

ACDA Children's Choir Conductor's Retreat.
Minneapolis, January 19th, 2014.

Children's Choral Music from Ireland.

Musical and Historical Background:

Sean Nós – The Irish Song Tradition.

- Aural tradition, sung in Irish, unaccompanied, highly ornamented.
- Regional styles, regional dialects, personal renditions, multiple versions.

Song Categories.

- *Geantraí*: love songs, *Suantraí*: lullabies, *Goltraí*: laments, *Aisling*: vision/dream.
- Emigration songs, political songs, rebel songs, work songs, drinking songs etc.

Historical Context.

- 1922 – Irish Free State
- 1950s-70s – Building the Arts
- 1980s - Association Of Irish Choirs, Contemporary Music Centre, National Children's Choir, Cór na nÓg.
- 1990s - 2010 - Development of community programmes in Dublin, Carlow, Cork, Galway, Limerick, Waterford and Wexford (RoI), Belfast and Derry (NI).
- 2010 - 2015 - Music Generation: Music Education Ireland.

Late 18th and 19th Century Composers of Irish Airs.

- 1779-1852 - Thomas Moore: *Moore's Melodies*.
- 1882-1937 – Herbert Hughes: *Irish Country Songs*.
- <http://www.boosey.com/shop/prod/Hughes-Herbert-Irish-Country-Songs-Highlights-Collection/604474>

20th Century To Date:

- 1900-1992 – Eamonn Ó'Gallchobhair:
 - *Róisín Dubh*
- www.aoic.ie www.cmc.ie
- 1917-1996 - Havelock Nelson:
 - *Sandy and Andy, Little Pets of Mochua*
- <http://www.havemusic.co.uk/THE%20WORKS%20instru.htm>
- 1931-1971 – Seán Ó' Riada:
 - *Cór Cúl Aodh*
- b.1951 – John Buckley:
 - *Suantraí*
- www.aoic.ie www.cmc.ie
- b.1965 – Marian Ingoldsby:
 - *Remember, Diddely Dumpty*

- mingoldsby@iolfree.ie

- b.1963 – Sue Furlong:
 - *Magic Mirror, The Dancing Master (Fáilte and Cuisle), Bheir Mé Ó*, Mo Ghile Mear*, Peace Songs From County Wexford**
- www.suefurlongmusic.com
- furlongsue@eircom.net
- www.halleonard.com*
- b.1967 – Elaine Agnew:
 - *Christmas Day, Wait and See, Appearances.*
- www.elainesgnew.com
- b.1965 – Bernard Sexton:
 - *God Be In My Head*, Críost Liom.*
- bernardsexton@hotmail.com
- www.giamusic.com*
- b.1974 – Deirdre Moynihan:
 - *Cuirfimid Dandy, An Raibh Tú Ar An gCarraig?*
- www.deirdremoynihan.com
 - Choirs Can Project
- b.1964 – Michael McGlynn:
 - *Buachaill Ón Éirne, Media Vita, Ceann Dubh, Cúnnla, Geantraí, Dúlaman*
 - Director of Anúna
 - Commissions – Chamber Choir Ireland, Dale Warland Singers, Chanticleer, Cantus, BBC Singers etc.

Others:

- Dolores Keane: *Mouth Music**
- www.earthsongschoralmusic.com*
- Ben Hanlon: *Ar Éirinn Ní Neosfainn Cé Hí, Molly Na gCuach Ní Chuilleanain*
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- Greg Scanlon: *Children Of Lir Suite, Lullaby for Ciarán*
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- Mark Armstrong: *Ag Críost An Siol, Wexford Carol*
- mark.armstrong@defenceforces.ie
- Des Earley: *The Orphan Girl*
- desmond.earley@ucd.ie

Other Contacts:

- National Children's Choir : www.nationalchildrenschoir.org

- Cór na nÓg (RTE Performing Groups): www.rte.ie/orchestras/cornanog
- Association of Irish Choirs: www.aoic.ie
- Contemporary Music Centre: www.cmc.ie
- Irish Traditional Music Archive: www.itma.ie

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