

## Caitríona Sherlock

Originally from Co. Monaghan, Caitríona is a songstress deeply rooted in the rich tapestry of traditional music and song. From the tender age of seven she immersed herself in learning traditional singing in the sean-nós style, honing her melodic craft with unwavering dedication. With time her passion for performance grew and she represented her county in many Scór & Fleadh competitions; including winning the prestigious All Ireland Fleadh singing competition thrice. She has also had the pleasure of singing Amhrán na bhFíann in Croke Park with the Artane band to a crowd of 35,000.

While studying for her Bachelor of Music degree in University College Dublin Caitríona was awarded a vocal scholarship for singing with The Choral Scholars of UCD. During these years she performed alongside some of Irelands leading musicians and orchestras, recorded under the UK record label Signum Records, performed a solo in Carnegie Hall (NYC) and the National Concert Hall (Dublin), performed on CBS Sunday Morning St Patrick's Day Special and at the Governor of NYC St Patrick's Day Breakfast. These opportunities solidified her idea to pursue a career as a performing artist.

At the heart of her artistic soul resides an innate storyteller, weaving captivating narratives through music. Her extensive repertoire and proficiency in various genres allow her to present vulnerable performances that intertwine the essence of both performer and song. In her performances the ethereal and earthy become one. Caitríona's passion for the preservation and transmission of tradition extends beyond performance and she has a great enthusiasm for teaching. She has been chosen as one of the performers and workshop facilitators at the 2023 Celtic World Forum hosted by renowned Irish singer and songwriter Éabha Mc Mahonn.

A seasoned performer, Caitríona has toured extensively in the UK, Europe and the USA as a soloist and also as a guest vocalist with Irish Christmas in America – The Show and Irish Trad super group Téada, to much acclaim. Her most recent undertaking was a tour of The Netherlands and Belgium with new group SYSTIR which grew naturally from the legendary ANÚNA with whom she also performs. Motivated by a desire to showcase the natural female voice, Systir strive to highlight the individuality of the singers and their ability to stand out yet meld together seamlessly with each singer's personality adding a different colour. She is currently working on an album and a tour with them scheduled later this year.