



BUDWEISER RHYTHM, ROOTS AND

COUNTRY

FESTIVAL APRIL 29TH • 30TH • MAY 1ST • 2ND



"Whatever" has confirmed her reputation as one of the most exciting composers working in folk/rock/country. Before she struck out on her own as a solo artist, she was the driving force behind "Til Tuesday. Joining Aimee on several of the tracks on "Whatever" is her old friend Roger McGuinn, leader of the legendary 60s/70s group The Byrds. You can catch Aimee Mann along with Deborah Allen, Faith Hill, Guy Clark in Leisureland tomorrow night.

Glen Tilbrook, who'll be joined by Greg Trooper in the Great Southern Hotel at 8.00 p.m. on Sunday evening, will be known already to fans of East London band Squeeze. Glen played to a packed house in Whelans and received ecstatic reviews, with several critics calling it "the concert of the year".

Where are the Real Cowboys hanging out?

DOMINICK STREET OF COURSE
COUNTRY,

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FESTIVAL**



APRIL 29 - MAY 2ND
MONROE'S
Just a little on the far side



● MARY BLACK

Greg Trooper is an acclaimed singer/songwriter from New Jersey who's written songs for artists like Maura O'Connell, Vince Gill, Steve Earle and Billy Bragg, who especially singled out Trooper's "Everywhere" as evidence that he's one of "our finest contemporary songwriters." This song, and eleven other great tracks, are available on "With The Flatirons Everywhere". With the double skills of Glen and Greg, this should be one of the highlights of the entire Festival. Greg is also playing at Roisin Dubh at 9.00 p.m. tomorrow night, and will join Jimmie Dale Gilmore when he plays Leisureland on Saturday night, kicking off at 11.30 p.m.

Completing the line-up for tomorrow night's Leisureland gig is Guy Clark, one of the finest songwriters in the business, with such critically-acclaimed albums as "Texas Cookin'" and "Old No. 1" regarded as classics, while among those who've recorded his songs are old friends Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings. As well as at Friday's gig, you can catch Guy for a late night gig in the acoustic room of the Warwick on Saturday night at 11.00 p.m. and at Roisin Dubh at 9.30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

And adding his distinctive Irish country note to Friday evening's proceedings is our own Neil Toner, better known in certain circles as Hank Halfhead of Rambling Turkeys fame. Neil is currently working on a solo album and last year he released an evocative single on the fate of the old Harcourt St. railway line.

Jimmie Dale Gilmore formed an unjustly neglected acoustic band called the Flatlanders, along with Joe Ely and Butch Hancock, back in the 70s: their one album, "One More Road", was recorded in 1972 but wasn't released in Britain in 1980, when it was greeted with rave reviews. Gilmore has performed in Ireland several times in the past, both solo and with old mate Butch Hancock. You can catch Gilmore and his band in the Ballroom of O'Connor's Warwick Hotel at 11.00 p.m., and then on Saturday for a late gig in Leisureland, kicking off at 11.30 p.m., and finally back in the Ballroom of O'Connor's Warwick Hotel at 11.00 p.m.

Townes Van Zandt has already made a bunch of new fans in Galway through his recent performances here. His best known song is still probably the tale of



● AIMEE MANN

"Pancho and Lefty", which has been recorded by Emmylou Harris, Merle Haggard and many others. He made his debut back in 1968 with "For the Sake of the Song" and over the years the Texas singer with the wind-worn features has won a cult following. You can hear Townes a couple of times over the weekend: at Roisin Dubh at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday, and on Sunday afternoon in O'Connor's Warwick Hotel at 1.00 p.m.

Another Texan at the Festival is Darden Smith who started writing his own songs at the tender age of 14 years. He's paid his musical dues in a host of garage bands and years on the club circuit. "Evidence", the album he recorded with ex-Bible member Boo Hewardine, won rave reviews, and more recently he's released two solo albums - "Trouble No More" and "Little Victories". You can check out Darden Smith tomorrow night late in the acoustic room of O'Connor's Warwick Hotel at 11.00 p.m., at Roisin Dubh at 9.00 p.m. on Saturday, and on Monday in the Great Southern Hotel at 1.00 p.m.

