



Conor Arkins

Piano, Fiddle, Viola, Tin Whistle, Flute, Uilleann Pipes, Saxophone

Conor Arkins is a multi-instrumentalist and singer from Ruan in North County Clare. He is a second year music student at University College Cork and a member of the UCC Orchestra. Conor is the first traditional musician at UCC to have been awarded the 'Quercus Award' for outstanding students by the University.

Conor holds County and Munster Fleadh titles in fiddle, flute and whistle and has also won several All-Ireland titles in both solo and ensemble playing. At the age of fifteen Conor was the recipient of the 'Fiddler of the Year Award' at the Michael Coleman festival in Sligo.

Conor studied at Glenstal Abbey where he became proficient in the performance of Gregorian Chant and other choral music. In his final year he was appointed Choir Captain of The Glenstal Choir. Conor returned to his former school two years ago and assumed the role of music teacher, teaching music theory, fiddle, flute, piano and is also the director of The Glenstal Chamber Orchestra.

In 2012, Conor joined the cast of the internationally renowned Irish music and dance show, Brú Ború. In addition to performing in the summer shows, Conor has toured with the group in the US, and throughout Europe. This past summer he was part of the troupe that represented Ireland at World Expo Milan 2015 and performed for the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins on Ireland Day.

Conor is a member of The National Folk Orchestra of Ireland, which comprises of 50 of the top young classical and traditional musicians from Ireland and Great Britain. He is very involved with Irish music in Cork City where, in addition to his studies, he teaches music in Douglas and Ballyphehane Comhaltas branches and for Comhaltas Schools Outreach. He is the Chairperson of the UCC Traditional Irish Music Society, which strives to promote Irish music on campus. In this role he spearheaded the organization of Cork Tradfest 2016; an annual music festival featuring concerts, sessions and lectures with musicians from all over Ireland.