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Córás Trio

Córás Trio reinvent the spontaneous. Deconstructed Irish traditional melodies emerge from blissful, otherworldly textures that foreground fiddle, guitar and percussion with transcendental electronics; suspending elements of collective free improvisation with seisiún-style playfulness, they are part of a creative wave of musicians exploring how traditional music relates to the experience of the 21st century.

'they boldly go where few have even dreamed of going before'
The Irish Times

'imaginative... quick witted... boldly investigating 21st-century Irish identity' The Wire

'Explosive!' Soweto Kinch, BBC Radio 3

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Nuala Kennedy and Eamon O'Leary

'The sublime, effortless duet of Kennedy and O'Leary is the real draw here' says Songlines Magazine.

Beloved folk songsters and seasoned road-warriors, Nuala Kennedy (Solás) & Eamon O' Leary (Murphy Beds) have created an atmospheric new duo album entitled *Hydra* after the bohemian Greek Island where they recorded.

★★★★ 'Sumptuous folk songs' The Guardian
GUARDIAN Folk Album of the Month

★★★★ 'Dazzling' MOJO

★★★★ 'Beguiling' Songlines
Top 5 U.S. Folk Charts

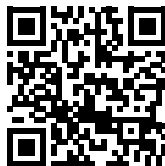
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Niamh Bury

Niamh Bury is one of the most exciting new voices on the Irish folk scene. Her debut album, *Yellow Roses*, was released in March 2024 – earning #3 on Mojo's Best Folk Albums of 2024 list. Niamh's richly-textured folk sound and singular vocals has led her to share the stage with acts Flyte, Maddison Cunningham, Dermot Kennedy and Ye Vagabonds. Nominated for Best Emerging Artists at the 2024 RTÉ Folk Awards, she is one of the first new artists in almost two decades to be signed to Ireland's most culturally important record label, Claddagh Records.

★★★★ 'Think folky Cat Power or sun-drunk Weyes Blood and prepare to be transported.' *Mojo*

★★★★★ 'Yellow Roses poses itself as an immaculate debut album from quickly rising folk wonder Niamh Bury.' *Golden Plec*

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Fiárock

Fiárock is a four-piece Irish traditional band that tells a story steeped in sound. Hailing from both sides of the Atlantic, the quartet masterfully treads the line of staying true to the tradition while embracing the diversity of influences from each member's personal background, enriching their sound with jazz harmonies, American old-time melodies, and Mexican folk song. Concertina, banjo, piano, bodhrán, and vocals join together in powerful arrangements, from rip-roaring polkas to mesmerizing slow airs, in ways that will enchant and enrapture both trad-heads and newcomers alike. Fiárock's plans for 2025 include European and North American tours, forging their way into the future with plenty of craic!

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Gráinne Hunt

A queer, nu-folk, singer-songwriter with a voice like complex coffee, Gráinne Hunt captivates audiences with heart-melting vocals and deeply emotional songs, establishing herself as a standout among Ireland's leading vocalists and songwriters. Described as 'The Irish Joni', she has sung with Glen Hansard and U2, has opened for Gladys Knight and Eagle Eye Cherry.

With a live EP from her debut US tour coming soon, she's also recording a studio album for release in 2025.

'No crowd can resist' Declan O'Rourke

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Leonard Barry

Celebrated uilleann piper Leonard Barry's playing ranges from the slides and jigs of Sliabh Luachra in his native Kerry to the reels of the Sligo coast where he lives today. After decades as touring piper with many of Ireland's finest singers, in 2024 Leonard took centre stage, releasing his third solo album, Littoral, produced by Michael McGoldrick. Live, he is partnered by fiddler Andy Morrow and various guests: for this showcase they are joined by Ali Hutton on guitar.

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