



Galway native, Danny O'Flaherty, has spent much of his life dedicated to preserving and promoting Celtic history and culture. Growing up in the Aran Islands off the West Coast of Ireland, Danny experienced life as one of the last generations to be raised in pure Gaelic culture.

As a young child, Danny spent time fishing off the cliffs with his uncle in the wild Atlantic Ocean. It was then he learned how to row a Currach, the traditional Irish canvas boat and one of the oldest seafaring vessels in the world. His first language is Gaelic and he developed a deep love of Irish song, dance and storytelling which his ancestors passed on to him during long winter nights spent

around the turf fires. This experience instilled in Danny a passion to preserve the culture so dear to his heart.

Danny immigrated to England in 1967 and was performing in London for two years before returning home to Ireland and then moving on to America. Danny was in the country for a brief time when he started performing with a professional folk group known as "The Irish Minstrels."

After a short while, Danny was performing around the country with other gurus of Irish Folk music. Some of these folk music institutions included Steve Goodwin, Tommy Makem, Liam Clancy, and The New Christy Minstrels. Eventually Danny O'Flaherty and his brother Patrick went on to form their own group known as The Celtic Folk exclusively in Washington, D.C. This led to many incredible opportunities such as performing at The National Press Club; performing with Pete Seeger and alongside Stevey Wonder on the Capitol steps for half a million people on Solidarity Day and a special performance for Tip O'Neill, Speaker of the House, at the Democratic Club. Danny's fame spread quickly as he was requested and performed a concert at Catholic University for Pope John Paul II.

Danny also performed for President Ronald Reagan's prestigious "private" inaugural ball as an invited personal guest of the Reagans.

Danny O'Flaherty, during his long and storied career, has shared the stage with noted "folk" performers Judy Collins, Chad Mitchell, the Kingston Trio, The Furey Brothers, Eric Bogle, Peter Yarrow (PETER, PAUL, & MARY), and internationally famous The Clanceys and Makem. Other fellow musicians and close friends include the late Danny Doyle, Jim McCann and Andy M. Stuart.

Danny O'Flaherty's talent has taken him halfway around the world to perform for various presidents and dignitaries. Danny was personally invited to Israel where he performed a private concert for President Chime Herzog in Jerusalem. He has also performed for Ministers of Irish Government, Eamonn O Cuiv and Frank Fahey, and the Mayor of St. John's, NL Mr Dennis O'Keefe.

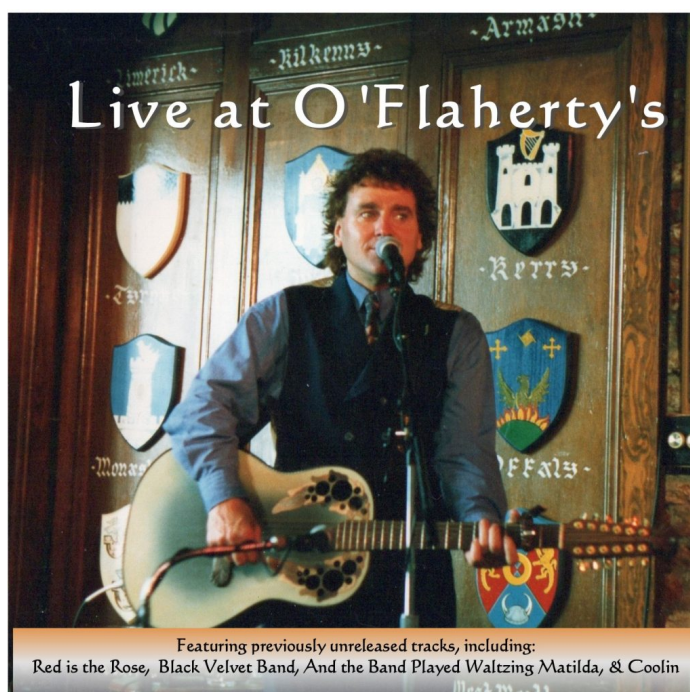
Danny O'Flaherty has spent decades working diligently to preserve and promote Celtic history and culture. Danny is an accomplished singer, songwriter and storyteller. He is also a tour operator, having marketed, orchestrated, and personally accompanied conducted tours to Ireland, Scotland and Wales for thousands of travelers as well as taking large groups of people to the Caribbean and Alaska for Irish Music Cruises.

