

Welcome

From June 27th - July 1st 2012 the north-west will come alive with fiddle music and dance as part of the North Atlantic Fiddle Convention. This is the first time that NAFCo will be held on the island of Ireland having previously taken place in Scotland and Canada. We are delighted to welcome participants and visitors to Derry/Londonderry and to Co. Donegal for what promises to be a truly memorable event. A jam-packed programme of concerts, workshops, sessions, talks, exhibitions, films, trade fairs, youth camp and Big Days Out promises fun for all the family; the NAFCo conference welcomes some of the leading lights in academia to the region for some lively discourse on fiddle-related topics and the Dance Research Forum of Ireland annual conference, happening simultaneously, shines a light on current issues within various dance traditions.

Come and join us for the
Olympics of the Fiddle World!



The Ultimate Fiddle Fleadh

Featuring **The Chieftains (Ireland)**, String Sisters (Liz Carroll, Annbjorg Lien, Catriona McDonald, Liz Knowles, Emma Hardelin, Liz Doherty), **Martin Hayes & Denis Cahill (Ireland)**, Four Men and a Dog (Ireland), **Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas (Scotland/USA)**, Lau (Scotland), **The Wrigleys (Orkney)**, Habadekuk (Denmark), **Troy MacGillivray/Shane Cook/Jake Charron (Canada)**, Brendan de Gallai (Ireland), **Majorstuen (Norway)**, Blazing Bows (Cathal Hayden, Dezi Donnelly, Tola Custy, John Joe Kelly and Ed Boyd), **Chris Stout and Catriona MacKay (Scotland)**, Pierre Schryer Trio (Canada), **Fidil (Ireland)**, Nic Gareiss (USA), **Fiolministeriet (Denmark)**, Nancy Kerr & James Fagan (UK), **Andrea Beaton (Canada)**, Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh (Ireland), **Cleek Schrey & Stephanie Coleman (USA)**, Dawn & Margie Beaton (Canada), **Eric Favreau Trio (Canada)**, Pierre Chartrand (Canada), **Tommy Peoples (Ireland)**, Frikar (Norway), **Oh My Darling (Canada)**, Frank McConnell (Scotland), **Mary Anne Kennedy (Scotland)**, Janine Randall (Canada), **Laoise Kelly & Michelle O'Brien (Ireland)**, Bríd Harper and Dermot Byrne (Ireland), **Liz & Yvonne Kane (Ireland)**, Mats Melin (Ireland), **Mats Nilsson**, Ingegerd Sigfridsson, **Goran Premberg**, Magnus Gustafsson and Pernilla Stendahl (Sweden), **Neil Martin (Ireland)**, Matt Cranitch (Ireland), **Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin (Ireland)**, Mick Moloney (USA), **Neil Rosenberg (Canada)**, Alan Jabbour (USA), **Nollaig Ní Chathasaigh & Arty McGlynn (Ireland)**, Paddy Cronin (Ireland), **Paddy Glackin (Ireland)**, John Carty (Ireland), **Brian McNeill (Scotland)**, Pete Cooper (UK), **Jerry O'Reilly (Ireland)**, Seamus Begley & the West Kerry Set-Dancers (Ireland), **Simon Bradley and Anna Wendy Stevenson (Ireland/Scotland)**, Dermot McLaughlin (Ireland), **Tom McConville (UK)**, Paul Anderson (Scotland), **Lauren McColl (Scotland)**, The Campbells (Ireland), **Willie Drennan (N. Ireland)**, Zoe Conway (Ireland), **Joe McGuiggan (Ireland)**, Tara Conaghan and Derek McGinley (Ireland), **Anne Conaghan and Connie McKelvey (Ireland)** plus many others.

