

Frankie McGuire



Frank McGuire began his musical career at a very early age, and quickly developed a talent for the Bodhran, influenced by his father and grandfather who were both accomplished traditional musicians.

His early years were spent playing on the Pipes and Drums scene and then moving on to the traditional music scene as a professional musician.

He has won several awards along the way and has appeared on TV, radio and stage. Frank formed the highly successful band Lyra Celtica who earned an excellent reputation for their live performances.

Frank has worked and recorded with some of the finest musicians from the world of folk, rock, blues, jazz and world music.

Frank spent many years touring in Russia where he taught bodhran and traditional music inviting artists to and from Russia so much so that he was invited as a guest of honour to the first ever Kremlin Zorya in 2007 amongst such distinguished company as Prince Michael of Kent. He also appeared on Russian TV and radio demonstrating his skill on the bodhran (Irish frame drum).

He took part in the first ever broadcast for radio Nan Gael from the Irish Embassy in Moscow. Frank teaches in the USA and Europe where his workshops are in great demand.

He is a fine vocalist and pennywhistle player and adds his own style of unique percussion to music. He has gained a reputation as a world class performer and is held in high regard by fellow musicians. His performance of the late Dave Carter's song 'When I go' earned him standing ovations in the States from audiences that included Dave's own friend, the world's foremost Autoharpist, Bryan Bowers, who he subsequently went on to play concerts with.

Frank recently joined the wonderful Jordi Savall and Andrew Lawrence-King in the recording of Celtic Viol volume II.

Frank performs regularly with his band Lyra Celtica and is currently working on various projects with artists from various music genres.

