

The Máirtín de Cógáin Project

From Cork with Love

Máirtín de Cógáin, an All-Ireland Storytelling Champion, singer and actor from County Cork has been touring Ireland and America for the past ten years, bringing a wealth of charm and entertainment everywhere he travels. On a new endeavor with The Máirtín de Cógáin Project, he has conjured this album "From Cork with Love", direct from the beautiful city and brought to you with as much attention as only an exile can give. It's a record full to the brim with songs of love, romance, heartache and dreams, with a few stories and mighty tunes thrown in between. This album features "Away Down the Marina", "Johnny Go Boating", both songs telling tales of old-fashioned courtship, and "Holding an Eye", de Cógáin's own beautiful composition about love lost. Máirtín's first love of course is Tea, and not enough to have it mentioned in one story "The Tae man" but a whole extra track explaining to the world "How to make proper tea!" Not many would get away with that but with his irrepressible palaver he pulls it off nonetheless. From the get go the recording brings you straight into the venue, especially with the call and return hilarity in "Timahoe". His vocal range and dexterity of phrase is exemplary throughout, as is the playing of his bodhrán, which shines almost like a drum kit and croons like a double bass at times.

Norah Rendell's subtle flute and whistle give great lift to the tunes and her voice is sweet and rich when she walks us down "Coburg St.", while all the while Brian Miller is pulsing the rhythm on bouzouki or striping emotions with his sparkling guitar. Their guest Nathan Gourley rounds out the sound, with fiddle played by a hand much older than his years. In a fast-paced world of wanderlust, The Máirtín de Cógáin Project brings a sweet respite, in this collection of yet to be classics "From Cork with Love."

The album was recorded in *The Celtic Junction* last Springtime with a live audience, Barry's tae and freshly baked brown bread.



What People Are Saying About Máirtín

Máirtín is a superb entertainer and a fine gentleman. He has been a delightful radio guest on Celtic Connections, and I found him to be a highly energetic and thoroughly enjoyable stage performer at our Southern Illinois Irish Festival. Máirtín is where it's happening!

-Bryan Kelso Crow, host of NPR's Celtic Connections

Mairtin has really impressed me with his passion and knowledge of the Irish tradition; be it singing, inventive bodhrán playing or storytelling. The man has a natural, engaging way with people. Mairtin is set for great things! "

-Jimmy Crowley

Cork's Máirtín de Cógáin is a seanachie, and there ain't many left. He is a wonderful, total entertainer. Bigtime new talent! "

-Bill Margeson from www.LiveIreland

Performance Highlights

Headliner at NELA Celtic Festival, Oct. 2010, Jackson CelticFest, Sept. 2010 and Oshkosh Irish Fest, June 2010, performances at Milwaukee Irish Fest, Kansas City Irish Fest, Irish Fest La Crosse, Minnesota Irish Fair and Celtic Fest Chicago.

Blarney Star Concert series (Captain Mackey's Goatskin & Stringband), Glucksman Ireland House, NYU, Oct. 2010

Toured Ireland and America extensively with Captain Mackey's Goatskin & Stringband and The Fuchsia Band since 2005.

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