



**Best New Group – Live Ireland Music Awards  
2016**



**New Group of the Year – Chicago Irish American  
News 2016**

**“The Hottest New Group out of Northern Ireland”  
(Irish American News)**

Hailing from the cities of Armagh and Derry and are made up of Ciara McCafferty (vocals), Ciaran Carlin (Flute/Whistles) and Paul Starrett (Guitar) Emer Mallon (Harp) and Conor Mallon (Uilleann Pipes/Whistles).

Labelled as the Hottest New Group out of Northern Ireland, (Chicago Irish American News) Connla have been quickly making an impact on the folk/traditional scene. Since the release of their EP in April 2015, they have been receiving rave reviews from home and internationally, and have already gathered a big following in Europe and the USA.

Their sensitive and innovative arrangements of traditional and modern folk songs and tunes, have helped them create a sound which is very identifiable as Connla.

They will be touring around Ireland in June and this is sure to be a string of concerts to remember. They will also be releasing their Debut Album River Waiting in July and as Irish Music Magazine stated;

**“Consider this your early warning system, there is something serious on the horizon and that creative storm is Connla”  
(Irish Music Magazine)**

## Links

### WATCH:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5zce6\\_WUC-s94VVBVTVX-w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5zce6_WUC-s94VVBVTVX-w)

### LISTEN:

<https://soundcloud.com/connlamusic>

### REVIEWS:

<http://www.irishmusicmagazine.com/releases/releases-august-2015/>

<http://tradconnect.com/profiles/blogs/album-review-connla>

[http://www.folkwords.com/folkwordsreviews\\_94114.html](http://www.folkwords.com/folkwordsreviews_94114.html)

<http://brightyoungfolk.com/records/connla-ep-connla>

<http://liveireland.com/the-hottest-irish-music-group-connia/>

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Connlamusic>

### Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/Connlamusic>

### Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/connlamusic/>

### Website:

<http://connlamusic.com/>



## Press

**“The Hottest New Group out of Northern Ireland”**

(Irish American News)

**“We could not recommend this group to highly enough. Big Future—written boldly.”**

(Irish American News)

**“Consider this your early warning system, there is something serious on the horizon and that creative storm is Connla”**

(Irish Music Magazine –Bill Margeson)

**“Connla’s mix of instruments reminds me of the Chieftain’s, but Connla’s music is far more modern, edgy and dare I say it, exciting!”**

(Irish Music Magazine –Sean Laffey)

**“One to Watch”**

(Tradconnect)

**“An Extraordinary Debut that promises much”**

(Folkwords)

**“Connla have launched something special”**

(Folkwords)

**“This is a brand New Group bursting forth on the scene. They are filled with youthful energy, combined with a veteran’s sense of arrangement, style and depth.”**

(Live Ireland)

**“A Major Discovery!”**

(Live Ireland)

**“It is impossible to sit still....the talents of the band are brilliantly showcased.”**

(Bright Young Folk)

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