



Mayo International Choral Festival

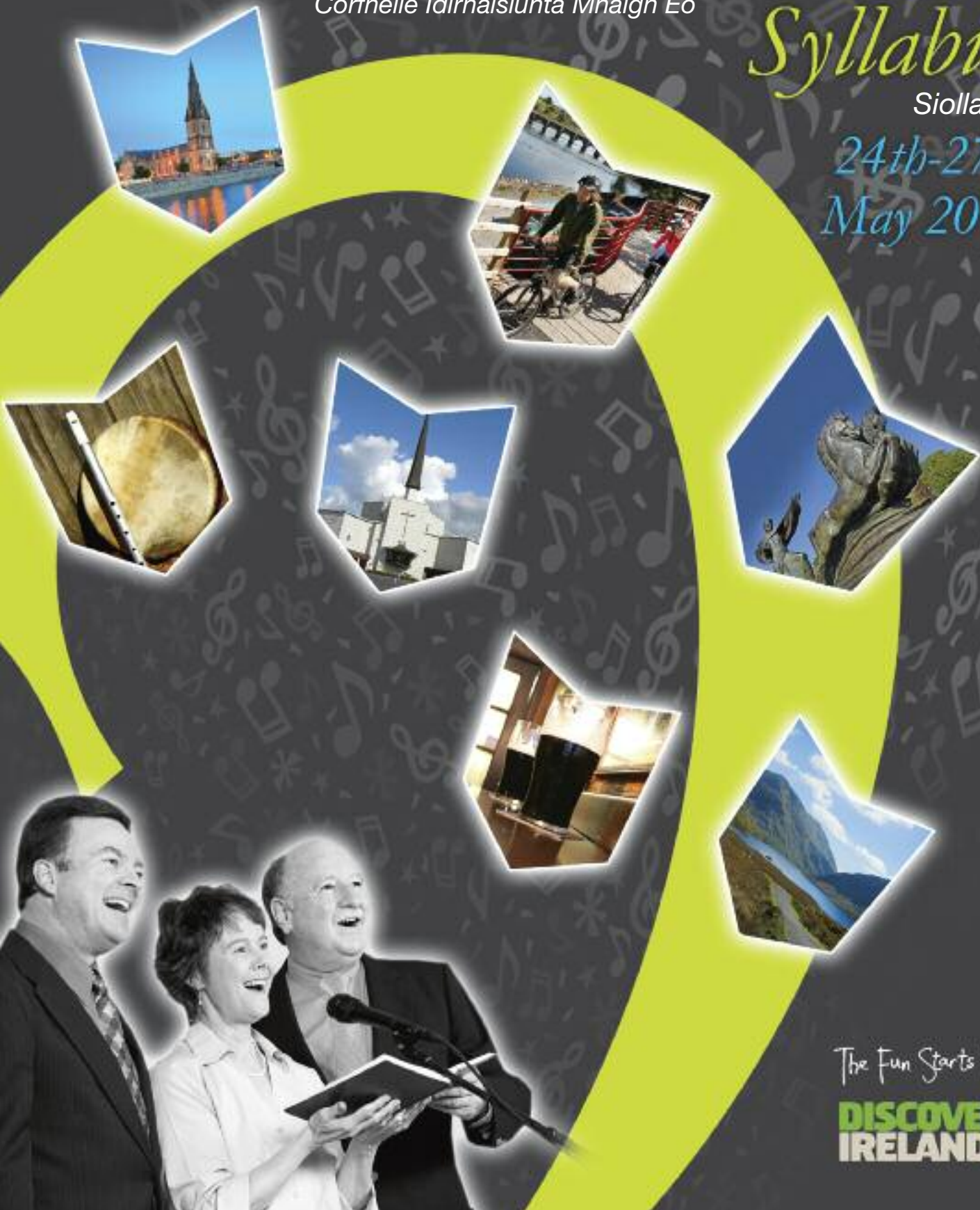
County Mayo, Ireland

Córfhéile Idirnáisiúnta Mhaigh Eo

2012 Syllabus

Siollabas

*24th-27th
May 2012*



The Fun Starts Here

**DISCOVER
IRELAND.IE**



The Greenway, Newport/Mulranny



Castlebar



Traditional Music Session



Lough Conn, Pontoon/Ballina



Bertra, Clew Bay



Foxford Woollen Mills ▲

Ballintubber Abbey ▼



Golfing at Ballina



Knock Basilica

Message from our Chairman

Nóta ónár gCathaoirleach



A big Mayo welcome is extended to choirs worldwide.

It gives me great pleasure to write an address for this syllabus, the first of many I'm sure. I heartily invite all choirs worldwide to participate and experience Mayo, it's scenery, it's people and the relaxed pace of life. Mayo is situated next to the wild Atlantic - Europe at it's most westerly point!

