

For Immediate Release

FÉILE SIAMSA TÍRE

Inaugural Event

21st to 23rd of May

SIAMSA TÍRE, TRALEE

Whether you're a novice or an accomplished musician or dancer, this weekend is for you!

The inaugural **Féile Siamsa Tíre** takes place over the weekend of the 21st to 23rd of May. The Féile is an action packed weekend of Music, Singing and Set Dancing Competitions, with Workshops, Master classes, Céilí, Sessions and Concerts, along with its very own **Festival Club** at the Grand Hotel, Tralee.

Something certain to appeal to competitors is the opportunity presented to prize-winners to take part in a workshop with three leading traditional musicians; **David Power, Ciaran Sommers** and **Fionn MacGoillachuda** on the Sunday of the Féile. Those partaking in the workshop will also have a chance to take to the Siamsa stage in advance of the **Music Network** concert on Sunday 23rd of May to showcase their talents.

Competitions are open to a wide variety of musicians and set dancers. Music Competitions include: Tin Whistle, Flute, Fiddle, Accordion, Concertina, Stringed Instruments (Banjo, Mandolin) Percussion (Bodhrán, Drums, Bones, Djembi) Piano & Harp, as well as Quartet, Quintet, Newly composed Trad, Polka/Slide, Trad Fusion, Solo Singing Irish or English, Miscellaneous Instruments and Busking

The prize winners will receive specially commissioned Siamsa Tíre medals for first, second and third places in the competitions. The winner of the **Martin Whelan Perpetual Trophy** (in memory of the legendary Martin Whelan) will be announced on the Sunday night. Lively **Festival Club** sessions in the Grand Hotel will also form part of the programme.

Those competing can avail of special discounted tickets to the National Folk Theatre's production of **Oileán** (Saturday 22nd) and to the Music Network concert, **Music From the South East** on Sunday night (23rd). For further information and entry details, please contact Tom Hanafin at Siamsa Tíre on 066 7123055 or by e-mail at tomsiamsa@eircom.net.

A full line up of events follows:

Féile Siamsa Tíre 2010

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd May
Traditional Arts and Festival

Friday 21st May at 7.00 pm.

The Grand Hotel Denny Street Tralee. (Festival Club)

Set Dancing competition(s) with prizes for 1st 2nd & 3rd places. An informal music session will be held in the hotel bar.

Saturday 22nd May at 10.00 am

Siamsa Tíre

Music Competitions for Tin Whistle, Flute, Fiddle, Accordion, Concertina, Stringed Instruments (Banjo, Mandolin) Percussion (Bodhran, Drums, Bones, Djembi) Piano & Harp.

8.30pm

Oilean, a performance by the critically acclaimed National Folk Theatre (advance booking required)

Grand Hotel

Time: Till Late

Informal Sessions at the Festival Club.

Sunday 23rd May at 10.00 am

Siamsa Tíre

Workshops & Master classes in Pipes, Flute/Tin Whistle and Fiddle
Competitions in Quartet, Quintet, Newly composed Trad, Polka/Slide, Trad Fusion, Solo Singing Irish or English, Miscellaneous Instruments and Busking

Grand Hotel from 3pm to 6pm

Céilí with Tim Joe & Anne O' Riordan (catering for those who just want to dance for fun!)

Siamsa Tíre at 8pm

Prize Winners Concert and announcement of the overall Féile Siamsa Tíre Champion.
Performance featuring David Power (pipes) Ciaran Sommers (flute) & Fionn MacGoillachuda (Fiddle)

Grand Hotel

Till Late

Informal Sessions at the Festival Club.

A complete list of workshop tutors, rules, entry fees and competition times can be obtained by emailing Tom Hanafin, Musical Director tomsiamsa@eircom.net

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