

# Hammersmith & Fulham Irish Centre News (No.30)

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## **What's On Sept / Oct 2000**

**Fri Sept 8th Doors 8.30pm Free.**

**Session Of Irish Music**

**Sat Sept 9th Doors 8.30pm £5.**

### **Devana**

**Sat Sept 16th Doors 8.30pm £4.**

**The Big Irish Ceili Night**

**Fri Sept 22nd Doors 8.30pm £6.**

**A Night Of Mighty Irish Music With**

**Brian Finnigan & Friends**

**Saturday Sept 23rd 10- 5pm.**

### **The Real Irish Book Fair 2000**

**Readings By Irish Writers Including**

**Dermot Bolger**

**Evening Musical Performance, Tim O Grady's**

**'I Could Read The Sky'**

**Fri Sept 29th Doors 8.30pm £4.**

**Irish Set Dance Night**

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**Sat Oct 14th Doors 8.30pm £4.**

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**Thurs Oct 19th Doors 8.00pm £6.**

### **Hazel O Connor**

**With Irish Harpist & Musician Cormac De Barra**

**Sat Oct 21st Doors 8.30pm £6.**

**BBC Young Traditional Musician Of The Year**

### **Dezi Donnelly**

**Sat Oct 28th Doors 8.30pm £5.**

**James O Grady, Teresa Heanue  
& Mike Cosgrave**

**Thurs Oct 19th Doors 8.00pm £6**

Former Queen Of Punk **Hazel**

**O Connor**

In her musical show

**Beyond Breaking Glass Part 2**

Last year former 'Queen Of Punk' Hazel O Connor brought her autobiographical live music show 'Beyond Breaking Glass' to the Irish Centre. A 'pick of the fringe' at The Edinburgh Festival, the press said it was 'streets ahead of the rest'.. 'spellbinding and uplifting.' Now Hazel returns hot from Edinburgh, accompanied once again by the talented Irish harpist & Irish musician Corma De Barra with **Beyond Breaking Glass Part 2**. Hazel's voice is evocative, haunting and simply entrancing and the show features some amazing renditions of her best loved hit songs including her UK number 1 hit, 'Will You'. **LIC BAR**

**Sat Sept 30th Doors 8.30pm £6.**

**Nancy Kerr James Fagin**  
**Alan Burton & Steve Hunt**



The young trans-global duo Nancy Kerr & James Fagin recently won 'Best Newcomers' in the prestigious BBC Traditional Music Awards. They've been enthraling audiences everywhere with their unique blend of 'trad' music and songs. Nancy is regarded as one of the finest young exponents of traditional Irish music, with her rich harmonic voice and fiery fiddle. Together with bouzouki player James they make magical music all over the globe. For this gig, they make up a foot-stomping foursome with another classy duo, uilleann piper Alan Burton and bodhran player and singer Steve Hunt. Steve is acclaimed as "hot on the bodhran" and it is definite that Alan is 'one hell of a piper' and together with Nancy and James this promises to be one hell of a hot exhilarating and dynamic night of music!! Perhaps one of the best in town!!

**Late Bar Plus Support**

**Friday Sept 6th Doors 8.30pm £6.00**

**North Cregg**

**Best Traditional Newcomers Irish Music Magazine**

North Cregg are fast emerging as one of the most powerful and vibrant 'trad' music combinations to come out of Ireland in a long time. Fusing Irish dance music from the Sliabh Luchra regions of Cork & Kerry with music from Scotland, Quebec and Nova Scotia, North Cregg's live gigs are exhilarating audiences all over Ireland. The combination of Christy Leahy's accordion playing with Caoimhin Vallely's fiddling and Paul Meehan's banjo creates a sound of tremendous power and depth. Backed up by Cairan Coughlan's swinging piano, Martin Leahy's vibrant percussion and John Neville's driving guitar rhythms and gifted singing of self penned and original Irish song, marks this band as something very special to arrive on the Irish trad music scene. Don't Miss!!! **Late Bar. Support**