Danny, along with his brother Patrick, were the owners and operators of "O'Flaherty's Irish Channel Pub" in New Orleans, Louisiana for sixteen years. A Mecca for Irish culture in the south, the pub's Ballad Room featured live Irish music seven day a week with renowned folk artists from around the world. O'Flaherty's had something for everyone, including Irish step dancing lessons, dinner theatres, Gaelic language lessons, Celtic Christmas Concerts, even an Irish wedding or two! In 1999, the pub was appointed one of the ten best music places in America by USA Today.

O'Flaherty's was forced to close due to horrific Hurricane Katrina damage. Danny O'Flaherty was forced to move from New Orleans to Jasper, Texas. He continued doing concerts around the country and well as internationally. He kept busy with taking tour groups to Ireland and Scotland and well as his yearly Irish Music Cruise.

In his many roles, Danny has enchanted young and old alike. For 50 years he has traveled the world connecting the ancient past to the present, giving a voice to those who went before him. He has worked tirelessly to advance the Gaelic culture throughout the world. His huge repertoire of haunting ballads, sea songs, pleas for tolerance and peace, lively jigs and reels, Gaelic old style singing, children's performances and his knowledge of the history of Ireland and the other Celtic nations, made Danny O'Flaherty a true ambassador to Ireland.

Danny's lifelong goal is to remain committed to preserving and promoting Celtic culture and believes that there is no greater accomplishment than passing on the traditions of our ancestors.



## Productions, Organizations and Business Membership

- Founder and organizer of The Celtic Nations Heritage Foundation
- Founder of the Margaret Currach Club of New Orleans
- Owner of O'Flaherty's Irish Channel Pub and Cultural Centre, New Orleans
- President of Hy-Brasyl production
- Owner of Travel Celtic Tour Company
- Founder of World Cup Currach Regatta
- Founder of the Jacob Ryan Currach Club of Lake Charles, LA
- Founder of Coiste Na g Curracha to promote Currach Rowing
- Host of the 1<sup>st</sup> Russian Winter Festival at O'Flaherty's Irish Pub (1999)
- Organized Bring Back the Currachs Fundraiser in LA to bring Irish Rowers to compete in 2010 World Cup Currach Regatta
- Organized the Angel of the Delta Festival (2010)
- Co-wrote and produced "Farewell to JJ" with proceeds to benefit the United Way
- Producer of the History of Ireland in Word and Song (2003)
- Editor of Danny's Celtic Kids - a not for profit publication to promote Celtic culture to children
- Ambassador for the Emigrants and Dispora Centre in Cill Chiarain and Carna
- Guest Instructor "Ballad Singing" for Traditional Irish Music Education Society.
- Producer of "A Celtic Christmas" honoring traditions, customs and songs. Has been an annual event since 1990 and has been broadcast on two public TV specials
- Producer of "Spirit of Freedom" album to benefit the National Constitution Plaque Initiative to showcase American history



## Awards, Honors and Accomplishments

- 2011 Comhaltas Coeltoiri Elreann Award for commitment to the promotion and preservation of traditional Irish culture
- 2009 Just Plain Folks Award Nominee for Best Celtic Cd and Best Celtic Song
- 2008 As Ucht Do Dhilscacht Don Iomramh Award for lifetime achievement commitment to the preservation of the currach
- Voted one of the 2006 Top 100 Irish Americans - Irish American Magazine
- Irish Cultural Society Caomnuigteoir Award (Guardian of the Culture)

- 2005 Parents Choice Award for the Loch Ness Monster Story
- Scoil Chroi Losa Award, Galway, Ireland
- Officers and Men of Marine Reserve Forces Awards
- USS Louisiana SSBN 743 Testimony and Tribute Award
- Comhairie Pobail Iorras Althneach Carna Community Council Award
- Former Co-Chairman of the Special Olympics Louisiana/Ireland Committee
- Owner of O’Flaherty’s Irish Channel Pub of New Orleans from 1989 to 2005
- Round Table Certification of Appreciation
- Guardians of the Gulf, US Coast Guard New Orleans Officers Association Award
- Grammy Award Consideration for “He Believes In Me” 2009
- 2001 Just Plain Folks Music Award

### Danny O’Flaherty Television Specials

(for PBS affiliates)

- A Night In Gaelic
- A Celtic Christmas
- Pass the Music On
- Celtic Christmas (with Robin James-Jones)