I am very proud to be associated with this publication, as it is hugely significant in the planning of our first festival. This stage of planning would not have been possible without the dedicated committee and festival coordinator, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes over many months. From the very outset Failte Ireland, Mayo County Council, local choirs, the Lions Club, the Mayo Association Worldwide, Mayo accommodation providers and many local businesses have been very enthusiastic and supportive in their response to the initiative. 'Is Feidir Linn' - our Motto in Gaelic, meaning 'Yes We Can'!

There's something very primeval about singing. The voice, mankind's first musical instrument and older than the beating of a drum, has evolved and taken many forms over thousands of years. My lifelong love of music, my participation and travel with the Mayo Male Voice Choir, and the realisation that Mayo has the facilities for hosting such an event, made the dream of a Mayo International Choral Festival a reality.

Highlights for visiting choirs include tours of Mayo, interacting with local choirs, local performances, and the Saturday evening Gala Concert at the Royal Theatre, Castlebar, in addition to experiencing the hospitality of the people of Mayo, and sampling it's food and the special beverages!

Choirs, both competing and non-competing, will receive in advance of their trip, a detailed information pack, which will include competition times, venues and location guides.

Please note the newly added extra competitions for mixed choirs from Ireland ('Competition B'), and for Barbershop ('Competition H'). Also please note our closing date of entry: January 31st, 2012, and that each competition is limited to 15 participating choirs so choirs are advised to enter early, and likewise with accommodation reservations.

We do hope to see you at one of the events during the festival.

Edward Horkan, Chairman, Mayo International Choral Festival.

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Downpatrick Head, Ballycastle

Timetable

Clár

Thursday, 24th May 2012:

Registration and formal reception.

Friday, 25th May 2012:

- Tours of the county
- Competing choir rehearsals.
- Competing choir performance and adjudicating, for competitions E and F.
- Workshops and demonstrations in different aspects of choral work.
- Choirs participate in evening concerts in various venues throughout Mayo.

Saturday, 26th May 2012:

- Tours of the county
- Competing choir performance and adjudicating: competitions A, B, C, D & G.
- Rehearsals for Gala Concert.
- Gala Concert in Royal Theatre, and afterwards 'Le Chéile' - a gathering of Mayo's top traditional performers and dancers.

Sunday, 27th May 2012:

- Participating choirs perform at church services and hospitals/nursing homes throughout Mayo.
- Tours of the county
- Optional 'Farewell to Mayo' brunch or evening dinner.

Ireland MAYO



Enjoying a 'Pint'

Competitions

Comórtais

Competition A. Premier Competition

*Open to all 4-part
International Choirs*

Winner: Trophy and €1,000. Runner-up: €500.

Competition B. For Choirs from Ireland

Mixed Voices S.A.T.B

Winner: Trophy and €300. Runner-up: €150.

Competition C. For Female Voices

Winner: Trophy and €300. Runner-up: €150.

Competition D. For Male Voices

(To include one arrangement by our Adjudicator Gwyn Arch. List available at www.MaleChoirMusic.co.uk)
Winner: Trophy and €300. Runner-up: €150.

Competition E. For Sacred Music Choirs

Winner: Trophy and €300. Runner-up: €150.

Competition F. For Gospel Choirs

Winner: Trophy and €300. Runner-up: €150.

Competition G. For Gaelic or Celtic Language

*Amhrán i nGaeilge nó
i dTeanga Cheilteach*

Winner: Trophy and €300. Runner-up: €150.

Competition H. Barbershop

Winner: Trophy and €300. Runner-up: €150.

*Closing date for applications for
competing and non competing
choirs: 31st January 2012.*

Kildavnet, Achill



Sculpture of Manannan, The Mall, Castlebar

Guidelines & General

1. Competitions open to any Adult Choir, members to be over 18 years of age.
2. Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 31st January 2012
3. Decisions of competition adjudicators will be final. No correspondence will be entered into regarding any aspect of their work.
4. The organising committee reserves the right to cancel a competition.
5. The organising committee reserves the right to restrict the number of entries in each competition.
6. The organising committee accepts no legal responsibility whatsoever in respect of anything pertaining to a choir's participation in the festival and associated activities.
7. The festival accepts no responsibility or liability for accommodation and meal costs incurred by the choir, or any expense incurred by any choir member, leader, organiser and /or choir party guest, participating in the festival.
8. Entry fee (less any bank charges) will be refunded if a choir is not selected.
9. A selected choir that withdraws from the competition is not entitled to a refund of the entry fee.
10. The festival accepts no responsibility for any action taken by publishers against choirs who perform music that has been reproduced illegally.
11. Participation in the festival implies acceptance of all the rules and regulations as outlined, and changes that may occur.
12. Choirs should have minimum of 8 voices. (this restriction not applicable to Barbershop)
13. All details subject to change.
14. The organising committee reserves the right to change the order of advertised events at their discretion.
15. The printers, designers and any organising committee working on behalf of / engaged by MICF, accepts no responsibility for changes, errors, or omissions contained in the festival print, signage, electronic / internet or video / verbal / audio promotions.
16. Each competition is subject to a minimum of 3 participating choirs, and a maximum of 15.

