

Mp3 All-ireland Cf©ilf- Band Champions - Reunion Concert

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A night to remember - the best of the Champion Cil Bands over the years gather for one massive performance at Fleadh Nua in County Clare. 20 MP3 Songs FOLK: Traditional Folk, WORLD: Celtic Details: Featuring: * Aughrim Slopes Cil Band * Tulla Cil Band * Liverpool Cil Band * Castle Cil Band * Glenside Cil Band * Siamsa Cil Band * Brosna Cil Band * Pipers' Club Cil Band * Longridge Cil Band * Thatch Cil Band * St Colmcille's Cil Band * Kilfenora Cil Band * Bridge Cil Band * Tin Cil Band Saturday, 26th May 2001 is a date which will remain forever in the hearts of the capacity audience who were privileged to be in the West County Hotel, Ennis for the Fleadh Nua All-Ireland winning cil bands reunion concert. Many of the bands taking part were multiple All-Ireland winners - for example Clare's Kilfenora have two "three-in-a-row" successes to their credit while the Tin from Dundalk are the most recent band to have achieved this distinction in the years 1998, 1999 and 2000. For this reason it was possible to account for all but 10 years of the competition ranging from the Aughrim Slopes, 1953 winners in Athlone to the Tin, 2000 title holders in Enniscorthy. To say that the concert was a magical event is something of an understatement and even the thousands of listeners who could only manage to tune in to it on the Internet were able to capture some of the euphoria of the night. The number of remarkable traditional musicians who took part are too numerous to mention although there have to be one or two exceptions. Examples include the renowned composer, Paddy Fahy who lined out with the Aughrim Slopes and Paddy Mullins of the Kilfenora, now in his nineties, who thrilled the crowds with a few steps of a dance as he took to the stage. Distance was no object either as James Keane on accordion and fiddle player Keven Burke both travelled over from the States to play with the Castle and Glenside Cil Bands respectively. This CD contains 20 selections from the 14 cil bands recorded live at the concert and while it represents only part of the complete programme on the night, it manages to capture much of the excitement of the occasion. In particular it highlights many of the unique characteristics of the individual bands which accounts for their very individual and distinctive styles. A video is also available from Comhaltas Ceoltir ireann which covers the full concert programme. Recorded live at West County Hotel,

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