Finally, Nashville's legendary Del McCoury Bluegrass Band make their first visit to Ireland and you can catch them and their enigmatic front man, Del, three times over the weekend: On Saturday evening in Leisureland at 8.00 p.m., when they'll share the stage with our own brilliant Sharon Shannon, and then again on Sunday night at 11.00 p.m. in the acoustic room of O'Connor's Warwick Hotel, and finally for a special lunchtime concert in the Great Southern Hotel at 1.00 p.m.

OUR IRISH ARTISTS are, of course, well represented throughout the weekend. We've already

mentioned Neil Toner and music fans have no grounds for complaint with the rest of the line-up.

Mary Black has become one of the very biggest attractions in popular music today, with her concerts in the Albert Hall and elsewhere selling out almost as soon as they're announced. It's a richly deserved success, as Mary has one of the finest and most beautiful voices you'll ever hear, and her latest release "The Holy Ground" amply confirms her genuine super-star status. You can catch Mary - if you can get a ticket! - in Leisureland at 8.00 p.m. on Sunday evening.



● SHARON SHANNON

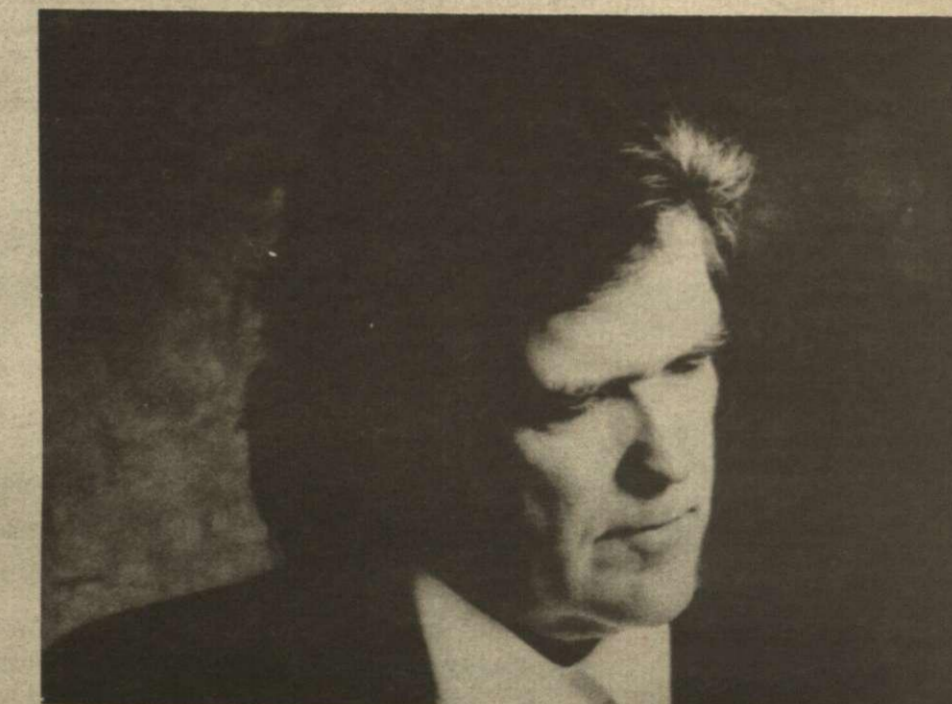
Another Irish artist who's popular ascent has been almost blindingly swift is Sharon Shannon. Her debut release has sold thousands and thousands of

copies; her contribution to "A Woman's Heart", both the album and the tours, has made her one of the best-loved musicians in Ireland; and the quite unprecedented Gay Byrne Show Tribute is a well-deserved celebration of a musician who is as charming as she is richly talented. As we've already said, you can hear her at Leisureland along with the Del McCoury Bluegrass Band at 8.00 p.m. on Saturday.

