

AOIFE & DEIRDRE GRANVILLE-BIOGRAPHIES

Aoife Granville is highly regarded as a multi-instrumentalist and singer and has performed, toured and recorded extensively. Aoife released her second solo album, *Sáimhín Só*, in April 2014 and is regarded as an influential figure in the contemporary Irish fluting tradition. She holds a PhD in Ethnomusicology (UCC), the focus of which was the Dingle Wren tradition and she is currently editing this thesis as a book. She compiled and directed the Sráid Eoin Wren CD & Exhibition Project and is currently researching an Arts Council-funded archival & performance project on the Songs of West Kerry from Bailiúchán na Scol.

Aoife teaches, lectures and researches in Traditional and Popular Music, Festival & Folklore and has held lecturing posts at University College Cork and Newcastle University (UK) as well as on a part time basis for Sacred Heart University. She currently works at the Department of Folklore, UCC and contributes regularly to television and radio. Aoife won numerous All-Ireland & Oireachtas titles from 1996-2004 as a soloist and band member and has led many students to the same successes since that time. Aoife was one of the first female members of the Dingle Fife & Drum Band and continues to encourage young musicians in Dingle to partake in the Band and the various wren groups. She is Co-Director of Dingle Tradfest, CPO with Cr. An Ághasaigh CCÉ, a member of Ceiliúradh an Bhlascaod committee and teaches music to students at Scoil Iognáid Rís & Scoil an Ghleanna as well as with Cr. An Ághasaigh CCÉ. Aoife is currently working on a new solo album.

A multi-instrumentalist and singer, Deirdre studied both traditional and classical music from a young age. She has toured and performed extensively worldwide and has featured on radio, commercial recordings and TV performances both in a solo capacity and with other celebrated musicians including Kerry Chamber and Youth Orchestras, folk/contemporary group Deluce's Patent and the traditional duo Sirmione amongst others. A music graduate from University College Cork and a MA performance graduate from University of Limerick, Deirdre won numerous solo and group performance medals in her competitive career, including the first ever All-Ireland Senior Harp Slow Airs title at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann and has led many students to the same successes. Deirdre released her first solo album, *Imram*, in 2015 and has toured the album considerably through Europe, Asia, Russia, United States & Canada. She is Co-Director and founder of Dingle Tradfest, September's lively & successful music festival. She is a member of the Sráid Eoin Wren & Dingle Fife and Drum Band and teaches Music at Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne where she has coordinated many successful Siansa and Scleip groups and is GAISCE Pal since 2010. Deirdre is a member of the Directors' Board of Harp Ireland, is leader and founder of the Kerry Harp Ensemble and runs Muckcross Harp Trail & festival. She is one of the most recognised names in contemporary Irish harping.

Both Aoife & Deirdre began their professional musical journeys in Dingle alongside musicians such as Con Durham, Tony Small, Fergus & Mazz O’Flaherty, Stephanie Holstead, Eoin Duignan, Maidhc Dainín Ó Sé and Steve Cooney. They have gone on to tour, record and perform extensively in a solo & duet format as well as sharing stages with some of the most notable names in Irish music – The Dubliners, Dé Danann, Martin Hayes & Dennis Cahill, The Chieftains, Liam Ó Maonlaí, Michael Flatley amongst others. They are both committed to the music & traditions of Dingle and West Kerry and teach & promote local music amongst younger musicians in the area, in particular. They both do a considerable amount of voluntary and charity work in the area also.

SHORT VERSION

Deirdre Granville is a multi-instrumentalist, harpist, and singer from Dingle who studied traditional and classical music from an early age. She has performed extensively throughout Ireland and internationally, appearing on radio, television, and recordings both as a solo artist and alongside ensembles including Kerry Chamber Orchestra, Kerry Youth Orchestra, Aoife Granville, and the folk singing group Deluce’s Patent.

A graduate of University College Cork and the University of Limerick, Deirdre was the first winner of the Senior Harp Slow Airs title at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. Her work is deeply influenced by the music of the Blasket Islands and the singing traditions of her grandmother, Léan Ní Dhálaigh, and Tom na hInise (Tom Pheaidí Mhuiris).

Aoife Granville is an acclaimed flute player, singer, educator, and researcher who has performed nationally and internationally and released the albums *Sráid Eoin Shuffle* and *Sáimhín Só*. Alongside her performing career, she is widely respected for her work in Irish traditional music, creativity, and cultural heritage.

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Deirdre Granville is a multi-instrumentalist, harpist and singer who has toured internationally and performed across radio, television and commercial recordings. A graduate of University College Cork and the University of Limerick, she was the first

winner of the Senior Harp Slow Airs title at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. Her debut solo album, Imram, was released in 2015. Deirdre is widely recognised as one of the leading figures in contemporary Irish harping and is a board member of Cruit Éireann.

Raised in a rich musical tradition connected to the Blasket Islands, Aoife and Deirdre were influenced by their grandmother Léan Ní Dhálaigh and the music of Corca Dhuibhne. Together they have performed throughout Ireland and internationally, sharing stages with many of the most celebrated names in Irish music. Their new duo album will be released in 2026.