Westport





Royal Theatre, Castlebar



Ballina Cathedral



Westport House

Rules Treoirinte & Eolas

Entry Procedure

- Complete the application form, with supporting documentation/items and email or post to festival office. Only applications enclosing all of requirements detailed under 'The Essentials' (on entry form) will be considered. Choirs will be selected on the basis of their application material. Particular attention is paid to the repertoire.
- A separate entry form is required for each competition. Please photocopy original or download from www.mayochoral.com
- Pay competition entry fee by bank transfer, (€50, + any additional bank charges incurred), registration fee (€8, optional, per choir member) and optional Sunday afternoon brunch or evening dinner (€25 per choir member).
- All choirs must provide/organise and pay for their own accommodation transport and meals.
- Choirs are advised to book recommended accommodation (listed on website and Syllabus) as early as possible.
- Please submit all items as listed in 'The Essentials' on the 'Application and Entry Form'.
- Choirs bring their own keyboards for practice/warm-up. In exceptional cases arrangements for hire of keyboard can be made locally, for overseas choirs
- Successful applicants will be notified by post or email during the two-week period after the closing date.

Eligibility

1. Each choir must be established as a choir for at least one year prior to the festival.
2. All members must be over 18 years of age.
3. All members of a choir, except the conductor, must be amateurs (i.e. do not earn their main livelihood as singers).
4. No singer may be a member of more than one choir in each competition.

Repertoire

A programme consisting of two, three or four contrasting works, whose total duration (actual singing) is no more than 12 minutes. Choirs whose programmes do not comply with the prescribed limits will incur a time penalty. Choirs competing may use piano or keyboard only and no other instruments

Croagh Patrick



Fishing in Ballina



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No choir may sing the same repertoire in two different competitions. The contrasting programme must represent a coherent range of styles. A choir may not change its repertoire, or the order in which it will be sung, after final acceptance. Adjudicators will allocate marks for the technical and artistic quality of the chosen programme and the overall quality of its performance and will also take into account how well the choir communicates with the audience in a performance situation. The decisions of the Adjudicators are final.

Further details on the Festival's application form for competing choirs - www.mayochoral.com

Entry Fees - three items:

- i) **Competition entry fee:** €50 per choir per competition.

To be paid by bank transfer by 31st. January 2012. Choirs are responsible for all related bank charges. The competition entry fee less any bank transaction charges incurred will be refunded to choirs who are not selected for any competition.

- ii) **Registration Fee** (optional) per each choir member and travelling guest: €8

Although optional, we recommend choirs avail of it, as it allows each choir member / travelling guest:

- Entry to Gala Concert (Adm normally e20)
- Entry to Workshops
- Entry to competition adjudications
- A copy of the printed festival programme.

- iii) Optional Farewell to Mayo **Sunday Afternoon Brunch or Evening Dinner:** €25

Competition fees to be paid to:

Account Name: Mayo International Choral Festival.
 Bank: BANK OF IRELAND.
 NSE: 903744
 Branch Address: CASTLEBAR CO MAYO
 Account No.: 81600939
 IBAN No: IE70 BOFI 9037 4481 6009 39
 BIC NO: BOFIE2D



