

Press Short Biography

Matt Cranitch (fiddle)

Matt Cranitch is renowned as a fiddle-player and teacher, both at home in Ireland and abroad. He has performed extensively at concerts and festivals, on radio and television, and has presented lectures, master-classes and workshops on various aspects of Irish music. He has won All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil titles, as well as *The Fiddler of Dooney* and *Oireachtas Crotty Cup*. Author of *The Irish Fiddle Book*, first published in 1988 and now in its fourth edition, he has also contributed to other books on Irish traditional music. He has made various albums including three with *Sliabh Notes*, in addition to *Éistigh Seal* which consists entirely of slow airs. His most recent recording is *The Living Stream* with Jackie Daly. He is an authority on the music of Sliabh Luachra, and received a PhD from the University of Limerick for his study on the fiddle-playing tradition of this region. A long-time consultant for the *Geantraí* series on TG4, he is also an advisor to the Arts Council *Deis* scheme for the traditional arts, and has served on the board of the Irish Traditional Music Archive (2007–2010). In 2003, he received the Hall of Fame Award from University College Cork where he currently teaches a number of courses in Irish traditional music.