

# Flight of The Earls Outreach Project

Elaine Agnew, composer

Tommy Peoples and musicians (fiddles, vocals, accordion, bodhran & dance)

Irish Chamber Orchestra, conductor Brian MacKay

Gabriele Mirabassi Trio (clarinet, guitar and bass)

### **Children's Choir drawn from:**

Scoil Mhuire NS, Ramelton, Ayr Hill NS, Brownknowe NS, Kerrykeel NS, Drumfad NS, Caiseal NS, St Joseph's NS, Rathmullan, St Garvan's NS, Drumhalla.

**Title:** Flight of the Earls Outreach Project

**Year of Installation:** To be premiered on Sunday 16th September 2007

**Details of Commissions:** Direct Invitation

### **Description:**

To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Flight of The Earls, Donegal County Council Public Art Program in association with the arts organisation Moving On Music are producing a major arts and community project in the Fanad peninsula.

Since December 2006, composer Elaine Agnew and writers Kate Newmann and Cathal O'Searcaigh have been leading music and writing workshop in schools in the Fanad Peninsula. The culmination of this extensive outreach project is the premiere of a newly created piece, themed on The Flight of the Earls and involving a diverse range of musicians and a 120 strong children's choir.

To be premiered on Sunday 16th September, the work is in three parts, with a prologue by Donegal Fiddler Tommy Peoples. Tommy has created an original three-part piece in the style of a march, a song and a reel. The main body of the work by composer Elaine Agnew will draw on music and words created in the schools workshops. The final epilogue by Italian musician Gabriele Mirabassi is inspired by the journey across Europe of the old Gaelic chieftains with their families and friends, to their final destination in Rome from where they never returned.

**Size:** A work in 3 sections of approx 1 hours duration

**Medium:** Music/words

**Location:** Rathmullan/Letterkenny t.b.c.