Priest at Croagh Patrick



Turlough Round Tower



National Museum of Irl. - Country Life, Turlough ▲ Achill ▼

TRAVEL AGENTS

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ACCOMMODATION

Lóistín

BALLINA / ENNISCRONE ACCOMMODATION *Béal an Átha | Inis Crabhann*

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDER NAME	EMAIL	WEBSITE	TEL NO. & FAX NO.	GRADING (FAILTE IRELAND)	NUMBER OF ROOMS
Ballina Manor Hotel Barrett St at the Moy Ridge Pool & Salmon Weir, Ballina, Co. Mayo	info@ballinamanorhotel.ie	www.ballinamanorhotel.ie	t. +353 96 80 900 f. +353 96 78550	★★★★	79*
Belleek Castle Hotel Belleek, Ballina, Co. Mayo	info@belleekcastle.com	www.belleekcastle.com	t. +353 96 22400 f. +353 96 71750	★★★	13*
Diamond Coast Hotel Bartragh, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo	info@diamondcoast.ie	www.diamondcoast.ie	t. +353 96 26000 f. +353 96 26099	★★★★	52*
Downhill House Hotel & Eagles Leisure Club Ballina, Co. Mayo	info@downhillhotel.ie	www.downhillhotel.ie	t. +353 96 21033 f. +353 96 21338	★★★	60*
The Downhill Inn Sligo Road, Ballina, Co. Mayo	info@downhillinn.ie	www.downhillinn.ie	t. +353 96 73444 f. +353 96 73411	★★★	45*
Hotel Ballina N26, Dublin Road, Ballina, Co. Mayo	info@hotelballina.ie	www.hotelballina.ie	t. +353 96 23600 f. +353 96 23623	★★★★	87*
Mount Falcon Estate Foxford Rd, Ballina, Co. Mayo	reservations@mountfalcon.com	www.mountfalcon.com	t. +353 96 74472 f. +353 96 74473	★★★★	122*

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The Lodge at Ashford Cong, Co. Mayo	reception@thelodgeatashford.ie	www.thelodgeatashford.ie	t. +353 949 545 400	★★★★	50*
JJ Gannons Main St, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo	info@jgannons.com	www.jgannons.com	t. +353 94 9541008 f. +353 94 9520018	★★★	10*

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Breaffy Woods Hotel Breaffy, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	info@breaffyhouserestort.ie	www.breaffyhouserestort.com	t. +353 94 9022033 f. +353 94 9022276	★★★	134*
Harlequin Hotel Lannagh Rd, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	info@harlequin.ie	www.harlequinhotelcastlebar.ie	t. +353 94 9286200 f. +353 94 9286201	★★★★	90*
Lough Lannagh Holiday Village Lannagh Rd, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	info@loughlannagh.ie	www.loughlannagh.ie	t. +353 94 9027111	★★★★	60*
TF Royal Hotel Old Westport Rd, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	info@tfroyalhotel.com	www.tfroyalhotel.com	t. +353 094 9023111 f. +353 094 9023111	★★★	17*
Welcome Inn Hotel New Antrim St, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	welcomeinn@eircom.net	www.welcomeinnhotel.com	t. +353 94 9022288 f. +353 94 9021766	★★	32*

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FOXFORD / PONTOON ACCOMMODATION *Béal Easa | Pontún*

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Pontoon Bridge Hotel Pontoon, Foxford, Co. Mayo	relax@pontoonbridge.com	www.pontoonbridge.com	t. +353 94 9256120, f. +353 94 9256688	★★★	58*

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Park Hotel Swinford Rd, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	info@parkhotelmayo.com	www.parkhotelmayo.com	t. +353 94 937 4922 f. +353 94 937 4924	★★★	45*
Knock House Hotel Ballyhaunis Road, Knock, Co. Mayo	info@knockhousehotel.ie	www.knockhousehotel.ie	t. +353 94 9388088 f. +353 94 9388044	★★★	68*

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Mulranny Park Hotel Mulranny, Co. Mayo	info@mulrannyparkhotel.ie	www.mulrannyparkhotel.ie	t. +353 98 36000 f. +353 98 36 899	★★★★	61*

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Carlton Atlantic Coast Hotel The Quay, Westport, Co. Mayo	reservations.atlanticcoast@carlton.ie	www.atlanticcoasthotel.com	t. +353 98 29000 f. +353 98 29111	★★★★	85*
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Clewbay Hotel James St, Westport, Co. Mayo	info@clewbayhotel.com	www.clewbayhotel.com	+353 98 28088 f. +353 98 39110	★★★	54*
The Harbour Mill Apartments (Self Catering) Westport Quay, Westport, Co. Mayo	info@theharbourmill.com	www.theharbourmill.com	+353 98 28555 f. +353 98 28636	★★★★	83*
Hotel Westport Newport Rd, Westport, Co. Mayo	reservations@hotelwestport.ie	www.hotelwestport.ie	+353 98 25122 f. +353 98 26739	★★★★	129*
Mill Times Hotel Westport Town Centre, Westport, Co. Mayo	info@milltimeshotel.ie	www.milltimeshotel.ie	t. +353 98 29200 f. +353 98 29250	★★★	34*
Knockranny Hotel Westport, Co. Mayo	info@khh.ie	www.khh.ie	+353 98 28600 f. +353 98 28611	★★★★	110*
Westport Plaza Hotel Castlebar St, Westport, Co. Mayo	info@westportplazahotel.ie	www.westportplazahotel.ie	+353 98 55088 f. +353 98 28622	★★★★	120*
Westport Woods Hotel Quay Rd, Westport, Co. Mayo	info@westportwoodshotel.com	www.westportwoodshotel.com	+353 98 25811 f. +353 98 26212	★★★	122*
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