

# **Competition to select a song to represent Ireland at the 2012 Pan Celtic International Festival**



The competition to select a song to represent Éire at the Pan Celtic International Festival which will be hosted by Carlow in 2012 was launched recently at Oireachtas na Samhna. The competition is for a new song in Irish to represent Ireland at the international festival. Each of the participating countries must enter one song in its own celtic language. The six countries are Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Brittany, Isle of Man and Cornwall.

Both music and lyrics must be newly composed and adjudication is on the basis of music, lyrics and presentation. Entries can be in any genre... traditional, pop, folk and celtic rock. Entries for the Ireland song will be accepted on cd up to 5.00pm on Friday, 20 January 2012.

A short list of the best entries will compete at the gala National Song Contest which will be held in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow on Thursday, 8 March. Television personality, Daithí Ó Sé, will host the competition with Ollie Hennessy the musical director. Main sponsor of the competition is IMRO in association with GAEL LINN. The winning song will go forward to represent Ireland a month later at the Pan Celtic International Festival which will take place in Carlow from 10-15 April.

Details of the competition including rules and entry forms are available on the website [www.panceltic.ie](http://www.panceltic.ie) under the programme link or by contacting 059 9158105, 085 1340047 or [pancelticcarlow@gmail.com](mailto:pancelticcarlow@gmail.com). The address for cd and entries is An Comórtas Amhrán Pan Cheilteach, Pan Celtic Office, C/o Glór Cheatharlach, Sráid an Choláiste, Ceatharlach, Co. Cheatharlach.