

# 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

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

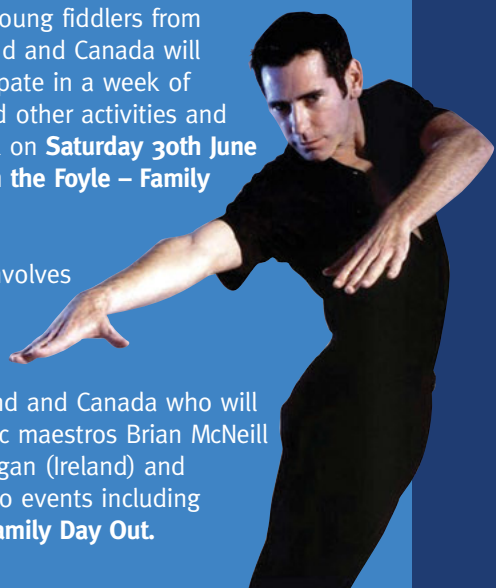
## New Work @ NAFCo

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](http://www.nafco2012.com)  
Phone: 00 44 (0) 28 71375134

**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 McGroary's, Culdaff; **Letterkenny:** Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny T: +353 (0) 749129186

This programme is correct at the time of press and is subject to change or cancellation.

# north atlantic fiddle convention 2012

Derry-Donegal June 27-July 1

At a Glance  
Your Pull-Out Guide

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## Lunchtime Events

Wednesday 27th June

### A Tribute to Eugene O'Donnell

featuring Mick Moloney, Liz Carroll, Dermot McLaughlin, Peter Tracey, Frank Gallagher and Maurice Bradley  
Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street, Derry BT48 7DF  
1.15pm | £5

Thursday 28th June

### Composers Concert

with Tommy Peoples and Liz Carroll  
Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street, Derry BT48 7DF  
1.15pm | £5

Friday 29th June

### Fiddle Duos

featuring Brid Harper and Dermot Byrne, Liz and Yvonne Kane, Laoise Kelly and Michelle O'Brien  
Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street, Derry BT48 7DF  
1.15pm | £5

Friday 29th June

### Fiddle Belles

Nollaig Ní Chathasaigh & Arty McGlynn and Zoe Conway. With Tes Slominski (USA)  
Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny  
1.15pm | FREE

Saturday 30th June

### Singing Fiddles

with Nancy Kerr and James Fagan, Tom McConville and Amy Geddes. Hosted by Len Graham  
Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street, Derry BT48 7DF  
1.15pm | £5

Sunday 1st July

### Twin Fiddles

featuring Matt Cranitch/Geraldine O'Callaghan, Tara Connaghan/Derek McGinley, Cleek Schrey/Stephanie Coleman (USA)  
Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street, Derry BT48 7DF  
1.15pm | £5

Sunday 1st July

### Canada Day

with Canadian bands Oh My Darling and the Pierre Schryer Trio  
Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny  
1.15pm | FREE

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## Festival Club

Thursday 28th June - Saturday 30th June  
NAFCo Festival Club

featuring Four Men and a Dog and special guests.  
Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street, Derry BT48 7DF  
10pm 'til late | £10 | Limited seating

Friday 29th June

### Festival Club Friday

with The Henry Girls  
Foyer, An Grianán Theatre, Port Road, Letterkenny  
from 10.30pm | Free

Sunday 1st July

### The Final Fling Festival Club

featuring Four Men and a Dog, Simon Bradley & Friends, Oh My Darling and more...  
Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal  
10pm 'til late | €10 | Limited seating

## Dance @ NAFCo

### Dance Workshops

Wednesday-Saturday 3.00-4.00pm and 4.15-5.15pm  
Millennium Forum, Newmarket Street,  
Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6EB

FREE

Wednesday Cape Breton step-dance (The Beatons) and Cape Breton square-dance (Mats Melin and Jörn Borggreen) Thursday Irish Set Dance: Set Doire Cholmille (Jerry O'Reilly) and Scottish Ceilidh Dances (Frank McConnell) Friday Scandinavian couple and group dances (Mats Nilsson) and Irish Couple Dances (Anne Connaghan and Connie McKelvey) Saturday Appalachian Flat-footing (Nic Gareiss) and Quebecois Step-Dance (Pierre Chartrand)

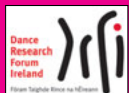
The North Atlantic Céilí - Friday 29th June

