

Conor Byrne Biography

From a very early age Conor has been involved with music. He was born into one of the much loved Irish music Dynasty's '**The Moore family**'. While growing up in the seventies his mother was very much involved in organising folk clubs such as the legendary Meeting Place & later in the eighties Mother Redcaps Tavern. Having not been given the choice but to go to these clubs every once and a while, Conor's love for music, especially traditional Irish, had started to grow.

At the age of five was given the opportunity while attending Gaelscoil Inse Chór Primary School, to start tin whistle lessons under the tuition of Con Ó Tuama. This in later years would lead to playing the flute, with lessons from **Paul McGrattan & Cian O'Sullivan**, both Dublin born. His interest in the flute came from his Godfather & Uncle **Dabheoc Rynne**, a great flute player from Prosperous in Co. Kildare, now living in Miltown Malbay Co. Clare. Conor spent many of his summer holidays learning & playing tunes with Dabheoc & while there, he attended The **Willie Clancy Summer School** on several occasions.

After many years of playing sessions around the country and developing as a musician Conor decided to go fulltime. This opportunity arose when he was asked by the much loved composer & fiddler **Máire Breatnach** to play with her on her albums plus many gigs around Europe including Germany, Poland, France & the UK as well as Ireland. Conor has played on a list of recordings...

John Renbourn (Pentangle) – Traveller's Prayer (Shanachie)

Christy Moore – The Traveller (Colombia)

Luka Bloom – Riverside / Salty Heaven (Reprise)

Eimear Quinn – The Voice (Winning song in Eurovision '96)

Poirt na Coille – Various Traditional artists (Cló-ár Chonnachta)

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Máire Breatnach – Angel Candles / Voyage of Bran / Celtic Lovers.

...and many more.

He has performed with many more including the above as well as **Anúna, Maura O'Connell, Máire Brennan, Tim O'Brien, Paul Brady, Robbie Hannon.**

In 1998 Conor released his debut solo album '**Wind Dancer**', with a live performance on the The Late Late Show that received much critical acclaim. Artists on the album include **Christy Moore, Luka Bloom, Liam Ó Maonlai, Cathy Jordan (Dervish) plus many more.**

This lead to extensive performances around Europe, Ireland & the States in many highly acclaimed festivals including The Irish Folk Festival tour, Germany & the Irish tour of Finland plus many more.

TV performances included **Ionad Cois Locha** with **Méabh O'Hare** and **Niall Ó Callánain**; **Christy Moore Uncovered** (RTE); **Geantraí** (Tg4); **Banish Misfortune** (RTE); **Eurovision '96 Öslö** (RTE).

Conor is also regarded as a very accomplished flute teacher & has thought at many established schools including The Willie Clancy Summer School; The Frankie Kennedy Winter School; Scoil Séamus Ennis; Ceol Cois Locha Tormakeedy, Co. Mayo; By the Feele Abbeyfeelee, Co.Limerick; Folkworks (UK); Tocane festival, France, plus many more.

Carrying on the family tradition, he recently worked with **Aiken Promotions** on a very successful weekly folk club, '**Sessions @ the Shelter, Vicar Street.**'
