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GLENGORMLEY SCHOOL OF  
TRADITIONAL MUSIC

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**TRAD Fest**

12 - 20 MARCH 2022



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An intense weekend of traditional music masterclasses with nationally recognised musicians featuring the 10 instruments that are currently being taught in GSoTM, Harp Fiddle, Bodhran, Button Accordion, Concertina, Banjo/Mandolin, Guitar, Tin Whistle and Flute. There will also be a Introduction to the Traditional Singing workshop.

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A talk on the Flute and Fife, their shared history and impact on the cultures of where we live.

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A number of performances will take place over the week at a variety of community hubs across the Glengormley area.

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A family fun day filled with music, dancing, instrument taster sessions, singing, story-telling and much, much more!

*The 20th Anniversary Festival is managed and overseen by the Committee of Glengormley School of Traditional Music.*

*The GSoTM Committee have vast experience of planning and managing the numerous events we have been involved in over the past 20 years and are delighted to engage, and work in partnership, with other groups to plan and deliver the Festival.*

The GSOTM TradFest 2022 is supported by funding from



# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

**It is with great pleasure that I am writing this welcome to our special anniversary celebrations, more so given the turbulent and challenging conditions in which we have found ourselves operating since the Covid-19 pandemic began.**



Glengormley School of Traditional Music (GSoTM) is a voluntary, community-based arts organisation now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year.

GSoTM was established to promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Glengormley and North Belfast and its environs, without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinions, the education and training of people in all areas of Irish Traditional Music skills and musicianship and to promote appreciation for, and knowledge of, Irish Traditional Music for the benefit of the general public.

We are very much a “community” with a very strong emphasis on the social aspect of the school. Giving our pupils the opportunity to come together to play music is and remains one of our objectives. This TradFest will be a culmination of a series of events celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GSoTM, our successes and the opportunity to set out our vision for the future to the wider community. The TradFest provides the pupils, past pupils, their families and the wider public, the opportunity to take part in a series of events to celebrate the milestone of our 20th Anniversary.

I also wish to thank our funders of the TradFest; Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council, Arts Council NI National Lottery Fund and Arts & Business, and those businesses that have taken sponsorship in this programme. Their support has helped us open the Festival to a wider audience and we very grateful of their ongoing support.

Thank you,

**Ray Morgan**

**Chair, Glengormley School of Traditional Music**



# WORKSHOPS

**Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 March 2022**

**Edmund Rice College, Hightown Road, Glengormley.**

The week will kick off with an intense weekend of traditional music masterclasses with nationally recognised musicians featuring the 10 instruments that are currently being taught in GSoTM.

**When:** 10.30am to 3.30pm

**Cost:** £20 (£10 per day)

## BANJO / MANDOLIN

with **Paul Conlon**



## BODHRÁN

with **Charlie Graham**

## BUTTON ACCORDION

with **Niamh McCallan**



## CONCERTINA

with **Lorraine Glenn**

## FIDDLE

with **Conor Caldwell**



## FLUTE

with **Gary Duffy**

## GITAR

with **Barry Skeffington**



## HARP

with **Gráinne Meyer**



TIN WHISTLE  
with **Maria Rafferty**



ADULT TIN WHISTLE  
with **Siobhan Murtagh**

UILLEANN PIPES  
with **Aaron O'Hagan**



## TRADITIONAL SINGING WITH MAIREAD WALLS

**Saturday 19 March 2022**

**Venue: TBC - check our website for latest**

Renowned Traditional singer Mairead Walls has been at the forefront of the singing community, organising singing sessions, teaching new singers and performing all over the country.

1.30pm - 3.30pm Children's Singing Workshop

4pm - 6pm Adult's Singing Workshop

## TALKS

**Monday 14 March 2022, 7pm**

**Barron Hall, Antrim Road, Glengormley**

## FLUTE AND FIFE

This hour long talk by Gary and Hazlett celebrates the beauty and musicality of all their melodic influences while advocating the value of maintaining the musical tradition's diversity and accessibility to all for generations to come.

**Friday 18 March 2022, 7pm**

**Barron Hall, Antrim Road, Glengormley**

## HISTORY OF THE ANTRIM FIDDLE

A talk by Ballymena fiddle maker Johnny Murphy, on the history and development of Fiddles and style of playing in County Antrim.



## PERFORMANCES

### THE LIFE OF ST PATRICK IN MUSIC, WORD & SONG

**Wednesday 16 March 2022, 8.15pm - 9.30pm**

**St Bernard's Church, Antrim Road, Glengormley**

An ecumenical service celebrating the life of St Patrick in music, song, dance and word.

Book online: <https://www.stmarysonthehill.online>

### FEAST OF ST PATRICK MASS

**Thursday 17 March 2022, 11am Mass**

**St Bernard's Church, Antrim Road, Glengormley**

An ecumenical service marking the Feast of St Patrick with students from Glengormley School of Traditional Music providing the music for the service. Book online: <https://www.stmarysonthehill.online>

### TRADITIONAL MUSIC FAMILY FUNDAY

**Sunday 20 March 2022, 1pm - 5pm**

**Edmund Rice College, Hightown Road, Glengormley**

**sponsored by Madden's Bar**

Traditional Music Family Fun Day is a **free** one-day family event celebrating traditional music, song and dance.

It will include a Traditional Music stage, a participatory live session and Instrument Taster Sessions in all the musical instruments available for tuition in GSOTM.

PLUS we'll also have an introduction to Highland Piping workshop, a Bodhran Circle, dance demonstrations and Ceilidh, Children's Art workshops, Face Painters, Children's' Storytelling.

The Traditional Music Main Stage will include performances by musicians, teachers and pupils from Glengormley School of Traditional Music, the Belfast Wren Boys, and Music Service for Pipes and Drums as well as some other guest musicians.

# Tí Mhadáin

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 ON THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

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