



Brief Biography

A traditional band with a truly worldwide reach, Téada has appeared as a frequent headliner at major music festivals throughout the US, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Africa, Russia, the Middle East and Australia. Highlights include a 30,000-capacity stadium concert in Brittany, along with performances at Penang World Music Festival in Malaysia, Edmonton Folk Festival in Canada, Harare International Festival of the Arts in Zimbabwe, and Rainforest World Music Festival in Borneo. In 2014, the band performed to 40,000 people during an extensive 7-week tour of Japan / Taiwan, and continues to have a strong touring presence in the United States, where Téada has toured actively since 2001.

May 2022 brought the release of the band's new album on the Gael Linn label, featuring an exciting vocal collaboration with Hollywood actor & singer John C. Reilly in addition to the band's customary reenergising of rare tunes from the tradition. Legendary Kerry singer and accordionist - Séamus Begley - Téada's vocalist since 2012, sadly passed away in January 2023, a great loss to Téada and the entire musical community. Notable festival appearances in 2023 included Savannah Music Festival, Montana Folk Festival, Festival Interceltique de Lorient (Brittany) and Irish Festival of Oulu (Finland), with the band set to return to Dublin Irish Festival, Ohio in Summer 2024.

Collaborative Projects

- 2016 - Special reAwakening tour of US selected by Culture Ireland as part of Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme
- 2015 – Awarded Yeats 2015 funding for show production celebrating poetry of W.B. Yeats collaborating with leading actors Macdara Ó Fatharta and Marcus Lamb.
- 2014 – Partnered with major Japanese cultural organisation *Min-on Concert Association* on show production performing to 40,000 people in Japan and Taiwan during a 7-week tour.
- 2011 – Collaborated with the prestigious *Music Center of Los Angeles* in a collaborative performance production with African-American string band *The Ebony Hillbillies* to launch a major new urban park in Los Angeles.
- 2007 – Partnered with Irish Embassy in Rome and singer Róisín Elsafty in a commemorative event in Rome marking the 400th anniversary of The Flight of the Earls.

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Key Festival Performances

Europe

Irish Festival of Oulo, Finland - 2023
Festival Interceltique de Lorient, France - 2023
Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival, Ireland – 2022, 2019
Tullamore TradFest, Ireland – 2022
IMBOLC Derry, Ireland – 2020
Festa do Avante, Portugal – 2019
Festival Les Traversées Tatihou, France – 2019
Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, Ireland – 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017
O'Carolan Festival, Ireland – 2019
Internationale Sommerfest Albstadt, Germany – 2019
Seixal World Music Festival, Portugal – 2019
Kilkenny Trad Fest, Ireland – 2019
Irish Night Wernigerode, Germany - 2019
Temple Bar TradFest, Ireland – 2018
Abruzzo Festival, Italy – 2018
Munster Fleadh, Ireland – 2018
Music at the Malthouse, Ireland – 2018
Semaines Irlandaise en Artois-Gohelle, France – March 2017
Irish Nights Kaamgarn, Switzerland – November 2016
KLEG, France – 2016
Le Printemps des Bretelles, France – 2016
All Ireland Fleadh, Sligo - 2015
Éire! La Festa dei Suoni d'Irland, Italy– 2014 & 2011
Dungarvan Trad Fest, Co. Waterford, Ireland – 2014 & 2013
Clifden Trad Festival, Co. Galway – April 2013
Kilkenny TradFest, Kilkenny, Ireland – March 2013
Tyneside Irish Festival, Newcastle, UK – October 2012 & 2003
Miltown Midsummer Trad Festival, Miltown, Co. Cavan, Ireland – June 2012
XXII FIABA - Feira de Artesanato e Gastronomia da Batalha, Batalha, Portugal – May 2012
Sauga Folk, Cantabria, Spain – August 2011
Sidmouth Folk Week, United Kingdom – August 2011
Celtic Fringe Festival, Sligo, Ireland – June 2011
Féile Oriel, Monaghan, Ireland – April 2011
Celtic Connections, Glasgow, Scotland – January 2011 & 2006
Caceres Irish Fleadh, Caceres, Spain – November 2010
Festival de Cornouaille, Quimper, France – July 2010
Féile Patrick Byrne, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan, Ireland – March 2010 & 2009
Ceol Chairlinn, Carlingford, Co. Louth, Ireland – January 2010
Temple Bar Trad Fest, Dublin, Ireland – January 2010
Les Irlandays, Athis-Mons, France – March 2009
The Gathering, Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland – February 2009 & 2006
Gig 'n the Bann, Portglenone, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland – September 2008
Return to Camden Town Festival, London, UK – October 2007 & 2003
Vilenica International Literary Festival, Vilenica, Slovenia – September 2007
The World Fleadh, Portlaoise/Ballybunion, Ireland – August 2007 & 2006
Phil Murphy Weekend, Carrick-on-Bannow, Co. Wexford – July 2007
Wimborne Folk Festival, UK – June 2007

