



The Big Squeeze 2016

Accordion Festival Kilkenny
August 12th – 14th

Dear Friends

Many thanks for your interest in the first Big Squeeze Accordion Gathering that's taking place in Kilkenny on August 12th, 13th and 14th of August 2016.

The Aim of the Big Squeeze

For those of us who receive great joy from playing our instrument; who love the music and enjoy the camaraderie of playing it with others; The Big Squeeze event is being run to reinforce this.

But the Big Squeeze is also being run to assist in ensuring that the joys we experience will continue to be experienced by others. By sharing our skills, knowledge and experience in this event, we are hoping to encourage the younger generation to take up the instrument and, for those people who may have played the accordion many years previously, to return to it. In this way, we are helping to contribute leave a legacy for future generations to follow.

The Big Squeeze Objectives & Programme

With this aim in mind, the Big Squeeze Programme is structured the following five headings:

1. **Gatherings:** where people can meet, play and share
2. **Diverse Performance:** Concerts and public performances by individuals, groups and orchestras alike across musical genres that demonstrate the strong intercultural nature and flexibility of the accordion.
3. **Workshops:** where participants can gain a greater practical understanding of the instrument, learn about Accordion education and training plus an opportunity to play a tune in 5 minutes!.
4. **Exhibitions:** where participants can see what instruments are available today. Any individual or band that features the accordion in their line up are welcome to perform, promote and sell their recordings here. Irish manufacturers, repairers, tuners, teachers and educators are welcome to participate. (SPACE IS LIMITED! Book EARLY!)
5. **Accordion History:** Learn where the accordion came from, it's role in Irish and Scottish music and an ethnomusicology of the accordion as a culturally-significant instrument.

The Programme of Events for the Big Squeeze has been structured therefore with these aims in mind. The general programme is shown overleaf.



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PROGRAMME

Date	Details	Date /Time	Venue
Fri 12th	Meet & Greet - The Stramash	8:00pm	TBA
Sat 13th	Mayoral Reception	10:00am	St Kierans College
	Workshops & Exhibitions*	10:30 - 12:30	Ref Room area St Kierans college
	Lunch Break	12:30 - 14:00	
	Outdoor Concert & Individual Performances	14:30 - 17:00	The Tholsel / Rothe House et al
	Big Squeeze Variety Show	20:00 - 21:30	St Kierans Theatre
Sun 14th	Robbie Burns Night - a Scottish Celebration (Kilts 'n' all)	20:00 - 22:00	St Lachtains C of I Freshford

In addition, and in order to enhance the whole experience for participants and visitors alike, we encourage you to source from your group, any member(s) willing to:

1. Run a workshop or exhibition.
2. Perform - either as an individual or in a group context- music of an alternative culture or genre (i.e. French, Italian, Swiss, Classical, folk, jazz etc)
3. Please pass on this information to anyone you believe might be interested.

Please Note: Workshop Providers and Exhibitors should Return the completed form provided and return Before June 20th 2016. Exhibitors may exhibit for the day (10am to 4pm – setup at 9am). Exhibition space is limited and will be provided on a first come first served basis.

Many thanks again for your interest in taking part. Your participation is greatly valued and appreciated. We will make every attempt to ensure that your visit to Kilkenny will be fulfilling and enjoyable experience.

Yours sincerely

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Workshops & Exhibitions Form

Your Name		Club / Organisation / Company	
Address		Phone No	
		Email	
Please Select:	Workshop	Exhibition	
Title of Exhibition or Workshop: (as it should appear on Promotional Materials)			
Description:			
Requirements: Please Be as Precise As Possible: ie (Large Table, Access to Power, etc).			
Additional Information –ie Arrangement of room for Presentation or Workshop ie theatre style, conference style)			
<p>Please Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Forms must be returned to us BEFORE JUNE 20th 2016. Workshop Presentations should not exceed 30 minutes While we endeavour to provide you with your precise requirements, we cannot guarantee that all your requirements will be met. We will keep you infomed CONTRIBUTION – COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS ONLY: As the Big Squeeze is a voluntary not-for-profit initiative, we would appreciate if commercial exhibitors would make a reasonable contribution to help defray some of our costs. Exhibitors will benefit from advertising, promotion on press, print and social media of the Big Squeeze event that is taking place in the midst of the Internationally renowned Kilkenny Arts Festival. 			
Signature: _____		Date: _____	
Office Use Only:			

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