Conferences @ NAFCo

Foyle Arts Building, University of Ulster,
Magee Campus, Derry/Londonderry BT48 7JL

(Wednesday 27th June - Sunday 1st July)
**NAFCo Conference 'Ón gCos go Cluas
'/From Dancing to Listening'**

(Thursday 28th June - Sunday 1st July)
**Dance Research Forum Ireland Conference
'Connecting Communities through Dance'**

Keynote addresses will be given by **Neil Rosenberg**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Folklore, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Editor of Transforming Tradition and of key works on Bluegrass music and **Judy Van Zile**, Professor of Dance at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Friday 29th June, 5.30-7.30pm
Great Hall, University of Ulster, Magee campus

Talks @ NAFCo

Fiddle Talks. A series of informal conversations/demonstrations led by Dr. Matt Cranitch and featuring fiddle legends Martin Hayes (Ireland), Antóin McGabhann (Ireland), Andrea Beaton (Canada), Paddy Cronin (Ireland), John Carty (Ireland), Paddy Glackin (Ireland), Pierre Schryer (Canada) and Alasdair Fraser (Scotland)

**Wednesday-Saturday, 3.00-4.00pm and
4.15-5.15pm | Free**

Bridie's Cottage, Craft Village, Shipquay St., Derry/Londonderry BT48 6AR

Safe Trad: Preventing performance related injuries.
Talks & tips from physios, Alexander Technique practitioners and more.

Wednesday-Saturday, 2.15-3pm | Free
Millennium Forum, Newmarket St., Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6EB

'In Conversation with the String Sisters'

as part of the Women of the Fiddle Day

Friday 29th June, 4pm | Free

Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

The Music Makers - A Performance Celebrating

Music Making - Sunday 1st July, 4pm | Free

Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

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The Fiddle Trail @ NAFCo Sessions and gigs in various venues around Derry City and Donegal. Look out for our Fiddle Trail fliers! FREE!

New Work @ NAFCo

As part of NAFCo 2012 a number of exciting new works have been commissioned from world-renowned musicians and dancers.

100 Fiddlers at 55° North is a new piece by Belfast's Neil Martin composed specifically for the NAFCo youth camp participants who will showcase it as part of the Fiddles on the Foyle - Family Day Out. **Sail/Seol** is a composition by Shetland's Chris Stout which will feature world class performers and dancers including Alasdair Fraser, Natalie Haas, Catriona MacKay, Nollaig Ní Chathasaigh, Zoe Conway, Lauren McColl, Adam Sutherland, Mike Bryan and Joe Csibi. Dancer and choreographer **Breandán de Gallai** has created a new Irish dance piece for dancers from Schools in both Derry and Donegal and **Step-Off** is a newly created dance piece which will feature sean-nós and other step dancers from Ireland, Scotland, Canada and the US. The premiere performance of each of these new works will take place as part of the **Fiddles & Feet concert, Thursday 28th June at the Millennium Forum.**

NAFCo 2012 will host the first **NAFCo International Youth Camp**. Over 200 young fiddlers from Sweden, Scotland, Ireland and Canada will come together to participate in a week of workshops, sessions and other activities and will showcase their work on **Saturday 30th June as part of the Fiddles on the Foyle - Family Day Out.**

More Strings Attached involves university students and other young emerging artists from Denmark, Scotland, England, Ireland and Canada who will work all week with music maestros Brian McNeill (Scotland) and Niall Keegan (Ireland) and perform at various NAFCo events including **Fiddles on the Foyle - Family Day Out.**



The NAFCo HUB

Trade Fair, performances, workshops, sessions, food and drink... all day long at the Millennium Forum
Newmarket Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6EB

To Buy Tickets

Online: www.nafco2012.com

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Derry/Londonderry: Derry Visitor & Convention Bureau, 44 Foyle Street, Derry BT48 6AT, T: +44(0)28 7126 7284;
Inishowen: Inishowen Tourism, Railway Road, Buncrana, T: +353 (0) 749362600 / The Coffee Cup, Buncrana, Mac's Newsagents, Buncrana, The Lunchbox, Buncrana and McGroty's, Culdaff; **Letterkenny:** Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny T: +353 (0) 749129186

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At a Glance

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