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Festival Interceltico do Porto, Porto, Portugal – April 2007
Frankie Kennedy Winter School, Bunbeg, Co. Donegal – December 2006
Ennis Trad Festival, Ennis, Co. Clare – November 2006
Young Masters of Tradition Festival, Bantry, Co. Cork – September 2006
Gradam Ceoil TG4, Cork Opera House, Co. Cork – September 2006
Kilkenny Arts Festival, Kilkenny, Ireland – August 2006
Celtica, Nantes, France – June 2006
Trad.It! Festival, Groningen, Holland – April 2006
La Nuit de la Saint Patrick, Bercy Stadium, Paris, France – March 2006
Eurodisney Celtic Festival, Disney Village, France – March 2006
Sligo Live, Ireland – October 2005
Tonder Festival, Denmark – August 2005
Interceltique Festival de Lorient, France – August 2005
Copenhagen Irish Festival, Copenhagen, Denmark – November 2003
Shetland Folk Festival, Shetland Islands, UK – May 2003
Gosport & Fareham Easter Festival, Gosport, UK – April 2003
Finland Irish Festival, Finland – September 2001

North America

Montana Folk Festival, MT, USA – July 2023
Savannah Music Festival, GA, USA – April 2023
Durango Celtic Festival, CO, USA – March 2023
Sláinte, PA, USA – March 2023
Irish Fest Atlanta, GA, USA – October 2018
Céilí at the Roundhouse Celtic Festival, Evanston WY, USA – March 2018
An Rí Rá Montana Irish Festival, Butte MT, USA – August 2017
Goderich Celtic Festival, Goderich ON, Canada – 2014 & 2004
Hiawatha Music Festival, Marquette MI, USA – July 2014
An Rí Rá Montana Irish Festival, Butte MT, USA – August 2013 & 2007
Dayton Celtic Festival, Dayton OH, USA – July 2013, 2010, 2006, 2004, 2003
Walnut Valley Music Festival, Winfield KS, USA – September 2012 & 2010
Milwaukee Irish Fest, Milwaukee WI, USA – August 2012, 2004
Festival International de Louisiane, Lafayette LA – April 2012
Irish 2000, Albany NY – September 2011
Celtic Fest, Jackson MS – September 2011 & 2010
Great Lakes Folk Festival, East Lansing MI – August 2011 & 2005
Dublin Irish Festival, Dublin OH, USA – August 2011, 2010, 2007, 2004
Great Lakes Folk Festival, Lansing MI – August 2010
Kansas City Irish Festival, Kansas City MO, USA – September 2010, 2005, 2004, 2003
Great Lakes Irish Music Festival, Comstock MI, USA – August 2010
Eugene Irish Festival, Eugene OR, USA – March 2010
Austin Celtic Festival, Austin TX, USA – November 2009
Gaelic Park Irish Festival, Chicago IL, USA – May 2009, 2005
Celtic Classic, Bethlehem PA, USA – September 2008, 2003
Winnipeg Irish Festival, Winnipeg MB, Canada – September 2008
Michigan Irish Festival, Muskegon MI, USA – September 2008
Edmonton Folk Festival, Edmonton AL, Canada – August 2008
Chicago Celtic Fest, Chicago IL, USA – September 2007

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Irish 2000 Festival, Albany NY, USA – September 2007 & 2005
North Texas Irish Festival, Dallas TX, USA – March 2007 & 2005
Old Songs Festival, Albany NY, USA – June 2006
Cincinnati World Celtic Festival, Cincinnati OH, USA – September 2005

North America (continued)

Lotus Festival, Bloomington IN, USA – September 2005
Rochester Irish Festival, Rochester NY, USA – September 2005 & 2004
Pittsburgh Irish Festival, Pittsburgh PA, USA – September 2005
Evanston Arts Festival, Chicago IL, USA – July 2005
Saline Celtic Festival, Ann Arbor MI, USA – July 2005
Winnipeg Folk Festival, Winnipeg MB, Canada – July 2005
Calavares Celtic Fair, Sonoma CA, USA – March 2005
Euclid Irish Festival, Cleveland OH, USA – August 2004
Brantford Folk Festival, Brantford ON, Canada – October 2003
Festival of the Mabon, Lyons CO, USA – September 2003
Sonoma Celtic Festival, Sonoma CA, USA – September 2003
Potomac Celtic Festival, Leesburg VA, USA – June 2001 & 2002

Rest of the World

World Music Festival Taiwan – October 2017
Rainforest World Music Festival, Borneo – August 2016
Harare International Festival of the Arts, Zimbabwe – May 2013 & April 2009
Samhain Festival, St. Petersburg, Russia – November 2011
Campeche International Festival, Mexico – November 2009
Penang World Music Festival, Malaysia – May 2008
Tel Aviv Irish Festival, Tel Aviv, Israel – January 2005
Woodford Folk Festival, Woodford, Australia – December 2004

