

### Annie McNulty (1887 – 1970)

Annie McNulty was born Annie Brigid Burke in Cloonmurla, Kiltewan, a few miles from Knockcroghery in Co. Roscommon on the 2nd Dec. 1887. In 1910 she immigrated to New York where she later married John McNulty from Drumkeeran, Co. Leitrim, John died young, leaving her with two small children – Eileen (b. 1915) and Peter (b. 1917). Annie and her family went on to become a hugely popular Irish entertainment group among the English speaking communities of the N. E. United States and Canada from the mid 1920s right up to 1962. They had their own radio show in New York; they made scores of recordings (78s and vinyl) and for 16yrs. staged their own variety show, 'The Irish Showboat Review' at the Brooklyn Accademy of Music and the Opera House with a full cast of performers. Annie died in Hoboken, New Jersey, in January 1970.



McNulty Family on Radio WRNY in New York in 1934

*South Roscommon Singers Festival.  
A wondrous cornucopia of delights!*

## 2012 Festival Guests:

Jim Bainbridge, Durham, England  
Chris Miles, Fife, Scotland  
Sara Grey & Ben Paley, U.S. & U.K.  
Barbra Dymock, Dundee, Scotland  
Tommy McCarthy, Offaly & London  
Kitty Cassidy-Flynn, Waterford  
Billy Teare & Kathleen O'Sullivan,  
N. Ireland & London  
Darren Richmond, Lancashire, England  
Marian Harity, Roscommon  
Michael Gordon, Wicklow

*Guests of Honour:*  
John & Tim Lyons



## Annie McNulty Award

### Roll of Honour:

2003 – Robbie McMahon  
2004 – Pauline Hanly  
2005 – Len Graham  
2006 – Sarah & Rita Keane  
2007 – Mick Moloney  
2008 – Sean Garvey  
2009 – Bob Davenport  
2010 – Jimmy Crowley  
2011 – Ron Kavana  
2012 – John & Tim Lyons

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*South Roscommon Singers Circle meets on the 1st  
Saturday of each month, September to June,  
in Murray's, Knockcroghery.  
All singers, bards, storytellers, liars  
and listeners welcome.*

# The 10<sup>th</sup> South Roscommon Singers Festival

*Incorporating*  
**The Annie McNulty Award**  
**Lecarrow & Knockcroghery**  
**Co. Roscommon**  
**Ireland**

**26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

*Guests of Honour:*

**John and Tim Lyons**

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*Accommodation details on website*



# The 10<sup>th</sup> South Roscommon Singers Festival 2012

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2012

### 2.30pm: **Guided Song Saunter at Rindoon Castle**

(Assembly: 2pm sharp at Coffee's, Lecarrow).  
Rindoon (Rinn Duin) is regarded  
as one of the most important  
complexes of medieval monuments  
in Ireland.

### 4.00pm: **Gathering Session** in Coffee's of Lecarrow

### 7.30pm: **Official Welcoming Reception** (in Murray's Knockcroghery)

### 8.00pm: **Song Talk .....** **'Cold Mountain'**

Sara Grey & Ben Paley use the book & film  
'Cold Mountain' as a background for a  
presentation of songs from the American Civil  
War.

### 9.30pm: **Singing Session**

Theme: War and Rebellion

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2012

### 11.00am: **Public Interview**

Guests of Honour, John and Tim Lyons in  
conversation with Paula Carroll (Clare FM)

### 12 Noon: **'Hilbert's Hotel'**

Barbara Dymock sings songs from her latest  
album and more.

### 12 Noon: **Storytelling and Songs for** **Children & Parents**

The ever popular Billy Teare & Kathleen  
O'Sullivan entertain the young folks.

Venue: Back-room in O'Brien's.

(All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.)

### 2.00pm: **Informal Singing Session** at O'Brien's Bar

### 2.00pm – 5.45pm **Song Talks**

### 2.00pm: **Tommy McCarthy & Kitty Cassidy-Flynn**

You might catch the aroma of Rabbit Stew or smoke  
wafting from the camp fire as Tommy & Kitty take you  
back in time with songs & stories from the traveller  
tradition.

### 3.30pm: **Marian Harity**

Like Colcannon dipped in melted clover flavoured butter,  
Marian introduces some smooth & tasty songs from her  
Mayo roots.

### 4.15pm: **Darren Richmond**

Darren presents a Lancashire Hotpot of songs & stories  
from North West England.

### 5.00pm: **Chris Miles**

Like traditional Fife Miner's Stew from her native place,  
Chris presents an eclectic blend of songs from Fife  
and beyond.

### 10.30pm: **The Late Sessions**

In Murray's & The Widow Pat's

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2012

### 12 Noon: **Song Talk .....**

### **'Atlantic Crossing'**

Sara Grey, with accompaniment  
from Ben Paley, explores the history of  
song migration across the Atlantic.

### 2.00pm: **Unfurl the 'Cotia Banner'**

Jim Bainbridge recalls some of the  
songs, music, personalities &  
traditions that sprung from the  
centuries old coal mining industry of  
Co. Durham in North East England.

### 3.00pm – 6.00pm **The Offaly Session**

Venue: The Clay Pipe Lounge.

Festival Guests and patrons join the  
Offaly Singers Circles with  
M.C. Laim Lally.

### 7.00pm: **'The Happy Couple'**

Billy Teare & Kathleen O'Sullivan  
present some humorous insights into  
Billy's life as an only child of dour  
Ulster Scots parents, described by him  
as, "a couple of square pegs in a vicious  
circle".

### 8.30pm: **Closing Session**

### **'Comic Songs & Storytelling'**

Michael Gordon, Jim Bainbridge &  
Billy Teare, with other guests  
and patrons, share comic songs,  
parodies and stories. Always a  
memorable finale to Ireland's Premier  
Singers Festival!

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 8.00pm:

The Roscommon People sponsored

### **Annie McNulty Award** **Presentation Concert**

### **Jim Bainbridge & Chris Miles**

introduce festival guests:

Sara Grey & Ben Paley, Barbara Dymock, Marian Harity,  
Michael Gordon, Darren Richmond, Billy Teare & Kathleen O'Sullivan,  
Kitty Cassidy-Flynn & Tommy McCarthy

### **Guest of Honour: John & Tim Lyons**

Doors open 7.30pm: ..... Adm: €10

(Tickets available in advance or at the door).

**N.B. \*Venue for all events is Murray's Lounge, Knockcroghery, unless otherwise stated. \*All events – adm. free except Sat. concert.**