

Frank Harte was born, raised, and lived in Chapelizod Dublin where his family ran The Tap Pub. He was introduced to traditional Irish songs at the age of fourteen, when he heard a tinker singing and selling ballad sheets at a fair in Boyle. Since his teens, Frank was fascinated with songs that tell stories and was an avid collector for many years. He amassed over **20,000** songs, mainly from people he met at various Singing sessions. Over the years he researched the historical and social context for many of the songs, and annotated, and catalogued them to an extensive database. Drawing on this database he produced a series of CDs each of which are little master pieces which tell the story of major historical events in Irish history through the songs they inspired. The CDs covered such events as the Great Famine, 1798 Rebellion, Napoleon Bonaparte and Dublin songs. The last one he completed concerned the lives of the Irish navvies in England. It is certain that the reputation of this collection will continue to grow.

## Programme of Events

### Friday September 26th

- 8.00pm** Reception and Official Opening
- 9.00pm** Singing Session featuring Invited Guests (€5.00)

### Saturday September 27th

- 11.00am** Singing Workshop with Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh (€10.00)
- 1.30pm** Illustrated Talk / Lecture "Living in a World of Song, growing up in a singing family" John and Brigid Tunney (Free)
- 3.00pm** Singing Session (Free)
- 8.00pm** Grand Concert featuring Invited Guests (€20.00)

### Sunday September 28th

- 11.00am** "One City, One Book, If ever you go to Dublin Town", a singing and walking tour, of the north inner city with members of An Góilín (Free)
- 2.30pm** Refreshments
- 3.00pm** Singing Session and Final Farewell (€3.00)

An Góilín Singers' Club Presents

The **Frank Harte** Festival 2014



Fri 26<sup>th</sup> to Sun 28<sup>th</sup> September

The Teachers' Club  
Parnell Square  
Dublin 1



## Invited Guests

**Lá ag Ól Uisce**  
**Co. Waterford**

**Nellie Weldon**  
**Dublin**

**John Tunney**  
**Co. Donegal**

**Brigid Tunney**  
**Co. Donegal**

**Jerry O'Reilly**  
**Dublin**

**Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh**  
**Co. Kerry**

**Stuart Carolan**  
**Co. Louth**

**Daorí Farrell**  
**Dublin**

**An Góilín meets every Friday**  
**night in the Teachers' Club.**  
**Admission €3.00. All are**  
**welcome who like to listen to or**  
**sing the 'Songs of the People'.**

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