



Riverbank Arts Centre and Kildare County Childcare Committee present

Teaching Tunes for Tiny

with Ceol Connected's Dr. Thomas Johnston

In this series of **four early years music-making sessions in May and June**, childcare educators will explore a range of ways of bringing music-making into young children's everyday experiences.

Thomas will explore connections between music-making and the **Aistear framework**, and share his own approach to facilitating music-making workshops which includes:

- developing aural awareness through *listening play*
- developing vocal awareness through *song play*
- developing kinaesthetic awareness through *movement play*
- exploring and experiencing *instruments*
- *multi-sensory* musical experiences

Participants will learn new songs and musical activities, will experience the joy of making music in lots of different ways, and importantly, will increase their confidence in facilitating fun music-making experiences with children in early years settings or at home.

Julie McNamara, KCCC:

'We are delighted to begin our collaboration with the Riverbank Arts Centre with this creative CPD opportunity for Early Year's Educators. This represents an exciting opportunity to explore music and sound with Ceol Connected, which will be mirrored with a programme for parents to explore at home with their children.'

Linda Geraghty, Riverbank Arts Centre:

'In the midst of an unprecedented public health crisis, we wanted to present a programme which aims to facilitate both artists and educators in the development and advancement of the important work that they do. The Tunes for Tiny series is an opportunity for early educators to work closely with an innovative musician and lecturer, Thomas Johnston, to complement and enhance their practice during this time of lock down. We are delighted to partner with Kildare County Childcare Committee and Ceol Connected to deliver this creative and hopefully inspiring series.'

Ceol Connected - Traditional Arts For Young People

Ceol Connected (est 2011) is a company that strives to create meaningful, beguiling, virtuosic and joyful work for young audiences, which is of the highest quality and draws inspiration from the world of traditional arts. Ceol Connected are creators of *The Quiet Tree*, *The Far Field*, *The Wonderful Tune*, *Return of Spring*, *Whistle in the Wind*, *A Winter Wish*, *TREEHOUSE* and *LEAF*. Ceol Connected also produces **Tradoodle Festival** & Tradoodle Events – celebrations of the traditional arts for children and young people in partnership with national and regional partners.

Ceol Connected - Education

Ceol Connected works with a diverse range of artists, schools, third-level institutions, and arts organisations to design and implement innovative and highly engaging music education, community music, and arts-in-education projects. In recent years, they have worked with organisations such as the National Concert Hall, Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, Helium Arts, The Ark, Music Generation Partnerships, and Early Childhood Ireland.

Dr. Thomas Johnston

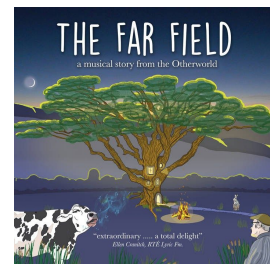
Traditional musician (uilleann pipes and whistles), composer, educator, and researcher, Thomas's work lies in those spaces between Irish traditional music, performing arts for children and young audiences, theatre, and community music.



The Far Field - SESSIONS

Participants can also join in and enjoy Ceol Connected **The Far Field** sessions during May/June. These are music & puppetry sessions for children ages 3+ that will take place on Tradoodle TV. Tune-in and subscribe here:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/tradoodletv>



Riverbank Arts Centre

Riverbank Arts Centre is a multi-disciplinary venue in Newbridge, County Kildare, Ireland. Riverbank Arts Centre works in partnership with international, national and local artists to deliver an accessible and consistently high quality multi-disciplinary arts programme. With a dedicated children's gallery and programming of high quality theatre and workshops for younger audiences, Riverbank is also committed to promoting early engagement with and access to the arts. Riverbank Arts Centre is funded by Kildare County Council and The Arts Council. For more information: <https://www.riverbank.ie/>

Kildare County Childcare Committee

The Kildare County Childcare Committee was established in 2001. Their mission is to promote quality and accessible childcare provision for all children from birth to 14 years in Co. Kildare, in partnership with all stakeholders. For more information: <https://www.kccc.ie/>

Booking Details:

Teaching Tunes for Tiny series begins on **Tuesday 19th May at 11am**. Follow on workshops are at 11am on 26th May, 2nd June & 9th June. These workshops will be conducted online (on ZOOM platform) and will each be an hour in duration. Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. These workshops are free, but a **fully refundable deposit of €20** will be requested at time of booking.

➤ **BOOK NOW** or contact info@riverbank.ie for more details