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THE SOUNDS OF KERRY National Concert Hall Fundraising Concert for Teach Siamsa Finuge Saturday 5th of March at 8pm

On Saturday 5th of March, **Siamsa Tíre** will present a concert, ***The Sounds of Kerry*** at the **National Concert Hall** in Dublin in order to raise funds for **Teach Siamsa**, Finuge. The evening will be a celebration of Kerry artists and talent.

Teach Siamsa in Finuge was the first purpose built structure which housed Siamsa Tíre and was built in 1974. **Fr Pay Ahern**, (founder of Siamsa Tíre and the then Artistic Director), was the key force which led to the Teach being built, along with the legendary Martin Whelan who later became General Manager.

In recent years, the condition of the Teach has deteriorated, particularly the thatched roof and the building is no longer suitable for the teaching or training of young people.

Under **Access II**, a scheme administered by the **Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport**, funds were awarded to Siamsa Tíre in 2007 to cover some of the refurbishment works. The conditions of funding require that 30% of the overall expenditure is raised by the organization. The proceeds from the ***The Sounds of Kerry*** in the National Concert Hall will contribute substantially to providing these matching funds.

The programme for the concert will include: **Liam O'Connor**, the renowned box player, **Cathy Nugent** (Pianist) and **Kenneth Rice** on fiddle, along with the Siamsa Tíre company who will feature new work from their repertoire along with some rising traditional Kerry artists. The legendary Kerryman, **Mícheál O'Muircheartaigh**, will be the Master of Ceremonies on the night.

The fundraising committee is being spearheaded by **Jimmy Deenihan TD** with the support of the **Sean McCarthy Committee** in association with Siamsa Tíre. Siamsa Tíre and all of those involved in the fundraising look forward very much to seeing Teach Siamsa in Finuge restored to full working order. The building works are due to commence in May.

Tickets for the concert can be booked on-line at www.nch.ie or by phoning the National Concert Hall Box Office on 01) 417 0000.

The Sounds of Kerry
Saturday 5th of March 2011 at 8pm – National Concert Hall, Dublin
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