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Welcome to the MAC! Our entire staff is thrilled to have you here and we are grateful that you have chosen to invest your time in live entertainment and world-class culture in our community. We want to offer you a space to unwind and enjoy an evening filled with laughter, music, dance, or theatre. Our aim is to provide you with unique and inspiring opportunities to engage more deeply with the arts. Join us for a complimentary pre-show MAC Chat or Q&A following specific performances. Our arts center, located in a community college, offers over 60 student productions supported by professional lighting, sound, and costumes. These can be enjoyed at affordable costs, or you can attend our FREE programs like Music Friday at Noon and our free International Global Film series, Global Flicks in February. We hope to exceed your expectations with excellent service and special pre and post-show engagement opportunities. These will help you connect with the artists and art forms more deeply. While you are here, don't forget to visit the Cleve Carney Museum of Art in the lobby to experience cutting-edge contemporary art. You can also enjoy our full-service concession area and gift shop.

After your visit, please stay connected with us by joining us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or subscribing to our e-newsletter to find out about added shows, events, and special offers (www.AtTheMAC.org). We challenge you to try something new at the MAC and expand your cultural palate. Come see the New Philharmonic Orchestra or a Buffalo Theater Ensemble Play. Or join us this summer for the Lakeside Summer Series. We are grateful for your presence here and we want to ensure that your visit is enjoyable. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask any of the staff and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We hope you have a wonderful time and look forward to entertaining you.

Enjoy the show!

Diana Martinez
Director, McAninch Arts Center

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Ciarán Ó Gealbháin - Lead Vocals & Piano Accordion
Benny McCarthy - Button Accordion
Oisín McAuley - Fiddle and Backing Vocals
Éamon Doorley - The Irish Bouzouki
Ivan Goff - Uilleann Pipes, Flute and Whistles
Tony Byrne - Guitar and Backing Vocals
Billy Sutton - Bodhran (Irish Drum) and Mandolin

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Friday, March 8, 2024, 7:30 p.m.
Belushi Performance Hall

PROGRAM

Repertoire will be selected from the following and announced from the stage:

Selection of Irish Slides (Instrumental)

All Traditional tunes arranged by Danú

***The New House/Brown-Eyed Bridget/The Humours of Holliston*
(Instrumental)**

Composed by Paddy O'Brien/O.McAuley/O.McAuley Arranged by Danú

***Master McGrath* (Song)**

Traditional, arranged by Danú

Hornpipes: *The Connemara Hornpipe/The Leverette* (Instrumental)

Composed by Vincent Broderick & Mairtin O'Connor, arranged by Danú

***An Paistín Fionn* (Song)**

Traditional, arranged by Danú

**Reels-*The Poor Mans Fortune/The Long Strand/Reel Gan Ainm*
(Instrumental)**

Composed by P.O'Brien/Traditional/Traditional, arranged by Danú

***Tuamgraney Castle/The Broken Pledge/The Braes of Busby*
(Instrumental)**

All Traditional tunes arranged by Danú

***Easy and Free* (Song)**


Traditional, Arranged by Danú

Program is subject to change

There will be an intermission

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Slides: *She Hasn't the Thing She Thought She Had (Trad) / Denis Murphy's (Trad)/ Abbey's Green Isle (Trad.)* Arr. Danú

Nell's Aunt Eileen O'Riordan was the source of the first two slides in this set. The last tune comes from the great Sliabh Luachra box player Denis Doody.

Jigs: *The New House (Paddy O'Brien), Brown-Eyed Bridget (Oisín McAuley), The Humours of Holliston (Oisín McAuley)* Arr. Danú

The first jig of this set is composed by the great accordion player Paddy O'Brien from Nenagh, County Tipperary. Our own Oisín McAuley composed the second and third jigs.

Song: *Master McGrath (Trad.)* Arr. Danú

Master McGrath was a very famous racing greyhound in Ireland. He was born in Colligan a small townland outside the town of Dungarvan, County Waterford. He is famed for winning the big event in England in 1868, 1869 & 1871 making him one of the most celebrated and successful dogs of the time. There are several monuments in Ireland, one of which is near where he was born. This song tells the great story of Master McGrath.

