

Mp3 Murty Brennan - Na Fianna & Murty Brennan Live



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Folk, both modern and traditional, including story telling with an emphasis on audience participation. 11

MP3 Songs FOLK: Traditional Folk Details: In the early eighties Murty went to see Liam Clancy and Tommy Makem in the Durrow Arms hotel in Laois, and was hooked straight away. A show of Music, Songs, Stories and Entertainment at its finest. Within days it was off to Danny Ryans Music shop in Tipperary Town to purchase his first Five String Banjo. Accompanied by his good friend Pat Murphy selecting an original harmony Banjo, it was time to start learning a few songs. Pat was already an accomplished Guitar player and after a few weeks practice it was out to face the public. Gerry Mc Cormacks was the first stop and a regular Wednesday night session/show began. From a handful of patrons turning up on the first few nights it grew to the level where request were made to the crowds to return their Glasses to the bar if they wanted to get more DRINK.! Such a success was the Wednesday session the owner decided to do it again on the Saturday Night! As time passed by the session grew and grew and became the place where all the local and travelling musicians would turn up to play a tune or sing a song or two, and more requests were made to play elsewhere. A new session then began on a Monday Night in Sean O' Reilly's The Rothe Inn or as it was previously known "THE JUG OF PUNCH" owned by Bobby Clancy. Hearing other people's songs was a great way for Murty to increase his own repertoire and meet new musicians. Regulars in those days were, apart from Pat, Dave Houlahan now an Artist of great renown, Tommy Reid still touring in England, Thomas Jackman and many more. Both Thomas and Murty linked up together to play regularly in the local Pubs and Clubs and going on to support such acts as Dublin City Ramblers, Jim Mc Cann and the Wolfe tones. Another Musician to play with Murty at that stage was Brendan Morrissey who went on to play in leading rock band "My Little Funhouse" touring with Guns and Roses. In those days it was load up the car with Pat and others and off

to other sessions all over the country, and one of the best was Powers of Tullahought near Carrig on Suir. It was there that Murty saw a style of banjo playing (that he is still trying to perfect), and that was the style of the great Bobby Clancy. Pick a note, strum and a roll of the fingers across the strings, Magic! Singing Oh seven days are in the week.. And a roll of the fingers what a sound! It was here the lads were introduced to the great Irish take away the Cru been, dirt between the toes and all for roughage! Not long after this Murty teamed up with Tom Bolger and their brand of songs and craic became a big hit where ever they went. They where soon joined by one of Irelands finest fiddle players Brendan O Sullivan, who went on to tour the world with many groups, and Christy Walsh who later became the founding member of the Kilkenny Music Club where new up and coming song writers aired their Materials. Together the four lads became one of the most popular, and requested groups in the South East playing to full houses everywhere. The Phone was hopping, requested to go here there and everywhere. From Killarney to Donegal, London to New York the boys were on the move. BUT THEN!!! Murty was forced to take a break. He only surfaced once a year to do the New park Summer Show with his good friend Jim Maher, the great Irish Story Teller, which he did for eight consecutive seasons finishing in the early 1990s Then a chance meeting with Jim in 2005 and Murty returned to the scene. A small segment in a charity show Jim was doing for Africa, another one for the Camp hill Community and Bang!! The Bug had bitten again. Then in July of 2006 Murty teamed up with the folk group Na Fianna and recorded a Live C.D Na Fianna and Murty Brennan Live at the Watergate to capture some of the atmosphere and excitement on those four nights in July. Now that Murty is back playing new C.Ds are on the way with some of the new material he wrote while he was away. Lets hope the future is bright and there is plenty of old ,new, some borrowed songs and Shows to come and hopefully it wont be long before we are up dating this biography . Till Later then!.....!

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