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A unique Céilí experience featuring dances from Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Shetland, Canada and more with music from The McGlone Brothers 'Céilí Time' (Ireland), The Ian Muir Scottish Dance Band (Scotland) and musicians from Canada and Sweden.  
The Plaza, Main Street, Buncrana, Co. Donegal | 10pm | €10

Conference, Performances and more 28th June-1st July

[www.danceresearchforumireland.org](http://www.danceresearchforumireland.org)



## Concerts

Tuesday 26th June

### A Taste of NAFCO

featuring Blazing Bows (Ireland) featuring Cathal Hayden, Dezi Donnelly, Tola Custy, Ed Boyd and John Joe Kelly, Lau (Scotland), Habadekuk (Denmark), Troy MacGillivray, Shane Cook and Jake Charron (Canada), Majorstuen (Norway) and Andrea Beaton, Janine Randall with Dawn and Margie Beaton (Cape Breton).  
McGrory's, Culdaff, Inishowen, Co. Donegal  
9pm Doors open at 8pm | €15.00

Donegal



Wednesday 27th June

### A Feast of Fiddles

with Martin Hayes and Denis Cahill (Ireland), Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas (Scotland/USA), Eric Favreau, Pierre Chartrand and Friends (Quebec), Four Men and a Dog (Ireland), Habadekuk (Denmark) and Nic Gareiss (USA).

Sandino's, Water Street,  
Derry/Londonderry BT48 6BQ  
9pm Doors open at 8pm | £15.00



Thursday 28th June

### Fiddle & Feet

with Frikar (Norway), Pierre Chartrand, Eric Favreau and friends (Quebec), Anne Conaghan and Connie McKelvey with Fidil (Ireland), Goran Premberg, Mats Nilsson and friends (Sweden), West Kerry Set-Dancers, Joe McGuiggan, Micheál Ó Súilleabháin (Ireland), Frank McConnell (Scotland) and Nic Gareiss (USA). Newly commissioned work by Shetland Islander, Chris Stout (Sail/Seol) featuring Alasdair Fraser, Natalie Haas, Nollaig Ní Chathasaigh, Zoe Conway and more. Plus a new dance piece by Breandán de Gallaí featuring champion Irish dancers from across Derry and Donegal.

Millennium Forum, Newmarket Street,  
Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6EB  
8pm | £15.00 | family ticket £50  
[www.millenniumforum.co.uk](http://www.millenniumforum.co.uk)



Friday 29th June

### Women of the Fiddle

with The String Sisters (featuring Liz Carroll, Liz Knowles, Catriona MacDonald, Annbjorg Lien, Emma Hardelin and Liz Doherty with David Milligan, James Mackintosh, Conrad Ivitsky and Tore Bruvell), The Wrigleys (Orkney), Nancy Kerr and James Fagan (England/Australia) and Andrea Beaton, Janine Randall, Dawn and Margie Beaton (Canada).

An Grianán Theatre, Port Road,  
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal  
[www.angrianan.com](http://www.angrianan.com)  
8pm | €15/€13



Saturday 30th June

### Strathspey Stories

Exploring the links between Scotland, Donegal and Cape Breton Island, Canada with music and dance by Tommy Peoples, Fidil, Fidil, Andrea Beaton, Dawn and Margie Beaton, Janine Randall, Frank McConnell, Mary Anne Kennedy, Paddy McMenamin, Finn Moore and Paul Anderson; Narrated by Caoimhín MacAoidh.

Highlands Hotel, Glenties,  
Co. Donegal  
8pm | €10



Saturday 30th June

### Fiddles of the World

with the Pierre Schryer Trio (Canada), Chris Stout and Catriona MacKay (Shetland), Willie Drennan (Northern Ireland), Dan Truman and Caoimhín O Rathallaigh (USA/Ireland), Alfonso Franco (Galicia), Cleek Schrey, Stephanie Coleman and Nic Gareiss (USA).

Waterside Theatre,  
Glenderrmott Road,  
Londonderry BT47 6BG  
8pm | £10  
[www.watersidetheatre.com](http://www.watersidetheatre.com)



Sunday 1st July

### The Chieftains Welcome

featuring Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas (Scotland/USA), Annbjorg Lien (Norway), Troy MacGillivray, Andrea Beaton, Pierre Schryer and Friends (Canada) Fiolministeriet (Denmark), the Inishowen Traditional Music Project and Coyle School of Irish Dancing.