Hornpipes: *The Connemara Hornpipe (Vincent Broderick)/The Leverette (Mairtin O'Connor)* Arr. Danú

The first hornpipe is called "The Connemara Hornpipe." It's one of Vincent Broderick's. The music can be found in his book of tunes, *The Turoe Stone Vol. 2*. In the book, the description reads: "This tune came to Broderick while on a visit to Carraroe, County Galway. The sound of the waves crashing onto the beach had a strange musical tone." The key of the tune in the book is D major. We've transposed it to G major for this recording. The second tune is a bouncy composition by the great Galway Accordion maestro 'Mairtin O'Connor.

***Paistín Fionn (Traditional)* Arr. Danú**

This is a lighthearted love song from the Waterford Gaeltacht (Irish Speaking Area) in which the writer describes the beauty of a woman for whom he holds a secret love and over the obstacles he would overcome to call her his own. We recorded this on our album *Think Before You Think* back in the year 2000.

PROGRAM NOTES

Reels: *The Poor Mans Fortune/The Long Strand/Reel Gan Ainm* (P.O'Brien/Trad/Trad/Arr.Danú)

The first of these lovely reels was composed by the great Offaly Accordionist Paddy O'Brien. The second reel was sourced in the book *O'Neill's 1001* collection of Irish Music. The last tune we heard from the Dublin piper Mick O'Brien.

Hornpipe, Reels: *Tuamgraney Castle (Trad.)*, *The Broken Pledge (Trad.)*, *The Braes of Busby (Trad.)* Arr. Danú

The hornpipe Tuamgraney Castle is from East Clare. This unusual version of "The Broken Pledge" came from master piper Liam O'Flynn. We heard this particular version of "The Braes of Busby" from the playing of another great piper, Ronan Browne.

Song: *Easy and Free (Traditional)*, Arr. Danú

This is a song we learned many years ago from the great Scottish folk singer Archie Fisher; we recorded it for our album *All Things Considered* in 2002. We were very fortunate to have our great friend and world renowned Irish singer Liam Clancy (of famed Clancy Brothers) join us on that particular track. The song is also know as "Jock Steward" and has a great sing along chorus!



PROFILES

Hailing from historic Counties Waterford, Cork, Donegal and Dublin, **Danú** is one of the leading traditional Irish ensembles of today. Their standing room only concerts throughout Ireland are true events featuring high-energy performances and a glorious mix of ancient Irish music and new repertoire.

For over two decades, Danú's virtuosi players on flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion, bouzouki, and vocals (Irish and English), have performed around the globe and recorded seven critically acclaimed albums. Their live DVD, *One Night Stand*, was filmed at Vicar St. Dublin. Winners of numerous awards from the BBC and *Irish Music Magazine*, Danú has toured throughout Europe, the Middle East, and North America with stops at The Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, Symphony Space in New York City, and major concert engagements in the United Kingdom, India, Israel, and across Europe. Danú takes its audiences on a musical journey to their native Ireland, offering a moving and memorable concert experience. Danú's popular recordings are available on the Shanachie label and live performances are often broadcast on NPR, the CBC, and the BBC.

Danú has 9 CDs and a DVD which are all available in stores or online

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Ciarán Ó Gealbháin is a musician and singer, who has travelled extensively in the past with the Irish traditional music group, Danú. With a background in television production, he worked for a number of years as a sound technician and editor/director with the TV production company Nemeton Teo.

Graduating from UCC in 2006 with a degree in Gaeilge and An Léann Dúchais, he completed the PGDE in 2007 and, following a brief period teaching at second level, returned to UCC and Roinn an Bhéaloidis/the Dept. of Folklore and Ethnology, where he conducted doctoral research into various aspects of the song tradition of his native county of Waterford. He currently lectures on the Béaloideas and Folklore programmes at UCC, and has co-edited *Béascna: UCC Journal of Folklore and Ethnology* since 2007, acting as senior editor to the Journal since 2012.

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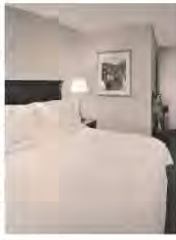
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