And if there weren't already riches enough, music fans can look forward also to hearing Sean Keane and Friends in the Great Southern Hotel, along with that other brilliant musician, Mairtin O'Connor, for a gig starting tomorrow night at 9.00 p.m. Chris

Meehan and His Redneck Friends will be bringing their Irish Country to Setanta for a late gig, beginning at 11.30 p.m. on Sunday night. And, last but by no means least, Galway's own Maimin Cajun Band will be filling Leisureland with its own distinctive brand of Irish Cajun also at 11.30 p.m. on Sunday late.

There you have it, more music than you could ever shake a stick at. Get along to see some of the great stars, Irish, British or American, who'll be turning Galway this May Day Weekend into Nashville on the Corrib!



● GUY CLARK

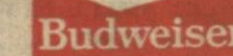
 FREE CONCERT	PHILIP DONNELLY & HIS BAND — Plus — MORE POWER TO YOUR ELBOW	SUN. MAY 1st BUDWEISER GIG RIG EYRE SQUARE - at 3 p.m. - Weather Permitting
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FRI., APRIL 29

SAT., APRIL 30

SUNDAY, MAY 1



FESTIVAL

TIME TABLE

● evening ●

**DEBORAH ALLEN
FAITH HILL
GUY CLARK
NEIL TONER**
+ FRIENDS
● LEISURELAND - 8.30 ●

MÁIRTÍN O'CONNOR
+ HIS BAND
SEAN KEANE
+ FRIENDS
● GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL - 9.00 ●

● All times shown are show times. Doors will open approx. 30 mins. before each show.

● late ●

AIMEE MANN
+ HER BAND
● SETANTA - 11.30 ●

DARDEN SMITH
(ACOUSTIC ROOM)

JIMMIE DALE GILMORE
+ HIS BAND
● WARWICK HOTEL - 11.00 ●

O'CONNORS
(BALLROOM)
● WARWICK HOTEL - 11.00 ●

● evening ●

TOWNES van ZANDT
● RÓISÍN DUBH - 4.00 ●

SHARON SHANNON
BIG BAND
PLUS
THE DEL McCOURY BLUEGRASS BAND
● LEISURELAND - 8.00 ●

MARTINA McBRIDE
+ HER BAND
● SETANTA - 8.00 ●

DARDEN SMITH
● RÓISÍN DUBH - 9.00 ●

● late ●

JIMMIE DALE GILMORE
+ HIS BAND
PLUS SPECIAL GUEST
GREG TROOPER
● LEISURELAND - 11.30 ●

MARTINA McBRIDE
+ HER BAND
● SETANTA - 11.30 ●

GUY CLARK
(ACOUSTIC ROOM)
● WARWICK HOTEL - 11.00 ●

● All venues are fully licenced.

● special lunchtime sessions ●

THE DEL McCOURY BLUEGRASS BAND
● GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL - 1.00 ●

TOWNES van ZANDT
● WARWICK HOTEL - 1.00 ●

● evening ●

MARY BLACK
● LEISURELAND - 8.00 ●

GLENN TILBROOK
PLUS SPECIAL GUEST
GREG TROOPER
● GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL - 8.00 ●

GUY CLARK
● RÓISÍN DUBH - 9.30 ●

● Some venues have a restricted capacity so early booking is advisable.

● late ●

MÁIMÍN CAJUN BAND
PLUS SPECIAL GUESTS
● LEISURELAND - 11.30 ●

CHRIS MEEHAN
AND HIS REDNECK FRIENDS
● SETANTA - 11.30 ●

JIMMIE DALE GILMORE
+ HIS BAND
(BALLROOM)
PLUS
THE DEL McCOURY BLUEGRASS BAND
ACOUSTIC ROOM
O'CONNORS
● WARWICK HOTEL - 11.00 ●