

Sean Gavin

Flute, Whistle and Uilleann Pipes

Sean Gavin's playing on the flute, whistle and uilleann pipes reflects his lifelong immersion in and love for traditional Irish music. This was no doubt encouraged by his father, Co. Clare fiddler Mick Gavin. Growing up in Detroit, Sean played a variety of Irish instruments until settling on the flute at age 11, inspired by Scariff flute player Leo MacNamara. Not long after, he began work on the uilleann pipes with late teacher Al Purcell—himself a student of famed piper Leo Rowsome. Currently residing in Chicago, he deeply values his many opportunities to spend time with Sligo flute legend Kevin Henry. Sean is a member of the critically acclaimed groups NicGaviskey and Bua, as well as often performing with Sligo based band Téada. He is an active member of the Irish music community of Chicago where he performs and teaches regularly.