### Television Appearances

- Derby Day in Ireland (ESPN)
- The Haunting of Louisiana (PBS documentary)
- Strange Universe (Rsyher-Entertainment/syndicated program)
- Angel of Mary Heights (movie trailer)
- Fashion Emergency (E Entertainment)
- Special guest appearance on WLAE, New Orleans
- RTE documentary Hurricane Katrina
- Garrison Keillor Show
- Out of the Fog performance
- Seeking Justice movie with Nicholas Cage



### Selected Concert/Performance Venues

- Tulsa Philharmonic, Tulsa, Oklahoma
  - Grand Orleans Philharmonic, Galveston, Texas
  - New Orleans Philharmonic, New Orleans, Louisiana
  - Baton Rouge Philharmonic, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
  - Jefferson Performing Arts Society, Metairie, Louisiana
  - Josephine Theatre, San Antonio, Texas
  - Firelight Performing Arts Academy
  - University of St. Thomas, Houston
  - Lone Star College, Texas
  - St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, LA
  - Cites des Artes, Lafayette, LA
  - National Theatre, Washington, DC
  - American Ireland Fund, Dallas Chapter
  - Baton Rouge Irish Club
- Notre Dame University Joyce Center Concert

### Festivals

- Pan Celtic Festival, Ireland
- Celtic Nations Heritage Festival of Louisiana
- Jazz at Newport, Oregon
- Seventh Annual Children's Festival, Woodlands, Texas
- Quad City Irish Festival, Iowa City, Iowa
- Cite des Artes Acadian Festival, Lafayette, Louisiana
- Grand Irish Jubilee, Barnesville, Pennsylvania
- Irish Fest, Savannah, Georgia
- Wooden Boat Festival, Madisonville, Louisiana
- Cleveland Irish Festival, Cleveland, Ohio
- North Texas Irish Festival
- Erin Rels, Rock Island, New York



- New London Celts and Currachs Festival, New London, Connecticut
- Houston International Festival, Houston
- Cupids Irish Festival, NL
- Conception Harbor Summer Festival, NL
- Grand Kids Festival, Galveston, Texas
- Mystic Seaport Festival, New London, Connecticut

#### Children's Program Concerts

- George Bancroft Elementary School, Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Holy Rosary School, Scranton, Pennsylvania
- S. J. Welsh School, Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Nelson Elementary, Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Grand Opera Children's Festival, Galveston, Texas
- Ella C. Pittman Elementary School, Marrero, Louisiana
- Ruston Junior High School multicultural Education Week, Ruston, Louisiana
- Malvern Elementary School, McKinney, Texas
- Finch Elementary School, McKinney, Texas
- Beauregard Parish Library, De Ridder, LA
- Beachy Cove Elementary, St. John's
- Holy Cross and Holy Family Schools, St. John's
- Our Lady of Visitation, Marrero, LA
- Children's Montessori Schools, Eugene, Oregon
- Kenbrook Elementary, Farmington Hills, Michigan
- TONDA Elementary, Plymouth, Michigan
- Lincoln parish Libraries, Ruston, LA
- Episcopal Day School, Lake Charles, LA

### Special Events

- Council for Exceptional Children 2004 Annual Convention - cowriter theme song “Yes I Can”
- Irish Film Festival, Baton Rouge, LA
- National Press Club, Washington, DC
- McNeese State University Banner Series, Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Launching of U.S.S. Louisiana, Groton, Connecticut
- The Aquarium of the Americas 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- A Night of Celtic Music and Fare, Beaumont, Texas
- University of Notre Dame Alumnae Association
- Soloist, National Anthem, Super Dome College Football, New Orleans, Louisiana
- St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, St. Maarten, Dutch West Indies
- St. Patrick’s Day Celebration/National Democratic Club, Washington, DC
- Solidarity Day, United States Capitol, Washington, DC
- President Ronald Regan’s Inaugural Ball, Washington, DC
- Papal Visit of Pope John Paul II, National Cathedral, Washington, DC
- Little Rock Folk Club Series, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Diaspora & Emigrants Centre, Carna, Connemara, Galway, Ireland
- Congressional Medal of Honor James Livingston Retirement Special Guest
- Presidential Award Guest Performer for Archbishop Hannan