**Sat Oct 21st Doors 8.30pm £6.00**

**Dezi Donnelly**

**BBC YOUNG TRADITIONAL MUSICIAN**

Acclaimed as a 'young master fiddler' by the likes of the great Sean McGuire and Kevin Burke, Dezi Donnelly has twice won the title 'Fiddler Of London' and has been an 'All Ireland' champion five times. Genuine Manchester United obsessive and personal friend of the King himself, Eric Cantona, this young Mancunian picked up the prestigious BBC Young Tradition Award after beating off some seriously stiff competition. Some of you may have caught Dezi earlier this year when he toured Ireland with Dermot Byrne of Altan, or when he played at the Irish Centre in June, with the Michael McGoldrick Band. Dezi recorded an album with his close friend McGoldrick when he was only fourteen. His new solo album 'Familiar Footsteps' bears all the hallmarks of someone who has grown naturally with the music and brought his own sense of imagination to bear in redefining and reshaping many of the old tunes. Don't miss him, as 'the irresistible force of his fiddle will sends shivers down your spine'.. **LATE BAR SUPPORT**

Saturday Sept 7th Doors 8.30pm £6  
**Cathal Hayden & Eamon McElholm**



One time All Ireland fiddle champion Cathal Hayden was steeped in Irish traditional music from an early age. He is highly respected and recognised among Ireland's greatest musicians for his unique trademark style of 'playing to the full'. Hayden was the catalyst in the formation of the top Irish band 'Four Men & A Dog'. He plays an encapsulating and dedicated duo with former Stockton's Wing guitarist Eamon McElholm. Together they'll deliver Irish jigs and reels which will take your breath away. L. Bar Support

Saturday Oct 28th Doors 8.30pm £5  
**James O Grady Teresa Heanue  
& Mike Cosgrave**



James O Grady is an All Ireland Champion Piper, a brilliant young fiddle and flute player. Teresa Heanue is a leading Irish fiddler who played with the hit show 'Riverdance' and more recently with the world tour of 'Lord Of The Dance'. Along with the highly gifted keyboard player and music producer Mike Cosgrave, these three outstanding musicians are well known to audiences nationally and internationally as members of the leading world music band SIN E (Teresa being a former member.) Together this trio will provide innovative and exciting Irish music played with real passion and commitment. L. Bar Support

Friday Sept 22nd Doors 8.30pm £6

# Brian Finnigan

One Of The Most Supreme Musicians  
& Friends



Brian Finnigan from the outstanding band 'FLOOK' is probably one of the most talented and inventive traditional and folk musicians in his field, as well as being an excellent exponent of Irish music. A brilliant flute and Irish whistle player, Finnigan constantly travels to far out places, sharing his Irish tunes jigs and reels with other folk musicians in many corners of the world. In turn he gathers tunes from the countries of his travels, brings them back to play for us and often gives them a touch of the Irish. For a magical night of music join Brian and several of his friends, playing tunes from Ireland and around the globe. L. Bar Support

Saturday Sept 9th Doors 8.30pm £5.

Visiting From Ireland *Devana*



Currently taking Dublin's 'trad' music circuit by storm, Devana are a magical 5 piece, featuring 3 fiddles, accordion, guitar and double bass. Composed of 5 highly talented young musicians who bring together a wide range of musical expertise in classical, blues and jazz music; fusing this all with robust Irish trad and an eclectic mix of playing styles from Donegal, Scotland and France, Devana create a fresh, new dynamic feel to Irish traditional sounds. Devana are Imogen Gunner, Donall Donnelly, Fintan Jones, Colin Fletcher & Lorna Davey. L. Bar Support

Saturday September 23rd 10 - 5pm

# The Real Irish Book Fair

New & Old Fiction Non-Fiction Irish Books  
Writers Talks Workshops Literary Readings  
With One Of Ireland's Greatest Writers

**Dermot Bolger**

Book Fair 10am - 5pm

**Irish Literary Readings**

12.30pm Free: Poetry Reading  
with Irish Poet Patricia Scanlon

1pm Free: 'Not A Gazelle' Presentation  
of Countess Markievicz & Eva Gore-Booth

1.30pm Free: Tim Bradford reading from his  
book 'Is Shane MacGowan Still Alive?'

