Irish Music. This record breaking number of performances will include an eclectic mix of performances ranging from solo balladeers to traditional Irish music sessions to contemporary Irish and Folk.



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Singers Club

This year the singers club will take place in the Temple Bar Hotel. Back by popular demand the singers club will once again be hosted by singing legend Séan ó Sé. The singers club gives people a unique opportunity to hear traditional singers in an informal setting. To share a song, learn a new tune or simply listen in, make sure you drop into the singers club during TradFest 2011.

IMRO Showcases

Over the course of the festival, The Irish Music Rights Organisation (IMRO) in association with Temple Bar Traders will present a series of traditional-music showcases and master classes in the New Theatre, Temple Bar. The music showcases will feature performances by some of Ireland's emerging traditional music talents. As well as the showcases master classes will take place where renowned musicians will host music seminars.

For those interested in taking part, please contact:
IMRO, Copyright House
Pembroke Row, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2.
Tel. 01 661 4844. Website www.imro.ie

Family Programme

The Temple Bar TradFest 2011 will see more entertainment for all the family than ever before. The streets of Temple Bar will be brought to life throughout the 5 day festival with entertainment and fun for all the family offering a real experience of Irish culture and craic. Some of the highlights of the family programme will include:

Children's Concerts in the Ark: A Cultural Centre for Children

During the Temple Bar TradFest the Ark will present a series of concerts for all the family celebrating the very best in Irish culture with some very well know families and friends...

Barc6 the virtuoso musical brothers of the De Barra family on harp, guitar, flute, whistle will fill The Ark's theatre space with a lively medley of contemporary and traditional Irish sounds along with a very special guest or two.

The Cunningham Family will take The Ark's stage by storm with their energetic and unique dance blending the old and the new, the contemporary and the ancient for an unforgettable performance.

The Ark and Tradfest are also delighted to showcase emerging young talent and will present the 2011 Siansa Gael Linn winning group Ioscaid for a special concert.

GaelChultúr workshops

TradFest 2011 will see the return of the hugely popular Irish Music and Cultural workshops, due to a huge demand last year this year's festival will see an increased number of workshops. The workshops will offer a crash course in Irish song, dance and language. All participants are guaranteed to leave with at least a 'cupla focal' and a few steps as well.

Siamsa Cois Life

Come and see some of the best of young Irish Talent on our outdoor stages. The Siamsa Cois Life will see a purpose built stage erected in Temple Bar during the TradFest 2011. The Siamsa Cois Life will be entirely focused on young musicians, singers and dancers coming from a host of organisations such as Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and dance schools throughout Ireland.

Those interested in taking part in the 2011 TradFest Siamsa Cois Life Stage need to contact Temple Bar Traders on Tel: 01 6772396 to book their places, which are limited.

Children's Club

As part of TradFest 2011 there will be a FREE children's club in the Temple Bar Hotel. Children can enjoy face painting, balloon modelling, craft workers and much more.

Outdoor Street Performers

Colourful and imaginative street performers will bring the cobblestones to life. Keep your eyes peeled for the 'Fiddling Foxes', the 'Irish leaping Salmon of knowledge' and some larger than life traditional Irish music players. Open your ears to storytellers telling their tales of Irish mythology.



Pipe Bands

The streets of Temple Bar during the TradFest 2011 will be filled with the sound of marching pipe bands from Ireland and around the world. Just some of the many pipe bands taking part in this year's festival include The Garda Band, The Dublin Fire Brigade Band, Air Corp Pipe Band, and the Dartmore and District Pipe Band, Nova Scotia.

The programme for the TradFest 2011 is both impressive and ambitious which not only confirms Temple Bar's reputation as Dublin's cultural quarter but also provides a focus for Irish music and culture nationally and internationally. TradFest 2011 have lots more of their programme to announce which they will tell us about as the festival draws nearer, you can keep up to date with all the festival news and get full details on the programme as well as book tickets by visiting www.templebartrad.com

TradFest 2011 takes place in Temple Bar, Dublin, from Wednesday 26th to Sunday 30th of January, 2011.

