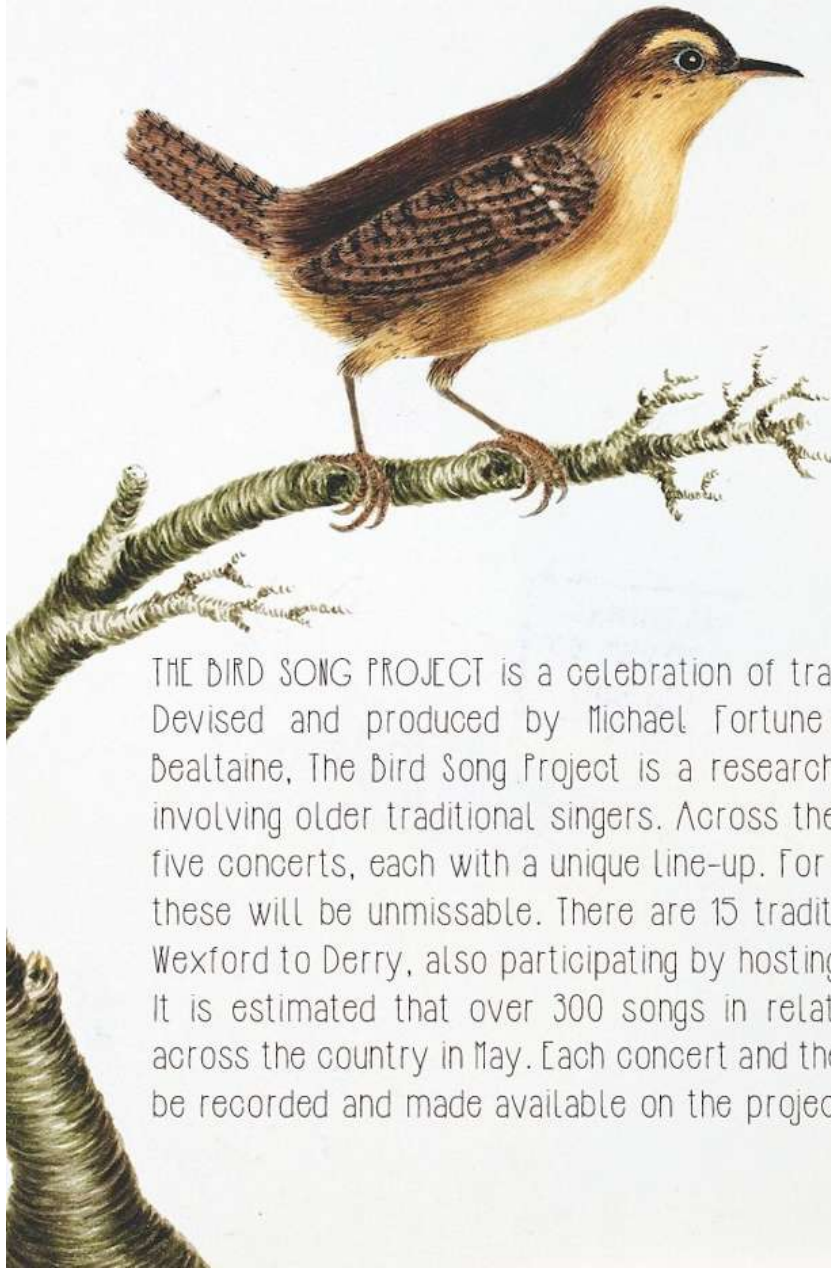


# The Bird Song Project

A Traditional Song Project by Aileen Lambert and Michael Fortune for Bealtaine 2015

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THE BIRD SONG PROJECT is a celebration of traditional songs about birds. Devised and produced by Michael Fortune and Aileen Lambert for Bealtaine, The Bird Song Project is a research and performance project involving older traditional singers. Across the four provinces, there are five concerts, each with a unique line-up. For lovers of traditional song, these will be unmissable. There are 15 traditional singing circles, from Wexford to Derry, also participating by hosting their own bird song night. It is estimated that over 300 songs in relation to birds will be sung across the country in May. Each concert and the Singing Circle events will be recorded and made available on the project website in June 2015.

#### THE LEINSTER CONCERT

Wed 6th of May,  
The National Library,  
Kildare Street, Dublin City,  
7.30pm. Adm €5

Featuring Paddy Berry, Phil Berry, John O'Byrne, Mary O'Brien, Alanna O'Kelly, Gerry Cullen and Páidrigín Ní Uallacháin.

