

## **Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh**

Recipient of the 2011 Gradaim Ceoil TG4 Amhránaí na Bliana/Singer of the Year and lead-singer and flute player with the group “Danú”, Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh grew up in Dún Chaoin, Co. Kerry. There, she was immersed in the vibrant West-Kerry music tradition. Her father, a fiddler, would bring her to music sessions from a young age. There she began to play music on the flute and tin-whistle and to sing sean-nós (old-style) songs, learning from wonderful local singers. She was awarded an M.A. in Traditional Music Performance from the University of Limerick in 2002. She has tutored both flute and singing in the University.

Muireann toured and performed with various musicians and groups before joining Danú in 2003. In 2004 Danú won the BBC 2 Folk Award for "Best Group". At the same awards the song "The County Down" by Tommy Sands that Danú had recently recorded won "Best Song". Muireann herself won "Best Singer" at the liveireland.com Awards in 2005. She has toured the world with her music visiting countries as far flung as India, Bulgaria and Jordan and performed for such dignitaries as An t-Uachtarán Mary McAleese, An Taoiseach, The President of Bulgaria and the EU Assembly. She continues to tour regularly with Danú.

Now a regular contributor to television and radio programmes at home and abroad, she featured prominently in the BBC series “Transatlantic Sessions” in 2011 alongside Eddi Reader, Jerry Douglas, Sharon Shannon and Béla Fleck. She also co-hosted and performed at the 2007 and 2009 Gradaim Cheoil TG4 and has presented and contributed to many music programmes, nationally and internationally, on television and on radio. Most recently Muireann co-presented and performed on the TG4/BBC Alba series Tigh an Cheoil.

Muireann is extremely sought after both as a vocalist and flute player and has collaborated with many musicians at home and abroad such as Scottish Gaelic singer Julie Fowlis, with whom she recorded the album Dual, Darrell Scott, Liam Clancy, Na Píobairí Uilleann, and the Philip Kutev Choir of Bulgaria. She also regularly gives workshops in singing and flute playing.

Faighteor Amhránaí na Bliana ag Gradaim Ceoil TG4 2011 agus ball den **ghrúpa** “Danú”, tá an-éileamh ar Mhuireann Nic Amhlaoibh mar amhránaí, ceoltóir, agus **láithreoir**. Tógadh í i nDún Chaoin i gCorca Dhuibhne, Contae Chiarraí, áit a **raibh** ceol mór-thimpeall uirthi. Bhí ceol aige baile chomh maith, agus ba nádúrtha an rud di amhráin agus poirt na háite a shú isteach! Bhain sí máistreacht amach sa cheol **traidisiúnta** i 2002 ó Ollscoil Luimnigh, áit a mhúineann sí amhránaíocht agus flúiteadóireacht go rialta.

I 2003 do thosnaigh Muireann ag canadh is a seimint le “Danú”, a bhfuil cliú **agus** cáil idirnáisiúnta orthu, agus a bhfuil morán gradaim **agus** aitheantas bainte amach acu, ina measc BBC Folk Awards agus gradaim liveireland.com. Tá an **domhan** mór siúlta aici leis an ngrúpa ó shin agus bíonn sí ar camchúirt go minic leo.

Do bhí Muireann mar **mhór-pháirt** de shraith BBC “Transatlantic Sessions” i 2001 in **éineacht le leithéidí Eddi Reader, Jerry Douglas, Sharon Shannon and Béla Fleck**. Tá sí tar éis canadh **agus** cur i láthair a dhéanamh ar morán cláranna teilifíse, ar nós “**Gradam Ceoil TG4**”, “Geantraí”, “Anam an Amhráin”, “Tigh an Cheoil”, “The Highland Sessions”, agus “Ceolchuart”, áit ar chan sí leis an ngrúpa Cor **Cór?** Philip Kutev sa Bhulgáir. Bíonn sí go minic ar **Raidió** na Gaeltachta, RTÉ 1 agus Lyric FM.

In airde a cuid saothar oibre aonarach agus le Danú, do thaifead Muireann an t-albam “Dual”, le Julie Fowlis na hAlban, Eamon Doorley agus Ross Martin, a bhí bunaithe ar an nasc idir ceol na hÉireann **agus** na hAlban. Seineann an **ceathrar** acu go minic le chéile fós. Tá sí tar éis morán a dhéanamh chomh maith leis na Píobairí Uilleann, agus do bhí sí mar **láithreoir agus** amhránaí sa seó “Piperlink” a thaistéal timpeall na hÉireann agus Meiriceá.