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PERFORMERS

Oisín Mac Diarmada (fiddle)

A graduate in Music Education from Trinity College Dublin/RIAM, Oisín Mac Diarmada began playing fiddle at a young age in Co. Clare, subsequently moving to Co. Sligo and developing a deep interest in the playing style of the North Connacht region. Oisín is also a regular solo performer, appearing as guest soloist with the Southern Georgia Symphony Orchestra in 2007 and maintaining a busy schedule of teaching activity throughout the world. Oisín was appointed Director of SCT, the Traditional Irish Music Examination System administered by Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, during 2012.

Paul Finn (button accordion)

Paul Finn from Co. Laois is one of the finest button accordion players in Ireland. Known for a pulsating and rhythmic performance style, his playing featured prominently in major international touring dance productions, as well as in the indigenous session scene in Ireland, prior to his joining Téada in 2003. He is a member also of the All-Ireland winning Innisfree Céilí Band and is a popular teacher at workshops including Irish Music Gathering in Tocane, France.

Damien Stenson (flute)

Hailing from the rich musical environment of Co. Sligo, Damien Stenson is noted for his extensive repertoire and flowing style of playing, honed by many years of extensive musical activity. In addition to performing with Téada, he has recorded on a number of albums including the compilation "Wooden Flute Obsession Vol. 2", an album featuring bodhrán-player Junior Davey, and appeared on RTÉ television series 'The Reel Deal' during June 2009. Teaching activity has included flute tutoring at Celtic Week – Swannanoa Gathering.

Seán McElwain (guitar / bouzouki)

Seán McElwain from Monaghan brings a strong string dimension to Téada through his dynamic contributions on guitar and bouzouki. In recent times, touring performances have seen Sean gaining growing accolades for his accompaniment and melodic skills from many quarters. He is actively involved in the organising and running of an annual weekend of music 'Scoil Cheoil na Botha' in his native county Monaghan and is currently completing PhD research studies on the music of his local area.

Tristan Rosenstock (bodhrán)

Tristan Rosenstock is from Glenageary, Co. Dublin. He started playing the bodhrán at the age of 11, and prefers a subtle, sympathetic approach to accompaniment. A graduate of Early & Modern Irish in Trinity College, Dublin and later Film & Television Studies in DCU, he currently presents the weekly arts series 'Imeall' on TG4, Ireland's Irish language television station.

Samantha Harvey (piano / dance)

Samantha Harvey is an award-winning step dancer, pianist and accordionist. She has performed throughout the world. Samantha performed in RTÉ's Centenary 2016, broadcast live from the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre in Dublin and with both Omaha & Nashville Symphonies in A Celtic Journey.

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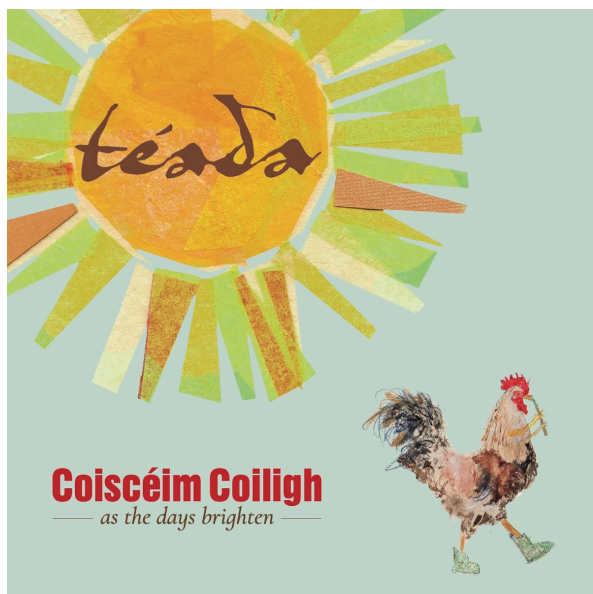
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PRODUCTIONS



Discography

Coiscéim Coiligh / As the Days Brighten (CEFCD218), 2022 Gael Linn
Ainneoin na Stoirme / In Spite of the Storm (CEFCD205), 2013 Gael Linn
Ceol & Cuimhne / Music & Memory (CEFCD195), 2010 Gael Linn/Compass Records
Inné Amárach (CEFCD188), 2006 Gael Linn/Compass Records
Lá an Dreoilín (CEFCD185), 2004 Gael Linn/Compass Records
Téada (GLCD1225), 2003 Green Linnet

Quotes From the Press



"arguably the most vibrant and hard-working traditional Irish music ensemble in the world today."

Jim Morekis, The Savannahian – April 2023

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The Washington Post – December 07th 2006

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