

Ceol 2001

Introduction to Irish Traditional Music

This popular course runs for one night a week for ten weeks and introduces students to the history and background of Irish traditional music. Established Irish musicians living in London will perform and speak about their work and will also provide advice to students wishing to pursue or develop a career in traditional music.

Students, who need have no prior knowledge of the subject, will learn about the broad spectrum of Irish traditional music and will gain valuable insights into the different aspects, approaches and regional styles involved. Topics covered will include:

- origins and antecedents of Irish traditional music
- the Irish traditional song and singing tradition
- emigration and the influence of America on the tradition
- the revival of the 1960s and 1970s
- Irish traditional music in London
- globalisation and the 'Riverdance' phenomenon

The final week of the course is devoted to a review of the material covered and an opportunity for students to join established Irish traditional musicians in a traditional pub 'session'.

Please note that this course does not include instrument tuition.

Dates: 2 October - 4 December 2001

Times: Tuesday evenings 6.30 - 8.30pm

Fee: £50 (concs. £10)

Venue: University of North London,
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