



Ian Drew

Ian Drew presenting a Tribute to the Legends of Irish Folk @ Creative Connexions '23

Born and raised in Dublin city, Ian Drew has been steeped in the Irish folk tradition since his early years. His familial ties to the late legendary Ronnie Drew of the Dubliners meant that music was not just a hobby but a way of life. From an early age, Ian was immersed in the iconic tunes of Irish folk music, building up a repertoire of songs from legends such as Luke Kelly and Liam Clancy.

Ian started his musical journey at the age of 17, inspired by his cousin Ronnie and other influential figures such as Ewan MacColl and his all-time favourite, Freddie Mercury. His passion led him to the bustling pub sessions of Dublin, where he had the opportunity to perform with renowned Irish folk bands like The Dublin City Ramblers and talented musicians such as Chris Kavanagh. Soon after, Ian formed his own band and began gigging around Ireland, earning a reputation for his energetic performances and authentic interpretations of classic Irish folk songs. Since his debut in 2012, Ian has delighted audiences in Dublin and internationally, having performed in Switzerland, Norway, the UK, the USA, Canada, and Hungary, among others.

In 2013, Ian was given the prestigious opportunity to perform 'Rocky Road to Dublin' at Dublin's Croke Park for the All-Ireland Finals, a testament to his growing recognition in the Irish music scene. He has also had the honour of sharing the stage with some of Ireland's greatest artists, including Glen Hansard and The Dublin City Ramblers.

After embarking on his first tour of the USA and Canada with 'Celtic Nights- The Spirit of Freedom', Ian now continues to celebrate and perpetuate the Irish folk tradition that has been an integral part of his life. His passion for Irish music and his talent for captivating audiences ensure that Ian Drew is a name that will continue to resonate in the hearts of Irish folk music lovers worldwide.

You will have a chance to hear him sing this October as part of Sitges '23!