3pm Entry £3. Dermot Bolger reading from his  
book 'Temptation' (adv booking advised)

4.30pm Free. Kate O Riordan reading from her  
latest novel 'The Angel In The House'

Evening Sat Sept 23rd Starts 9pm £5.

**Timothy O Grady's**

**'I Could Read The Sky'**

A Life In Words A Life In Music

This rich Irish literary tapestry delicately  
interweaves words read by award winning  
author Timothy O Grady, with Irish music,  
traditional song and stark images from the  
book, by leading photographer Steve Pyke's. 'I  
could read the sky' tells the story of an Irish  
labourer, now an old man who looks back on  
his life with a sense of dislocation and loss.

In 1999 the book was made into a major  
feature film, starring Stephen Rae and Dermot  
Healy. This moving live performance will star  
starring top quality Irish musicians.

Late Bar. Doors Open 8.30pm

Final Book Fair Programme Available On Day.

## Free Daytime Sunday Sessions

Sept 24th & Oct 29th 12pm - 2pm

## Gealic Games On Sundays

Sept 10th Hurling Final. Sept 24th Football Final

October 8th & 15th International Games

2pm Each Sunday On The Big Screen In Town

**Gasra Na NGael Presents**

**The Big Irish Ceili Nights**

Saturdays Sept 16th & Oct 14th

With Caller & Live Irish Ceili Band

Friday Sept 29th £4. 8.30pm

**Irish Set Dance Night**

With Caller & Live Irish Set Dance Band

**Great Fun. No Experience Necessary**

**FREE SESSIONS OF IRISH MUSIC**

With Comhaltas Ceoltioiri Eireann

**Fri Sept 8th. Fri Oct 13th 8.30pm**

Pensioners Irish Tea Dances

The First Thursday Of The Month £2.

Thurs Sept. 7th. Thurs Oct 5th . 1.30pm

**Brendan Mulkere's Big session**

A Grand Night Of Irish Entertainment

**Sat Nov 4th 8.30pm £3. Late Bar**

Irish Art Exhibition Opens Sept 19th

Artist Maire Gartland's 'einini'

'einini' is the Irish word for birds. It is also the name of a  
lullaby I learned as a child in Dublin, where each bird is  
named and then invited to go to sleep' Maire.

Maire's beautiful exhibition will include paintings, pastels  
and installation. If you are interested in attending the  
opening on September 19th at 7pm just come along.

Irish Centre Notice-board

Children's Irish Language

A fun, relaxed class for children & young people from 9yrs  
up, starts Thursday Sept 14th with the Centre's new Irish  
Language tutor. There will also be classes for adults on  
Wednesdays (intermediate) from Sept 13th & Thursdays  
(Getting Started Beginners Class) from Sept 14th.

Irish Library Open Tues, Thurs Fridays 10 - 4pm.

Our Librarians Liam or Gary are available on Thursdays &  
Fridays if you have any queries. Please let your Irish  
Library have any old Irish books, records & especially Irish  
video tapes and old Irish photographs. We'd be grateful.

Irish Music Support Acts.

If you are in an up & coming musician or singer and would  
like to perform as a 'support act' at the Irish Centre, send a  
tape of your act to the Centre's Events Organiser now!!

Have you Signed The Centre's Mission Statement?

To sign it, please collect one from the Centre, or call us  
and we will forward you a copy!! We would be grateful for  
your comments. Thankyou for your support.