### Benefit Concerts

- Ministry Scholarship Fund, Loyola University
- Presentation National School, Galway, Ireland
- St. Peter’s School, Pascagoula, Mississippi
- Special Olympics, O’Flaherty’s Ballad Room
- Immaculate Conception Church, Bronx, New York
- St. Joseph Abbey Gala, Covington, Louisiana
- Boston Irish Currach Club, Dorchester, Massachusetts
- Rose of Tralee Gala, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Irish Cultural Society Founder’s Day
- St. Patrick’s Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Ursuline Academy, New Orleans, Louisiana
- St. Bon's, St. John's, NL
- Gonzaga High School, St. John's, NL
- Holy Family School, Natchez, Mississippi
- Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe (performed in Toronto)
- Unchartered Waters Memorial Benefit
- Benefit for the Restoration of Margaret Statue, New Orleans, LA
- Benefit September 2013 for Kilronan Boys Sailing Club, Aran Islands
- Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum at St. Thomas University
- Benefit to Salute the Work of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate

#### Other Venues

- Tommy Makem's Irish Pavilion, New York, New York
- The Foc'sle, Port Arthur, Texas
- Ireland's Own, Washington, DC
- Emerald Isle Pub, Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve
- Acadian Cultural Centre, Lafayette, Louisiana
- Pier 600, Pleasure Island, Port Arthur, Texas
- Birchmire, Alexandria, Virginia
- Gaelic League, Detroit, Michigan
- Grant Street Dancehall, Lafayette, Louisiana
- Harp & Bard, Boston, Massachusetts
- Poor David's, Dallas, Texas
- The Dubliner, Washington, DC
- Murphy's, Alexandria, Virginia
- Sundown West, Ruston, Louisiana
- London House, Albany, New York
- Great American Steamboat



### Miscellaneous Performances

- Seeking Justice Movie - Released Fall 2011
- Travel with Stephanie Abrams Radio Show, September 5, 2009
- Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keller, 2002
- The Front Row KUHF, Houston - Public Radio Show
- CBC Radio with Angel Antle
- VOXM Saturday Morning Jigs and Reels with Brian O'Connell, St. John's, NL
- Featured in the Book, "Irish Face in America" - Irish Radio

### Discography

#### Solo Recordings/Albums:

- Every Child's a Star
- Listen to the Wind
- The History of Ireland in Word and Song
- Heroes
- Farewell to John John
- Remember
- From The Heart
- An Irish Christmas Carol
- Spirit of Freedom
- He Believes in Me
- Secret Garden
- Long Way From St. John's
- Changes
- Ceol na dTon
- Here Comes The Echo
- The Leprechaun Song (words and music Danny O'Flaherty) A Leprechaun's St. Patrick's Day by Sarah Kirwan Blazek Pelican Publishing/Books-on-Tape, 2000
- Donkey Cart Song Irish Night Before Christmas - Pelican Publishing/Books-on-Tape, 2000

#### With Khaetidawne Quirke:

- The Monster Picnic

With Noel Nash:

- The Blushing Bride
- St. Patrick's Day Anthem

With The Celtic Folk:

- Ride the Waves
- Rainbow Flight
- The Celtic Folk Live Volume I
- The Celtic Folk Live Volume II
- The Celtic Folk Live Volume III
- The Celtic Folk Live Volume IV
- Live on Bourbon Street
- Looking West
- Shamrock and Heather

With the Irish Minstrels:

- The Irish Minstrels
- Live at Matt Kane's

### Books

- The Loch Ness Monster's Story(with Khaetidawne Quirke)

### Cultural Tours

- Pass the Music On (1989 to present)
- Celtic Caribbean Cruise (1995 to present)
- Celtic Writers Cruise 2003
- Gaelic Language Tour 2005
- Northern Ireland
- Australia and New Zealand
- Alaska Cruise
- West of Ireland
- Aran Islands: Mythology & Spirituality Tour

- Calling You Home to Ireland
- History of Northern Ireland
- Christmas in Ireland
- Highlands and Islands of Scotland
- South of Ireland Tours
- Mardi Gras Cruise
- Reunion Cruise
- Private Tours of Ireland
- Celtic Millennium Heritage Cruise
- Aran Islands: Mythology & Spirituality Tour
- Calling You Home to Ireland Tour
- History of Northern Ireland Tour
- Highlands and Islands of Scotland
- Alaska is Calling Out to You With A Song Cruise



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