

Danny O'Flaherty



Celtic Singer, Songwriter, Storyteller and Musician

Danny is a native Irish speaker from the Gaeltect (Gail-tuck) region of Connemara on the West Coast of Ireland. Much of his time growing up was spent around the turf fire listening to songs and stories of his elders, and this instilled in him the desire to pass the music on! He is a singer, songwriter and performer of Folk and Celtic music and is dedicated to preserving the heritage of our ancestors. He has produced and performs *A Celtic Christmas Concert* and is available for children's concerts at schools and libraries around the country. He is also available for Gaelic workshops, house concerts, universities, and full length concerts.

"My lifelong goal remains a commitment to the Celtic people and Celtic culture. There is no greater achievement than to pass on the traditions of our common ancestors. Through stories and song I hope to help instill a pride in Celtic heritage." – Danny

Danny has performed all over the world, including before a crowd of ½ million on Solidarity Day in Washington, D.C. He has also toured Israel, culminating with private command performance for President Herzog, performed at the National Cathedral for Pope John Paul II's visit to the U.S., performed for President Ronald Reagan's Inaugural Ball, opened at the concert for the Pan Celtic Festival in Ireland, and headlined for the Tulsa Philharmonic and The National Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Since immigrating to the United States in the early 1970s, Danny has brought Irish folk music to folk venues around the country, sharing the stage with many of the Irish and American folk musicians of the era. With his brother, Patrick O'Flaherty, he established **O'Flaherty's Irish Channel Pub** in New Orleans to pay homage to their Celtic roots. It was a place where they could perform music, and also host a wide array of talented musicians, singers and dancers. The devastation that Hurricane Katrina had on New Orleans made it impossible to keep O'Flaherty's open. This led Danny to a new chapter in his life and has given audiences around the country the unique opportunity to experience his rich, soulful voice as he performs his timeless ballads.

Danny is also a proud founder of the Celtic Nations Heritage Foundation and Margaret Currach Club of New Orleans.