The Plaza, Main Street, Buncrana,  
Inishowen, Co. Donegal  
8pm Doors open at 7pm | €20



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## Big Days Out @ NAFCo

Showcasing some of the most prominent women in traditional music internationally the **Women of the Fiddle Day** includes workshops, talk and performances.  
Friday 29th June, from 11am

Donegal

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

**Fiddles on the Foyle - Family Day Out.** Performances from youth groups from Derry, Donegal, Scotland, Sweden and Newfoundland and the More Strings Attached/ premiere of newly commissioned piece '100 Fiddlers at 55° North' by Neil Martin performed by fiddlers from the NAFCo

International Youth Camp. Fiddle art, come & try sessions, fiddle train, face painting... a fiddle-themed fun day out for all the family in association with Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

Saturday 30th June, 12 noon-8pm, Queen's Quay,  
Derry/Londonderry

FREE

**Donegal Fiddle Day** Experience the craic and culture that surrounds the Donegal fiddle tradition on a bus tour through south-west Donegal. With tour guides Martin McGinley and Dermie Diamond and featuring performances along the way from Donegal legends, the Campbells. Includes the Strathspey Stories Concert and Session in the Highlands Hotel, Glenties. Saturday 30th June. Bus departs Derry at 10am (return time who knows!) | £25

Donegal

Celebrate **Canada Day** with a concert featuring Winnipeg's bluegrass girlband Oh My Darling and the Pierre Schryer Trio (Ontario).

Sunday 1st July, 11.30am, Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road,  
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

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FREE

## Exhibitions @ NAFCo

### The Fiddle Case Exhibition

A Journey through the fiddle traditions of the North Atlantic. 12th June - 1st July (11am - 5pm Tues - Fri; 1pm - 5pm Sat; 11am - 5pm Sun 1st July)

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

Donegal

FREE

### 'Fiddle Icons' by Nicole Murray

**The Cree Fiddlers of St. James' Bay - Musical Traditions from the Fur Trade** by Dr. Frances Wilkins  
Millennium Forum, Newmarket Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6EB

FREE

### Films @ NAFCo

Short films and documentaries exploring fiddle traditions from Ireland and Scotland to the US, Canada and Mongolia.  
Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal,  
Thurs 28th June and Sat 30th June 1.00-5.00pm

Donegal

FREE

### Trade Fair @ NAFCo

Fiddles, fiddle related merchandise and more from local and international traders.

Wednesday-Sunday 10am - 6pm

Millennium Forum, Newmarket Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6EB

## NAFCo Fiddle School

Wednesday-Sunday, 10am-1pm

Classes in Fiddle (all levels) and accompaniment styles (Piano / Guitar)

Millennium Forum, Newmarket Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6EB

£70 for week | £15 per day

Tutors include Pete Cooper (UK), Eilidh Steele (Scotland), Amy Geddes (Scotland), Brendan Hendry (Ireland), Óisín Mac Diarmaida (Ireland) and more.

Wednesday-Saturday, 3.00-4.00pm and 4.15-5.15pm  
Fiddle Masterclasses (Advanced level only)

Millennium Forum, Newmarket Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6EB

Wednesday Kristen Bugge (Denmark) and Erlend Viken (Norway)

Thursday Martin Hayes (Ireland) and John Carty (Ireland)

Friday Alastair Fraser (Scotland) and Shane Cook (Canada)

Saturday Catriona McDonald (Shetland) and Liz Knowles (USA)

FREE

## Community Workshops

Come and meet some of the stars of NAFCo in a series of outreach community workshops in Co. Donegal. Musicians from Ireland, Scotland, Norway and Canada play tunes and discuss their traditions.

Donegal

Monday 25th Majorstuen (Norway), McGrory's, Culdaff; Wednesday 27th Lau (Scotland), Moville and Blazing Bows (Ireland) Buncrana; Thursday 28th Troy MacGillivray, Shane Cook, Jake Charron (Canada), Ballyshannon; Friday 29th Pierre Schryer Trio (Canada), McGrory's, Culdaff; Saturday 30th Andrea Beaton, Janine Randall, Dawn and Margie Beaton (Cape Breton), Balor Theatre, Ballybofey; Sunday July 1st Kevin Doherty (Four Men and a Dog) and Fiolministeriet (Denmark), The Coffee Cup, Buncrana\*

FREE

Fiddle/accompaniment workshops with Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas (Scotland/USA) and Jennifer and Hazel Wrigley (Orkney), Friday 29th June, Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny 11am-1.00pm as part of the Women of the Fiddle Day

FREE

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