

CEOLTÓIR

Ceoltóir is the name given to Ballyfermot College Of Further Education's Higher National Diploma in Traditional Music Performance. The course is of two years duration and is suitable for musicians and singers who wish to develop and improve as performers. The course is practical in nature with an emphasis on performance. Students perform on a regular basis on campus and various venues throughout Dublin and beyond. In 2nd year students, with the assistance of college staff, record, engineer and produce their own CD, using college facilities. Another feature of the course is regular performances and guest lectures by leading figures in the world of traditional music.

Staff

All members of staff are themselves experienced musicians and are actively involved in traditional music through, performance, recording, production, workshops, masterclasses and research projects.

Course Content

Year 1

Music Notation, Harmony and Arranging, Music Performance Studies, Music Performance Skills, Music Technology, Computer Music Composition and Production, Traditional Performing Arts, Regional Styles in Irish Traditional Music.

Year 2

Traditional Music and Song from Scotland, Brittany and the North of England, Planning for Public Performance, Creative Arts Research Skills, Project design, Implementation and Evaluation, Music Studio Production, The Music Business in the 21st Century, World Music Studies, Harmony and Composition.

Folk Club

Each year the students, with help from their tutors run a folk club in Aras Chronáin, in Clondalkin. Each week students are

given the opportunity to meet, work and perform with some of the leading figures in traditional music. This season's guests are, Seán Tyrrell, Liam O Connor, Seán Potts, Laoise Kelly, Niamh Parsons and former pupil Daoiri Farrell. The students film, edit and archive these performances and a selection of these performances (along with other resources) can be found on the Ceoltóir Folkclub website which can be accessed through the college main page www.bcfce.ie

Progression:

Graduates who achieve a merit/distinction profile may apply for entry to the college's BA (Hons) in Media Production Management programme (accredited by Dublin City University). A number of our former students have progressed to further studies and have completed Masters programmes or in some cases Doctorates in various Universities both in Ireland and abroad. Many of our former students have established themselves as respected performers in traditional music circles and continue to make a valuable contribution to the art form through their recordings, workshops and live performances with acts such as, The Chieftains, De Danann, Slide, Gráda, David Gray, Mike Mc Goldrick, Eddi Reader, Dónal Lunny, Paddy Keenan, The Alan Kelly band and many more. Some of our former students, after further study have chosen to enter the teaching profession at either Primary level, Second level and in some cases, Third level. Others have established their own private schools of music both in Ireland and overseas.

Entry Requirements:

Leaving Certificate/LCVP with a minimum of 2 HCs /OAs and three passes or equivalent or FETAC level 5 award with a merit profile or BTEC National Diploma with a merit profile. The academic entry requirements may be waived for mature applicants (21+) All applicants will be auditioned.

For further information regarding the Ceoltóir Programme please contact:

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