#### THE ULSTER CONCERT

Sat 9th of May,  
Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin,  
37 Great James St, Derry City,  
8pm. Adm £4

Featuring John Tunney, Brigid Tunney, Jim MacFarland, Jackie Boyce, Grace Toland, Rita Gallagher and Maurice Leyden.

#### THE DUBLIN CONCERT

Wed 13th of May,  
The National Library,  
Kildare Street, Dublin City,  
7.30pm. Adm €5

Featuring Luke Cheevers, Niamh Parsons, Francy Devine, Tony McGaley, Tom Finn, Eugene McEldowney and Anne Buckley.

#### THE MUNSTER CONCERT

Sat 16th of May,  
Cúil Na Sméar Hall, Cúil na Sméar,  
Dungarvan, Co. Waterford,  
8pm. Adm €5

Featuring Tim Dennehy, Larry Joy, Senan Lillis, Máire Ní Chéileachair, Ann Mulqueen and Michéal Marrinan.

#### THE CONNAUGHT CONCERT

Sat 23rd of May,  
St Nicholas Collegiate Church, Lombard  
Street, Galway City,  
8pm. Adm €5

Featuring Tim Lyons, Mary McPartlan, Anne Skelton, Brian O'Rourke, Martin Ryan and Johnny Mháirtín Learaí.

#### Further Information

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Singing Circle Events

**Friday 1st May**, An Góilín Traditional Singers' Club, "Where Linnets Sing", Teachers' Club, Parnell Square, Dublin. 9.30pm. Admission €3. Contact: [086 8161557](tel:0868161557)

**Sunday 3rd May**, Leitrim Singers' Circle, "The Leitrim Song Thrush Session", Davitt's Bar, Main Street, Drumkeeran, Co Leitrim. 5.00pm. Admission free. Contact: [086 0858838](tel:0860858838)

**Monday 4th May**, Kinvara Singers' Circle, "The Cuckoo Session", Green's Bar, Kinvara, Co Galway. 9.30pm. Admission free. Contact: [087 2405987](tel:0872405987)

**Thursday 7th May**, Derry Traditional Singers' Circle, "The Dawn Chorus", Tinney's Bar, Patrick Street, Derry. 9pm. Admission free. Contact: [0044 7599703025](tel:00447599703025)

**Thursday 7th May**, Howth Singers' Club, "To Hear the Nightingale Sing", Abbey Tavern, Howth, Co. Dublin. 9pm. Admission €4. Contact: [087 6780360](tel:0876780360)

**Friday 8th May**, Inishowen Traditional Singers' Circle, "If I were a Blackbird", McFeeley's Bar, Clonmany, Co Donegal. 9.30pm. Admission free. Contact: [087 2903799](tel:0872903799).

**Sunday May 10th**, Song Central, "Birds of a Feather...", Chaplin's Bar, Hawkins St., Dublin 2. 6pm. Free admission. Contact: 087-229 5489

**Wednesday 13th May**, Sligo Traditional Singing Circle, "The Nightingale Session", Durkin's Bar, Ballinacarrow, Co. Sligo. 9.30pm. Admission free. Contact: [087 4182185](tel:0874182185)

**Saturday 16th May**, Bray Singers' Circle, "Be Kind to your Fine Feathered Friends", Strand Hotel (back lounge), Seafront, Bray. 9pm. Free admission. Contact: 087-230 2049

**Saturday 16th May**, Boyle Traditional Singers' Circle, "The Curlew Session", Dodd's Crescent Bar, The Crescent, Boyle, Co. Roscommon. 9.30pm. Admission free. Contact: [071 966 3244](tel:0719663244)

**Friday 22nd May**, Ballymore Singers, "Singing for a Lark", Mick Murphy's Pub, Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare. 9pm. Admission free. Contact: [085 8249390](tel:0858249390)

**Friday 29th May**, Wexford Traditional Singers, "The Blackbird Session", Mary's Bar, Wexford Town (opposite library), Co. Wexford. 9.30pm. Admission free. Contact: [087 9733429](tel:0879733429)

**Friday 29th May**, Na Ceannabháin Bhána-Ciorcal Amhránaíocht, "An Buinneán Bui", Óstán Chuan Charna (Carna Bay Hotel) Carna, Conamara, Co. na Gaillimhe, 9.00pm. Admission free. Contact: [086 6669052](tel:0866669052)

**Friday 29th May**, Chapel Gate Singers, "The Curlew's Call", O' Keefes Pub, Cooraclare, Co Clare. 9.30pm. Admission free. Contact: [086 1681429](tel:0861681429)

**Thursday 28th May**, Malahide Singing Circle, "And the Larks they Sang Melodious, at the Dawning of the Day", Oscar Taylor's, Coast Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin. 8.30pm. Admission €3. Contact: 087 2847415