

ARTSCOPE presents

FOLLOW THE TUNE

Half a Millennium of Music from North Roscommon

Wednesday 18 May, 2022
to Saturday 21 May, 2022

VENUE

**King House, Boyle,
Co. Roscommon**



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A portrait of Cathy Jordan, a woman with dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark top. The background is a wooden lattice pattern.

Wednesday, 18 May • 8.00pm

Cathy Jordan presents Songs of Roscommon

No better way to kick off **Follow the Tune** than with the Roscommon legend, and longtime member of Dervish, Cathy Jordan. Cathy will take the audience through many of the well-known songs associated with the area - Eastersnow, Oisin in Ephin, Eileen Óg, Una Bhán - as well as some of her own compositions, songs which are now becoming part of the canon of songs local to Roscommon. Cathy will be accompanied on the night by Luke Devaney and joined by special guests Music Generation Roscommon Youth Voices and Kevin Regan, Bernard Flaherty and Cian Cunniffe.

Cost: €10

A portrait of Martin Tourish, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark shirt, holding a wooden and metal accordion. The background is a textured, grey wall.

Thursday, 19 May • 8.00pm

On Local Ground: The Music of North Roscommon

Keynote Address by Martin Tourish

“ In each case, from the time a tune first came into being as vibrations in the air, someone else has deemed it beautiful enough to remember it, and played it enough times in the presence of others to set off a cycle of events that has continued until it has reached your ears today. A particularly rich well for anyone to explore is the area of North Roscommon, which over the centuries has given rise to some of the most powerful and beloved pieces of music in the Irish canon.”

Join Dr Martin Tourish as he takes the audience through his research into this music. This event will also have performance from some of the **Follow the Tune** contributors.

Cost: €8



Friday, 20 May • 7.30pm
Half a Millennium of Music in North Roscommon

North Roscommon is one of those very rare examples of a region in Ireland that can celebrate a written record of music spanning half a millennium. In this specially curated performance, we travel through time, beginning with Cormac McDermott, whose music survives as the result of his work at the court of Elizabeth I and James VI & I.

Performers: Martin Tourish (accordion), John Carty (fiddle), Mossie Martin (fiddle), Fiachra Guihen (harp), Emma Benson (harp), Padraic Collins (harp), Bernard Flaherty (flute), Joe Kennedy (bodhran), James Carty (fiddle).

Cost: €10



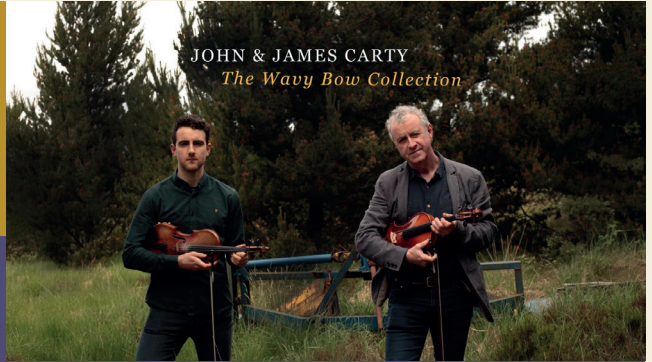
Saturday, 21 May • 7.30pm
Matt Molloy, John Carty and Brian McGrath in Concert

This concert will be preceded by Toner Quinn in Conversation with Matt Molloy & John Carty. Join Toner Quinn, fiddle player and editor of *The Journal of Music*, as he leads two of Irish music’s finest as they discuss the part they have played in playing, collecting, composing and passing on the tunes on their greater journeys to, and beyond, North Roscommon.

Probably the most exciting trad combination of recent times, Matt Molloy and John Carty together with Brian McGrath are taking part in the **Follow the Tune** events in King House, Boyle on Saturday 21st May. Together they will explore the rich and varied tapestry of the fiddle and flute tradition of North Roscommon.

Cost: €15

JOHN & JAMES CARTY
The Wavy Bow Collection



Saturday, 21 May
Daytime Events

12.30 - 1.15pm
FREE

Follow the Tune to the grounds of King House with members of Music Generation Roscommon trad students, performing alongside some of the leading performers on the professional tradition music scene, and guests at this year's **Follow the Tune** event.

2.30pm
FREE

The Wavy Bow Collection - John & James Carty As part of **Follow the Tune** John and James Carty will officially launch the Wavy Bow Collection in King House in their hometown of Boyle. Accompanying them for the launch will be Shane McGowan on guitar.

3.30 - 4.45pm
FREE

Open Workshop on the music of **Follow the Tune**, led by Martin Tourish, Mossie Martin and Bernard Flaherty

5.00 - 6.30pm
€10

Workshop with James Carty (fiddle) - open to all students (young people and adults) of intermediate/advanced level

Additional masterclasses and workshops will take place throughout the day for students of Music Generation Roscommon with collaborators of Follow the Tune.

View Follow the Tune films online, produced by Artscope and available to watch around King House over the four days.

Key Contributors to **Follow the Tune** Performers, Collaborators & Contributors

Emma Benson • Katrina Bouchier • John Carty • James Carty • Padraic Collins • Cian Cunniffe
Catherine Fagan • Bernard Flaherty • Ellen Glennon • Francie & Helen Grehan • Fiachra Guihen
Cathy Jordan • Joe Kennedy • Mossie Martin • Brian McGrath • Shane McGowan
Matt Molloy • Music Generation Roscommon Youth Voices • Kevin Regan • Martin Tourish
Caroline Wynne • Young Traditional Players from Music Generation Roscommon

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