

# FLEADH 2021 LINEUP

## SATURDAY

12 to 3 pm	Fintan Stanley
3:30 to 6:30 pm	New Leaf
7:30 to 10:30 pm	Bill Eagen and The Rising

## SUNDAY

9:30 am	Mass in remembrance of our Members/family lost during COVID
10:15 am	Reception following Mass with light refreshments
12 to 3 pm	Ceol Na Gcroi Ceili Band with Set Dancers
3:30 to 6:30 pm	Colm O'Brien
7 pm	Open Session-Sing Along, etc...

- ♣ **Step Dancing Schools will fill half hour blocks between Entertainment**
- ♣ **GAA Hurling and Football will put on demonstrations throughout the weekend**
- ♣ **Food will be available**

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> the Irish American Home of Glastonbury, Connecticut is proud to present our first Fleadh (pronounced "flah" which is Irish for festival). The focus will be on tradition and culture, which features music, song, dance, and sport! There will be a traditional Ceili Band, Set Dancers, local Irish Step Dancing Schools, and traditional Irish music bands. We will end the weekend with an open session and if a sing-along breaks out, well that's just fine too!

**Irish sport will be represented by our Harford GAA Football and Hurling Clubs. They will be presenting demonstrations of their respective sport to showcase their hard work, passion, and devotion to preserving and passing on Gaelic games to our children.**

*On Sunday morning we will celebrate a special Mass to honor our Members and families who were lost during COVID. Mass will be followed by a reception with simple fare.*

Food will be available as will our Irish Home's wonderful Irish hospitality and friendly service. There will also be Irish Club apparel to purchase for yourself or to get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

We sincerely hope you will join our inaugural Fleadh celebrating our Irish culture and heritage. It's our way of honoring our past, while carrying it forward to our future! God Bless and see you there!



**Fintan Stanley** was born in County Louth, Ireland. He is considered by many as a master of the five row button accordion. Performing in Germany, England, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, the United States and many others. Fintan has now made his home in the US.

Here's an excerpt from a review of one of Fintan's concerts at the Leyland Accordion Club, Leyland, Lancaster, England, "... It was then back to instrumental tunes with a few tangos in the form of La Paloma, Don't Cry for Me Argentina and Jealousy. The speed then increased considerably when Fintan switched to playing a selection of Irish Jigs on his Fratelli Crosio button accordion. It was then time for some French tunes starting with Reproach and then Bourrasque...It was only at that point that Fintan noticed that he had not opened the bottom strap on his accordion despite the

fact that we heard lots of reeds in his playing...obviously an accordion with good compression"

And from the Waterford News and Star: Fintan Stanley is a wizard of the continental accordion, considered by many connoisseurs to be among the best in Europe if not the world. The renowned Dermot O'Brien will tell you that Stanley is without doubt the best in Ireland.

Fintan will be remembered in these parts for his membership of the famous Gallowglass Céilí Band with whom he played as a youth. Later he did a spell with Dermot O'Brien's famous Clubmen, followed by a number of years fronting his own band with country singer Maisie McDaniels.

**New Leaf** is John Tabb on button accordion, Kira Jewett on fiddle and Jim Bunting on guitar, vocals and bouzouki. Together they play traditional tunes with a tight, driving rhythm, interspersed with Jim's unique take on Ireland's song repertoire.

John Tabb is well known throughout southern New England for his box playing and leads weekly sessions at the Irish Cultural Center of Western New England. He has performed with The Healys, The Dustmen and his dad Chris Tabb, and appears on the recording *Apples in Winter*. Kira Jewett started playing classically when she was just three years old, but fell in love with the music of Ireland in her 20s and studied extensively with the virtuoso fiddler Brian Conway. She is the 2003 All-Ireland fiddle Slow Airs Champion. Singer and rhythm player Jim Bunting is an avid local session player who brings a sensitive touch and driving rhythm to the band.



**Colm O'Brien...** Dublin-born, now residing in Boston. One of the most passionate, knowledgeable and dedicated devotees of the Irish ballad tradition. Born into the heritage of Irish music, stretching back generations in his family, Colm continues to celebrate those traditions today. And with the full spirit of a True Dub!

Career highlights include stints with The Prodigals and Rud Eile. Has shared the stage with Finbar Furey, Andy Irvine and other legends. Colm performs today as a solo artist as well as occasionally with long-time friend Martin Butler, the acclaimed bodhran master.

**Ceol na Gcroí Céilí Band** was founded in June 2000 by céilí drummer, flute and whistle player Brendan Fahey. Highly sought-after in the NY-NJ-CT area, the band plays traditional Irish music, primarily at local céilithe. They truly live up to their name ~ "music from the heart!" Playing for dancers is their passion!

Band members are Linda Hickman (flute), John Nolan (box), and Brendan Fahey (céilí drums). All are music instructors, as well as session leaders in the tri-state area.  
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**Bill Eagen and The Rising** have been performing for over 20 years, playing traditional Irish music with a bit of a kick that has always entertained! Whether it be in a pub, or playing in a festival, they have you singing, dancing, tapping your feet and of course smiling ear to ear!

The band is anchored by Bill Eagen and Barney McElhone. Bill sings with passion and conviction that is infectious to the audience, while Barney showcases his enormous musical talent playing a variety of instruments that wows every crowd! Their harmony and unique takes on traditional classics, and their ability to engage everyone is what makes this band so good and loads of fun!